

The Goldthwait Reservation 2024 Annual Report



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The Goldthwait Reservation, Inc.

Founder Joel E. Goldthwait M.D.

We are all thankful for another beautiful year at Goldthwait Reservation. While preserving the natural beauty and character of the reservation for outdoor education, recreation and enjoyment for Marblehead residents, it is also equally important to preserve the ecological integrity of the salt marsh. This includes the native plant species that grow there and the fish and wildlife that use the marsh for food, shelter and nursery grounds.

As always, we are forever grateful for the many families, friends, residents, volunteers and generous donors who make the reservation such a beautiful place to treasure and enjoy. Additional thanks to the Trustees, Directors and Officers for their support and endless work to maintain and preserve the beach, the park and salt marsh. We welcome interest regarding active support, participation on the Board of Directors, and other volunteer activities. Please do let us know of your interest.

It was a busy summer for activities, permits and gatherings, some of the highlights for 2024 include:

- BBYO youth group cleanup
- High School Day of Service
- Buffer Zone Plant management proposal and planting
- Brown School Marsh Education Day
- Goldthwait Annual Clean Up Day
- Boy and Girl Scout celebrations and campout
- Several weddings, family reunions, birthday parties and campfires

We have some significant projects on our agenda for the year. Our biggest project will be the replacement of the blacktop walkway. This has to be done for safety as well as esthetic reasons. Tree roots have caused damage to several areas of the walkway. In addition to normal wear and tear, our walkway is subjected to extreme weather conditions including occasional flooding from the ocean. We believe the replacement will be a worthwhile investment to the Reservation.

In addition to the blacktop replacement, continued proactive management of invasive plants in the marsh is an annual endeavor. We will continue to utilize DeRosa's expertise and manpower as well as the volunteers that always help with this project. We are thankful and appreciative of all our generous donors and hard work volunteers throughout the year and look forward to another enjoyable season at Goldthwait Reservation.

With our sincere thanks and best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed".

Ed Principe
President, The Goldthwait Reservation, Inc.

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Operations Report

April 2024 – BBYO Youth Group Service Project – Goldthwait Reservation was fortunate to have a Jewish youth group volunteer for several hours of service to help cleaning up marsh grass within the parking lot due to a previous storm. Many thanks to Mia, Nat and Gabby for all their hard work and effort.



May 2024 – Brown School Marsh Education – It was refreshing to see the Brown School Students (led by Lindsay Willard) at Goldthwait Reservation, learning about the marsh habitat, animal adaptation and the history of Salt Marshes. The Brown School program was done in collaboration with the Salem Sound Coastwatch program and Goldthwait is more than happy to open up the marsh for educational purposes.

June 2024 - Goldthwait Annual Cleanup Day - A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers, friends, Directors and trustees that were able to join us at the annual 2024 cleanup!! The garden beds were thoroughly weeded and mulched, new flowers and plants were arranged and the rosa regosa plants were given a huge trimming.



October 2024 – Marblehead High School Day of Service – Goldthwait Reservation was on the receiving end of another day of service organized by Marblehead High School. A large group of students and teacher volunteers gathered at Goldthwait to help with several large work projects. Gary Ritter and several students worked on wooden walkway repairs, Rosa Regosa plants were trimmed back and several students spent some time clearing out invasive plants within the wildlife habitat. Many thanks to Lynda Hare, Fiona, Brigitte and all the volunteers that helped that day.



Part time Summer Help – Many thanks to all the volunteers for their help this past summer. Special thanks to Colin Hart for all his hard work repairing fences, weed whacking, trench excavation and cutting of invasive plants. Many thanks to the seven summer gate attendants for all their steady work and outreach to all the Goldthwait visitors. They did a great job greeting people and helping to control access to the parking area during busy weekends.



Parties & Permits – The beach, fire pit and grassy area was again a huge attraction last year. We had Boy and Girl Scout events, weddings, birthday parties for young and old, family reunions and congregations all enjoying the beauty of Goldthwait.



The number of permits requested and granted set another record. Even though we held to one beach fire per night there were 33 beach fire permits. Use of the grassy area for the many parties totaled 48. There were five larger special events. We are reviewing the permit applications, the process and the support needed. Unpermitted fires and gatherings are occasionally problematic. We welcome observations and suggestions.

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Salt Marsh Report

The 12-acre Goldthwait Reservation contains a very large area of salt marsh and a fringe of freshwater marsh around most of the perimeter. Much of the restoration work over the years has been orchestrated by many neighbors, friends, directors, trustees and volunteers.

