

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



Chatter



Summer 2018



Pay it *Forward*

From the Executive Director:

Photo by Douglas K. Hill



According to the National Weather Service, on May 4th one of the longest tornadoes on record for New Hampshire tracked through the state. The most significant damage was in the town of Warner, where winds were estimated at 90 to 100 mph.

Two properties associated with Ausbon Sargent suffered significant damage. The Brown Family's Frazier Brook Farm and the Courser Family's Mud Pond properties had hundreds of trees that were blown over like they were matchsticks. Landowner Nate Brown estimated that he will take out 3/4 million board feet of logs.

While the landowners were busy with cleanup and salvaging timber, we contracted with Peter Bloch to fly his drone over the properties to assess the damage. Just seven months before, we had Peter gather aerial baseline images on all Ausbon Sargent conservation properties greater than 50 acres. One of the purposes of the baseline photos was to monitor any changes in the land use over time. We had projected that the aerial monitoring would be repeated every 5-10 years or when deemed appropriate. The tornado damage accelerated our timeline for these two properties. Not only did Peter fly the same flight pattern to take aerial still photos, but he also produced a 2-minute video which can be found in the "Gallery" on our website.

Since the pace of climate change indicators has become three to five times faster in the past 40 years, last year Ausbon Sargent began to incorporate climate resiliency as one of the criteria for evaluating land it conserves. It is increasingly important that we support ecosystems flexible enough to adjust and reassemble, maintaining biodiversity and ecological functions in response to significant weather events.

The Courser and Brown properties are ranked as resilient and will recover over time. Both properties have many attributes that weighed in favor of land conservation. Join Ausbon Sargent for a guided hike on July 10 at the Brown Family's Frazier Brook Farm to learn how their land management plans have been modified because of the powerful force of nature.

This weather event underscores the importance of Ausbon Sargent's mission to conserve land and steward it forever. Land protection ensures that natural systems will continue to thrive.

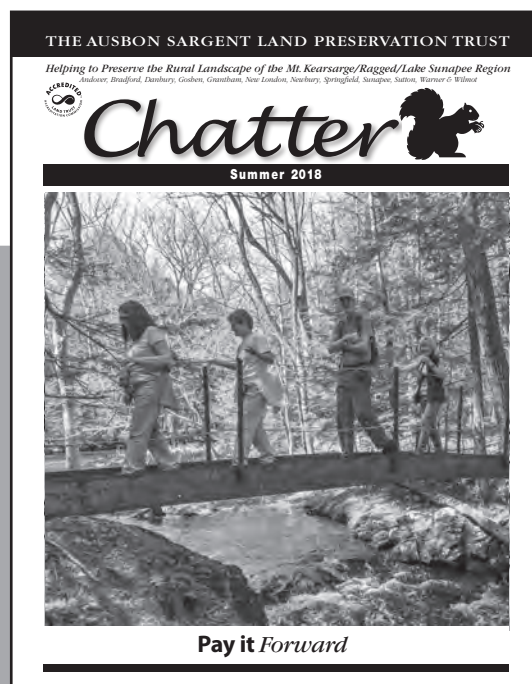
Thank you to our members who are at the heart of everything we do. Your support makes all the difference!

Rebby Stanley

ABOUT THE COVER

Hikers enjoy their trail walk that leads them across the "I-beam bridge" on the Webb/Crowell property in Sutton. In an effort to "Pay It Forward," the Sutton Conservation Commission (SCC) has ensured that this property will be open to the public for recreation purposes, forever. Photo by Peter Bloch.

Visit ausbonsargent.org for directions to the trailhead in Sutton.



Pay It Forward

By Peggy Hutter

The phrase “pay it forward” simply means that the beneficiary of a kind act or a generous deed should show thanks by doing good for someone else instead of directly repaying the individual who had bestowed the kindness to him. The intention would be that in paying your thanks forward, this cycle would continue, creating a more caring and conscious population. (A business woman helped the homeless man that she passed each day on her way to her office by treating him to a hearty breakfast. Without any strings attached to this gesture, the business woman asked only that the man find some way to pay this kindness forward.)

