



### Welcome Anne Janeway and Andy Boyce!

Two skilled and enthusiastic employees have joined UVLT's staff team. Andy Boyce is our new Conservation Mapping and Field Specialist. Anne Janeway is Development Director, a position restored to our structure after nearly seven years. Learn more about our talented and fun colleagues [here](#).

### In Corinth, More of Meadow Brook Conserved



Several years ago, a grant awarded to the Orange County Headwaters Project set in motion a series of conservation transactions that ultimately have protected over 700 acres of land and more than 3 miles of headwater brooks. Mostly recently, the final portion of the grant was used to conserve a 79-acre parcel that extends the corridor of conserved land from Chelsea Road to Hurricane Ridge. [Read more here](#).

### Garvin Hill Sugarbush Awarded Grant

UVLT has won grant funding through a new program of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board that aims to protect important sugarbushes. The 96-acre Garvin Hill sugarbush, in Hartland has been in the Richardson family since 1942. It is an important supporting parcel to the Richardson Family Farm. Consisting of a mix of woodland and pasture, the parcel serves important dual farm purposes as both a managed sugarbush and as pasture for 20 or so yearling heifers who pasture there all summer. The farm's sugaring business yields more than 4,000 gallons in good years. The Richardsons utilize more than 8,000 taps (both rented and owned) of which more than 2,850 of this total (36%) are on the Garvin Hill property. Syrup is sold in bulk to larger institutions and wholesale to retail stores, as well as to retail buyers at the farm. In addition to its farming importance, Garvin Hill is the highest point in Hartland at 1,812 feet, and a USGS "benchmark" indicates where an observation tower once stood. The summit, which is kept open for pasture, is visible from miles around. UVLT raised more than \$100,000 from local sources to match the VHC grant. We expect to complete the conservation transaction early in 2015.



### West Windsor Votes for Ascutney Mountain

Hundreds of West Windsor voters turned out to answer the question: Should the Town purchase the forest and trails of Ascutney Mountain

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renew before year-end.  
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and financial goals for  
2014. Thanks everyone!

### Upcoming Events:

**The Great Pine**  
Cornish, NH  
Saturday, Nov. 8, 9-2

**Conservation and  
Perpetuity:**  
Vermont Law School  
Monday, Nov. 17 @ 3:30

**Montpelier**  
Tuesday, Nov. 18 @ 11

Details for these and  
more on our [calendar](#).

Resort? Their answer was overwhelmingly "Yes!" The Trust for Public Land (TPL) has been advising and assisting the Town in negotiations to acquire the property, and seeking state and federal grants to cover most



of the costs. If they are successful, the Town will conserve this property and the adjoining Town Forest -- over 1,800 acres in all! With the strong backing of the Town, TPL is now working to secure site control. Then, likely this winter and into the spring, UVLT could be helping to create the conservation easement that will

protect forest, wildlife habitat, and recreational resources.

### Conservation and Perpetuity: Vermont Law School Hosts Timely Discussions

Last winter, questions about conservation easement permanence made the news when legislators in Vermont took up a bill about amending easements. After much debate, the legislation was set aside in favor of more community dialogue about conservation easement gifts and the rules that guide and constrain charitable organizations. Now the Vermont Law School hosts Karin Gross, Supervisory Attorney with the IRS Office of Chief Counsel, to discuss "Conservation Easements and the IRS: What does 'In Perpetuity' Mean?" Sessions are offered Monday, November 17 at 3:30pm at Chase Community Center at the Vermont Law School in South Royalton and Tuesday, November 18th at 11am at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier. For more information contact [Janet Milne](#), Professor of Law and Director, Environmental Tax Policy Institute, Vermont Law School.

### Want to Explore Some More? Check Out the Expanded Public Access Listings at UVLT.org

We've begun making improvements to our public access web page. We've more than doubled the number of places you can learn about and visit!

Ensuring permanent access to places for people to learn and play is at the core of our mission. [Click here](#)

### Hunting Season is Here!

By Douglas Brown, Stewardship Assistant



It's that time of the year again when folks from across the Upper Valley and away enter the woods and wetlands with the hope of bagging game. In both Vermont and New Hampshire, the season which draws most of us out of cozy homes in the early hours of frosty mornings is deer season. Deer hunting has long been a tradition in the Upper Valley, with parents sharing the rites of fall and the rules of the hunt with children for generations.

As time has passed, fewer people are hunting in the Upper Valley and the number of deer has increased to record highs. Without the pressure of hunters and predators, deer browse is now becoming a problem in our neighborhoods and forests. Heavily browsed forests have reduced biodiversity, increased populations of invasive plants, and increased the numbers of Lyme disease carrying ticks. The Hanover Biodiversity Committee has a great site on Deer Management and Forest Health, you can visit it [here](#):

The Upper Valley Land Trust allows hunting on the properties we own in New Hampshire and Vermont. On privately owned conserved land it is up to each landowner whether they will allow hunting or not. Remember; always ask for permission to hunt on private land!

If you're not a hunter that doesn't mean you need to stay inside during hunting season. Here are a few tips for safe hiking during hunting season:

- Wear blaze orange! The best way to stay safe is to stay visible.
- Keep your pet on a leash. Your dog is safest when it's with you. You can also get an orange collar or vest for Fido, and a bell doesn't hurt either.
- Avoid hiking at dawn and dusk. Deer are most active around dawn and dusk, and that means most hunters are too.
- Stick to well known trails. Hunters will generally avoid hunting near trails.
- Be courteous to hunters and non-hunters alike. Remember that everyone enjoys the woods in different ways, be it walking, bird watching, on horseback, or hunting.

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For more information on hunting, visit the New Hampshire Fish and Game website at: <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/> or the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website at: <http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/>

### **Summer Folk Benefit Concert at Enfield Shaker Museum**

A warm thank you to the large crowd of UVLT supporters who assembled on Friday, August 22 to listen to the dynamic father/son duo of Ken and Brad Kolodner on dulcimer, fiddle, and banjo. The Kolodners' appearance was sponsored by a generous friend of the Enfield Shaker Museum and the Upper Valley Land Trust. We are pleased to have received \$1,287 as a result of this wonderful late summer event. Your participation made the evening a rousing success and great fun.

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