

THE AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST



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

Chatter



Summer 2015



Photo by: Lee T. Morrill

Conserve *and* Steward

From the Executive Director:

Photo by Douglas K Hill



Successful non-profit organizations are the ones that have a clear vision and mission statement. Ausbon Sargent's mission is clear—to preserve the rural landscape of the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Region. Our members share and enjoy the benefits of our 135 protected properties totaling 11,010 acres. We strive to be a healthy, well-run organization which is effective, efficient and achieves our conservation goals. Ingrained in the staff and board culture is the thought that we will not be lulled into complacency. A lot of hard work has been going on behind the scenes which I'd like to tell you about.

In February, we were awarded renewed accreditation. Renewal of accreditation was rigorous and 362 staff hours went into the application process. Additionally, the board and staff conducted a detailed assessment by following the guidelines of the Land Trust Alliance's resource tool "Assessing Your Organization." We realized that during the 5-year period since we were first accredited, there had been a number of changes at Ausbon Sargent. Our findings resulted in modifications to policies and procedures ensuring that we continue on the path of excellence, trust and permanence.

Technological and software advancements continue to play an increasing role in the productivity of our conservation work. Support from the Norcross Wildlife Foundation made it possible for us to purchase customized *Landinfo* software this spring. The software tracks land protection projects from initiation to our ongoing stewardship obligations. It is a time saver and has made us more efficient. We are able to track all aspects of a project including baseline documentation, fundraising and stewardship. Our staff has found that

this software is an excellent internal communication vehicle regarding the status of all projects. As we plan for succession, it is important that our files are comprehensive and easily understood by all current and future employees.

We are also very pleased that an anonymous foundation will provide funding for an integrated digital marketing program which includes email marketing, social media and an update of our website. It has been a fascinating process for those of us on staff to be involved

in the redesign of our new website which will be launched in late summer. Our objective is to have a website that conveys vibrancy and energy in an easily-navigated and easy-to-manage system. The design will be mobile-friendly and is intended to be compatible across all platforms and devices.

The Ausbon Sargent Board has been focusing on Strategic Planning at trustee and committee meetings. Last year's Market Study confirmed that our vision and mission statements are on target and supported by our membership. The Board is in agreement about increased emphasis on the goals of communications, community building and succession planning, as well as, the goals of conservation, stewardship and fund development. At each board meeting, we focus on one of the strategic planning goals and an all-day board retreat will be held this fall. Woven into our discussions is the topic of how to connect and engage the next generation as stewards of the land.

As you can see, we are committed to upholding donor trust and doing our best. Your support means a lot and inspires us to not just hit a goal . . . but to ascend even further!

Debbie Stanley 

GREAT NEWS!



Ausbon Sargent has achieved renewed land trust accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission! We are one of only 301 land trusts of the more than 1,700 from across the country that is now accredited. Accredited land trusts are authorized to display a seal which attests to the organization's ability to successfully run an ethical and sustainable non-profit land trust and that we meet national standards for excellence. Currently, over 75 percent of the conserved land in America is held by an accredited land trust.

Preparing and applying for accreditation takes a significant commitment of time from the board and the staff. Throughout the application process a land trust conducts important planning to make our operations more efficient and strategic to help ensure that our conservation work is permanent. It is a rigorous process and we are proud of this achievement! It is an assurance to our members and the public that we meet exceedingly high standards of quality.

"Through land conservation, we give people the opportunity to taste something of what it is like to be authentically human: children rolling in the grass of an urban park; a grandfather teaching his granddaughter the quiet art of fishing; a fifth-generation farmer growing vegetables on his family's homestead—nourishing his community with both fresh food and a farm stand where neighbors gather. We set out to save land, but, in the end, we build community, preserve beauty and instill hope."

-The Land Trust Alliance

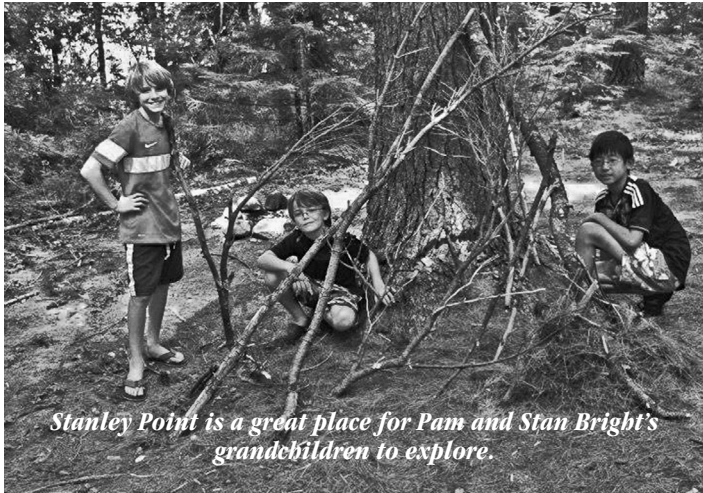


Photo by Pam Bright

Why Land Trusts?

by Peggy Hutter

We are creatures of habit. My morning routine always includes brushing my teeth in front of my large bathroom window while perusing the fields and woods of my backyard. It gives me great pleasure to begin my day assessing the weather, the new growth, the projects my husband has going on and slowly scanning the area for any possible wildlife movement.

I do this because I can. Growing up in the suburbs of Wilmington, Delaware, every house in my neighborhood was built from a similar blueprint and the view from our windows overlooked only the neighbor's windows and yards. Certainly, Delaware has conservation lands and we were very close to Chadd's Ford, PA and the rolling hills where Andrew and Jamie Wyeth painted some of my favorite scenes. But I lived in "suburbia" and I was a car ride, never a walk, from these very special, protected properties.

I was an adult before I visited New Hampshire. What several trips to the state established was that I preferred this setting and the lifestyle New Hampshire afforded. I spent most of my life not understanding what a land trust was, but I truly appreciated all of the benefits that a land trust provided me. I am in my fifth year working at The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and it has been a daily learning experience. As with most things in life, a greater knowledge of the subject provides a better perspective, and my knowledge has instilled in me a greater appreciation for the value of a land trust.

New Englanders have always had a true appreciation for the beauty of the landscape. In the mid-1800s, many "village improvement societies" were formed throughout New England intended to improve the quality of life and the environment. These small, non-profit organizations were the forerunners of today's land trust movement.

Currently, there are over 1,700 land trusts in the United States. In 1950, there were fifty-three land trusts in only twenty-six states. Today, land trusts operate in all fifty states, the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. In recent years, the Northeast has shown some of the greatest growth in the number of new land trusts. A common mission in all of these non-profit organizations is to work with the landowners and the communities to protect scenic vistas, streams, old forest stands, wetlands, deserts, city parks, greenways, farmland and more. The protection of these entities is important, but the monitoring and stewardship that must follow to ensure that the properties will retain their natural qualities forever is an essential component.

The rural character of our area, the beauty that we love and that attracts others to visit, is important enough for us to preserve for our next generations—a great answer for "Why Land Trusts"? We understand that there must be a balance between growth and land preservation, but as the message from the Land Trust Alliance states in the opening quote, although land preservation is the mission, "in the end, we build community, preserve beauty and instill hope."

Peggy Hutter is the Communications Coordinator for Ausbon Sargent. After teaching school for 36 years, Peggy transitioned to Ausbon Sargent in 2011 and has learned everything she knows about land trusts using "on-the-job training" from the very talented specialists on the Ausbon Sargent staff.

*Spring Ledge Farm
is New London's
local "meet and
greet" farm stand.*



Criteria for Selecting a Land Project

by Andy Deegan

When we approach landowners about conserving their land, we're sometimes told that they did not believe that their land was worthy of conservation. Often, people think that their property isn't large enough for conservation, or that it isn't as special as some of the land that has been conserved in the past. The truth is that we look at many different criteria to determine if a property is worthy of conservation. Each property is unique, and many are good candidates for conservation.

When we are contacted by landowners who are interested in obtaining more information on conserving their land, we start by talking to them about what their goals are for protecting their property. Goals can vary from protecting a piece of land that has a special significance to the landowners to obtaining a tax deduction. The landowners' goals can help us determine whether and how to go forward with the project. In some cases, if a landowner insists on retaining rights that are inconsistent with conservation, we may decide not to go forward with a project.

After our initial conversations with a landowner, the next step is to arrange a visit to take a look at the property. Between the initial conversation and site visit, the Ausbon Sargent staff will review resource maps from the Gran-ite Data Mapper to determine the various resources that would be protected if the land was conserved. Some of these resources may include valuable soils, water resources, critical wildlife habitat, uncommon plants, animals, or natural communities, and the property's location in relation to other conserved land. In order for Ausbon Sargent to approve a land conservation project, we must be able to demonstrate a "public benefit" for conservation. Protection of valuable resources is one type of public benefit.

Another place that we turn to for information on a property is the town in which the property is located. We will review the town's master plan to determine if the property or the resources contained on it are referenced in the plan, and we often speak with town administrators and/or conservation commissioners. This will help us determine if the town would also be interested in seeing the land protected. A town's interest in a particular property is important to our decision-making process.