It was also made possible by the support and direction of DeRosa Environmental Inc, whose expertise and knowledge transformed the marsh from an overgrown and clogged waterway into a vibrant ecosystem.



Once cleared of excessive fill and invasive plants, the canal's saltwater flow have improved dramatically and help create a healthier marsh and a return of wildlife to the area.

New – Buffer Zone Planting Project 2024



In the Spring of 2024, Goldthwait Reservation members were approached by Betsy Rickards (Goldthwait Trustee) to initiate a buffer zone planting project within the northwest corner of the Goldthwait marsh. The project included drafting a planting plan, obtaining approvals from Goldthwait and neighbors, purchasing plants, collaboration with the Office of Coastal Management (CZM) to share costs and clearing of an area of existing vegetation. The goal of converting lawn into a meadow, particularly next to a salt marsh, will benefit the ecosystem by helping to control erosion, prevent stormwater pollution, enhance wildlife habitat and create a lower-maintenance yard, while allowing the salt marsh to respond to rising sea levels. The work was carried out in early Spring with the planting of 350 plugs of native grasses and perennials and a dozen shrubs. The good news is that the plantings survived the winter and will serve as an example of what can successfully be planted in the Goldthwait buffer zones to help protect salt marshes.

Trench Clearing & Invasive Plants

In order to maintain the saltwater flows within the marsh area, the trenches need annual maintenance to remove excess grass, overgrowth and collapsed trenches. Some of the clearing work was performed with Goldthwait's summer help (Colin Hart) while the major work in 2024 was performed by DeRosa Environmental. The western edge of the marsh (Orchard St side) was cleared by DeRosa crews, cutting phragmites and clearing the trenches to maintain water flows within that area.



The management and removal of the marsh invasive species remains a top priority of Goldthwait. Through repeated cuttings during the growing season the phragmites, knotweed, cocklebur and pepper weed have had limited impact on the marsh. Goldthwait has coordinated a new 2025 marsh maintenance plan with DeRosa Environmental, enabling their engineers to bi-monthly cut and remove invasive plants before they can spread and also provide necessary knowledge and information of any new species or invasive plants.



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Treasurer's Report

The 2024 season at Goldthwait Reservation proved to be another time of gracious and generous donor support.

The first fundraising letter campaign was mailed out in mid-May 2024 to active and prior donors, as well as new leads. The early response was wonderfully generous. Thank you letters with 2024 stickers were promptly mailed to all our donors throughout the year. A second year-end fundraising letter campaign was sent in November to selected active donors and ones from prior years. This generated another excellent response.

The 2024 fundraising cycle surpassed 2023, with direct donations totaling \$70,860 (direct donations in 2023 totaled \$66,889). We continue to see an increase in the use of PayPal and Venmo as convenient methods to make a donation and save a stamp, as well as with parking gate receipts rather than cash transactions. We will continue to use the QR code on the remittance envelopes and at the gate for easy access for on-line payment options.

Permits for large group events totaled \$2,525.00, slightly higher than in 2023. Together with direct donations, the gross profit for 2024 totaled \$73,399.07.

As in years past, Marblehead residents and Goldthwait neighbors remain very generous and we are so thankful to all donors, near and far. This year, we received contributions from 375 donors. This included individual donations in amounts of \$15,000, \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$1,500. Six friends and neighbors donated \$600-1,000 each. Fifteen more supporters contributed \$500 each. We are delighted that several donors provided corporate matching gifts as well. Donations arrive in all amounts, and the generosity of the many people who hold Goldthwait as an important place in their hearts and minds is humbling.

In 2024, total expenditures were \$37,816.91. This figure includes property landscaping, maintenance, payroll, supplies, trash removal, and utilities. We are fortunate to have returning (and some new!) gate attendants, many volunteers, as well as our local businesses who provide reliable and dedicated service hours throughout the season. Special recognition is given to Hooper Goodwin, Lassana's Landscaping, DeRosa Environmental Consulting, and other businesses who have continued to provide us with great services and fair pricing.

Payroll expenditures were limited to part-time gate attendants in 2024 and totaled \$3,482.70, which was a decrease from the past year (2023 was \$5,233.66). We continue to appreciate the excellent payroll and tax services provided by local business services Commonwealth Payroll and Rick Myers, CPA.

With sincere appreciation to our donors, supporters, volunteers, and paid seasonal staff, we are in a healthy position as we enter the 2025 season. 2024 began with a cash balance of \$126,111.65 and ended with \$162,464.26 on hand.

