



ANNUAL REPORT LYME LAND TRUST

2023-2024



Dear Friends,

The Lyme Land Trust had another busy year with a full schedule of events, walks, and work parties. Part of our mission is to preserve land, exemplified by our acceptance of three donations of land this year as well as an easement. The idea of a building became a reality in January when Jim and I moved into the Lyme Land Trust Barn. Technology is making our work easier by using our drone to monitor easements and smartphone apps to do biotic studies. *Imagining Lyme* continues to offer fabulous photos of our Lyme open spaces and the Tour de Lyme was another successful fundraiser for us. On behalf of the Board and staff, I wish to thank all our donors and volunteers without whom we would not have been able to accomplish all that we do.

With gratitude,
Kristina White, *Executive Director*



In April a Bluebird box building workshop led by Board members Ryan Quinn and David Frankel was held at the Stewardship Barn

Volunteer of the Year

THIS YEAR we honor an important group that has made a huge impact both locally and regionally. The Astronomy Cohorts along with our Board Director and Treasurer, Alan Sheiness, have created a fantastic program that informs and inspires people about the wonders of the night sky.

In November 2020, our first-ever astronomy event was held in Pleasant Valley Preserve, with Alan giving a short sky tour followed by views of planets and other objects in two of his telescopes. A good-sized crowd huddled around the eyepieces for two hours.

We then headed over to Alan's field where he discussed the idea of observing sessions where parking was close and the sky was wide open—a dark sky site now called Trail 53.

At Trail 53, a viewing session starts with a short talk and guided tour of that night's sky, and then the telescopes are expertly pointed to our bright and faint cosmic neighbors. People mill around from telescope to telescope and see the wonders of our universe with their own eye with the help of the cohorts.

The first four of those cohorts were Scott Mallory from that first night in Pleasant Valley, and then Jon Dean, Roger Charbonneau and Parag Sahasrabudhe.

They have been instrumental in staffing observing events and at public talks. When the program showed signs of being an ongoing hit, they helped walk off the site for a permanent observatory, and they took turns mixing the cement that went into the footings and piers that hold up the structure and the main telescope. We have a web page and online sign up that is exclusively for the Trail 53 observing sessions.

They have shared their passion and their knowledge of the universe from our program's very first days right through last month's public session. Our program would not be where it is today without them.



Roger Charbonneau, Parag Sahasrabudhe, Scott Mallory, Jon Dean and Alan Sheiness (seated) at Trail 53 observatory

Imagining Lyme Photos of Distinction above, left to right: Downed Tree, New Life by Galo Samiento taken at Selden Creek Preserve in March 2024, Cows at Farm by Adam McEwen, taken at Tiffany Farm in May 2024, Green Frog by Renee Smith taken at Selden Creek Preserve in August 2023

Education and Events

WENDOLYN HILL, CHAIR

1 On February 20, 2024 at the Lyme Public Library, an enthralled group of all ages experienced several species of snakes in their fascinating, wonderful and graceful glory. Tyler from the Riverside Reptile Education Center told us about the characteristics of nine live snakes and allowed us to feel their soft smooth scales. **2** The Tree Collective, led by naturalist Regan Stacey, met monthly to learn about preserve stewardship. **3** Curiosity Shop: For four Wednesdays in April, LLT, Lyme Pollinator Pathway, and the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Committee participated in the PTO after-school program called Curiosity Shop by providing outdoor adventures to learn more about their environment. **4** Lyme School Grant: The LLT provided a grant to bring Denison Pequotsepos into the Lyme school to provide each class with a special Earth Day Learning Experience. **5** Family Trail time with Tori: Our newest is geared toward families with children 5 years old or less, led by volunteer Tori Harris. On June 28, the walk was the gnome hunt at Pleasant Valley Preserve. Monthly walks **6** Tuesday Treks-walks with alternate leaders Jim Arrigoni, Tony Irving, Wendolyn Hill, Ryan Quinn, Kristina White. **7** Senior Center Walks with Wendolyn Hill—two walks per month—one for active seniors and gentle walks Wild Lyme Project. **8** LLT had a booth at the McCook Point Earth Day Celebration in Niantic—coloring butterflies was a big hit with over 40 kids stopping by the tent! **9** In the spring, Jim Arrigoni offered a talk and walk about amphibians to inspire observations on iNaturalist for the Wild Lyme Project. We visited vernal pools in Selden Creek Preserve, which are temporary wetland habitats critical for sustaining populations of amphibians like wood frogs and spotted salamanders. **10** On April 28, botanist horticulturalist Bryan Connolly PhD led a fascinating spring ephemeral wildflower walk at Jewett Preserve. He pointed out many native plants, including the exquisite trout lily in bloom and a rare prickly seed husk from an American chestnut.



