

THE AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

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



CHATTER

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Otter Pond Beach, New London (photo Nancy Lyon)

A Donor's Tale

A conversation with Dot Gordon

Dot Gordon sits across from me in her comfortable chair by the fireplace. From there, she can look through the sliding glass doors that make the room an extension of the surrounding woods in which her home is nestled. Outside, the birds she loves gossip and sing. Dot is a birdwatcher, and has instilled her love of birds in her three girls.

But she and Frank, her husband, have done much more than that. Together,

they expressed their love of this land on the shore of Lake Sunapee by protecting it in perpetuity. Sixty-three acres in all, in both New London and Sunapee; over 3,000 feet of frontage on Lake Sunapee; and an outright gift of the beachfront on Otter Pond to the Otter Pond Protective Association. She perks up, sits erect, looks me in the eye, when, as to this last gift, I ask why. She is surprised at my question and responds, "My goodness!

We wanted everyone to be able to continue to swim there. We didn't want it closed off to anyone. So many people enjoy that beach; and we enjoyed seeing them there."

She grumps at my suggestion that she and Frank are truly idealistic, altruistic, and generous. "Harrumph!" I can almost hear her say. But it's true, and she knows it. She misses Frank, who died some seven years ago - misses his gruff joviality. Smiles as she relates to me how

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by Bob Bowers



From the Executive Director:

This, our 20th year, has been truly amazing with unprecedented support from our membership and a record number of land conservation inquiries. Why this record increase in activity? I believe that all of us feel a real sense of urgency – that if we act now, we still have a window of opportunity to conserve

special places and to preserve the quality of life in the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee region.

At our June board meeting, the trustees approved three more land conservation projects including a property of more than 1,500 acres in the Lake Sunapee watershed. Typically, we bring one or two new land projects a month to the board to determine if we should accept protective interest in a property. Presently, we have a backlog of 25 properties awaiting conservation. Once we begin actively working on a project, it can take up to a year or more to complete the necessary steps in the land protection process including survey work, appraisal, baseline documentation and drafting of legal documents.

When the ASLPT board adopted our Strategic Plan in March 2006, we set a goal that we wanted to be in the position to hire a second land protection specialist in 2009. Because of the generosity of our members to both our membership appeal and to our Annual Preservation Fund, we anticipate filling that staff position in July 2008. We are excited that we can hire another land protection specialist to help address our growing backlog

of projects.

There will be other changes in 2008, including moving to a new office rental location nearby. Although the ASLPT has been very happy in the Kidder Building over the last 20 years, we have outgrown the space. By moving, we will gain at least two additional work stations, larger meeting space and adequate storage for our ever increasing files and permanent records.

Our strategic plan also includes a feasibility study to guide us in developing a plan to achieve an endowment goal. An endowment will provide for an emergency loan fund enabling us to respond quickly to high-priority conservation properties, ensure perpetual stewardship of our 86 (and growing) easement properties and contribute to our ambitious goal of doubling our annual land protection efforts.

As always, I would like to thank everyone for the many ways you support the ASLPT as either a member, volunteer or easement donor. Your generosity makes it possible for the ASLPT to conserve and protect our precious natural resources. We are fortunate to still have local farms that grow our food, clean lakes and streams, areas designated for recreational use, abundant wildlife habitat and breathtaking views. Isn't it wonderful to live in an area rich with open space and to have the opportunity to protect and to pass on to the next generation that which makes this place so special?

Thank you all,

People Save Land

Land Can Renew Itself, But It Can Not Save Itself

(continued from page 1) they met; how he was irritated and wouldn't speak a word the whole way back to Princeton, where he was in school, when he was snookered into carting her and her sister back from New London by his then-girlfriend. Frank and Dot married in 1941, and he went off to war.