Conducting a site visit to the property allows Ausbon Sargent staff to see the condition and resources of the land first hand. Does the land have trails that are open to the public? Does it have scenic views or protect significant road frontage or frontage on a water body? During the site visit we also look at the past management history of the property, as well as whether there are any structures or sources of contamination on the land (old dumps, spill sites, etc.). If a property is found to be contaminated it can result in the project being rejected, though this is rare. In the end, it all comes down to whether there is a significant public benefit to conserving the land. Public access is clearly a public benefit, but it is not the only benefit we consider when we are protecting land. Protection of water quality, significant wetlands, wildlife habitat, or prime agricultural soils can also benefit the public. Similarly, adding to an existing block of conservation

Photo by Debbie Stanley



An Ausbon Sargent Lands Committee meeting

land can be a public benefit, as can preserving particularly scenic views. There are a lot of different ways that conserving land can provide a public benefit, but each project must meet this benchmark in some way.

Following the site visit, all of the data about the land, the goals of the landowner and the interest from the town are compiled into a report that is presented to our Lands Committee. The Lands Committee is a group of 16 volunteers from many different backgrounds who review each potential conservation project on its merits to determine whether it is a good candidate for protection by Ausbon Sargent. The committee may raise potential issues or point out other benefits of conservation, and occasionally, members of the Lands Committee will need to conduct a site visit to a property themselves. If the Lands Committee determines that the property is important for conservation, they will present the project to Ausbon Sargent's Board of Trustees and recommend that they approve the project. If the full board votes to approve the project, then the process of conserving the property can officially begin!

The process for protecting a piece of land is slightly different for each property Ausbon Sargent works to protect, since each property and every landowner is unique. The basic steps, however, remain constant, and we're happy to talk about the process with landowners at any time. If you are interested in talking to us about your land, please give us a call.



Dan and Bev Wolf on their Route 103A protected property.



The Aiken Town Forest is one of a number of properties that Seth Benowitz has helped to monitor. Pictured (L-R) are George Beaton, Kim Lowe, Patty Furness and Ed MacLeod.

Why I am an Easement Monitor “Think globally; act locally.”

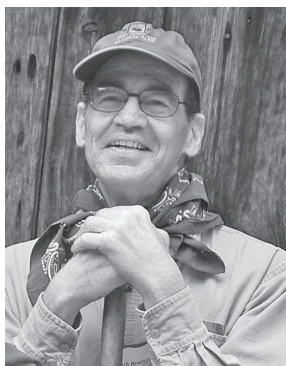
by Seth Benowitz

I have been a volunteer easement monitor for Ausbon Sargent for about 7 years. Easement monitoring has given me the opportunity to get to know many beautiful and unique parcels of land that I would otherwise never have seen. It has been a real opportunity to intimately connect with fields, forests, wetland, ledges—all manner of special places that you will never see from a road. When you are an easement monitor for a property, you really get to know it—walking the perimeter year after year, appreciating all it has to show.

Being an easement monitor has also brought me into contact with the Ausbon Sargent community—other volunteers, staff, board members, landowners—all of which have made living in this area a much richer experience for me.

We are fortunate to live in an area that has not been completely overrun by the relentless march of the human-made landscape. And we are fortunate to have a local organization that has been successfully preserving our natural environment for over 25 years. I want to do what I can to help in that effort.

As Ausbon Sargent continues to be more and more successful at protecting properties, the need for easement monitors keeps growing! I hope some of you who have not considered it yet, will consider becoming an easement monitor, too.



Seth Benowitz, valued Ausbon Sargent monitor.

What is Easement Monitoring and Stewardship?

by Andy Deegan

When Ausbon Sargent closes a conservation project, it is the culmination of months and sometimes years of hard work. However, the “closing” is just the very beginning of the next phase of our relationship with a conservation property. As the easement documents are signed, Ausbon Sargent’s responsibility shifts from a focus on protection to one of perpetual monitoring and stewardship. But what is monitoring and stewardship?

Monitoring involves an annual visit to each one of the properties that Ausbon Sargent has under easement, to observe any changes that may have occurred on the property. To accomplish this work, Ausbon Sargent relies on monitoring volunteers. Prior to an annual monitoring visit, volunteers contact the landowners and ask them a series of questions about the landowners’ current and future management of the property. After the questions are answered, the monitor walks the boundaries of the property, as well as any trails that may be on the land. The monitor is looking for any changes from the prior year—either natural changes like storm damage, or man-made ones due to property management. The monitor will then return a report to Ausbon Sargent describing the condition of the property and detailing any changes. This report is reviewed by the staff at Ausbon Sargent and we will follow up with the landowner if there are any questions or issues needing to be resolved.

If there is an issue detected on an easement property, or an easement landowner is planning some active management on a property, this is where stewardship comes in. Ausbon Sargent has the perpetual responsibility to ensure that all activities and/or management on a property are consistent with the terms of the conservation easement. When management is planned, such as a timber harvest, agriculture, or the erection of a structure, this often requires a site visit by staff, as well as a review of the conservation easement deed and the property’s management plan. Ausbon Sargent staff work closely with landowners to plan acceptable management practices, remedy issues when they arise, and to ensure the terms of every conservation easement are being upheld. Stewardship can be quite time consuming, but it is essential to ensure the land is protected in perpetuity. So the next time you learn that Ausbon Sargent has wrapped up protection of a new conservation property, you’ll know that this is really just the beginning for us! If you are interested in assisting by becoming a volunteer easement monitor, contact Andy Deegan at adeegan@ausbonsargent.org, Sue Andrews at sandrews@ausbonsargent.org or call 603-526-6555.

After graduating from the Vermont Law School in 2004, Andy Deegan practiced law in Essex, Vermont. In 2008, he joined the Ausbon Sargent staff as a Land Protection Specialist and Stewardship Manager. He and his wife, Carrie, and their two children enjoy the outdoors, especially bird watching. Andy also serves on the New London Conservation Commission.

The Value of Wendell Marsh

by Kiki Schneider

Preserving Wendell Marsh from development has been a cooperative effort by Ausbon Sargent and the Town of Sunapee. It protects an important aquifer, provides a large area for recreation, and maintains significant wildlife habitat. As Sunapee residents, my husband, Dan, and I certainly feel that this project deserves our full support.

I always thought that the marsh was owned by New Hampshire Fish and Game—if I thought about it at all. After all, there is a big sign that says so! We were very surprised to find that Fish and Game only has water rights to the marsh itself, and controls the dam. The lovely hills beyond the marsh were privately owned, for sale, and in danger of development.

When I was a child, my family used to drive from Connecticut to Sunapee most weekends. It was a long drive, and by the end we kids were getting itchy. We went through Claremont and Newport which slowed us down, and when we got to Wendell Marsh, I knew we were almost home. The marsh was always quiet and peaceful, often with herons and other water birds, and provided a wonderful entry into the very rural Sunapee.

As adults and permanent residents, Dan and I have seen the marsh at all times of the year, and it is always beautiful. It is often mentioned on WMUR television as an area to enjoy the amazing fall color, and it never disappoints. The hills beyond the marsh are on fire with color, and the water is full of birds resting on their way south. Without protection, this welcoming view could be lost. Thanks to Ausbon Sargent and the Town of Sunapee, it will remain natural forever.

Kiki Schneider and her husband, Dan, are Sunapee residents. She has been an Ausbon Sargent Trustee since 2011, and serves on both the Lands Committee and the Development Committee, and helps to plan and organize the Ausbon Sargent hiking events. The Schneiders made a donation to the Wendell Marsh Project in memory of Kiki's mother, Kay Murray.



