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# Join Us at Our 40th Anniversary Annual Celebration... and Support the Friends of the Blue Hills!

## Thursday, October 3, 7:00 - 9:00 pm Canton Town Club, 300 Bailey Street, Canton

Please join us to celebrate 40 years of protecting and preserving the Blue Hills... and raise funds to continue caring for the park! You'll have an opportunity to see friends, enjoy delicious hors d' oeuvres, pick up some great items in our silent auction, and celebrate all we have accomplished together over the last 40 years! This year, as part of our 40th-anniversary celebration, we will be acknowledging, with a 'Legacy Award,' those partners

and individuals who have made a significant impact on the organization over the years. We are also celebrating our community partners who have been working to improve the Blue Hills and our natural environment. Tickets are \$35 each if purchased by September 30 and \$40 each at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance on our website: **FriendsoftheBlueHills.org/Celebrate2019.** 

### Keynote Speaker:

New York Times Best-Selling
Author Tom Ryan

We are excited to honor our special 40th Anniversary Legacy Awardees:

Bob Flagg & Caleb Blankenship Norman Smith - Blue Hills Trailside Museum REI

And our 2019 Community

Partner:

Steve Cobble - New England Mountain Bike Association



### **About the Speaker**

Tom Ryan is a New York Times Best-Selling author whose book Following Atticus: Forty-Eight High Peaks, One Little Dog, and an Extraordinary Friendship tells the heart-warming story of this newspaper reporter and his relationship with his beloved dog, Atticus M. Finch, as they hike the mountains of New Hampshire together. Together, Tom and Atticus have climbed more than 450 4,000foot peaks. Atticus passed on in 2016, which led to the addition of two rescues, Samwise A. Passaconaway and Emily B. Hawthorne. The three live in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, where Tom is currently writing his third memoir and his first novel.

# **Citizen Scientists Track Disease-carrying Mosquitos**

In August, the Friends of the Blue Hills welcomed scientists from the University of Massachusetts Boston to help participants track the spread of the Asian Tiger mosquito, an invasive and disease-carrying insect with a range that is approaching the New England region. Participants created traps and will submit their findings so that scientists can better understand how the Asian Tiger mosquito is spreading.



UMass Boston scientist teaching Skip Maysles, from Stoughton, how to make a mosquito trap.



UMass scientist, Amanda Tokash-Peters, teaching participants about mosquito traps and data collection.

☐ Ponkapoag Protector – \$50 ☐ Skyline Steward – \$250

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### Is the Blue Hills in your Will?



Some people think leaving a gift in their will is only for the rich... but anyone can leave a gift that makes a difference to Blue Hills' visitors for years to come.

> The Friends of the Blue Hills newsletter is produced four times a year.

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Visit us on the web at www.FriendsoftheBlueHills.org or call 781-828-1805 for membership, maps and schedule information. P.O. Box 416, Milton, MA 02186

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### Thank you for your generous support!

\*Optional \$10 for 40th Anniversary



# Buying Something on Amazon this holiday season?

Your purchases on Amazon could help the Blue Hills! Just go to **smile.amazon.com...** designate the Friends of the Blue Hills as the charity to receive donations... and shop as you normally would! You only need to designate the charity the first time - and the Blue Hills will benefit each time you shop at **smile.amazon.com!** 



Photo by David Parson

# Aspiring Anglers Cast Their Lines at Fish Fest



Dozens gathered at Houghton's Pond on a hot summer day in July to learn a thing or two about fishing... and try out their new-found skills. The Friends of the Blue Hills assisted the Department of Conservation and Recreation and Mass Wildlife at their annual Fish Fest.

# Enter to Win a Gourmet Dinner with a Spectacular View



When you enter our Dinner in the Blue Hills Raffle, you have a chance to enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience: dinner for six from award-winning Blue Hills Grille served at the top of the Blue Hills Observatory!

Imagine you and five guests enjoying an unforgettable meal with spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Boston skyline in the heart of the Blue Hills Reservation. The master chef from Blue Hills Grille will prepare a succulent three-course meal which will be served on the rooftop of this historically significant landmark. After dinner, you will also receive a private tour of the oldest continuously working observatory in the country.

Tickets are \$15 each or 3/\$35 and can be purchased online on our secure website: **FriendsoftheBlueHills.org/ Raffle2019**. Some restrictions apply, so please visit our website for more details.



The winning ticket will be drawn at our Annual Celebration to be held on Thursday, October 3. You need not be present to win... but you have to enter to win, so buy your raffle ticket today!

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