Frank's love affair with the land began when he came to New London with his father in 1920. Shortly after that, in 1924, his father purchased "Chetwood." Frank spent his summers on Lake Sunapee. An avid sailor, he was one of the founders of the Lake Sunapee Star Class Fleet, and went on to become President of the International Star Class Racing Association. His love for the land and the Lake never waned. He and Dot continued to come up from New York City every summer and every Christmas, and she now lives here full-time in the house they built together.

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Dot and Frank Gordon (center front) surrounded by children and grandchildren, together at Chetwood.

Our Volunteers Are Poets Too!

Preserving the rural landscape of the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee region happens *with a lot of help from our friends*. When we wanted a humorous way to capture how we feel about saving land, we of course went to our volunteers. We asked them to use their wit and wisdom to create “Burma Shave” jingles celebrating the ASLPT’s land protection values.

Below is the winner - created by Peter Guest of Wilmot. Others appear throughout this newsletter. We hope you’ll enjoy what a clever, committed crew you are!

**Farms of our fathers
Woodlots of yore
Priceless legacies
For evermore
ASLPT**

Land Summit Conference Saturday, October 27, 2007

As a regional Land Trust, the ASLPT sees the land planning and conservation successes in each of the towns in our region and we hear the needs/concerns expressed by the town officials. There is such energy and interest among the towns in seeing special places conserved while planning for responsible development!

The ASLPT is holding the Land Summit conference this fall to bring officials from our 12-town region together to learn from each other and from experts in the fields of land conservation and planning. We asked town select boards, planning boards and conservation commissions to identify topics that will be helpful to them. The following topics will be included in the Land Summit workshops: Integrating the Master Plan, Natural Resource Inventory and Conservation Plan; Keeping the Region’s Rural Character; Open Space, Cluster and Conservation Developments; Class 6 and Scenic Roads; and the Dollars and Sense of Open Space.

Workshops will include real life experiences from New Hampshire towns, new information from professionals in the field and opportunities for officials from around the region to share their knowledge and get to know one another. We expect that the Land Summit will spark a network of officials from the area who can call on each other when they need input on a new situation or idea. We believe that through the Land Summit and the development of relationships between towns, we will see even more energy and interest in conserving special places and responsible development.

The Land Summit will be held on October 27 at the Kearsarge Regional High School – no more than a ½ hour drive from the town centers of our whole region. Please encourage your town officials to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact the ASLPT office at 526-6555.

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It is a tale of many donors to ASLPT - the love of the land, the personal experience of its beauty, its effect on them personally, and the desire to perpetuate that experience for others. Frank and Dot, and all the other donors who have given generously of what they hold dear, have made the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee area unique and wonderful. ASLPT thanks them all for what they have done to keep New Hampshire pristine.



Looking west across Lake Sunapee from the beach at Chetwood.

(Bob Bowers lives in New London. He is a retired attorney and was on the ASLPT’s Board of Trustees from 1989-1995. He was the Board Chair in 1994-95.)

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

In December of 1996 Frank and Dot Gordon who owned Otter Pond Beach donated a conservation easement to the ASLPT on the land. This meant it could not be developed, but they still owned it and did not have to allow public access. But they enjoyed seeing families able to cool off at the beach throughout the summer. So they never posted the land - sharing the beach with whomever wished to stop to swim or sunbathe.

A decade later Dot Gordon made an outright gift of the 7.8 acres that includes Otter Pond Beach to the Otter Pond Protective Association with the understanding that the beach would continue to be open to the public as it has been since she and Frank have owned it.

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

The Courser Project - Phase 3 Warner/Webster 480 Acres

by Jane White



photo by Nancy Lyon

147 of the total 480 acres of the Courser Project - Phase 3 abuts the NH Fish & Game's Knight's Meadow Marsh Wildlife Management Area seen here.

