### THE AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

Helping to Preserve the Rural Landscape of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee Region Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner & Wilmot



### **Summer 2023**



Seasons of **Change** 

### From the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**:



# The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

has flourished during Debbie Stanley's 35-year tenure as Executive Director. It has grown from a modest Board of Trustees with a good idea, to a dynamic

community of committed volunteers, land stewards, and conservation leaders who have embraced that mission and put it into action.

The accomplishments during this time have been remarkable: 165 conservation easement properties, hundreds of volunteers, and over 13,000 acres protected across our 12-town region. As the new Executive Director, I feel an enormous sense of respect for what the land trust has become, a responsibility for Debbie's legacy, and a commitment to our mission.

The land trust's mission is "to preserve the rural character of Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region through land conservation, stewardship, community engagement, and organizational integrity." All of these activities are on full display at the land trust today.

### So what does it mean to preserve "rural character"?

It speaks to more than the specific lands we protect—it also speaks to the effect our work has on the place we call home. When I first brought my (now) wife Julie to visit Elkins in the late '90s, she thought she had walked into a Currier & Ives painting. We were fortunate to visit during one of those perfect New Hampshire winters: the soft light of solitary advent candles illuminating the snow-covered windowsills of sensible, solid Yankee homes as snowflakes silently blanketed the road around us.

Imagining ourselves worldly, we took it upon ourselves to bring my Nana Lull to the latest local restaurant to wine-and-dine her each time we visited. One night at La Meridiana in Wilmot, a weathered, white-haired gentleman ambled up to our table and gallantly shook her hand. Delighting in a younger man's attention, she introduced him to us as a retired executive at the New London Trust. With a mischievous grin he turned to Julie and said:

"Jennie was my teacher."
"Oh really?!"
"Yes, I was in her first-grade class."
Wink.

A lot has changed in our region since then. The New London Trust became Lake Sunapee Bank, and now Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. Houses have grown larger (including my family's). The rocks in Pleasant Lake have gotten just a bit too slick for the kids to jump across. Entire generations have passed on. Yet for more than three decades, Ausbon Sargent has been diligently preserving the rural landscape that gives the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region its distinctive names, terrain, and color.

So what is this "rural character" we are charged to preserve? Is it the quiet solemnity of advent candles? The sturdy construction of old Yankee houses? Trails wandering across farms and forests? Is it the absence of stoplights? The millstone on the town square? Or is it the easy camaraderie between an elderly local businessman and the teacher he had in grade school whose lives have been loosely intertwined in the community for the better part of a century?

It is surely all of the above and more.

**Rural character** is hard to define. But its preservation is the land trust's ultimate objective—the purpose behind the places we protect. Perhaps the easiest way to define rural character is "I know it when I see it." And each generation sees things a little differently. The Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region has passed through many seasons of change: Abenaki people gathering in villages along the area's lakes and rivers, the colonial era of forest clearing and farming, the rise of early industry; emergence as a center for education, the arts, and outdoor recreation; the flourishing of retirement communities and a culture of volunteerism.

This issue of Chatter explores the changing character of our region through the lens of seasonal cycles, climate, habitats, conservation, and people.

In an age of dizzying upheaval, we look for continuity to anchor the seasons of life against quickening cycles of change. Our work to protect rural lands-in perpetuity-provides the substrate for rural character as each generation maps a new vision onto the landscape, adding layers to the foundation laid by their predecessors.

I'm truly grateful for the welcome I've received from Debbie and the amazing community of Board, staff, and volunteers that have grown up around her leadership. It's an honor to be joining the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust as we explore the next seasons of change.

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Ben Wallace -



Just as quickly as the cold temperatures of fall turned our lush green leaves into vibrant golds, reds and oranges, ushering in the snow and bitter chill of winter, we now find ourselves in the midst of summer here in NH. The green leaves are back, flowers are in bloom, birds are singing, and people are taking to the trails and the waters to explore, cool off, and recreate. Despite being a native of the Granite State, I am always shocked at how our landscape can look so different even from one week to the next. As we all know, changes can happen quickly, sometimes even faster than the seasons that meld into each other in our region, creating a seamless shift in how things look, feel and sound around us.

