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UPPER VALLEY LAND TRUST

May 2017

UVLT and Co-Op Food Stores bring "Forgotten Farms" to WRJ, May 17



Vermont has lost more than 2500 dairy farms over the past 30 years. New Hampshire has less than 125 farms shipping milk. Yet commodity dairy remains the backbone of the farm economy and dominates agricultural land use. Filmmakers Dave Simonds and Sarah Gardner feature several New England dairy farms as a means for examining risks and divides in our farm and food communities and celebrating vital, but sometimes overlooked, local dairy farms. [Read more and buy your tickets.](#)

Seeking Volunteers for Science in the Forest

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Many Upper Valley residents are familiar with the impacts of white-tail deer on their gardens and ornamental shrubs. But deer can have a serious and long-lasting effect on forest health as well. Deer eating herbaceous plants in the understory may stymie regeneration, encourage invasive species and ultimately can change the composition of the forest. UVLT has recruited Jon Bouton, retired Windsor County forester, to lead a study that will, over time, provide good data on the intensity of deer browse. Our first 1/2 day of data

collection is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. Interested in volunteering? Contact John.Roe(at)uvlt.org.

NH Farm Bureau establishes Veterans in Agriculture Committee; Piermont farmer Glen Putnam leads



Glen Putnam is the owner/operator of Winsome Farm Organics, producing organic raw milk, organic meats, eggs, rabbits and other farm products. "Growing up I was surrounded by both farmers and veterans,"

Putnam says, "I couldn't decide which one I wanted to be, so I did both. Now to be working with Farm Bureau to bring the two together is both an honor and a privilege." Glen is also President of Grafton County Farm Bureau and currently serves in the United States Navy Reserve. We worked with Glen's parents, Jim and Ellen, to conserve Winsome Farm in 2003 and have featured Winsome beef at UVLT events. Congratulations and thank you, Glen!

Inspired Kids Make Gift in Bradford



Fifth grade students at Bradford Elementary School have contributed \$500 to UVLT. The students had been researching local non profits and learning about philanthropy through InspiringKids, a youth leadership and community building group that seeks to show how everyone can use their time, talent and treasure to help others in their community. UVLT's Doug Brown was on hand to accept the check at a school assembly and asked the

students how many of them were familiar with the conserved land and trails at Wrights Mountain. Nearly every hand shot up. Thank you kids -- and see you on the trails!

Funding approved for NH farm projects



Two New Hampshire farms, Beaver Pond Farm in Newport and Rocky Hill Farm Meadows in Haverhill, have been preliminarily approved for funding by the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

(ACEP) for Agricultural Land Easements (ALE). UVLT will receive a grant for up to 50% of the purchase price for each easement from NRCS for a total of approximately \$181,000. The remainder of the project costs will need to be raised from other grants, foundation funding and/or local fundraising.

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UVLT Conservation Celebration and Annual Meeting

**JUNE 8, 2017
LYME HILL
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Upcoming Events

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Hubbard Island Campsite Building

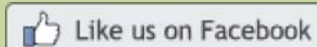
Tuesday, May 16 (rain date May 17)

Forgotten Farms film, Briggs Opera House, WRJ, VT

Wednesday, May 17, 7pm

Paddle the Border

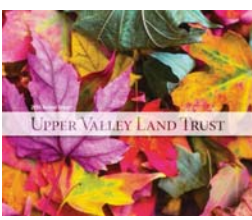
Sunday, May 21



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Masthead photo: UVLT

Land Steward Alison Marchione spotted her first blue bird of the spring at the UVLT conserved Cole (Muriel) property in Canaan, NH on April 24th.



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. Our 2016 Annual Report is online [here](#).

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