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This issue of our e-newsletter highlights three activities that may have escaped notice by many but are certainly worth mentioning to our readers for their interest in what is going on within and around Marblehead's open spaces. We would also draw attention to another thread of commonality within the articles. That is the amount of work the Conservancy does in alliance with other groups - groups of all types - schools, Town departments and Commissions, and other nonprofit groups. Marblehead is a community rich in such groups. Working together gives a stronger return for the personal time committed.

Bob French
President

The Village School at Robinson Farm...



For much of the current academic year Village School fourth graders have been carrying out a study of the Robinson Farm Conservation Area. Teacher Mary LeBlanc refers to the project as "place-based service learning", an effort that combined learning with community service. One aspect of the community service was a recent offering of student-led tours of the property. Readers may have seen an article about this in the June 2 issue of the *Marblehead Reporter*.

Another part of the project involved gathering information on animals one might find in the area, building a display around what was found and converting all that into a digital presentation. The students turned this accomplishment over to the Conservancy, and we offer it to our readers.

The presentation was constructed on a cloud-based platform called Glogster that was developed some years ago just for such a purpose. To view the presentation, cut and paste <http://amsogho.edu.glogster.com/robinson-farm> onto your browser. Once at the site, the individual parts of the presentation are self explanatory. One suggestion: after reviewing one part of the presentation, close that tab and return to the home page before going to the next part. The presentation will be available this year. Enjoy!

The Village 4th grade is getting another honor, this Wednesday:

What: Students will highlight their innovative project work via posters and presentations

Where: National Park Service Regional Visitor Center * 2 New Liberty St. Salem, MA 01970 * (978) 740-1650 (Parking available across the street at the Museum Place Garage, 1 Liberty St.)

When: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 6:30-7:30 PM

RSVP: We hope you can join the group! Please RSVP to Essex Heritage Dir. of Education Programs, Beth Beringer at bethb@essexheritage.org * (978) 740-0444

Supporting the Nature Center...



Marblehead's Recreation and Park Commission is working hard to develop an education program around the Hamond Nature center at the foot of Everett Paine Boulevard. The Conservancy supports that effort by improving the trails around the Center. Recently The Conservancy's Trail Crew joined with members of the Marblehead Explorer's Club (www.boldcitizens.com) to repair a flight of stone steps just to the left of the cabin that are an access route to the rest of Wyman Woods. As the stones in the photo show, this was no small feat! In the days that followed, the Trails Crew picked up trash and trimmed all the trails in Wyman Woods. All of this is in preparation for an active summer at the cabin and in the

woods.

For more information on Rec and Park summer programs, cut and paste the following link into

your browser:

www.marblehead.org/DocumentCenter/View/11792 .

Once Again at the Environmental Booth.....



The Farmers' Market of Marblehead is in full swing and your Conservancy is right there. We join with the Recycling Committee Marblehead Health Department volunteers in presenting the several aspects of servicing the environment. Visitors can obtain current recycling guidelines along with recycling containers. They may also learn of Conservancy activities, locate conservation areas and trails, and see how

even small efforts can help keep these wonderful public spaces in good conditon.