

Your Neighbors in Conservation

Merrimack County Conservation District is a public agency that acts as a clearinghouse to help Merrimack County residents manage their soil, water, forest and other natural resources.

District services are free or low cost and are provided at your invitation; we neither discriminate nor regulate.

A volunteer board of supervisors, drawn from the community, sets priorities for the District.

District Board of Supervisors

- ◆ Peter Blakeman, Chairman (Sutton)
- ◆ Gerald Courser Vice-chair (Warner)
- ◆ Audra Klumb (Canterbury)
- ◆ Bob Bradbury (Webster)
- ◆ Jeff Moore (Loudon)

Associate Supervisors

- ◆ Rob Larocque, Treasurer (Concord)
- ◆ Si Robertson (Contoocook)
- ◆ Sarah Hansen (Warner)
- ◆ Marty Bender (Webster)

The Board meets in public session the third Thursday of each month. Please call MCCD to confirm the date and obtain an agenda.

District Staff

- ◆ Stacy Luke, District Manager
- ◆ Rebecca Yohe, Assistant District Manager
- ◆ Steve Cook, Farmers' Market SNAP Coordinator
- ◆ Hillary Bailey, Local Foods Coordinator



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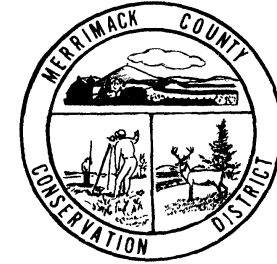


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Merrimack County Conservation District's

2019 Annual Dinner



May 30, 2019
6 - 8 p.m.

“The Return of the Merrimack Wonder: The story of a lost pepper”

*How a sweet pepper seed
developed at UNH in the 1930s
recently came back from
extinction.*

Presented by Tom Curren

Beech Hill Farm
107 Beech Hill Road
Hopkinton, NH

You Are Cordially Invited..

To join us at Merrimack County
Conservation District's
Annual Dinner from 6-8 p.m.!

Beech Hill Farm
107 Beech Hill Road
Hopkinton, NH

Schedule of Events

- 6:00 Welcome, Social Time, and
Appetizers
- 6:30 Dinner & Beech Hill ice cream!*
- Marinated chicken, pulled pork,
macaroni & cheese, and a
garden salad, catered by Mink
Hills Catering of Warner, NH*
- 7:00 2018 Year in Review and
Awards
- 7:30 Presentation: "The Return of
the Merrimack Wonder"
*A sweet pepper variety was
developed at UNH in the 1930s,
however it went extinct in NH
when the Merrimack Farmers'
Exchange closed in the 1980s.
Seeds were found in NY a few
years ago. In just three years,
about 4,000 seeds have been
propagated and are currently being
distributed around NH!*
- 8:00 Wrap Up and Door Prizes!

* Feel free to get your ice cream at any time
with your ice cream ticket you will receive
when you arrive!

About the Presenter:

Tom Curren is the Executive Director of the
Franklin Land Trust in Shelbourne Falls, MA.
He served as vice president and later trustee
at the Crotched Mountain Foundation,
executive director and president of the Lakes
Region Conservation Trust, and as
conservation program director of the Pew
Charitable Trust's Northeast Land Trust
Consortium, where he helped fund the
conservation of 830,000 acres in New
England and in Amish country.

Tom has lived in New England all his life, in
NH for the past 50 years. He's gardened and
farmed in Belmont, Canaan, Bridgewater,
and now currently in Danbury with his wife,
Kathy Neustadt, where they keep Hereford
cattle, Romney sheep, a flock of New
Hampshire Red hens and tend a 30-tree
orchard and large gardens.

Tom has been a local selectman, town
moderator, and town historian (he has
written four town histories). He enjoys
researching and performing NH farm songs
written between 1790-1890.



He presently
serves on the
board of Old
Sturbridge Village
and chairs the
board of Folk New
England, a
traditional music
archive housed at
the University of
Massachusetts
Library at
Amherst.

Reserve Your Place!

Please return form and payment
no later than **May 20, 2019.**

Cost: **\$16 per adult**
(\$5 for children under 10 years old)
Includes dinner, speaker, and door prizes.

Make check payable to:
Merrimack CCD
10 Ferry Street, Suite 211
Concord, NH 03301-5081

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Affiliation: _____

Number of attendees: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Name(s): _____

____ I cannot attend, but would like to make a
tax-deductible contribution.

If you have questions please call us at (603)
223-6020, e-mail info@MerrimackCCD.org,
or drop by the office during normal business
hours.

