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You are
invited →

Annual dinner & meeting at Georgina's

Friday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m., a festive evening for members and friends. Invitation on page 3. RSVP by May 9.



Membership news

Our membership: 370, including 191 life members. Note that many members are couples, so this represents well over 475 members.

Please consider upgrading to life membership, or giving a donation/membership in honor of a friend's birthday.

Membership year:

October 1 to September 30

- Annual: Corporate \$200
- Sustaining \$100
- Individual \$25
- Family \$50
- Life membership \$500

*Single or couple,
same address*

Mail checks to 20 Hartford Road, Manchester, CT 06040, or use PayPal or credit card via the orange button on the Join/Donate page of our website.

Special message, especially to life members

Yipes. We need updated email addresses for everyone, but especially our life members! If you've changed your e-address (even 8 years ago!), please send an update to info@manchesterlandtrust.org.

Also, if you are not receiving our monthly e-newsletter, you can subscribe via the red rectangle on our home page → www.manchesterlandtrust.org.

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One of our popular rail-trail walks, January 2023.



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Dear Land Trust Members and Friends:

2022 was another great year for the Land Trust, including important fund-raising progress for the preservation work that is ongoing for our 600+ acres of open space, maintained for the benefit of our local communities and for habitat for plants and animals.

Our membership has grown, year over year, and we appreciate the support, including our volunteers — the backbone of the Land Trust. Members and volunteers support us in so many ways — including financial donations — and there is no obligation to put in hours and hours of work, but if you are interested in volunteering out on the properties or at events, please contact me.

Hope to see you at the May 19 dinner and meeting; see page 3 for details.

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News from . . .



Dermot Jones
Land Trust President



Risley flowers: Above, Trout Lily, early spring.



Left, Cardinal Flower, mid-summer.

Photos, clockwise from top left • At our 2022 annual dinner, Susan Fiedler presented a program about Frederick Law Olmsted and his Connecticut origins and influences; it was Olmsted's 200th birthday. • Picnic at the pavilion, Bush Hill, thanks to Dick and Rita Borden for hosting. • Generous donors to the Land Trust, the Meshomasic Hiking Club, came out for a walk on our property, July 2022. • Max Dougan of Urban Lodge sponsored an Open Trails event in October and donated the \$2700 proceeds to the Land Trust. Thank you, Max! • Visitors to the Story Trail during one of our guided walks. The Story Trail is expanding — more kiosks for more pages.

OPEN TRAIL INITIATIVE
Beers & BBQ
Saturday, October 29th
5:00 – 9:00pm
at The Hollow at MCC
BBQ, Beer, Live Music & Raffles!
A portion of proceeds will be donated to Manchester Land Trust
Price includes donation, tax and gratuity.

You are invited!

Annual dinner & meeting -- Friday, May 19, 2023

At Georgina's Restaurant, 275 Boston Turnpike, Bolton, CT 06043
\$40.00 for members; \$45 for non-members; \$21.60 for children 12 and under • **5:30 p.m.:** Social time, cash bar. • **6:00 p.m.:** Buffet dinner, featuring: vegetarian, chicken, and fish entrées, vegetables, dessert. • **7:00 p.m.:** Annual meeting & election of board members • **7:15 p.m.:** Wildlife biologist Jane Seymour, manager of the Belding Wildlife Management Area in Vernon, will present an illustrated program about Connecticut flora and fauna, along with their relationship to invasive plants.



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| Name of each guest, print clearly! Mail to Land Trust DINNER, 20 Hartford Road., Manchester, CT 06040. Due to our contract with Georgina's, we need your check & reservation by TUESDAY, MAY 9 |
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Your telephone number _____ Email _____
Members @ \$40 each _____. Non-members @ \$45 each _____. Children 12 & under @ \$21.60 ____ Total enclosed _____. Check # _____ I can't attend, but am sending a donation to the Land Trust
Return this portion with check, payable to Manchester Land Trust. Write DINNER on outside of envelope. Sorry, no refunds. Questions: phone Terry Parla at 860-643-1823 or email info@manchesterlandtrust.org
Or, register & pay online with a credit card on the Join/Donate page at: www.manchesterlandtrust.org
Note: Scroll down to the orange PayPal rectangle.

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Events

For details on our free walks, visit the event page at: www.manchesterlandtrust.org

Saturday, May 13, 8:00 a.m., birdwatcher walk with Jean DiBenedetto, 330 Bush Hill Road, Manchester. Flat terrain, about a half mile walk.

Saturday, May 20, 1:00 p.m., Cheney Railroad walk, 146 Hartford Road, Manchester, 3-1/4 miles on the southern part of the railroad route, owned by the Town.

Friday, May 19 to Saturday, May 27 from 10:00 to 3:00 each day. A giant fund-raising tag sale at the Trust's cider barn, 330 Bush Hill Road, Manchester. Treasures galore. Enjoy 4+ miles of hiking trails before or after shopping.

Manchester Land Conservation Trust - protecting open space land in the Manchester area.



Fri., May 19 to Sat., May 27, 2023
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

At the Land Trust's cider barn, 330 Bush Hill Rd., Manchester 06040
Donations can be dropped off any time in the shed on the right side the barn, or phone Terry Parla 860-643-1823. Special request for folding chairs and sturdy folding tables!

We are selling mountains of items! Books, tools, toys, golf clubs, DVD's, music CD's, jigsaw puzzles, artwork, frames, curiosities, furniture, dishes, household and sports items, glassware, bikes, and items both useful and decorative.

Tag sale for the benefit of the Manchester Land Conservation Trust, protecting the natural landscape in the Manchester region, including farmland, an urban rail trail, ponds, forest, wetlands. More at www.manchesterlandtrust.org

Sunday, June 4, 1:00 p.m., Salter's Pond loop trail. Meet at parking lot of Town swimming pool, 123 Lydall Street. Moderately paced one-mile walk, some wet spots, stairs and a slight hill. One of the Connecticut Trails Day walks.

Saturday, November 25, 1:00 p.m., Highland Park history walk, including a visit to Upper Case Pond, the 7.59-acre property acquired by the Land Trust in 2005. Meet at 670 Spring Street, near the Case Parklet boulder. Two options • history hike that goes to the pond, taking about one hour round trip, and • more strenuous hike, continuing to the summit of Case Mountain, about two hours, with some steep and bumpy terrain.

At right, circa 1920 photo of pond, by John Knoll.



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How to send a *Photo of Month* picture — Celebrate our Land Trust properties with your photographs! Submit high-resolution photos to info@manchesterlandtrust.org and include your name, date of photo, location (one of our Land Trust Properties) and what you like about that particular property. Some of the photos on page 2 are award-winners.

Protecting the environment — The Trust works to protect water, air, and habitat, for animal and plant life in the Trust's natural surroundings. On parcels of sufficient size, the Trust supports passive recreation: hiking, biking, snowshoeing, fishing, bird watching, and other outdoor activities. You, our members and supporters, make this happen. *Pictured at right*, Along the Blue Trail at Risley.

Public welcome to our Board meetings — at 7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of January, February, March, April, June, September, October, and November, at our rented offices, 20 Hartford Road, Manchester or via Zoom. At our business meetings, we make decisions and assign tasks. Please let us know if you plan to attend:

info@manchesterlandtrust.org.

The Town Troubadour visited and recorded — *Pictured at right*, a vintage farm sprayer, along with a music stand. Bill Ludwig, Town Troubadour, recorded some songs at dawn on September 17, 2022. In the right background, the red barn. We have a new map of the 177.5-acre Bush Hill preserve in the “Maps” section of our website www.manchesterlandtrust.org.