Photo by Marla Binzel



Facts about the **Wendell Marsh South** *Conservation Easement*

Town: Sunapee

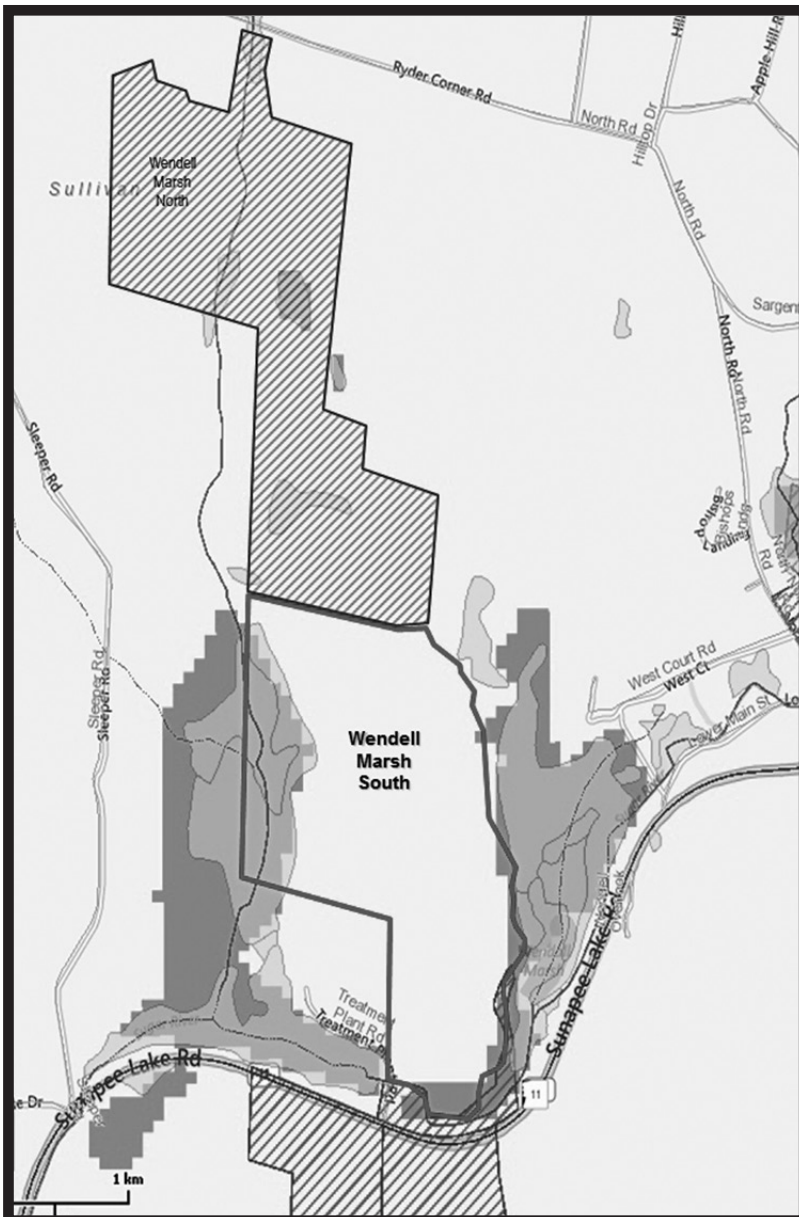
Location: Off NH Route 11

Acreage: 143.4 acres

- The property has over 480 feet of frontage on the Sugar River and also protects a floodplain forest which is a valuable habitat.
- It is listed as Highest Ranked Habitat in the Biological Region under the NH Wildlife Action Plan and protects habitat for native species.
- The property protects the water quality of Wendell Marsh.
- The property provides access for low impact public recreation including an important snowmobile corridor.
- The property protects wellheads that can be used in the future for municipal water production.
- The property was protected with the help of the Town of Sunapee, the State of New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, The Burton D. Morgan Foundation, Fields Pond Foundation and many people who appreciate the marsh.
- The property is now owned by the Town of Sunapee and managed by the Sunapee Conservation Commission.
- Ausbon Sargent is the conservation easement holder and is responsible for perpetual stewardship.



*The Wendell Marsh South closing at the Sunapee Selectmen's Meeting on June 1, 2015.
(L-R) Lela Emery, Tim Fleury, Debbie Stanley, Andy Deegan, Josh Trow, Van Webb,
Suzanne Gottling, Doug Lyon, Emma Smith, Fred Gallup and John Augustine.*



Donors to the Wendell Marsh South Project

Anonymous (2)	James P. McCann
Lisa and David Andrews	Mr. and Mrs. John C. McCrillis
David and Fay Barden	Steve McGrath
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Beardsley	Karen H. McGrew
Ginny Gwynn and Jon Bellis	Linda Morrow
Marla Binzel	Mr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Nilsen
Milton and Sandra Blackington	Mildred O'Day
Jim and Mary Ann Bradley	Eric and Maria Rieders
Burton D. Morgan Foundation	Lee and Nina Rogers
Margaret Chalmers	R. F. Rylander
Ruth Collins	Kiki and Dan Schneider
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Davis	(In memory of Kay Murray)
Anna F. Duke	Deborah and Peter Stanley
Brian and Lela Emery	State of NH - LCHIP
Mary Epremian	Mike and Nan Stolpinski
Anne Vantine and Robert Evans	Sugar River Bank
Nina Lian and Harlow Farmer	Sunapee Conservation Commission
Fields Pond Foundation, Inc.	Brian Suttmeier
Nancy and Sam Fleming	Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Tether
Patricia Halpin and Tim Fleury	Richard H. Webb
Lester H. and Janet M. Fortune	Van and Robin Webb
Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Goddard	Pamela Weiss
Gerard and Jane Gold	Nancy B. Whynall
Cynthia and Steven Gorey	Bob and Tanya Wilkie
Robert M. Henderson	Bonnie Wilson
Judy Thackaberry and Paul Howe	Mr. and Mrs. D. Austin Wood
Alan T. Jones	Woods Without Gile, LLC
Mrs. Lois Konon	Marcia Wright
Betsy and Jim Lyons	Eugene M. and Jane C. Yonchak

Have you considered a conservation easement on your property?

Some believe that tax relief is the driving force behind private land conservation. Ausbon Sargent's experience indicates that landowners are driven to donate land for easements due to their love of the land and their desire to keep it protected from development both today and after they're gone.

Each conservation easement is unique. It may be tailored to meet the needs of the landowner while still considering conservation objectives. The landowners may have the desire to protect the water quality or a wildlife habitat; the intent may be to preserve a view, open space or farmland. Landowners may also gain income from the property through agriculture or a managed timber harvest. In some cases the landowners may determine to exclude a portion of their acreage from the conservation easement to provide a possible house lot should family or future owners wish to build.

If any of your neighbors have placed a conservation easement on their property, it is likely that some of the same characteristics of their land may be present on your property. Placing a conservation easement on your property may help you to fulfill a vision that you have for the future of your land.

Adding one conservation easement at a time can make a big difference in preserving our natural landscape. Contact The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust if you have questions.

www.ausbonsargent.org • 603-526-6555



The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

Membership & Gifts



Membership, Annual Fund and Gifts are from June 4, 2014 to June 1, 2015. Some names are followed by symbols:

*denotes donors who have given to both Membership and the Annual Fund, +denotes donors who have provided us with their company's matching gift information,

^ denotes deceased. If you have questions concerning your membership status, please call

Operations Manager, Sue Andrews at 526-6555 or email Sue at sandrews@ausbonsargent.org.

AUSBON SARGENT SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Goldman
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Immelt*
Leatherwood Foundation*

LEGACY CIRCLE

James L. and Sharon A. Broadhead
Barbara D. Roby*
Mark and Karen Vachon*+
Mrs. John W. Wastcoat ^

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Anonymous
Cliff and Laurel Asness
Barrette Family Fund of the
NH Charitable Foundation
Mark and Kristen Begor
Robert Carr
Chris and Janice Cundey*
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Davis
Joseph and Laurie DiClerico*
Cotton M. Cleveland and John B. Garvey
Betsy and Harold Janeway*
Sally and Michael Keating
David and Nancy Macdonald*+
Virginia C. Mars
Mr. and Mrs. James Oates
Dave and Bev Payne*
Kathy and Bob Ruggles
Tom Thomas
ZNT Stevens Charitable Trust

BENEFACTOR

Kenneth and Nola Aldrich*
Steve and Nancy Allenby*
Larry and Jane Armstrong*
Mr. and Mrs. R. Duncan Beardsley
Ginny Gwynn and Jon Bellis
Myra Mayman and Alex Bernhard*
Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Blunt
Mrs. Freeman Boynton
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Bright*
Jane Brock-Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Burton*+
Bill and Sue Conaty
Jean and Jim Connolly
Naia L. Conrad
Thomas and Martha Cottrell*
Marty Generous and Cindy Crane
Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Cross
Philip and Jane Currier Fund of the
NH Charitable Foundation
Mrs. Charles H. Deming
Ann M. Denny*
Jean and Richard Dulude*
Peter Guest and Jen Ellis*
Mary Jane Ellis
Ann Brayfield and Joe Emerson
Walter and Elaine Ensign*
Keith E. Faccione
David and Rachel Fine
Gerard and Jane Gold*

Steve and Sue Greenbaum
Janet Miller Haines and
Richard Haines*
Deborah J. and Arthur Hall*
Neal and Ann Harris
Jack Harrod*
Amy D. Johnson, M.D.
Dr. and Mrs. Donald H. Kaplan*
Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Kreisler
Heidi and Pete Lauridsen
Jud and Cindy Lawson*
Doug Lyon
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Marshall*
Patricia and George Matarazzo
Kathy and Jim Mathias
Carol B. McCord*
Karen H. McGrew*
Mr. and Mrs. F. Graham McSwiney
Charles and Miriam Nelson*
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Obenshain*
Yim Kim and John O'Dowd
Lee and David Page
Mrs. Albert C. Parker
Jennifer and Jonathan Paul
Pamela Perkins*
William Perkins
Phyllis Tilson Piotrow
Jeanie Plant
Diane and Bill Robbins*
Kiki and Dan Schneider*
Clare and Richard Segall
Martin L. Gross and
Deirdre M. Sheerr Gross

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Sloan, Jr.*
Daniel and Eleanor Snyder*
John and Nancy Denny Solodard*+
Mr. and Mrs. David Spina
Deborah and Peter Stanley*
George and Janie Stephenson
Bill and Betty Stockwell
Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Tilson, III*
Gene and Sue Venable*
Peter and Pamela Voss*
Joyce Gawron and Susan Ware
Bill and Jan Wesson
Bob and Tona White
David White*
Dr. and Mrs. John B. Wilson*
Paul and Margaret Wutz
Bob and Debbie Zeller

