

conserve the **RICKETSON FARM**



The Ricketson Farm's iconic silos and red barn have become a Stowe landmark. Read our cover story below to learn more about our efforts to protect this irreplaceable part of the town's landscape. Photo by Paul Rogers.

LET'S CONSERVE THE RICKETSON FARM! *A Link to Stowe's Past & Future*

By Barry Matthews, Community Engagement Manager

Located on Route 100, the 217-acre Ricketson Farm defines Stowe's northern gateway. Its familiar red barn and blue silos welcome travelers heading south from Morrisville, and bid you farewell as you head north out of town. As Stowe's most prominent and productive farm, its presence makes a powerful statement about the town's identity and community—a place where working farms are part of both the backdrop and foundation of a world-class resort economy.

However, as farms and farmers face increased pressure from development interests, the changing climate, and other factors, this relationship grows increasingly tenuous. Over the past hundred years, the number of farms in Stowe has fallen from over two hundred to fewer than ten. With many of these remaining operations undergoing generational transfer in the

next decade, it is crucial our community acts decisively to protect the landscapes that makes Stowe special.

Stewarded by three generations of the Ricketson family, the farm is now at a crossroads. After a long career, Ken Ricketson is transitioning out of commercial dairy farming, and hopes his family's legacy and the land's rich agricultural potential can be protected for future generations of farmers. Thanks to a significant bargain sale provided by Ken, Stowe Land Trust and Vermont Land Trust have the opportunity to secure a permanent conservation easement on the farm—if we can raise the \$2.5 million in acquisition, project and stewardship costs needed by March 2022. The easement will ensure that the farm's excellent soils and ecologically-rich wetlands will remain available for future farm enterprises and protected forever.

continued on page 3

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Wilkens, *Chair*
Samuel P. Gaines, *Vice Chair*
Amy Stewart, *Treasurer*
Anna Black, *Secretary*
Clifford Borden
Beth Bradford
Doren Dolan
Catherine Drake
Amy Farley
Frank Foti
Jesse Goldfine
Meg Kauffman
Jess Laporte
Walt Looney
Jason McLean
Darsey Moon
Ryan Percy
Kerry Sedutto
Jason Slocum
Thomas B. Sweet

DIRECTORS EMERITI

Charles Berry
Chess Brownell
Trowbridge Elliman
Walter Frame
John Merrill
Alan Thorndike
Roger Witten

STAFF

Kristen Sharpless, *Executive Director*
Metzi Anderson, *Operations Manager*
Barry Matthews, *Community Engagement Manager*

Stowe Land Trust is dedicated to the conservation of scenic, recreational, and productive farm and forest lands for the benefit of the greater Stowe community.

PO Box 284
Stowe, VT 05672
(802) 253-7221
www.stowelandtrust.org
info@stowelandtrust.org

Join our email list by visiting
www.stowelandtrust.org




STOWE LAND TRUST

Letter from the Executive Director



“I was SO worried about what was going to happen to the Ricketson Farm. And SO relieved to hear the land trust is helping conserve it. If it were developed, I’d know it was time for me to leave Stowe.”

As I’ve been talking with many of you about what our local farms in general and the Ricketson Farm in particular mean to you, I keep hearing a version of this sentiment: our farms and the benefits they provide are either a key part of what brought you to the Stowe area or a reason why you stay. Seeing cows grazing on pasture and tractors at work in fields, shopping at farm stands and the farmers market, and even the experience of getting stuck behind a manure truck on the Mountain Road are all part of what makes this special place home.

With the Ricketson Farm conservation effort, we have a real opportunity to make a positive impact for the future of local farmland. With fewer than ten farms remaining in Stowe and less than 20% of our farmed agricultural soils permanently protected—the work of supporting our existing farms and new enterprises, conserving our best farmland, and creating a sustainable and equitable future for farming in our community has never been more urgent. I hope you join us, Ken Ricketson, and our partners in helping to conserve the Ricketson Farm. Please donate and renew your membership—or become a new Stowe Land Trust member—today.

With gratitude,

Kristen Sharpless
Executive Director

P.S. Are you new to the Stowe area? So is Stowe Land Trust’s new Community Engagement Manager, Barry Matthews (see announcement, page 10)! Barry is helping to connect people to each other and the land through our community conservation work. Reach out to Barry at barry@stowelandtrust.org to learn about ways to get involved or to share your questions and ideas. Or drop by our office at 6 Sunset Street in the village to say hello!

Bandanas for Ricketson Farm!

Show your support for conserving the Ricketson Farm! Make a donation to help protect the 217-acre Ricketson Farm before March 2022 and receive a bandana featuring familiar farm sights! Available while supplies last.

In-person pick-up only—no shipping.

To donate securely online, visit www.stowelandtrust.org, or stop by our office at 6 Sunset Street in Stowe (next to Black Cap Coffee). Get yours today!



Let's Conserve the Ricketson Farm *continued*



Pitcher plants at the Ricketson Farm bog (above), Ken's father Harold Ricketson in 1964 (right).



If we can successfully meet the community campaign goal, receive \$200,000 in funding from the Town of Stowe, and secure another \$200,000 in state and federal funding from VHCB, we will have all the funds needed to conserve the farm as planned next March.

This project offers a crucial opportunity to protect an irreplaceable icon of the Stowe landscape—one of the places that makes Stowe unique. “It’s the best of what Vermont has to offer,”

A Part of Stowe's Farming Heritage

The Ricketsons' history on the land connects Stowe's past, present, and future. When Ken's grandparents moved to Stowe from Saskatchewan in 1916 to take over a dairy farm, the land they purchased north of Stowe village had already been farmed for at least one hundred years. In the early 1900s the town's economy was dominated by a combination of farming and forestry operations, with a nascent tourism industry hinting at the town's future. In oral interviews conducted by the Stowe Historical Society, Ken's father Harold and his uncle Kenneth recalled using a goat to power their separator before the farm was wired for electricity (it would later become one of the first farms in town to be connected to electric power). While the work was hard and the hours were long, signs of Stowe's recreation potential could already be seen—during their spare time Harold and Kenneth enjoyed testing their ash and hickory skis on a community-built jump.

