

THE AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

Helping to Preserve the Rural Landscape of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee Region
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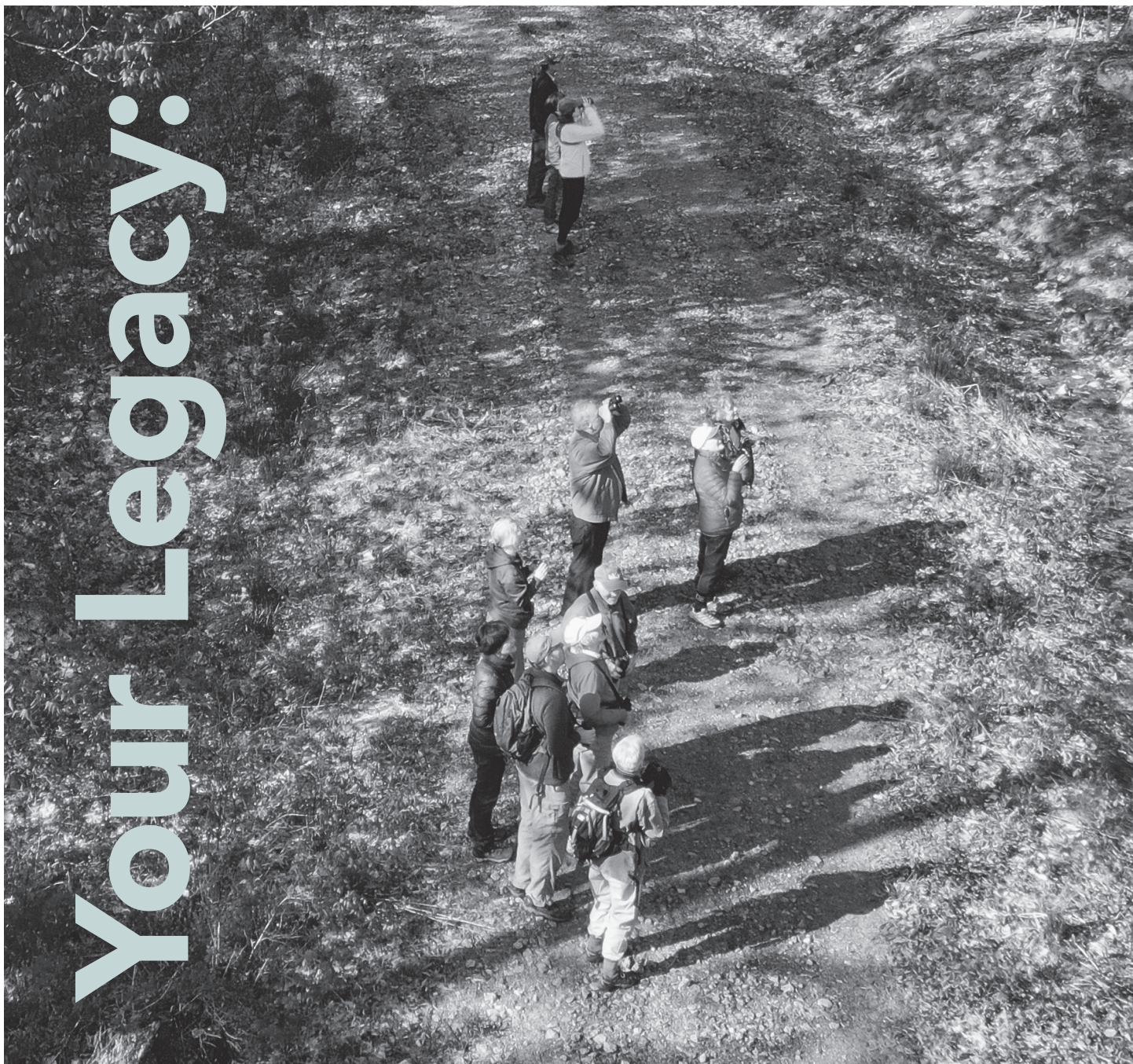


Chatter



Summer 2019

Your Legacy:



From Generation to *Generation*

From the *Executive Director*:



As I was reading all the articles for this issue of Chatter, I keyed in on the responses by the Ausbon Sargent founders on page 12. The originators were concerned about the alarming rate at which productive land and natural resources were disappearing. Since the beginning, our mission has been

to preserve and protect the rural character of the region for public benefit through land conservation.

Words are important and I thought it would be helpful to explain the meaning of land conservation and preservation. Conservation is generally associated with the protection of natural resources, while preservation is associated with the protection of buildings and landscapes. Both terms involve a degree of protection, but there is a difference in how the protection is carried out.

