



Conservation Solutions *for the Places You Love*

Upper Valley Land Trust - December 2020

Masthead Photo: Snow on pines. Photo by Programs Director Alison Marchione



Sugar maples in the sugarbush at Old Town Farm.

Old Town Farm Conserved in Pomfret

High in the hills of Pomfret, Vermont, just off Wild Apple Road, are 112 acres of undeveloped land with an important role in the town's history. This land was the "Town Farm," also referred to as the "Poor Farm" and several cellar holes and a small field remain as evidence that it was once here. After a fire in 1928, the Town Farm was moved to another site; hence this property became the "Old Town Farm."

[Read More Here](#)

Tips for Year End Giving

If you've been thinking about gift giving this season, here's some news to help! A temporary change in the tax laws means you can claim a deduction for up to \$300 in 2020, even if you take a standard deduction rather than itemize. Eligibility is limited to cash donations made to qualified non-profits, like UVLT. This special change to tax laws is only for 2020.

Donating stock is another tax-wise way of giving this year end. Though gifts of stock are not eligible for the special 2020 tax treatment described above, giving shares of stock allows you to claim the full appreciated value and avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation. Many donors are finding that stock gifts are more attractive than cash for that reason. We have updated our website with a new giving platform,

so you can easily donate stock right from our website.

It's not too late for you to make a difference for land conservation in 2020! If you haven't contributed, please consider making a gift of cash or stock today.

[Make a Cash Gift Online Today](#)

[Make a Stock Gift Today](#)

Thank You Volunteers!



Volunteers from Bio X Cell during a work day at Lyme Hill Conservation Area this summer.

UVLT volunteers contributed over 1,500 hours to conservation and stewardship in the Upper Valley! More than 200 individuals over the course of the last twelve months put in a lot of time and effort to provide local produce to those in need, maintain and improve our conservation areas for public use, and monitor our over 500 easements. We couldn't have done it without their help! The impact that our volunteers had this year goes way beyond the over 1,500 volunteer hours they worked; our volunteers have fed families, improved important outdoor spaces, and promoted conservation in the Upper Valley.

[Watch the Volunteer Thank You Video Here](#)

Still Looking for Holiday Gifts?

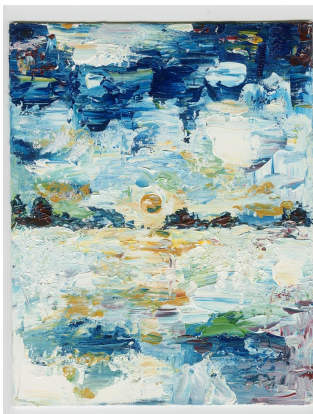
We have you covered! UVLT is selling packs of cards that have images of the paintings that 14 year old Rhys Roundtree made this summer of two of our conservation areas! There are two options to choose from, a pack of cards is \$10:

The Pinnacle Pack: Pack of 8 cards with 4 different paintings of Lyme Pinnacle

The Mountain View Barn: Pack of 6 cards with the Mountain View Barn Painting

We are also selling custom **Friend of UVLT** buffs for \$15 each!

To purchase either the cards or the buffs please contact our office at (603) 643-6626 between 8:30am-4:30pm or send an email to contactus@uvlt.org to place an order for contactless pickup and payment!



One of the Four Pinnacle Cards



The Mountain View Barn Cards



The Friend of UVLT Buffs

Upcoming Events



Our environmental book club is back - this time virtually! We will be reading four environmentally themed books over four months and meeting once a month on the second Wednesday of the month to discuss the books via zoom.

First Book: A Hundred Little Pieces on the End of the World by John Rember

First Meeting: Wednesday January 21st at 6pm on Zoom!

[To sign up for this event click here.](#) Questions? Email Alison at alison.marchione@uvlt.org

Lunch & Learn is back!



The Lunch and Learn series is back this winter with a group of virtual workshops and lectures for you to enjoy. This year we will cover the topics of rare plants on conserved land, forestry topics, geology and sediment coring at Smith Pond, and how to use iNaturalist to learn more about the world around you.

Starting in January and held every third Thursday at lunch time (12-1) over zoom. More information and sign ups will be available on the website in early January. We hope you will join us!



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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: [uppervalleylandtrust](https://www.instagram.com/uppervalleylandtrust)

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the Upper Valley.

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Make your commitment today to our region's wild places, its

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

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