2024 Reports included: Statement of Activity, Financial Position

Sharon Randall, Treasurer
Jeanne Kleene, Bookkeeper

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Revenue	Total
Non-Profit Revenue	
Donations	
Checks	55,840.00
Gate Cash	730.00
Paypal	14,290.00
Total Donations	\$ 70,860.00
Other	14.07
Use Permits	
Fees	2,525.00
Total Use Permits	\$ 2,525.00
Total Non-Profit Revenue	\$ 73,399.07
Total Revenue	\$ 73,399.07
Gross Profit	\$ 73,399.07

Expenditures	
Decals-Stickers	639.00
Fund Raising	
Mailings-Solicitations	
Materials-Copying	735.61
Postage	752.70
Total Mailings-Solicitations	\$ 1,488.31
Paypal Fee	357.58
Total Fund Raising	\$ 1,845.89
Operations Administrative (OA)	
Accounting Fees	2,541.55
Bank Fees	165.00
Comm Mass Filing Fees	54.32
Comm Payroll Fee	1,345.98
Insurance	1,562.00
Legal Fees	100.00
Mailbox	302.00
Payroll	
Direct Deposits (net)	2,934.02
Tax Withholding (Assure Tax)	548.68
Total Payroll	\$ 3,482.70
Postage	8.50
Supplies copying	217.71
Taxes	600.00
Website - Social Media	366.20
Total Operations Administrative (OA)	\$ 10,745.96

Statement of Activity

January - December 2024

Expenditures (continued)	
Property	
Fire Pit - Grassy Area	
Equipment Supplies	41.10
Labor (hourly)	1,935.00
Landscaping	4,640.80
Services	230.00
Total Fire Pit - Grassy Area	\$ 6,846.90
Marsh	44.06
Equipment-Supplies	867.25
Services	8,483.49
Total Marsh	\$ 9,394.80
Parking Lot	
Attendant (not payroll)	110.00
Equipment-Supplies	608.00
Total Parking Lot	\$ 718.00
Site Overall	900.00
Equipment Supplies	1,881.41
Security	1,154.40
Trash Removal	2,065.00
Utilities	1,625.55
Total Site Overall	\$ 7,626.36
Total Property	\$ 24,586.06
Total Expenditures	\$ 37,816.91
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 35,582.16
Net Revenue	\$ 35,582.16

Statement of Financial Position	
As of December 31, 2024	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	162,339.26
Petty Cash	125.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 162,464.26
Other Current Assets	0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 162,464.26
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 162,464.26
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 974.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 974.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 974.00
Total Equity	\$ 161,490.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 162,464.26

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Contributor Form

Thank you very much for your generosity. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Please return this form with your tax-deductible donation or visit www.goldthwait.org to donate online.

Please make checks payable to: The Goldthwait Reservation, Inc.

Mail checks to: Sharon Randall, Treasurer
The Goldthwait Reservation, Inc.
PO Box 1025
Marblehead MA 01945-5025

Online donations can be
made through Paypal
[Goldthwait.org Donate Page](http://Goldthwait.org/DonatePage)
or



Thank you very much for your support.

Suggested donation levels:

_____ \$50	Individual	_____ \$25	Senior (age 70+ discount)
_____ \$75	Family		
_____ \$100	Family Plus		
_____ \$250	Friend of Goldthwait		
_____ \$500	Advocate		
_____ \$1,000	Benefactor		
_____ \$2,500+	Environmentalist		

Senior or Individual \$50 contributions will receive one Goldthwait sticker. Marblehead residents who contribute \$75 or more will receive a second Goldthwait sticker.

We would like to acknowledge special donations in our annual report.
Please let us know if you have a special designation.

_____ In memory of _____

_____ In honor of _____

Please include your name, email, and mailing address:

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

(we will only use this for Goldthwait communications)

WE NEED YOUR TIME AND TALENTS! If you are interested in volunteering to help with any aspect of the Goldthwait Reservation's work please let us know. We welcome your help!

Email: goldthwait.reservation@gmail.com

Effective March 2025

*Goldthwait is a 501c(3) tax-exempt charity 04-2061893 and
contributions are deductible under section 170 of the IRS code.*

2024 Memorial, Honor, and Special Mention Contributions

Donors can indicate whether their contribution is given in honor of or in memory of a loved one. We also receive special notes and include them here.