Land conservation is the process of protecting our land and the sustainable use and management of natural resources. Forested and agricultural lands are vital for the quality of our water supply, our wildlife, our tourism and our economy. These lands support us; they provide for our clean water, flood control, storm protection, food, recreation and clean air. Land conservation is the practice of caring for these resources so all living things can benefit now and in the future. When lands are protected by a conservation easement, landowners must follow best practices when conducting forestry and agricultural activities.

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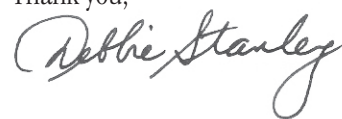
Sheridan Brown of Grantham leads Wednesday bird walks on the Sawyer Brook Headwaters property. Read more (page 7) about this 386-acre property in Grantham that Ausbon Sargent, the Town of Grantham, The Conservation Fund and many generous donors are currently working to protect. Photo by Peter Bloch

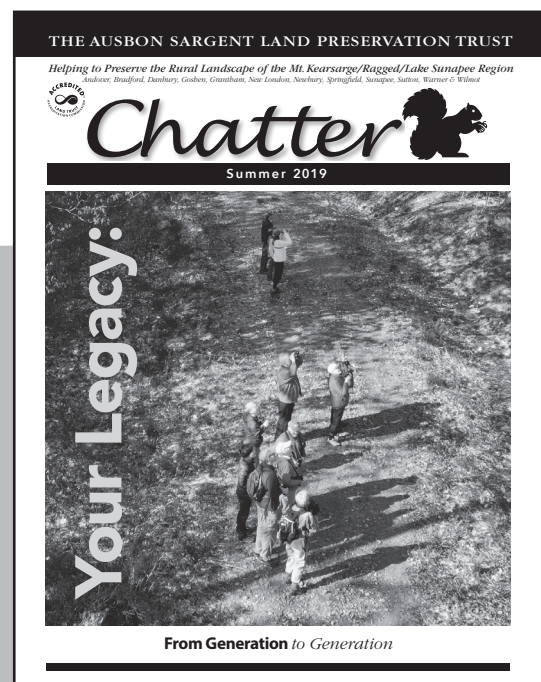
Land preservation is far stricter than land conservation. The resources must not be used by humans and the land must be maintained in its pristine form. Some preservationists believe that the land can be accessed for its natural beauty and inspiration, while others support no access at all.

Ausbon Sargent's preferred method of protection is land conservation, although in some cases, preservation makes the most sense given the property's unique and sensitive attributes. Fifteen years ago, Ausbon Sargent was bequeathed a property by a preservationist and the land remains forever wild and it is posted against public access. 2019 is shaping up to be a busy year with numerous land conservation projects underway. Several of these properties have been on our "wish list" for over 30 years.

The support that we have received from so many has ensured that Ausbon Sargent's work continues. What better way to preserve the rural character of our area than by investing in land conservation.

Thank you,



Your Legacy: From Generation to Generation



Many of our Ausbon Sargent events, like this Dragonfly Walk on the Trumbull Pond property in Warner/Webster, include and encourage the participation of multi-generations.

By Peggy Hutter

Throughout our lives we go through stages in our development. Our focus and our responses are generally determined by the pushes and pulls on our lives at each particular stage. Certainly, in our teens, twenties and our early days of parenting, we have different concerns than we might have as grandparents in our sixties moving forward. Where we once “lived in the moment,” we later begin to consider the legacy we want to leave behind.

Webster’s dictionary defines legacy as “anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor.” Interestingly, we seem to associate “legacy” with something we pass on at the end of a lifetime. Instead, our legacy is crafted daily by moments shared, decisions made, actions taken, and even by mistakes we’ve made. Though a single action can be considered “one’s legacy,” generally a legacy is fluid and evolving and has the potential to make lasting impressions on future generations.

Some of us have had very concrete family items gifted to us: a first edition book, Grandma’s rocker, or heirloom jewelry. We share family stories, create photo books and keep journals to preserve our family memories. And we celebrate traditions that remain important from generation to generation.

Sharing experiences and passions such as the joy of spending time together, the love of nature and the outdoors, and the importance of standing up for one another also become our legacy. We will be remembered for the way we live our lives.

I recently heard someone say that a grandparent’s greatest legacy to a new generation is an “emotional footprint.” We have the ability to inspire generations to come when we can share with them what is important to us. Even at a young age, when a child sees what we are passionate about, they learn to appreciate the value.

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust has been privileged to learn the stories associated with 149 special properties that it helps to protect. These lands are safe keepers of precious memories. Some properties are farmlands, some surround the family home, some were passed down through generations and the family can’t conceive of losing this important land. Many owners have chosen to name their protected properties to honor generations past, folks who left their “emotional footprint.”

