

## About The Wyndham Land Trust

The Wyndham Land Trust, Inc. is engaged in the preservation of natural resources in Windham County, Connecticut. Its emphasis is on wild-life habitat, especially where unique or particularly fragile assemblages of animals and plants exist or may be expected to exist. Its properties are open to the public for the quiet enjoyment of nature. Land may be acquired by donation or purchase. Since WLT enjoys 501 (c) 3 status donations to it are deductible under IRS rules, a feature which sometimes proves attractive! Our work is supported by dues, donations, grants and a very modest endowment income. Members enjoy an annual potluck supper, generally in the fall.

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**Your comments, questions and suggestions are most welcome.**

## We Seek To Increase Our Membership Base

Presently annual dues are:

- INDIVIDUAL \$20
- FAMILY \$30

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- \$300 INDIVIDUAL
- \$500 FAMILY

We now accept 

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## TRANSITIONS

BY BEN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT

I know that I speak for all members of the Board, as well as the entire membership of the Wyndham Land Trust, when I acknowledge, with thanks and admiration, the service which **Sarah Heminway** has rendered the Land Trust over the past 10 years. Given the demands on Sarah's time, she has found it necessary to submit her resignation as a Board Member. Although we accept Sarah's decision with regret we take the opportunity to express our gratitude for the quality of volunteerism which Sarah brings to all of her commitments. These include being the Director of Connecticut Audubon's Lois Orswell Grassland Bird Sanctuary, and involvement with the Pomfret Community School, Woodstock Academy and the Westfield Congregational Church. Beyond the above she and her husband Earl are doing an exemplary job of shepherding three healthy and energetic kids, each commendably contributory in their own right, into adulthood. We wish for Sarah's continued success and satisfaction throughout the years ahead.



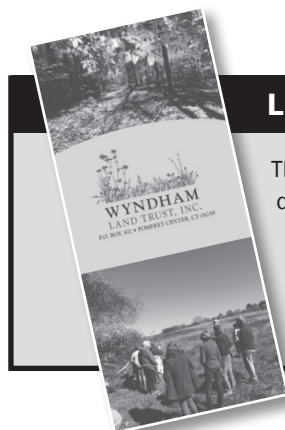
Woodstock's Dawn Adiletta (left) replaces Sarah Heminway (right) on the board of directors.

Happily, this is also the occasion to welcome **Dawn Adiletta** to the Board as our newest member. Dawn Casitglia Adiletta has been a member of the Open Space and Land Acquisition Committee in Woodstock, CT since 2004, and has served as Chair since 2005. A long-time advocate of farmland preservation, Dawn received the Farmland Preservation Pathfinder Outstanding Individual Award in 2007. She sits

on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Farmland Trust where she served as Interim Executive Director in 2011, and is currently Secretary.

A museum professional by training, Dawn is the former curator of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in Hartford, and the author of numerous historical articles and books. She lives in Woodstock with her husband Joseph.

The Wyndham Land Trust is most fortunate to benefit from the talents, experience, insights and passion which Dawn brings to the Board. We look forward to working with her in the advancement of our worthy cause.



## LAND TRUST BROCHURE

The land trust now has an informational brochure that was designed for us by Jim Tourtellotte at Global Design in Putnam. If you can help us by distributing copies in your local town hall, library, or coffee shop, **please call the office at 860.963.2090 or email us at [info@wyndhamlandtrust.org](mailto:info@wyndhamlandtrust.org), and we'll get copies to you.**

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

### JO-ANN MACFARLANE

Jo-Ann MacFarlane joined the board of the land trust in January and hopes to raise public awareness of the land trust. She already made a guest appearance on WINY with President Ben Williams and is chairing our new marketing committee. Jo-Ann wrote this note to introduce herself to the membership: "I have lived in the same town most of my life. I was born and brought up in Eastford, CT, where my dad had a small farm. It was 60-plus acres, and he had about 20 milking cows, some heifers, and of course we had several barn cats and a couple of dogs.



Jo-Ann MacFarlane (third from left) gathers with family members, neighbors, and Mary Anthony of the Wyndham Land Trust.

