

Wildlands Trust 5 - 8pm

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## Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner

**Sunday, June 30**

**5-8 p.m.**

**Wildlands Trust Conservation Barn**

**675 Long Pond Road, Plymouth**

**What to Bring:** Please bring your place setting (plate, utensils, glass and your beverage of choice). Think picnic basket!

**Food assignments aka Potluck Delight:**

**Last names A - K: bring a SALAD, SIDE DISH or DESSERT**

**Last names L - Z: bring a MAIN DISH**

Ice water and coffee/tea provided. Please BYOB (beer or wine)

**Thank you for bringing your dishes ready to go with a serving utensil. A label with a basic list of ingredients is helpful for those with food allergies.**

**Annual Meeting : President Hampton Watkins will lead the meeting along with the Executive**

## Committee to share what's happening within our community

### 2024 Annual Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks, and Voting Instructions
- President's Report
- Approvals
  - o Secretary's Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting (Lois Post, Secretary)
  - o Treasurer's Report for 2023-2024 (June to June) (David Buckman, Acting Treasurer)
  - o Annual Budget for 2024-2025 (Hampton Watkins, President)
- Nominating Committee Report (Bill Abbott, Chair)
- Fall Educational/Social/Pot Luck Dinner
  - o Date Preference
    - September
    - October
- Old Business
- New Business
- Closing Remarks
- Adjournment

**Voting** - As a member of the Association, you will be asked to accept or reject each of the following items individually. After each report is made, questions, suggestions, and comments from the membership will be entertained, then a vote to approve the each individual items will be taken.

- The 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
- The 2023-2024 Treasurer's Report
- The 2024-2025 Budget
- The nominated slate of candidates for Officers and Members-at-Large, all of whom together will serve as the representatives of the membership of the Association until the next Annual Meeting

**All of these documents are on the Six Ponds website**

**on this link.** If at all possible, please join the meeting and provide your input into the future of the Six Ponds Improvement Association!

**Zoom Link for the Annual Meeting :**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87321173723?pwd=VpPMYDU3bBjiVKfOhCRPqI2xwpQu0z.1>**

**Meeting ID: 873 2117 3723**

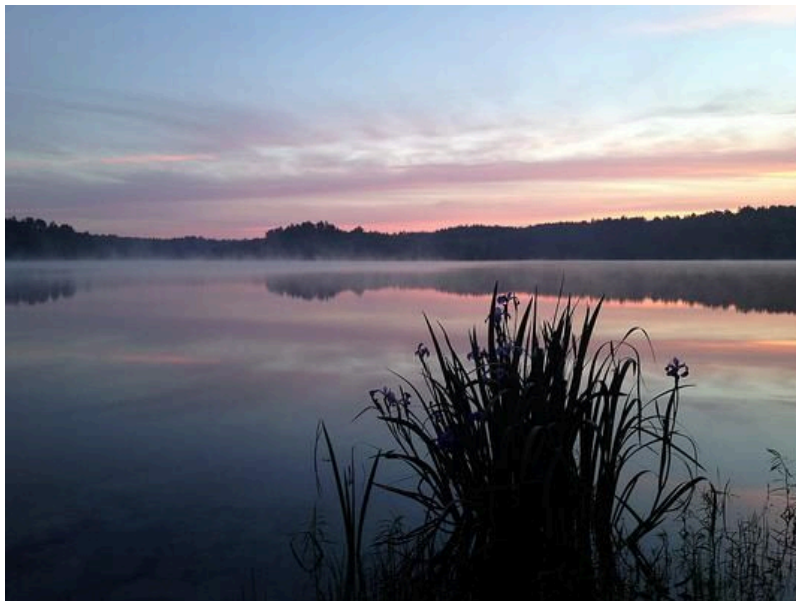
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PLEASE JOIN US!

### **MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

There will be an opportunity to join the Six Ponds or to renew your membership at the Annual Meeting with a \$25 check or with cash. Not attending? You can renew by mail [here](#). Thanks to everyone who has already renewed.

A special welcome to our new members! Please join us at the Potluck Dinner!



Bloody Pond at dusk with native blue flag (*Iris versicolor*). Photo by Susanne Lucas.

## Lightning Bugs, aka Fireflies, —Are They in Your Yard?

It's that time of year, when the magical blinking lights of lightning bugs appear in our friendly yards. Read more about their life cycle from [Mass Audubon](#). These interesting insects need your support.

