



Phippen Family Conserves Breese Hollow Dairy in Hoosick

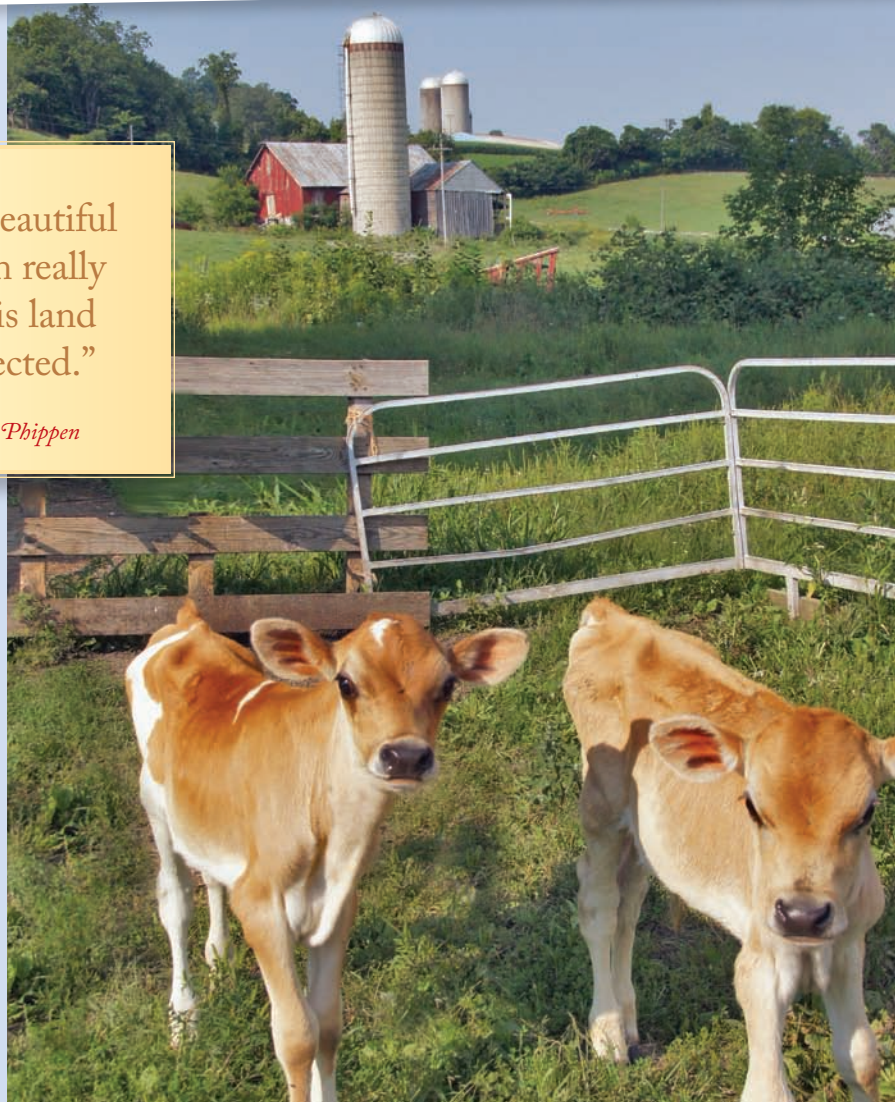
Chuck and Diane Phippen originally came from a suburban community in the Hartford, Connecticut area. They shared an interest in agriculture and Chuck found a job with a local farmer milking once a week. He often brought his children along and remembers it as a “big adventure” that got them started on the road to becoming dairy farmers. They bought a farm in Central New York, but their goal was to raise grass fed cows and conditions there weren’t quite right.

The Phippens find their Shangri-La

They were looking for a farm with ample pasture, a free stall barn with a milking parlor, and a house big enough to accommodate their 12 children. They’d never heard of Hoosick, but after seeing the farm once they knew it was perfect. When their old farm sold quickly, enabling them to make an offer, Chuck said, “It felt like fate brought us here”.

It’s a beautiful piece of land in a valley that inspires awe. Originally part of a land grant awarded to the Breese family by van Rensselaer, the farm has been in production for generations and has supported a variety of agricultural endeavors. According to Chuck, a recent article in the Bennington Banner described the valley as a local “Shangri-La”. With its verdant rolling hills dotted with Jersey cows, it’s easy to see why customers love coming to purchase licensed raw milk, grass-fed beef and chicken at this “earthly paradise”.