The Ausbon Sargent mission is to preserve the rural landscape of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. It achieves this by protecting the lakes, streams, forests and fields, wildlife habitat and views forever and this will be its legacy. We don’t all have land to conserve, but we can all be part of this legacy by supporting the good work of Ausbon Sargent. And a part of your personal legacy can be introducing the next generations to some of these wonderful places that make our area so special.

Peggy Hutter became the Communications Coordinator for Ausbon Sargent in 2011 following her retirement from teaching in the Kearsarge Regional School District. She and her husband live in Elkins.



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Best Forestry Management Practices

By Dode Gladders

Forest management means cutting trees from time to time. There are many reasons to harvest trees, but they all have to do with allocating light to the ones we want to grow. Trees need a lot of things to thrive — nutrients, light, water, rooting space, and carbon dioxide, but competition for light is what really drives how a forest develops through time in the northeast.

Knowing what's on a woodlot (the soil, trees and other plants, and wildlife), understanding a landowner's hopes for what will be there in the future, and choosing the best technique to move from the current condition to the future are all necessary to ensure good forest management. In addition to meeting specific goals, management diversifies the forest, which can increase resilience to other challenges like climate change and invasive pests.

Common landowner goals include wildlife, income, forest health, and scenic views. As an example, let's focus on wildlife habitat to illustrate how forest management decisions are made.

Southwest New Hampshire is 85% forested, but most of this forest is around 100 years old. That's great for some types of wildlife, but not others. For example, New England has 41 bird species that require young forest habitat to succeed. Most of these birds, including well-known species like the indigo bunting and chestnut-sided warbler, have been on the decline for decades as the forests grow older. Creating young forest habitat using patch cuts is a management strategy where habitat is a goal and conditions on the ground are suitable. Patch cuts resemble small clear cuts, so they can look surprising, especially when the goals aren't obvious. A patch cut allocates a lot of sunlight down to ground level so that sun-loving trees can quickly get established. Within a year or two, the new growth develops into a thicket that is hard to walk in or even see through. From a bunting's perspective, this young forest habitat provides cover from predators, food-like insects and berries, and nesting sites.

Of course, one shouldn't jump into forest management haphazardly. Proper planning and implementation are critical. This means working in the context of a plan and having a forester involved, always with the desired end-state in mind.

During and after the harvest it is important to follow forestry best management practices (BMPs). These practices protect water quality. For example, temporary bridges are a BMP used for stream crossings during the harvest. After the harvest is done, water bars may be installed on roads to prevent erosion. Landings may be seeded to help secure soil. These are a few examples of BMPs that you might see during and after a professionally managed harvest.

Local land trusts work with landowners to protect properties using conservation easements. Harvesting done under the guidance of a management plan and with the supervision of a licensed forester is often allowed. On conserved properties, these periodic management activities occur on a land base that will remain in forest, as opposed to clearing for development, which represents a permanent change. Easements are designed to protect high-value forests from development in perpetuity.

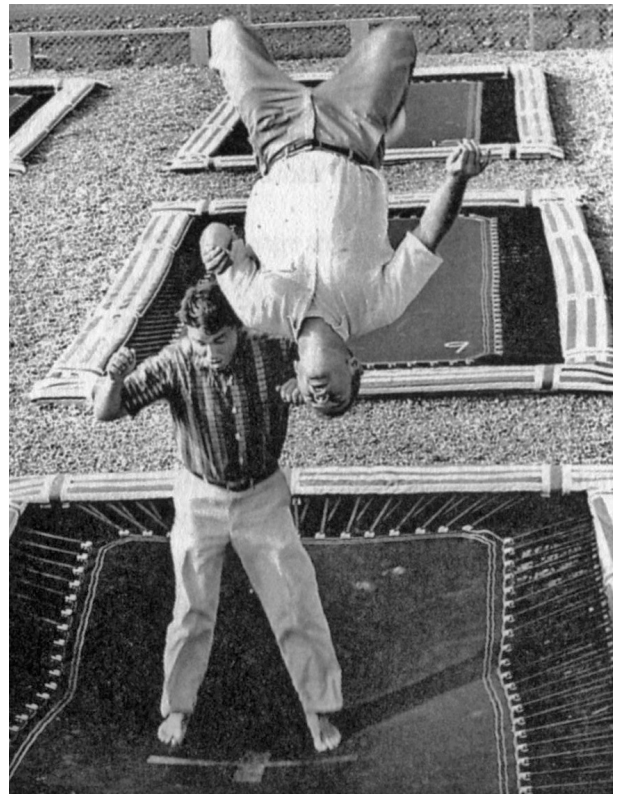
Photo by Debbie Stanley



Forester, Jeffrey Snitkin (L), shares the best forestry management practices being followed on a Star Lake Farm timber cut.

