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December 2014



Christmas comes early for the stewardship team,
Three new Rogue hoes for trail work
Thanks for all the ways this community makes for a jolly holiday season

Over the past three weeks, UVLT has:

- received more than 160 generous contributions
- launched and executed two significant project fund drives
- conserved the 200 acre Richardson farm in Hartland
- increased our total acres conserved to 45,000
- received a \$50,000 Land and Community Heritage Investment Program grant for King's Grant in Cornish
- trained a dozen people on deer browse identification
- led 45 winter walkers and snowshoers to Ely Mountain in Thetford

A busy month, indeed, but we're not done yet. This flurry of activity is made possible with the help of you, our loyal members and donors, who support this organization and propel us toward our goals. Many thanks.

If you haven't made a year-end gift or renewed or gifted a membership, we encourage you to do so before December 31. Cheers and Happy Holidays.

Richardson Farm Conserved in Hartland



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Saturday, December 20

Join Us!

Winter Solstice Ramble
and Campfire with UVLT
at Lyme Hill Conservation
Area

1 p.m. hike start

Meet at UVLT's Lyme Hill
Conservation Area parking
lot. West side of NH Rte.
10, approximately one-mile
south of Lyme Village. The
hike will be about 3.5 to 4
miles in length, on trails
over moderate terrain.

Contact [Doug Brown](#) at
UVLT for more
information.

Bake Sale at Thetford
Transfer Station
Saturday morning to
benefit Ely Mountain.

Come stock up on holiday
goodies for this festive
time of year.

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On December 18, the Upper Valley Land Trust purchased a conservation easement protecting nearly 200 acres of farmland in Hartland. The farm, a designated Vermont Century Farm, has been in the Richardson family since 1905. The Richardson family currently operates an award-winning Jersey cow dairy, makes maple syrup and runs a split rail fencing business on the property. "We're thrilled that we've been able to help the Richardsons ensure that their farm will remain intact and in active use by the family," says Peg Merrens, UVLT's Vice President for Land Conservation. [Read more.](#)



Wanted - Guardians of the Guard

Trees

We are closing in on our \$30,000 fundraising goal for our six-week campaign to create a 208-acre Conservation Area in the Thetford/Fairlee area. The Thetford Conservation Commission, the Aloha Foundation, and fifty individuals have generously contributed over \$25,000 to protect these trees and the surrounding mountainside forever. UVLT will own and manage the area for forest stewardship, education and public enjoyment. Our two snowy walks through the woods on December 6 and December 14 showcased the openness of these woods and the history of the Denison property - see our Facebook page for photos. Also, visit our website to learn more and see how you can participate in being a guardian of the guard trees by making a donation. We thank the MacVeagh-Milligan and Deffner-Martel families and all bakers and buyers of goods benefiting the project at the December 20 Thetford transfer station bake sale. [Ely Mountain Conservation Area](#)

UVLT Awarded NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Grant for Sprague property in Cornish



Peg Merrens, Vice President Conservation, Upper Valley Land Trust; LCHIP Board Chair Doug Cole; LCHIP Executive Director Dijit Taylor; King's Grant Farm owner Raymond Sprague

A grant of \$50,000 was presented on December 4 in Concord to the Upper Valley Land Trust for permanent conservation of 70 acres at King's Grant Farm in Cornish, which includes 890' of frontage on the Connecticut River and working farmland producing local food for local people. A spring closing date for the property is on the horizon.

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