

# CAPE ANN VERNAL POND TEAM

Dear Vernal Ponders.

We are winding down 2018, our 28th year, and looking forward to 2019 with great excitement. It was our busiest year ever! Vernal pond field trips, certification, rare species habitat field work, programs and exhibits. Over 50 people volunteered for us again this year...thank you for your time and effort. And to all our funders...Thank You!

We have our usual expenses...

#### • Presentations

In an effort to provide programs that inspire people to care about wetlands and wildlife we continuously strive to upgrade our presentations

#### • Habitat Preservation

We've certified over 200 ponds and worked to protect rare species habitat

#### • Newsletter

We send out our annual newsletter every March. This is a major expense, but, of course, it's necessary to update everybody on what we've been doing. By the way, we post the newsletter on our website - capeannvernalpondteam.org

# • Critter Care

All of the animals we use in our vernal pond programs and the serpents we use for our Snakes of New England and the World require food, caging and sometimes yet care

# Operating Expenses

It's all necessary. Rent, utilities, insurance, bookkeeping, accounting and office supplies

#### • Website

Please visit our website and look at all the cool stuff we've been doing capeannvernalpondteam.org



Illustration by Alex Eisenzopf

# Help us plan for the future... Nature Cape Ann (That's what we're calling it now)

## Our Vision...

Nature Cape Ann brings people together for education and preservation of nature in a fun and exciting way. We instill passion and stewardship for the natural world in people of all ages thereby helping to save our corner of the world.

#### Our Mission

Nature Cape Ann is a non-profit organization dedicated to wildlife education and conservation. Our focus is freshwater wetlands and land based habitat. The issue is the preservation of wildlife and their habitat, which is ultimately about the health of the planet.

#### Our Values...

Nature Cape Ann accomplishes our work in a way that reflects the welfare and comfort of the creatures in our care, and those in the wild. We strive to leave the smallest possible ecological footprint on the world. Our facility is financially and physically accessible to employees, volunteers, and visitors. Our interactions with humans are based on respect and integrity. We are responsible stewards of our facility and of the finances entrusted to us by the public.

# Help the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team move towards it's goal of opening Nature Cape Ann

- Be a part of this wonderful contribution to our community
- No facility like this exists within many miles
- Know that you have helped create a phenomenal local educational facility
- Connect partners within our community so we can work collaboratively towards wildlife and habitat conservation challenges
- Build a top notch facility that is green and beautiful in our local area
- Provide unique volunteer and internship opportunities to youth and adults
- Support an organization that protects and values wildlife and habitats
- Influence the health of the world by taking care of our own community
- Provide an interactive wildlife facility that is accessible to our children, community, and visitors from around the world
- Bring educators, speakers, and experts to our community to share knowledge
- Help educate our children and community members thereby fostering their desire to become stewards of nature
- Provide training to individuals and groups from around the world so they can spread that knowledge to their communities
- Be an outstanding role model because you value the world in which we live
- Inspire others to give because of your significant donation it's catchy
- Be joyous in your giving and dream BIG!!!

So...now more than ever we need your help. Please donate and become part of making this center a reality. We're not going to do this halfway, this will be a top-notch facility. It will be affordable...Families can visit without breaking the bank. You can contribute to our annual appeal through a direct donation or by becoming a member, both of which can now be done through our secure website, **capeannvernalpondteam.org**.

You can also use the enclosed form. If using our website you can log in and help us keep our database current by adding your email address to your name and address so we can keep you posted on the teams activities. You can also contact us directly at cavpt@yahoo.com for assistance.

So please...consider making a donation to the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team. We need funding now to get started on 2019. CAVPT is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible. EIN 20-2678120

Thank you,

Rick and the entire Vernal Pond Team

Rick Roth, Executive Director

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Enclosed find my contribution of:	□ \$20	□ \$50	<b>□</b> \$75	<b>□</b> \$100	<b>□</b> \$250	■ other	
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