Many years ago I visited the Courser Farm, with my grandmother who was attending a quilting bee there. What impresses me now, almost 60 years later is that I can return to the farm today and find it much the same as it was then – particularly the land, the fields, and forests, all carefully husbanded by generations of a family who recognize the value of thoughtful stewardship. Hence the opportunity which presents itself to the Courser family, ASLPT and others, to protect this land in such a way that it will continue to change and evolve, much as it always has – gradually, in harmony with the natural cycle of seasons. Today the reasons for conserving a watershed, wildlife habitat or a well-managed local economic resource are fairly obvious. One then wonders, why is saving the Courser lands important to people? What does saving this property mean to folks like you and me?

Most compelling is the fact that protected land such as this can be made available for everyone to enjoy, to share and experience the wonder and beauty of nature. It offers a sense of permanence in our transient, uncertain times. Given our hectic lives, it will provide a haven, a place where people can go to hear nothing but birdsong, the soft patter of rain, or to watch a silent snowfall. It may enhance one's sensitivity to the natural world and make people more aware of what might be lost if it is not protected. With thoughtful stewardship, this land will perpetuate a heritage and serve as a precious gift for generations to come.

(Jane White is an ASLPT member who enjoys the outdoors during all seasons whether hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing or skiing. Wildflower identification is one of her hobbies. She is a free lance writer whose work can be read in SoolNipi Magazine.)

The Courser Project - An Overview

Already Completed:

Phase 1 – Spring 2005 - Donated conservation easement on 317 acres of wetland, forestland, critical wildlife habitat in Warner and Webster; Partners – Town of Warner, Town of Webster, The Nature Conservancy

Phase 2 – Fall 2006 – Purchased at 25% discount a conservation easement on 138 acres of important agricultural fields, wetlands, forestland, critical wildlife habitat in Warner; Partners - Farm and Ranchland Protection Program, Town of Warner, The Nature Conservancy

