



Community Supported Conservation Help Protect the Denison Farm – Your Source of Local Food



Brian and Justine Denison began their life together farming a commercial, conventional farm in Maine where they owned the house and packing barn but rented the land. They enjoyed farming but had no direct contact with their consumers and felt disconnected from their market. Then Brian and their eldest daughter Susannah began experiencing health problems they felt were a result of some of the chemicals they were using.

Finding the Right Farm in a Great Community

Determined to own land and farm it using healthy, sustainable practices, the Denisons were overjoyed to find a 164-acre farm in Schaghticoke, New York that had been farmed organically for 17 years. The farm was unique. Owners Mark Graber and Hetty Hall were among a group of forward thinking people

who had heard about a CSA in the Berkshires and were inspired to start one for the capital district. Mark and Hetty offered their farm as the CSA's home and the group hired Janet Britt, who now works for ASA as our easement steward, to be their farmer.

The idea of buying a share in a farm's success, visiting that farm weekly and taking home a bounty of great food caught on

in a big way. Members felt they were part of a special community and appreciated being able to see that their food was being raised locally and sustainably and was therefore healthier and more delicious.

A Powerhouse of Food Production for the Capital Region

When Brian and Justine bought the farm in 2005, and took over the CSA from Janet, they continued to put their hard work and ingenuity into making it a powerhouse of local food production. Today they grow more than 80 varieties of vegetables and their CSA has expanded to 480 members. The farm is so abundant that they also supply a number of restaurants and sell at the Troy and Saratoga Farmers markets, serving hundreds of local residents.

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Another Historic Farm to be Protected

ASA will launch a campaign to protect Quincy Farm, formerly Battleview Farm in Easton later this summer. Quincy Farm is a 49-acre historic property that borders the Hudson directly across from the Saratoga National Historical Park. It has more than a quarter of a mile of frontage along the Hudson River, and very rich soils. ASA is partnering with the Open Space Institute, Castanea Foundation and Pew Charitable Trust to conserve this fertile and important piece of the Battlefield view shed. Look for details later this summer!



Local farms are vital to our future

The Agricultural Stewardship Association is a non-profit land trust founded in 1990 by local farmers and conservationists to protect land for agricultural and forestry uses in Washington and Rensselaer counties. Our goal is to make sure that farms and forests will continue to be a part of everyone's lives for many generations to come. To date, we have assisted landowners with the conservation of 11,687 acres of farm and forest land.

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

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From the Executive Director



I want to thank all of our members for heeding our call for help and giving so generously at the end of last year. Due to deep cuts in the state's farmland protection program last year we were unable to close on a number of outstanding projects, resulting in a budget shortfall. Fortunately, a long-time partner gave us a tremendous opportunity, pledging to match gifts up to \$30K

and you, our loyal members, helped us reach and surpass that goal. We had our best year end appeal to date and are so grateful to you all!

Now, after what seemed like a winter that would never end, a season of growth and abundance is finally here! There is good news to share and these recent challenges have inspired us to find new ways to assist landowners and move conservation forward. This spring we will launch our first, farm-specific campaign to protect the fabulous Denison Farm in Schaghticoke. Later this summer, we will hold a similar campaign to protect an organic farm in a historic location along the Hudson. We will be working with new partners and utilizing diverse funding sources for these exciting conservation projects.

We are also pleased to report that amid all the other budget cuts, the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), which was subject to drastic cuts last year, has not been further reduced this year. Although the farmland protection program (funded through the EPF) was set at \$10.75 million in last year's budget, only \$5 million was released—not nearly enough to cover the backlog of outstanding contracts. The governor has promised that all \$12 million appropriated this year will be released. While this will not allow for any new projects for the third year in a row, it should help move the projects that have been awarded funding toward completion. Indeed, we've just received the funds needed to finalize a great project in Easton which will close by summer. In the meantime we are applying for Federal funding for new farms this spring.