Over the years the Ricketson Farm and its herd of Holsteins became a stalwart sign of Stowe's diverse rural economy. Local real estate broker and Stowe Land Trust member Peggy Smith remembers waiting in traffic for Ken's cows to cross Route 100, recalling that the crossing “gave you a moment to stop and reflect during an otherwise busy day, and enjoy a reminder of the old Stowe that hadn't changed.” While Ken sold his milking herd last May, the farm remains an incredibly viable agricultural property, whose future potential remains bright—if bold steps are taken to protect it today.

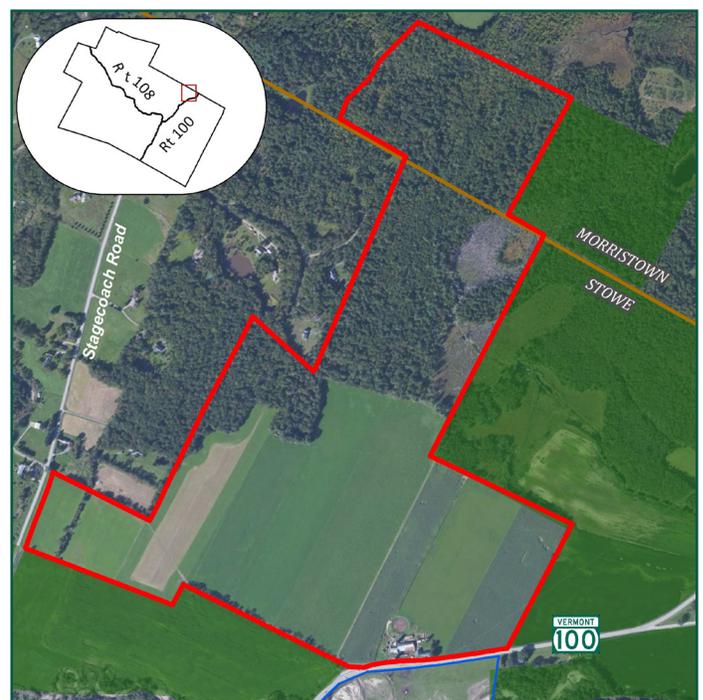
Help Protect What's Possible

The campaign to conserve the Ricketson Farm is well underway. So far, Stowe Land Trust has been able to secure just over \$600,000 in private donations toward protecting the farm. Combined with an initial \$1,063,000 grant award from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB), we have made tremendous progress!

Now, we need the Stowe community's help to raise another \$240,000, which will allow us to unlock a \$200,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor.

says Stowe Land Trust emeritus director Alan Thorndike, “open land that is still being cultivated.” For generations, the rich bottomlands of the Lamoille Valley have supported and sustained its communities, from the land's original Abenaki inhabitants to our present-day town. Working together, we can help protect this special landscape for future generations.

Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation to help conserve the Ricketson Farm. Please consider joining your neighbors and donate today. Your support will make a difference! For more information on the Ricketson Farm project, including how to contribute, visit our website at www.stowelandtrust.org.



Map of the Ricketson Farm, located between Route 100 and Stagecoach Road, with the conservation easement outlined in red.

Our Donors - 2021



Ricketson Farm

30+ Year Donors

John and Millie Merrill ▲

25+ Year Donors

Lisa Beach
 Charlie and Gibby Berry ▲
 Paul and Kathy Bosland ▲
 Kitty Coppock ▲
 Leslie Gauff & Bruce Bell
 Richard and Marcia Johannesen
 Larry and Peg Lackey
 Jack and Laura Lancaster
 Bob and Amy Marshall
 Betty McGill
 Jeff and Lucinda McKechnie
 Lynn W. Miles ▲
 Karen Monsen ▲
 Lisa Nelson ▲
 David and Dee Partridge
 Richard Sargent
 Philip Scott
 Kristen Sharpless & Michael Snyder ▲
 Lee and Alice Spencer ▲
 Arthur and Judi Tischler

20+ Year Donors

Altadonna Family
 Stuart and Marion Baraw
 John and Diane Biello
 Sally Bindari
 Steve and Gail Blumsack
 Dan Brault
 Rick and Ann Bresnahan ▲
 Chess Brownell ▲
 Donna Carpenter ▲
 Rick Carrick
 Gunnel Clarke & John DeVillars ▲
 Coldwell Banker Carlson Real Estate
 Judy Geer & Dick Dreissigacker
 Caren Goodhue
 Green Mountain Inn
 Ron and Kathy Groves

Jill and Ted Haas
 David Harding ▲
 Margaret Higgins
 The Johansons
 Bonnie Knight ▲
 Roger Laviale & Christine Donovan
 Carla Levin
 James and Jacquelyn Lindenmeyer
 Marcia Mittnacht & Edward Moscovitch
 Chris Pazandak & Mary Jacques
 George and Elaine Rau
 Henry Buseti & Dee Reever
 Martin and Diane Richler
 Linda Sallop & Michael Fenlon ▲
 James and Joanna Schoff
 Sam and Beverly Scofield
 Mary Ellen Simon
 John and Lynn Skinner
 Shapleigh and Peggy Smith
 John and Anne Steel
 Harold and Carol Stevens
 Stowe Insurance Agency, Inc.
 Alan and Ellen Thorndike ▲
 Susan Vicinelli ▲
 Joseph Wauters & Bonnie Billings
 Jane Weaver
 Art and Marion Wittels
 Ronna and Arnold Ziegel

15+ Year Donors

Saranne and Clark Abbott
 Larry Abrams
 Michael and Judy Alexander
 Judith Allen
 Cynthia Allen-Berson and Steven Berson
 Dean and Jean Anderson
 Diane Arnold & Dean Goodermote ▲
 Fred Baker
 Jeff and Susan Beattie
 Michael Bennett
 Constance Benoliel-Rock