In Memory Of:

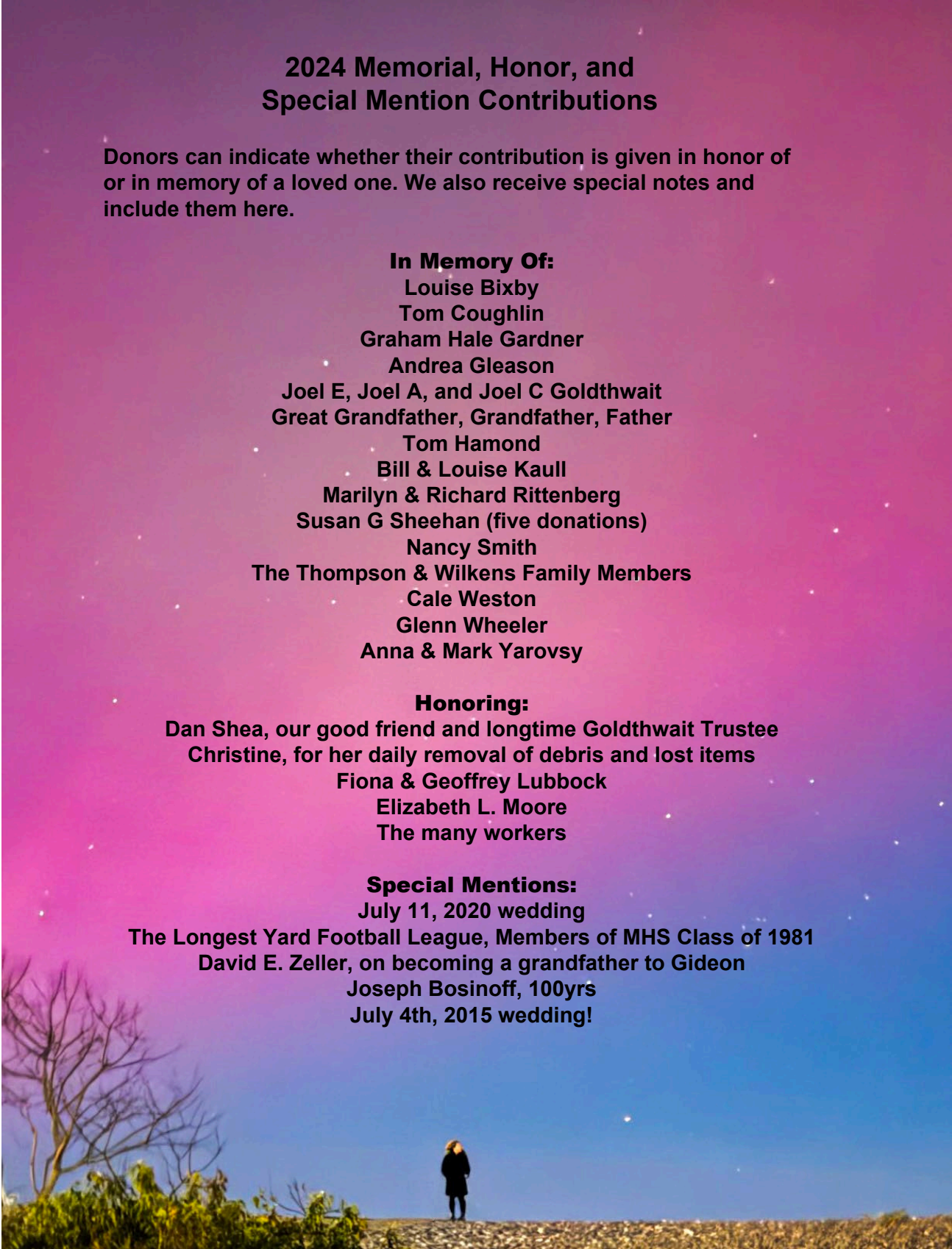
Louise Bixby
Tom Coughlin
Graham Hale Gardner
Andrea Gleason
Joel E, Joel A, and Joel C Goldthwait
Great Grandfather, Grandfather, Father
Tom Hamond
Bill & Louise Kaull
Marilyn & Richard Rittenberg
Susan G Sheehan (five donations)
Nancy Smith
The Thompson & Wilkens Family Members
Cale Weston
Glenn Wheeler
Anna & Mark Yarovsky

Honoring:

Dan Shea, our good friend and longtime Goldthwait Trustee
Christine, for her daily removal of debris and lost items
Fiona & Geoffrey Lubbock
Elizabeth L. Moore
The many workers

Special Mentions:

July 11, 2020 wedding
The Longest Yard Football League, Members of MHS Class of 1981
David E. Zeller, on becoming a grandfather to Gideon
Joseph Bosinoff, 100yrs
July 4th, 2015 wedding!



With great thanks to Colin Hart for his many photos