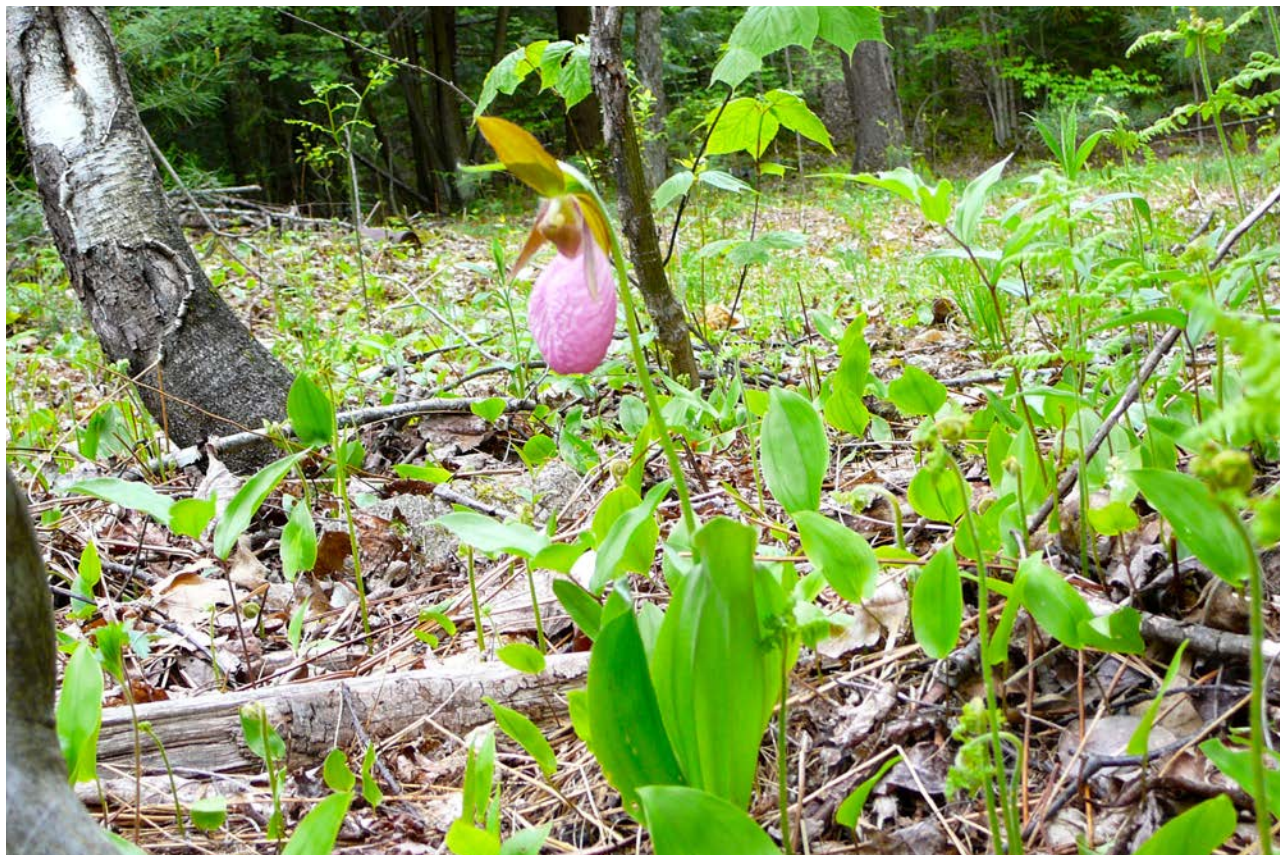




LAND TRUST NEWS

Preserving Open Lands In Our Towns

Spring 2014



Pink Lady Slipper at the Wolfrun Natural Area (photo credit: John Koier)

AMAZING SPRING!