For a “soup to nuts” treatment of forest management practices, check out Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for NH. It's available for free at www.goodforestry.org

Dode has been the Sullivan County Extension Forester since 2013. He and his wife Barbara live in New London. When not at work in the woods, helping landowners manage their land, Dode enjoys hiking New Hampshire's 4,000' mountains and fishing in Pleasant Lake. You can reach him at dode.gladders@unh.edu



Bill Clough (landing) and Ned Platner (flipping) at the Clough Family Trampoline Center at Spring Ledge Farm. Courtesy of the Clough Family. See article on page 5.

The placement of a conservation easement on a special property can be a meaningful legacy left to future generations.

Almost all of the properties that Ausbon Sargent has promised to watch over forever have been given names that remind others that they are very special places to a certain individual or family. By protecting a property forever, the namesake of the property is sharing something wonderful and unique with the future generations they will never meet.

What's in a Name? Spring Ledge Farm

By Kristy Heath

If you've ever driven through New London, you would likely have seen this bustling farm, literally "planted" in the middle of town. Spring Ledge Farm was started by John and Sue Clough in the mid-70's and got its name handed down to them from generations of Cloughs who lived in New London. John's father and grandfather ran a maple sugaring operation in the neighboring town of Wilmot in the mid-1940's on a 140-acre piece of land acquired by Dr. William P. Clough Sr. from Mr. Byron Tenney, in return for a lifetime of medical care. Each spring, the family averaged about 400 gallons of syrup a year in a time when each bucket had to be lugged by hand from the maple tree to where it was stored until it could be boiled. The three Clough children, Bill, John and Nancy (Whitehead), along with a few hired hands (Fred Piper, Bill Taylor and Frank Langley), who were more like extended family than employees, all lent a hand in this labor-intensive process.

On this property, the Cloughs discovered a spring under some ledge above the sugar house. Because of this spring, the property could also be used for pasturing cattle. Each summer, Henry Stanley would bring his cattle from Burpee Hill to graze on the property that had been dubbed "Spring Ledge Orchards."

Through their childhood and into their teen years, John and his brother Bill were active in 4-H and showed sheep, and later cattle, at fairs. The boys needed a name to display near their animals at the fairs, letting people know where they were from, and decided that "Spring Ledge Farm" would be a good name to use. When not being shown, the animals were kept on the property where Spring Ledge Farm currently sits on Main Street.

Another interesting use of this "Spring Ledge" property came in 1960. After Bill Jr. returned from viewing the Olympics in California, he introduced the spreading "trampoline craze" to New London, and the "Clough Family Trampoline Center" came to be on what is now the Spring Ledge parking lot. Similar centers had "popped up" across the country attracting bouncers young and old. Unfortunately, the craze soon died and the New London center closed.

Growing up, John recalls that his mom always had a horse. When John and Bill went off to college she began breeding Connemara ponies. A stallion was brought over from Ireland and the ponies were kept on the Spring Ledge Farm property. If you look up the Connemara breed of ponies online, you can see that "Spring Ledge" is still a bloodline that is valued today.

In 1975, John and Sue started selling produce on the Newport Road property where the Sugar River Bank currently sits. For sale at

their stand was corn they grew on the Spring Ledge Farm land, and, since their neighbor Ausbon W. Sargent had just stopped growing vegetables in his own garden, (at the age of 83) he let John and Sue use his garden space to grow carrots. They supplemented their farm stand with any local produce they could find, and shared some truckloads of produce from the Boston market with another area farm stand. They already had signs available that said "Spring Ledge Farm" from John's 4-H days, so that's what they used as their business signs.

During the two years selling produce at this location, the Cloughs began building their home on the Spring Ledge Farm property and moved there in 1977, opening the farm stand where it now sits. Over the years the stand grew and gained popularity in the town and surrounding areas. John and Sue worked with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust to put a conservation easement on 53 acres of



Young John and Bill Clough with Bill Taylor sugaring on the Clough's Wilmot property. Photo taken in 1948 (+/-), courtesy of the Clough family

the property in 1991, ensuring that the land would never be developed or subdivided. In 2005, after 30 years in business, the Cloughs sold the farm to Greg Berger, who had worked alongside them for 20 years learning the tricks of the trade and best practices. The farm is now a staple in the town of New London and people have come to rely on their fresh produce,

beautiful flowers, and seasonal items that bring a bit of the farm into their homes. And to think that this all started with a natural spring in Wilmot, that came bubbling up out of a ledge! If you have a unique story about an Ausbon Sargent protected property, we'd love to hear it!

Kristy Heath has been working for Ausbon Sargent for four years, writing grants and planning events. She enjoys camping and being in the outdoors with her family and friends. In the winter, she also enjoys playing in a competitive women's basketball league in Vermont.

