

# Wachusett Views

## Worcester Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club



Fall 2019

*A close-up view of our chapter's vibrancy and dedication.*

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Trails	Don Hoffses
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#### Letter from the Editors

Fall brings out the best of New England (think apples, pumpkins, vibrant foliage) and Worcester Chapter brings the best of the outdoors to you! From reflections on summer trips to Annual Meeting (check out the flyer within to see how you can sign up) to the Winter Hiking Workshop, this issue takes you through the whole transition from summer to winter—and pauses to enjoy fall along the way.

As voracious readers of Wachusett Views, we respect your opinion and want to hear your feedback about communications within the Worcester Chapter. Please take five minutes to fill out our [survey](#), which will help us determine how we can best deliver information and what content you prefer. We thank you in advance for your time.



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## A Message from the Chapter Chair: Under the Red Felt Crusher

*By Joe Massery, Worcester Chapter Chair*



Summer is in the rear view mirror, and that means fall colors, cooler temps, and even snow are on the way. Your Worcester Chapter volunteers have been busy getting ready, with new fall and winter activities getting organized every week. Paddles, bike rides, hikes, backpacks, ski trips, and social events fill the calendar—many are local and some are upcountry.

If you are curious about winter hiking and how to really enjoy it, come to the Chapter's Winter Hiking Workshop on Saturday, November 2. Everything you need to know about gear, clothing, nutrition, hydration, and safety will be covered. A winter-long series of hikes has been set up for participants. The hikes get progressively more challenging, so you can ease into it—but they're all fun.

Trail work and other volunteer activities are being organized, and you can help. Work continues during the fall on our adopted Wachusett trails, and elsewhere in our area.

Our Chapter has been busy this fall supporting conservation and community outreach in our region. The Chapter Executive Committee recently approved financial grants to several area youth groups: the Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) of Worcester, the Just Understand My Potential (JUMP) program of the Fitchburg/Leominster Boys & Girls Club, and A Mountain Classroom (AMCR) program of the Ayer-Shirley Middle School. These grants will help fund outdoor activities for underprivileged children and teenagers. They are not only fun for these young people, but they also teach leadership and outdoor stewardship. We're fortunate to be able to help out.

We also approved grants to the Connecticut River Paddler's Trail for a campsite along river and to Camp Dodge in the White Mountains. The river trail will allow multi-day trips along this outstanding waterway which is very close to Worcester. For years, Camp Dodge has provided inexpensive lodging for trail workers and other volunteers in the Whites. We have contributed to the large-scale renovation of the camp, which had fallen into disrepair over the years.

**Finally, please join us the evening of November 9 for the Worcester Chapter Annual Meeting and Banquet.** The program includes happy hour, dinner, officer election, and volunteer awards. Our featured speakers will be authors Allison Bell and Maida Goodwin. The meeting will be short on business and long on fun! More information and registration details are on the Chapter website ([AMCWorcester.org](http://AMCWorcester.org)).

Joe Massery  
Chapter Chair

## Annual Meeting and Dinner

The Worcester Chapter resumes its annual meeting & banquet tradition, after a one-year hiatus for last year's gala celebration of our 100th Anniversary.

The venue is the Manor Restaurant, at 42 West Boylston St., in West Boylston, MA.

*Note that this year we will not be sending a mailing to every member household in an effort to reduce costs and conserve paper.*

Festivities start at 5:30pm with a happy hour cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. A hot buffet dinner follows at 6:30pm. The business meeting will begin at 7:30pm with the election of new members of the Executive Committee (see page 5), along with awards, recognitions, and door prizes.

Our speakers will be Allison Bell and Maida Goodwin, co-authors of the book, *Glorious Mountain Days: the 1902 hike that helped save the White Mountains*. The book describes the week-long hike of Hattie Freeman and Emma Cummings, whose letters and photographs depict the trails, flowers, birds, and camaraderie in the White Mountains. Their advocacy helped lead to Congressional legislation that protected the White Mountains from threats of logging and development that were prevalent at the time.

The book also includes photos, taken by Bell, of the scenery and flowers today. The authors, enthusiastic naturalists, will also share how a combination of persistent research and pure happenstance, led to the book's publication.