Change, albeit scary to most, is necessary for growth. At the Land Trust, we are constantly faced with change, whether it be in our staff, board members and volunteers, in the properties we have protected, and even the climate in which we live. With each change, we can see growth and sometimes feel the growing pains that foreshadow more change ahead. Just recently, we welcomed a new Executive Director to the Land Trust, who will continue leading us towards our mission to protect the rural landscape we love. We have also welcomed an Outreach and Stewardship Assistant for a one-year fellowship, who will help ease the increased workload put upon our staff, which is working to manage over 20 square miles of protected land within our 12-town region. Working together and maintaining a high level of flexibility is key, and it is what has moved Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust forward in its mission with each acre that is protected.

For the past 36 years, the Land Trust has worked, alongside its supporters, to help protect our watersheds, wildlife habitats, farms, forests, open lands and views—all the things that are part of the rural landscape that we call home. For the wildlife that are helpless in the face of changes that force them from their habitats, for the pollinators that emerge in the spring and cannot find sustenance to survive, for vulnerable watersheds that are vital to our ability to have clean drinking water, and for the views of mountains, fields, lakes, ponds and rivers, and so many other rural landscapes, we must act. It is easier to protect these resources now than to try and clean them up later.

Many of us have moved here from places that "used to be" rural in nature, but over time have become built up and not so nice to live in or look at. To maintain our sense of peace and our connection with the natural surroundings we have found here, we need to remember that, like the seasons, change is inevitable — unless we make a conscious effort to stop it. If you are not already a member of Ausbon Sargent, please consider joining. If you love the outdoors or have a skill to share, along with some time to volunteer, why not give us a call? If you have a property that you love and worry that someday it will be developed and no longer hold the attributes of a rural landscape, let us help. There are many ways to be a part of our mission to protect our landscape and avoid the changes in our region that we don't want to see.

Kristy has worked at Ausbon Sargent for eight years. She writes grants, plans events, and manages the website, social media and "The Chatter" newsletter. In her free time, Kristy enjoys camping, traveling, and spending time with her three daughters and Shih-Tzu, Happy. A native of the region, Kristy is always up for a walk in the woods.



# **Outreach and Stewardship Fellowship**

by Kristy Heath

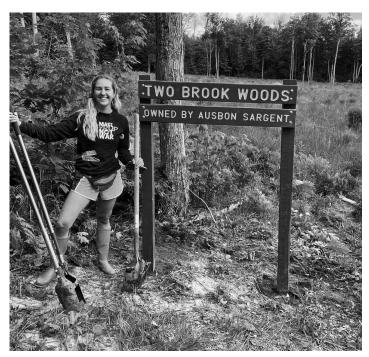
Outreach is one of the most important functions of the Land Trust. Without outreach, there are no people! There are no people who feel drawn to the work we do; no people to become members who will financially support our mission; no people to volunteer to sit on our board and committees, stuff envelopes, help at events and monitor our properties; no people who own land and feel a pull towards protecting it for the generations to come; and no people to frequent and share with others the special places that make our rural landscape so unique. Outreach brings awareness to available land on which to explore. Outreach educates the public on the importance of protecting our vital resources, and how not only the land, but also the watersheds, wildlife habitats, and views are protected by conservation easements.

Ausbon Sargent includes an element of outreach in most of its functions. Stewardship (maintaining properties and trails, yearly monitoring, and keeping open relations with easement property owners) and communications (website, social media, newsletter) work to invite and serve the members of the communities in our region and encourage support and participation to further our mission.

Beginning June 12, 2023, Ausbon Sargent increased its stewardship and outreach efforts through the creation of a Stewardship and Outreach Assistant fellowship. For one year, Glennie LeBaron, recent Brown University graduate and past intern/Stewardship Assistant for the Land Trust, has been hired to work alongside the Ausbon Sargent staff. With 165 properties to oversee, 14 of them owned in-fee by the Land Trust, the demands on Ausbon Sargent are high. Glennie is excited to spend the next year with Ausbon Sargent. With a background in Environmental Science, Conservation Science and Policy, and a strong familiarity with Ausbon Sargent, Glennie will be an asset to the Land Trust and her role will be key in taking our stewardship and outreach efforts to a new level. Already familiar with a great number of our easement properties, property owners and volunteers, Glennie is also a veteran hike leader and growing naturalist. She looks forward to assisting in day-to-day stewardship tasks and creating unique events and opportunities to attract certain demographics, which we feel are currently underserved by the land trust.