Photo by Deborah Lang



The O'Neil frontage looking across Russell Pond.

Facts about the O'Neil Conservation Easement

Town: **Sutton**

Location: **NH Route 114 & Johnson Hill Road**

Total Acreage: **22 acres**

The property:

- Protects the scenic view for people traveling on NH Route 114 and Johnson Hill Road.
- Protects over 1,150 feet of frontage on Russell Pond.
- Protects frontage of a stream that flows from Russell Pond to Blaisdell Lake.
- The Town of Sutton's Russell Pond property is adjacent to this property, and combined, the two parcels protect more than two thirds of the frontage on Russell Pond.
- Can be managed for forestry and agriculture and has good soils for both activities.
- Will be open to the public for low impact recreation.

Ausbon Sargent is happy to report that on June 13th, a 22.3-acre property in the Town of Sutton was conserved! The easement was donated to Ausbon Sargent by Robert O'Neil and will help to protect not only the abundant wildlife habitat in that area, but also several bodies of water, including Russell Pond and Blaisdell Lake. The property has highly ranked forestry and agricultural soils and is listed as "farmland of local significance." The O'Neil easement is adjacent to the existing Russell Pond Conservation Easement, making this area around the pond a haven for the wildlife that call it home. As with most Ausbon Sargent properties, the O'Neil property will be open for low impact recreation. The addition of this property brings the total acres conserved by Ausbon Sargent to 11,590. Many thanks to Robert O'Neil for his generosity and thoughtful actions towards keeping this undeveloped special place as is, for generations to come.

Photo by Peter Bloch



The Webb/Crowell Forest I-beam bridge in Sutton.

The Webb/Crowell Forest

On April 26, 2019, Ausbon Sargent closed on the 94-acre Webb/Crowell Forest located in Sutton on Eaton Grange Road West.

Two years prior, in August of 2017, Ausbon Sargent was given an 8-acre parcel of land in the Town of Sutton. This 8-acre property was adjacent to the existing 86-acre Webb/Crowell Forest that is owned by the Town of Sutton. Because of their proximity, Ausbon Sargent gifted the 8 acres to the Town of Sutton in the spring of 2018.

Ausbon Sargent was pleased to find that one year later, at the 2019 Sutton Town Meeting, the residents voted to grant a conservation easement to Ausbon Sargent on the entire 94-acre parcel.

The Webb/Crowell Forest has frontage on both sides of the Lane River and has an extensive trail network that includes a significant bridge over the Lane River made from a steel I-beam turned on its side. There are abundant signs of wildlife on the property including moose and deer, and habitat for wildlife is exemplary (highest ranking in the state by the 2015 Wildlife Action Plan).



Photo by Peter Bloch



Peter Bloch of EarthAerial Photography has been recording drone photography of our larger properties to help us with baseline monitoring. This is a wonderful shot of the 386-acre Sawyer Brook Headwaters property in Grantham.

Sawyer Brook Headwaters

By Kristy Heath

It is always a good feeling when we are approached by landowners who want to protect their property. It is an exciting and affirming feeling when a collaborative effort to protect a property surfaces and we are asked to help.

In the Town of Grantham, a very special 386-acre property, which has been for sale in the past for upwards of \$1,200,000, was offered to the Town for the appraised value of \$415,000. The offer, and a proposal to forever protect this “Sawyer Brook Headwaters” property with a conservation easement to be held by Ausbon Sargent, came before the townspeople of Grantham at their March Town Meeting. The voters overwhelmingly approved spending up to \$300,000 on the project. Abutting Blue Mountain Forest Association (Corbin Park) land, and other protected land, this property has some important attributes.

Not only is this parcel important for its high ranking wetlands and wildlife habitat as designated by NH Fish and Game, it includes a critical section of an existing wildlife corridor between nearby conserved parcels. From a recreational standpoint, this property is popular for nature observation, hiking, hunting, mountain biking, running, snowshoeing, skiing and snowmobiling. Should the current owners sell to someone else and follow through with a planned timber

harvest, public access and all of these attributes could very well be diminished and could open the door for development.

Ausbon Sargent is working with the Town of Grantham, an organization called “The Conservation Fund” (a national conservation organization), and the citizens of Grantham to protect this important property. This project is worthy of competing in the run for a state grant through the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) and Ausbon Sargent will find out in early December if its proposal was a success. Two other foundations have committed to supporting the project with a combined total of \$32,500, and another grant proposal is still being considered. Private funds have started coming in, although at the time this article was written, our planned appeal letter has yet to be sent to the citizens of Grantham. We have heard from many people about their enthusiasm for this project and many are delighted to help protect this special place for current and future generations to enjoy.