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“It’s so beautiful here, I’m really glad this land is protected.”
-Dianne Phippen

Ensuring a Future for Farming and Forestry in our Community

The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) protects our community's working landscape of farms and forests, connects people to the land, and promotes a vibrant future for agriculture in the region. To date, we have assisted landowners with the conservation of 14,165 acres of productive farm and forest land in Washington and Rensselaer counties.

ASA receives funding from its members and supporters, including Castanea Foundation, and the New York Conservation Partnership Program (administered by the Land Trust Alliance Northeast Program with support from New York State).

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From the Executive Director



This year it feels like ASA is entering a new chapter in its history. We recently spent a lot of time preparing to apply for accreditation through the Land Trust Alliance, the national organization which sets standards and practices for more than 1,700 land trusts across America. It was a cathartic endeavor which required us to conduct an in-depth review of our 92 easements and fine tune and streamline our policies and practices. All of our staff and board

members were involved in some way, and the whole project was expertly organized by our associate director Renee Bouplon. I know that receiving accreditation will do much to strengthen our organization as it grows and reassure the public that our land protection efforts are permanent.

We also crafted a new 5-year strategic plan this past year. It was a great opportunity to meet with many people across the community to better understand their values and listen to their ideas about land conservation and local agricultural economic development. One of the goals that came out of this process is pretty ambitious. To help ensure future agricultural viability in our region, we want to protect between 8,000 and 11,000 additional acres over the next 5 years. It's going to take a big investment from the community to achieve this.

Fortunately, this year we received a very generous gift of real estate from Curt and Fleur Strand, which will really help jumpstart the fundraising effort when sold. They had protected their beloved property in Shushan in 1999 and later decided to make a gift of it to ASA. With their passion for conservation, they felt strongly that ASA should sell the property and use the proceeds to help others who wished to protect their land. Please, if you know anyone in the market for a gorgeous 179-acre property with a lovely home, send them our way – it's a real gem!

I have confidence that we will meet the goals set forth in our strategic plan. More and more people are realizing what a precious resource good farmland is and how valuable vibrant, local food systems are. Our efforts to help people across the community make a meaningful connection with farms and forests are really taking off. Through our programs and events and the hiring of Ellie Markovitch, a new programs coordinator dedicated to expanding our outreach in the Capital District Region, we are building a strong and diverse base of support for farmland conservation. If you are already an active member of ASA, thank you very much. If not, please join our conservation movement and be a part of protecting one of our community's most cherished assets – its farms and forests! —Teri Ptacek



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ASA Offers Conserved Property for Sale



Curt and Fleur Strand generously donated their house and property in Shushan to ASA as a gift of real estate. The property, which they had already protected with a conservation easement, is currently listed for sale. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support ASA's farmland conservation work as the Strands wished.

"The Strands' gift couldn't have come at a better time," said Tom Jilek, Chair of ASA's Board of Directors. "Having just completed a new 5-year strategic plan and set ourselves the ambitious goal of protecting an additional 8,000 to 11,000 acres by 2018, we must launch a strong fundraising campaign to succeed. Their leadership gift is just the impetus we need to start this journey, and we couldn't be more grateful for their help."

This beautiful 179-acre property is very private and located at the end of a town maintained dirt road. It is largely forested and includes landscaped perennial gardens, stone walls and patios, and a 1-acre, spring-fed pond. The original portion of the house is a classic 1860's farmhouse with authentic details, including wide floorboards and a stone fireplace. A recent architect-designed addition effectively blends a modern, open floor plan with the original structure. The property has been listed with Select Sotheby's International Realty. Interested parties should contact Deborah Andersson at (518) 496-0237, or deborah.andersson@sothebysrealty.com for more information. Please help us spread the word about this unique and beautiful property!

Consider a Gift of Real Estate

For many people, gifts of real estate can be a wonderful way to fulfill their charitable desires while addressing their tax planning needs. For some, a carefully designed gift of real estate is also a way to alleviate the burdens of owning and managing property. Properties suitable as gifts to ASA include primary residences, vacation and second homes, investment properties, and retail or commercial properties. Land with conservation value can be protected with an easement and then sold to support further land conservation efforts. Contact Renee Bouplon at (518) 692-7285 if you would like to discuss any of these possibilities.

