



CAPE ANN VERNAL POND TEAM

Dear Vernal Ponders,

WOW! This is our 32nd year. We weren't sure how 2022 was going to go... but it turned out AMAZING because we were able to continue our programs, reconnect with our volunteers and welcome many new ones as well. We are grateful that you are on this mission with us to provide education and conservation to our community. Our goal this year is to extend our reach and get more vernal pond education into schools and community programs. And of course we need your financial support.

Through our Annual Appeal this year we have a Big Ask... and that is if one of our wonderful supporters is willing to offer up a **Matching Donation Campaign** for the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team. Subsequent to confirming that offer, we would add the Match to our Annual Appeal. These funds are used to keep us running in just about every imaginable way; from replacing worn out presentation and exhibit materials, bookkeeping, taxes, liability insurance, technology, website, equipment and so much more. It takes a village and you are just that. Please consider sponsoring a Match and Our Team will support it the best we can.

Is there anybody out there that would sponsor a Donation with a Matching Campaign... providing **DOUBLE the Impact?! ?** Please contact us at cavpt@yahoo.com if you're interested.

Now more than ever we need to protect vernal ponds. More people are enjoying the outdoors and going into the woods around Cape Ann. Everyone is venturing out to the precise areas where we are certifying pools. Those of us who live here are so fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful areas like Dogtown Common, Ravenswood Park, Halibut Point and many other natural places. As we develop a greater appreciation for these unique and beautiful ecosystems we also discover why there's all the more reason to save our habitat. Biodiversity is essential for the health of our planet.

Once a year we send this appeal asking for your financial support. Every donation counts and we're counting on you to help us if you can. Your support allows us to fulfill our mission and protect our little PEACE of the world.

Your donation allows us to continue providing all the outstanding activities that are listed here, and so much more!

Presentations and Exhibits

This year started pretty slow and even though we're still catching up post Covid, we had an incredible year. We're very optimistic about next year and we have several activities on our schedule already. We do a LOT of unpaid programs... in fact the bulk of what we do is unpaid events like Block Parties, Sidewalk Bazaars, Field Trips, Festivals, Rescues, Expo's and Certification Surveys. And, we're doing all this in our Toyota Sienna hybrid minivan that was so graciously donated last year by The Echo Charitable Foundation.

Field Trips

This Spring we led a number of Nighttime Vernal Pond Field Trips. These trips require hours of scouting to look for receding ice, the first spermatophores and eggs of the season, listening for frog calls, and keeping a watchful eye on the weather reports to try and ensure a field trip with good action. Field trips are a way for our local membership to experience the incredible beauty and nature that thrives in vernal ponds.

Habitat Preservation

Throughout these 32 years we've certified over 300 ponds and worked to protect wildlife habitat. This year we worked on applications with the MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. The vernal pond certification reporting process entails collecting data in the field. It includes photographs of the pond full of water in the Spring, evidence of obligate species - usually wood frog or spotted salamander egg masses and a description of the pool in terms of length, width, depth and location - GPS coordinates. Field work and documentation is completed by our Team.



Illustration by Alex Eisenzopf

Newsletter

We hope you check out our Newsletter Online. We want to keep you in the loop, but we don't have everyone's email address so... please send us yours at cavpt@yahoo.com if you want to read our awesome virtual Newsletter and receive activity notifications. By the way, the Newsletter is posted on our website at capeannvernalpondteam.org

Critter Care

Even though we're not yet at full capacity with shows... and by the way we did a whole slew of shows this year... we still have animals that require food, vet care and housing. Since you can't buy them premade, Rick spent a few weeks building two new large custom cages with removable trays for ease of access and cleaning. The cages have thermostatically controlled gradient heat providing warm and cool places for the animals. He is now in the process of refurbishing some of the older cages.

Operating Expenses

Utilities, liability insurance, technology, bookkeeping, accounting, vehicle expenses, mailings, office supplies... it's all necessary.

Website

Our website gets better and better. If you haven't been able to see us live at events this year, or even if you have, take a walk down memory lane, by visiting our website and check out the photos from our past events at capeannvernalpondteam.org

Update on our Vision to build Nature Cape Ann

The plans are on hold until somebody gives us a healthy donation.

Please consider a donation to the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team.

We need your financial support! We're very excited about 2023... we already have shows booked. It was awesome to connect with everyone this year at our presentations and exhibits. Your participation and generosity is what has made our programs so far-reaching and such a success.

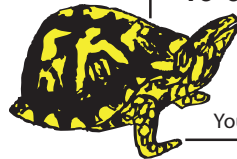
Please contribute to our Annual Appeal through our secure website capeannvernalpondteam.org or by sending us a check. If using the website, please log in and help us keep our database current by adding your email and mailing address so we can keep you posted on the Team's activities. For assistance contact us directly at cavpt@yahoo.com.

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Your gift means so much to us and the critters.

Thank you,
Rick and the Entire Team

Rick Roth, Executive Director
Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team



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