PATRON

Anonymous*
Susan Schlough and Andrew Abbott*
Buddy and Sue Allen+
Anne Marie McGarry and
Douglas Arms Bacon*
Mr. and Mrs. William S. Berger
Roger and Cindy Bloch
Dave and Nancy Brazier*
Dr. and Mrs. Alan Brenner
John F. and Judithann Brimmell*

Cindy and Tim Carlson*
Mrs. Edmund J. Cashman, Jr.
Alison A. Coady*
J.D. and Carol Colcord*
Celeste and David Cook*
Terence and Edna Dancy
David and Lisa DeSimone
Dorr Family Foundation
Mary Doyle
Mr. Stephen W. Ensign*
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garrard
Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Goddard
Eleanor M. Goldthwait*
Joe Goodnough*+
Allan and Joan Gould*
Winslow Green
Andrew Hall and Jill Greenlee
Tom and Bonnie Guterl*
Margaret and Jerry Hajdarovic*
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hewitt
Martha Moor Hill*
Tom and Marilyn Hill*
Jeff and Roberta Hollinger
Stephen and Mary Lou Hoyt*
Andre and Kelly Hunter
Dick and Betsy Katz
Joan Kinne
Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Lamp
Roger W. Lamson
Sarah Harris and Pierre Lessard
Victor Del Vecchio and Alicia Lopez
Cheryl S. Cummer and Jack Lyle
Betsy and Jim Lyons*
Jon and Sherrie McKenna*
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nelson
New London Garden Club
Susan Noonney, CPA*
Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor*
Bob Odell*
Leslie Ludtke and James Owers*
Thomas and Sandra Peacock*
Jane A. Phillips*
Mr. George Quackenbos
Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Rodts*
Mr. and Mrs. James Sadowsky*
Laura and Michael Salvay
Benjamin Schore
Merle and Helen Schotanus
Tod H. Schweizer*
Mr. and Mrs. Mel A. Shaftel
John and Sharon Sheehan
Carol Meise and Mike Sherrill
Thomas W. Smith, III*
Mike and Nan Stolpinski
Sunapee Conservation Commission
Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Tether*
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Theroux*
Mr. Daniel K. Thorne
Ms. Pat Thornton
Town of New London Conservation
Commission
Cynthia Hayes and John Trachy*

Mr. Robert Von Ette*+
Richard H. Webb
Anthony and Bertie Woeltz
Daniel and Beverly Wolf

STEWARD
Anonymous (3)
Cornelia Boyle and Gary Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. David B. Andrews
Aimee and Matthew Ayers
Therese Barringer
Kathy and David Bashaw*
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Beal, Jr.*
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Beardsley
Mr. and Mrs. Pierre J. Bedard
Kathleen Belko
Deborah K. Benjamin
Charles Betz
Gordon and Teresa Bingham*
Amy Blitzer
Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Boege
William and Sarah Boynton*
Jim and Mary Ann Bradley
Sandra and Stephen Bravo
Tom Boggs and Peggy Brown
Abigail Brown
Gabriel Campos
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Canaday
Richard and Sage Chase*
Shelley and John Chesley
Keith and Debbie Chrisman
Joshua Lipton and Wendy Clough
Deborah L. Coffin
Sheridan Danforth
Mr. and Mrs. W. Roger Davidson*
Sally Dean
Marjorie Dillinger*
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Doran
Dorothy Ann Egan*
Donald and Susan Elliott*
Scott and Susan Ellison
Leslie and Stephen Enroth
Jeff and Brenda Estella*
Bob and Linda Ewing
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Faccione, Sr.*
Barbara and Brian Faughnan*
Peter and June Fichter
Harriet and Rick Fingerth*
Katharine Fischer
Charles and Carol Foss*
Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Foulkes
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Foulkes
Tom and Susan Galligan
Steve Goldsmith
Amy Gordon
George Green
Janet Grevstad
Sally and Al Griggs
Carolyn and Peter Hager*
Stephen and Jane Handley
Frances E. Harris*
George and Carla Heaton

Mr. and Mrs. G. William Helm, Jr.*
Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Hendl
Arthur and Louise Hildreth*
Gail and David Hiley
Mr. and Mrs. David I. Hitchcock
Mr. and Mrs. William Hopwood
Mr. and Mrs. Leverett Hubbard
Peggy and Bob Hutter
Jim and Michele Jaworski*
Bruce and Marsha Johnson
Charlie and Emily Jones
Dr. Charles Kane
Mr. and Mrs. Bertram M. Kantor
Hank and Polly Kidder
Dr. Jack W. Kirk*
Ron and Vicki Koron
Guy and Sharon LaVigne
Susan and David Leathers
Richard and Judith Locke
Carolyn Lockhart
David Lockwood, MD*
Michael and Nancy Loucks
Mr. and Mrs. David M. MacMillin*
Robert and Lyn Mattoon
Lorna R. McCollum
Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael McGarry, III
James T. McKenna
Tim and Jane McMurrich
Tom and Caroline Mickle
Jeff and Dale Milne*
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mordecai
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mulhern*
Steven Muller*
Kathy and Allan Munro
Blake and Pat Munson
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Nilsen*
Peter and Kathy Noordsij
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norander*
Otter Pond Protective Association
Sharon and Bill Palmer
Mark and Deb Pascualano
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart S. Peltz
Steve and Amy Piispanen and Family
Janet Prew
Al and Mary Ellen Price
John and Betty Raby
Mr. and Mrs. Donald N. Rice
David and Beth Ries
Donald and Elaine Robar*
Mr. and Mrs. Jon W. Roemer
Karen Ebel and Steven Root
Myron and Rachel Rosenblum*
B. and J. Rosenfield Family Fund of the
NH Charitable Foundation
Barry A. Sacks*
Paul and Jan Sahler
Stephen and Carole Sanetti*
Spike Schellenger*
Peter Segal
Pat and Jack Sheehan
Ruth Sisson
Polly Spaulding*

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Spofford*
 Linda and Phil St. Onge
 Marcella and Gordon Starkey
 Greg and Patsy Stevenson*
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart
 Edward Stikeleather
 Bob and Judy Sturgis
 Ron and Barbara Sullivan
 Sunapee Senior Thrift Shop
 Ralph and Christina Sweetland*
 Rebecca S. Underhill*
 Jane and Jack Unkles*
 Steven Buller and Anne Walsh
 Betsy Denny Warner
 Pamela Weiss
 Steven Strussenberg and Linda Welch
 Bob and Tanya Wilkie
 Sally Wilkins
 Bonnie Wilson*
 Woods Without Gile, LLC*
 Tyler and Kim Woolson*
 Marcia Wright
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Zock, Jr.

PROTECTOR

Anonymous (2)
 Paul Ambrose
 Mr. Fred C. Bailey
 Steve and Cyndi Bailey
 Lew and Eileen Barker
 Mr. Albert H. Barth
 Cathy Beard
 Heiden Beckwith
 Clare and Dean Bensley*
 Marla Binzel
 Mr. and Mrs. David Blohm
 Paul and Judith Bohn*
 Peg and Dave Bowen
 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bradford
 Gary and Linda Brenner
 Connie and Bob Brookes
 Robert and Sandra Brown
 Susan and Robert Bruce
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Bruguere*
 Susan and Bob Bryant
 Paul and Patricia Buddenhagen
 Dr. Robert W. Bunting
 Clara W. Butler
 Dave and Anne Carey
 Joseph and Kathleen Carroll
 Natividad Carter
 William L. Chapman
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chiarella
 Mike and Katie Christopher
 Tom and Judy Clay
 Lorraine and Don Cline
 Bill and Ki Clough
 John and Sue Clough
 Charles and Ruth Anne Collins
 Ronald and Jacqueline Connor
 Bradford and Kathleen Cook
 Courser Family Trust*
 Rip and Debbie Cross
 Anne Cushman
 Karen and Paul Dale*
 Charles and Elizabeth D'Amour*
 Charlie and Sharon Darling*
 Julie and Jeff Deacon
 Randy and Tina Desfosses
 Linda L. Donovan
 Liz Cacciola and Neil DuBois
 Brian and Bernadette Eaton*
 Allan and Myra Ferguson
 Frederick A. Ficken
 John and Maggie Ford
 Betsy Forsham
 Bob and Laura Beth Foster
 Robert and Rochelle Friedman
 Linc and Deborah Fuller
 Sylvia and John Garfield
 Timothy Glover
 Dyan M. Goodwin
 Goshen Conservation Commission
 Kara and Jamie Gruver
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hafner*
 David and Michele Halsted
 May and Bob Henry
 Sheila and Allen Henry
 Jerry Hersey
 Mrs. Steven Hollis
 Paul J. Holmes Jr.
 Barbara and Michael Holz
 Deborah and John Hoover
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howell+
 Jacqueline and Jeff Hudkins
 Peter and Kerry Ingold
 Beatrice Jillette
 Alan T. Jones
 Joyce D. N. Jones
 Nola Jordan
 Stephen and Marianne Jordan
 David and Martha Karrick
 Elizabeth Kent
 Rick and Jan Kidder
 Jean Spaulding and Robert Kjellman
 Phil and Claudia Koerner
 Dr. and Mrs. Jack Kreager
 Christine Kuhlman
 Lake Massasecum Improvement
 Association, Inc
 Berk and Joan Lambert
 Jane Landenberger
 Frederick and Nancy Lane
 Bruce and Jo Lawson
 Peg and Dick Lawton+
 Dick and Nell Leach
 Jessie W. Levine*
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Little
 David and Michele Livingston
 John E. MacKenzie*
 Barbara and John MacLeod, MD
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Maguire
 Rick and Nancy Marsh*
 Marla Matthews
 Mr. and Mrs. John B. McCarthy
 Sarah P. McClellan
 Jeannette and Donald McInnes
 Anne Seger and William McLaughlin
 Linda and Ken Miller*
 Dr. and Mrs. M. Jonathan Mishcon*
 Annie Montgomery
 Mr. Robert Moser
 Tonya Orme and Orhun Muratoglu
 Mr. and Mrs. Jan Myskowski*
 Chris and Kit Norris
 Dan Nowicki*
 Anne Pattison
 Tom and Janet Paul
 Mrs. Alice Perry*
 Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey D. Powell
 Alan and Kristen Retter
 Eric and Maria Rieders
 Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rogers
 Lee and Nina Rogers*
 Harry and Sue Rohrer
 Mrs. William J. Roos*
 Jeffrey Rosen*