Charlie and Weezie Betz
 Ron Biedermann
 Faith Bieler
 Joe and Anne Cresci
 Linda Bronstein
 Francis and Mary Jane Cain
 Cold Hollow Cider Mill
 Billy Coster
 Denise Burt Cushwa
 Kevin and Dawn D'Arcy
 Rick and Lynn Davis ▲
 Vivian and Eric Denardo ▲
 Chris and Laurie Doyle
 Bari and Peter Dreissigacker ▲
 John and Julie Egenberg
 Mark E. Ferguson & Elizabeth Yntema
 Robert and Jana Giordano ▲
 David and Julie Gladstone
 Susan C. Harris
 Russell Hausman
 Michael and Patricia Haynes
 Janka Thompson Heath
 Ralph and Carolyn Hilbert
 Dave Hoagland
 David and Trina Hosmer
 Natalie and Tom Hubbs ▲
 Ed Izzo & Jill Boardman
 Richard and Clea James ▲
 Roger P. Joseph & Patricia Palmer
 Michael and Patricia Kazakoff
 Jean Kissner & George Weber
 Andrew & Kathleen Knittle
 Sandra J. Larsen
 Lewis Lasher
 Christine Lengvari
 Steve and Carole Lichtenstein
 Joseph and Lori-Ann Loughnane
 Steven McLafferty & Pauline Lambert
 Robert McWeeny & Kerry Colson
 Bunny and Peter Merrill ▲
 Mary M. Meyers
 Tessa Milnes

Lucy Nersesian
 Melissa and David Norton ▲
 Olson & Associates
 Beverly & Michael Propen
 Michael and Deborah Pucillo
 Robert Richard
 Skip and Marilyn Roskam ▲
 Heidi Scheuermann
 MJ Shaw
 Bill and Kate Shea
 Richard and Anne Smith ▲
 Kermit and Hazel Spaulding
 Pall and Susan Spera ▲
 Ron and Judy Stancliff
 Dwight and Joan Stecker
 Barbara Stern
 Sally Stetson Design
 Sweatman Family
 Deb and Rob Taylor
 Walter E. Towslee
 Richard and Sally Watts ▲
 Roger M. and Jill J. Witten ▲
 Eric Zeikel & Diane Brindle
 John and Judy Zinn

Pinnacle Society members are a dedicated and growing group of supporters that are the bedrock of our community conservation work.

By committing \$1,000 or more in operating support each year, Pinnacle Members give us the resources and stability we need to plan ahead, help care for conserved lands, and get ready for the next important land protection project.

To learn more and join, visit www.stowelandtrust.org/support/pinnacle

▲ = Pinnacle Society

Our Donors - continued

10+ Year Donors

Thomas and Patricia Auer
Robert P. Ball
Jesse Beck & Kevin Veller
Stephen and Louise Berry ▲
Ken and Lilli Biedermann
Anthony and Eileen Bowen
Philip Branton & Ellen Lazarus ▲
Robert Brown
Charles and Susanna Burnham
John and Amy Chassard
The Chingos Foundation ▲
David Chipman & Helen Folweiler
John and Vicki Cohen
Stephen and Marie Cottrel
Thomas and Joy Cronin
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Davidson Jr.
John and Doren Dolan ▲
Graham Dower & Sheila Cheston ▲
Valerie Turtle & Mary Elkins
Tom and Mary Evslin ▲
Francisco Fernandez & Carol Lombard
Frank and Judith Foti
Walter and Kristina Frame
Stephen and Anita Friedman
Joni Gaines
Marty and Cathy Gardner
David and Joan Genser
Dr. Ronald and Lena Goldberg
Richard Hennessey & Meghan Sylvester
Nifer and Ramsey Hoehn
Hunt Family
George and Cindy Jackman
Tom and Kathy Jackman
Abby Johnson & Chris McKown ▲
Meg and Jeff Kauffman ▲
Alan and Caryn Kovacs
Peter and Carol-Anne Kramers
Bill and Shawn Lawrence
Mark and Deborah Leach
Richard and Susan Leadem ▲
Walt Levering & Carolyn Ruschp ▲
Tucker and Vicky Levy
Charlie and Louis LoConte
Mila Lonetto
Peter and Betsy Longstreth
Charles Lusk
Barry and Terri Lyman
John McBrine
Merna and Gerald Morse
Tom and Lorrie Motylinski
Gordon and Patricia Munson
Peter and Meredith Murphy
Jon Levy & Lisa Natkin
Polly Nimick

Richard and Patricia Oden
Bob and Leslie Ogan
Thomas Opar
Sue and Peter Oppenheimer
Jim Owen
Ron and Lynn Paparella
Bonnie and Brian Pease
Leigh and John Pelletier
Chuck and Jann Perkins
John and Wilma Peterson
Bill and Sylvia Pope
Michael Roche
Jeffrey Rogg
Antony and Livia Rosen
Richie and Andrea Rosenbloom
Timothy and Bethany Sargent
Philip and Deborah Schoepke
Jane Sequist
Kathleen E. Shannon
Jeffrey Sharat & Constance Carrino
Jon and Karen Shreter
David and Barbara Siegel ▲
Gay Slesar ▲
Alton Smith
Spector Fund at The Boston Foundation ▲
Dean Pineles & Kristina Stahlbrand
Timothy and Nancy Taussig ▲
Paul Thabault & Nancy Money
Anthony B. Thompson
Lori Tilgner ▲
Carolyn and Louis Torre
John and Jeannette Van Blarcom
Peter Van Raalte & Jan Fielder
Stephen and Kajy Vicinelli
Ted and Dani Virtue ▲
Jorge and Gretchen Vivoni
Wehse Family
Terry Whelan
David Wilkens & Molly Pindell ▲
Charles and Mary Alice Wise
Darla Witmer & Peter Collotta
Norris and Judy Wolff ▲
Andrew and Susan Woods
Kim Yellin & Marc Stern ▲
A.J. Zottola & Bethany Burns

5+ Year Donors

Alicia L. Abad
Steve Adams
The Alchemist Brewery Stowe ▲
Richard and Carole Altman
Metzi Anderson & Ross Scatchard
Martin Bak & Elizabeth McDermott
Sam and Annie Bartlett ▲
D. Ben Benoit and Robin Benoit
Raymond and Sengdao Bergmann
Peggy and Rick Bernard
Peter and Nina Blain ▲
Jeff and Debbie Blanton

