



Falmouth Water Stewards Annual Report 2024

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What We Do

Water Testing

Water ReFill ReUse Stations

Cyanobacteria Monitoring

Support for Science Fairs

Scholarships

OLAUG

Education & Outreach

President's Message

This past year has seen new opportunities and projects for Falmouth Water Stewards, thanks to the hard work, initiative, and dedication of our volunteer board of directors, support from the community, and encouragement from our membership.

Our mission is to educate, inform, and engage our membership with our semi-annual newsletters, website, outreach with news and events to our members via Constant Contact and Facebook, participation in local events (e.g., Falmouth Academy and Falmouth High School Science Fairs, and Woods Hole Science Stroll), and meeting and working with other organizations concerned with the health of Cape Cod's environment.

Our Falmouth Water ReUse ReFill Program has supported the installation and maintenance of over 20 water stations throughout Falmouth, located at recreational areas and beaches. FWS board member Susan Baur, founder of the Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage (OLAUG), doubled the number of ponds they cleaned while expanding their work from Cape Cod into Plymouth. The group removes cans, bottles, balls, tires and more from ponds. With the help of FWS's Chris Clark, the ladies removed an 85-pound toilet from Johns Pond in Mashpee. We have also partnered with the Association to Preserve Cape Cod to monitor cyanobacteria blooms in Falmouth freshwater ponds, and assist in monitoring and data reporting for the Cape Cod Commission Freshwater Pond Initiative. Our annual Pond Summit provides a public forum to learn the status of water quality in Falmouth ponds, and how best to manage and improve our local ponds.

Our website is <https://www.falmouthwaterstewards.org> and email is falmouthwaterstewards@gmail.com. Support for our programs comes from grants from local organizations and donations from our members. Please consider becoming a member and/or making a donation to continue protection and management of Falmouth's waters.



Pond Sampling for Nutrients



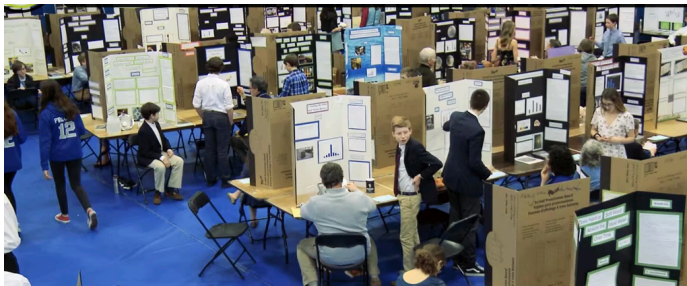
Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage



Woods Hole Science Stroll, 2024



Cyanobacteria Monitoring



Falmouth Academy Science & Engineering Fair, 2024

Falmouth STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics Fair), Falmouth High School, 2024



In Memory Donations

2022

Patricia Gadsby in memory of David Gadsby

Rosemary Fassett in memory Stephen S. Fassett

Mary Little in memory of Gertrude C. Hayes

Jack and Helen Barnes in memory of Peter Loomis

Vicky Lowell in memory of Virginia Valiela

Jim Lloyd in memory of Caroline Lloyd

Ian Nisbet in memory of Shirley Mossman Nisbet

Shirley Gallerani in memory of Peter Gallerani

2023

Lee Turner in memory of Louis C. Turner

Ian Nisbet in memory of Shirley Mossman Nisbet

2024

Robert Busby and Maureen Conte in memory of Hartley Hoskins

Ken Foreman and Anne Giblin in memory of Cheryl Palm

In Honor Donations

2022

Catherine Offinger in honor of Judy McDowell

Marion and Kai Marcucelli in honor of Cheri Holdren

Ralph Herbst in honor of Eric Turkington

Cheryl and John Holdren in honor of Jill Holdren

Mike & Christy Duffany in honor of Amelie Laurino of Pantan Plumbing

2023

Lalise and Jerry Melillo in honor of John Hobbie

2024

Ralph Herbst in honor of Doug Brown

Catherine Offinger in honor of Paul Ketchum



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