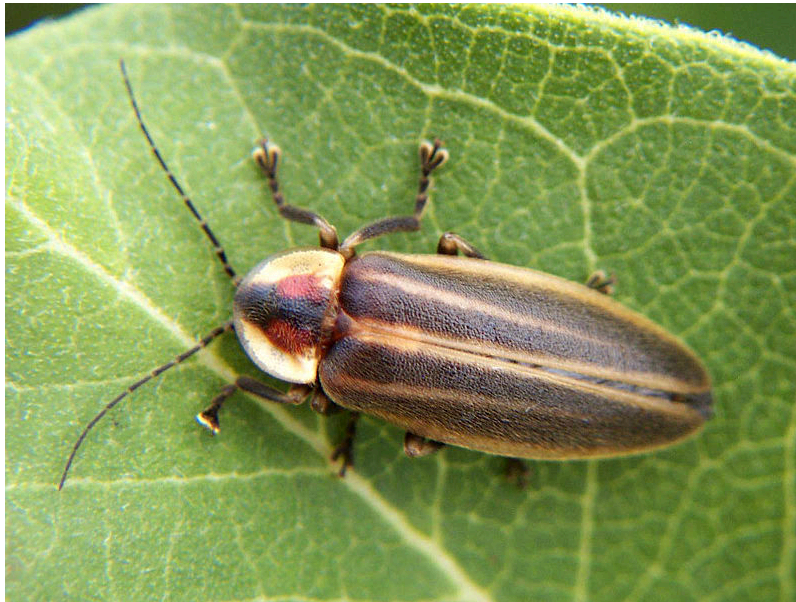
From the [Xerces Society](#), the nation's leading invertebrate conservation organization:

Most firefly researchers agree that habitat loss and degradation, light pollution, pesticide use, and climate change are the leading threats to fireflies. Despite concerns about potential population declines, fireflies have received relatively little conservation attention. [You can help!](#)

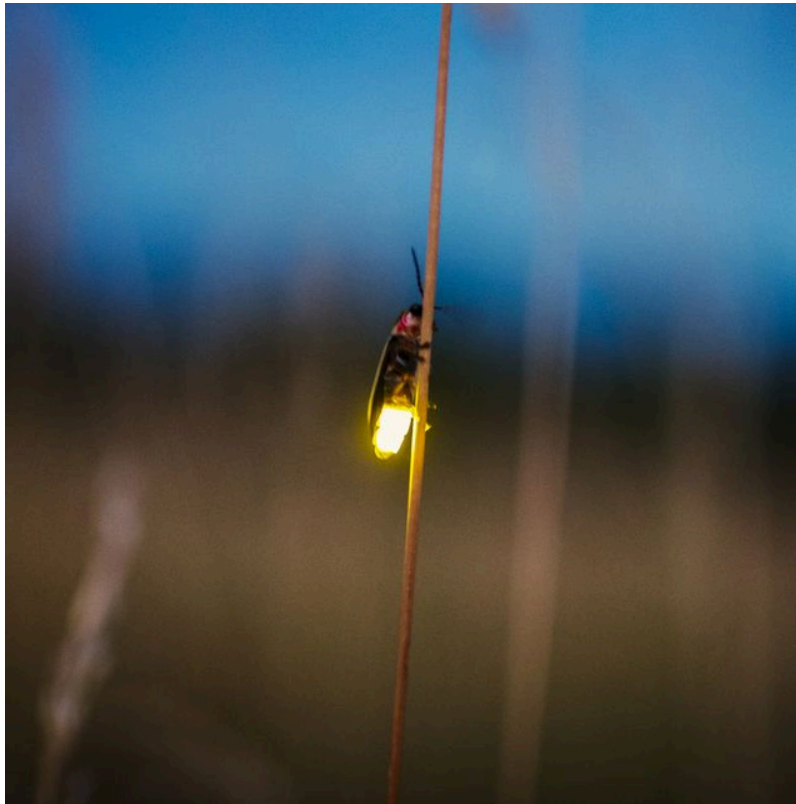
Everyone can contribute to firefly conservation. Here are some simple actions you can take today:

- \*Provide habitat! Set aside a part of your yard or garden where things can get a little wild.
- \*Avoid pesticide use, which can kill fireflies and their prey or degrade habitat. Remember, yard sprays killing mosquitos kills fireflies, too.
- \*Turn off your outdoor lights at night, especially during the summer firefly season.
- \*Spread the word and let others know about fireflies and their needs.

So - go outside at night and watch their magic!



Firefly during the day. WIKIPEDIA



Firefly illuminated. JEREMY\_HOGAN//GETTY IMAGES



Fireflies in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. RADIM SCHREIBER



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