



## 20 Years of Conservation Success

ASA turns 20 this spring and thanks to you, we have a lot to celebrate. Together, we have conserved 10,700 acres of productive farmland on 73 properties throughout Washington and Rensselaer counties and have many more exciting projects in the works.

We owe our success and gratitude to a forward-thinking community of supporters—from the visionary founders who recognized the risk of development pressure on farmland, to the landowners who make the important decision to protect their land, to the many people who respect the area's agricultural roots and character, and appreciate the contributions farmers make to our community.

Thankfully, the number of landowners who want to protect their land is growing, giving us a wonderful opportunity to protect enough working farms to ensure that fresh, locally grown food will always be available for your table. But to guarantee a vibrant future for farming in our community, we need your help now.

### Food for Our Future

In Washington and Rensselaer Counties we are blessed with high quality soils, sufficient rainfall, knowledgeable farmers, and a strong agricultural infrastructure. More and more farmers are taking advantage of growing consumer interest in fresh, local food and agritourism. All of this adds up to future economic opportunities for our region—provided that we

conserve the land needed to keep those farms intact.

In today's weakened economy many local farmers are struggling. For some, losing their livelihood means making tough choices about their land. For those families who choose conservation, ASA works hard to personally tailor the conservation options to the goals of the landowner, the attributes of the land, and the availability of funding.

ASA has spent 20 years working one-on-one with farmers and their families in ways that honor the heritage of each farm and ensure its legacy.

### Farmland Forever—the Next 20 Years

Help us celebrate our conservation success and meet some of the farmers we've assisted at a special 20th Anniversary Barbeque on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Washington County Fairgrounds. We have a lineup of great local bands and plenty of barbeque and fun for the whole family.

As we launch the next twenty years, please continue to support our work, come to our events to see the lands you've helped protect, and spread the message of farmland conservation to your family, friends and neighbors. Most importantly, if you are not already, become a member of ASA. If you are a member—thank you!



## 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 10,700 acres of farm and forest land.

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

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## From the Executive Director



There is so much to celebrate and be thankful for as spring arrives—the fresh smell of earth springing to life and the promise of summer's succulent produce to come. And as ASA celebrates its 20th anniversary, I am tremendously thankful for the enduring community support that has nurtured ASA and enabled us to grow and offer conservation assistance to so many families in our region. We say it often because it

is so true, we could not do this work without you!

20 years ago we were an all volunteer organization and our dedicated board spent hours helping landowners realize their conservation goals by donating easements. Today we have a professional staff and while many of our projects are still donations, the state, federal and private farmland protection funding we have been able to secure has enabled us to work on many more projects and expand our work to the southern part of Rensselaer County as well. Your belief in our mission and steadfast support has allowed us to achieve this success!

Today, our state's economy is in trouble, which threatens to slow the pace of farmland conservation. We recently asked our members to contact their legislators and urge them to restore the environmental protection fund (EPF), which had been slashed in the governor's proposed budget. Thank you to the many people who did. We were copied on some moving messages by farmers and residents alike. It is essential that this funding continue to be a priority in the state budget since there are many farmers seeking our assistance whose conservation projects can't wait.

In the meantime, we are actively seeking new avenues of support and reaching out to more people about the importance of our work. A growing interest in locally produced food is helping us make the case that you can't have local food without local farms. According to a recent study by Cornell, with 7.14 million acres in agricultural production across the state, we are capable of feeding only 21 percent of our current population. At the same time, we are losing an estimated 26,000 acres of farmland each year—that's one farm every three days! Every acre we protect today strengthens our agricultural community and ensures that there will be land for future generations of farmers as well.

As you read the personal stories behind some of our recently conserved farms in this newsletter, I'm sure you will agree that they are shining examples of our agricultural heritage and worth protecting. Thanks again for all you've done to help us get this far. —Teri Ptacek

## The Berry Patch is Now Permanently Protected

### Perseverance and Community Participation Bring Results

Dale Riggs and Don Miles are the owners of Stone Wall Hill Farm, home to the locally famous farm store known as The Berry Patch. The farm produces an abundance of berries, vegetables and flowers which are sold from the farm store and also at the Troy Farmers' Market. The Berry Patch is such a well established destination for locals and travelers along Route 22, it might surprise some to learn that the first berry bushes were planted there only 15 years ago.

When Dale and Don bought the original 91 acres of land on Route 22 in Stephentown, their intention was to start a part-time berry operation just to generate a little extra income. But before long, Dale realized she wanted to become a full-time farmer. In just a few years, they managed to expand the business, build a farm store and outgrow their tillable acreage.

### Farmers with a Passion for Protection

Don and Dale are first generation farmers, but they love their land as though it had been in the family for decades. They had both witnessed the loss of productive land to development while living in other states. "We saw land gobbled by residential and commercial development, which is what happens to areas where people don't value viable farmland," Dale said. "I would never want that to happen to land that I had worked and nurtured!"

Their passion for conservation combined with the need for more land led Dale and Don to make their first application for state

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—Dale Riggs, co-owner of Stone Wall Hill Farm



farmland protection funding in 2001. They hoped to use the funds to buy the neighboring 114 acres of fertile fields. However, their project was not selected for funding, so in 2003 Don and Dale bought the adjacent land at full market value, using bank financing.

### If at First You Don't Succeed, Try Again!

Not ready to give up on their conservation goals, Dale and Don approached the Columbia Land Conservancy and Rensselaer County for help in preparing a new grant application. This time they focused on the *productive core* of their combined properties: 108 viable agricultural acres out of the total of 205 acres that they owned.

"We were thrilled," Dale said, when they got the news that they would be funded. But two big questions remained: what organization would hold the agricultural conservation easement, and how would the remaining 25 percent of project costs be raised?