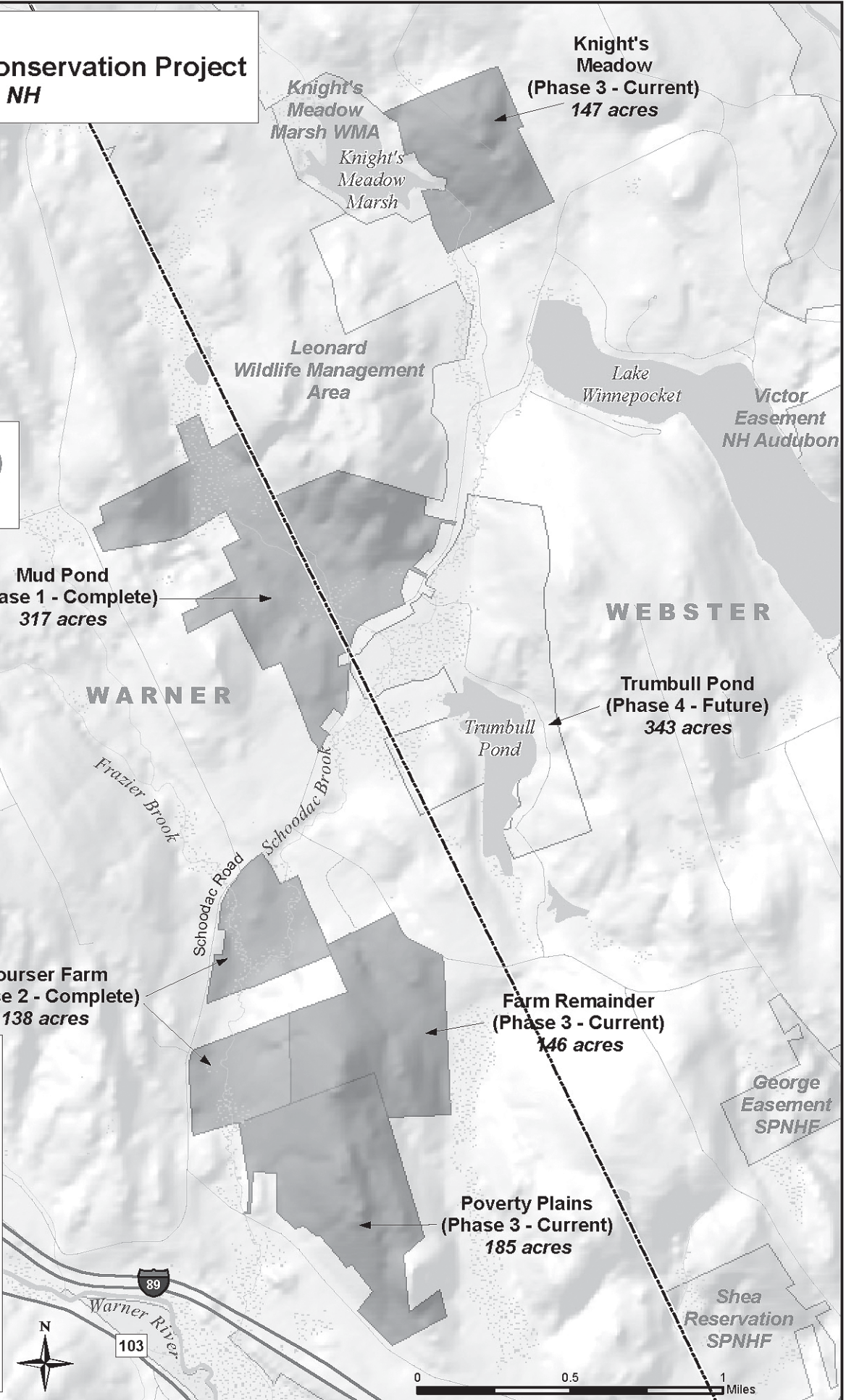
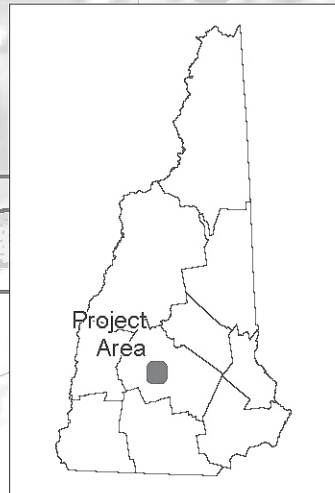
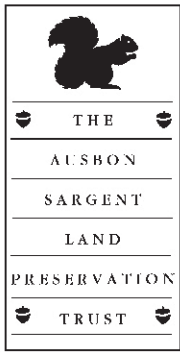
Current: Phase 3, 2007:

- Purchase at a 15% discount a conservation easement on 480 acres forestland, wetland, stream frontage, farm fields and critical wildlife habitat in Warner and Webster.
- Partners: Landowner Incentive Program of the NH Fish and Game Department, Town of Warner, Town of Webster, The Nature Conservancy.
- Private fundraising – \$125,000 to be raised.
- Visible from Poverty Plains and Connors Mill Roads in Warner and Knights Meadow Marsh Wildlife Management Area in Webster.
- Protects significant wildlife habitat for species of special conservation concern in the Schoodac Brook Watershed.
- Abuts 1400 acres of other conserved lands owned by the family and the NH Fish and Game Department to provide wildlife habitat for species with large home ranges including bear, moose, deer, coyote, and fox.
- Public access for hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, nature observation, hunting and other similar pedestrian recreational activities.
- Snowmobile trail corridor passes through parts of the land.
- Productive, well managed forest land and farm fields.

Future: Phase 4: Purchase of a conservation easement on 343 acres of wetland, undeveloped pond and stream frontage, forestland, farm fields and critical wildlife habitat in Webster.

