

# Mountain Views

Quarterly Newsletter of Stowe Land Trust

Winter 2010



Winter snowshoe at the Burnham Farm with (left to right) Peggy Smith, Charlie Berry, Billy Coster and David Jaqua.

## Get Out on the Trails This Winter!

**W**ith a history steeped in outdoor recreation, particularly winter recreational pursuits, it's no wonder there are so many opportunities right out your front door. The most difficult decision you have to make is - where do I want to go today? It has long been a priority of Stowe Land Trust (SLT) to protect lands that ensure public access to the spruce covered ridges, hidden ponds, and towering hardwood forests that offer unique experiences to its visitors.

Whether you decide to ski or snowshoe, there are enough places to discover that you will want to keep your mittens and coat near the woodstove ready for your next adventure.

The Catamount Trail, Vermont's longest cross-country ski trail, runs through several properties conserved by Stowe Land Trust. Pick up the trail at the popular SLT owned Wiessner Woods and follow it through to the groomed trails generously owned and maintained for public enjoyment by the Halvorsen family. If the sun is shining and you have packed a snack, continue on the Catamount Trail to the Sterling Forest and its vast network of trails. Be sure you make it to the top of Peak-a-View to relax on the swing and take in the magnificent view. Sterling Forest's trail system is not limited to cross-country skiing. Snowshoers will find Old Billings



Road, the Marston Trail, and many other trails offer great exercise as well as interest for wildlife trackers and other nature enthusiasts.

For one of the best views in town (and of town) park at the Upper Pinnacle parking lot and hike up to Pinnacle Meadow. From there, you have an unobstructed view of the line of peaks forming the

Green Mountains and farm fields blanketed in snow. The trail continues beyond the meadow eventually meeting up with the Stowe Pinnacle Trail, a popular hike during any season.

The 513-acre Adams Camp property, conserved by SLT in 2006, sits on the shoulder of Ranch Valley, a historic outdoor recreation area that supported the birthplace of skiing. From cross-country cruises through maple forests to heart pounding descents on some of the oldest trails in the country, the Adams Camp property is great for outdoor enthusiasts. Secluded from roads, houses and chairlifts, the property has a remote feel that brings you back to 1932

when the first skiers stayed at Ranch Camp.

Wherever you find yourself outside this winter, we hope the snow is knee deep and there is a smile on your face. Happy New Year!



*"The influence of fine scenery,  
the presence of mountains,  
appeases our irritations and  
elevates our friendships."*

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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conservation of scenic, recreational, and  
productive farm and forest lands for the  
benefit of the greater Stowe community.*

*All contributions to Stowe Land Trust are tax  
deductible. Please become a member today.*

## From the Executive Director and Board Chair

### Welcome 2010!

Winter is here – the holidays have come and gone, and now it's time to get outdoors and enjoy the incredible wintertime recreation opportunities we have in Stowe. Dozens of Stowe Land Trust owned and conserved properties have trails and public access for all kinds of winter pursuits from skiing and snowshoeing to wildlife tracking. Want to check them out with SLT? We will be hosting two winter outings this year – see page 5 for details.

We also welcome 2010 with a great deal of thanks to our membership for their generous support. Our 2010 membership year (Nov 1, 2009 – Oct. 31, 2010) is off to a fabulous start thanks to your dedication to land conservation in Stowe. We would especially like to thank all of those who've joined as 2010 Pinnacle Society members. We also welcome 2010 with the addition of four new board members (page 3) and are thrilled to have their participation!

Inside this issue, we are offering guidance for you, your neighbors and friends on the first steps to making conservation of important places a reality (page 4), some reflections on hunting on conserved lands, and a lesson in reading the winter skies. We hope you will come out in January to participate in the Wine Tasting and Restock Sale with Fine Wine Cellars on January 22nd. We know it promises to be an enjoyable evening.

**- See you on the trails**

## You Make The Difference!

At the heart of our work are those who make a commitment to protecting their land and those whose financial support - at every level - makes our work possible. Without your support we could not have protected over 3,000 acres of productive farm and forest land, recreation trails, and scenic views that embody the Stowe experience. Each and every contribution made by more than 1,000 individuals, families, foundations and businesses was critical to our land protection work this year. We are truly appreciative of your commitment to conservation.

