

# Conservation Solutions *for the Places You Love*

UPPER VALLEY LAND TRUST November 2015

## Welcome Megan Chapman!



Megan Chapman has returned to the Upper Valley to join our conservation department as Project Manager. In 2010, Megan filled in as our interim programs assistant, helping with the planning and execution of UVLT's 25th anniversary celebration, as well as other events and some Accreditation pre-application activities before leaving for graduate

school in Ohio, where she focused her studies on land trusts. Megan returned to UVLT as a volunteer monitor during the summer of 2011. Since graduate school, she has been managing transactions for a land trust in western Ohio. She grew up in Plainfield and is very excited to return home to the Upper Valley.

## Wood Farm Conserved in Weathersfield



Willis and Tina Wood have been involved with land conservation in Weathersfield over many years, first helping neighbors come together to preserve landscapes around the Meetinghouse and historic Dan Foster House in the 1990's. They've supported the conservation of land on the slopes of Mount Ascutney. Now they've conserved the 150 acres where they manage a thriving diversified farm and cider mill. The Wood Farm has supported eight generations of Woods, and they've supported it.

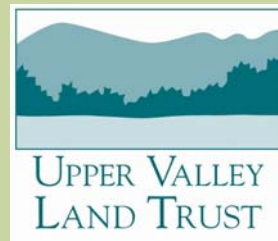
Conserving the farm assures that it will remain intact for generations to come. Read more [here](#).

## A Walk in the Woods in Norwich



A boring from a large ash shows consistently spaced rings over many years, which could indicate that the tree grew in a former pasture.

A hearty group braved blustery October winds to examine the forest at Norwich Farms, imagine its past and discuss its future. Windsor County Forester, Jon Bouton spoke in the classroom about sites and soils and stand composition and explained some of the different approaches that managing foresters might take. Then we bundled up and spent several hours in the woods. What we saw and learned: the even-aged forest is evidence of the property's past agricultural use; most of the white pine regeneration is heavily damaged by weevils, as is common in much of Norwich; heavy deer browse in the hardwood forest favors the regeneration of beech at the expense of maple, ash and birch; past



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**Upcoming  
Events**

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**Balloch's Crossing Hike**  
Saturday, November 7

**UVLT Open House and  
Thank-you Party**  
Wednesday, November 18

**Conservation Quantified:  
Reception and Discussion  
with author Joe  
Whitworth**  
Thursday, November 19

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thinning of the pines resulted in a thriving crop of invasive buckthorn. What will we do? Stay tuned and plan to participate as we continue to learn and plan for the stewardship of our 350-acre conservation area.

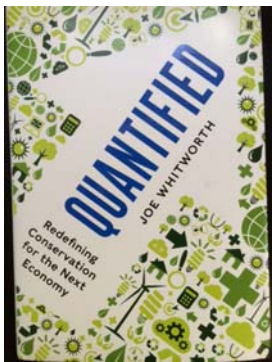
## Orford Turns Out for Quinttown History and Preservation



Over 100 people came out for a joint program of the Orford Historical Society and the Orford Conservation Commission which featured the history of Quinttown and showcased Mason Pond and the lands of Billy Brown, the last resident of the area, who farmed there until the late 1960's. Today it consists of farm fields nestled among forested hills and frontage on undeveloped Mason Pond and its outlet stream flowing into Jacob's Brook. The Orford

Conservation Commission is working with UVLT to conserve these lands and last month launched a campaign to raise \$20,000 locally to support the effort. Learn more [here](#).

## Conservation Quantified



Moonlighting from a job at Dartmouth's Alumni Office in the 1990's, Joe Whitworth prepared a report for UVLT that analyzed the feasibility of a campaign to conserve 112 acres at Mink Brook. Then he headed off to graduate school, going on to become a successful non-profit CEO and author. Meanwhile, in 1998, his feasibility study served as the backbone for the fundraising effort that ultimately created the Mink Brook Nature Preserve. Join us for a reception at the offices of Lyme Timber Company when Joe, now the president of The

Freshwater Trust, returns to Hanover, on November 19 to discuss his new book *Quantified*, which assesses conservation strategies and charts a new paradigm for the next economy. Learn more [here](#).

## Inspiring Kids at Plainfield Elementary



Doug Brown spoke with Plainfield fifth graders about conserved land near their school and the importance of protecting nature. The non-profit group, Inspiring Kids, brought representatives of four Upper Valley organizations -- Good Neighbor Health Clinic, Upper Valley Humane Society, Upper Valley Land Trust and Upper Valley Haven -- to describe what they do and

the passion that draws them to their work.

The Upper Valley Land Trust helps people conserve land in 45 New Hampshire and Vermont towns. We invite you to learn about our work, explore some of the special places we have conserved, and join the volunteers and supporters who make our work possible.

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**Masthead photo:** Willis and Tina Wood produce anywhere from 6 to 32 tons of cider jelly and boiled cider and from 10,000 to 52,000 gallons of cider annually depending on the quality of the apples in a given year, using the farm's cider press from 1882.

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