THIS YEAR, the Education and Events Committee presented activities designed to engage people of all ages and interests to celebrate the biodiversity of the Lyme preserves. And we were pleased to be able to host some of our programs at our new LLT Barn!

Jim Arrigoni in partnership with the Town of Lyme, The Nature Conservancy, and Lyme Pollinator Pathway, created The Wild Lyme Project (WLP) on the online community science platform, iNaturalist. The project encourages Lyme preserve visitors to add their observations of plants, animals, fungi and other living things to iNaturalist, and in so doing, become better acquainted with the non-human neighbors that share our landscape, while contributing to science. Throughout the year, the LLT hosted programs to promote the WLP, including an iNaturalist training, plus presentations and field trips with biologists and other experts.

Our ongoing programs continued to be popular. Imagining Lyme is in its fourth year of showcasing the visual appreciation of the natural world through photography. Tiffany Farms hosted a tour as part of our Local Farm Series—a program to highlight the importance of local agriculture for climate resilience, food security, and sustainability. Our Astronomy Group encourages us to appreciate the dark sky and the stars above us through observatory sessions and special programs. Regan Stacey, of Awaken the Forest Within, provided monthly forest therapy sessions to promote the holistic benefits of immersing yourself in nature.

Programming for children included a snake program during February vacation; Tree Collective for teens led monthly by naturalist Regan Stacey; Lyme School PTO Curiosity Shop programs; and a grant to the Lyme School to provide funding for curriculum-relevant programming for each grade. Our newest addition is a monthly walk geared toward families with children 5 years old and less led by volunteer Tori Harris.

Volunteers joined several learn and work parties to combat invasive plants and to help with preserve maintenance. We took part in several informational fairs, such as the Earth Day Event at the Lyme Public Hall on April 21 and an Earth Day Fair in May at McCook's Park in East Lyme.

Committee members are Jim Arrigoni, Diana Fiske, David Frankel, Birgit Musheno, Ryan Quinn, Joe Standart, Kristina White, and Melvin Woody.





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11 January: A World Without Dark Skies: How Light Pollution is Impacting Humans and Ecosystems, and What You Can Do with Alan Sheiness and Misha Semenov-Leiva. Some simple things we can all do to prevent light pollution! Use as little artificial light as possible at night, only light what is necessary, use shields on lights to prevent light from shining out and up, and use low kelvin or amber/yellow light bulbs. **12** March: Regan Stacey and Kristina White, LLT Executive Director, pose with other local conservationists after they provided a presentation about forest bathing/Land Trust partnerships at the CT Land Conservation Council conference. **13** A mesmerized crowd was treated to a talk by Bill Yule about fungi and the forest on March 10 at the Lyme Public Hall. In particular, we learned about the mycorrhizal fungi that populate the soil with a network of thin tubelike structures called Mycelia which attach to the roots of trees for a mutually beneficial relationship. **14** On April 8, a group of us gathered in the first field at Banningwood to observe the near Total Eclipse through special glasses that were supplied by the LLT. **15** On April 25, we had a bluebird house assembly workshop at the LLT barn. Wood for the houses was harvested from CT State forests and donated by CT DEEP. Poles and baffles were donated by Wild Birds Unlimited Niantic. Bluebird houses have saved bluebirds from near extinction because of a lack of habitat with dead tree cavities for nesting.