We invite you to join us again in 2010 to build on the momentum of our accomplishments this past year and continue to protect the places you love.

Thank you!



Stowe Land Trust  
is now on facebook!



*Elaine Nichols*



*Heather Furman*



A skier and his dogs enjoying a bluebird February day on the trail to Pinnacle Meadow.



The Pinnacle Society was created to acknowledge and appreciate the people who help Stowe Land Trust conserve our spectacular natural landscapes for future generations. It recognizes donors of \$1,000 or more during Stowe Land Trust's membership year (November 1st - October 31st) who support the ongoing mission of Stowe Land Trust.

Pinnacle Society members form the foundation of our operating fund and provide the critical dollars needed for land negotiations and stewardship. Launched for the 2010 membership year, the Pinnacle Society has gained tremendous momentum and is growing every day. Contact Stowe Land Trust for more information or to join the Pinnacle Society.

Stowe Land Trust is holding the first of many events exclusively for Pinnacle Society members on Saturday, February 13th from 10-12. Join Executive Director, Heather Furman, on a snowshoe at the historic Mill Trail property.

Stowe Land Trust wishes to recognize and thank the following charter members of the Pinnacle Society.

Nancy and Bill Anderson  
Charlie and Gibby Berry  
Paul and Kathy Bosland  
Philip Branton and Ellen Lazarus  
Rick and Ann Bresnahan  
Donna and Jake Carpenter  
The Chingos Foundation  
Kitty and Allan Coppock

*From my perspective, energetic and competent organizations such as Stowe Land Trust that do excellent and necessary work, are worthy of my financial support.*  
- Phil Branton

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*We are grateful for your support!*

Charter members joining after December 28th will be recognized in the spring issue of *Mountain Views*.

## Welcome New Board Members



### Jan Axtell

Owner of Fin and Feather Enterprises, Jan Axtell is a naturalist and guide in northern Vermont. He has spent an extensive amount of time hiking,

fishing, hunting and studying forest and plant communities in our natural landscape. In addition to guiding, Jan writes a regular column for the Stowe Reporter and is a contributor to New England Fly Fishing Magazine. Jan will be serving on Stowe Land Trust's Lands and Events Committees where his natural resource education and gregarious personality will be a great asset to the organization.

### David Norden



As an avid outdoor enthusiast, David recognizes that the Stowe experience includes the area's rich skiing history, natural landscapes and public access to land for a variety of outdoor pursuits. He has served as a council member on the Urban Land In-

stitute's Sustainable Development Council and co-authored the Spruce Peak Environmental Charter which helped earn the first Green Community Award issued by Audubon International. David will be serving on SLT's Finance Committee. His involvement in real estate negotiations, conservation easements, and other aspects of land conservation work will make him a valuable addition to Stowe Land Trust's board of directors.

### Keith Thompson



A native of Waterbury, Keith grew up exploring the fields and forests of northern Vermont. He went on to study forestry at the University of Vermont and later formed a business with his brother called Northern Stewards. They work to provide people with information about their land and the places they love giving them the tools to be the best stewards of their land. Keith also serves on the Waterbury Conservation Commission and helped start the Local Energy Action Partnership (LEAP). As a member of the Lands and Stewardship Committees, Keith's

knowledge of the natural landscape will assist Stowe Land Trust in acting as a good steward of conserved land.

### Roger Witten



Since Roger and his family began vacationing in Stowe in the 1970's, they have enjoyed the outdoors of Vermont. Whether it be hiking, flyfishing, skiing or just enjoying the sunset

on the deck, the Witten family knows how to make the most of all Stowe has to offer. Roger and his wife Jill bought land and built a home here in the mid-80's where they spend time outside with their daughters and now grandchildren. Roger graduated from Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School and went on to become a partner in the law firm Wilmer-Hale, where he specializes in international litigation. Roger led the noteworthy McCain/Feingold litigation defending the constitutionality of the 2002 campaign finance reform law. He also serves on the board of Democracy 21. Roger's familiarity with board governance and his devotion to the Stowe community will be a tremendous asset to SLT.

