



Upper Valley Land Trust - September 2018

Masthead Photo: Smith Pond Loon Paddle on August 30th. Photo by Jim Bouchard.

Chestnut Challenge

You just don't see American Chestnut trees anymore. The once common tree is now all but completely absent from our eastern forests. For centuries they were an essential part of the forest ecosystem and the economy. We have found a few trees on our Smith Pond Shaker Forest property and suspect there are more.

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Tuck Builds Community and New Trails

For the second year in a row UVLT has been selected as one of the four community non-profits to work with the Tuck School of Business as a part of their "Tuck Builds" program. Tuck builds is a program that pairs incoming Tuck School of Business students with a local non-profit for four days of service. The program allows students "the rewarding opportunity to help the local community, meet new people, and informally learn how business knowledge intersects with social and environmental needs."

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Tuck Students at the beginning of Half Mile Trail at Smith Pond Shaker Forest

Logging at Up on the Hill

Things are happening at Up on the Hill! UVLT's newest conservation area will be experiencing a period of forest management and logging for the next 6-8 weeks. Logging began September 4th in the central section of the 1100 acre property. Trails in this area of the property are closed to use until the logging is complete. Read on to learn about all of UVLT's management at Up on the Hill

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Photo of the sign on the barn at Up on the Hill. Taken by Land Steward Doug Brown.

Ferris Farm - Conserved!

In September Herb and Laurie Ferris signed a donated conservation easement on their 150 acre farm on Hewitt and Brook Roads in Windsor. This project protects more than a mile of Mill Brook frontage, with extra buffer protection to limit future activities near the bank of the brook. In addition, other brooks, wetlands, farmland, and a mile of scenic road frontage with views to Mount Ascutney has been protected. Thirty-seven acres of prime agricultural soils have been protected, much of it tillable, keeping it available for growing local crops and food in the future.

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Vice President of Conservation Peg Merrens with Herb and Laurie Ferris at their closing. Closing Photo by Project Manager Megan Chapman.

Upcoming Events



Wild About Lebanon - Fall Hike at Farnum Hill

Join UVLT and the City of Lebanon to hike Farnum Hill on **September 28th at 10am**. Meet at the Farnum Preserve Parking Area. This hike is 2.5 mi and moderate to strenuous.



Fall Hike at Smith Pond



The World is Our Classroom: An Evening with Author Cindy Ross

UVLT and several other environmental organizations are hosting author Cindy Ross on October 3rd from 7-8pm at the HOP. The event is free but please [RSVP](#).



Garvin Hill Hike



A Thorny Problem: Invasive Plants 101

Workshop by UNH Extension, NHTOA, UVLT and Baystate Forestry. Join us at Up on the Hill to learn everything you ever wanted to know about invasives for **FREE** on **October 6th** from **9am - 12pm**



Open House & Volunteer

with the Shaker Museum
See beautiful foliage, learn about shaker history, and get in your exercise with a 5 mile hike! Meet at the Shaker Museum at **10am on Saturday October 6th** for this 5mi moderately strenuous hike of the loop trail at Smith Pond Shaker Forest.

Join us for a special hike up Garvin Hill in Hartland. The Richardson Family invites you to walk the hill and enjoy the view of the farm and the last vestiges of fall foliage with them. **October 22nd, 5pm.** 1100 Garvin Hill Road. Please call to register, space limited **(603) 643-6626**

Gathering
It's the time of year when we invite you to stop by our office, have some apple cider and chili, chat with us about what we are working on and see the last year in recap. Join us on October 24th at **5pm** at our offices on **Buck Road.**

[For Details on all our Upcoming Events Click Here](#)

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