ASA Launches New 5-Year Strategic Plan

With help from the community and guidance from strategic planning expert Debbie Berg, ASA has finalized a new five-year strategic plan. Teri Ptacek, executive director of ASA, explains, "We held a public meeting in the spring of 2011 and invited people from all over the community to share their values and visions and help us understand how we can best serve the community. It was a great and passionate discussion that shaped our goals

for the next five years and gave us the inspiration to work even harder to protect the future of agriculture in our region."

Reaffirming its mission to conserve our community's working landscape of farms and forests, connect people to the land, and promote a vibrant future for agriculture in the region, ASA has identified four main goals to guide us over the coming years. Having already conserved 14,165 acres across Wash-

ington and Rensselaer counties, ASA's first goal is to protect another 8,000 to 11,000 acres by the end of 2018, which will require a minimum \$4.7 million investment.

ASA is also committed to supporting local initiatives in agricultural economic development, giving people the opportunity to make a meaningful connection to our working landscapes, and building the organizational capacity and partnerships needed to accomplish these goals. To receive a copy of the strategic plan, go to agstewardship.org, or call (518) 692-7285.



The Phippen Family

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Good stewardship an important part of their farming strategy

Breese Hollow Dairy was certified organic seven years ago. In addition to selling at the farm, the Phippens sell through the Organic Valley cooperative and Hawthorne Valley. David explains that raising grass fed cows has its advantages. “We don’t need to rely on machinery as much, aren’t as affected by oil prices and typically get more for our product. There’s no one way to do dairy farming, but for our situation, being grass-fed and organic works well.” Diane says their customers include local residents as well as people who are willing to drive a bit for the opportunity to see where their food is raised.

Being good stewards of their land is important to the Phippens. Several neighboring farmers had previously conserved their lands. After meeting with ASA to discuss the details, the Phippens were inspired to do the same. The project was awarded a grant from the federal Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program, and ASA secured additional funding from Castanea Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts, Rensselaer County and the Whipstock Hill Preservation Society to complete the farm’s conservation. Including the Phippens’ 165-acres, ASA has now helped farmers protect 1,703 acres within one mile of Breese Hollow Dairy and taken a significant step towards ensuring agricultural viability in the region.

Phippens use funding to reinvest in their operation

The Phippens are using the funds from the sale of their development rights to purchase an adjacent piece of support land and are installing solar panels to provide electricity for the farm. While their children have all been involved with the farm, Chuck and Diane don’t know ultimately whether any will choose to follow in their footsteps. But knowing their land will continue to be open and available for agriculture is satisfying for the Phippens. Diane said, “It’s so beautiful here, I’m really glad this land is protected.”



Partnership with the Whipstock Hill Preservation Society Key in Two Recent Conservation Projects

The Whipstock Hill Preservation Society, named for the long mountain that straddles the New York-Vermont border, was founded by a group of neighbors who were concerned about the impact of development on the scenic area that includes Whipstock Hill and nearby Breese Hollow in East Hoosick, New York.

ASA is grateful to Whipstock for being a key partner in two recent conservation projects. They helped ASA protect the New York portion of the former Stearns Brothers Farm, providing some of the local match required for the state’s farmland protection grant. They also contributed funding for the conservation of the Breese Hollow Dairy (pg.1), protected this past spring. These two farms are adjacent and located on Breese Hollow Road.

“Our mission area includes Breese Hollow, a beautiful part of east Hoosick rich with fertile bottomland soils, productive farms, wildlife habitat, and water resources. It’s a special place and we’re very happy to help landowners preserve it,” said Kate McQuerrey, programs director of Whipstock. For more information on The Whipstock Hill Preservation Society, visit whipstockhill.org.

PICTURED ABOVE

Whipstock Board, Linda Putney, Chuck Putney, Paul Kolderie, Kate McQuerrey, Joe MacDonald, & Leik Myrabo. Not pictured, Jane & Tony Radochia, Stuart Bradford & Al Ray.



Ed Slocum Protects His Family Farm in Easton

Sitting in the kitchen of Ed Slocum's family farmhouse on Route 40 in Easton, I asked Ed when his family moved there. He said, "Oh, I think it was about 1950 that we came here." I asked where they'd come from and he replied drily, pointing behind him, "Over on the mountain road." Remembering the farm his family used to own, Ed said, "They built a mansion up there. I decided I didn't need such stuff here." He's an Easton farmer through and through and so were his father and grandfather before him. Ed's family has been farming here as long as he can remember, and long before there was electricity.

