

Mountain Views

Quarterly Newsletter of Stowe Land Trust

Fall 2010

Volunteers rock hop across the Ranch Brook where the new Adams Camp bridge will be built.



Bridge Construction Starts this Fall

The Adams Camp bridge project started out as a bit of a gamble.

What is a land protection organization doing building a bridge anyway? Well, a big part of Stowe Land Trust's work is what happens after land is protected, and in this case, the 500-acre Adams Camp land was conserved in 2006 specifically for public recreation. Building a bridge, whether it's a couple of puncheon boards over a muddy section at Wiessner Woods, or a 65-foot steel-beamed span across a river is all part of what it means to take our stewardship responsibilities seriously, and make good on the promise of land protection for future generations.



Youth Corps crews spent two weeks this summer working on the trail at Adams Camp.

open the door for a groomed network of ski trails once again.

Thanks to the 180+ donors listed on page three, Stowe Land Trust now has the funds in place to begin construction of the bridge this fall. The incredible support came from people from all walks of life – those who want to access the land for nature walks, those who are eagerly anticipating the new network of mountain bike trails, and those who remain hopeful that the bridge will

The campaign started quietly. But as word spread, the flood gates opened. At a critical point, SLT received a call from an anonymous donor offering a challenge grant of \$10,000. The response was immediate and overwhelming. First, the Stowe Nordic Outing Club (SNOC) committed \$2,500 and others quickly followed. The Stowe Conservation

Commission and a handful of generous donors helped “bridge the gap” to reach the goal of raising \$68,000. This dollar amount will cover all costs associated with the project, including building the bridge, moving the beams to the site, and project oversight. Construction on the bridge is set to begin soon and be completed by December 17th.

In the meantime, the Stowe Mountain Bike Club and the Town of Stowe are continuing their work to construct more than 3 miles of new trail on the Adams Camp property. Most weekends one can find a cadre of volunteers working side by side with paid professionals, busily constructing the new sustainable trail network. The atmosphere is welcoming and the work is satisfying. The partnership between Trapp Family Lodge, SLT, SMBC, SNOC, the Town, and all of our members and supporters is making great things happen in the outdoors. Thank you all for your generous support. We look forward to sharing news of the ongoing project with you!

While we are born with curiosity and wonder
and our early years are full of the
adventure they bring,
I know such inherent joys are often lost.
I also know that, being deep within us, their
latent glow can be fanned to flame again by
awareness and an open mind.
- Sigurd F. Olson



From the Executive Director and Board Chair



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benefit of the greater Stowe community.

All contributions to Stowe Land Trust are tax
deductible. Please become a member today.

This newsletter is dedicated to everyone who has supported our work this year. SLT is fortunate to have all of you who carry the torch of land conservation and give something back to make Stowe an incredible place to live, work and visit.

We have been overwhelmed with the terrific response we received in support of the Adams Camp bridge project. A sincere thank you to all the individuals, businesses and foundations who are making this project possible! It's been exciting and gratifying to reach our fundraising goal and look forward to beginning construction this fall.

This summer we made a special effort to focus on the wonderful trail resources we have in Stowe, and specifically those properties that are owned or under easement with Stowe Land Trust: trail work on Adams Camp, new trails at Kirchner Woods and a facelift for the well-loved trails at Wiessner Woods.

The Stowe Trail Race Series was yet another way we were able to bring attention to the recreational opportunities available to us. The Ranch Camp Ramble at Stowe Mountain Resort, the Town Loops Stampede held at Golden

Eagle and the Trapp Cabin 10k at Trapp Family Lodge all afforded a fun, inviting atmosphere for experienced trail runners as well as those new to the sport. See the results on page 5 and thanks again to our sponsors and participants!

There are so many ways individuals choose to support land conservation, but some gifts go beyond annual membership dues. Perhaps one of the most profound is the decision to permanently conserve land. This summer, the Stowe community lost 3 individuals who played a vital role in helping to create a legacy for current and future generations (page 11). We owe them our thanks and gratitude for helping to make Stowe a better place.

As the air turns chilly and the trees begin to shed their leaves, we've taken stock of all that our members have done for us this year. And we thank you!