Richard and Suzanne Rothstein
 Jason and Heidi Saghir*
 Emory and Susie Sanders
 Vahan and Anne Sarkisian
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Schwemm+
 Mr. F. Augustus Seamans
 Richard Sherman
 Jane Smedley
 Stuart and Jean Smith
 Rick and Jane Spurling
 Stanley Farm Association
 Mr. and Mrs. William Steel
 Nancy and Bruce Stetson
 Mary S. Teach
 The Hiller Family
 John and Rosa Vernalia*
 John and Elaine Warren*
 Mr. and Mrs. Renny D. Warren
 Scott and Joan Warren*
 John Waterbury
 Janie Webster
 Heather Wells
 Mr. Luke Wenger
 Jim and Stephanie Wheeler
 Cynthia Williams
 David and Carole Wood*
 Karen Zurheide

ADVOCATE

Anonymous (5)
 Anonymous*
 John W. Adams
 Mark Adamy and Holly Lowe Adamy
 Peggy Aldrich
 Dr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Alger
 Mr. and Mrs. Jay H. Anderson
 Patrick and Betsy Anderson
 Walter and Eleanor Anderson*
 Andover Conservation Commission
 Walter and Eleanor Angoff
 William P. Annable
 Kim and Tom Armen
 Emily and James Atkinson
 Gail and Hal Baade
 Carol McEntee and William Badgley*
 David and Fay Barden*
 Stephen and Sallie Barker
 Jerry and Jane Barnes
 Nance Patten Barrett
 Mr. and Mrs. Jon Barselle
 Doug and Charlene Baxter
 Kim Lowe and George Beaton
 Taffy Beckman
 Charles Belden
 Ruth Bennett
 Cynthia Benney
 Seth Benowitz
 Cynthia and Norman Berg
 Greg and Astrid Berger*
 Bob and Sally Bergquist
 Julie and Kirk Bishop
 James and Helen Black
 Milton and Sandra Blackington
 Jann and Jim Block
 Foster and Julie Boardman
 Charles and Emilie Bolduc
 Robert and Dorothy Book
 Lois and Ken Borgman
 Bob and Kathy Bowers+
 Carlton Bradford
 Mr. Richard N. Brady
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bramley
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Breck, Jr.
 Judith and Thomas Brewer
 P.K. Brigham
 John Brigham
 Edgar and Nancy Broadhead
 Virginia Brooks
 Mary Anne Broshek
 Debbie Brown
 Ken and Diane Brown
 Ken and Gail Brown
 Scott E. Brown
 Mr. and Mrs. Theodore S. Brown
 Jennifer and Tom Bruno
 Jacqueline A. Buck
 Carolyn Burgdorf*
 Peter Buros
 Elizabeth R. Buzby
 Mr. and Mrs. James T. Byrne, Jr.
 Peter Canavan
 Miss Anne Carroll
 James and Betty Carter*
 Lee and Bert Carvalho
 Rob Cavicchio
 Mr. and Mrs. David L. Chambers
 Rod and Joan Chandler*
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoyt Chapin
 Sharon J. Charlantini
 Larry and Susan Chase
 Steven N. Chase
 Louise M. Clark
 Jane Deane and Russell G. Clark
 Marc and Patricia Clement
 Robert and Marilyn Cloutier
 Susan Coakley
 Richard U. Cogswell, Jr*
 Colby Hill Association
 Sonia and Robert Conly
 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Consentino
 Robert and Barbara Cook
 Gerald and Barbara Cooper+
 Tina and John Cotton
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cottrill*
 Darrin Moody and Penny Courser
 Richard Cook and Rebecca Courser*
 Michael Cressey
 Chuck Curtis
 Mr. and Mrs. William Cutter
 Steven and Edith Daigle
 Dana Dakin*
 Gary and Chris Daniels
 The Daniels
 Elaine and Charley Davidson
 Laura Davis
 Dan Allen and Natalie Davis
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dayton
 John Lane and Andrea DeAugustinis*
 Mr. Joseph DeChant
 Andy and Carrie Deegan
 Mason and Lisa Delafield
 Richard and Sue DeLuca
 Cindy House and Eric Derleth
 Joseph M. Dessert
 Jim and Gale DeVere
 Nicholas and Camila Devlin
 Pat and Tracy Dickson
 Carolyn and John Dietel
 William and Maureen Dietrich
 Marsha Williams and Geoffrey Dodge*
 Duncan and Adrienne Domey
 Thomas and Nancy Donnelly
 Neil D. Donnenfeld
 Margaret L. and William J. Doody
 Helen Duchesne
 David and Merlene Dunlop

Peter and Jackie Dunning
 Dick and Nancy Dutton
 Sherry Edmonds
 Sophie Sparrow and Chris Eldredge
 Ann Eldridge
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Eliassen
 Don and Betty Ellwood*
 Joy Hammond and Michael Elmes*
 Jennifer Esten
 Anne Vantine and Robert Evans
 Ms. Mary Eysenbach*
 Nina Lian and Harlow Farmer
 Julius and Barbara Federici
 Mickey and Marty Feins
 Joan Fellows
 John and Carol Filbin*
 Melinda and Mark Flater
 Crispin Fletcher
 Patricia Halpin and Tim Fleury
 Mr. Michael S. Flier
 Virginia and Robert Foose
 Gretchen and Barry Fougere
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Francis*
 Joe Shaw and Jane Frawley
 Betsy and Evan Fujinaga
 Julie and Bob Funkhouser
 Patty Furness
 John and Joanna Gallimore
 Carol Gardner-Ewen
 Lisa Garrahan
 Elizabeth Gatti
 David and Martha Gaudes*
 Carmelo and Susan Giaccotto*
 Barbara F. Gibson
 Helen T. Gillespie
 Ms. Cynthia Glover
 Gail Goddard*
 Al and Sue Golden
 Lawre and Phil Goodnow
 Cynthia and Steven Gorey
 Vinicius Gorgati
 Marilyn Gould
 Mr. Waldo Grover*
 Robin and Peter Gunn
 Justin Gurksnis
 Barbara Gurnsey
 Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Gutsell
 Meghan MacLean and Dan Hafner
 Mr. and Mrs. Jackson W. Hambley+
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hammond
 Dave Hanlon
 Mr. and Mrs. David Harris*
 Joan V. H. Harris
 Patricia and John Harris
 Sonny Harris
 Mr. and Mrs. William L. Harrison
 Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Hasenfuss
 Bruce and Judy Healey
 Mike and Karin Heffernan
 John and Faith Heiden*
 June K. Hemberger
 Donald and Mary-Lou Hinman*
 Herb Marks and Perry Hodges
 John A. and Elizabeth Hodgson
 George and Irene Hoffmann
 Peter and Karen Hoglund*
 Jane Y. Hollinger
 Richard and Deborah Holmes
 Mrs. Richmond B. Hopkins
 John and Teresa Horan
 Bill and Betsy Horn
 Carol Howard
 Ed and Linda Howes