# Oh No, That Farm's For Sale!

**T**here is nothing that creates more of a stir than when a For Sale sign goes up on a beloved local farm. Suddenly neighbors spring into action, ready to do whatever it takes to “save” the farm from the almost certain fate of subdivision and development. Sometimes this strategy pays off – the farmer is willing to consider conservation options for their life-long investment in the land. Other times it’s simply too late – there’s urgency to sell, and the farmer needs maximum dollar to pay off debt or to survive through retirement.



which is funded through the property transfer tax. These funds are critical to land conservation and affordable housing projects across the state. Municipal bonds and local conservation funds are other important sources of funding. Ninety-eight percent of every dollar raised through these sources goes directly to the purchase of land for conservation. Private funds are a third critical component to successful conservation projects. Without private dollars to match generous public grants, land protection projects would not be successful.

It's heartbreaking when SLT receives those panicked calls from neighbors who want us to help them “save” a treasured landscape but it's too late. More often than not, they become overwhelmed when confronted with the realities of what it takes to conserve land, both in terms of time and resources. So what does it take? How can you – as an individual - take action now to ensure that when the time comes, conservation has a chance?

## 1. Identify Important Properties Now.

Stowe Land Trust maintains a database of lands that have significant natural resource values such as agricultural lands, recreation land, scenic properties, and important blocks of forestland for timber production and wildlife habitat. Perhaps there are other important properties in your neighborhood that are meaningful to you for different reasons. Try to identify why these properties are important to you. Are they important to your neighbors for the same reason? Does the current landowner allow public access? Is the farm successful and viable? You can help raise awareness about conservation by letting the landowner know how much you appreciate their land and letting Stowe Land Trust know that these lands are important to you.

## 2. Know Your Conservation Options.

If a landowner is willing to look at conservation options with the land trust, there are several approaches that can be considered. Remember however, that land trusts work

with landowners on a voluntary basis and do not use regulatory or coercive methods to protect land. The land trust can not “force” a landowner to conserve their land – it needs to be the right decision for them and their family. With a few exceptions, there are 4 primary ways that land is protected: 1) Donation of land. 2) Donation of a conservation easement on the land. 3) Sale of land. 4) Sale of conservation easement on the land. Many families choose to donate land or a conservation easement because of significant tax incentives associated with that donation. A donation can be beneficial for income taxes, estate taxes, gift taxes and sometimes property taxes. A donation can be for the entirety or a portion of the property and can also be for all or part of the value of the property. While donations of land are not “free” for the land trust – SLT still needs to pay for appraisals, legal fees, and long-term stewardship – a donation of land or easements is often a win-win for landowners and the land trust.

## 3. Be an Advocate for Conservation Funding.

When a donation of land or conservation easements is not a viable option for landowners, land trusts may consider a purchase. Most land trusts, Stowe Land Trust included, do not have the luxury of a pot of money waiting for the next land protection project to come along. Land trusts often need to raise money for each new conservation effort from both public and private sources. Stowe Land Trust's largest and most important source of public funds come from the state's Housing and Conservation Trust Fund,

By learning a little bit about the process of land conservation, now you can be ready the next time your neighbor asks, “what can we do to protect this farm?” Call the Stowe Land Trust office to talk to a land trust professional or visit our website to learn more about the many options available to landowners for conserving their land.

If you are considering a conservation easement donation, now may be the time to act!

The passage of the 2008 Farm Bill extended the charitable deduction a donor can take from 30% to 50% of his or her adjusted gross income.

Farmers may deduct up to 100% if the majority of their income comes from farming or forestry.

Contact Heather Furman at Stowe Land Trust if you are interested in learning more about conservation easement donations.

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# What's Going On?

## SLT's Winter Calendar

### Wine Tasting & Restock Sale

Friday, January 22nd 6 - 7:30 pm

\$75 per person

See below for details.

### Painting New England: Preserving the Landscape

Friday, February 12th 3 - 5 pm

#### Green Mountain Inn

David Lussier and Pamela Simpson Lussier, noted plein air artists have joined with writer Gail Braccidiferno to launch a multi-year project to bring attention to the threats upon the history and land New Englanders cherish. Join Stowe Land Trust in welcoming them to Stowe at a small showing of Stowe area paintings. 30% of art sales will go to benefit SLT.

