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Upper Valley Land Trust - 2019 Year End

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“Hundreds of people make annual contributions and these people are the real heroes of conservation. Because of them, UVLT is ready to help landowners and able to work with communities to look forward strategically. It’s annual gifts that make this possible.”

- Jeanie McIntyre, UVLT President

Each year hundreds of Upper Valley households make land conservation in our region a reality. Every donating family or business is part of the opportunity for land conservation, helping people like the Risleys, Robert Parker, and Ben and Becky Nelson protect the land they love. Please join with us now — 50 more gifts received this calendar year will set the course for conservation impacts that last forever. This is your last chance to make a difference in 2019. Make your donation today.

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Our 2019 Solstice Hike was at Lyme Pinnacle, a community-funded conservation project supported by more than 100 households.

Tunis District Conservation Area Complete

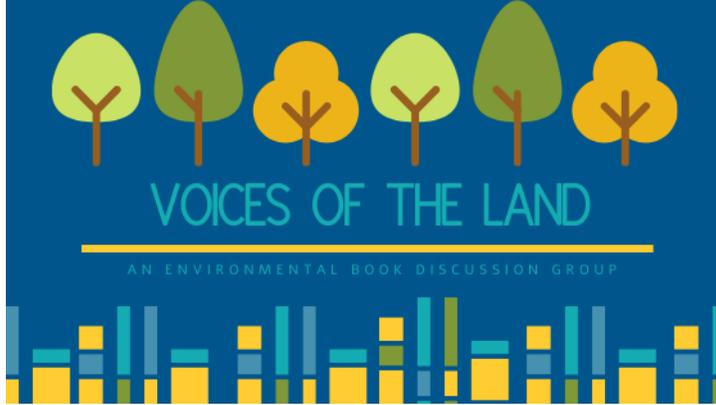
If you’ve ever enjoyed a sunset across Goose Pond or a boat ride on its waters, then chances are you’ve taken in the beauty of the unfragmented hillside that lies between the pond and Moose Mountain. Similarly, if you’ve hiked to the south peak on Moose Mountain, you’ve enjoyed the views in the opposite direction over a vast and wild forested area, abundant with streams and wetlands, where moose and bear are free to roam. This land and these views are the Tunis District Conservation Area.



Tunis District Conservation Area

[Read More About the Tunis Project](#)

January 15th:
"Water Connections"
by Jim Rousmaniere.



Twenty five years ago, UVLT offered a program called Voices of the Land – a series of talks during the winter months done by local authors about their writing. Each author’s writing had a connection to the land. This year we are revitalizing the program! With a mix of local and non-local authors, UVLT has created a reading series for today. The series includes local authors whose books describe subjects from water corridors and forest ecology, to a deep sense of place and respect for history. Instead of being hyper-local as it was in the past, this series branches out to discuss the more global topics of climate change, deforestation, and each person's intrinsic tie to our environment.

Each discussion group will be held at 3pm at the UVLT offices at 19 Buck Road Hanover, NH. To sign up for the series please e mail alison.marchione@uvlt.org.

(Author-led discussion)

January 23rd:

Special Presentation by Early American Literature Professor Abby Goode, "Sustainability: An American Literary History"

February 12th:

"The Overstory"
by Richard Powers

March 11th:

"Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore"
by Elizabeth Rush

April 8th:

Excerpts from "Reading the Forest Landscape"
by Tom Wessels and
"Tales from the Edge of the Woods" by Willem Lange

[Read More About This Series Here](#)

Risley Farmhouse: Continuing a Legacy of Land Conservation

“Don’t you think the animals just know. Just know that it’s protected forever?” - Alex Risley Schroeder

The Risley Farmhouse property has been in the Risley Family since 1970, and before that it was owned by the Mascoma Lumber Company. Today the property consists of regenerating forests that provide crucial habitat and a wildlife corridor to other protected lands, including to the UVLT-owned 900-acre Bear Pond Natural Area to the north. The Risley Farmhouse Property has been listed as “highest ranked habitat in New Hampshire” and is listed as supporting landscape in the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan. The corridor that the easement permanently protects is home to myriad wildlife species – from bears to skunks, butterflies to owls.



John Risley and Alex Risley Schroeder after signing their conservation easement.

[Read More About Risley Farmhouse](#)

Protected in North Pomfret

High in the hills of North Pomfret, VT it seems like all you can see for miles around you are the fields, forests, hills, and valleys that make up the rural backdrop of the Vermont landscape. Much of this land has been protected by conscientious land owners who wish to make sure that the character of their town is preserved forever and that habitat and biological diversity are protected. Two of those land owners have conserved yet another piece of land, closing a gap between their two properties and further ensuring that the scenic and habitat values of this area will be protected forever.



Chris and Jocelyn Randles, one of the two couples who protected land in Pomfret this December.

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Upcoming Events



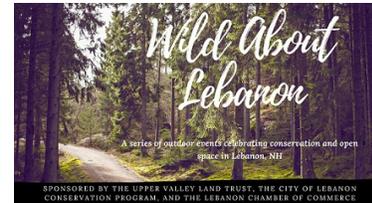
Moonlight Snowshoe at Mountain View Farm

Join us for a snowshoe during the full moon! Meet at **Orford Town Hall Heritage Center** at **5pm** on **January 10th** to car pool to Mountain View Farm Conservation Area on Mousley Brook Road. Bring headlamps or flashlights and your own snowshoes.



Lunch & Learn: Mysterious Artifact in Smith Pond

Meet at the **Enfield Community Building (downstairs room)** to hear Dan Pontbriand, Retired Chief Ranger of the National Park Service, discuss what we've found at the bottom of Smith Pond! **January 16th 12-1pm**, bring your own lunch! Lunch & Learn is a four part lecture series that takes place the third Thursday of the month from January to April at the Enfield Community Building.



Wild About Lebanon: Ski or Snowshoe at Balestra Farm

For the third year in a row we are excited to offer an open ski or snowshoe day at Balestra Farm as part of Wild About Lebanon! Join us at the farm on **January 18th** at **14 Stevens Road** from **12 to 3pm** for groomed xc ski trails (weather permitting), beautiful views, and hot chocolate!

[For Details on Everything Going on at UVLT Click Here](#)



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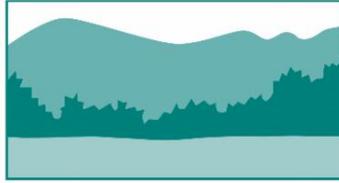
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and forests, rivers and trails, community landmarks and recreational areas.

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