Our community programming has expanded considerably and we are meeting new supporters who share our passion for protecting our region's beautiful, productive farms. We are offering families an opportunity to visit some really interesting farms through our Farm Photography for Kids program, nature walks, and tours. We are connecting with farmers, landowners and outdoor enthusiasts through programs that teach about pond management techniques, how to control insects and rodents naturally with barn owls and kestrels, and how to find and identify wild mushrooms. If you have ideas for programs you'd like to lead or attend, please give us a call or stop in and let us know. Thanks again for all of your support. It's wonderful to be part of such a vibrant community! —Teri Ptacek



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Three Sisters Honor their Past and Protect the Family Farm for the Future

Sisters Carol Leith, Donna Baumann, and Laurie George have donated a conservation easement on the 272-acre Telford Farm, which straddles the Hoosick and White Creek town line on Telford Road. The farm has been in their family since 1911 and was operated as a dairy until 1992 when it switched to raising beef. The sisters' family was immersed in farm life. Their mother Marge and her brother Bill were both raised as farmers. Marge lived on her parents' farm until she married their father and bought a dairy farm in White Creek, which was visible from the kitchen window of her parents' house. Uncle Bill continued to work and live on the Telford farm his whole life.

Raised on Farming

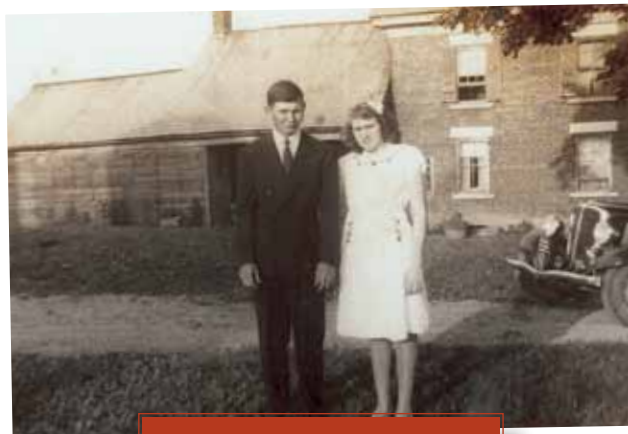
Throughout their youth, Carol, Donna, and Laurie visited the farm on Telford Road frequently and it helped shape their lives. Carol fondly remembers "Waking up after an overnight at my grandparents', the first thing I'd hear was the sound of the milking machines. The hum told me everything was all right on the farm. Years later I can still recall that comforting sound." When their parents sold the White Creek property and got out of the dairy business, the sisters felt the loss, even as they headed off to college, then careers, and started raising families of their own. It seemed each generation was more removed from the farming lifestyle that they'd grown up with and loved.

Carol, Donna, and Laurie were deeded the Telford farm by their grandmother shortly before she passed away. Their uncle Bill is retired now but still lives on the farm which is rented to a nearby dairy farmer. Carol lives in Wynantskill, Donna in Texas, and Laurie in West Cambridge. Although

they are not involved with agriculture, they try to keep a connection with the family farm. Occasionally they've been able to gather the family together, hitch the hay wagon up to the tractor and take everyone for a ride around the farm, so that their children can share a sense of their family's past and the joy of being free to roam.

The Decision to Conserve Came Naturally

From the start the sisters all agreed that they wanted to protect the farm from development. Understanding that the success of agriculture in a region depends upon having a number of vibrant, active farms, the sisters worried about what would happen to their family farm in the future. Carol explains, "We could sell it to a farmer we trusted to keep it as a farm, but what would happen when he and his family were done with it? Protecting it now means we don't have to worry—it will never be broken up. It will remain available for farming. We feel really good about that."



Honoring their uncle, mother (above) and grandparents, sisters Carol, Donna and Laurie protected the Telford Farm

Make a Connection with the Land

ASA has some exciting programs and events scheduled for this summer and fall. Don't miss these great opportunities to explore the diversity and beauty of our region's farmland.