"I spent a lot of time with my dad on the farm. I was with him in the barn while he was milking the cows or out in the field riding on the tractor or walking the fields and woods. I even had my own special calf named Josie, though I am really not sure what ever happened to her. Economics eventually forced my dad out of farming, but he held on to the land and his love for the land and animals lasted his lifetime.

"I lived on top of a hill, and there were a few houses and farms nearby. There were acres of open fields and woods and lots of animals.

I spent countless hours riding my bicycle on the scenic country roads or exploring the fields and woods. I remember there was even a beaver dam on the back of my dad's property. My girlfriend and I used to walk down to the dam and sit at the top of the hill hoping to catch a glimpse of the beavers.

"Time passed and I moved on Woodstock Academy, then graduation, and soon I was getting married. My dad gave me an acre of land to build a house on, and with that came the pride of being landowner. More years went by. I graduated from QVCC with a degree in Business Management and Accounting. I changed jobs a couple of times, and spent several years as an office manager and then vice president of a small company in Thompson. I am now a purchasing manager for a company in East Windsor.

"In 1985 my dad divided his land between my brother and me, with each of us receiving about 30 acres. Now I really was a proud landowner. I knew I would never sell the land. My brother and I were third-generation MacFarlanes to work and live on the land.

"I have seen so much of the precious land in Eastford destroyed by development. I thought it was time to slow this development down and preserve some of the land so the animals would have a place to call home. It was an easy decision to donate the land to the Wyndham Land Trust, but I did not want to give up my connection to the land. Donating the land to the land trust gave me a sense of accomplishment and purpose in my life. I honored my dad's wishes to preserve the land for generations to come and to give the animals a home. I like to think that I have made a difference in the lives of animals, no matter how small, and I have given a small piece of land for future generations to enjoy.

"I still live in Eastford on the acre of land my dad originally gave me more than 40 years ago; and, through life tenancy, I still have my connection to my dad and the land. I plan on living the rest of my life on this land.

"The farm is gone, and none of the original buildings are standing. But the land is still here and is now protected from development. It's a legacy my dad left to me that I am passing on for future generations to enjoy. We must all remember that we will never have any more land. We must try to preserve and to use wisely what we have."

## DICK BOOTH

### PHOTOGRAPHER-IN-CHIEF

Dick Booth's tireless devotion to the Wyndham Land Trust over many years is recognized by most of us. In particular, the land trust is now in possession of thousands of color slides that were taken by Dick in all seasons over a period of many years and chronicle the acquisition and development of many of our properties along with the plant life and animals that make their home on the preserves.



"Sometimes I would notice a cloud formation or a change in light," remembers Dick, "and I just had to capture it on film. I must have taken almost four thousand pictures."

We are now in the process of selecting the best of the images to keep on file for use in the newsletter, in brochures, and on the web site and our



FaceBook page. Board member Ron Tillen was able to use some of the images in a presentation about the land trust to the Learning in Retirement community at Quinebaug Valley Community College in April.

Dick joined the land trust board in 1978 and served as president from the mid-1980s until 2011. During his presidency, he oversaw a period of tremendous

growth in the land trust and ran the day-to-day operations almost single-handedly. Dick continues to serve on the board of directors, and his institutional memory is invaluable to the land trust. In addition to the years of service that Dick has provided, he and his wife, Nancy, donated 11.8 acres of their own land to the land trust. Their donation extended the (Virginia) Booth preserve in Brooklyn.

## Preserve expands in Woodstock

At the end of 2012 *Ken Rapoport* donated almost 50 acres of land in Woodstock, CT to the Wyndham Land Trust. The 49.5-acre donation contains forest and a wetland shrubby thicket, it also includes three active hayfields which will remain as farm land. The land is adjacent to the land trust's Linda J. Rapoport Memorial Preserve along Pulpit Rock Road in Woodstock and also connects with the Paul and Avis Spalding Preserve.



"We're very excited to receive this property," said Andy Rzeznikiewicz, the land trust's land manager. "We now have 158 acres protected in this area of Woodstock, and it represents a large contiguous parcel that is important for supporting the movement of wild-

life. That land is protected from development in perpetuity, and it's a gift to the people of Woodstock and the Quiet Corner."

Board member Jeff Stefanik led a walk on the extended Linda J. Rapoport Memorial Preserve and the Paul and Avis Spalding Preserve Saturday, June 1 in conjunction with the Connecticut Forest and Park Association's 2013 Trails Day that included 259 events in 152 towns. Jeff is planning a similar walk during the Last Green Valley's Walktober event.