Stewardship

MAL KARWOSKI, CHAIR
JIM ARRIGONI, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

MOVING INTO THE BARN was a major milestone for the Stewardship Committee. Gone are the days of traversing a vast network of storage areas scattered throughout Lyme in search of tools, equipment, supplies, maps, and files. In addition to one-stop storage for all our needs, our new headquarters provides a perfect base of operations for office and shop work, as well as meeting and presentation space.

Keeping trails safe and clear, monitoring conservation easements, and maintaining the integrity of easement and preserve boundary lines are the core of Stewardship's mandate. The support of volunteers is

critical in these endeavors. The abundance of dead and dying trees across the landscape means branches and often whole trees need to be cleared from trails after nearly every storm. At Banningwood and Pleasant Valley Preserves, winter floods dislodged numerous footbridges that were reset with help from especially hardy volunteers who endured icy stream conditions. Other flood impacts required professional help: replacing a blown-out culvert at Banningwood Preserve and repairing erosion damage to the access road at Hand-Smith Preserve.

An ongoing restoration project at Banningwood Preserve exemplifies how our work is accomplished through the contributions of so many talented, enthusiastic and inspiring partners. Hikers may have noticed dramatic changes in a 2.6-acre area between the red trail and Roaring Brook, where shoulder-high thickets of invasive shrubs and vines have given way to an open forest understory. Under the leadership of Eagle Scout candidate Carson St. Louis, Troop 26 Boy Scouts planted nearly 100 plants of a dozen native species such as Winterberry, Spicebush, Witch Hazel, Highbush Blueberry, and many Dogwood species. Several of these plants already have ripening fruits that will help songbirds and other wildlife to bulk up for winter or southward migration. The substantial planting was made possible by a generous donation from Danielle Dimston in memory of Jil Nelson, her friend and past land trust board member. Also, Mike Baczewski of New England Pollinator Gardens donated ecological expertise and assistance with sourcing plants.

Stewardship continues to adopt new technology to augment easement monitoring and trail recon. Smartphone apps aided in tracking and documenting issues, and our aerial drone allowed us sights of otherwise inaccessible terrain. This tech will never take the place of boots on the land but they do offer perspectives and capabilities that enhance our ability to discover and address issues.

Stewarding our preserves and conservation easements is an immense and endless responsibility that would be impossible without the support of our community. We are deeply grateful for everyone's contributions. Finally, we acknowledge the loss of a very special person, Tom Bischoff. Tom was our primary meadow mower, and he knew every inch (and every rock) of many beloved preserves owned or managed by the LLT, Town of Lyme and The Nature Conservancy. As we seek to replace someone irreplaceable, a special thanks goes to Rick Steele, Scott Yeomans, and Dave Brown for helping in a pinch with summer mowing just last month.

1 and 6 Eagle Scout candidate Carson St Louis leading a planting work party in Banningwood Preserve. **2** Using a drone to monitor inaccessible easements such as this wetland near Uncas Pond. **3** Jim and Board member David Frankel creating a new trail on the Ravine Preserve. **4** Board and Staff putting a bridge back on its footings after a flood in Pleasant Valley Preserve. **5** Mike Page and John Viele installing a bluebird house in Riverside Preserve.



Preservation

SCOTT GRAVATT, CHAIR

THE PAST YEAR was a busy one for land preservation in Lyme. The Preservation Committee worked actively with five different landowners, and four of them completed their transactions.

One of the first actions of the year was the establishment of a conservation easement by the Wing family on 27 acres. The easement is strategically located, as it very nearly connects LLT's Brockway-Hawthorne Preserve to the Banningwood Preserve. Surrounding a pond, wetlands are the dominant feature of the property. Of the 27 acres, approximately 18 acres are wetlands. The water flowing out of these wetlands wends its way downstream into Whalebone Creek and Whalebone Cove.

By preserving the wetlands and their buffer areas, the Wings and LLT are helping to protect the water courses and cove from pollutants and excessive nutrients.