Marcy and Jeff Blauvelt
David and Betsy Blechman
Marc and Sheila Boyle
Beth and Barton Bradford
James Brochhausen
Elizabeth Bushueff
Bob Campbell
Joanne Cantara
Ethan and Kristy Carlson
Jim and Alison Casey
Cap and Ginny Chenoweth
Richard and Elizabeth Cleary
Scott and Robin Coggins
Christine Colangeli & Kevin Thompson
Mark J. Condon & Jean M. Hynes ▲
Catherine Crawley & Richard Weinstein
Jeffrey Dacales
Carrie Damp & Larry Heath
Stan and Suzanne Danzig
Toni Dell'Osso & Al Gasior
Jim and Stacy Donahue
Kathryn W. Downs
Catherine Drake & Richard Levine ▲
Kenneth and Diana Duclos
Denise Duffy
Elizabeth Durovich
Evie Dworetzky
Steven and Jill Elbaum
Erik and Giulia Eliason
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Esswein
Lelia Evans
Joe and Sara Farley ▲
Mr. Joseph F. Feeney, Jr & Mrs. Jodi M. Feeney ▲
Tom and Patty Foltz ▲
Doreen Foust
Sam Gaines & Molly Triffin ▲
Peter and Mary Jane Given
Jay and Kathleen Goldman
Richard Goodwin & Rachel Lampert
Fran and George Gotcsik
Karin Gottlieb
Alec Graham & Laurie Burton-Graham ▲
Jeanne Grant
Phil Grant & Brooke Kaltsas
Paul and Christopher Graupe
Jane and Reid Grayson
Jeff and Corinne Greene
Steve Hagenbuch
Diane and Andreas Halvorsen ▲
Ken and Deborah Hamberg
Brian and Andrea Hamor
Van and Jane Harissis ▲
Joel and Pam Heller
Susan Hellerstein & John Triedman
Robert and Pamela Herbst
Jeff Herrmann & Jana Ross ▲
Robert and Francesca Hildreth
James and Robi Hodge
David and Michele Holton
Huber Family ▲
Mark Israel and Edee Simon-Israel ▲
Amy and Eddie Jalbert
Tatiana Kamarskaya
Kaplan Family
Deborah Kehoe
Glenn and Margaret Kennedy
Bob and Carol Lynne Kirch
Rich Kleiman
Mark and Rebecca Leipert
Jesse Levine
Steven Libros
Jed Lipsky
Jonathan Lipson & Joanne Cieri
Walter and Diane Looney ▲
Lisa and Spencer Macalaster
McKee & Jen Macdonald
Raj and Emily Madan
David and Dana Malloy



We Love our Farms sign at Ricketson Farm

Our Donors - continued



Sisters of Anarchy ice cream at the 2021 Annual Meeting

Deb and Mike Martin
 Christine and Dan McGowan
 Stephen and Linda Mead
 Meditz Family
 David and Nancy Merz
 Val and Lisa Mihan ▲
 Rob and Karen Millman
 Darsey and Joseph Moon ▲
 Kitty Morrissey
 Brian and Jill Mullin ▲
 Roger Murphy
 Leo Murray
 Carl and Sharon Nielsen ▲
 Peter and Sally Nolan
 Nick and Wendy Nunez ▲
 Julio C. and Liz A. Olimpico
 James and Rachel Ory
 Steve and Bobbi Paris
 Christy Patt ▲
 Shaun Pedersen & Alexandra Abbott
 Ryan and Courtney Percy
 Sam and Sue Philbrick
 Barbara and Michael Puddicombe
 Antonio and Teri Pyle
 Rich and Lisa Quinby
 Donna Reback & Philip Herbison
 Remarkable Things at Stowe Craft
 Todd and Wendy Renz ▲
 Paula and Rich Reynolds
 Stella and Tom Richards
 William and Karen Richmond
 Robertson Family Fund, Inc. ▲
 Tom and Julia Rogers
 Ed and Sarah Rovetto
 Erica and David Ruck
 Rushmore Foundation ▲
 Jayne and George Sabbagh
 Brooke and Neal Sandford
 Stephen Sayce
 Ebeth and Tom Scatchard
 Scheuermann Family
 Kerry Sedutto & Kevin Komer ▲
 Robert and Anne Shapiro

Shelby Gaines & Megan Sheekey
 Thomas Shively & Lisa Coney ▲
 Jason and Callie Slocum ▲
 William and Gloria Snyder
 Laurence and Beverly Sokol
 Rick Sokoloff & Marina Meerburg
 Elizabeth Soper
 Ed and Christine Steinborn ▲
 Neil and Carla Stempel ▲
 Amy Stewart ▲
 John and Pam Stobierski
 Pamela and Charles Swearingen
 Louise and Don Thompson
 George and Louise Townsend
 Ted and Kathy Truscott ▲
 John and Allison Turkowski
 Carol and Neil Van Dyke
 Katharine Veerman ▲
 Paolo and Kara Vicinelli ▲
 Richard and Martha Wagner ▲
 Jonathan Wallace & Lisa McGovern
 Daniel and Sarah Wallach
 Carolyn and Gregory Waters
 Chris and Amy Weaver
 Karl and Donna Weller
 Kelly and Chris Wheeler
 Donna Wheeler
 Peter Wolf
 Charles Wolf
 Jerry and Donna Wood
 John Wysolmerski & Caroline Hendel
 Simone Youkel
 Kate and Wally Young
 James Zajac

1+ Year Donors

Richard and Anne Adler
 Jonny Adler & Kasey McManmon
 Robyn Anderson
 Jared & Cassie Annello ▲
 Ariane Arpels-Josiah
 Ashe Family ▲