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Autumn is Hunting Season in Vermont

Youth Deer Weekend
November 6-7

Deer Rifle Season
November 13-28

There are certain precautions that should be taken in order to ensure a safe outing. Remember, you and your pets should wear blaze orange.

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11th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament

Tournament day began with a questionable forecast, but once again, Mother Nature (or was it the gin bottle in the crook of the tree) graced us with good weather for the 11th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament.

This was an exceptional year for the Golf Tournament with record-setting scores on this challenging course and a record-breaking \$27,000 raised to support Stowe Land Trust's work to conserve the places we love.

With the help of over fifty local businesses and individuals who provided everything from gift certificates and golf balls to 5 - star dinners and hand blown sculptures, we had a great time. The support of this event is a testament to the importance our community places on farm land, forests and access to trails.

Many thanks to our sponsors and all who attended. Be sure to thank the individuals and businesses who supported this fun and successful event. We look forward to you joining us next year for another tournament with fine weather and record-breaking scores!

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Congratulations to this year's tournament winners!

First Place: Bruce Bensley, Sally Watts, Hugh Durden, Tim Sargent

Second Place: Rick Carrick, Pall Spera, Michael Pucillo, Susan Vicinelli (not pictured)

Third Place: Griff Sexton, Stu Baraw, Ruth Brewster, Nicholas Skinner



Ranch Camp Ramble 5k Overall Finish Results

Runners	
1 Tommy George, Snellville, GA	20:19
2 Brendan Hoban, Duluth, GA	20:22
3 Eric Morse, Montpelier	20:33
4 E. Lavoie-Trudeau, Trois Rivieres, QC	22:03
5 Joe Bekaert, Burlington	22:12
6 Peter Gallucci, Longmeadow, MA	23:39
7 Kurt Reichelt, Stowe	23:41
8 Eddie Hubeck, Williamstown	23:58
9 Sebastian Sweatman, Stowe	24:16
10 Rick Barnett, New York	24:20
11 Stephen Messier, Jeffersonville	24:28
12 Mike Kirk, Manchester, MA	24:34
13 Oliver Sweatman	24:42
14 Nick Yardley, Williston	25:26
15 Metz Anderson, Stowe	25:40
16 Jack Read, Larchmont, NY	25:42
17 Oliver Slesar, Stowe	26:13
18 Larry Lackey, Stowe	26:19
19 John McDonnell, London England	26:42
20 Brian Kelly, Waterbury	26:43
21 James Fredericks, Underhill Ctr	27:06
22 Cristina Mastrangelo, Williston	27:13
23 David Merriam, Morrisville	27:14
24 Karen Hagbers, Lexington, MA	27:20
25 Erika Nichols, Stowe	27:43
26 Taggart McCurdy, Berkeley, CA	27:44
27 Sheila D'Arcy Boyle, Stowe	28:37
28 Kristina Frame, Stowe	29:03
29 David Polow, Morrisville	29:07
30 Ashley Reed, Larchmont, NY	29:14
31 Moira Durnin, Stowe	29:36
32 Heather Furman, Jericho	29:42
33 Kelly Wilson, Essex Junction	29:48
34 Ethan Torrey, Cohasset, MA	30:19
35 Trina Hosmer, Stowe	30:34
36 Monique Karthaus, Stowe	31:06
37 Nina Changelian, Waterbury	31:20
38 Jenny Gallucci, Longmeadow, MA	31:27
39 JJ Boggs, Starksboro	31:48
40 KK Harvey, Stowe	32:33
41 Maria Davies, Stowe	33:02
42 Trisha Fong, Stowe	33:19
43 Christine Bradley, Johnson	33:48
44 Walter Frame, Stowe	35:17
45 Jennifer Herwood, Stowe	35:45
46 Gene Nichols, Stowe	36:29
47 John Cantrill, Elmore	36:52
48 Mary Wood, Lincoln	41:54
49 Alan Thorndike, Stowe	42:01
50 Emily Hoffman, Waterbury Ctr	42:50
51 James Hoffman, Waterbury Ctr	42:50
52 Dee Reever, Stowe	43:16
53 Marci Marcotte, Jay	49:37
54 Maxwell Kirk, Manchester, MA	1:01:20
55 Shannon Kirk, Manchester, MA	1:01:34

Walkers	
1 Noah Herwood, Stowe	54:57
2 Kai Norden, Stowe	55:04
3 Matt Norden, Wayne, PA	55:05
4 Greg Norden, Wayne, PA	55:43
5 Tom Amidon, Stowe	1:34:06

Congratulations Series Champions!