This year a very interesting property was donated to LLT by longtime supporter and philanthropist, Barbara David. The property was part of a wildlife habitat restoration project about 10 years ago, with the goal to provide more habitat for the New England Cottontail rabbit, New England's only native rabbit. Having visited the property, it is clear that the goal of creating "thicket" habitat was highly successful. Moreover, the 26-acre parcel, which was slated for development, is adjacent to LLT's Slawson Preserve, and Nehantic State Forest and also provides access from Rt. 156.

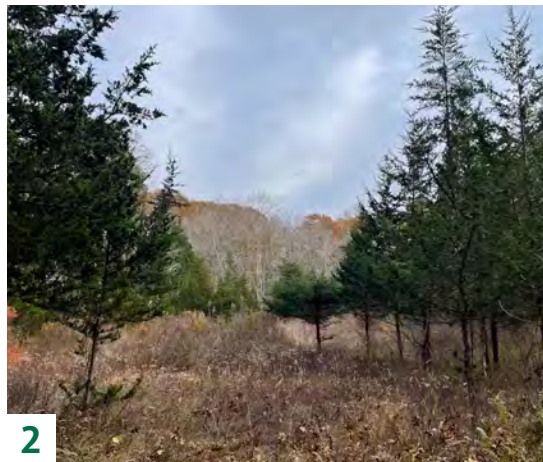
Next, a beautiful 19-acre parcel was donated to LLT by Sandy Mulligan. Predominantly upland forest, the property also includes impressive ledge rock, stone walls, and areas thick with mountain laurel. Although the neighboring properties are not protected, they are forested, and there is a potential for the Mulligan property to be the beginning of a protected wildlife corridor that would cover the short distance to Thach Preserve.

Lastly, we have a major milestone; the culmination of Ted Hilles' many years of conserving property on Grassy Hill. Ted, along with his wife Jane, have a strong conservation ethic and found LLT to be the partner needed to preserve Grassy Hill in perpetuity. With a donation this year of 33 acres, Hilles preserve has grown to 212 acres. The preserved property even includes the highest point of Grassy Hill! The Hilles Preserve has many positive attributes, including numerous species of wildlife, made possible by the large, un-fragmented territory which encompasses a variety of habitats. In addition, the location and breadth of the property provides linkages between Beebe Preserve, Idlewild Preserve, and the Yale Forest. The adjoining preserves link to even more open space, which extends northward all the way to the Salem town line.

Lyme Landowners wishing to discuss conservation options and strategies in confidence can contact Anthony Irving, President, at 860-434-2390, or by email at anthonyinlyme@gmail.com; or Scott Gravatt, Preservation Chair, at 860-961-4913, or by email at s.gravatt@comcast.net.



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1 Preservation Committee Members walking the Barbara David Property. **2** Cedar field on Wing Property. **3** Preservation Committee walking the Hilles Property. **4** President Tony Irving with Ted Hilles and Jane Osborne with map showing the Hilles Preserve and its connection to other open space in Lyme. **5** In November we sponsored a tour of the ongoing young forest initiative project at Slawson Preserve, Nehantic State Forest, and a private property which is designed to provide suitable habitat for New England Cottontail and other wildlife such as the prairie warbler, eastern towhee, indigo bunting, American woodcock, wood turtle, and box turtle.

Tour de Lyme

WE HAD A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY BLUE-SKY DAY for the 2024 Tour de Lyme. 614 riders from all over New England and beyond came to ride the bucolic hills of Lyme. They enjoyed a wonderful ride and returned to food trucks, beer, and the Ramblin' Dan Stevens band singing the blues.

We wish to thank the town of Lyme for supporting this event for so many years. Our fantastic volunteers made the event run like clockwork—your smiles, kindness and enthusiasm were most appreciated and noted by many riders. Public Safety Officer and Fire Chief John Evans ensured that the roads were safe and traffic was controlled throughout the event—a vital aspect. Thank you. Lyme Fire and Lyme Ambulance were fully staffed in case of emergency—fortunately, we had an uneventful day! A big shout out to our local bike shops—Morrisey Cycles, Pedal Power, and Action Sports—who were available at the tent site and rest stops to fix any bike issues. Thank you to Heike Coffee for the wonderful photos that were taken—the smiles and joy on everyone's faces say it all!