### Pinnacle Society Snowshoe at Mill Trail with Executive Director, Heather Furman

Saturday, February 13th 10 am - 12 pm

This event is for Pinnacle Society members only. For information about becoming a Pinnacle Society member call SLT at 802.253.7221.

### Maple Run Lane Snowshoe

Saturday, March 6th 10 am - 12 pm

Join Stowe Land Trust for an opportunity to explore the Sterling Forest trail system on snowshoes. Enjoy a hot cup of cocoa and learn about wildlife tracks we encounter on our walk.

Contact Stowe Land Trust at [info@stowelandtrust.org](mailto:info@stowelandtrust.org) or 802.253.7221 for information about our winter activities.

### Wine Tasting & Restock Sale with Fine Wine Cellars

Friday, January 22, 2010

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Hosted by John & Millie Merrill

1541 Pucker Street, Stowe

Admittance ~ \$75



After all of the merrymaking and festivities of the holiday season are over, your wine cellar is likely in need of replenishing. Join Stowe Land Trust and Ed Schwarz of Fine Wine Cellars at the home of John and Millie Merrill for a wine tasting event and sale on Friday, January 22nd. The cork is off for 2010 so come and enjoy a variety of red and white wines, selected by wine connoisseur Ed Schwarz. Wines will be offered with a selection of plentiful and delicious hors d'oeuvres.

Your attendance at this event supports Stowe Land Trust's work to conserve the natural landscape that makes Stowe special. In addition, Fine Wine Cellars will donate 10% of the sales from wine to Stowe Land Trust. This event is limited to fifty people - please call Stowe Land Trust soon!



Brian Mohr - Ember Photo

## Off Piste in the Northeast

The night was cold and the collective mind-set in the Akeley Building on Thursday, December 17th was one looking forward to a snowy winter!

The room was packed with people bundled in their down jackets excited to soon be enjoying what Brian Mohr and Emily Johnson of Ember Photo have made their careers. Colorful and exciting photos from skiing farm fields in the Mad River Valley to the vast open mountains of the Gaspé Peninsula left the crowd with thoughts of billowing powder, not sugar plums, dancing in their heads.

Many thanks to Brian and Emily for putting on such a fantastic show to support SLT. Stowe Land Trust would also like to thank Harrison's Restaurant for their generous donation and all who dined there that evening, Julbo and VMBA for donating raffle prizes, the Stowe Reporter for their valuable promotion of this event and for everyone who came out on such a cold night to show their love of winter and their support of Stowe Land Trust.

Roy Marble hopped in the pick-up as we climbed up the rutted class 4 road near the top of the Worcester Range. Throwing the truck into 4-wheel drive I crept carefully along the narrow stretch of road as the hillside fell away and the views expanded dramatically. “The problem with a lot of environmentalists is that they don’t know the difference between conservation and preservation,” Marble was saying to me from the passenger seat. “Preservationists want to lock everything up and don’t want to let people use the land the way it should be used,” he added. “Every outdoorsman and hunter I know would tell you that conservation is what’s important,” he concluded.

Marble is past president of the Vermont Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs – one of the oldest conservation organizations in the country, according to Marble. In fact, President Teddy Roosevelt was speaking to the group when he got the call to come back to Washington at the death of President Taft. An avid hunter for over 50 years, Marble was showing me a piece of land being managed for both people and wildlife. As we got out of the truck I pulled my blaze-orange hat down hard over my ears. It was the middle of muzzle-loader season and the first snow was falling on icy-edged puddles.

Marble’s frustration with “preservationists” captures the nexus between the satirized tree-huggers and the so-called hook and bullet crowd. But stereotypes aside, hunters occupy a unique niche in the conservation movement. Like avid bird-watchers and wildlife documentarians, many hunters spend significant time out walking in the landscape, and pay special attention to the habitat that wildlife depend on for their survival. Many a hunters’ conservation ethic develops out of their engagement and participation with our natural world. But both hunter and non-hunter place value on seeing that natural community at work – knowing that our landscape is supporting the cycle of birth, death and regeneration – and that it is more than just something that looks pretty. “The land is not a postcard – the beauty is not meant to be captured unchanging,” Marble observed. Stowe Land Trust’s mission is to protect not only the scenic beauty of Stowe, but also the productive farm and forest lands that support these natural communities, and our economy.

