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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Ann Devlin

What a busy and exciting past few months SAVE has had! You'll remember that a number of members enjoyed a fun adventure to Boston Harbor to visit Spectacle Island in August. Then in early September, SAVE members manned our table at Founders Day and it was a great opportunity to, once again, collect sneakers for the Nike-Reuse-a-Show project, to encourage increased recycling, and also provide a drop-off point for mercury containing batteries and thermometers. We also raffled off a compost bin. It is always a great day and a wonderful way to meet with people and spread our message.

On September 30th, SAVE held another successful "It's New to You" SWAP at Breakheart Reservation, helping to keep still-usable items out of the waste stream. This event is always so rewarding – not only are we increasing recycling but we are helping people to look at still usable goods in a different way, in an effort to keep them out of the waste stream (and out of the incinerator).

Also on September 30th, SAVE sponsored the "Eyes on Owls" event (see photos below). Comments from attendees at this event ranged from "fabulous" to "phenomenal" and everyone not only learned more about these regal creatures, but thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the process.



SNOWY OWL, "Eyes on Owls" presentation sponsored By SAVE at Breakheart's Fall Festival



EAGLE OWL, introduced to attendees by Mark Wilson

Photos above and next page courtesy of SAVE President, Ann Devlin

Everyone *really* enjoyed this live owl program: **"Who's Watching You? Owls of the World."** Naturalist Marcia Wilson and her husband, Mark, a wild-life photographer, introduced these wonderful creatures to attendees during this very special event. And the Wilson's donated a beautiful, full-color print of a Barred Owl to SAVE (see below). We will determine how we will use this most generous gift at a later date – so watch future newsletters and the SAVE website for more information.



Full color print of Barred Owl donated by "Eyes on Owls" to SAVE

REMEMBER: As each of us looks back through the years at the diligence and commitment of SAVE members since our organization's inception, we also look forward to continued vitality and dedication to SAVE's founding principles, with special emphasis on the two themes of "THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY" and "REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE" that have been a common thread throughout SAVE's history.

SAVE would ask any members, family and friends who visit Prankers Pond during the wonderful Fall and Winter seasons to please bring a bag or other container with you and pick up any trash that you see during your walk through this environmentally-precious area. It will help the environment, and it will be one small way to help preserve this hidden gem in the midst of our community. THANK YOU.