

# Conservation Solutions *for the Places You Love*



## Upper Valley Land Trust - February 2021

Masthead Photo: Smarts Mountain from Trout Pond in Lyme, NH. Photo by Land Steward Kaytee Currie-Huggard



View from the Gile Mountain Firetower

## Protecting the Woody Adams Conservation Forest and the Norwich Town Forest on Gile Ridge

Between the Norwich Town Forest and the Gile Mountain Fire Tower is 186 acres of high elevation forest that harbors important wildlife habitat, flood resilience potential, and climate change mitigation features. The Blue Ribbon Trail from Beaver Meadow Road to the fire tower runs through this property. This land was listed for sale in 2019, raising concern that the forest could become fragmented and the trail experience could be degraded.

UVLT and the town of Norwich moved to secure the property to make sure that the fragmentation and potential degradation would not occur. The land has been removed from the real estate market for a limited time to allow UVLT and the Town to raise grants and private funds to buy and protect this important area of Norwich!

**Donate Now to Help Protect  
This Property**

**Read More About this Project**

## This is Not My Land I'm Just Borrowing It:

## Remembering Liz Russell



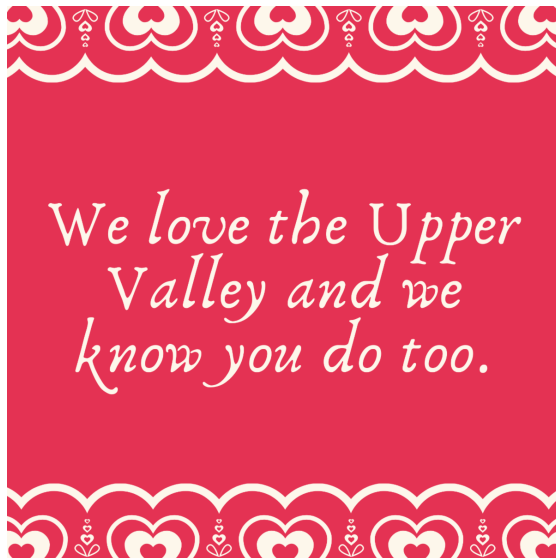
It is with heavy hearts that we share that our friend, mentor, donor, advocate, colleague, Liz Russell, died Sunday, January 31.

Liz was a UVLT Trustee and Lands Committee member, a mighty leader and cheerleader for many years. She nurtured UVLT's vision and mission with the same huge heart she brought to looking out for her neighbors and the land she loved. Quiet and strong, Liz's deep commitment to land conservation was, and is, profoundly inspiring. Her hands and her heart are in many conserved places, including Cossingham Farm, in Norwich, which she conserved in 2002. In 2015 she joined a small group of landowners to share their stories in our video below "Conservation Solutions for the Places You Love." We cherish her voice and celebrate her life.

[Watch the Video Here](#)

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## This Valentines Day Protect What You Love!



Valentine's Day is the time to express your love to the people and places near and dear to your heart. One easy way to show your love, and find peace of mind for the future, is to create an estate plan to make sure your loved ones and the places you love are always taken care of. You can give permanent voice to your land conservation values by naming UVLT as a beneficiary in your will or living trust. UVLT supporters who have made planned gifts have had an extraordinary impact on our work.

Whether you work with an estate planner or use our free will-writing resource to help you begin to plan or to complete this important task we thank you for thinking of us!

[Get started on your free will today!](#)

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## Brookmead Nordic at Night



This Saturday! Join UVLT and Norwich Vermont Recreation for a 'Nordic at Night' ski or snowshoe at Brookmead! From **5 to 7pm** on **Saturday (2/13)** evening our trails will be lit up for evening skiing or snowshoeing. This could be the romantic, outdoor, valentines day date you've been looking for!

Tickets are \$15 for Norwich residents and \$20 for other participants. All proceeds from the tickets will go toward maintaining the groomed trails at Brookmead this winter!

[Buy Your Ticket Today](#)

## Upcoming Events



Our environmental book club is back - this time virtually! We have two more books to read this winter! We meet to discuss the book once a month on the second Wednesday via zoom. [You can register for the next two meetings here.](#)

### Upcoming Book Discussions

**March 10th:** *A Year in the Maine Woods* by Bernd Heinrich

**April 14th:** *Entangled Life* by Merlin Sheldrake

[Click Here to Read About Our Book Selection & to Sign Up](#)

## Lunch & Learn: Introduction to Forestry Next Week



The Lunch and Learn series is back this winter with a group of virtual workshops and lectures for you to enjoy. Held every third Thursday through the winter months at 12pm. Bring your lunch and join us to learn about the world around us!

**February 18th:** An Introduction to Forestry with Ehrhard Frost

[Sign Up Here](#)

Join us for a pre-recorded tour through Frost Forest in Thetford, VT where forester Ehrhard Frost shares his expert knowledge of forestry with examples from his own land. The video will be followed by plenty of time for a Q&A so come with your questions ready!

## Wild About Lebanon





## Winter Recommendations

Our Winter Recreation Recommendations are here! From cross country skiing, to winter hiking, to ice skating we have lots of ways to get you outside and enjoying conservation land and the outdoors this winter!

Due to public health considerations we will not be leading in-person activities this winter. Instead, we invite you to try these activities at a time that works best for you.

[Visit our Wild About Lebanon Guide](#)



### Follow us on Instagram

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)

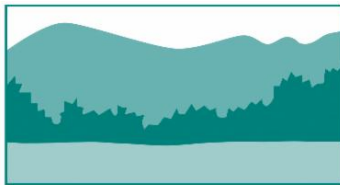
We know you love  
the Upper Valley.

We Do Too!

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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