We’ve heard the stories of a driver arriving at the tollbooth (before EZ Pass, of course) to have the attendant report that the driver’s toll had been paid by the person in the car just ahead. The response of the driver could be, “Wow, that’s odd,” and the driver continues on his way. Then, again, that driver might pay the attendant and ask that it be applied to the next car in line, thereby continuing the chain of kindness.

This concept isn’t new. Many people may mistakenly think it originated with the 2000 movie *Pay It Forward*, starring Haley Joel Osment. In the movie, a teacher challenges his 6th grade social studies class with the assignment to come up with an idea that will change the world. One student, Trevor, shares his idea of how he will pay kindness forward to three deserving individuals with the only repayment from them being that they pay this kindness forward. “Pay it forward,” however, did not originate with this film.

A copy of a letter written by Ben Franklin in 1784 has Mr. Franklin proposing that his friend “pay it forward.” He writes, “When you meet with another honest Man in similar Distress, you must pay me by lending this Sum to him; enjoining him to discharge the Debt by a like operation. . . I hope it may thus go thro’ many hands, before it meets with a Knave that will stop its Progress.” Similar sentiments were also traced to writings in Ancient Greece.

We chose the theme of “Pay It Forward” for our summer Chatter newsletter because it is a concept regularly exemplified by the many people who work with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. Every family that has allowed us to protect a property, those who have created trails for others to enjoy, each volunteer that offers precious time and services, and the many financial supporters are not just “giving back,” they’re “paying it forward.” Everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us in the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. Those who work with Ausbon Sargent to conserve land believe that we owe it to the next generation to provide them with that opportunity. And, so we “pay it forward.”



Photo by Peggy Hutter

Multiple generations enjoy picking Spring Ledge Farm “PYO” strawberries each year on the Sargent/Clough easement located on Pleasant Street in New London.

Many of us first began to feel a connection with the land when we began to understand the endless enjoyment we found by walking through, hiking to, or just sitting in a place that was special to us. But what if you find some day that your special place has gates across the open trails or shops and houses being built where the woods used to stand? The Ausbon Sargent mission is to help preserve the rural landscape by saving some of these special places.

What will you do it for?

For us?

For them?

For now?

For then?

Won’t you join us in our efforts to “pay it forward”?

Peggy Hutter has worked as the Communications Coordinator for Ausbon Sargent for the past eight years following 36 years of teaching middle school physical education. Some might think this as an odd transition, but because each profession has such a strong commitment to its mission, it was a great move for Peggy.



Corner of County Road and Forest Acres Road in New London.

Facts about

Edwin S. Brown

Forest Preserve

Town: New London

**Location: Forest Acres Road,
County Road and Interstate 89**

Total Acreage: 19 acres

The property:

- Protects the scenic view for people traveling on Forest Acres Road, County Road and Interstate 89.
- Is near other protected land including Messer Pond and Clark Pond.
- Protects streams and wetlands as well as the water quality of Messer Pond.
- Can be managed for forestry and agriculture and has highly ranked forestry soils.
- Will be open to the public for low impact recreation.

Edwin S. Brown Forest Preserve

On May 1, 2018, the Edwin S. Brown Forest Preserve, named in honor of Bob Brown's father, was conserved. Edwin Brown passed away when Bob was only 15 years old, but Bob shares that, "While we only had a short time together, I believe he taught me some important life values." We at Ausbon Sargent would agree as Bob and his wife, Sandy's, decision to conserve this 19.4-acre property benefits many.

The location of this property could offer house sites along Forest Acres Road or County Road, but it is obvious that Bob and Sandy have different thoughts. Bob says, "The significant value of this property to us is far more important than the dollars that a house lot project may bring. We feel that this forested wetland parcel is an important land that will help filter the large volume of storm water flow off of the interstate highway [I-89] and better protect the Messer Pond water quality. Therefore, we have decided to donate an Ausbon Sargent conservation easement on this property so that it will remain an undeveloped forest land."