Schoodac Brook Courser Family Conservation Project Warner and Webster, NH

-  Phase 1 and 2 (completed)
-  Phase 3
-  Phase 4
-  Other Conservation Lands
-  Highways
-  Local Roads
-  Stream
-  Surface Water
-  Wetlands
-  Municipal Boundaries



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Henry David Thoreau

The Annual Preservation Fund Launch Is a Success!

by Maggie Ford

It's been said that if you don't ask, no one can answer. Well, we asked – and answer you did – without question, in a timely fashion and enthusiastically. You contributed over \$60,000 to help ASLPT protect forever the beauty, natural habitat and recreational resources of the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee region.

As the region has grown, the demands for land conservation have grown as well. Many of the properties are larger and more complex than we have typically considered in the past. We now own several conservation properties outright, either through bequest or through purchase. In our 12-town region, ASLPT has conserved 86 properties and 4,613 acres. While we have made significant progress on the backlog, it continues to grow as more of our neighbors understand that without protection the land may be changed forever.

All this means that people are increasingly aware of the need for balanced growth. It also means that if ASLPT is to continue to achieve its mission, we have to step up the pace as well.

Your generous support of the Annual Preservation Fund is most heartening, and a wonderful testimony to the vision of Ausbon Sargent, the man who started it all. Thank you for helping to keep his dream alive. You have made a difference for today – and for tomorrow.

(Maggie Ford's firm—Ford Consulting, LLC—offers counsel on organizational and resource development. She is a member of the ASLPT Board of Trustees and chair of the Development Committee.)

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**The squirrel signs
Both far and near
Will tell the world
That you were here
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In his own words - Rich Badmington

*on ASLPT Easement #44, 8.87 acres, New London -
granted by his mother Syd Badmington 3/03/00.*

“The courage to make a decision about a permanent easement comes easier to those who know in their hearts and feel in their soul that nature is not there to be consumed but sustained. As a mischievous young kid, I explored every corner of these woods and the brooks that run through them.

“Today, thanks to my mother's care of her land, I can return with my own children and open their eyes to the small wonder of this space. They will one day experience the very same joy.”



Syd Badmington



Rich Badmington's son checks his handprint against turkey tracks in the snow on the conservation easement protected property owned by his grandmother on Little Sunapee Road in New London.

Start Small: Think Possibilities

An Interview with ASLPT Executive Director Debbie Stanley

by Janet Miller Haines

Speaking with Debbie Stanley about how she came to be with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust is akin to asking the Dalai Lama about how he came to be a maven for peace. Each in their own way has answered a call.

We're sitting on her front porch. The day is sunny, and a light breeze is blowing. We've just toured the home she shares with her husband, Peter, and their golden retriever, Parker. Their home is situated on property that is a tribute to nature in all her glory. Fields and rock walls and a lane that in the past likely saw a buckboard or two ~ they all just seem to fit together. From the earth tones they've used in furnishing their home to the careful attention to preserving the nature of the land ~ somehow it is no surprise that Debbie has the job of heading up an organization dedicated to preserving the rural landscape of our region.

Indeed it's a job – but it's also her life.

The seed of all this might have been her grandfather's dairy farm, a place she remembers fondly. Being around any farm gives one a sense of the land. But it likely didn't really start to germinate until she met Peter Stanley – when she was a student at George Washington University. They married in 1976 and moved to New London where Peter's family roots go back to 1863.

**“Start small; Think possibilities;
Reach beyond your known abilities;
Invest all you have in your dream;
Visualize miracles;
Expect to experience success.”**

– Rev. Robert H Schuller

Having parents who worked full time and being the oldest of seven children, Debbie couldn't help but develop a good work ethic and a sense of responsibility. As a newly married woman, she took a job in a local dentist's office and became active in the New London Historical Society, eventually becoming its president, a post she held from 1984 to 1987.