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn B. Hudson
 Derek and Debbie Hunt
 Mr. and Mrs. Millard B. Hunter
 Charles and Marjorie Huston
 Bill and Toni Huthner
 Ken and Kristen Jautz
 Catharine Mabie and David D. Johnson*
 Marilyn and Robert Johnson
 Virginia Johnson
 Mr. and Mrs. Bryan C. Jones
 Don and Ann Jones
 Mr. and Mrs. Jay Jones
 Jeff and Tamera Jones
 Richard L. Jones
 Karyn Kaplan
 Andrew Kargacos
 Sarah Sawyer Kassman
 Elizabeth and Peter Keene*
 Marcia and Dick Keller
 Mrs. Ginny Kellner
 Susan Kerkian
 Claire A. Ketteler
 John Kiernan*
 Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Killam
 Daphne and Steve Klein
 Josh Klein
 Marion and Amanda Klein
 Betsy and Rick Kloepfel
 Margi Knott Lord
 Mrs. Lois Konon*
 Allen Koop
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kun
 Jean LaChance
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lambert
 Mary Leadbeater
 Mrs. Constance Leathers
 Kevin Leavitt
 Frank and Joyce Lemay
 Patricia Lennon
 Miranda and Jeff Levin
 True Kelley and Steven Lindblom
 Susan Little
 Ann Loeffler
 Lois M. Logan
 Steven and Robin Longtin
 Aida Lopez*
 Christy Lowe
 Susan and Morton Lynn*
 Susan Hart and Kenneth Lyon
 Holly Brough and Sean MacFaden*
 Peter and Julie Machen
 Keith and Veronica MacKellow
 Scott and Lisa MacLean
 John and Nancy MacLeod
 William and Phyllis Magner
 Mary C. Major
 Leon and Mary Malan
 Mrs. Eric S. Malm*
 Derek Mansell
 Allison Marsh
 David and Carla Marshall
 Norma Marston ^
 Claire Tapply and Arthur Martel
 Charles Martin
 Scott Martin
 Mr. David Matthews
 Gail Matthews
 Janet Sillars and Brooks McCandlish
 Anne McCann
 Marie and Scott McCaskill
 Mary Lou and Charles McCrave
 Mr. and Mrs. John C. McCrillis
 Harry McGee*

Debi McGrath
 Steve McGrath
 Ruth Smith and Beth McGuinn
 Tom and Chris McKee
 Kate and Albert McKibbin*
 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon P. McKinnon
 Joan and Alan McLean*
 Lynn and Tom McMurry
 Florence L. Meader
 John Mears
 Michael and Elizabeth A. Meller*
 Messer Pond Protective Association
 Ken and Casey Milender
 G & J Montgomery
 Linda Morrow
 Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Morse
 Dudley and Claire Moseley
 Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Moses
 John and Peggy Munson*
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Napier III
 Tom and Kathy Naughton
 Peter and Susan Nichols
 Dr. and Mrs. Wesley G. Nichols*
 Ken and Judy Nielsen
 Roxanne B. Niles
 Jack Noon
 Les and Jane Norman
 Michele and Frank Occhiuti
 Elizabeth and Henry Otto, Jr.*
 Mark and Cathy Owen
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paige
 Bruce and Sara Parrott
 David and Jill Paul
 Stephen Pink and Mary Jane Peabody
 Dick and Danella Pearson
 Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Perkins
 Mr. Alan L. Peterson
 Mark and Elizabeth Peterson
 Ann M. Philbin
 Mary Ropka and John Philbrick
 Libby and Wen Phillips*
 Dr. and Mrs. William Shippen
 Bob and Timmie Poh*
 Frederick L. Pratt*
 Robert and Linda Preston
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Price
 Robert and Maureen Prohl
 Bruce and Liz Putnam
 Jeff and Tracey Quigley
 Robert Quinn
 Daniel Rahilly
 James and Deborah Ransom
 Joanne and Walter Read*
 Robert Reed*
 Ruth and Lansing Reed
 Sue Ellen Reel*
 Kathy and Stanley Reiser
 Thomas and Faith Reney
 Resnick Family
 Karen and John Reynolds
 Mrs. Diana Richards
 Martine Richards
 Jessica Ferren and Carl Richter
 Carol A. and John S. Richters
 Jessica Roberts
 Thomas Rodd, Jr.
 Patricia Ross
 Rosalie and Mitchell Rudnick
 R. F. Rylander
 Heather and Matt Salter
 Bruce Bauer and Paul Sanchirico
 Tayo Sands
 David H. Sargent

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sawyer
 Joanne and Tom Schamberg
 Ellen Schauff
 Connie Townsend Scheffy and
 Brackett L. Scheffy
 Virginia Schendler
 Jill and John Schiffman
 Lee and Martha Schimberg
 John and Nancy Schlosser
 Helmut and Margot Schwarzer*
 Steven Ozment and Susanna Schweizer
 Diana Seamans
 Charles and Gail Sebring
 Gerald and Elizabeth Shelby
 Mary Shepard*
 Shepard Island Inc.*
 Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Sherrill, Jr.
 Laura and William Shucart
 Carole and Kenneth Shutzer
 Marcia McWethy and Jeff Singer
 Mrs. Adele W. Smith
 Mrs. Gladys R. Smith*
 Kay W. Smith
 Nancy Kipp Smith
 Scott and Patti Smith
 Terry and Whit Smith*
 Bruce and Marilyn Soper
 Mr. and Mrs. James Southard
 Michael and Mary Ellen St. Clair
 Laura Kiefer and Gary Stanhope
 Denise and Bob Stanley
 Mrs. Sharon G. Stearns*
 Anne Morris and David Steed
 Margo Steeves
 Nathaniel Stevens
 Mrs. Barbara Stewart
 Opal W. Stockwell
 E. Leslie Stone
 Maureen Strachan
 Barbara Sullivan*
 Karen Sullivan
 Andrew R. Supplee
 Brian Suttmeier
 Sutton Conservation Commission
 Marilyn and Greg Swick*
 Barbara and Thomas Swift
 Ellie and Jess Taylor
 Nancy Teach
 Holly Tenney
 Bill and Carrie Thomas
 Rev. Randy and Jill Thompson
 Brenda Tirrell
 Pat Tivnan
 Mr. and Mrs. William Todd
 Town of Newbury Conservation
 Commission
 Steve and Pam Trostorff
 Jeff and Barbara Troxell
 B. William and Helen Tucker
 John and Carol Tucker
 Martha Tuttle*
 Dave and Cindy Twombly*
 JT and Lori Underwood
 Mr. Thomas Vaughan
 David and Susan Wadleigh
 Katrina Wagner
 Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Walker
 Janis Wallace
 Sarah and James Walsh
 Leslie Ward
 Van and Robin Webb
 Cheryl and Noel Weinstein
 Susan Weiss

Kenneth and Lee Wells
 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wells
 Robert and Dolores Werge*
 Peter and Terri White
 Mrs. Ruth White*
 Mrs. Dorothy Wicksman
 Mark and Rowena Wilks
 Sarah and Chuck Will
 Tom and Molly Williams
 Craig and Gail Williamson
 Jane Williamson
 Linda Ray Wilson
 Sally Heald Winship
 Persis Wirkkala

Anki Wolf
 Natalie W. Wolf Foundation
 Mr. and Mrs. D. Austin Wood
 Susan and Matt Woodard
 Jim and Susan Wright
 June and Hank Wright
 Stephen and Christine Wright
 Ellen and Harold Yanofsky
 Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Yenawine
 Thomas Zacaroli
 Arthur B. Zerbel, Jr.*
 Patrick and Judy Zilvitis
 Dr. and Mrs. William G. Zimmerman

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

BENEFACTOR

Coldwell Banker Milestone Real Estate
 ESET North America
 Lake Sunapee Bank
 Ledyard National Bank
 New London Inn and
 Coach House Restaurant
 On Track Design

PATRON

Maloney Associates Insurance
 McGray and Nichols, Inc.
 Northcape Design, Inc.*
 Pellettieri Associates, Inc.*
 Sage's Interiors, LLP

STEWARD

Carey Builders, Inc.
 Clayton A. Miller, Inc.*
 Durgin and Crowell Lumber Co.
 ERC Associates, PLLC
 Four Seasons Sotheby's International
 Realty
 Gallup Trucking and Excavation
 Lumber Barn
 Meadowsend Timberlands, Ltd.
 Sheldon Pennoyer Architects*
 Springledge Farm
 Sugar River Bank*
 Sunapee Harbor Riverway, Inc.*
 Wendell Veterinary Clinic

PROTECTOR

Bristol, Sweet & Associates, Inc.
 Chadwick Funeral Service, LLC
 Clarke's Hardware
 Colonial Pharmacy
 Country Houses Real Estate*
 George Chait Construction, LLC
 Harbor Light Realty
 Mascoma Savings Bank
 Walker Automotive Services

ADVOCATE

Compass Travel, Inc.*
 Dexter's Inn
 Dufault and Dufault
 Equity Group
 Gourmet Garden
 Greenleaf Irrigation
 Hubert's of New London
 Kayak Country Paddlesports, Inc.
 MacKenna's Restaurant
 Maple Hill Farm Country Inn B&B
 McCrillis & Eldredge Insurance
 Pleasant Lake Veterinary Hospital
 Proctor Academy
 Therapy Works, Inc.
 Weaver Bros. Construction Co.
 Drs. Brian and Mary Wicenski, DMD
 YMCA Camp Coniston

Wish List

iPad tablet for use by our Land Protection

Specialist/Stewardship Manager when visiting a property.

*We are transitioning to mobile technology so that camera,
 notebook, pen and GPS are no longer lugged into
 the field by our staff. \$650*

OtterBox iPad Case - \$100

Countertop Brochure Holders
for Trifold literature - \$75

“Catch the Bug”

by Peggy Hutter

As we look around our area, dragonflies and damselflies are everywhere, especially on a bright sunny day and particularly, if you are near a body of water. The increase in sightings is a sure sign that summer is here.

