



Naromi Land Trust, Inc.

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Highlights of 2012



- **Stewardship of Our Preserves:** Naromi volunteers have dedicated their time on several workdays throughout the year, helping to clear brush, control invasive plants, planting native plants, and more. Workdays were held at NLT's Brookland, Briggs Hill, Mallory, Hadlow, Irene's Woods, Wagon Wheel, and Herrick Preserves, as well as Babbling Brook Farm.



- **Hikes & Community Events:** We have held activities of all kinds throughout the year on Naromi preserves and neighboring locations: the annual spring Frog Frolics, hikes to the vernal pool nestled in the double hilltop at the Towner Hill Preserve to bear witness to the chorus of wood frogs; bird hike at the Strauss, Giddings and Wimisink Preserves; CT Trails Day at Brookland; a

paddling trip on the nearby Great Swamp; hikes at Naromi's Mallory, Briggs Hill, Strauss and Irene's Woods Preserves; hikes to nearby Appalachian Trail Boardwalk, Cranberry Mountain and Roger Perry Preserves, the Stone Church, and Pine Hill; and community events including the Sherman Historical Society Kids @ the Cobbler Shop summer camp, the New Fairfield/Sherman Animal Welfare Dog Walk and Pet Fair and the Sherman Community Challenge (where Team Naromi took second place!). Hiking the Naromi trails is a great way to enjoy the natural beauty of Sherman.



- **Wimisink Boardwalk:** Naromi has been awarded a grant from the Housatonic River Basin Natural Resources Restoration Project to build a boardwalk along the edge of the Wimisink Swamp for education, wildlife and plant study/observation, and passive recreation accessible for everyone. The grant is administered by CT DEEP, US Fish & Wildlife Service and NOAA. The start date for this project has been delayed, but should begin soon!





- **eNewsletter and Facebook:** Naromi continues to publish its monthly eNewsletter with notices about hikes, workdays, and other events, as well as educational articles on conservation issues, plants, and animals. Be sure to include your email address with your membership contribution to get onto the distribution list. We also now have a Facebook page where we announce events and post photos. Our website www.naromi.org has event listings, news, photos, and resources – visit often!

- **Annual Meeting:** It was a packed room on a hot July night at the Lake Mauweehoo Clubhouse. Naromi held its Annual Business meeting with a summary of activities during the past year. Elected to the Board of Directors were Ian Gribble, returning to the Board for another three-year term, along with John Foley, Jennifer Freed Rocky, Stan Greenbaum, Tom Joyner, and Alan Kaplan, all elected for their first three-year terms. Naromi thanked our dedicated core of volunteers for all the work that they do. Then, Lauren Coyle from the Livingston Ripley Wildlife Conservancy in Litchfield, CT. The audience got up close and personal with an Australian Wood Duck, a North American Wood Duck, and a Black-bellied Whistling Duck.
- **Annual Fall Picnic:** Many pieces came together to give Naromi another wonderful and successful picnic, even though weather forced the picnic to change locations to the Lake Mauweehoo Clubhouse. We had over a hundred during the course of the event -- really amazing on a cool raw day; the most we have ever had for a rainy day picnic.



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