April 28th through July 21st

6 sessions

Farm Photography for Kids

\$5/per child, per session,
registration required



Learn how to take great photos of your favorite farm animals and agricultural scenes. Now in its second year, the Farm Photography for Kids program gives kids ages 8 and up a chance to visit some of our region's most interesting farms, find out what they do there and learn how to take great photos from professionals. Photographers Dona Ann McAdams, Corrina Aldrich, Sean McEntee and Cliff Oliver will teach kids the fundamentals of composition and lighting, and begin to investigate photographic techniques.

Over the course of the spring and early summer we will visit six fantastic farms. After the group will meet to review work and choose one photo from each photographer which will be featured in a special exhibition in ASA's booth at the Washington County Fair and the Schaghticoke Fair.

Trips this year include a visit to a sheep and chicken farm in time for spring lambs, dairy goats and an opportunity to feed brand new kids, rare heritage breed pigs and their piglets, stunningly soft alpacas, calves, heifers and a bounty of home grown vegetables. You can sign up for one or as many sessions as you like but space is limited so register early and come document for yourself the beauty and diversity of our community's working farms.

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.

June 11th

10-noon, Steele Farm, Kingsbury

Barn Owl and Kestrel Pest Management Workshop

Free workshop, registration requested

Wendy Hall of the Adirondack Wildlife Refuge & Rehabilitation Center in Wilmington, NY will lead a barn owl and kestrel workshop to demonstrate how these birds of prey function as a natural form of non-toxic rodent control. The kestrel consumes large amounts of voles and insects by day and at night the barn owl serves as an amazingly efficient mouser. Wendy will bring several of her rodent consuming raptors and show us how to build nesting boxes to attract them!

July 17th

First ride begins at 9 a.m.

Tour de Farm: Saratoga Battlefield Landscapes



Tour de Farm is a recreational bike ride organized by ASA and Saratoga P.L.A.N. in partnership with Saratoga National Historical Park. The tour showcases the scenic working landscapes and historical sites surrounding the Park and begins and ends at Hand Melon Farm. Riders chose between two scenic routes: a 15 mile ride, suitable for recreational riders, that stays east of the Hudson, and a 35 mile loop for intermediate riders that crosses the river and stops at the Battlefield before returning through Schuylerville. Both include stops at farms and historical sites, and a post-ride picnic featuring the delicious bounty of our local farms.

For more information, directions and registration for all of these events, visit www.agstewardship.org or call Meegan at 692-7285.

Recent Events and Programs

Despite the cold wintery weather, ASA held some great programs earlier this year. In February, Len Cronin, a certified Finch forester led an informative woods walk on the conserved Klein forest in Jackson. Len talked about the components of a forest management

plan and how they can be tailored to meet individual landowner's objectives.

March saw some fantastic sugaring weather and we were fortunate to visit Fred Truhart's sugar house in Salem when the sap was overflowing and share in the glory of the boil. Fred sets about 4,500 taps and uses a reverse osmosis machine to extract some water before boiling the sap in his wood-fired

evaporator. He had a record-breaking year, producing gallons of the sweet stuff.

ASA worked with Battenkill Books and Hubbard Hall to host a Curiosity Forum with Bennington College professor Valerie Imbruce. Professor Imbruce gave an informative talk about her research on Washington County's unique agricultural heritage, land use policies and the ways our farm economy has evolved over the years.

Date TBD

Location TBD

Stream Bank Restoration and Riparian Plantings

Much of our most fertile farmland lies along the banks of streams and rivers. These lands are vulnerable to erosion and flooding, often resulting in loss of soil. ASA and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) have sponsored Carl Schwartz, a nationally recognized expert, to lead us on a tour of several sites on the Battenkill River to view examples of riparian plantings and other methods of natural stream bank restoration.

September 11th

2-4 p.m., Joslin Lane Farm, Buskirk
Walk on the Wild Side

Free family program,
registration requested



Naturalist Howard Romack will lead a family-friendly walk on the ecologically diverse Joslin Lane Farm to find out what's flying and scurrying in the woods, wetlands and fields around us. In addition to the interesting creatures we'll surely find, Howard will bring a number of "friends" with him!