Dragonflies and damselflies are part of the order of insects called Odonata (“Odes”). Both are fairly large, often very colorful, flying insects; however, the body of the dragonfly is known to be stouter, while the damselfly body is more slender. Damselflies, for the most part, appear more fragile than dragonflies. Another notable difference is that dragonflies rest (perch) with their two sets of wings pointed straight to the sides; damselflies usually rest with their elegant, teardrop-shaped wings close together and away from or above the body. Dragonflies and damselflies are fascinating to watch as they zip forward and back, flying forward at speeds up to 25-30 mph. They can pivot in a flash and hover with ease causing us to think of a helicopter.

The “Odes” are considered aquatic insects because they live near freshwater (rivers, streams, ponds, even marshes and swamps) and their larvae (known as nymphs, which are the young stage of the species) actually live for years in these bodies of water. Dragonflies and damselflies are insectivores since they hunt and eat other insects, but they are harmless to humans as they neither sting nor bite. They can be beneficial as predators because they help to control pests—they eat the bugs that will bite you. The Odonates can also serve as indicators of good ecological health and clean water quality.

In 2011, NH completed a 5-year survey of dragonflies and damselflies. Dr. Pam Hunt, a NH Audubon Society biologist, noted from data collected from as far back as the 1800’s that 46 species, about one third of those found in the state of NH, were listed as being a “protected conservation concern.” Dr. Hunt says “this was the first justification to launch the survey, since you can’t conserve what you don’t know.”

Ausbon Sargent’s Land Protection Specialist, Andy Deegan, and his wife, Carrie, of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, contributed to this study. They have planned two dragonfly events this summer in Sutton and Bradford, each on an Ausbon Sargent conservation property, to share their interest in dragonflies with others. The NH Survey indicates that 11-24 different species were sighted in Sutton and Bradford, though this is most likely fewer than the actual number that exist in the towns. Andy and Carrie will offer a catch and release session to net, identify and observe these amazing creatures. As Pam Hunt says, “Once bitten by the dragonfly bug, it’s really hard to put down your net.” We hope you’ll check our Calendar of Events and join the Deegans to “catch the bug.”



Photo by Andy Deegan



Enjoy Our Protected Properties

Russell Pond is a picturesque 17-acre pond located along Route 114 in South Sutton. It affords a variety of recreational activities such as boating, fishing and picnicking, or you could just stop at the town-maintained parking area at the edge of the pond in hopes of seeing a great blue heron, red winged blackbirds, beaver, Canada geese, painted turtles or an occasional moose or deer. The protected property on the west and north sides of the pond is owned by the Town of Sutton and the easement is held by Ausbon Sargent. On August 5th, Ausbon Sargent and the Sutton Conservation Commission will co-host a Dragonfly Event on the property from 2-4 PM. So many of our Ausbon Sargent protected properties offer public access for recreational use.

Check out our website www.ausbonsargent.org to find more information about our properties when you’re looking for an outing.



The Lennon barn on Pumpkin Hill Road in Warner

Facts about the Lennon Conservation Easement

Town: Warner

Location: Pumpkin Hill Road

Acreage: 26.46 acres

- The property has over 400 feet of frontage on Pumpkin Hill Road and protects scenic views over the property that are accessible to the general public.
- It is listed as Highest Ranked Habitat in New Hampshire and protects habitat for native species.
- The property protects the northern end of a large beaver pond wetland.
- The property is adjacent to a Class VI road and will allow for low impact public recreation.
- The property protects valuable forestry soils.
- The property was protected with the help of the Quabbin-to-Cardigan Partnership.

Mark Lennon cut school in 7th grade to go to Earth Day, and that pretty much set the pattern for his life. When he's not outside with a pack, a paddle, a camera, or a pair of skis, he runs a company that matches surplus furnishings from schools, hospitals, and private companies with charities around the world, IRN Surplus - surplus reuse and recycling.

Conservation Was Always Part of My Plan

by Mark Lennon

My wife and I bought the house and land on Pumpkin Hill in 1990. I can't say it was love at first sight. The house dated from the 1790s with a later addition, and was last "updated" in the 1950s. The barn was sagging and a corner of the roof was gone. When spring came we discovered that there was an acre or so of knotweed around the house and barn, and infesting the field.

But we were young and dumb, and I had always figured if I was going to live in a nice old house, the only way I could afford it was to fix it myself. So we plunged in.

The land was farmed into the 1940s, which must have made it one of the last working farms in Warner. But it was never a rich farm, that was clear. The barn is the jewel on the property, 40' x 50', gunstock posts flared at the top to receive the beams, the beams all single pieces of hand-hewn chestnut, the roof structure as beautiful as any I have seen. As finances permitted, we put six rounds of renovations into it, to get it ready for another 200 years.

Below the barn, most of what was once a pasture had grown up to pine, but it was clearly not a good pine site. We thinned it once in the 1990s, and then last winter I had nearly all the pine removed, working with my forester friend, Charlie Levesque. Below the pine stand is a lovely active beaver bog, and the beaver will be having a long feast as the pine stand regenerates to hardwoods. Past the meadow the land is rough, with some wet patches, and long since reverted to forest. It appears that it was cut over in the 50s or 60s, and it is coming back with a lot of nice young oak. It has a variety of habitat and wildlife are abundant: deer, moose, bear, turkeys, grouse, along with the beaver. I have spent many contented hours cutting trails through the property, and I'm sure many fewer hours using them.

It never dawned on me to do anything other than conserve the land. Every year when I was growing up, another and then another and then another of the farms where we went to pick apples and pumpkins and watch the cows got bulldozed and turned into another and then another and then another subdivision or strip mall. Preserving land for the natural systems and species that need it has always been at the top of my wish list. I'm really glad Ausbon Sargent agreed, and thinks enough of this property to take it under their wing.

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

Thanks



*these individuals, businesses and foundations
for your gifts of time and funding.*



CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

GE Foundation
Johnson & Johnson
Mascoma Savings Bank

PROOF READERS FOR SUMMER CHATTER

Andrea DeAugustinis
Nan Kaplan
Helen Tucker
Lisa Ensign Wood
Marla Binzel

FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Burton D. Morgan Foundation
Fields Pond Foundation

MAILING HELPERS

Ann Bedard
Terri Bingham
Marla Binzel
Betsy Forsham
Bobbie Hambley
Janet Howe
Jan Prew
Mary Ellen Price

IN KIND DONATIONS

Carnevale Design
Echo Communications
On Track Design
PCCHelp

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Kris Lohmann and Janis Taylor for volunteering in the office on a weekly basis and Marla Binzel for filling in at the front desk.

IN HONOR OF JIM AND SHARIE BROADHEAD

Feather Foundation, Inc.

PHONEATHON CALLERS & HELPERS

Steve Allenby
Mary Lou Dufault
Don and Sue Elliott
Barbara Faughnan
Charlie Foss
Nan Kaplan
Cindy Lawson
Doug Lyon
Suzanne Tether
Becky Underhill
Judy Zilvitis

ARANOSIAN LAND PROJECT

Warner Conservation Commission

VOLUNTEER PARTY & EVENT HELPERS

Kate Gordon
Nancy Lane
Dan and Kiki Schneider

JILLETTE LAND PROJECT

Quabbin-to-Cardigan Partnership

STEWARDSHIP FUND DONATIONS

Amy Blitzer
Goshen Conservation Commission
Bea Jillette
Woods Without Gile, LLC

WINTER CHATTER DELIVERY

Kathleen Belko
Seth Benowitz
Carol Foss
Kate Gordon
Cynthia Hayes
Katheryn Holmes
Janet Howe

ENFORCEMENT FUND DONATIONS

Amy Blitzer
Goshen Conservation Commission
Bea Jillette

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK:

- Scott Allenby for sharing his Marketing and Communications expertise
- Charlie Belden for office recycling
- The Coach House Restaurant and New London Inn for Thursday's Child
- Rebecca Courser and Rich Cook for hosting the Snowshoe Hike
- Mary Jane Ellis for granting so many wishes!
- Nick Giaccone for running errands
- Janet Miller Haines for the donation of safety vests
- Cindy Lawson and Becky Underhill for the baskets for the Thursday's Child raffle
- Thomas and Sandra Peacock for the donation of 3 battery back-ups
- Betsy Forsham for proofing easement deeds
- The Kearsarge Shopper for all they do for us
- LSPA for the use of the Knowlton House for our volunteer party
- Mark Lennon for his beautiful notecard creations
- Tom Masland & Paul MacDonald for the significant discount for their legal work
- Jeanie Plant for organizing the Little Sunapee Reunion at Thursday's Child
- TNC for co-sponsoring the Snowshoe Hike
- Debbie and Bob Zeller for the donation of cleaning equipment

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Through December 2015

Waukeena Lake at the LeBaron-Brewer property

July

LeBaron-Brewer Hike in Danbury

This hike, led by Land Protection Specialist Andy Deegan, will cross through the 159-acre LeBaron-Brewer property and skirt beautiful Waukeena Lake.

Thursday, July 9 3:00-5:00 pm

Dragonfly Walk on the Blitzer property in Bradford

Learn more about dragonflies and damselflies and their significance in nature. This is always a great adventure for adults and children as you'll net, identify and release a variety of dragonflies. Limited to 25 people with no walk-ons.