His 321-acre farm backs up to Willard Mountain and overlooks the Hudson River. It contains a high percentage of prime agricultural soils and a woodlot that is managed for high-quality timber harvest. It is traversed by a tributary of Ensign Brook. Ed operated a small dairy up until 2004 when he decided he had to sell the cows. He said, "The milk hauler wanted me to put in a new driveway, the Agrimark field man wanted a new milk house and I needed a new barn. I couldn't do it all at once. It was hard to see the cows go."

Fortunately, Ed found a way to stay in farming. He now leases his fields to several neighboring farms, one of which he also works for. His land is used to raise feed and pasture heifers, and one of his three daughters keeps her horses there.

He's kept all his machinery and admits that he sometimes thinks about building a new barn and getting started with a dairy again. He's an avid hunter, and remembers that when he was growing up, you could walk all over the mountain without seeing a "No Trespassing" sign.

His love for the land and all it provides led him to protect it. His neighbor Sean Quinn, who operates Sunset View Farm and who served on ASA's board, talked to him about conserving. Quinn had purchased a piece of land across Route 40 that the Moy family had previously conserved. Because it was protected, Quinn was able to buy it at its agricultural value. He talked to Ed about how conservation makes good land more affordable for future farmers to buy.

While all three of Ed's daughters have degrees and careers related to agriculture, he's not sure if they will want to work the farm in Easton. But he wants to see it remain in agriculture. Ed worked with ASA to successfully apply for a grant from the New York State Farmland Protection Program. Additional funding from the Castanea Foundation and a generous donation from Ed made the conservation of his farm possible. With its protection, ASA has now helped farmers conserve a contiguous 1,500-acre block of high-quality farmland along the Route 40 corridor.



ASA is a member of EarthShare, a nationwide federation of the most respected environmental and conservation charities in the country. You can make a gift to ASA by payroll contribution through EarthShare's workplace giving program at numerous private companies, many state and

Make a Workplace Gift to ASA Through Earthshare!

municipal government organizations, and in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), by selecting 999-06648 on your pledge form.

To find out more about how you and your workplace can support ASA through an EarthShare charitable giving campaign, please call Meegan Finnegan at (518) 692-7285. You can also visit EarthShare's web site at earthshare.org. Many thanks to everyone who has made a gift to ASA through EarthShare this year!

Ellie Markovitch Joins ASA as Rensselaer County Programs Coordinator

Connecting people from all over the region to our working landscapes and giving them a meaningful opportunity to learn about farms, food production, and land conservation is at the heart of ASA's mission. We were fortunate to receive a grant from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program*, which is administered by the Land trust Alliance, to expand outreach in Rensselaer County by hiring a seasonal, part-time employee to develop new programs.

Ellie Markovitch, who describes herself as a “multimedia storyteller, food artist and chef”, was the perfect candidate for the job. Ellie started working with ASA and the Capital District Community Gardens (CDCG) this fall by offering a Brazil-

ian raw food cooking demonstration at the protected Denison Farm in Schaghticoke. She talked about growing up in Brazil while teaching participants how to prepare Raw Beet Carpaccio with Brazilian Vinaigrette, Curried Vegetable Slaw Beggar's Purses, and an Orange and Collard Green Juice.

Ellie is teaching photography classes to teens from The Produce Project, a CDCG program for Troy High School students that teaches participants how to raise, harvest and sell vegetables. The group visited Soul Fire Farm in Grafton to learn how to market produce through photography. A second workshop will be held at the Community Gardens in Troy so that students can

practice marketing produce they've raised.

Ellie is helping facilitate new partnerships and speaking engagements. She and executive director Teri Ptacek recently spoke to professor Abby

Kinchy's “Food, Farms, and Famine” class at RPI. Ellie brought homemade bread and pesto from her garden and made granola during the presentation while Teri talked about how important farmland protection is to food security.

Ellie and ASA are doing a presentation for members of the From Scratch Club, a group in the Capital Region dedicated to home cooking and gardening. The

club recently devoted one of their twice monthly “food swaps” to raise funds for ASA, giving us an opportunity to talk to their members about ASA's work sustaining local food systems.