"Ausbon Sargent has been integral to my growth and learning over the last few years, and I look forward to stewarding properties as I continue to connect with our broader community."

Funding for this fellowship came, in part, from a generous anonymous donor, and was supplemented by private grants.



Over the 2022 summer season, Glennie led the installation of property signs on Ausbon Sargent-owned properties.



Bradford Bog Headwaters property.

### PROPERTY UPDATES



A trail that runs through the Pound Woodland Preserve is open for public access.

Facts about the Pound Woodland Preserve

Town: Wilmot
Location: Pound Road and
Wilmot Center Road
Total Acreage: 125 acres

### This property:

- Is a donation of a conservation easement by Ken and Nola Aldrich.
- Contains Cassey Brook, which then flows into Ausbon Sargent's "Cassey Brook Preserve."
- Has been identified as an important area for protection in the Wilmot Master Plan.
- Includes a portion of land that is "highest ranked habitat" in the NH Wildlife Action Plan.
- Is open to the public for low-impact recreational use, and has an existing trail network.
- Is protected with the help of the Wilmot Conservation Commission.



The Bradford Bog Headwaters property.

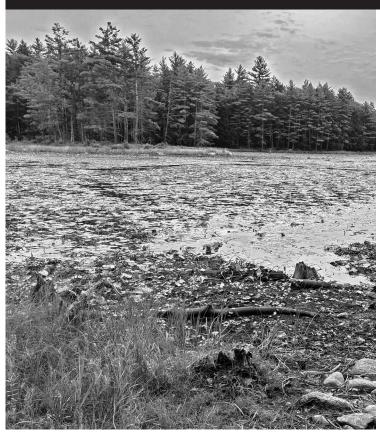
# Facts about the Bradford Bog Headwaters Property

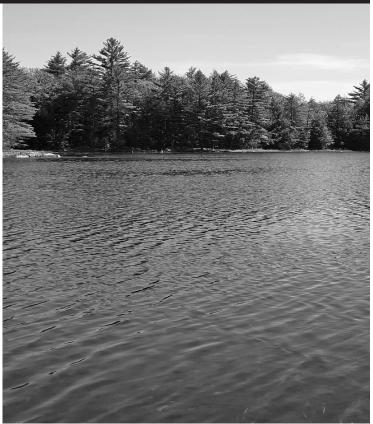
Town: Bradford
Location: East Washington Road
Total Acreage: 71.66 acres

### This property:

- Was purchased by Ausbon Sargent on June 9 with assistance from the Bradford Conservation Commission, the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), the Moose Plate Grant Program, Quabbin to Cardigan Partnership, Fields Pond Foundation, Burton Morgan Foundation, and many individual private donations.
- Protects the Bradford Bog headwaters.
- Is an important regenerating forest; a haven for many threatened species of birds.
- Is "highest ranked habitat" in the NH Wildlife Action Plan.
- Is open to the public for low-impact recreational use, including hiking, x-country skiing, hunting and fishing.
- Will be managed by Ausbon Sargent.

### **Shifting landscape**





The beaver pond at the Wayne and Trudy Beaver Saga Pond Forest has gone through many changes over the years, but the resilience of the beavers can be seen with each rebuild of the dam.

by Anne Payeur

The only constant in nature is change. Working in land conservation we must take a long-term view and know landowners conserving their property today may want to manage land differently than their successors.

Conservation easements typically allow for land to be managed for forestry and agriculture, including timber production and raising crops or livestock. While sometimes forestry and agriculture can be accomplished together, many times the land is converted from one to the other and sometimes even back again.

Many of the forests we see today were open pastures not too long ago. This is evident by stone walls created by farmers to delineate their boundaries and clear rocks from their fields. A few of these spaces have been maintained as open since their original clearing, but many grew back to forests.

Beyond human influence, we see natural forces changing the landscape too. Weather events like hurricanes, ice storms, and tornadoes can rip through forests, flattening trees. These areas may be salvaged and converted to fields, or they are left to regenerate to forests once more.

Wildlife can alter the landscape too. Birds eat the seeds of plants they find sweet and disperse those seeds to new places. Deer will eat the buds of hardwood trees like oaks and maples, setting back the growth of many young trees. Beavers will eat and use trees to build dams along narrow brooks to make ponds in forests, creating habitat for fish and feeding grounds for birds like Great Blue Herons.