Pleasant Street-East

The newly conserved 26.38-acre Pleasant Street-East property is located just north of the Bittersweet housing facility and has 550 feet of road frontage along Pleasant Street. Following an environmental survey of the parcel by a wetland scientist in the summer of 2017, it was determined that more than 25% of this property is jurisdictional wetlands. The land is not prime land for development, but is better suited for conservation purposes, such as managing forest and wildlife, extending the Kidder-Cleveland hiking trail, and other low impact recreation. One of the primary attributes of permanently conserving this land is to protect the water quality of Pleasant Lake. Water flows from this Pleasant Street-East parcel across Pleasant Street and into the headwaters of Red Brook, which is a major tributary to the 602-acre Pleasant Lake. The Town of New London has owned this parcel since 2016, so placing a conservation easement on the property does not affect New London's taxes, but it does ensure that the property and the Pleasant Lake watershed will be protected forever.



A curious deer poses for the wildlife camera on the Pleasant Street-East property.

Facts about

Pleasant Street-East

Conservation Easement

Town: New London

Location: Pleasant Street

Total Acreage: 26 acres

The property:

- Protects the scenic view for people traveling on Pleasant Street.
- Is near other protected land including Kidder Cleveland and Spring Ledge Farm.
- Protects streams and wetlands as well as protects the water quality of Pleasant Lake.
- Can be managed for forestry and agriculture and has good forestry soils for forestry management.
- Will be open to the public for low impact recreation.

The Wendell Marsh Expansion and Why We Protect the Marsh

By Dr. Jolyon Johnson, DVM

As you read this, the last transaction, protecting Wendell Marsh and more than 300 acres from development, will have been completed providing a highly visible marsh, alive with wildlife for all to enjoy. The marsh itself provides an opportunity for the public to appreciate avian species ranging from bald eagles to merganser ducks, and mammals from moose to muskrats. All we need to do is observe. The surrounding acres provide protection and an opportunity for wildlife to reproduce and transition from one area to another. There are also several abutting properties of significant acreage that have expressed interest in further land protection. Hopefully, this Wendell Marsh project can expand to nearly 1,000 acres.

I have been involved with several of these and other land protection projects over the years and will continue as I can. I think my motivation is my exposure to nature as a child. I appreciate the wonders of our natural resources, be it forests or wildlife. We live here because it is a unique circumstance. We need to protect and preserve our history and natural resources. Conservation and preservation efforts and our State Park system work to preserve this environment. We need to continue to coordinate efforts and protect the resources we have.

Dr. Jolyon Johnson is a Sunapee native who is the Chief of Staff at the Wendell Veterinary Clinic that he founded in 1978. In addition to animals, he is passionate about conservation, wildlife habitat preservation, history, and heritage appreciation. Dr. Johnson has been instrumental and generous in a number of local conservation projects in the Sunapee area that benefit all of us.



Photo by Peter Bloch

Aerial view of the Wendell Marsh.

Facts about Wendell Marsh Expansion Conservation Easement Town: **Sunapee** Location: **Route 11** Total Acreage: **39 acres**

The property:

- Protects the scenic view for people traveling on Route 11.
- Is adjacent to other protected land including Wendell Marsh North and South.
- Protects an extensive wetland and the water quality of the Sugar River.
- Is important for migratory waterfowl as well as other species which will nest in the wetland vegetation.
- Will be open to the public for low impact recreation.

Thank you, Debbie Stanley, for your 30 years of service as Executive Director

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust was incorporated in 1987. The founding board members soon determined that they would need to hire an Executive Director to manage the organization. Debbie Stanley was offered the position and in 1988, she began her task of "helping to preserve the rural character of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region." 2018 marks Debbie's 30th anniversary at the land trust and the region is a better place because of Debbie's passionate commitment to land conservation. Thanks to Debbie for 30 years of dedicated service from which we all benefit.



Debbie with Eunice Bobanon at the signing of the first Ausbon Sargent property in 1988.

Signing of the most recent Edwin S. Brown property in 2018.



The Webb/Crowell Forest

By Don Davis

The parking area sign on Eaton Grange Road reads, “Webb/Crowell Forest,” but it represents four connected Sutton Conservation Commission (SCC) properties. The Sprout Lot (4 acres), Webb/Crowell Forest (76 acres), Wells/Gamsby (6 acres) and Pillsbury Lot (8 acres) are now known collectively as the Webb/Crowell Forest. The Pillsbury Lot was gifted to the town by the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and will have a conservation easement, which will be extended to cover the other three parcels.