Women	Men
1 Kelly Wilson	1 Eric Morse
2 Maria Davies	2 Joe Bekaert
3 Dee Reever	3 Kurt Reichelt

Thank you to our Sponsors!

(see sponsor list on page 9)

Town Loops Stampede 5k Overall Finish Results

Runners	
1 Eric Morse, Montpelier	24:47
2 Joe Bekaert, Burlington	25:05
3 Kurt Reichelt, Stowe	25:09
4 Dave Beahm, Portland, ME	26:40
5 Jack Pilla, Charlotte	28:44
6 David Hammond, Kingston ON	28:55
7 Rick Barnett, Stowe	29:07
8 Sebastian Sweatman, Stowe	29:29
9 Oliver Slesar, Stowe	31:42
10 David Polow, Morrisville	32:46
11 Stephen Merena, Jericho	32:49
12 Maryann Martinez, Hardwick	32:52
13 Larry Lackey, Stowe	33:40
14 Sheila D'Arcy Boyle, Stowe	33:43
15 Chris Cote, Waterbury	34:11
16 Kelly Wilson, Essex Junction	34:20
17 Sara Laidlaw, Holden, MA	34:45
18 Michael Haynes, Stowe	35:51
19 Ori Ben-Akeva, Stowe	36:30
20 Maria Davies, Stowe	36:53
21 Charlie Kauffman, Stowe	37:20
22 Jeff Kauffman, Stowe	37:20
23 Anthony Stevens, Jericho	37:22
24 Heather Anderson, Stowe	38:00
25 Charlie Posnick, Jericho	38:01
26 Carol Van Dyke, Stowe	38:16
27 Ellen Klein, Stowe	39:00
28 Bob Anderson, Stowe	39:03
29 Melissa Millan, Simsbury, CT	39:08
30 Steve Scotford, New York	39:24
31 Jessica Dickinson, Boston, MA	39:42
32 R. Brown, Briarcliff Manor, NY	39:45
33 Christine Bradley, Johnson	39:45
34 Susan Buetti, Waterbury	40:05
35 Steve Klausner, Maple Glen, PA	40:27
36 David Blank, Jericho	40:47
37 David Coyne, Pottstown, PA	42:38
38 Dee Reever, Stowe	48:20
39 Alan Thorndike, Stowe	48:20
40 Karen Monsen, Stowe	48:21
41 Megan McCarthy, Larchmont, NY	48:23
42 Janet Wallace, Thetford Ctr	50:44
43 Beth Papariello, S. Burlington	53:38
44 Patricia Haynes, Stowe	54:12
45 Zeke Hodkin, Simsbury, CT	58:12
46 Anne January, Brooklyn, NY	59:08
47 Patricia January, Pleasantville, NY	59:10
48 Darryl Arnold, Fairfax	59:30

