

The JULT Board of Directors started our April meeting by making a resolution to adopt the Land Trust Standards and Practices set forth by the Land Trust Alliance. LTA periodically requests that we do so. The group discussed land stewardship issues including the presence of illegal deer stands at Kikas Valley Farm and the desire to work with the Jericho Trails Committee for trails that connect Kikas Valley to the Barber Farm and other locations. We will try to set up a work day in early June with the Jericho Conservation Commission to eradicate Japanese barberry. We may also use some of our funds to hire someone to do some mapping of the trails on our properties.

JULT has a number of exciting events coming up including:

- A wildflower walk with Michele Tulis from 2 to 4 p.m. on May 7.
- Evergreen Erb's annual bird walk at 7 a.m. on May 20 which will be preceded by her presentation at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on May 18 at 6:30.
- Our annual meeting on May 15, featuring Gretchen Seigchrist's film about the Barber Farm. We will open the doors of the Jericho Community Center at 6:30 for light refreshments and conversation and will have a short business meeting at 7 p.m., followed by the presentation. We will also raffle off some local goods including honey, maple syrup and field guides.
- A trail maintenance day at Wolfrun Natural Area on May 27 from 9:30 to noon.

Livy Strong has also been asked to speak at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library at 6:30 on April 26. She will explain how land trusts work and talk about what JULT has done over the years.

Please note that in May we will NOT be meeting on the first Monday of the month, but rather, will have our annual meeting on May 15.