September 18th

2-4 p.m., Sanders property, Salem
Foraging for Wild Mushrooms

Adult program, \$10/person,
registration required



Expert mycologist Sue Van Hook will take us on a mushroom foraging expedition on the 372-acre conserved Sanders property in Salem.

October 8th through 10th

10th Anniversary
Landscapes for Landsake
Art Exhibition

SPECIAL AWARDS GALA DINNER
October 6

Tickets on sale in September

OPENING RECEPTION
October 8, 3 to 6 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS
October 9 & 10, Noon to 4 p.m.
Maple Ridge,
172 State Rte. 372, Coila

\$5 admission

See back page for details.

October 22nd

2-4 p.m. Hogan property, Hampton
Woods Walk and Bonfire

Free family program,
registration requested

Join us for a walk through the fall woods. There are extensive trails to explore after which we will gather by the Hogan's stunning new barn to enjoy a bonfire, refreshments and story about the Slate Valley region's rich history.

Local Business Lend Critical Support for Farmland Conservation

We are deeply indebted to the many local businesses that support our work by sponsoring our events and programs. Their commitment to protecting our region's farms is commendable and we truly value their partnership.

"One doesn't have to look very far to see the irrevocable effects to our land



Rick McClenning,
Premier Dairy
Service, LLC

resources when farms cease to exist. Having the perspective of this impact as a local businessman, a participant in local government, and certainly as one personally immersed in the agricultural community, it is clear to me that in order for us to have a chance to slow or reverse this trend, everyone needs to be involved.

We can't stand on the sidelines and wait for someone else to do all the lifting. **For years, we have viewed business sponsorship as an opportunity to stand with ASA and actively be a part of the solution.**"

ASA was also pleased to be an exhibitor at the first annual Winter Raptor Fest. Held at the Little Theatre on the Farm in the heart of the Washington County Grassland Important Bird Area (IBA), participants learned about how the grasslands provide exceptional breeding and wintering habitat for many endangered or threatened grassland birds, including short-eared owls and northern harriers.

Thank you landowners, educators and partners for making these programs possible...

Al and Debora Klein

Len Cronin and
the Finch Foresters

Eli (Fred) and
Karie Truhart

Judy Shaw

Valerie Imbruce

Gina Deibel and
Hubbard Hall

Connie Brooks and
Battenkill Books

Laurie LaFond
and Friends of the
Washington County
Grasslands

“Denison Farm” continued from front page

There is no doubt that this farm, which was one of the first to be settled in the valley after the Revolutionary War and has since been developed by generations of farmers into a rich agricultural resource for the community, should never be dotted with houses. But development pressure is growing. The new nanotech development in Malta is just nine miles from the farm. As the capital region expands, farms are threatened and the cost of farmland increases, making it harder for young farmers to buy.

Protecting the Land for Future Farmers and Consumers

While the Denisons have no immediate plans to retire, they are aware that in order to pass the baton to the next generation of farmers they must take action now to protect it. Their daughter Maggie, who studied environmental science at Green Mountain College, urged them to “do the right thing” and protect this community treasure. By placing a conservation easement on the land and extinguishing its development rights for non agricultural purposes, the property would be affordable for farming. The Denisons reached out to ASA for help.

Calling on the Community for Support

The good news is that ASA has already secured a majority of funding needed to complete the farm’s conservation. Grants from the Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection program, the Castanea Foundation, Pew Charitable Trust and other public funding have covered 83% of the cost of the project. Brian and Justine are able to donate a portion of the easement but ASA still needs to raise \$29,000 from the community to seal the deal.

The Denison Farm is too valuable a piece of land to let go to development. It has nourished hundreds if not thousands of people in the community with healthy fresh food for more than two decades. In addition to being a source of local food it helps create and strengthen a sense of community. Recently one of Justine’s CSA members in Saratoga had a heart attack and was in a desperate situation. Justine sent a message to her other CSA members to let them know and they responded with compassion and kindness, offering rides to doctor appointments, good food and moral support. That’s the kind of positive force that creates community. To help protect the Denison Farm, go to www.agstewardship.org and make a donation or become a fundraiser for the farm.