The Bagel
 Robert and Wendy Balinski
 Nicholas Barker
 Tom Barrett
 Jennifer Bass
 Donna Beecy
 Skip and Michaela Beitzel
 Julia Bernert
 Kate Berseth
 Ned and Jill Bicks
 Heather Freeman Black
 Anna Black
 Abby Blackburn
 Scott and Carol Boardman
 Gary Boynton
 David and Lauren Brake
 Antoine and Sophie Brechu
 Jane and Duncan Brown
 Hiram Brownell & Lise Johnson
 Sarah Calvo
 Cannon Family
 Andrea and Christian Carey
 Champlain Investment Partners ▲
 Robert C. Chase
 Paul Chebator & Mer Zovko
 Nikolas and Cat Coffrin ▲
 Trent and Karen Collie
 Donna Collins
 Michele Comtois
 Paul and Sharon Conslato
 Averill Cook ▲
 Peter and Jane Cooke
 Lew and Audrey Coty
 Glenn Cover & James Swanson
 Robert J. Crawford
 Malachi and Margaret Curry-Hamill
 Timothy and Sarah Davis
 de Vellis family
 Quinn Demarrais ▲
 Leighton and Regina Detora
 Alicia DiCocco
 George H. Diller
 Basil Dobbin & Jena Wood ▲

Mark and Kathleen Doehla
 Nan and Brian Doyal
 Mark and Deborah Drinkwater
 Fred Dubrovsky ▲
 Charles and Janice Ebel
 Stephen and Dorrit Edwards
 John and Kathy Elkins
 Blake Ellison
 Hal Ellms
 Pinnacle Outdoor Group, Inc.
 Reuben Epstein & Jody Siegle
 Tom and Christina Evans ▲
 Annika Falkenstrom
 Liz and Ralph Fariello
 Philip and Amy Farley
 Andrea Fenn
 Fil L. Fina III
 Carla and Kevin Fitzgerald
 Five Guys Burgers & the Vasey Family ▲
 Fleiss Family Fund ▲
 Chris and Willa Foran
 Sarah Ford
 Judy Foregger
 Daniel and Elizabeth Fram
 Christopher Frelick
 Annie-Vera Frye
 Jason and Priscilla Gaines
 Galligan Family
 Jenny Garber & Donald Brown
 Nate and Ali Gardner
 Eric and Christine Gerstenberg
 Mark and Sue Gilkey
 Andrew and Kerry Glanz
 Gorewitz Family
 Derek Graddock
 Jess Graham
 Robert Gramss
 Danielle Greenberg
 Steve and Jane Greenfogel
 Greensboro Land Trust
 Sarah Greiche
 Haab Family ▲
 Stefan Hankin



Pinnacle Society bog walk at Ricketson Farm

Our Donors - continued



© Richard Levine

Kurt Hanson
 Peter Harris
 Erica and Lucas Harris
 Jed and Amy Harris
 Sam Harrison
 KK Harvey
 Nathan Hemmer
 Jeff and Jennifer Herwood
 Brendan Higgins
 David Hindin & Sally Bloomberg
 Hob Knob Inn
 Heather and Doug Hoffmann
 John and Sarah Holman ▲
 Michael and Alison Hong ▲
 Helen Hooper & Philip Tabas
 Ron and Chris Hudnell
 Kristin Hudson
 Commodities Natural Market
 Stephanie Hunt
 Igoe Charitable Giving Fund
 In Company Clothing
 Jake Jacobson ▲
 Lynn Jeffery
 Stan and Caryl Johnson
 Amy Johnson
 David and Sarah Kalil ▲
 Kevin and Cynthia Kester
 Deedle Kiley
 Jonathan Kim
 Terry and Kelley King
 Will and Reni King
 Andrew and Nancy Kingman
 Damon Kinzie
 James Knittle & Rachel Moore
 Michael Kramer
 Dan Krockmalnic & Tamar Dor-Ner
 Ryan and Stephanie Krukar
 Justin Lapointe & Maria Sullivan
 Kenneth and Deborah Lasden
 Diane Leach
 Alan and Lynn Lehouillier
 Heidi Levitt

Bob and Megan Liljedahl
 Richard Litchfield
 Mark and Sarah MacDonald
 Heather & Bill Maffie
 Joanie and Leigh Mallory
 Ken and Cyndy Marin
 Marinella Family Foundation ▲
 Chris Marr
 Rebecca McCann
 MJ McCarthy
 Jane McCloskey
 William and Laura Marie McGinley
 Jason McLean
 Jeffrey Merselis
 Howard and Caren Merson
 Julie Michals & Marty Hodge
 Kent and Diana Mikus
 Kenneth Mitchell
 Kent and Natalie Mitchell
 Lee Hunter & Julie Montgomery
 Sherry Morrison
 Sarah C. Morse ▲
 Kelly Murphey & Rachel Fussell
 Brian Neilson
 Bart and Amy Newhouse
 Jack and Roselle Nickerson
 Northern Rivers Land Trust
 Judy and Emmett O'Connell ▲
 Leslie Oplinger
 T. Devin and Leslie O'Reilly
 Jessica Pallay
 Annie and Andrew Paradee
 Xander Paumgarten
 Payne Family Foundation
 Lucene M. Pike
 Michael and Joanne Priestley
 Jim Quine
 Dave and Letitia Richardson
 Karen Richardson
 Tricia and Sean Riley
 Raymond and Susan Rodgers
 Kathy Rogers