This event is the Lyme Land Trust's major fundraiser and we wish to thank our sponsors for supporting us and our mission to protect open space for the public benefit. Year after year riders

come back to ride with new friends and old—it is wonderful to see families come each year and introduce their kids to the joy of riding!

Ashlawn Farm is a very special place, sitting on top of Bill Hill, with stone walls and rolling green fields surrounding the farmstead. We thank Carol Adams and Bill Donovan for sharing their beautiful farm with us and all our riders.



Tour de Lyme

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Governance

DAN HULSEBERG, CHAIR

THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE has the task of guiding the Board to ensure compliance with governing policies and applicable laws, such as conflicts of interest, to augment the overall effectiveness of the LLT. As we approach the fifth anniversary of our 2020 Accreditation Renewal, this continued oversight has taken on additional significance to ensure LLT By-Laws, policies and procedures are aligned with updated Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices, and related Requirements. The Governance Committee has worked closely with the various committees throughout the year in this regard.

Of equal importance, the Governance Committee is responsible for nominating new directors and officers for the Board and providing recommendations for committee members and chairs. We continuously monitor the short-term and long-term needs of the LLT to identify the corresponding skills, connections and demographics of new directors to strengthen the Board. We are pleased to introduce Birgit Musheno and Jennifer Tiffany as the newest directors approved by membership at the Annual Meeting. Special thanks to Joe Standart for his contributions and exceptional talents during his tenure on the LLT Board.



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1 In June a work party led by Vice President Wendy Hill removed invasive barberry at Mt Archer Woods Preserve. **2** Tiffany Farms hosted a tour as part of our Local Farm Series. **3** Regan Stacey led Forest Immersion Walks in our preserves throughout the year. **4** At the Annual Meeting Patrick Lynch gave a fascinating presentation on the environmental history of the Connecticut River

Finance

ALAN SHEINESS, TREASURER

OUR FISCAL YEAR, which ended June 30, 2024, was another year of outstanding financial performance. Your financial support ensured that our land stewardship, events, and activities were well funded and well attended. Donors' support for our barn resulted in a well-funded project that did not impinge upon other resources.

Revenues from operations exceeded the prior year, although Tour de Lyme revenues were flat. We hope to improve upon that in Spring 2025, as the profits from this event are a large part of how we fund operations. Expenses rose from the prior year due to increasing costs to produce the Tour de Lyme, and the anticipated barn operating costs. In this regard, almost all of our barn operating expenses are

expected to be funded by investment income from the residual Barn Fund.

Our balance sheet is very strong with high liquidity and no long-term liabilities. Cash and the Barn Building Fund decreased as we spent monies on the construction, resulting in an increase in Fixed Assets. Investments, which represent the non-cash portion of our various Funds, are conservatively invested with a prudent allocation across asset classes, managed by an independent investment advisor and overseen by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors. These investments performed well in absolute terms as well as versus benchmarks.

As in the past, we expect another successful year in fiscal 2025 made possible by your ongoing engagement and financial support. The fiscal 2025 budget contemplates adequate provision for our recurring events and programs and stewardship needs. Our general fund and other funds are in good shape, well positioned for the various needs for which they were created.

Thank you for your trust and support!

LYME LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.
CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS
(UNAUDITED)

(in \$000)

	2023/2024	2022/2023	This year vs last year
REVENUES			
Fund Donations and Dues	\$215.8	\$132.9	\$82.9
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Other Revenues	\$8.9	\$28.7	(\$19.8)
Total Revenue	\$327.9	\$266.2	\$61.7
EXPENSES			
Compensation	\$186.2	\$179.4	\$6.8
Communications & Events	\$61.4	\$63.6	(\$2.3)
Stewardship	\$25.9	\$18.8	\$7.2
G&A	\$52.2	\$43.4	\$8.9
Operations	\$18.4	\$7.1	\$11.3
Other	\$22.4	\$6.2	\$16.2
Total Expenses	\$366.5	\$318.5	\$48.0
Operating Profit	(\$38.6)	(\$52.3)	\$13.6
Other Income & Expense			
Land Donations	\$857.0	\$0.0	\$857.0
Barn Donations and non-recurring items	\$156.1	\$805.3	(\$649.2)
Net Investment Activity, Net of Fees	\$220.6	\$163.4	\$57.2
Net Income	\$1,195.1	\$916.4	\$278.7