Tax Incentives for Donating Conservation Easements

If you have ever considered donating a conservation easement on your working land, like Noel and Judy Hanf did on their O’Donnell Hill Farm in 2007, this is the perfect time to contact ASA to get your project rolling. Contact Renee or Chris by early July at 692-7285 for more information about donating a conservation easement.

“For about 37 years, we have tried to preserve this farm in the way it was when the O’Donnell family farmed here, but we know we won’t be able to do that forever. So for us, donating an easement to ASA provided three benefits: permanent stewardship of the land; supporting ASA’s farmland-preservation mission; and a mechanism for our financial benefit in the present, in the form of tax deductions.”

- Noel and Judy Hanf, O’Donnell Hill Farm



The Greene Family Creates a Farming Legacy

The Greene family, father Paul and sons Carl and John, operate Mapledale Farm on Greenes Brook Road in Berlin. Their ancestors include two farming families who were among the pioneering settlers of the Berlin area. Both started farms that have served as home for their extended family for generations.



Deep Roots in Farming go Back to the Revolutionary War

In 1769, Colonel Caleb Bentley left Rhode Island by oxcart to settle in the pleasant valley of the Little Hoosic. He was a Colonel in the American Revolution and fought at the Battle of Bennington. In 1777, John Greene, another Rhode Islander, left his family home to serve in the war and fought in the Saratoga campaign. After serving their country, both men settled in what would become the Town of Berlin and began a legacy of family, farming, and stewardship of the land.

William Perry Greene, John's great grandson, purchased what is now Mapledale Farm in 1853. He raised dairy cattle, sheep, poultry, and swine, and produced cheese and maple syrup. Seven generations later, Paul and his sons Carl and John operate a modern dairy, milking 430 cows and keeping a few chickens and pigs for the family. In the last few years they have diversified and returned to making cheese which they market direct and wholesale. The Cooperstown Cheese Company helps them pair their high-quality milk with the right cheese type, which they age at the farm in their own man-made cheese cave.

Conservation Enables Mapledale Farm to Acquire Rented Land

Like many dairy farmers, the Greens rent land in addition to their home farm to raise crops to support their dairy operation. They began renting one 50-acre parcel from Bob Bentley, a cousin, who had retired from dairying. Bob was anxious to keep the land in the family and in agriculture. The Greens approached ASA with a plan to purchase the land from their relative and protect it with a conservation easement. ASA secured a grant from the Castanea Foundation to pay for a portion of the easement, making it more affordable for the Greens to acquire, and they donated the remaining value.

Now, a rich parcel of land which has been in their extended family for generations has been protected from any future development. Carl explains their satisfaction, "We received this

land through a family legacy and now, with its conservation, we have established a legacy to be passed along to the next generation." For more information about this historical farm and to find out how you can purchase some of their fabulous cheese, visit www.mapledalefarm.com



Board, Staff and Volunteer News



We thank **Remus Preda** for his six years of service to our Board. Remus lives in Argyle, runs a small beef operation and works for

Berkshire Bank. He has been very helpful in providing financial guidance and legal expertise in-house. We are especially grateful for his work on our finance and investment committee.

“It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated and talented group of land conservation professionals; a hands-on, hard working board of directors and an enlightened membership. My time with ASA has been very fulfilling and I cannot overstate the importance of their mission to conserve farmland in our region. With water shortages in the west, rising oil prices and increased global instability, securing our land base for future food production is becoming more important than ever.”

—Remus Preda

ASA decided to increase the size of our Board this year, adding five new members, three of whom grew up in Washington County and are some of our youngest board members ever. We are delighted with the new, energetic talent joining the board.

Tara Nolan, an accountant with Dickinson & Company, is a resident of Eagle Bridge who grew up on her family farm and was a Washington County Dairy Princess. **Cynthia Parillo**, a former director of development at Albany College of Pharmacy, comes to us from Buskirk in Rensselaer County where she and her husband own a small farm. **Katherine Roome** is a publishing attorney and local author, living in Greenwich. Kathy has supported ASA's work in various ways for many years and cares deeply for the agricultural heritage of our area.