## Annual Appeal

Thanks to everybody that responded to our annual appeal in April. Your generosity helped us raise over \$21,000 which will provide a welcome boost to our land acquisition fund and allow us to run our day-to-day operations. *We appreciate your generous support.*

## Summer Solstice

Come join the Wyndham Land Trust for a casual music-filled evening on our Duck Marsh Preserve in Pomfret as we celebrate the longest day of the year!

Friday, June 21  
7:30-9:00 p.m.

Please bring a friend and a lawn chair.

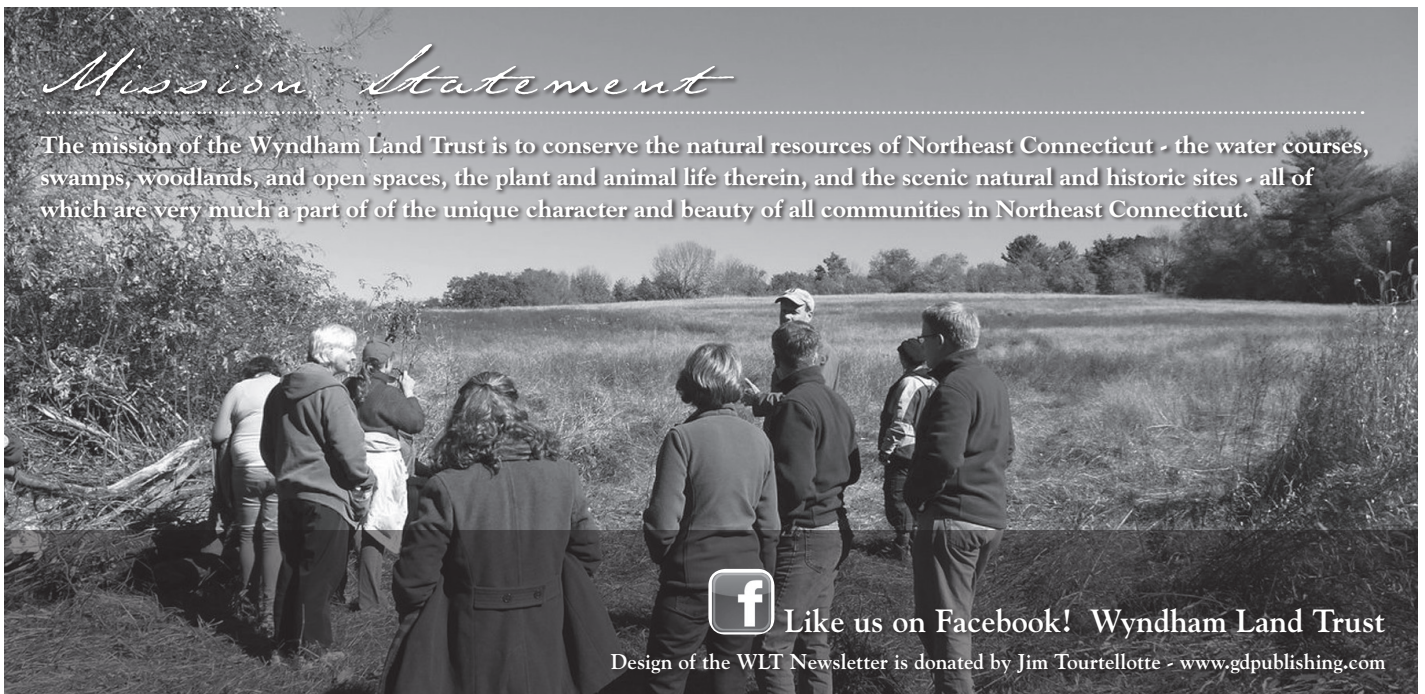
*Parking will be along Holmes Road,  
just east of Wrights Crossing Road.*

*rain or shine!*



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Wyndham Land Trust is to conserve the natural resources of Northeast Connecticut - the water courses, swamps, woodlands, and open spaces, the plant and animal life therein, and the scenic natural and historic sites - all of which are very much a part of the unique character and beauty of all communities in Northeast Connecticut.



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