Tuesday, July 28 (rain date, Fri, July 31) 2:00-4:00 pm

August

Dragonfly Walk at Russell Pond in South Sutton

Enjoy visiting Russell Pond along Route 114 while Andy and Carrie Deegan share their knowledge and love of dragonflies and damselflies. This will be a fun adventure for all ages and a nice activity to share with summer guests. Limited to 25 people with no walk-ons.

Wednesday, August 5 (rain date, Aug 7) 2:00-4:00 pm

4th Annual Kearsarge Classic Bike Randonnee

Our popular bike event on the back roads of many of the twelve towns that Ausbon Sargent serves will be held in August this year. You'll receive a breakfast snack, a lunch, a dinner and a full support team when you choose to ride one of the scenic routes prepared for you. See more information and register at www.bikereg.com and view photos of our 2014 event at <http://www.ausbonsargent.org/photo-gallery>.

Saturday, August 29 All Day

September

Monitoring Refresher

We invite our easement monitors to join us for a compass and survey skills refresher with Sue Andrews and Andy Deegan just before you head out to complete your fall easement monitoring. For more information, contact sandrews@ausbonsargent.org

Wednesday, September 9 3:00-4:30 pm

October

Ausbon Sargent 28th Annual Meeting

All members and friends of Ausbon Sargent are encouraged to attend the business meeting and the social that follows at the New London Historical Society Meeting House.

Sunday, October 25 3:00 pm

December

Ausbon Sargent Holiday Party at the New London Inn/Coach House Restaurant

This is always a beautiful and festive event that's a favorite of our members. Mark it on your calendar since we usually fill to capacity early.

Monday, December 7 5:30-7:30 pm

Please visit www.ausbonsargent.org (News/Calendar) for more details on all events for 2015. **We request that you RSVP for all events.**

Who Doesn't Love a Deer?

by Peggy Hutter



The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust must demonstrate that its land protection projects are consistent with the goals established by the land trust and that the projects provide a public benefit. One of the criteria we consider is whether the new property contains significant wildlife habitat, as identified by the NH Wildlife Action Plan.

This year the NH Fish and Game is updating its 10-year Wildlife Action Plan. The Plan is a blueprint that guides partner organizations to protect wildlife species and manage wildlife habitats. Five working sessions were held to gather input. A recurring concern voiced by conservation partners was the impact of white-tail deer populations and their contribution to the increase of invasive species on NH's scenic landscape, and the effect on forest health and the state's economy.

Deer populations are at or near all-time highs in New Hampshire. Although we love to enjoy the beauty of these gentle creatures in our woods and fields, we have a dilemma that raises a number of important questions. Why have the white-tail deer become so numerous? How do these increases affect our forest ecosystems? Why should landowners, forest managers, and the general public be concerned and what are the solutions?

Many natural predators of the white-tail deer such as wolves and mountain lions are no longer found in New Hampshire. Though we still have black bears and coyotes that will periodically prey upon the deer, they do not always hunt the deer as they can also be satisfied with berries, shrubs and smaller animals. There was a time that our hunters helped to control the deer population; however, hunting has greatly diminished in recent years.

The increase in the deer herd has been very detrimental to forest health and sustainability. Trees naturally mature and die or are

harvested from the forest. The saplings and shrubs in the forest that would normally fill the gaps in the canopy succumb to the effects of chronic deer browsing. The white-tail deer particularly love to nibble on oak and maple saplings, leaving the less appealing saplings and the more invasive species behind. In addition to the food sources in the forests, deer have successfully invaded agricultural fields, orchards, roadsides, lawns and gardens. We have also watched some of New Hampshire's favorite wildflowers such as Trillium and Lady Slippers diminish as the deer love these low-lying treats. A real concern for the NH forests is that we are seeing invasive species fill the void and dominate the ecosystem while reducing plant diversity.

There are no simple solutions or quick fixes. For those who have monitored this problem through the years and have an understanding of the long-term risks of deer overpopulation, it has been suggested that programs and policies in our state need to more closely integrate game management with forest health and habitat stewardship. These issues may still take decades to resolve.



Photo by Paul Howe Photography

Ausbon Sargent, our namesake, cultivating his garden on Main Street circa 1970.

Nancy is moving to Vail, Colorado



We wish her much happiness as she begins the next chapter in life's journey. Nancy joined the Ausbon Sargent staff in 2008 as our part-time Administrative Assistant. We will miss her bright smile and cheerful attitude. We hope Nancy remains in touch with her Ausbon Sargent friends.



Another Living Legacy Thankfully Created

The Acorn Society of The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust allows our supporters to include Ausbon Sargent in their estate plan. By making this choice, you can leave a lasting impact on the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee region for the benefit of future generations. With your bequest, you become a member of our Acorn Society and it becomes our privilege to recognize and honor you for the generous decision you made.

In April, 2015, we were notified that Ted Bacon had made a bequest to Ausbon Sargent. Ted was born and raised in Springfield, MA and after his naval service in World War II, he lived and raised his family in Amherst, MA. Ted had a strong connection to New Hampshire as his family summered on Pleasant Lake.

Ted was a graduate of Amherst College and MIT with a Master's Degree in City Planning. He returned to Amherst College as a Dean and a professor of Political Science. Ted later became a professor of City Planning and Urban Development at UMass, Amherst, and also maintained his own City Planning and Development business for much of his career after his time at Amherst College.

In 1996, Ted and his wife, Sarah, moved to NH, sharing time between New London and Peterborough. Ted passed away in May, 2014, just short of his 96th birthday.

When we asked about Ted's decision to name Ausbon Sargent in his estate, his son, Doug Bacon, shared some special thoughts about his father:

"Dad was an active hiker and bicyclist for much of his life. As a long time summer resident on Pleasant Lake, Dad loved the New London area for its natural beauty and for its recreational opportunities, including hiking, mountain climbing and walking. My parents were among the first members of Ausbon Sargent twenty-eight years ago, and they had a deep appreciation of the

goals and achievements of the land trust from its inception. Their support continued throughout their lives. Dad was certain to include Ausbon Sargent in his estate plan knowing that the land trust would continue to provide recreational, open space, conservation opportunities and benefits to all in the New London area."

Thank you to Ted Bacon and the Bacon family. Your support confirms the importance of the Ausbon Sargent mission to preserve the rural character of the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Region.

Doug Bacon is the youngest (and only surviving son) of Ted and Sarah's three sons. Doug grew up in Amherst, MA earning degrees from Amherst College, MIT (Master's) and Syracuse (JD). Though he lives in Concord, MA, Doug is happily anticipating spending his 63rd summer at the family cottage on Pleasant Lake, now enjoyed by 4th generation Bacons.



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 either made a bequest or notified us that they have provided for Ausbon Sargent in their estate plans.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Abbott*
Anonymous (4)
Rich and Heidi Anderson
Theodore S. Bacon, Jr.*
Ann C. Bemis*
Catherine Bogardus*
Roland P. Carreker*
Rick Cole
Naia L. Conrad*
Chris and Janice Cundey
Tim and Lorraine Davis
Joe and Laurie DiClerico
John and Maggie Ford
Cotton M. Cleveland and
John B. Garvey
Gerard and Jane Gold
David and Martha Karrick
Doug Lyon
Andrew J. McDonald*
Dave and Bev Payne
John and Sage Scott
John and Nancy Denny Solodar
Virginia Anthony Soule*
Peter and Debbie Stanley

*denotes deceased



THE
AUSBON
SARGENT
LAND
PRESERVATION
TRUST

71 Pleasant Street
P.O. Box 2040
New London
New Hampshire
03257-2040
603.526.6555

"Outstanding in the Field"

STAFF (L-R)

Patsy Steverson,
Bookkeeper

Deborah Stanley,
Executive Director

Peggy Hutter,
Communications Coordinator

Andy Deegan,
*Land Protection Specialist
Stewardship Manager*

Sue Ellen Andrews,
Operations Manager

Laurie DiClerico,
Development Associate

Nancy Kipp Smith,
Administrative Assistant

Special Thanks
to all of our guest authors!

OFFICERS

Doug Lyon, *Chair*

Charlie Foss, *Vice-Chair*

Nan Kaplan, *Secretary*

Susan Nooney, *Treasurer*

TRUSTEES

Steve Allenby

Martha Cottrill

Joe DiClerico

Cindy Lawson

Graham McSwiney

John O'Dowd

Jim Owers

Kiki Schneider

Suzanne Tether

Won't you become a Member?

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: www.ausbonsargent.org

Please make checks payable to: **Ausbon Sargent** and mail to: **P.O. Box 2040, New London, NH 03257-2040**
or call and use your credit card: **603.526.6555**

- ☐ \$10,000+ Ausbon Sargent Society
- ☐ \$5,000+ Legacy Circle
- ☐ \$2,500+ Leadership Circle
- ☐ \$1,000+ Benefactor
- ☐ \$500+ Patron
- ☐ \$250+ Steward
- ☐ \$150+ Protector
- ☐ \$60+ Advocate
- ☐ Other \$ _____



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Donations to Ausbon Sargent are tax deductible as provided by Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

07/15

