



SOUTHBOROUGH OPEN LAND FOUNDATION

*Preserving and protecting open land and
rural character in the Town of Southborough*

Catching Up On SOLF News

June 2026

Art on the Trails

Catherine Weber, director of Art on the Trails, thrilled to announce that 16 artists (and 230 elementary school children) have been selected by Lisa Barthelson for the 10th Anniversary Art on the Trails Exhibition, which opens on June 13th. Artists participating are Sarah Alexander Wandering Mind Studio, (Sutton, MA), Paul Angiolillo (Weston, MA), Pam Bonaguide (Wayland, MA), Chelsea Bradway (Southborough, MA), Tom Dailey (Portland, ME), Jody Graff (Philadelphia, PA), Paulina Fuenzalida-Guzman (New Bedford, MA), Denise Johnson and the students of Margaret Neary Elementary School (Southborough, MA), Pam Kainz (Wayland, MA), Gunta Kaza (Wayland, MA), Bob Kephart (Southborough, MA), Mike Libby (Portland, ME), Bing Lin (East Weymouth, MA), Rachel Loischild (Roslindale, MA), Shannon McGuire (Auburn, MA), and Kristin Street (Foster, RI).

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Pterodactyl to Passenger Pigeon to Pileated Woodpecker by Paul Angiolillo (photo by the artist)

Beals Preserve Shed

Beals Preserve has a new shed located near the kiosk on the Old Farm Lane. It was built by Southborough's Mike Sanford and will be used to store tools used to maintain SOLF properties.



The Nature of Southborough

The Nature of Southborough is a special guest series in mysouthborough.com focusing on appreciating nature in Southborough, contributed by the Southborough Open Land Foundation (SOLF). Most of the articles, covering a wide variety of nature related topics, have been written by Trustee Debbie Costine. The most recent article about spring ephemerals can be found at: <https://www.mysouthborough.com/2026/05/29/solf-presents-19/>.



Annual Meeting

The Southborough Open Land Foundation (SOLF) held its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 13, bringing together trustees, volunteers, and community members to celebrate another year of conservation work. President Destin Heilman opened the meeting by introducing the Board of Trustees and reviewing the year's accomplishments, among them the receipt of a grant to develop a Forestry Management Plan for Beals Preserve. He also recognized the volunteers whose efforts keep SOLE's properties thriving. A highlight of the evening was the recognition of longtime trustee Rick Ellis, who joined the Board in 2011 and is stepping down this year after 14 years of dedicated service. Rick was presented with a hand-carved wooden bluebird in appreciation of his contributions. Trustee Sally Watters presented this year's Elaine Beals Award to Joyce Greenleaf Given annually to a local resident who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in environmental conservation, the award recognized Joyce for over 20 years of service and leadership

Liberty Mutual Volunteers

On May 12, a group from Liberty Mutual volunteered at Beals Preserve as part of the Serve with Liberty program. Each year, over a three-week period, Liberty employees gather with colleagues from across the organization and spend the day volunteering at non-profits. Thank you Liberty Mutual. We hope you'll be back next year!



on the Stewardship Committee which is responsible for the care of the 90-acre Breakneck Hill Conservation Land and the adjacent 58-acre town forest. Her commitment to the conservation values on these parcels while keeping them available for passive recreation has been exceptional. Her personal commitment to pollinator-friendly native plant gardening is a hands-on inspiration for the broader community. Joyce received a hand-carved wooden bluebird as well. Both bluebirds were carved by Ben Keyes, a Southborough artist, musician, and Director of L'Abri Fellowship.

*Joyce Greenleaf, recipient
of the Elaine Beals
Conservation Award*

