



UPPER VALLEY LAND TRUST

March 2017

The Barrett Place Conserved in Plainfield



Julie Murray has donated a conservation easement protecting 78 acres in Plainfield that has been in her family for almost 70 years. Most of the land is "Hemlock-Hardwood-Pine Forest." Seven acres of agricultural land is farmed by McNamara Dairy in support of their glass-bottled milk operation. The Plainfield Conservation Commission supported the project. [Read more here.](#)

A Mosaic Complete in Corinth

The conservation of a 14-acre parcel marks the completion of a conservation mosaic initiated by Edmund and Elizabeth Speer more than two decades ago. Over the years, more than 50 acres of forest, wetland and pasture once owned by the Speers have been

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conserved -- this final piece through a three-way partnership with the Connecticut River Watershed Council and new owners Richard and Anne Rosten. [Read more here.](#)

UVLT Collaboration Awarded



UVLT has been selected as this year's recipient of the Presidents' Community Partner Award. This award, granted through Campus Compact for New Hampshire, recognizes a community organization who has enhanced the quality of life in the community in a meaningful and measurable way, while also engaging in sustained and reciprocal partnerships with Dartmouth. Ashley Doolittle, Dartmouth's Associate Director of Academic and Service Engagement said, "UVLT was chosen for its work with Terry Osborne's ecopsychology and creative writing classes, the Social Impact Practicum initiative, serving on the panel of Breaking the Mold last year, and in the countless other ways that UVLT demonstrates equal dedication to mission as to the co-creation of learning opportunities for students."

Volunteer Training "Up On the Hill"

Would you like to learn how to help UVLT steward its conserved lands? On April 22, our stewardship staff will offer a training workshop for new volunteers. The program will begin with a brief indoor session at the Claremont Community Center, then move to our newest conservation area, 1100 acres Up On the Hill, to practice field skills. Learn more and register [here](#).



Conservation Lands on Screen



Two new UVLT videos showcase conserved land: A [45-minute oral history](#) filmed by videographer and volunteer Colleen Goodhue documents the history of Mountain View Farm in Quinttown, a historic village of Orford, as recalled by David Bischoff, who conserved the land with his brother John last spring. Short and sweet is a [spontaneous interview vignette](#) from our Lyme Hill Conservation Area filmed by Dartmouth students Adam Zaun, Ves Nanov, Charlotte Kuller and

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Sunday, April 9 11am-
3pm
Hartford High School



Upcoming Events

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Spring Migrant Birding along CT River

Saturday, April 15,
6:30-9 am

Training Session for New Volunteers

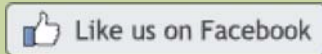
Saturday, April 22,
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Hubbard Island Campsite Building

Tuesday, May 16 (rain date May 17)

Paddle the Border

Sunday, May 21



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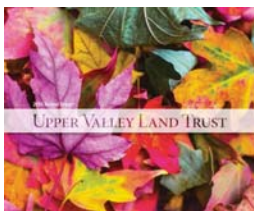
Masthead photo: Forested wetland on the former Speer property in Corinth, conserved this month. Story left.

Ethan Smith. You can find these and other films featuring our conserved lands on our [youtube channel](#).

John Taylor Will Find New Trails - And Leaves Us With Great Ones



When John Taylor joined UVLT 17 years ago, to become our first Trails and Recreation Coordinator, we had numerous trail possibilities, but little built on the ground, and no formalized program of trail development or trail-based public programming. When John left to join the Upper Valley Trails Alliance six years later, he had created a strong structure at UVLT. Today we support and promote 50 trails and conservation areas, ten paddlers campsites and several cartop boat launches. All of us who have been John's colleagues in creating outdoor opportunities will miss him greatly. The Bay Area is gaining a great guy with his feet on the ground and a smile as big as the outdoors.



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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