

## Conservation Solutions *for the Places You Love*

### Upper Valley Land Trust - January 2021

Masthead Photo: The view looking west from the top of Lyme Hill. Photo by Alison Marchione

## Miner Grant Easement Grows to 300 Acres



Graham Colditz and Pat Cox are fascinated by the history of their land in Canaan. They live and work in St. Louis, Missouri, but since the 1980s they've spent summer and holiday periods at their South Road property in Canaan. A 124 acre portion of their property was tracked back to the original grant from King George in the 1760s. Since their conservation gift nine years ago, Graham and Pat have continued to seek to combine large tracts of land back together when opportunities have arisen. Recently, a parcel of land that is surrounded by their conserved land on three sides came up for sale. Graham and Pat decided to purchase the 54 acres and fill a gap in the northern portion of their protected land by adding the acreage to their conservation easement.

[Read More Here](#)

## Winter Trail Enthusiasts Organize to Groom at Brookmead!

Earlier this winter, UVLT was contacted by a Norwich resident who enjoys Nordic skiing and teaches youth skiers. Her question was: "Could the popular trails at UVLT's Brookmead Conservation Area be groomed for use by skiers?" In the ensuing weeks, UVLT has been



working with the Norwich Recreation Department, to figure out how to make that happen. We are currently working together to raise funds to keep the Brookmead parking lot plowed and to groom trails that will connect to the town owned parcel 5 property and create several loops through the field.

Help us reach our goal of \$5,000! Donations can be made online using the designation "Brookmead Stewardship Fund".

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## Lemax Barn Fundraising & Restoration Complete!



The Lemax Barns before restoration

In 2014, a group of Hartland residents came together to repair and restore the big yellow barns at the Lemax Farm and asked UVLT to serve as the fiscal sponsor for a local fundraising campaign. The partnership made sense, as years before UVLT had conserved the farm's hundreds of acres of river bottom farm land and forest. While the land was protected, the maintenance of the huge old farm buildings was tough. The historic buildings didn't fall under UVLT's preview for protection, but we were happy to assist the Friends of Lemax Farm community group by processing the contributions to restore the buildings.

[Read more about the project here and watch a video of the restored barns](#)

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## 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.



**February 10th:** *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

**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 is back!

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

**March 18th:** The Geology and Sediments of Smith Pond and What They Tell Us

**April 15th:** Using iNaturalist to Rediscover Lost Species



## 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)

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the Upper Valley.

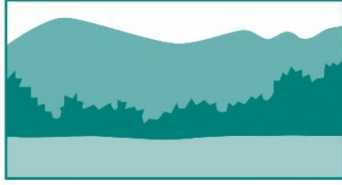
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