Keith Rousseau
 Rugged Adventures Camp
 Bob and Jess Russell
 Jo Sabel Courtney
 Janice Bini & Dean
 Scarborough ▲
 Mark and Carol Schaal
 Rich and Becky Scott
 Marcie & Bill Scudder
 Laura M. Selfors
 Mark Seltzer
 Jessica Seney
 Jossamber Shapiro
 Donald and Sandra Simonds
 Nina and Ron Slade
 Elisabeth Small
 Eric and Dale Smeltzer
 Philip and Winnie Smith
 Frank and Valerie Smolar
 Maryellen Solomon-Auger
 Pamela Spatz
 Mary Ellen Sprague Hebert
 Scott and Serena Stancliff
 Bill and Nancy Steers
 Jonathan and Jennifer Steingart ▲
 Ronny Stelly & Megan Sigur
 Kay and James Stephenson
 Stowe Family Dentistry
 Sam and Lynn Strober
 Tom and Grace Sweet
 Emily Sweet
 John and Diana Taylor
 Richard and Ashley Taylor
 Sara Teachout
 Brent and Bev Teillon
 Rosemary Thomsen
 Mark and Chris Tolstoi
 Rich and Samantha Toogood
 Anne and Bruce Tribush
 Sharon Trietley & Paul H. Trietley
 Michael Trotter
 Mark and Constance Tuft
 Brian Turner
 Kerry Tyson & Zackary King
 Umiak Outdoor Outfitters
 Larry and Kristy van den Herik
 Tim van Opijnen
 Joseph, Elizabeth & Bear Vincent
 Kyle and Laura Walker ▲
 David and Linda Walker
 Dr. Ray Walters
 Stuart G. Warner ▲
 Scott Weathers
 Laura Weickert
 Bob and Melinda Welter
 Westwood International
 Rob Wettach
 Brian Wettach
 Jeff and Tiffany Wheeler
 Blake Whitman ▲
 Joanne Wikle

Jonathan Wilson ▲
 Julie Jatlow & Jeff Wise
 Jena Wood ▲
 Amy and John Wykoff ▲
 Yankee Home Solutions
 Basil and Andrea Yurcisin
 Zimmerman Family

In Honor of Naomi Azrieli

Diana Ayton-Shenker

In Honor of Galen Ackerson & J. Paul DeMarrais

Quinn Demarrais

In Honor of Metzi Anderson & Ross Scatchard

Tom and Ebeth Scatchard

In Honor of the Blain Family

Nicholas Barker

In Honor of Elisabeth Fenn

Ron and Chris Hudnell

In Honor of Jeff & Meg Kauffman

Brian and Wedny Levey

In Honor of Dan Klein

Itai and Erica Klein

In Honor of Greg Speer

Jonathan and Jennifer Steingart

In Honor of Lee & Alice Spencer

Alan and Caryn Kovacs

In Honor of 76 Years of Stowe Area Association

The Bagel

In Honor of Chris Weaver

Paige Weaver

▲ = Pinnacle Society

Our Donors - continued

In Honor of Mary York Baker

Justin Conigliaro, Ashley Hickerson, Kevin Williams, Erez Amrami, Melanie Martin, Beatrice Brown, and Larry Rothchild
The Jordan Family Charitable Fund
Carl and Christine Glover
The Perkins Family
Marshall and Kelly Phelps
Ben Rubenstein & Arienne Bistany
John and Susan Wilmer

In Memory of Michael George Mahan

George and Lois Mahan

In Memory of Spencer Morton

A. Diehl and Patricia Jenkins

In Memory of Jack Patten

Skip and Michaela Beitzel
Charlie and Gibby Berry
Gunnel Clarke and John DeVillars
Kitty Coppock
Friend of Stowe Land Trust
Paul Halas
Lauryn Hart and Steave Beagle
Gary and Kathy Hopkins
David and Judy Kelly
Lucille Lockwood
John and Millie Merrill
Lisa Nelson
Mary Rohr
David and Mary Thielscher
Taylor Thomas
Anna Ward
Simone Youkel

In Memory of John Ricketson

Dennis and Julia Landry

In Memory of David Sequist, D.V.M.

Diane Arnold & Dean Goodermote
John and Judith Farmer
John Goodhue and Suki Demarais
Margot and Donald Hall
Bob and CarolLynne Kirch
Marcia Smith
True Bleu Charitable Fund

In Memory of Robert Statesir

Tammi, Roger, & Stephanie Angle

In Memory of George Stearns

William and Anne Chatfield

In Memory of Gaetano Vicinelli

Art and Gail Shinnors
The Myslik, Woodward, and Balson Families
Jed and Ann Beason
Jim and Jessica Benjamin
Charlie and Gibby Berry
James R. Birle, Sr.
Chess Brownell
Tom and Connie Cigarran
Gunnel Clarke and John DeVillars
Kitty Coppock
Byram and Sue Dicks
Susan and Marshall Duane
Jay and Marjorie Johnston
John and Millie Merrill
Stephen Oxman &
Patricia Hedlund Oxman
Michael and Deborah Pucillo
Mary Rohr
Clay Simpson
The Nature Conservancy
Wayne and Barbara Thornbrough
Roger M. and Jill J. Witten

In Memoriam

Marion Adams
Barbara Allaire
Mary York Baker
Albert Besser
Lillian Boardman
Trine Brink
Mary Whalley Brown
Julie Buchanan
Leslie Davis
Stephen Davis
Doehne Duckworth
Nat Goodhue
Marianne Goodson
Jane Haggett
Paula Helmken
Spencer Morton
Bill Nelson
Jan Nyquist
Jack Patten
Heather Sargent
Donald Stainton
Joe Tichansky
Gaetano Vicinelli
Mary Whiteman

Grants

Canadian Friends of Stowe Land Trust
Land Trust Alliance
Oakland Foundation
Town of Stowe

Hotel Partners

The Stowehof
Topnotch Resort and Spa
Trapp Family Lodge

Matching Gifts

AIG Matching Grants Program
Champlain Investment Partners
Keurig Dr Pepper
Microsoft
Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation, Inc.

In Kind Gifts and Donations

Alario Tech
Amazon Smile
Anna Black, Esq.
Bob Fahey
Ecopixel
Emma Dubrovsky
Jesse Goldfine, Esq.
Lucy Nersesian
Netdahe Stoddard
Richard Levine
Shaws Supermarket
Tom Rogers

Program Partners

The Current
Hyde Park Elementary School
The Laraway School
Morristown Conservation Commission
The Nature Conservancy
Noyes House Museum
Stowe Conservation Committee
Stowe Elementary School
Stowe Farmers Market
Stowe Historical Society
Stowe Parks and Recreation
Stowe Trails Partnership
Stowe Vibrancy
Trapp Family Lodge
The Trust for Public Land
Vermont Land Trust
VT Department of Fish & Wildlife
VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
Waterbury Conservation Commission
Waterbury Land Initiative

This list includes all unrestricted donations made between October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021. If we have missed or incorrectly listed your name, please let us know!