LYME LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET
(UNAUDITED)

(in \$000)

	June 2024	June 2023	This year vs last year
ASSETS			
Cash & Equivalents	\$662.7	\$957.2	(\$294.5)
Other Current Assets	\$42.0	\$17.4	\$24.5
Total Current Assets	\$704.7	\$974.7	(\$270.0)
Fixed Assets	\$1,129.1	\$509.7	\$619.5
Conservation Land	\$7,798.6	\$6,940.0	\$858.5
Investments	\$2,382.5	\$2,462.9	(\$80.4)
Total Non-Current Assets	\$11,310.2	\$9,912.6	\$1,397.6
Total Assets	\$12,014.8	\$10,887.3	\$852.0
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
Total Current Liabilities	\$63.6	\$131.1	(\$67.5)
Total Non-Current Liabilities	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Total Liabilities	\$63.6	\$131.1	(\$67.5)
Retained Earnings	\$7,723.7	\$6,524.3	\$1,199.5
Change in Net Assets	\$1,195.1	\$916.4	\$278.7
General Fund	\$386.9	\$419.1	(\$32.2)
MJ Walters Endowment Fund	\$1,009.4	\$898.6	\$110.8
Enforcement Fund	\$242.9	\$218.3	\$24.7
Brown Preservation Fund	\$536.0	\$506.6	\$29.3
Barringer Stewardship Fund	\$266.7	\$233.6	\$33.1
Barn Building Fund	\$549.0	\$997.8	(\$448.8)
Other Funds	\$41.5	\$41.5	\$0.0
Fund Balances	\$3,032.4	\$3,315.5	(\$283.1)
Net Assets	\$11,951.3	\$10,756.2	\$1,195.1
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$12,014.8	\$10,887.3	\$1,127.6

Over \$10,000

Bianchi, John & Alexandra Shor
David, Barbara O.
Duncan, James & Laura
Fetter, Trevor & Melissa
Godley, Robert & Christison, Roz
Hargraves, John & Newcomb, Nancy
Hilles, Frederick & Osgood, Jane
Hulseberg, Daniel & Kiker, John
Lombardino, George
Millerbernd, Donald
Mulligan, Sandy
Pritchard, John & Lee
Sheiness, Alan & Jeanne

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Deane, Curtis & Shoemaker, Tom
Dimston, Danielle
Embree, Jeb & Dianne
Frankel, David & Elizabeth
Gahagan, Frederick & Mary Lou
Klimek, Carol
Schwartz, James & Sallie
Shea, James & Kristen
Walters, Caroline
Wing, Thomas & Andrea

\$1000-2499

Anonymous
Aizenberg, Shmulik
Anderson, Bruce & Leslie
Beglin, Brian & Cynthia
Butler, Jonathan & Deborah
Datilio, Deborah
Duran, Judith
Enders, Anthony & Elizabeth
Fauber, Rob & Claudia
Gravatt, Scott & Denise
Griffin, John & Richmond, Lynn
Griswold, Evan & Fisher, Emily
Hatton, Charlie & Clapp, Susie
Jackson, Mark & Hagberg, Karen
Leonardo, Melodee
Li, Zheng & Wan, Hong
Lieber, Dr. William & Carolyn
Lombardozi, Michael & Joan
Luce, James
Mallory, Scott & Sara
Martin, William Scott
McKee, Nicholas & Tracy
Melville, Gregory & Fox, Susan
Merrill, Newton & Polly
Milardo, Ronald
Moore, Elizabeth
Murphy, Alden & Jamie
Patterson, Michael & Elena
Roettger, John & Molloy, Brian
Roosevelt, Christopher du P & Rosalind
Saxton, Dr. Craig & Pietrina
Sharp, Matthew & Eliza
Standart, Joe & Clinton