Erica Sellar Ryan is a local attorney who grew up in Argyle and works for Jordan & Kelly LLC. Her background is in environmental and land use law and she revealed that she actually enjoyed reading our conservation easements when she worked for Washington County! **Justin Stevens** is a local business leader who returned to Better Bee, Inc., his family's apiary business, after returning from the Peace Corps. Justin said, “I am interested in serving the community I live in through supporting organizations whose goals are oriented toward strengthening the livelihoods of the members of the community beyond mere economics. Strong communities have a connection to their land and ASA helps foster that connection.”

ASA Welcomes New Staff Member Sarah Kane



Sarah Kane originally comes from a small farming community in Northern Ireland and now lives in Schuylerville with her husband and son.

She has an extensive background in book keeping and office management and has run her own consulting business. She joins ASA as our part-time membership and office coordinator.

Thank you, Doug Yeates and Keith Pomakoy

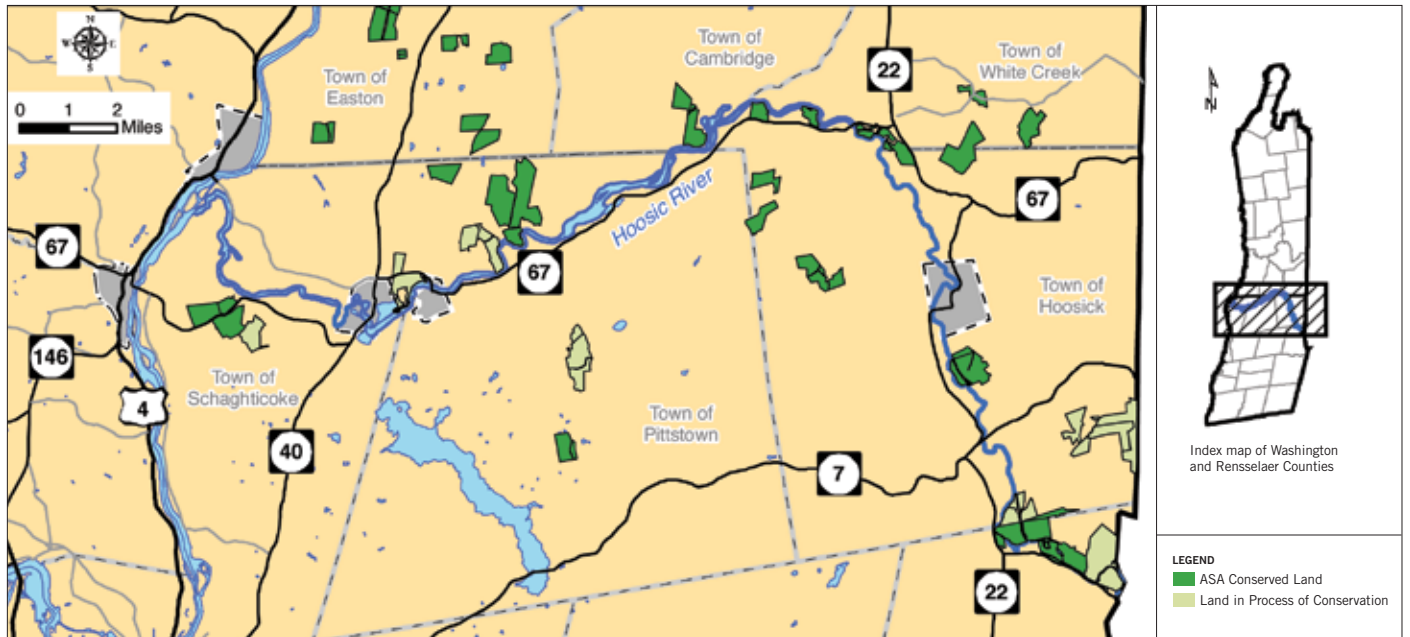


Doug Yeates is a senior at Skidmore College majoring in Environmental Studies with a minor in Business. He first heard about ASA when

executive director Teri Ptacek spoke at his Business and the Natural Environment class. “It sounded like a great cause and I wanted to help out and learn more about land conservation because it's had such a positive impact on my own hometown of Richmond, Vermont.” Doug has been working on upgrading ASA's social media savvy, getting us on Twitter and helping with our first web-based peer-to-peer fundraising campaign for the Denison Farm.