Even in its subtlest forms, spring has arrived. The snow is finally retreating and the cold, dormant ground awakens with new energy. The first fragile green emerges cautiously and meets our eyes of eager anticipation. The frozen landscape is now filling our rivers and ponds. Water trickles from everywhere including from our snow weary roofs. And the work and joy of spring, which has followed many generations, pulls us into a new rhythm...sugaring, preparing the garden, house cleaning and taking off at least one layer of clothing.

The Jericho Underhill Land Trust invites you to celebrate this new season along with us. We have several exciting events planned. Please join us.



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YOU ARE INVITED! *Upcoming JULT Events*

May 2

Combat Invasive Plants JULT and Jericho Conservation Commission have been working together to address invasive plant issues for the last couple of years. We have been addressing Japanese barberry near the agricultural fields at Kikas Valley Farm and last year the Japanese knotweed infestation near the bridge at Mills Riverside Park. This Spring we will be planting silver maple whips to shade out the Japanese knotweed on both the Mills Riverside Park and school property on the other side of the Browns river. We will be aided by the Park District, Browns River Middle School and Underhill I.D. students and have chosen the date of **May 2**. Volunteers from the community are welcome and we will update information on our website and Facebook page as the time draws near.

May 5

Annual Meeting On **May 5**, come to the Underhill Town Hall for the Jericho Underhill Land Trust's annual meeting. This year our speaker will be Barry Genzlinger, aka The Bat Guy. We'll start with cider, light refreshments and great conversation at 6:30 pm. Our annual meeting (generally no more than 15 minutes) will begin at 7:00 pm with Genzlinger's presentation starting immediately afterwards.

May 15 & 17

Annual Bird Walk! Join Evergreen Erb for a delightful slide preview of our favorite local birds and recent spring migrants at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library's Fireside Room at 6:30 pm on May 15th. Then meet again at Mills Riverside Park with Evergreen at 7:00 am on May 17th for an exquisite, leisurely walk. Bring your binoculars and get ready to celebrate the variety of birds found within the park's numerous habitats. The event series is co-sponsored by the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. Come to both events or pick one. **Please call Livy at 899-2693 with any questions.**

June 1

Photography Workshop On **June 1**, join Essex photographer Jerry Lasky for a photography workshop at Wolfrun Natural Area beginning at 4:30 pm. The workshop will be a discussion of landscape photography with an emphasis on composition. Although Lasky will answer technical questions, he hopes the group will focus on issues like the choice of a particular location, lens and angle for a given photograph or scene. Please e-mail him at jerrylaskyvt@gmail.com to register for this event.



Jerry at work.

Lasky has show his work at juried exhibits at the Bryan Gallery in Jeffersonville and has won multiple ribbons at each of the last half dozen Champlain Valley fairs. His photos have been exhibited on calendars produced by Fletcher Allen Health Care and the Jericho Community Center. You can see his work at JBLaskyPhotography.com

ABOUT PRESENTER BARRY GENZLINGER



A long-time member of Bat Conservation International, Genzlinger founded Chioptera Cabin Company in 1998 selling BCI certified bat houses for over a decade. He created bat houses for a variety of research projects including ones conducted by Cornell University and the Arizona Army National Guard. He also built the first artificial roost for the endangered Indiana Bats, as well as the largest bat house in Vermont which is located at Shelburne Farms.

Genzlinger has presented at the ECHO Center and at wildlife conferences across the country. He has also conducted educational workshops across the Northeast. At our annual meeting, he will provide a general overview of bats of the world including a discussion about the White Nose Syndrome which has impacted our local bat population. Genzlinger sees his presentation as an interactive session rather than a lecture so bring your curiosity and your questions. We will have the usual raffle tickets and a bat house will be included as a prize.

LAND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Wolfrun Gateway is being marked for tree thinning and the creation of several wildlife enhancing patch cuts. We will be organizing some volunteer effort for creating the patch cuts and may be doing some logging for the thinning operation as early as this summer. This is all part of our forest management plan that is required by the State of Vermont who holds the conservation easement on this land. I'll update our website and Facebook page as the situation develops.

John Koier
JULT Land Stewardship Chair

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