Stern, Robert & Holmes, Lisa
Thompson, Claudia
Tiffany, Jennifer & Hurtle, William
Volles, Warren & Lori
Willauer, George & Cynthia

\$500-999

Aidinoff, Ellen
Amacher, David & Charlene
Ashley, Frances
Buerger, Brantley & Harlow, Karen
Catlett, John & Athana
Clark, Ronald & Jane
Cook, David
Dodge, Bradley
Donald, Andrea
Everett, Martha
Fay, John & Isleib, Jonathan
Hastings, Mark & Susan
Irving, Anthony & Lees, Deborah
LeWitt, Sofia
McCall, Alison & Eliel, Peter
Mehler, Jeffrey & Russell, Mary
Melchreit, Richard & Anna-Marie
Migliacci, Hector
Miller, Gregory & Motyka, Joan
Mooney, George & Laura
Morgan, Elizabeth
Niblack, John & Heidi
Phelan, Mark & Maryellen
Platt, Frederick & Christine
Rennhard, Hans & Hildegard
Rosseau, Richard & Gail
Sahasrabudhe, Parag
Slane, Mark & Cindy
Theobald, Sprague & Reichling, Julie
Worcester, Rick & Heidi

\$250-499

Abbot, Rodney & Mangano, Lisa
Algiere, Shannon & Jack
Allen, Scott & Darcy
Angers, Thomas E & Van Daff, Tim
Ballard, Bob & Barbara
Barney, Claire
Bauwens, Mark & Susan
Beaudette, Michael & Edna
Becker, Virginia
Bisceglia, David & Teresa
Brainard, Newton & Mary
Brown, David & Diane
Burnham, Rika
Butz, Suzanne & Theodore
Cantner, Matthew & Shaleighne
Caruso, Laurie
Cole, Susan
Connor, James & Jacqueline
Domenie, Douglas & Patrice
Dowling, Caroline & Anderson, Sean
Finger, Eric & Jascin Leonardo
Fogle, Gifford
Fotos, Michael & Lindsey, Claudia

Fowler, George & Roehr, Carol
Francis, Anthony & Marion
Frank, Allan Dodds & King, Lillian
Geschwill, Bryan & Kelly
Gilman, Richard
Harra, Brian & Hoy, Anne
Hernandez, Robert
Hessel, Susan & Dahle, Karen
Hicks, Taylor & Pamela
Hill, Wendolyn & Sutton, Richard
House, Robert & Carol
Karwoski, Malvin & Gail
Leake, Nancy
Learned, E Russell & Cotton, Allyson
Lee, Richard & Heidi
Leonardo, Jarrod & Stacey
Lewis, Ralph & Leslie
Lynch, Anthony & Patricia
Macbeth, Thomas & Griffin, Maureen
Mattson, Steven & Maddy
Maxim, Merritt & Lefki
Miller, James & Stacey, Regan
Mummert, Drs Earl & Margaret
Oyster, Jeffrey & Yasuda, Lisa
Pedrick, James & Jacquelyn
Petros, Demetrios & Daphne
Rich, Ann
Ross, Euan & Christina
Ruberti, Virginia
Seddon, Andrew & Smith, Kathryn
Sheldon, Jesse
Sokolowski, Devin & Roberts, Lindsay
Telfair, Tula
Thurston, Sandy
Tiffany, David
Watt, Peter N. & Cattie, Gerard
West, Tina
Wimpe, James
Wolfswinkel, Rolf & Jaffe, Jacqueline

\$100-249

Adams, Carol & Donovan, Bill
Allard, Kenneth & Janine
Anderson, Eric
Bacon, Michael & Elizabeth
Barrera, Robert & Linda
Barringer, Susan
Bartlett, William
Bell, Nicholas
Blackwell, Elmer & Bennett, Stefanie
Boccaccio, Richard & Carolyn
Boehning, William & Diana
Bombacci, Edward
Broom, Lorraine
Buccheri, Stephen & Wendy
Burdelski, Juliet & Bell, Alexander
Burgess, Todd & Trudy
Bussmann, Andrew & Laurie
Cain, Maureen
Carnevale, Christopher & Caitlin
Cathcart, Michael & Diane
Clarke, Kay