Keith Pomakoy is a senior at Schuylerville Central School who volunteered for ASA last semester through his school's Career Development Internship Program. Keith accompanied Janet Britt on stewarding trips to learn about the Global Positioning System (GPS) technology she uses to map conserved land. We wish Keith success in his studies!

ASA Furthers Conservation Efforts along the Hoosic River



In December, ASA partnered with the owners of The Hill Farm to conserve 271 acres of farmland along the Hoosic River. The farm, located outside the Village of Hoosick Falls, is used for horses as well as hay and pasture by a neighboring sheep farmer. The owners generously donated a conservation easement to ASA to protect the agricultural resources of the property as well as the extensive frontage along the Hoosic River.

The 2009 New York State Open Space Conservation Plan lists the protection of the Hoosic River corridor as a priority conservation project given its ecological diversity and the fertile farmland and woodlands along its banks. With the conservation of The Hill Farm, ASA has assisted in the protection of more than 2,000 acres of farmland along the Hoosic River with more projects in the works!

Let Local Farmland Conservation be Your Legacy

A legacy gift is a meaningful way that you can support farmland conservation here in your community for generations to come. Your gift, in the form of a trust, life insurance, property, gift annuity or bequest empowers ASA to protect and steward the valuable agricultural resources of our region. Years from now, when people enjoy the bounty our farmland provides, they will have you to thank.

Please let us know if, like Evan Lawrence, you have included ASA in your will or insurance policy. For information about legacy giving options, please call our Executive Director, Teri Ptacek, at 692-7285 or visit us online at www.agstewardship.org.

“I watched southwestern Connecticut disappear under a wave of sprawl and development in the ‘60s and ‘70s. My nightmare is to see that happen in Washington County. I believe passionately in the importance of land left open, and in preserving farmland to ensure our food supply. What more enduring legacy could I leave than to help protect our land forever?”

— Evan Lawrence, Cambridge resident and member of ASA's Farmland Forever Legacy Circle



Thank You.

Your Support Makes Farmland Protection Happen.

ASA would like to express heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful community of supporters. In these challenging times, your generous contributions and the spirit they reflect mean so much to us.

The following lists include contributions made between November 1, 2010 and April 26, 2011. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. Please contact us at (518) 692-7285 to note any changes that should be made for the next issue of our newsletter.

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Thank You Suvir Saran! Our Own Top Chef Master

We were so excited when Chef Suvir Saran called to tell us he would be competing on Bravo's Top Chef Masters series on behalf of our farmland conservation program. As of writing this newsletter it is still uncertain who will be crowned "Top Chef", but in our hearts the battle has already been won! Our deepest thanks to Chef Saran for supporting ASA's work in this unique and thrilling manner.

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October 8th–10th
10th Anniversary Landscapes
for Landsake Art Exhibition

October 6th
Special Awards Gala Dinner

October 8th
Opening Reception 3 to 6 p.m.

Gallery open October 9th & 10th
12 to 4 p.m.

Tickets on sale in September

Maple Ridge, 172 State Route 372, Coila

ASA is pulling out all the stops to make our 10th anniversary Landscapes for Landsake art exhibition the most memorable yet! We will host a special gala awards dinner and auction on Thursday evening before the show opens to recognize the show's longstanding champions, dine on delicious local food and raise funds for farmland conservation.

And in addition to the regular exhibit

upstairs, curator Barbara Sussman will create a Legacy Exhibit in the downstairs gallery featuring work from each of the seventy artists who've participated over the past 10 years and grown this show into such a success. Please join us for this special event celebrating the beauty of our working landscapes.



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