The trail from the parking area leads to a large I-beam bridge over the Lane River. After crossing the bridge, the trail forks. The trail to the right parallels the river revealing patches of wildflowers and a possible glimpse of waterfowl. This trail passes into the Wells tract where stone-work remains from the first sawmill in Sutton. It reaches the wetlands and reenters the Webb/Crowell tract and continues on higher ground back to the bridge. Plans are for two more trails. The first will continue from a high slope on the present trail and loop through Pillsbury and Sprout lots before returning to the bridge. The other will remain on the east side of the river.

There are frequent reports of bird and other wildlife sightings in the forest and wetlands, which is not surprising considering the properties have an exemplary wildlife habitat ranking. Understanding the importance of this forest habitat is growing as we learn more about its role in wildlife corridors and the survival of some wildlife species in the future.

The Sutton community has supported the Sutton Conservation Commission in its efforts to protect these properties, wildlife habitat, history and recreation opportunities.

Don Davis is a lifelong resident of Sutton who enjoys helping others discover their Sutton roots. He retired from NH State Parks in 2004, and is a member of the SCC. Don enjoys doing trail work on the conserved properties. He is currently the Vice President of the Sutton Historical Society and is its past president. He wrote the Parklands Primer weekly column in the InterTown Record for many years. Don especially enjoys time with his grandchildren.



Photo by Peter Bloch



An aerial view of the Webb/Crowell Forest in Sutton.

Facts about

The Webb/Crowell Forest Conservation Easement

Town: Sutton

Location: Eaton Grange Road West

Total Acreage: 94 acres

The property:

- Protects the scenic view for people traveling on Route 114 and Eaton Grange Road West.
- Is listed as Highest Ranked Habitat in the State, Highest Ranked Habitat in the Biological Region and Supporting Landscapes in the 2015 Wildlife Action Plan.
- Protects extensive frontage on the Lane River as well as several vernal pools that are present on the property.
- Can be managed for forestry and agriculture and has good soils for both activities.
- Will be open to the public for low impact recreation.

Photo by Don Davis



Wally Baker hikes across the “I-beam bridge” on the Webb/Crowell trail.



The Brown Family's Frazier Brook Farm property.

Facts about The Brown Family's Frazier Brook Farm Conservation Easement

Town: Warner

**Location: Mason Hill Road, Brown Road,
Couchtown Road**

Total Acreage: 133 acres

The property:

- Protects the scenic view for people traveling on Mason Hill Road, Brown Road and Couchtown Road.
- Is listed as Highest Ranked Habitat in the State and Supporting Landscapes in the 2015 Wildlife Action Plan.
- Protects frontage on Frazier Brook as well as a large wetland that protects the water quality of the brook.
- Has several vernal pools that are important for several species of amphibians.
- Can be and is managed for forestry and agriculture and has good soils for both activities.
- Will be open to the public for low impact recreation.

The Brown Family's Frazier Brook Farm

Dating back to the 1800's, four contiguous pieces of land near Mason Hill Road in Warner had been owned by members of the Brown family. After being bought and sold over time, the Browns have finally assembled the properties once again for a total of 150 acres (133 under easement). Their wish now is to make sure that the land stays together, as a working farm, forever. Without protection, this land could one day become developed, destroying not only the beautiful rolling terrain, forestland, fields, stonewalls and wetlands, but also the highly ranked habitat, identified in the 2015 NH Wildlife Action Plan, and the 10 acres of "Farmland of Statewide Importance." Monies from the Warner Conservation Commission, an LCHIP Grant, Fields Pond Foundation and many others have helped to make the protection of this property a possibility.

Learning More About Saving Special Places

By Frances Harris

Attracting over 300 attendees, New Hampshire's 2018 land conservation conference, *Saving Special Places 2018*, was held on April 7 in Alton, NH. The conference is an annual event that brings together land trust members, ecologists, donors, educators, volunteers, and conservationists of all stripes. It offered 30 workshops on topics from planning trails for people and wildlife, to conservation easement law, to bird ecology and habitat management.

