

***RETIREED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Mar.12, 2014.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich, CT.***

***VIRGINIA L. GWYNN, EXEC. DIR. GREENWICH LAND TRUST
THE GREENWICH LAND TRUST. PRESERVING OUR PAST TO
BENEFIT OUR FUTURE***



With its fifty square miles and thirty-two miles of shoreline, Greenwich is known for its diverse natural habitats. Each natural system has its own appeal and benefit to the overall health of our community and planet. The more land we protect, the better it is for cleansing the air we breathe and safeguarding the water we drink. The Greenwich Land Trust permanently protects upland forests and meadows, abundant freshwater environments and picturesque coastal environments. Properties with prominent aquatic features add to the overall health of the six watersheds in Greenwich. Predominantly terrestrial preserves in upland areas are regarded as meadow or woodland dominant. These landscapes are treated differently in terms of their management. A wildflower meadow may be mowed once a year, while an orchard meadow may be mowed more frequently. The GLT maintains preserves with stunning geologic features, and land that protects the cultural heritage of Greenwich including historic stonewalls and antique farm equipment.

Virginia L. Gwynn, Executive Director of the GLT, will explain to us the origins of the GLT, how the GLT impacts each of us on a daily basis, and how each of us can become involved in the work of the GLT. She will emphasize current initiatives, including American chestnut tree restoration, a teen employment project, restoration of a 19th century farmstead, and combating the invasion of non-native plants.

Ms. Gwynn joined the GLT in 2008 after working at IBM and the Bruce Museum. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and received an MBA from Stanford University. She currently serves on the CT Land Conservation Council's Steering Committee, the Greenwich Tree Conservancy's Board of Directors, and Greenwich's Open Space Committee. A 25 year resident of Greenwich, she has served on the Greenwich Board of Education, the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra Board, and as a community volunteer. She and her dog volunteer together in local schools for the Good Dog Foundation. With her husband, their three sons, and two dogs, she enjoys hiking through the beautiful open spaces of our community.

Our business meetings begin at 10, and our speakers are scheduled for 10:30. No charge and No Reservations are required. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558;bgsesq@gmail.com. , or see our web site, greenwichrma.org.