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**ASHBY LAND TRUST**



**The work of the Ashby Land Trust is to preserve the natural resources and rural character of Ashby.**

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## Inaugural Rubber Duck Derby

The Land Trust will hold its first Rubber Duck Derby on **Sunday, May 1**, at DCR's Willard Brook State Forest at the head of Damon Pond. **Post Time is 1:00.**

Four hundred rubber ducks will run the short, but obstacle laden, course to the finish line. We plan to run 5 heats, with a run-off race of the top 5 finishers from each heat. Some great prizes have been donated for the winners and the whole event promises to be a fun time for all. (We did a test run last year and had a blast!)

Prizes include a schooner sail for two in Gloucester, a youth bicycle, a gallon of maple syrup, an aerial tour of Ashby, gift certificates to the 873 Cafe, and more!

Please join us for what we hope will become an annual event. Fancy hats are welcome. Post Time is 1:00, rain or shine - the ducks don't care!

We hope to see you there!



### **From the Board**

The Board would like to thank Alan Ewald for his 10 years of service as President. Under his leadership, the Ashby Land Trust developed and strengthened relationships with other local conservation organizations and with state and federal agencies. He worked closely with the Nashua River Watershed Association on the multi-year Forest Legacy project and played a key role in the successful preservation of 600 acres of Forest Legacy land in Ashby. His ability to communicate well with landowners and his understanding of the complexities of land preservation have been a tremendous asset to our work. Thank you Alan!

The Ashby Land Trust, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit corporation, accredited by the Land Trust Alliance.

We appreciate your donations, which are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

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