The total project cost is \$515,000. We are still accepting donations for the purchase of this property, and the costs associated with putting a conservation easement on it. Please consider assisting Ausbon Sargent and the Town of Grantham in this worthy endeavor!



The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

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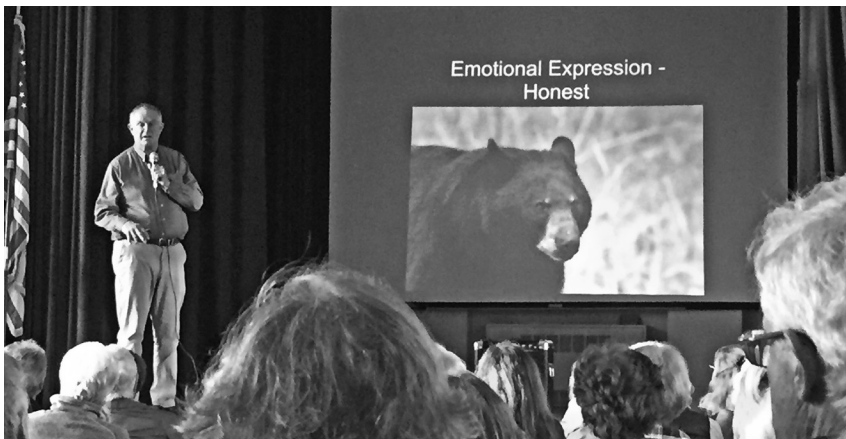


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Ben Kilham, internationally acclaimed bear behavior expert, shared some fascinating information on the black bears that he works with at the Kilham Bear Center in Lyme, NH.



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Thanks to Jeanie Plant for organizing the Little Lake Sunapee Reunion dinner at the annual Thursday's Child for Ausbon Sargent. Here she (L) works with Kristy Heath, Sue Andrews and Laurie DiClerico to arrange flowers for the tables.

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Parents, Grandparents and an Incredible Legacy

by Peggy Hutter

Many of you have heard the telling of The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust story numerous times, but it is such a charming narrative that it always warrants sharing. It is the story of a town, a humble and generous man, and the common mission that connected the two.

In 1987, recognizing the impact of escalating property values, and an explosion of new building developments, the New London Conservation Commission asked for an increase in its annual appropriation. When this was denied, the town Selectmen appointed a committee to study some plausible solutions to what they believed to be a “growing”



problem. The committee concluded that a private non-profit land trust was the appropriate vehicle to help address the need. In order to register the land trust with the state, the committee was required to determine a name for the trust. The committee reflected back to 1985 when

94-year old Ausbon W. Sargent, a retired maintenance worker from Colby Junior College, spent his life's savings to purchase the 3-acre parcel of land from the college that he then gifted to the Town of New London to forever be used as the Town Common. To honor the man whose gesture epitomized the mission of the land trust, the committee was granted Ausbon's permission to use his name.

With our theme of *Your Legacy: From Generation to Generation* in mind, I asked for input from five of Ausbon Sargent's founding board members. Thirty-two years have passed since the incorporation of the land trust, and I had two questions that I posed to these founders:

 *In regards to your children and grandchildren, what are you most proud of from your early work with The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust?*

 *Do you have a favorite Ausbon Sargent property that you like to share with your children and grandchildren?*

I hope you'll enjoy and relate to their responses:

● Woody Blunt, Chairman

My children and grandchildren drive into and around New London on visits during all seasons. One of the things I am proudest of is that Ausbon Sargent has been instrumental in retaining and maintaining the rural feel of our gateways. Clark Lookout is one of the protected properties that is closest to where we live. Countless times, various contingents of the family have hiked, sloshed, back packed, strollered, raced, lallygagged, and, otherwise, meandered up on Clark Lookout. There are many photos in their family scrapbooks! As the family grows



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Debbie Stanley (C) with members of the original Board (seated L-R) Jan Kidder, Heidi Lauridsen and Sue Clough, (standing L-R) John Clough, Woody Blunt and Bill Berger in 2012.

we continue to trek up to introduce new members to the fabulous view and overall experience. Not to mention the fact that our daughter, Hannah, received her marriage proposal at Clark Lookout six years ago.

● Heidi Lauridsen, Vice-Chairman

Although my kids and grandchild may never live in the immediate New London area, what I am proudest of is my involvement with an organization that has made it possible for New London and its environs to remain, in a large part, the way they were when our children were growing up. As we grow older and things move and change with breakneck speed, I believe having places that remain the same, in perpetuity, is increasingly important to our collective health and well-being. I hope that my work with Ausbon Sargent will continue to make it possible for generations to come to experience the special, permanent, sense of place that the open spaces and beautiful vistas that Ausbon Sargent has been able to protect can provide. A favorite is the Stanley Farm, particularly when Peter and Debbie's Christmas tree farm was operational. A visit there to pick out a tree was always a welcome break from the frenzy of holiday planning, etc. Do I have to limit myself to just one?!