In the patchwork of farm and forest that make up much of New England, humans actively manage nearly every aspect of our landscape. We control fire, rivers, and beaver dams, we clean up so-called ‘debris’ after an ice storm and we put limits on the growth of wild animal populations. In a wilderness setting and with vast acreage, an old growth forest is not the only naturally oc-

curing habitat. The ravages of a river flood, an old beaver-pond filling in with sediment, or ice storm blow-downs all create openings in the forest for new growth. But a densely settled landscape – like the one we have here in Stowe – requires management decisions to replace natural disturbances in order to maintain a variety of habitat types. There is value in a managed landscape not just for hunters and game species, but for song birds, raptors, flowers, butterflies and other species that carry out their lives in young forests and clearings.

By and large, hunters support land conservation. Hunters want to see the animals in their natural habitat, surviving and thriving as much as the casual observer. “I see myself as part of the eco-system equation,” a local hunter told me once, “but for a lot of people, it’s hard to get past the act of killing.” Indeed, for most hunters, putting food on the table is the immediate goal. But having a singular purpose of looking for an animal in its home turf, being conscious of the subtle differences in wind, weather and between different areas of habitat, and then deriving sustenance from an animal, make many hunters feel not just close to, but literally part of their natural surroundings. By virtue of this sense of identity with many of the “forgotten” types of habitat—the swamps, thickets and edges in addition to the farms, scenic ridgelines and mature forests—hunters make up a segment of the conservation community that can be a critical voice in the effort to protect land.

Bordering on the esoteric, these sentiments are deeply ingrained in a hunters’ conservation ethic. I’ve often been told that hunters are not just kindred spirits with, or casual observers of a place, but they are actually “of” that place, taking part in the cycles that sustain life. Actually consuming the animal and thereby physically becoming part of a place, even in a token way, creates a physical connection that fuels strong conservation principles.

That equation extends to seeing the impact of outside influences on the landscape - development and bad planning that result in loss of habitat. Taking part in the ritual of walking on the land and connecting with your food source, helps clarify that one’s actions have an impact both in the woods while hunting, and also out of the woods: driving your car, making purchases and choices about your consumption habits. Understanding your role as participant in that cycle obligates you to take care of the habitat that allows these animals to live successfully. We become much more a part of the system and better informed if we are out there using the land, we become better managers and better advocates for natural resource protection. Plus

having venison from down the road is simply different from eating beef from Montana or Argentina. There is an almost non-existent carbon footprint; hunters are not displacing a natural community and it is a completely sustainable, renewable food that’s healthy for people and the planet.

As Roy and I turned around and headed back down to the valley, I couldn’t help but think that both hunters and non-hunters have so much in common, yet often have trouble finding a common voice. Stowe Land Trust strives to work with everyone to foster the common goals of conserving not only the scenic landscape, but also a working landscape that includes all types of wildlife habitat. Providing public access for hunters as well as non-hunters encourages everyone to get outside and enjoy the traditional means by which Vermonters have come to understand and value the area where we live. Roy must have been reading my thoughts as he got out of the truck and leaned over the window. “It’s good to know that Stowe Land Trust has properties where you allow hunting; it’s important for all walks of life to have the opportunity to get out of doors,” he said as he waved farewell. Words we can all take to heart.

~ Heather Furman, Executive Director

### Did you know...

Stowe Land Trust makes every effort to provide public access on its conserved lands for all types of non-motorized recreation, including hunting.

Public access is one of the key criteria we use when evaluating whether to move forward with a proposed land protection effort. In fact, it is often the critical driver behind the conservation initiative.

There is nothing in SLT’s standard conservation easement to limit hunting. Most of SLT’s conserved properties are still owned by either private landowners, (Bouchard Farm), the Town of Stowe (Mayo Farm) or the State of Vermont (Pinnacle Meadow), and those landowners have the final say about whether to allow hunting.

Of the five properties that SLT owns, hunting is allowed on the DuMont, Page, and Mill Trail properties. The other two properties, Wiessner Woods and Kirchner Woods, SLT manages each with a no-hunting restriction at the explicit requirement of the family and donors at the time of conservation.