22nd Annual Golf Tournament

Our 22nd annual golf tournament was held on August 5, 2021 and raised \$40,000 for Stowe Land Trust. All the proceeds from this Legacy event will be added to SLT's stewardship endowment for the long-term care of our conserved lands. Thank you to our hosts, **Alice and Lee Spencer**, as well as all our sponsors and participants. Your support makes our work possible! For a complete list of tournament results, individuals and businesses that supported the tournament, and more photos from the event, please visit our website at www.stowelandtrust.org/news.

Welcome and Thank You, Board Members



Amy Farley

Amy Farley lives in Stowe with her husband Phil and son Jackson, who is in first grade at Stowe Elementary School. She first became involved with the Land Trust as the landowner of a piece of the Little River Corridor Easement, and then more deeply as a volunteer during various aspects of the Kaiser Farm—now Long Winter Farm—conservation project. Amy's favorite place to be is outdoors, and her passion for the organization continues to deepen through her daily use of various SLT-conserved properties for skiing, hiking, and

mountain biking. Professionally, Amy is a Senior Director at Community Wealth Partners where she leads strategic planning and capacity building projects for nonprofits and foundations. She is excited to join the Board and more deeply support its development and future evolution.



Frank Foti

Frank Foti, a twenty-year resident of Stowe, recently retired from his equally long tenure as the Director of Pharmacy at Central Vermont Medical Center in Montpelier. Frank is a past board member of Stowe Trails Partnership and was at the forefront of the FAT-biking phenomenon in Vermont. His core beliefs of duty, gratitude, and creating legacy provide him with an indomitable drive toward preserving Stowe's sanctity for generations to come.

In addition to spending time with his beloved family, Frank's passion for mountain biking, trail running, and overlanding keep him happily occupied in his golden years.

We Bid a Fond Farewell to Four Board Members and Welcome Two Directors Emeriti

Stowe Land Trust has been fortunate to have had **Chess Brownell, Walter Frame, Tom Jackman and Mila Lonetto** as members of our Board of Directors for the past several years. Mila's non-profit experience and broad network helped us engage new donors and made our outings and events fun and successful. Chess served as vice chair and chair of Stowe Land Trust during her nine-year tenure. Her can-do leadership oversaw a successful office relocation to Main Street, a smooth executive director transition and Stowe Land Trust's 30th anniversary. Walter served as treasurer, vice chair and chair of Stowe Land Trust during his nine years on the Board, and his strong and steady leadership saw the successful conservation of our biggest project to-date: Brownsville Story-Ridge Forest. Always willing to roll up their sleeves and pitch in, the Board elected Chess and Walter as emeritus directors in August 2021.

We would also like to offer a very special thank you to one of our longest serving board members who retired from the Board this year. Over the past eighteen years, **Tom Jackman** has been a strong and passionate advocate for our community's protected lands and recreation trails. He saw the completion of sixteen conservation projects as a Stowe Land Trust board member and as town Planning Director, and truly understands the importance of conservation to the town's health and economy. Thank you, retiring Board Members, for your energy, commitment, and guidance over the years!

Thank You Canadian Friends of Stowe Land Trust!

Canadian families who call Stowe their home-away-from-home contributed \$45,000 USD to support Stowe Land Trust's land protection and stewardship work in 2021, including a contribution to the Ricketson Farm project (see cover story). With the border reopened, we look forward to seeing you again on the streets and slopes of Stowe soon!



© Richard Levine

Heifers at Burnham Farm

To learn more about Canadian Friends of Stowe Land Trust and how to make a tax-deductible contribution, please visit www.stowelandtrust.org/support/canadian-friends.

Hillel and Mitzi Becker
Albert Benhiem and Gial Wasserman
Clifford Borden
Matthew Borden
Carole Burnham
Fred and Tina Dubrovsky
Steven and Sheri Elephant
Alvin Fagen

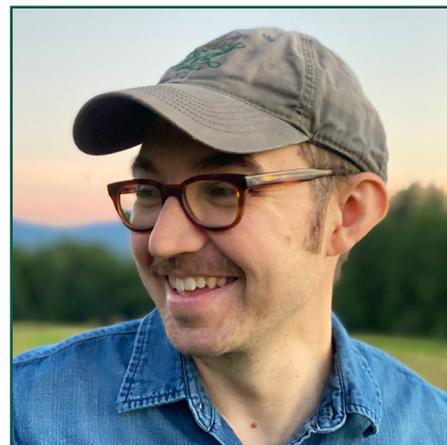
Dr. and Mrs. A Felgar
Marc and Trish Felgar
Richard Grover
The Grover Family Foundation
Richard and Susan Hart
James Khazzam
George and Inez Lengvari
Ilse Matalon
Billy and Lillian Mauer
Matt and Debby Newpol
Michael and Cherry Richards
The Robin and Evie Foundation
Barbara Segal and Howard Brown
Lloyd and Janice Sheiner
Jon Sigler and Kathy Myron
Irwin and Sara Tauben
Ron Waxman
Bon and Joanne Wordham
Stephen Yanow and Linda Hazen

Our Team is Growing!

Welcome, Barry!

Stowe Land Trust is pleased to welcome Barry Matthews as its Community Engagement Manager. This new position will build the land trust's capacity for outreach, engagement, and education, and signals its ongoing commitment to land conservation that meets local needs, includes more people, and energizes our community. As Community Engagement Manager, Barry will manage organization-wide communications, facilitate educational and recreational programming, strengthen community partnerships, and coordinate SLT's popular Summer Naturalist program.

Originally from Virginia, Barry joins the Stowe community after several years spent in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Barry comes to the land trust after serving in similar roles at Hilltown and Franklin Land Trusts in western Massachusetts—he previously held various positions in higher education and museum interpretation, specializing in art and environmental history. He holds a BA in Art History from VCUarts and an MA in American Studies from the College of William & Mary.



Barry Matthews

Barry is a lifelong outdoor enthusiast and is eager to explore the trails, roads, and slopes of Stowe and its surrounds in the months ahead. Be sure to say “hello” if you see Barry around town, in the office, or out in the wild!