● John Clough, Trustee

I have a great deal of pride in Sue and my working together and with The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust to protect the Spring Ledge Farm easement. I know our children feel pride in their being part of that accomplishment. They show it by visiting the Farm whenever they come to New London, something they would not do if that land was in housing or threatened to be otherwise developed. Their children cannot help but feel that something solid and responsible resides in this property, an inheritance of value they will always have. The Farm is a kind of prodigy of Ausbon Sargent and has come to share that organization's aura of responsibility for our community's future. The aura I'm talking about is an overall feeling that something good is going on there.

● Jan Kidder, Trustee

I am very proud to have been there at the beginning of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. It's hard to believe that it was over 30 years ago! Our original board laid some groundwork under Woody's able leadership and it's been so gratifying over the years to watch the organization grow and flourish. The list of protected properties is impressive as is the widespread support for Ausbon Sargent. It will come as no surprise that our favorite properties are the Currier/Gold and Low Plain. They connect our family to my parent's love of the land and of this area.

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Bill Berger, Trustee

Early on we were able to generate community interest in land protection and conservation, which through Ausbon Sargent's leadership and interested community members, has developed into a thriving public service organization. I don't have one favorite protected property, but I do like to share with the entire Ausbon Sargent community the magnificent open fields that remain for agricultural use and/or enjoyment by the public. A good example is the so-called Vernlund fields [Main Street Meadows] at the southern entrance to Town.

We thank these founding board members, and all board members and general members to follow them, for their insight and commitment to the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. With the simple vision of preserving the rural character of a town and the inspiration drawn from the generosity of one elderly man, the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, with its rich legacy, was established.



**Join us
on a
Dragonfly
Event**

Ausbon Sargent's Land Protection Specialist, Andy Deegan, and his wife, Carrie, of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, contributed to a five-year NH study of dragonflies completed in 2011. Andy has planned two dragonfly events this summer to share his interest in dragonflies and damselflies with others. (See our Calendar of Events on this page for more specifics.)

Our annual dragonfly events are encouraged to be inter-generational, as children along with their parents and grandparents enjoy the opportunity to net, observe, learn and then release the dragonflies and damselflies. What better legacy to create with your children than to introduce them to the wonders of our beautiful Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region? We hope you'll join us.

2019 Calendar of Events

July

Bradford Bog Hike in Bradford

Thursday, July 18, 2:00 pm

Ausbon Sargent will host a walk on the Bradford Bog and the historic Bradford Hotel and Springs properties located along the East Washington Road. More specific information can be found on our website.

Dragonfly Walk at Low Plain in New London

Tuesday, July 30 (raindate, July 31), 2:00 pm

Andy Deegan leads the first of our two popular summer dragonfly walks at the Low Plain in New London this year. Brown University biology professor Jonathan Waage will join Andy in this session. Your whole family will enjoy this event.

August

Dragonfly Walk at the Grantham Sawyer Brook Headwaters Property

Tuesday, August 6 (raindate, August 7), 2:00 pm

Andy Deegan leads his 2nd Dragonfly walk on a wonderful property that Ausbon Sargent is currently helping to protect. Bring your children, your grandchildren and net a dragonfly. Andy will help you to observe and identify the variety and appreciate the intricacies of the species before safely releasing it and sending it unharmed back into flight.

Hike Through Wayne's Woods in Goshen

Wednesday, August 14, 2:00 pm

Ausbon Sargent is sponsoring this hike on the Garvey's wild and beautiful 70-acre property. Trails will lead us through the woods and past two babbling brooks that feed into the 100-acre "Goshen Ocean" (Gunnison Lake).

October

Ausbon Sargent Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 27, 3:00 pm

Join us for our Annual Meeting held each year at the New London Historical Society. Our general meeting takes place first, followed by a social hour.

December

Ausbon Sargent Holiday Party

Monday, December 2, 5:30–7:30 pm

Our members-only Holiday Party, held at the Coach House Restaurant at the New London Inn, is a perfect way to begin your holiday season. RSVP early as space is limited.

Please visit ausbonsargent.org/calendar for more specific details. Unless noted, all events are free and open to the public.

We request that you RSVP for all events.

WHAT DOES **FOREVER** MEAN TO YOU?

Our actions, our gifts and the connections we make help to contribute to the legacy we leave for the next generations. We've created some examples of activities and experiences resulting from the good work of The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. What brings you joy from our efforts to preserve the rural character of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region forever?