For more information about accessing SLT owned properties for hunting, please call us!



Pleiades - Flickr, Explo

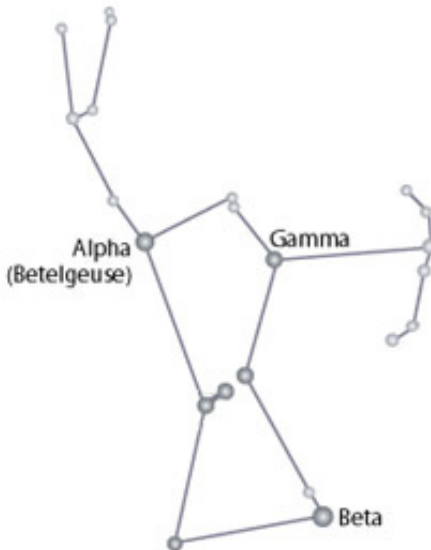
Winter is prime time for stargazing, and not just because there are no mosquitos. Mother Nature offers New Englanders long nights and clear skies throughout the winter months for the best stargazing observers can ask for. Because the air is so much colder it does not retain as much moisture which contributes to the hazier appearance of summer skies. If you are interested in winter constellations, planets that come into view after winter solstice, and special celestial events taking place throughout the winter then don't put those down sleeping bags away for the season yet!

To get started, visit your local library or bookstore where there are a number of resources for beginners. Be sure to pick up a winter specific star map for your reference while stargazing. When you go outside to look at the stars, give your eyes a few minutes to adjust to the dark. Turn off as many lights as you can and use a flashlight with a red filter when reading your star map because even the dimmest lights can disrupt your night vision.

Find north, south, east and west around your horizon. Hold your star map up in front of you and turn it so that the direction at the bottom of the map matches the direction which you are facing. The lower edge of the map represents the horizon while the center is your overhead point. You should be able to match the stars in the sky with the constellations shown on your map.

The constellations of Orion, Taurus, Gemini,

Cassiopeia, Pegasus, Big Dipper and Little Dipper are all visible during the winter months. Standing center stage is Orion, the Hunter, the most brilliant constellation of all. Look for three equally bright stars in a row, which form his belt. To the north lies the bright reddish star Betelgeuse—the right shoulder of the Hunter (seen on your left). He is shown holding a shield of faint stars in his left hand, and a club raised high in his right.



Orion - <http://chandra.harvard.edu/photo/constellations/orion.html>

Close to Orion, the Pleiades, or seven sisters (photo above) is a star cluster located in the constellation of Taurus. It is among the nearest star clusters to Earth and therefore the most obvious to the naked eye.

There are several planets visible without a telescope this time of year. In early January,

Venus can be seen in the southwest after sunset and will sink closer to the horizon as the month progresses. Mars and Jupiter can be seen higher and a little farther south (or to your left). Saturn will be even farther south and even higher in the sky. With the aid of a small telescope, the rings of Saturn and a few of Jupiter's largest moons can be seen.

Meteor showers are a well known and exciting time to observe the night sky. They are created when the Earth's gravity pulls the dust left by a comet into our atmosphere causing many more shooting stars than are normally seen. The Geminids, a meteor shower visible in December, was among the best in 2009 with up to 140 meteors per hour. According to NASA scientists, the Geminids have been growing in intensity and trends suggest that it will continue to put on a brilliant show for observers. The Quadrantid meteor shower which takes place in early January is an equally intense show but is more difficult to view because it occurs over a shorter time span.

You might be asking yourself - what does the night sky have to do with land conservation? Beyond the obvious reason that it is yet another way people can get outside and enjoy the natural world, open undeveloped land is essential for good night observation. Light pollution caused by excessive indoor and outdoor lighting creates a sky glow that in urban areas obscures all but the brightest stars. Open areas like the conserved Pinnacle Meadow, DuMont and Sunset Rock are great places to stargaze if you take the adventure beyond your back porch.

**Land conservation is possible because individuals, businesses and communities care about the forests, farms and open spaces that make the Stowe area special.**

**Please support these businesses as they have supported Stowe Land Trust with merchandise and/or service donations.**

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