“I use food, family stories and photography to help build community”, explained Ellie. “I am excited and honored to be working with ASA to create events that bring people together and continue the conversation about food, farms and land conservation.” Follow Ellie's blog about her work at storycooking.com and be sure to check agstewardship.org for upcoming programs. For more information on the Capital District Community Gardens and the From Scratch Club, visit cdcg.org and fromscratchclub.com.



Ellie Markovitch



Carpaccio de Beterraba Crua

Ellie's Raw Beet Carpaccio with Brazilian Vinaigrette

serves 6 salads or 12 appetizers

4 medium beets, peeled and thinly sliced
drizzled with about 2 tbs olive oil

1 1/2 tbs red wine vinegar

1/4 tsp sea salt

Sprinkle pepper

Serve topped with Brazilian Vinaigrette and shaved Parmesan cheese (optional)

Molho Vinagrete

Brazilian Vinaigrette

4 tomatoes, finely chopped

1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded, and finely chopped

1 green bell pepper, cored, seeded, and finely chopped

1 medium onion, finely chopped

1 tbs of olive oil

2 tbs of vinegar

scallions and parsley finely chopped—Cheiro Verde or “green smell”

salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a medium bowl and stir until well combined. Let stand at least 20 minutes before serving.

*The New York State Conservation Partnership Program is funded by the Environmental Protection Fund



A Big Year for Tour de Farm

With more than 400 riders and 60 volunteers, the 2012 Tour de Farm was a tremendous success. Hosted by ASA and Saratoga P.L.A.N., Tour de Farm gave bicyclists the opportunity to challenge themselves on the hills of the Upper Hudson River valley while raising funds to protect the working landscapes that make it such a beautiful ride.

After a safety bike check by Olde Saratoga Bike and Board, the seasoned riders of the Cambridge Valley Cyclists (CVC) guided cyclists through the hilly and historic landscape of the Upper Hudson Valley. Highlights of the 35-mile route included riding through the McMahan Thoroughbred farm, cycling by re-enactors in Revolutionary War period clothing at the Saratoga National Historical Park and learning about vegetable production at the recently conserved Quincy Farm. Riders on the 15-mile ride learned about raising heif-

ers at Sunset View Farm, were greeted by sheep at Ensign Brook Farm and educated about compost at Booth Farm.

Blueberries from Winney's Farm, cucumbers from 9 Miles East, and Battenkill Brittle were some of the locally sourced snacks provided to hungry riders at stops. Spoonful Catering prepared a fantastic local foods picnic at the finish using ingredients from Butler Family Farm, Denison Farm, Moses Farm, Crandalls Corners Farm, 3-Corner Field Farm and Hand Melon Farm. We enjoyed beer from Brown's Brewing, and the Washington County and Rensselaer County Dairy Princesses served up ice cream from the Ice Cream Man.

Thank you to John Hand of Hand Melon Farm for hosting the event and to our wonderful sponsors Chobani Yogurt, Blue Sky Bicycles and Currin Compliance Service, LLC. They are great examples of businesses that care about the region we live in and we're so grateful for them!

Thank you Alle Wingerter!

Alle Wingerter, a graduate of St. Lawrence University with a degree in English and Environmental studies, interned with ASA this past summer. Alle did an outstanding job as the key organizer of our 5th annual Tour de Farm bike event, starting a blog (our first!) to market the event in April and coordinating press releases, advertising and promotional materials for the tour.

She worked with local farmers to plan stops along the route and source local food for the picnic and coordinated more than 60 volunteers to run the event. Her hard work paid off! With more than 400 riders the Tour was our biggest and most successful.

Alle also assisted with a number of ASA's other outreach programs including the Farm Photography for Kids workshop series. She helped our easement steward with annual site visits and worked with our project managers on several conservation projects. Alle

has a passion for conservation and writing and plans to apply for graduate school. We wish her the best of luck!



“Working at ASA and planning Tour de Farm was a very informative experience. I learned a lot about the land conservation movement, non-profit management, and event planning. It was great working with the ASA team!”

— Alle Wingerter



Recent Events & Programs



It was a banner year for events and programs which gave us a chance to meet new supporters and work with some great partners! In July, we held our Barbecue and Bands Family Picnic at the Washington County Fairground to honor the families who'd recently protected their land.