This is an audience who understands that once we have saved special places we must also protect and oversee them into the future. That responsibility often falls to local citizens who share a deep concern for the natural environment. At the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust we take very seriously this ongoing work. Executive Director Debbie Stanley was asked to lead a workshop on *Building a Strong and Effective Board*, and she recruited me to help in the presentation. A well-rounded board is important in advancing the land trust's mission, assisting in fundraising, and representing the organization to the larger community. We chose to focus on how we identify and recruit potential board members, using committee opportunities to learn more about our work and to take on increasing responsibility. We explained the complementary nature of skills that we seek in staff members and on the board, and how our term limits insure both continuity and injection of new ideas. Our audience offered additional questions and anecdotes from both successes and failures in their own organizations.

Hosted by the UNH Cooperative Extension, the conference is offered in late spring and always has a selection of diverse and interesting topics related to conservation. Make a note on your calendar and consider attending. It is a chance to learn more about our local "special places" and to meet the special people who work hard to make them available for our enrichment.

Frances Harris has been a property owner in Sunapee since 1986 and a full-time resident since 2006. She is a retired financial manager who serves as Vice-Chair of the Ausbon Sargent Board and specifically on the Membership, Executive and Finance Committees. Frances is an avid supporter of the land trust and conservation efforts in our region.





The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

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Volunteering is Mutually Beneficial

By Laura Beth Foster



Photo by Sandy DeLaad

My first encounter with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust on a personal level was being asked to host a cocktail party for their annual Progressive Dinner. Kiki Schneider knew that I love to entertain and asked me to consider doing this. I asked her what Ausbon Sargent was and she explained their goals. When I found out what their mission was, I readily agreed to help by hosting in my home. This was the beginning of my commitment to Ausbon Sargent.

Since then, I have become an easement monitor for various properties and a member of the Special Events Committee. I have met many new people who are committed to the environment and preserving the open spaces that we have left. Everyone in the office has been so supportive and my volunteer service is greatly appreciated and valued.

For years I have worked on Ausbon Sargent's Holiday Party at the New London Inn. This year our Special Events Committee did most of the cooking as well as the active serving for the party. It has always been a fun way to participate. I have observed what can happen if land is poorly managed. I feel that my small contribution to help monitor land and help to raise money, which allows Ausbon Sargent to conserve property, is well worth my time.

Laura Beth Foster has lived in Sunapee since 1997 when she moved to Fernwood Point from Winchester, MA. She has been active at the Fells and served on various committees at the New London Hospital. Because of her interest in the theatre and music, she was on the board of Young Audiences of Massachusetts which brought performing arts into the schools. Laura Beth was also active in the Winchester public schools and the Winchester Public Library.

In 2018,
200+ volunteers
donated their time.

You may feel that not much
can be accomplished
in an hour or so,
but if you've got a bit of time,
here's what you could do:

- Help assemble a mailing, which has the potential to raise funds for a land project.
- Help stuff envelopes for membership renewals.
- Staff a check-in point during the Kearsarge Klassic bike event in September.
- Park cars at an event.
- Monitor a conserved property and report back to Ausbon Sargent.
- Help to deliver the *Chatter* newsletter to various places of business in your area.
- Bake cookies or other treats for an event.

Paying in Time

Every donation, whether of money or time,
is met with big thanks, and arms open wide.

If you love the beauty of our rural landscape,
give us an hour...it's never too late!

Take a look at some facts,
and it should be clear,
That without volunteers,
we wouldn't be here!

We Thank Jeanie Plant

At Ausbon Sargent, we recognize that time is precious. And we are constantly blown away by the number of people who step forward when asked to help us with projects or events. Whether the need occurs regularly or once in a “blue moon,” there have always been volunteers by our side making sure we have extra hands at the ready to get the job done.

Jeanie Plant is someone who comes to mind when we think about volunteers who have been with us for many years. Since 2000, Jeanie has been involved in some way, shape or form!

From 2003 to 2009, Jeanie served as a respected member of the Ausbon Sargent Board of Trustees, and was active in both the Membership and Leadership committees. Before sitting on the board, Jeanie served as co-chair of the Special Events Committee and lent her attention to detail and know-how to put on events like the Progressive Dinner, the Holiday Party, and the Thursday's Child benefit dinner. Even after retiring from the board, Jeanie has continued to organize something we call the “Little Lake Sunapee Reunion” in conjunction with the Thursday's Child dinner. Thanks to her wonderful people skills, wit, and impressive background in special events planning and design, any event that Jeanie has assisted with has had an extra touch of excellence and class.