Trapp Cabin 10k Overall Finish Results

Runners	
1 Eric Morse, Montpelier	38:06
2 Tyler Samler, Waterbury	39:35
3 Joe Bekaert, Burlington	40:07
4 Kevin McMahon, Essex Jct	40:33
5 Kurt Reichelt, Stowe	41:58
6 Netdahe Stoddard, Cabot	42:15
7 Sebastian Sweatman, Stowe	43:03
8 Robyn Anderson, Stowe	43:46
9 Todd Archambault, Essex Jct	46:42
10 Keith Brown, Burlington	46:49
11 Daniel Scheidt, Burlington	47:15
12 Serena Wilcox, Cambridge	47:30
13 Jeffery Hart, Nashua, NH	48:39
14 Cristina Mastrangelo, Williston	48:54
15 Sam Hobbs, South Hero	49:10
16 Oliver Slesar, Stowe	49:51
17 Tom Jackman, Stowe	50:26
18 Clifford Borden, Stowe	50:52
19 Jessica Tuttle, Burlington	50:53
20 Gretchen Miller, Burlington	51:02
21 Larry Lackey, Stowe	51:56
22 Zeke Zucker, Jeffersonville	52:09
23 Moira Durnin, Stowe	52:24
24 Kristina Frame, Stowe	52:53
25 Kelly Wilson, Essex Junction	53:06
26 Erika Nichols, Stowe	53:31
27 Maria Cimonetti, Shelburne	53:31
28 Sue Scheer, Williston	53:43
29 Kristi Lovell, Stowe	55:11
30 Amanda Yonkman, Waterbury Ctr	55:25
31 Mari Zagarins, Montpelier	55:26
32 Heather Furman, Jericho	55:30
33 Tom McLinden, Stowe	56:01
34 Chris Robin, Stowe	56:11
35 Margaret Haskins, Morrisville	56:21
36 Paul Schmidt, Starksboro	57:44
37 Brian Clark, Jericho	58:12
38 Laura Turner, Middlebury	58:18
39 Maria Davies, Stowe	59:02
40 Rebecca Ryan, Huntington	1:00:35
41 Karen Clark, Jericho	1:00:44
42 Amy Roberts, Middlebury	1:01:22
43 Emily Doyle, Stowe	1:01:29
44 Kiran Kumar, Essex	1:02:09
45 Eric Gershman, Stowe	1:05:56
46 Terry Ryan, Huntington	1:06:46
47 Yuen Chun, New York, NY	1:11:52
48 Stuart Farnham, Hartland	1:12:42
49 Ferene Paris Meyer, Worcester	1:15:04
50 Joshua Meyer, Worcester	1:15:04
51 Jessie Farnham, Hartland	1:17:17
52 Dee Reever, Stowe	1:18:05
53 Alan Thorndike, Stowe	1:18:05
54 Jeannie Frazer, Hartland	1:18:17

Walkers	
1 Megan McCarthy, Larchmont, NY	1:19:39
2 Caren Goodhue, Stowe	1:29:16
3 Jennifer Papillo, Colchester	1:54:51
4 Frank Papillo, Colchester	1:54:54

Thank You!

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Land conservation gathers and multiplies the contributions of many. There are dozens of volunteers out monitoring conserved properties and building and maintaining trails. Many more help govern our organization, stuff envelopes and spread the word of conservation. And hundreds of donors provide financial and inkind support for Stowe Land Trust's work.

You act together as Stowe Land Trust members to create the future of our community.



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The patchwork of forest and farm land, scenic views and trails that allow us to enjoy nature define the Stowe area and give us a sense of place. All of us who cherish our natural landscape owe a special debt of thanks to these donors who are the foundation of Stowe Land Trust's ability to conserve land and fulfill our stewardship obligations.

As we take stock of this year's accomplishments, we are profoundly grateful to the Charter members of the Pinnacle Society who contributed \$1,000 or more during SLT's 2010 membership year.

Thank you Charter members!

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Create Your Legacy - Make a Planned Gift to Stowe Land Trust

Frequently Asked Questions

How should I refer to SLT in my estate plans?

SLT should be designated as: Friends of Stowe Conservation, Inc. d/b/a Stowe Land Trust, a nonprofit charitable organization with offices in Stowe, Vermont.

What is SLT's taxpayer identification number?

03-0307155

Does SLT need to know my bequest intentions?

We recognize that you may wish to keep your bequest intentions confidential. However, we greatly appreciate knowing when SLT has been included in an individual's estate plan. This helps with our planning and enables us to express our gratitude for this long-term commitment to our mission.

Do I need to retain legal or financial counsel to establish a planned gift with SLT?

SLT can provide information for your attorney or financial advisor regarding estate gifts to SLT. It is strongly recommend that you involve your personal legal or financial advisor in the process.

What are the tax benefits of bequests?

Contributions to SLT, as to other charitable organizations, are not subject to gift or estate taxes.

Can I designate how my bequest will be used?

We suggest you specify that your bequest be "used in such a manner as the Board of Directors of the Stowe Land Trust shall, in its prudent discretion, determine." If you

prefer to restrict your bequest to a particular program, SLT is pleased to work with you to ensure that your wishes will be met.

What are the advantages of making a bequest to SLT?

For many people, a bequest offers the opportunity to make a more substantial gift than would be possible during one's lifetime. For those with retirement accounts, real estate, or other assets that have appreciated over time, it may not be possible or advisable to use these assets to make an outright contribution. These assets can be designated instead to a planned gift to maximize tax and other financial benefits.