Cone, Alione & Andrews, John
 Conniff, Richard & Karen
 Corrigan, Brian & Rivington, Joan
 Coutts, John & Jenny
 Critchett, Donald & Jane
 Crowley, Patrick & Halvorsen, Kim
 Crowther, Beverly
 Danenhower, James & Samuels, Jacob
 Darnell, Christine
 Denow, Bill & Sara
 Evertson, William & Karen
 Feltham, Ethel
 Ferri, Paul & Gloria Grace
 Forstein, Steven & Jones, Beth Anne
 Franklin, Michael
 Galliher, Anne & Lathrop, Jon
 Gaskell, John & Suzanne
 Geelan, Tim & Melissa
 Geer, Sue
 Giaconia, John & Deborah
 Gignac, Sandra
 Grauly, Henry
 Griffin Jane
 Gumbart, Dave
 Hallwood, Paul & Barbara
 Harris, Robert & Wong, Grace
 Heym, James
 Hosley, Carolyn & Charlie
 House, George & Linda
 Hubbard, Jeffrey & Tara
 Huber, Stephen & Carol
 Inglis, Andrea & Allan
 Izzo, Alfred & Donahue, Sandra
 Jamison, Scott & Laura
 Jarrabeck, Frank & Cowgill, Francis
 Kane, Mitchell & Jessica
 Kiem, Leslie & Douglas
 Klarnet, Katy & King, Nick
 Konst, Jozef & Copp, Betsey
 Lacey, Richard
 Lavoie, Suzanne & Ayers, David
 Lawlor, Elizabeth
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Treks and Hikes



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1 Wendy Hill led a group hike in February at the Eno/Mt Archer Woods Preserves as part of our popular Tuesday Trek Program. **2** Board President and forest ecologist, Tony Irving and Ralph Lewis, former CT State geologist, led a group through Brockway-Hawthorne Preserve to learn how ecology is affected by geological forces. **3** Jim Arrigoni led a Tuesday Trek at Chestnut Hill Preserve on a cold day in January.

John Pritchard Conservation Center

WE ARE IN THE BUILDING! As many of you know from either stopping by or attending a meeting, we are now working in our new office space and stewardship barn. From an idea formed five years ago to a reality today, there are many people to thank for getting us here. We wish to thank our Building Committee led by Jonathan Butler who committed countless hours to ensure we built something that represented our mission, and our very generous donors who supported our vision and gave specifically to this project. We also wish to thank Dave Tiffany and his fellow craftsmen who went above and beyond to create a beautiful space.

We still have work to do: augment the driveway, move a huge pile of dirt and finish landscaping. Please stop by and visit—we would love to see you!



1 & 2 In June we held our annual meeting in the stewardship barn where we celebrated the year, announced our Volunteers of the Year, and had an enthralling presentation by Patrick Lynch during a thunderstorm! We hope this will begin a tradition for years to come. **3** The Knoll: Across from the barn, there is a glade that is encircled by trees. It is another space for meetings and to commune with the outdoors. **4** Jim Arrigoni leading a workshop on using iNaturalist as part of our Wild Lyme biodiversity project in our new conference room.

Check our website lymelandtrust.org for upcoming events, walks and work parties.

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To conserve in perpetuity for the public benefit Lyme's natural, scenic and historic land and water resources by: acquiring and stewarding real properties and conservation easements; supporting open space acquisition by third parties; facilitating scientific study and management of our resources; and educating the community regarding the natural world and the benefits of conservation.



LONG RANGE PLAN

- Conserve land of environmental, cultural or historical importance
- Carry out work of Trust in an operationally, fiscally, legally and ethically responsible manner
- Increase substantially the Trust's educational offerings to youth and adults
- Facilitate scientific study of the natural resources present on selected Preserves for educational and land management purposes
- Strengthen the Land Trust financially and through increased and more effective use of volunteers
- Continue strengthening the Land Trust's stewardship program