## 2019 Annual Meeting and Banquet

Join us on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, for a fun night of meeting old and new friends, recapping another active year, and applauding some special guests and members for their accomplishments. Elect and welcome our new Executive Committee.

**\*\*\*The Manor Restaurant • 42 West Boylston Street • West Boylston, MA\*\*\***

5:30 - 6:30 – Happy Hour Cash Bar

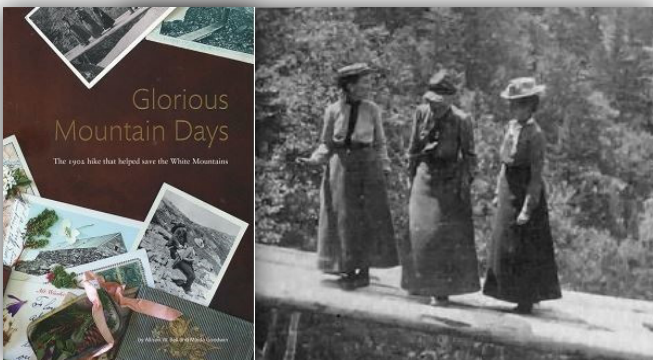
6:30- 7:30 – Dinner

7:30 – Business Meeting with Elections\* and Program Festivities

\*View the 2020 Executive Committee roster at [www.amcworchester.org](http://www.amcworchester.org)

### OUR SPECIAL GUEST

Our speaker, naturalist Allison Bell, will tell the story behind the book she co-authored with archivist Maida Goodwin. **“Glorious Mountain Days: The 1902 hike that helped save the White Mountains,”**



describes the week-long hike of Hattie Freeman and Emma Cummings, whose letters and photographs depict the trails, flowers, birds, and camaraderie in the White Mountains. Their advocacy helped lead to Congressional legislation that protected the White Mountains from threats of logging and development that were prevalent at the time. The book also includes photos, taken by Bell, of the scenery and flowers as they appear today.

Register at [www.amcworchester.org](http://www.amcworchester.org) and follow the links to our Annual Meeting.

Space is limited so please reserve early. **Deadline for dinner reservations is October 21st.**

**If not registering online please detach and return by October 21st.**

**(we cannot issue refunds after October 29th)**

Name(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$30.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 (past EC Chairs and current EC members) x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: AMC Worcester Chapter**

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Visit us at [amcworchester.org](http://amcworchester.org)

## SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

From the AMC Worcester Chapter Nominating Committee:

We are pleased to announce the AMC Worcester Chapter's Executive Committee slate of candidates for 2020. The election of EC members will take place at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 9, 2019, at The Manor Restaurant in W. Boylston (registration details coming in a few weeks). Send questions or comments to [chair@amcworchester.org](mailto:chair@amcworchester.org).

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Third Wednesday Chair	Fred Mezynski
Trails Co-Chair	Steve Crowe
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20's and 30's Chair	Open
Programs Chair	Peter Hinrichs

## Adventures around the Worcester Chapter: Captured in Image



Photo/Julie Grenier

A wonderful stay with 10 other women for two nights at this lovely hut filled with like-minded hikers. The croo was fantastic in their output of energy and enthusiasm!

## Winter Hiking Workshop

Saturday, November 2  
9:00AM - 1:00PM

Expand your hiking skills and outlook on winter by attending the Worcester Chapter's Winter Hiking Workshop!

Learn about hike preparation, proper gear, hydration, nutrition, and more for winter hiking. Winter hiking leaders will be available to demo/discuss gear for local and above treeline hiking.

The workshop will be followed by a graduated series of hikes from December to February. Priority for participation in this series will be given to workshop participants.

This year's workshop to be held at the [Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center](#), 3 Paul Clancy Way, in Worcester, MA.

Workshop is free for AMC members; \$5 for non-members. AMC membership number and expiration date required with registration.

***To register, please contact Debi Garlick at: [debigarlick@yahoo.com](mailto:debigarlick@yahoo.com).***



## ***Wachusett Views* needs you!**

Did you go on a memorable outdoor trip recently? Did you participate in an interesting training or program? Do you want to share your knowledge about anything related to the outdoors? We want your stories!

Please submit stories, trip reports, and photos for the winter 2019 *Wachusett Views*.

Email all contributions by **November 25, 2019** to: [newsletter@amcworchester.org](mailto:newsletter@amcworchester.org).