We thank Jeanie for being a wonderful friend and supporter of Ausbon Sargent. You have made a difference!



Photo by Peggy Huttler

Jeanie Plant holds the special invitation she created for the “Little Lake Sunapee Reunion.”

MEMORIAM



Photo by Doreen Oesch

Dallas Patten

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our friend and conservation easement grantor, Dallas Patten, on January 29, 2018 at the age of 84. In the town of Springfield, Dallas worked hard all of his life and, along with his brother Malcolm, operated a dairy farm, raised beef, harvested hay, and sugared. He was one of the first members of the Springfield Planning Board and, after witnessing thousands of acres in a neighboring town be transformed into house lots, used sound planning to help formulate subplot regulations. In 1972, Dallas served on an ad hoc committee to preserve the Gile Forest. Thanks to the work of this committee, the State was able to purchase the property for preservation in 1973.

Janet Roberts, Dallas' oldest child, said that one reason her uncle and father were spurred to conserve their property was because they saw the Courser family of Warner begin conserving several of their family farm properties in 2005 through the use of conservation easements. This inspired the Pattens to consider the possibility of preserving some of their own land.

Janet recalls this property growing up, where she and her siblings worked in the fields alongside Dallas. Known to them as “McDaniel Farm” it was one place that, by example and inclusion, Dallas instilled the love and respect of the land in his children. Whether visiting the property by tractor with her dad to work on or harvest the crops, or by car with the family to witness signs of wildlife that also called the property home, this land holds a special and sentimental place in her heart. Its beauty and the sense of it being a place untouched by time can be felt by anyone who stops by.

We are so grateful that Dallas and his brother had been taught to respect and honor their family's land. There is no greater gift one can bestow upon future generations than the promise to keep a special place special. We are honored to steward the Patten Easement property forever, as Dallas, his wife Mabel and his brother Malcolm have requested.

More information about the Patten and Courser properties can be found on our website at: <http://www.ausbonsargent.org>

Congratulations to Star Lake Farm!



Star Lake Farm cattle

Star Lake Farm is a collection of over 1,700 acres made up of 14 former farms. Fully within the Star Lake Farm conservation easement is the 65-acre Star Lake, habitat for nesting common loons, and the 10-acre McAlvin Pond. The farm itself includes over 100 acres of conserved fields, more than 1,000 acres of forest land managed by a licensed professional forester, and four peaks above 1,500 feet in elevation.

This year, the New Hampshire Tree Farm Committee recognized Star Lake Farm Properties as the 2018 NH Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year, exemplifying sound forest management and long-term stewardship. Congratulations to property owner, Dan Thorne, for his continued commitment to conserving this working forest land and employing the best staff to bring his dreams to a reality.

On Saturday, the 13th of October, Ausbon Sargent will be participating in the Star Lake Farm 2018 NH Tree Farm Award Celebration at Star Lake Farm in Springfield. We invite you to join us. Visit our website nearer to October to find more details about this event.

Naturally New England

Join us for a regional art exhibit and fundraising sale that will benefit both the Center for the Arts and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. The show will be held at the historic Livery building in Sunapee Harbor and will run from Friday, July 27th through Sunday, August 5th. Diverse and creative artists from Central NH and Vermont have been invited to exhibit their work featuring New England landscapes and wildlife.

- **July 27th**—preview opening will run from 4:30-8:00 pm with Patrick Ross performing a fiddle concert from 6:00-8:00 pm.
- **July 28th**—the show opens at 11:00 am-4:30 pm with a private reception, by invitation only, will be held from 5:00-7:00 pm.
- **July 29th-August 5th**—the hours will vary.

2018 Calendar of Events

July

Warner Summer Hike on the Brown Family's Frazier Brook Farm

Tuesday, July 10, 2:00–4:00 pm

Please join us on a guided hike around this 133-acre family farm.

More property information on page 7.

Center for the Arts/Ausbon Sargent Art Show at the Livery in Sunapee Harbor

Saturday, July 28th–Sunday, August 5th

Read more about this great fundraising event in the article on this page.

