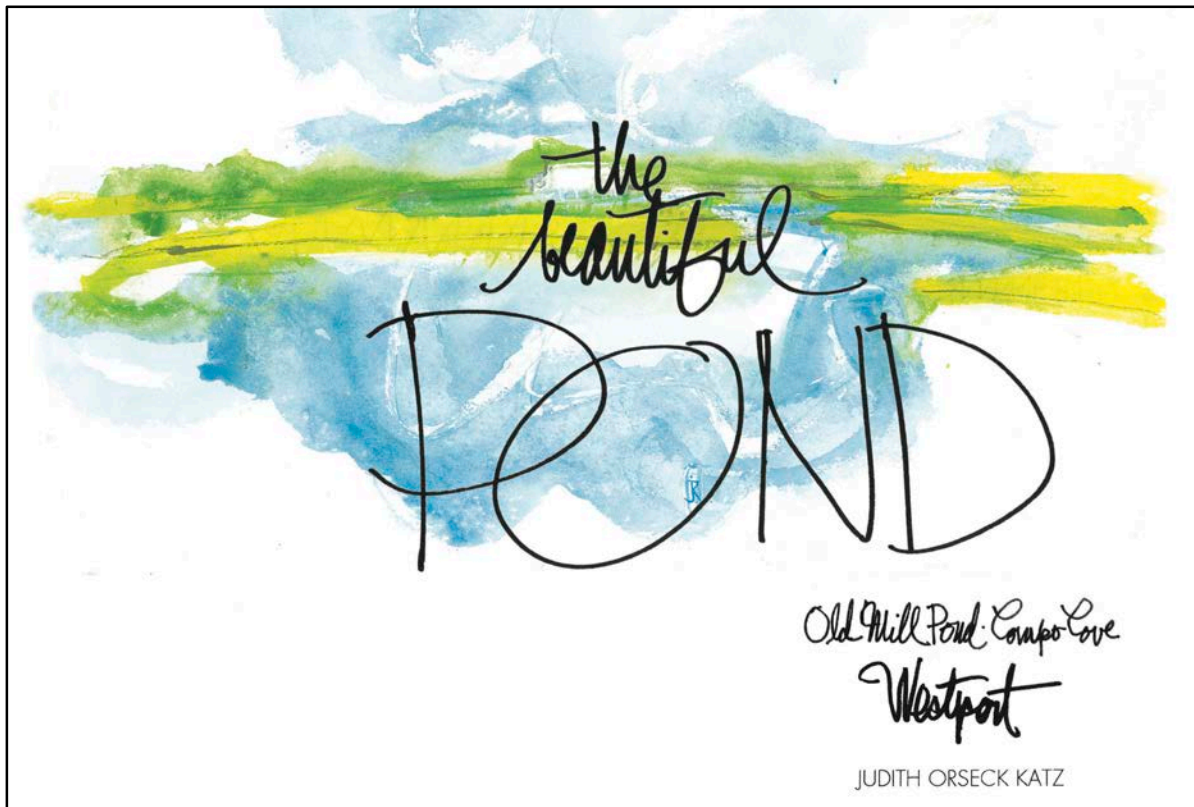


the beautiful POND

By Judith Orseck Katz



The colorful 88-page story book of Old Mill Pond and Compo Cove illustrates the special historic cove where Westport, Connecticut was born. Be swept away with scenic watercolors...learn pieces of Westport's history never before compiled, and heed the call to preserve and protect this and other Connecticut treasures on Long Island Sound. All proceeds from the book go to support SoundWaters to educate under-privileged youth and to preserve the health and traditions of Long Island Sound.

WHAT WE'RE DOING TO PROTECT CONNECTICUT'S WATERS

The author and her sponsor, Robin Tauck, are partnering with SoundWaters (www.SoundWaters.org) and **donating all proceeds of *The Beautiful Pond*** to increase educational opportunities for all students and enlist the next generation of stewards for our local waters. Founded 25 years ago to protect Long Island Sound, SoundWaters understands that stewardship of the environment begins with knowledge. Their educational programs are experience-based, using hands-on instruction to build a deeper interest and literacy in science and to improve school achievement. They use the waters, shores and ponds of Long Island Sound as their classroom.



HISTORY

The Seed of Westport

Discover little-known facts about how Westport was originally formed in 1714 by the Bankside Farmers and the first commercial venture: The Mill at Compo Pond. Author Katz reveals a creative, picturesque and fun story beginning in 1648, with historic gems from long-time historians Jennings and Raymond, as well as many beloved citizens and local families: the Mill Pond was the “seed of Westport.”

OYSTERS & CLAMS

Legendary Shellfish Beds

Voyage from the famous shellfish beds of “Captain Allen” and his Clam House to the “ups and downs” of the hard-working seaside tradition of shell-fishing. Since native times, this local pond (estuary), like Long Island Sound itself, fed by our Connecticut rivers, has provided barrels of delicious, succulent oysters and clams... among the best anywhere. Author Katz paints vivid pictures to delight readers.



NATURAL SANCTUARY

Preserving Nature's Beauty

A palette of nature in a quiet refuge provides peace, solitude and reflection away from busy 21st century life. The Mill Pond is a huge sanctuary of verdant sea grass, wild beach plums, graceful egrets, cormorants, swans, small fish and crabs; wildlife that dances in the moonlight, sunlight and starlight, as tides ebb and flow. Katz and Tauck heed the call to protect these places for future generations.

Books may be purchased at www.thebeautifulpond.com