The family of beavers calling our Wayne and Trudy Beaver Saga Pond Forest home have shown great determination. While they have been maintaining the pond for decades, they are not immune to change. In the past few years their dam has broken on a few occasions. While they were able to rebuild the dam, the pond saw big changes while under construction. Change is inevitable, but as we look around, we see our landscape adapting.

Anne Payeur has been with Ausbon Sargent for three years as the "Stewardship Manager. She oversees the monitoring of conservation easement properties as well as the management of properties owned by Ausbon Sargent. Anne and her husband, Hunterr, live in Boscawen with their baby, Zeke.

### The Effects of a Changing Climate

### by Andy Deegan

The Land Trust Alliance (LTA) has a goal of protecting 30 percent of both terrestrial and marine ecosystems by the year 2030. This goal was set not only to protect water resources, healthy food, clean air, and wildlife, but also to minimize the impacts of a changing climate. The LTA is relying on land trusts, both local and national, to achieve this 30% by 2030, or "30 x 30" goal, and Ausbon Sargent is working to achieve that level of conservation in each of our 12 towns.

Limiting the impacts of a changing climate is important as some of our native plants and animals will not be able to tolerate warming temperatures and will be forced to either move north or perish. Conserving large areas of land allows for the movement of animals without interference from development or roads. A variety of soil and geological resources can also help plants and animals survive in our region. For example, if the northern side of a hill is protected it may allow for cooler temperatures, which may make it easier for a species to survive. By conserving larger areas of land with varying habitats and geological resources, we can provide plants and animals with places to move and thrive through seed distribution or migration.

Another impact from a warming New Hampshire is the expansion of invasive species. The hemlock woolly adelgid is a good example. This insect was introduced from Asia and has been expanding its range northward as winters become milder. In the southern portion of the state the impacts of the adelgid can already be seen on hemlock populations. Infested hemlock trees are dotted with cottony egg masses on the underside of their branches. These trees do not have the dark green foliage of a healthy hemlock but are a grayer, sickly color since the adelgid insect sucks all the sap out of the tree. Although the adelgid may not directly kill the tree it does make it weaker and more susceptible to other diseases or infestations. The loss of hemlock stands would be detrimental to many wildlife species, but particularly white-tailed deer and native brook trout. In the winter, this evergreen's foliage holds snow in the air making the snowpack on the forest floor shallower. These hemlock "deer yards" help deer because it is easier to find forage and walk in the woods when there is less snow. In the summer, hemlock stands along streams provide shade which keeps the water temperature cooler for native trout. Unfortunately, the warming climate is allowing for the expansion of the adelgid's range, but protecting hemlock stands over a wide area of the state may help the species persist.

Another pest that has a greater impact with milder winters is the winter tick. Winter ticks are primarily found on moose and can severely impact their health, especially of young calves. As the name implies, the winter tick attaches to the moose over the winter when the amount and quality of the forage is at its worst. Like the adelgid and hemlock, the winter tick may not kill an adult moose outright, but a heavy infestation can result in an anemic individual that

is weaker and more likely to die from another cause, such as starvation or predation. Warmer winters with less snow cover allow for an increased chance of the winter ticks' eggs surviving. When the female tick is fully engorged, she will drop from the moose so she can process her blood meal and develop eggs. If the female drops from the moose and lands on snow, there is a poor chance of the eggs developing. If they fall on bare ground, however, many more of the eggs will survive to produce more ticks. With milder winters the ground will become snow-free sooner, which gives the winter tick a greater chance of successful breeding.

Land conservation can help slow the impacts of a changing climate by allowing animals and plants the wild space they need to adapt and move to more hospitable areas. Protecting a variety of habitats and connections between them from development is key to fostering resiliency for the future in the face of climate warming. The goal of conserving 30 percent of our land base by 2030 may seem daunting, but it is a goal Ausbon Sargent will be working towards in our small but important region of New Hampshire.

Andy Deegan has been a Land Protection Specialist with Ausbon Sargent since 2008 and celebrated 15 years with the Land Trust in May. He lives in New London with his wife and two children. In his free time, he enjoys birding, kayaking, hiking, and generally being outside.



Moose sighted during the Kearsarge Klassic Bike Randonnee in Andover, NH. 2012.



