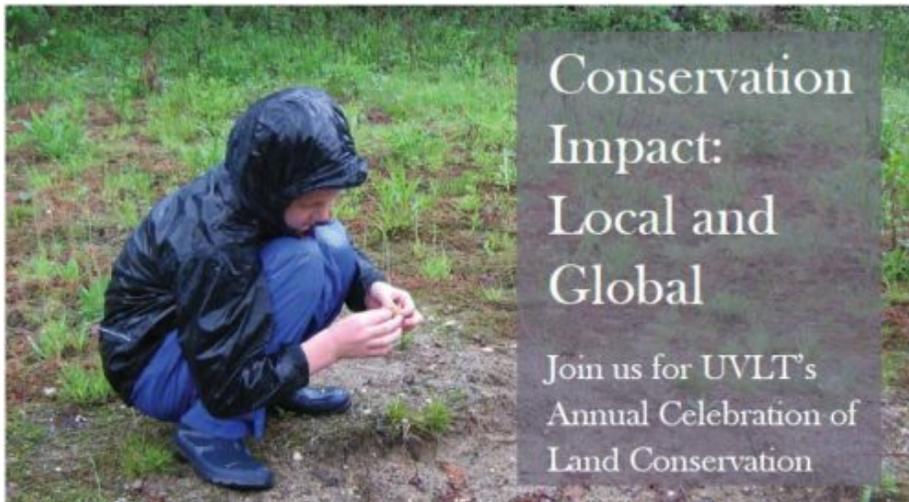


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Upper Valley Land Trust - June 2019

Masthead Photo: Columbines, taken at Sleepers Meadow in Newbury, VT by Land Steward Mallory Okuly.



Conservation
Impact:
Local and
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Join us for UVLT's
Annual Celebration of
Land Conservation

Annual Celebration

This year we celebrate in the heart of the Upper Valley's biggest city- Lebanon, NH- where wildflowers, vernal pools, and birdsong are outside waiting to be found, and where UVLT has hosted "Wild About Lebanon" programs throughout the past year.

Please join us on June 12th for an evening of food, drinks, and a presentation by avian ecologist Len Reitsma about his long-running research at the Bear Pond Natural Area, conserved by UVLT and the Mascoma Watershed conservation council in 2002.

Dinner tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 for children under 12. More information about purchasing tickets and the pre-dinner field trips is available on our website.

[Visit our website](#)

Brookmead Trail Opening Success!

On May 18th UVLT celebrated the opening of the trail at Brookmead Conservation Area in Norwich. The afternoon of fun activities began at 4pm, when participants could choose a fun run, mountain biking, or a walk on a brand new trail. At 5pm we met at the cabin for music by Cody Williams of the band Still Hill and burgers and dogs grilled by the Norwich Lions Club. Folks could walk through the cabin, and enter a raffle for two tickets to SIPtember Fest.

UVLT accepted donations to the Brookmead Stewardship Fund throughout the day. Over \$1,000 was raised to maintain the trails on the property for various types of recreation and to begin work restoring the cabin so it can be used by UVLT for programming and as a community resource.

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Brookmead
CONSERVATION AREA

Thank you to all the generous sponsors of this event: White Mountain Capital, Co-op Food Stores, Summit Wealth Group, Mascoma Bank, King Arthur Flour, Dan & Whit's, DesMeules, Olmstead & Ostler, Lang McLaughry Commercial and Pierce's Inn

Girl Scouts at Lyme Hill

On May 4th this year UVLT was happy to host Girl Scout Troop 30175 at our Lyme Hill Conservation Area for Green Up Day. Throughout the day they accomplished a lot! The troop learned from UVLT's Lyme Hill Trail Adopter Tara McGovern how to read trail maps, including distance and elevation changes, as well as the principles of "Leave No Trace". She also covered how to choose the correct tool for the job, and how to use and care for them.

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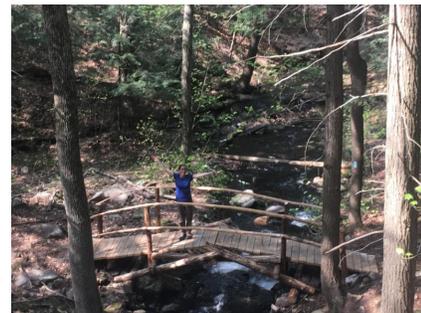


Girl Scout Troop 30175 at Lyme Hill

Welcome Mallory!