In 1985, 94-year-old Ausbon Sargent, a life-long resident of New London and retired maintenance worker at Colby-Sawyer College, took his life savings to purchase the town green parcel from Colby Sawyer and gave it to the Town of New London. When the Town's Conservation Commission's request for additional funds to preserve additional land was turned down, the Selectmen felt strongly enough to appoint a small committee to study the subject of land preservation. The group of five decided that a private non-profit land trust was the appropriate vehicle to help address the need. In their view such an organization could best develop broad-based community support for selective land preservation, create awareness of various preservation techniques, seek donations of land and dollars and acquire conservation easements.

So in September 1987, they decided to form an organization, and honoring the man whose donation set an



photo by Nancy Lyon

ASLPT Executive Director Debbie Stanley and their Golden Retriever, Parker, looking across the field and into the woods in the backyard of their conservation easement protected home on Burpee Hill Road in New London.

outstanding example of generous land preservation, called it the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

In February, 1988, the band of volunteers who had kept this ball rolling sent out an appeal for members – offering people a chance to “preserve the rural character of the New London area.” Almost overnight they had 500 and a big problem, this was clearly more than they could handle.

In May 1988, Debbie accepted a lunch date with Heidi Lauridsen, Dale Garvey and Don Sisson, three members of the volunteer Board. Debbie thought that she was going to be asked to become a member of the newly formed Board. But Heidi and the rest of the Board had other ideas. They wanted her to be the Executive Director – and so it began – officially.

In the 20 years hence, the ASLPT has grown. From a one-person show, it now has a staff that consists of two full-time and 3 part-time employees. From serving the immediate needs of New London, it now serves those wishing to preserve and protect their land in 12 communities. From a cabinet with one file describing the first property of 6.75 acres, the files now cover 86 properties encompassing 4,613 acres. And there are 25 properties that have been approved for work by our Lands Committee, covering 3,245 acres. Moreover, there are 15 properties awaiting further research. It is clear the work of the ASLPT has made the residents in the 12 communities it covers aware of the value of land preservation.

Our past is rich and full of accomplishment. What does the future hold? As you might expect, Debbie Stanley has her eye in that direction as well.

Keeping pace with the demonstrated need is number one. This gets complicated should there be an economic downturn. We'll have to find new funding sources as donors will still need to be compensated for out-of-pocket expenses. The need to keep farms in operation will become even more critical to ensure a local food supply. Maybe instead of more roads, we should be looking to add bike and walking *(continue to page 13)*

“The Ridge”

ASLPT Easement #21, 33.8 acres Burpee Hill, New London

by Sally Carroll Keating

(During this 20th year celebration we asked our easement donors, their families, or subsequent land owners to share their reasons for conserving or buying protected land. We are most grateful to Sally Carroll Keating for sharing her feelings for the easement donated by her mother that includes beautiful views from Burpee Hill across Lake Sunapee.)

“The Ridge,” the family name for the high fields in the foreground of a spectacular view of Lake Sunapee and distant Mt. Sunapee, has been an integral part of my vocabulary since early childhood. The view itself has been indelibly etched in my mind’s eye since before my awareness of memory itself. I have carried that pictorial image with me through every year and in every location where I have lived. The image of the Ridge has always been a source of consolation - that place I go to in my head for relaxation or calming of fears - the Ridge I return to each year with enthusiasm and a sense of reassurance at the presence of something beautiful and perpetual. And I am only one member of a larger family and a larger community who feels grateful for this beautiful spot.



The view from “The Ridge” at the height of land on the west side of Burpee Hill Road, New London. These are the fields where sheep used to graze. Now cows, horses and, of course, we humans enjoy the view across to Lake Sunapee and beyond.

Over the course of a century, the Ridge has remained essentially unchanged save for the continuous subtle encroachments and recessions of varied forest ecosystems and the effects of periodic field clearing. The tall pines, hardwood forest, new aspen stands, and the barberry studded, open fields demarcated by worn, sometimes fallen stone walls have been a familiar, consistent image since the early years when the fields were used for grazing sheep. Cows, work horses and turkeys are seen now instead of sheep; but, even despite the disturbing placement of I-89 through the property in 1964, the scene has remained visually intact. Because of some insistence from the Dewey grandparents, the interstate is heard, but not seen.