For more information about planned giving, please visit <http://www.stowelandtrust.org/support/plannedgiving/> or contact Executive Director, Heather Furman at 802.253.7221 or heather@stowelandtrust.org.



Stowe Land Trust Loses Conservation Friends

Therese Lepine and her three sisters grew up exploring the forest and fishing streams in the Sterling Valley near their family's Mud City dairy farm. This time spent outdoors forged a life-long connection with the land that led them to purchase and conserve many of the places they considered to be special. At the age of 85, Therese Lepine passed away in her home with her family at her side. She led an exciting life working as a decoder at the Navy's Scofield Barracks in Hawaii then returning to Vermont to work for General Electric until Senator George Aiken was in search for a secretary with an agricultural background. She spent 25 years in Washington D.C. as secretary to Senator Aiken before retiring to her home in Mud City where she became the third hand in operating the home farm.



Therese, Jeanette and Gert. Photo from Vermont Farm Women.

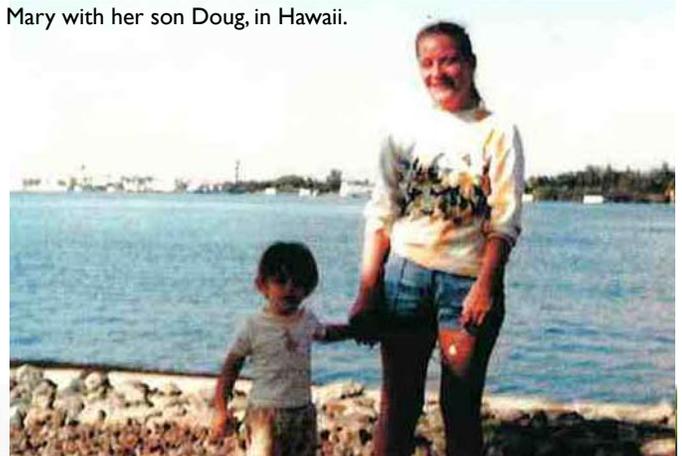


Andy and Marthe raised their seven children in Morristown.

Andre A. Valcour began working with the Morristown Conservation Commission, The Nature Conservancy and Stowe Land Trust in 2006 to conserve 10 acres of agricultural fields and nearly 20 acres of bog adjacent to the Morristown Bog Natural Area. Andy spent a lot of time managing his land and recently transferred ownership of the conserved lot to his son Andre Jr. On July 20th at the age of 69, Andy died peacefully with his family present at his home. Andy was born and grew up in this area, raising seven children with his wife Marthe at their family farm on Randolph Road in Morristown. He was a member of the St. Albans Co-op, producing milk for products throughout New England. Even in retirement, Andy was an active member of the farming and Morrisville community in his service to a variety of volunteer posts with local and regional organizations including the Morristown Planning Commission and USDA Farm Service Agency.

Mary Nichols was born in Vermont and after spending time in Connecticut and Hawaii she settled in Stowe where she managed Gold Brook Campground and Nichol's Lodge with her husband John Nichols. In 2001, the Nichols family contacted Stowe Land Trust to look at options for conserving the 37 acre agricultural field adjacent to the lodge and campground which serves as the scenic gateway to Stowe village and host to the popular Stowe Antique & Classic Car Show. Mary was dedicated to her family as caregiver to her mother-in-law Kay Nichols and through her close relationship with her grandchildren. After an admirable battle with cancer, Mary Nichols passed away on July 24, 2010.

Mary with her son Doug, in Hawaii.



Their love of the land will endure for future generations because they made the decision to permanently conserve these special places.

You Can Win a SLT Hat!



Tell us what type of outings and activities you would like Stowe Land Trust to plan for next year. Our conserved lands have so much to offer from the Community Garden at Mayo Farm to hiking and biking at Kirchner Woods and walks with the family at Wiessner Woods.

Stowe Land Trust holds several outings throughout the year to introduce new people to conserved lands and to get together with old friends. We want our events to be fun and engaging - tell us what you would like us to do!

Send us an email or post a message on facebook and you will be entered in a drawing to win one of Stowe Land Trust's new hats.



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