Mallory grew up in southern New Hampshire and attended Bucknell University in Pennsylvania where she completed a B.S. in Animal Behavior with a minor in Environmental Studies. She went on to explore parts of the east coast and the Pacific Northwest while working as a wildlife technician studying bats, frogs, birds, and other critters. She has lived in Alaska for eight years and began her land trust journey working for Kachemak Heritage Land Trust on the Kenai Peninsula last summer.

Mallory enjoys hiking, camping, skiing, running, and all-around outdoor adventuring with her dog and husband as well as backpacking abroad whenever possible! She is very excited to be back in New England and enjoy all that the Upper Valley has to offer! Fun fact: Mallory also does agility with her dog and hopes to enter a trial in the near future!



Land Steward Mallory Okuly at Smith Pond Shaker Forest

Calling All Volunteers!



Do you love to garden? Want to garden for a good cause?

UVLT is starting a food pantry garden at Brookmead Conservation Area on Turnpike Road in Norwich! We need a handful of dedicated volunteers to help make this dream a reality. We expect to hold work days weekly through the summer and fall (days & time TBD). All food will be donated to Willing Hands to feed our neighbors in need.

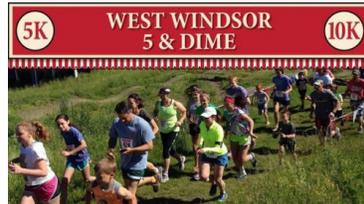
If you're interested in volunteering at our food pantry garden please contact Programs Director Alison Marchione at alison.marchione@uvlt.org.

Upcoming Events



Annual Celebration

Join UVLT to celebrate another year of conservation on **June 12th!** Join us on short walks at **4pm** (vernal pool at Ticknor Woodlands) or **5pm** (rail trail naturalist), 5pm will also start our social hour at **AVA Gallery**. 6pm food will be served and 7pm the program begins with a recap of the last year of UVLT's work, awards, and a presentation from Len Reitsma on his research at the Bear Pond Natural Area.



West Windsor 5 & Dime

On **Saturday June 15th at 8am** Join UVLT as we sponsor this trail run through the West Windsor Town Forest. There is a 5k and a 10k option. Proceeds go to benefit youth programs at Ascutney Outdoors. **Registration opens at 7:45 at the Ascutney Outdoor Center**. Race starts at **9am**.

Want to volunteer with UVLT for this event? Email Alison at alison.marchione@uvlt.org



Lunch & Learn: Forest Structure and Wildlife Habitat

Our second topic in the Lunch & Learn Series! Join us **June 18th 12-1pm** at the **Enfield Community Building (downstairs)** for a lecture and **9:30- 11:30am on June 19th at Smith Pond Road** for the field trip! We are going to learn all about how the forest structure impacts the types of wildlife that inhabit it. Particular emphasis on birds.



Boots & Brews

The first installment in a summer long series of hikes and happy hours!

Join UVLT staff for a Friday evening hike **June 21st at 5:30pm** in the parking lot of the Lyme Hardware store. We will be joined by Mike Smith, owner of one of the conserved (private!) properties we will be visiting. This is a special opportunity for those outside the Lyme community to hike these trails that are normally by permission only.

After the hike we head to local watering hole Latham Tavern for drinks! Come on out and meet your fellow nature and beer lovers!



Mountain View Farm Historic Barn Tour

Join UVLT and guest speaker John Porter from the NH Barn Committee for a special tour of the two historical structures on the **Mountain View Farm** property. On **June 29th at 10:30am** we will meet at the end of **Mousley Brook Road in Orford** to learn about the importance of historic barns and why they should be preserved, the history of these specific structures, and what UVLT plans to do to preserve and restore them into the future.

Following the tour, providing there is good weather, we will walk to the pond and have a picnic lunch (BYO lunch please!)

For Details on Everything Going on at UVLT Click Here



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UVLT has a brand new instagram account! Follow us to see exciting pictures from the field, beautiful vistas, and happy faces of people who join us for events: [the upper valley land trust](#)

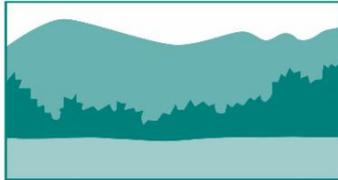
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