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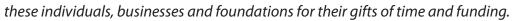
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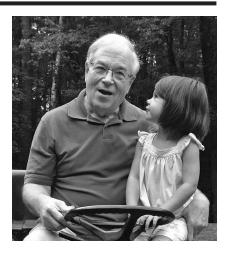
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### Thank you, Lee Morrill

In the summer of 2012, Lee Morrill, owner of On Track Design, was asked to come help with the layout and design of the "Chatter" newsletter. For the last 11 years (encompassing 23 issues), Lee has been an amazing asset to the Land Trust. He has not only helped with putting together the "Chatter," but has also created brochures, signs, and other marketing pieces. His creative eye, skill, and experience is apparent in all he has done for us. In 2021, Lee indicated that he would like to retire from Chatter to allow him some extra time with his granddaughter, Sadie. This is his last Chatter. We are all so thankful for you, Lee! You have worked with us over the years with patience, humor, and care. Thank you for adding your professional touch to every issue and project, and helping Ausbon Sargent look the best it can!



### **Town Spotlight**

Ausbon Sargent serves 12 towns that make up our Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee Region, including Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot. Since many of our readers may be new to the area or perhaps unfamiliar with the surrounding towns, each upcoming issue will feature a spotlight on a town and its conservation easement history with ASLPT. For many more details on properties we have protected in each town, please visit the Ausbon Sargent website and click on the "properties" section. From there you can choose to learn more about a property by name, or search an entire town to see what has been protected there.



Town of Andover, NH

### Andover was incorporated in 1779

and has a population (census 2020) of 2,406. It is 41 square miles in size, 0.89 square miles of that is water.

### Andover is home to the villages of:

Cilleyville, Potter Place, East Andover, and West Andover.

### Andover is also home to:

Ragged Mountain and Proctor Academy.

### **Ausbon Sargent Protected Land:**

15 conserved properties, totaling 1,082.18 acres:
(Roughly 4% of the town)
4 are owned by Ausbon Sargent.
11 are conservation easements with private landowners.

### **Other Protected Land:**

Yes! Other lands in Andover are protected through Federal, State and Municipal easements/agreements.

Visit the Andover town website and click on the Conservation Commission for all the details!



The Hersey, Roger/Hersey easement is 54.25 acres in size and was completed in October, 2010.

<< Roby and McLeod Preserve - Roby (41.98 ac) and McLeod Preserve (24.72 ac) were protected in 2017 and 2016 respectively.

# **Stewardship Wish List**

Each year, Ausbon Sargent is required to monitor over 160 protected properties, including land we own and land on which we hold easements. Along with monitoring, we manage our own properties and trails with volunteers. Stewardship requires the use of tools and materials that either get used up each year or need replacement after years of use.

If you would like to help us with any items below, please send along a note with your donation or give us a call to let us know your intent. Gift certificates in any denomination to Rocky's Ace Hardware or Belletetes are also helpful to purchase tools and materials.

Cedar birdhouse for habitat enhancement

\$20

Flagging for volunteers to use while monitoring \$60

Paint to assist in the maintenance of boundary markers \$100

Please contact our Stewardship Manager, Anne Payeur (apayeur@ausbonsargent.org), to get details on any of the above items, or other items we may need. Thank you!



Katie in the 6th grade when she began volunteering, and in the 12th grade at her last pick-up!

### Congratulations to Katie Potter!

In 2016 the Land Trust advertised an open volunteer position for a bi-weekly recycler. 6th grader, Katie Potter and her mom, stopped by the office after seeing our plea for help in the Chatter. Since then, Katie has been coming every other week to take our recyclables to the New London Transfer Station. The Kearsarge Regional High School requires each graduating senior to donate 20 hours of volunteer time before they graduate. Katie has blown that requirement away with providing a whopping 110 hours of her time to ASLPT! On June 10th Katie graduated from KRHS and plans to attend Lasell University in Massachusetts and major in Hospitality Management. We thank her for her service to the Land Trust and wish her the best of luck in college and beyond!



If YOU or anyone you know would be interested in taking over this volunteer position, please contact our office. The perfect candidate would be able to come into the office once every two weeks during regular hours, and transport our recycling to any local transfer station.