ASA partnered with Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District (WCSWCD) to host a presenta-

tion by Carl Schwartz from the US Fish and Wildlife Service on natural stream systems and how landowners can protect and restore stream corridors. We teamed up with WCSWCD to host a farm pond management workshop at the LaCroix property in Greenwich and again to offer two levels of chain saw skills and safety courses at Thunder Mountain with nationally-recognized, expert instructors from The Game of Logging.

ASA held a nature walk with naturalist Howard Smith at White Oak Farm in Hoosick and a native plant workshop at Fiddlehead Creek Native Plant Nursery in Hartford. And expert mycologist Sue Van Hook taught an avid group of aspiring fungus farmers how to propagate spores to grow their own mushrooms at St. Croix Farm in Schaghticoke.

Many thanks to the landowners, educators and partners who made these programs possible and to Archdale Agricultural Products, LLC, Black Creek Valley Farms, Inc., Byron's Village Market/Cambridge IGA, Capital Tractor, Inc, The Chazen Companies, Currin Compliance Services, LLC, Farm Credit East, Fronhofer Tool Company, Glens Falls National Bank, Granville Veterinary Service, P.C. and Washington County Farm Bureau for sponsoring our barbecue and "Make a Connection with the Land" series.

Farm Photography for Kids Exhibit Inspires Next Generation of Conservation

Twenty-two kids aged 7 to 14 participated in this summer's Farm Photography for Kids series. Photographers Cliff Oliver, Corrina Aldrich and Dona Ann McAdams led trips to 6 diverse farms across Washington and Rensselaer counties to practice the basic skills of photography while learning about the farms. We visited Deep Roots Holsteins Farm in Hudson Falls, the Cannon Cattle Ranch in Pittstown, Elihu Farm in Easton, Flying Pigs Farm in Shushan, Homestead Farm in Brunswick, and Northern Spy Farm in Sandgate Vermont.

The kids took fabulous photos of cows, sheep, geese, pigs, chickens, vegetables, goats, a few frogs, farm trucks and tractors, and some gorgeous landscapes! Along the way they got to try their hand at milking cows, splashed in farm ponds, held chicks and got muddy with the pigs. Their work was framed and exhibited at



the Washington County and Schaghticoke fairs. "I am amazed by the work these kids did, their creativity and enthusiasm" said teacher Cliff Oliver. "They really get what farms are about and I hope these visits inspire a life-long passion for photography and protecting farms."

Many thanks to our photography teachers and to the farmers who hosted us! If you are interested in joining us for upcoming Farm Photography for Kids workshops, please contact Meegan at meegan@agstewardship.org or (518) 692-7285.



Farm Photography for Kids is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered locally by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council. Additional sponsors include Currin Compliance Services, LLC, TD Bank, NA, Glens Falls National Bank, Rensselaer County Farm Bureau, Washington County Farm Bureau, Booth's Blend Compost, Capital Tractor, Inc, Juniper Farm and Lewis Waite Farm.





11th Annual Landscapes for Landsake Generates \$30K for Farmland Protection

Despite a bit of rain, ASA had a great turnout for this year's Landscapes for Landsake art exhibition with more than 2,000 visitors over the course of Columbus Day weekend. Artist Serena Kovalosky did a wonderful job curating the exhibit, which included work from 34 local artists. In addition to the traditional landscapes theme, Kovalosky chose art that showcased a variety of styles, from abstract paintings to digitally-enhanced photography to rustic home décor. The resulting art sales were terrific! With artists generously donating 50% of the proceeds, admissions and business sponsorship, the exhibit generated approximately \$30K for farmland conservation.

"As I was talking with the artists about their work," Kovalosky said, "I'd ask about a particular barn in their painting or photograph and they'd reply, 'Oh, that barn doesn't exist anymore'. That sparked the idea to create a special Tribute to Barns in the small gallery below the main exhibition area. As I collected barns and silos from the past and present, I began to appreciate the deep symbolism that each disappearing barn represents - the end of yet another small farm, a way



of life that the Agricultural Stewardship Association is striving to protect."

We were honored that Skidmore student Megan Pini choose to donate 100% of the proceeds from the sale of her "leaves of conservation", a ceramics project she created with artist and Professor Leslie Ferst. They were beautiful and sold like hotcakes!

Our deepest thanks to Larry Sconzo who graciously hosts the Landscapes show every year. It wouldn't be such an exceptional art event if it weren't for him and his beautiful property. And big thanks to our wonderful volunteers and everyone who came and supported the show by purchasing art!

Artists:

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