For my husband and me, for my parents and extended family, my Dewey grandparents, and great-grandparents, and now our children, this scenic permanence has been of immeasurable value... The view will be there always for the family, yes, but, most important, for a community familiar with it and for those seeing it for the first time. Amidst the noisy hubbub and quick turns of our human lives, in New London there is a natural place that defies personal and societal pace with its own timeline of subtle shifts and overwhelming sameness.

It is a privilege to be carrying on stewardship of this remarkable piece of land and comforting to know that the easement is in place to guide future stewards into coming decades.

[A number of the first easements held by the ASLPT were protected by neighbors on Burpee Hill in New London - starting with the first donation by Eunice Bohanon to be followed over the next few years by Peg Dewey Carroll, which is now enjoyed by her children: Ann Harris, Doug Carroll, Sue Immelt and Sally Keating and their families. You may learn about all these properties on our web site: www.ausbonsargent.org]

(continued from page 12) paths, thereby decreasing the pollutants in the air and our dependence on foreign oil and while improving the physical condition of our population. These aren’t answers that have been studied and are ready for action. But they are the thoughts of someone who has been in the land preservation business for 20 years... a person who is committed to land preservation in her work and in her life.

Perhaps it is most telling that the thing of which Debbie Stanley is most proud is that she has been a part of making a positive difference in people’s lives. “To have been able to do something that has brought pleasure to so many, that’s a special thing for me,” she said, looking out over the field behind her home.

That’s a special thing for us too, Debbie Stanley. Thank you!

(Janet Miller Haines minored in Journalism in college and likes to keep her hand in the writing game, especially when it involves one of her favorite organizations=ASLPT. She is also a member of the ASLPT Development Committee.)

The central theme of this issue of “Chatter” is giving in many forms: The very successful launch of the Annual Preservation Fund; the higher membership giving levels; the gifts of land and easements on land from foresighted property owners; the substantial gifts many have made to fund land acquisitions; the countless hours of volunteer time given over the years by so many to make ASLPT a success; and, the gifts by Executive Director Debbie Stanley and the staff of intelligence, energy, commitment, patience and just plain hard work.

So here we are, in our 20th year, having grown with your help from a tiny organization many thought would last perhaps five years, to a very successful regional land trust with a national reputation for quality work. Not bad!

As we look forward to the next 20 years, won't you consider helping us strengthen the foundation we have built? Major gifts to ASLPT can take many forms. They can be restricted – for example, to endow a staff position - or unrestricted. They can be current gifts of cash, securities, IRA assets or other property, or they can be deferred gifts such as bequests of money or land, or various kinds of charitable trusts that can also provide benefits for family members. If you are considering making such a gift, please call Debbie Stanley (603-526-6555) to discuss the available options.

One of our major challenges will be to build a stronger financial base of increased reserve and endowment funds to support ASLPT in perpetuity. Reserve funds would enable us, among other things, to provide interim financing for key land acquisition projects or to purchase property or easement rights where appropriate. Endowment funds are the bottom line for successful non-profits, and ASLPT is no different. Endowment income supplements the operating budget, relieving some of the pressure of having to raise the entire operating budget anew each year, and the endowment itself is the ultimate bulwark against adversity.

We thank you now for making ASLPT's current strength and achievements possible. And, we hope to be thanking you again 20, 50 or even 100 years from now, as a still stronger force in preserving our shared heritage.

(Debbie Hall is the chairman of the ASLPT Major Gifts Committee and a member of the Development Committee. She is a “semi-retired” attorney who lives with her husband Arthur on the west slope of Pleasant Lake in New London.)

Our relationship to land can be an awakening. It's a re-kindling of what is most meaningful inside each of us. Conservation is a way for humans to re-engage with the world around us, a way of extending our best definitions of our humanity.