### **Volunteer Party**

On May 24th, Ausbon Sargent Board and Staff welcomed over 65 volunteers to a special gathering at the Lake Sunapee Protective Association's Center for Lake Studies. It was a fun event with food, drink and remarks from Lisa Andrews (Board Chair), and Debbie Stanley (retiring Executive Director). It was also a chance for many to meet Ben Wallace, the incoming Executive Director. Volunteers provided wonderful energy and conversation that filled the room. This gathering is a special tradition that our volunteers, board and staff look forward to all year.

We are thankful for all our volunteers and the many ways they contribute to the success of Ausbon Sargent!





Debbie Stanley thanking the volunteers, board and staff for their work at the Land Trust.

<< Sue Andrews and Alice Perry, 2023 Volunteer Party.

# The Honorable The Honorable The Honorable The Honorable Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. Joseph A. DiCle

In January 2023 the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to dedicate the Ausbon Sargent conference room in memory of Joe DiClerico. Joe was a past board member and was a strong supporter of the land trust for 35 years. The decision to honor Joe in this way was an easy one, perpetuated by his careful thought and reasonable outlook on topics brought before the Trustees. Joe's leadership and strong belief in the mission of Ausbon Sargent were witnessed time and time again around the table of the board room. He will be remembered always.



Join our email list and/or follow us on Facebook and Instagram to find out when new hikes are added to our schedule! A fall hike on the new Bradford Bog Headwaters property is in the works. Hope to see you there!

# Calendar of EVENTS



# Please join us for a hike or event this summer or fall!

Please contact: kheath@ausbonsargent.org for more information or to register!

July 11, 2023: 9am – 11am Star Lake Farm hike Springfield

August 1, 2023:
Dragonfly Walk at
Russell Pond/O'Neil Property
Sutton

August 16, 2023: 2pm – 4pm Pound Woodland Preserve hike Wilmot

Bradford Bog Headwaters Property hike-TBA

October 22, 2023: 3pm Annual Meeting

at the New London Historical Society

December 4, 2023 5:30pm – 7:30pm Holiday Party

(Location TBD)

Hikes are free and open to all, however **Registration is required.** 

Please contact: kheath@ausbonsargent.org for more information or to register!

### The Importance of Legacy Gifts

by Robin Albing

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust is committed to conserving the land we need and love for generations to come, ensuring that the places we save today are protected forever.

Your legacy gift (through your will or trust) is an important way to provide for family and friends, plan the management and disposition of your estate and ensure that your passion for land conservation is permanently reflected in the beautiful places that surround us here in New Hampshire. It is a simple, yet powerful way to ensure that future generations can enjoy the precious lands and waters that you cherish today.

Ausbon Sargent has long been the recipient of legacy giving, stretching back to our inception over 35 years ago. We receive legacy gifts every year, thanks to the forward-thinking generosity of our donors. The lives of these generous folks are uplifting and inspiring. Here is just one of their stories:

Ruth White was a well-known and respected member of the New London community. She was a lover of nature and hiked all of NH's 4000 footers while in her 50s and Mt. Lafayette for her 80th birthday. She and her husband, George, travelled extensively - kayaking,



Ruth White

canoeing, hiking, and geocaching, while searching for birds and wildlife to photograph. When Ruth passed away in 2022, in keeping with her wishes, her sons Eric and David made a generous gift to the Land Action Fund at Ausbon Sargent in Ruth's name. The Fund was created for times when the Land Trust is faced with a critical need for interim financing or if there is a shortfall in reaching a fundraising goal. This is only used in instances where the property has exceptional

natural resources that need to be protected. Thanks to Ruth White, Ausbon Sargent is able to act quickly when an important opportunity arises; the funds are there and the mission can continue.

Ruth White's appreciation for nature lives on. Like Ruth, you, too, can make a legacy gift to Ausbon Sargent because our planet cannot provide us with breathable air and drinkable water unless enough land is preserved for it to do so. Ausbon Sargent was the foundation for Ruth's charitable giving—and it can also be yours.

Robin Albing is a member of the Development Committee for Ausbon Sargent. After a long business career in New York and New Jersey, she now resides full-time on Little Lake Sunapee and works at Dartmouth College. Although Robin loves to travel and has visited over 60 countries on six continents, her favorite places in the world are the lakes and mountains of New Hampshire.



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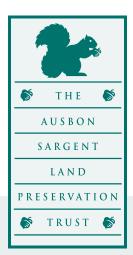
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