Inclusive Community Conservation

A Roadmap for Action

As defined by the Land Trust Alliance, community conservation is an approach to land protection that is both inclusive of wider audiences and responsive to local needs. Around the country land trusts like ours are using community conservation to protect land and change lives in new ways—partnering with schools, working with veterans, increasing access to land and educational resources, engaging elders, addressing food insecurity and hunger, and more. This work inspires us to continue to learn and evolve, so that we can better serve the Stowe area community.

In 2019, we participated in a Community Conservation Assessment pilot program sponsored by the Land Trust Alliance. Since then, we have worked with consultants in an external and internal review and conducted a community-wide survey—the results of which were incorporated into a roadmap for action adopted by our board in May. This roadmap includes a list of immediate priorities for 2021, and will help inform our next 3-year organizational strategic plan update in 2022.

Our work is ongoing, but we wanted to share a few of the steps we've taken over the past few months:



- Created and shared a statement of our core values and commitment to becoming a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization—you can read it on our website
- Continued to build new partnerships and reach new audiences via our Summer Naturalist programs
- Held Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training for both board and staff
- Began website and brand redesign efforts, to make our communication efforts more accessible and allow us to connect with more diverse audiences
- Increased staff capacity for outreach, education, community engagement, and fundraising

As we continue to grow and evolve as an organization, we aim to remain responsive to community needs. If you have questions or comments about our Community Conservation Roadmap, please contact Barry@stowelandtrust.org.

A Spotlight on Stewardship

Restoring DuMont Meadow

Stowe Land Trust has owned the 47-acre DuMont Meadow property since 2003, when it was donated in memory of Joseph and Alma DuMont. Since taking ownership of the property, we have been restoring native biodiversity and wildlife habitat quality on the property by removing non-native, invasive plants; planting native trees and shrubs in the riparian zone along the river; and brush hogging the meadow to maintain quality habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. Looking to the future, we plan to work with Stowe Trails Partnership to upgrade Alex's Trail to accessible mountain bike trail standards. This change will allow more users to enjoy the fruits of our labor and the beauty of DuMont Meadow.



Volunteers planting saplings at DuMont Meadow this spring.



Elisabeth at a Moscow Recreation Field tree planting in 2019.

Goodbye & Thank You, Elisabeth!

We bid a fond farewell Stowe Land Trust's Conservation Program Manager, Elisabeth Fenn, who left Stowe Land Trust at the end of October to pursue other opportunities. Elisabeth joined the land trust team as our 2018 AmeriCorps Summer Naturalist, then was hired as a full-time staff member to run our stewardship, volunteer, and outreach programs—which she did for three years with great competence, dedication, and grace. We are sad to see her go but appreciate all her hard work on behalf of Stowe Land Trust, and wish her well in her next endeavors.

We're Hiring!

With Elisabeth's departure, Stowe Land Trust is looking to fill our Conservation Program Manager position. The CPM plays a central role in completing land protection projects and is responsible for managing SLT's stewardship program for its portfolio of conservation easements and fee lands. Find the full job description and how to apply on our website at www.stowelandtrust.org/news.

Deadline for application materials is November 12.

Summer Naturalist Highlights

This was a summer filled with farms and local food! Our public events at the Mill Trail focused on all things food—from butter making to pollinators—and helped connect people to the land around us. We also adapted to a remote learning environment to teach local kindergartners about farms (who then wrote thank you notes to farmers!), and inspired by the feel-good messaging that appeared around town last spring, we worked with kids from Stowe Parks & Recreation Summer Camp to paint fun signs showing what our farms and foods mean to them. Our 2021 Summer Naturalist Ryan Barland delivered 27 programs this summer, reaching nearly 400 participants. Thank you, Ryan!



Dear Farmers,
Thank you for the hard work you do on the farm
and for growing our food!
From,
Stowe Elementary School
Kindergartners

What's Going On? SLT Outings and Events

We are currently building out our Fall/Winter events calendar. For up-to-the-minute updates, including full event descriptions and registration information, visit our website: www.stowelandtrust.org

Interested in volunteering or leading an outing for Stowe Land Trust? Email barry@stowelandtrust.org

Stick Season Social

November 7, 3-6pm, Strawberry Hill Farm, Stowe

Newcomers and long-time residents alike are invited to this late fall, family-friendly gathering at Strawberry Hill Farm. Enjoy the quiet season in Stowe with your neighbors, between the fall leaves and winter snow!

Fall Family Hike

November 20, 10-12pm, Mill Trail, Stowe

Join members of SLT's Fun & Friends committee on this gently-paced, family-friendly walk up the Mill Trail. Take in views of the falls, and make a stop by the property's Moravian cabin, built in 1935.

Winter Solstice Sunset Walk

December 21, 4-5pm, Sunset Rock, Stowe

Come meet Barry, SLT's new Community Engagement Manager, for a short sunset walk up to Sunset Rock! We'll celebrate the changing of the season on the shortest day of the year, and warm up with refreshments on the land trust's front porch afterward.

Ricketson Bog Snowshoe

January 30, 2-4pm, Ricketson Farm, Stowe

Rita Ricketson will lead a snowshoe to the rare peat bog being protected as part of our Ricketson Farm conservation project (see cover story). Learn more about the farm's history, and SLT's work to protect this amazing property.

Brownsville Full Moon Snowshoe

February 16, 7-8pm, Brownsville-Story Ridge Forest

Join SLT board members on this fun, moonlit snowshoe through the rolling hills of Brownsville-Story Ridge Forest. Cloudy or clear weather, you won't want to miss this event!

Apple Tree Pruning Clinic

March, Date & Location TBD

Wondering how to tend your fruit trees so they are productive and healthy? Whether you are reclaiming a wild apple tree or managing new saplings, careful pruning is key! Come learn the basics of fruit tree pruning and care with members of the land trust community.

PO Box 284
Stowe, VT 05672
(802) 253-7221
www.stowelandtrust.org

STOWE LAND TRUST

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
STOWE, VT
PERMIT NO. 30