Peter Forbes “Another Way of Being Human,” The Center for Land & People



The original 1783 Davis Farm.

In her own words - Laura Davis

on ASLPT Easement #35, 36.33 acres, New London

“The Davis property on Route 103A has been in our family since originally purchased by brothers Edmund and Josiah Davis in the late 1700s. As the seventh generation of Davises living in this home, I feel fortunate to have been able to work with ASLPT to protect most of our 40 remaining acres from future development... The rural character of the New London community outside of the business district was important to us. The idea of a land easement sounded encouraging, but initially we were hesitant because the ASLPT was a fledgling organization. It took several years of discussion with Debbie Stanley before we decided that this was the best alternative for our land.”

In his own words - Ralph Spofford

on ASLPT Easement #54, 20.9 acres, New London

“After about 20 years of owning and enjoying the property, Mickey (*Ralph's wife*) and I concluded that the highest and best use of the property was to leave it alone, as a ‘farm, surrounded by forest.’ We have watched the forest on the north side of Pleasant Lake slowly get developed. ...We also were acutely aware that the property, if not protected, would be a detriment to all the protected land surrounding it.

“For all of the above reasons, we had planned to donate an easement to ASLPT for the 20 years that ASLPT has been in existence. Finally, in 2001, we decided to stop thinking about doing something and actually DO IT.

“Since that time, we have had no regrets. We are particularly pleased that the ASLPT monitors and that others have taken an interest in the land, and we sense that they love it as well.”



View from the Spofford easement looking southwest across Pleasant Lake - taken in 1968.



This is the view from the Yerkes/Coonley easement of Pleasant Lake and Mt. Kearsarge. This original oil painting by Lisa Jelleme-Miller was on display during January/February 2007 at the Banks Gallery Exhibit "Landscapes for Landsake." The exhibit featured original oil paintings by local artists of selected ASLPT protected properties.

In his own words - Don Coonley

on ASLPT Easement #5, 9.5 acres, Morgan Hill, New London

"The landscape generates a daily reminder of our place on the planet and of our responsibility to take care of it. On the winter solstice, the sun rises precisely over the peak of Mt. Kearsarge and reflects on a frozen Pleasant Lake.

"By the beginning of summer, the morning sun appears much further north, rising over Ragged Mountain.

"Year round—both day and night—we are witness to both subtle and spectacular displays of light, no two moments ever the same."

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Those early see'rs
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Progressive Dinners

**Thursday, July 12
& July 26**
5:30 pm

Spear Hill Farm Danbury

**Easement Dedication
and Property Tour**
Thursday, August 23
2-4 pm

4th Annual Grower's Dinner

New London
*Food prepared and donated by
Jack's of New London*
Saturday September 8
6 pm

Land Summit Conference

KRHS, Sutton
Saturday October 27
8:30 am - 3 pm

Courser Farm 10th Annual Pumpkin Carving

& Lighting Event
Warner
Carving on October 28
noon throughout afternoon
October 29, 30 & 31 (*lighting at dusk*)

Annual Meeting

New London
Sunday, October 28
4:00 pm

Holiday Party

Foxstand, Springfield
Thursday, November 29
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Check our website and *The Kearsarge Shopper* for additional events, as well as start times and driving directions.
Call or email with questions:
526-6555 or aslpt@tds.net

Wish List:

Would you like to help us share the ASLPT land protection message more effectively?
This equipment would really make a difference:

Digital projector - \$1,200 • New Fax machine - \$300 • New Hon File Cabinet - \$250 • 2 baseplate compasses - \$100

Call Debbie Stanley if you think you can help. 526-6555 or email aslpt@tds.net

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photo: Beth McGuinn

**When Our Journey's Done
And We're Laid to Rest
Our Gift to the Future
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*This dramatic dead tree was
photographed on the ASLPT held
easement on the Hayes property
known as "Deer Hill Farm" in
Springfield.*

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