

WONALANCET OUT DOOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

Wonalancet August 5, 1980

The Annual Meeting of WODC will be held at 8 p.m. on Sunday, August 24th at the Wonalancet Chapel. Members and friends are invited to attend.

Aside from regular items concerning trails and election of officers, the meeting will cover officer's activity the past year, National Forest planning changes affecting Wonalancet, wilderness action, forestry activity at the state level.

WODC BENEFIT CONCERT

Maida Freeman, mezzo soprano, concert singer and Professor of Music at Boston University will present a benefit concert with proceeds to go to the WODC trail maintenance activities. Her recital will take place at the Wonalancet Chapel on Monday, August 25th at 8 p.m.

The program will consist of folk songs adapted by Benjamin Britten, songs by Moussorgsky, Danaudy, Granados and others. (The foreign language songs will be translated for those of us who have trouble following Russian, German, Spanish or Italian.)

Refreshments will be available. Efforts will be made to keep parking areas well lighted both before and after the concert to assure good footing visibility. If there are some of you who might like a ride to the performance, please call Sidley's at 323-8694.

Ms. Freeman's accompanist will be her daughter Gale who, in addition to her piano work, is also a composer, puppeteer, and actress. She will present a solo theatrical piece as well as accompanying her mother.

We hope you will attend this event, bring guests, and spread the word to your friends and neighbors. It should provide musical rewards to you as well as rewards to WODC's trails program. We look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

TRAIL NOTES

With substantial help from Ted Sidley, the major trails have been checked and found to be passable or better condition. However, some storms this summer have brought some trees down and there is need for much clipping on the less travelled trails.

This year, it was found that the rates for Workmen's Compensation Insurance made hiring anyone for trail work prohibitively expensive. So we are more dependent on volunteers than usual. Step up; we can use you.

A couple of suggestions: If you are going on a walk along one of our trails, why not take a pair of lopping clippers with you and do a little clipping as you go. Blueberry Ledge and Dicey's Mill don't need it but nearly everything else does. If you need tools, give me a call.

If you are really ambitious and have a favorite trail, how about "adopting" it for a year? Let me know so we don't get conflicts, and then make your trail the pride of the neighborhood. It is a nice feeling when you are doing a heavy piece of clearing to have a passing hiker say; "There's the person who makes our walking easier!"

Trails chairman, Percy Olton
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Lastly, but by no means of least importance, there is the usual dues notice. The Club received fewer membership renewals last year than in the past few years. Dues and contributions are our main source of revenue and the receipt of these is essential to the continuation of our main activity - trail and shelter maintenance. Dues and contributions for the next year will be enthusiastically accepted by our Treasurer, Barbara Sidley (Wonalancet, 03897). Dues are \$10.00 per family, \$5.00 per individual 18 or over.