Dragonfly Event in Grantham

Tuesday, July 31 (raindate: Thursday, Aug. 2), 2:00–4:00 pm

This annual event is fun for the entire family and very hands-on for the children as they catch and release and learn about the life and function of the dragonflies.

August

Ausbon Sargent Helps to Celebrate Sunapee's 250th Anniversary

Sunday, August 19, 9:00 am

Ausbon Sargent will partner with the Sunapee Conservation Commission, leading a hike along the Red Water Creek trail in Sunapee to help celebrate Sunapee's 250th anniversary.

September

7th Annual Kearsarge Classic Bike Randonnee

Saturday, September 8, An All-Day Event

This fun bike ride offers routes that accommodate all ability levels and travel past many Ausbon Sargent protected properties.

Visit www.bikereg.com for more information.

October

Star Lake Farm 2018 NH Tree Farm Award Celebration

Saturday, October 13, 8:00 am–3:00 pm

See the article on this page for more details.

Ausbon Sargent Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 28, 3:00 pm

Join us at the New London Historical Society's Meeting House for our Annual Meeting and social hour immediately following.

December

Ausbon Sargent Holiday Party

Monday, December 3, 5:30–7:30 pm

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

The Alphabet Soup of Tax Wise Charitable Gifts By Suzanne Tether

What are the reasons you donate to Ausbon Sargent? Support of local conservation efforts and the ASLPT mission to preserve a rural landscape for future generations drives our family's contributions. The new tax laws leave intact a convenient and popular vehicle for donating directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

Once you reach the magical age of 70½, the IRS requires an annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). This RMD can be tapped, tax free, for contributions to non-profit organizations like Ausbon Sargent, and for some people, there is a tax advantage. Of course, you should consult your tax professional to ensure you are within the government guidelines and for further details on the benefit of gifting from your IRA.

Here is how we have managed to do well by doing good. For Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD), we contact the IRA fund manager and request the donation giving all the correct information identifying the organization, address, amount and sometimes a personal contact. Fund managers have different methods for distribution requests such as online forms or even an easy telephone call. The checks made out to the charity are then sent directly to the organization or to you for forwarding. To avoid any confusion, an important step is to alert the charity to expect your contribution.

For the funds to pass through as tax free donations, checks must be made out only in the charity's name. These donation amounts are deducted from your total gross income whether or not you itemize deductions.

Planning ahead for retirement by setting up an IRA was a prudent personal financial strategy. Now that we are eligible, and required to draw from those funds, a prudent and rewarding way to do so is by continuing to make charitable gifts. In a recent visit to our own tax professional, we also learned that contributions of highly appreciated stocks are a good way to go. Best of all, and however we choose to donate, we know that Ausbon Sargent, with its dedication to this special part of New Hampshire, is receiving the benefits.

Suzanne and Harry Tether have lived in Sunapee since 2004, after owning a condo at Eastman for 20 years. Their Ausbon Sargent volunteer positions include Board Trustee and Membership Committee Chair for Suzanne while Harry puts his previous banking and finance experience to good use by serving on the Investment Committee.



*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
dstanley@ausbonsargent.org*

*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.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Abbott*

Anonymous (9)

Rich and Heidi Anderson

Theodore D. Bacon, Jr.*

Ann Bemis*

Seth Benowitz

Catherine Bogardus*

Roland P. Carreker*

Michael and Susan Chiarella

Naia L. Conrad*

Chris and Janice Cundey

Tim and Lorraine Davis

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Neil Donnenfeld

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Rachel and Myron* Rosenblum

John and Sage Scott

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Virginia Anthony Soule*

Peter and Debbie Stanley

Libby Trayner*

Betsy Denny Warner

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*Staff at the Emerson property,
Route 114 overlooking Mt. Kearsarge.*

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Won't you join us and become part of the living legacy created through land conservation?

You can find out more about us on our website at: ausbonsargent.org

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- ☐ \$10,000+ Ausbon Sargent Society
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- ☐ \$1,000+ Benefactor
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- ☐ \$250+ Steward
- ☐ \$150+ Protector
- ☐ \$60+ Advocate
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