

# Hunting News **Grafton Land Trust**

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### Dear Hunter,

**RE:** Annual Hunting Meeting

We need your feedback! We are considering scheduling a meeting in the early fall of each year for GLT hunting permit holders with the following goals in mind:

- Conduct a review of our hunting policy, to include any changes made from the previous year.
- Solicit feedback from you regarding our policy.
- Answer questions relative to our many properties.
- Provide a venue for hunter interaction. •
- Host a guest speaker to discuss a topic of interest to hunters. •

Let us know if you would attend such a meeting and what type of guest speaker/topic you would prefer. Send your feedback to hunting@graftonland.org.

Sincerely,

Troy M. Gipps Vice President & Hunting Program Coordinator Grafton Land Trust

# GLT to host "Suburban Howls" Author

Save the date, Friday March 1st, and join the Grafton Land Trust for the most comprehensive presentation of Eastern Coyote research around. Thanks to a grant from the Tufts **Cummings School of Veterinary** Medicine, the GLT will welcome Jonathan Way, Ph.D. and wildlife biologist. Jonathan is the author of "Suburban Howls" an account of his



experiences and findings from his studies of coyote ecology and behavior in urbanized eastern Massachusetts.

This 90-minute presentation, which includes photographs and video clips, will highlight Eastern Coyote/Coywolf ecology and behavior.

This program is offered as part of the GLT's Roger Hohman Memorial Lecture Series. The coyote presentation will begin at 7PM at the Tufts Agnes Varis Campus Center AUDITORIUM. All are welcome and the program is free! Please RSVP to info@graftonland.org if you plan to attend. Visit <u>www.graftonland.org</u> for more information.

You can read more about Jonathan's Eastern Coyote research at: http://www.easterncoyoteresearch.com

# New England Fishing & Outdoor Expo 2013





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### **Submit Your Pics!**

Got a cool photo from a recent hunting trip in Grafton? Send it to hunting@graftonland.org and we'll publish it in the "Photo of the month" section of Hunting News.



We are a member supported organization that relies on you hunters - as well as hikers, equestrians and other recreational users to manage our lands. Please become a member today!

This year's sportsmans' show is being NGLAN produced by a new company, Davis Productions, and has been renamed from the old Eastern Fishing and Outdoor Expo to the New England Fishing & Outdoor Expo. The event will still takes place at the DCU Center in Worcester and is scheduled for February 8-10, 2013. For more information visit: http://www.newenglandfishingexpo.com

# Ducks Unlimited Central Mass. Chapter Dinner

Shake off the winter blues and join fellow sportsman for the 2013 Central Massachusetts Ducks Unlimited Annual Dinner to be held at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston on Friday, February 15, 2013. All proceeds raised from games, raffles, silent auction and



live auction will support wetlands conservation! For more information and to buy tickets visit: <u>http://MA.ducks.org</u> or call Dan Hastings at (508) 721-9834. Doors open at 6PM. Cocktails at 6PM. Dinner at 7PM.

## Improve your Tracking Skills with Paul Wanta

Join us in April for a guided animal tracking tour on a GLT property with Paul Wanta, a tracker, teacher and naturalist with over 25 years of experience. The date, time and location will be announced soon on www.graftonland.org. Take a few moments to watch a clip of Paul's 2010 GLT Tracking Program.



# Photo of the month



Tom White and his retriever Sadie proudly pose with two mallards he and Troy Gipps bagged on a late season spot-and-stalk hunt that took place on the Blackstone River in South Grafton. (Photo by Troy Gipps)

# What's in season this month?

Cottontail Rabbit ... Oct. 13 - Feb. 28, 2013 Snowshoe Hare ... Oct. 13 - Feb. 5, 2013 Coyote ... Oct. 13 - Mar. 8, 2013 Fox (red or gray) ... Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, 2013 Raccoon ... Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2013 Opossum ... Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2013 Crow ... Jul. 2 - April 10, 2013 Late Canada Goose (Central) ... Jan. 17 - Feb. 15, 2013 Late Snow/Blue Goose (Central) ... Jan. 17 - Feb. 15, 2013



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