Explore

Hike

- Follow the trail to the top of Pitcher Hill at Star Lake Farm. (Springfield)
- Snowshoe or hike the SRKG Trail on the Stoney Brook property. (Newbury)
- Discover the Webb Forest Preserve Trails. (Sunapee)
- Wander the trails on the Rowe Mountain Road Blitzer easement. (Bradford)

Connect

- Follow the numbered signs on the Cook Interpretive Trail. (Elkins)
- Navigate the snowmobile trails on the Courser Property. (Warner)
- Find the old stone quarry at William Bean Quarry. (Sutton)
- Travel along scenic Grafton Road and you'll pass the conserved Nowell Farm. (Wilmot)

Enjoy

- Like and Follow Ausbon Sargent on Facebook.
- Meet conservation-minded people at an Ausbon Sargent hike or educational event.
- Bring your child or grandchild to an Ausbon Sargent Dragonfly Event.
- Visit www.ausbonsargent.org to see what's happening at the Land Trust.
- Join our email list to learn what's happening at the Land Trust.

Give

- Stroll through Wayne's Woods on groomed walking trails. (Goshen)
- Picnic on the warm rocks at the edge of Ledge Pond. (Sunapee)
- Witness the view from Clark Lookout in all seasons. (New London)
- Look for the cows at the Hersey Family Farm as you travel along Route 11. (East Andover)
- Cool off on a hot summer day in the Birnbaum easement swimming hole. (Danbury)

Paddle

- Become a member of The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.
- Give the gift of membership to a family member.
- Support a land project.
- Name Ausbon Sargent when you consider your estate planning.

Volunteer

- Launch your kayak at the Otter Pond Protective Association beach to discover the hidden shores of Otter Pond. (Sunapee)
- Put in at the Waukeena Lake boat launch; view wildlife along the protected LeBaron/Brewer shoreline. (Danbury)
- Row gently along the protected shoreline of Russell Pond. (Sutton)
- Paddle the extensive undeveloped Little Lake Sunapee protected shoreline looking for loons. (New London)

- Monitor a protected property or work on trails.
- Help stuff envelopes for one of our mailings.
- Bake a "goodie"; help to serve at an Ausbon Sargent event.
- Host a neighborhood gathering in your home.



A Steward Forever

by Kathy Carroll

When Ausbon Sargent receives a bequest, it is profoundly humbling and gratifying. This gift of a lifetime, regardless of amount, provides an extraordinary legacy for the individual donor as a thoughtful steward who cared deeply about preserving our region's beautiful rural landscape forever.

In the Fall of 2016, a longtime member of the land trust from Sunapee, who preferred to remain anonymous, shared his decision to include Ausbon Sargent in his estate plans. His generous intention placed this special friend in our Acorn Society which recognizes all those who have included the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust in their Will or Trust, or named Ausbon Sargent as a beneficiary of a specific asset.

We are pleased to have had the opportunity to thank this valued member whose interest in forestry aligned well with supporting conservation, and helped to create this enduring endorsement of our work. His great affection for the Sunapee area was a catalyst for his demonstrated support of both our Wendell Marsh North and South projects.

In June of 2018 and earlier this year, Ausbon Sargent realized this wonderful legacy gift through the family. We are grateful and honored to be the beneficiary of this ultimate stewardship gift, and warmly acknowledge the careful diligence of his family to ensure that the bequest intention was carried out.

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust invites you to consider the gift of a living legacy to help protect our priceless rural character and quality of life in the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee Region. To create your legacy, please contact Executive Director Debbie Stanley for more information and to answer any questions. All inquiries are confidential. If you have already made a provision in your estate plans, we hope that you will let us know so that we may recognize you in the Acorn Society.

Kathy Carroll is an Ausbon Sargent Trustee and chair of the Development Committee. She and her husband Joe are longtime members, and they currently divide their time between New London and the New Hampshire seacoast.

If you Give through an IRA . . .

Over time, Ausbon Sargent has been the fortunate recipient of a number of gifts made through Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). If you choose to support the land trust in this manner, please be sure to let us know. Recently several gifts have come to us from financial institutions without the name(s) of the donor indicated. This presents a challenge in thanking the appropriate individuals. Stewardship of all gifts is extremely important to ASLPT, and a phone call or email can help assure that we are able to acknowledge these special gifts properly.



*If you have already
named the Ausbon Sargent
Land Preservation Trust
in your estate plan and
would like to become
a member of
The Acorn Society,
please let us know.*

*If you would
like more information,
feel free to call the
Ausbon Sargent office at
603-526-6555
or email
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*Members who prefer
not to be recognized
can remain anonymous.*

The individuals listed below have notified us that they have provided for Ausbon Sargent in their estate plans.

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