### Sometimes It Takes a Village... To Protect a Farm

The story of Stone Wall Hill Farm's conservation is unusual because it involved the combined efforts of so many different people and organizations. With support from Rensselaer County, ASA agreed to manage the project and hold the easement, and helped The Berry Patch's own fundraising efforts by securing private funds for a portion of the remaining costs. Over 100 donors, including many customers and employees of The Berry Patch, made contributions.

The credit for this project truly belongs to the community—because it took a whole community of concerned people to get it done. We extend thanks and congratulations to everyone who helped with the protection of this well-known farm.

# A Family Farm Represents a Lifetime of Love and Labor



ASA started the year with the conservation of the 120 acre Robe-Jan Farm in Schaghticoke. Owners Robert and Jane Herrington both grew up on farms, and met as teenagers at a country dance. She was 18 and he was 21 when they married in 1947 and began saving to buy a farm of their own. Bob worked for other farmers and also drove a milk route until they were able to purchase their farm in 1957. They named it Robe-Jan to celebrate their love for each other and their shared dream of a farm life for their family.

The Herringtons raised four children on the farm, and worked together in the fields and the barn. Their oldest daughter Judy helped by taking care of her younger siblings. When Judy needed to summon her mother back to the house, she would wave a red rag tied to a broom handle to get Jane's attention across the fields.

Over the years, Robe-Jan's starter herd of 18 gradually grew to 60, requiring an addition to the barn along the way. Later, when milk prices dropped and Bob's health deteriorated, the Herringtons never considered giving up the farm. Bob just figured out how to fit a school bus route into his day's work and kept on farming.

## The Case for Conservation

Bob was an avid hunter with a firm belief in conservation, whether of wildlife or of the land. His daughter Judy says, "Dad saw development eating up good farmland, and it really worried him. He would tell us he didn't want this farm going to building lots." The Herringtons knew of nearby farmers who had protected their land, and they were determined to do the same.

Robe-Jan Farm has productive soils and is in close proximity to three other conserved farms. ASA was assisted by the Town of Schaghticoke, which applied for the state farmland protection grant and also provided matching funds to complete the purchase of the development rights. ASA now holds the easement on the farm.

## The Land Lives On

Sadly, Bob Herrington passed away before the conservation of the farm could be completed. His wife Jane and their two oldest children, Judy and Doug, finalized the permanent protection of Robe-Jan Farm in January, fulfilling Bob's wishes for the future of the land he cared for so much.

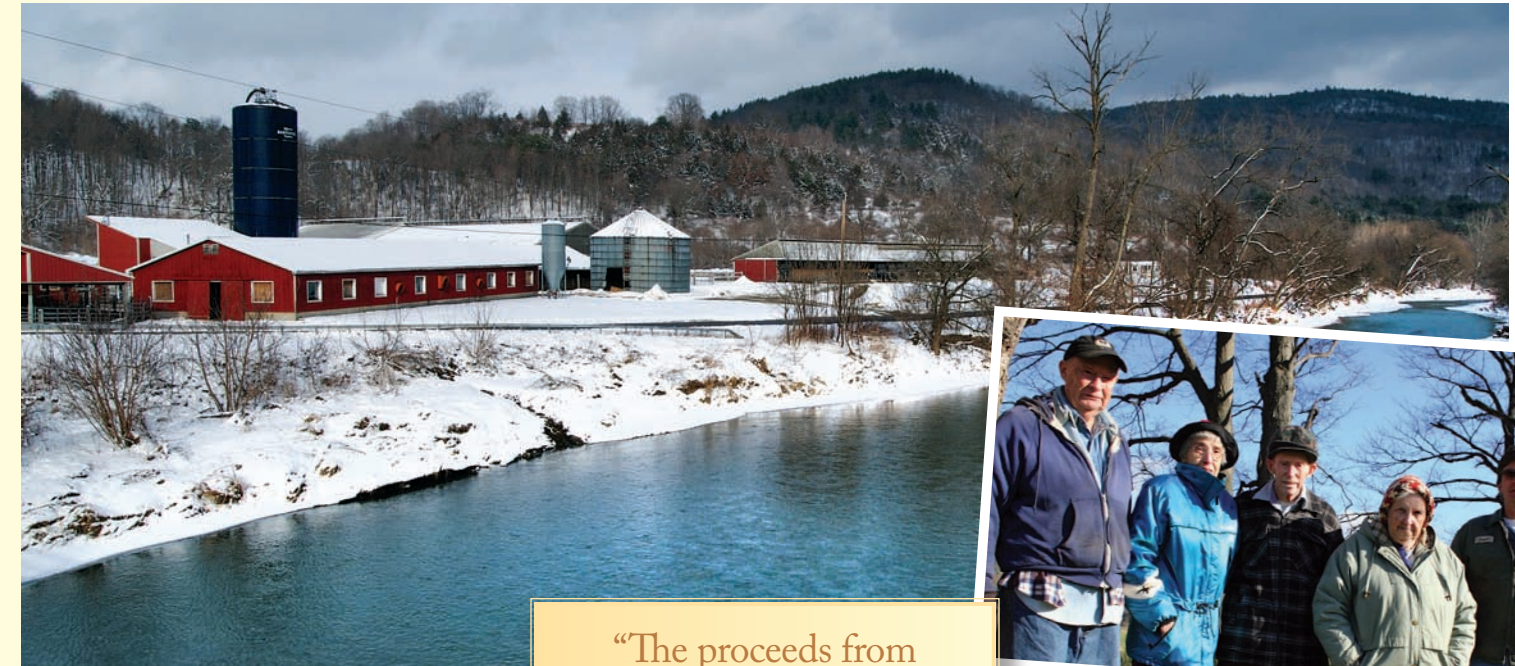
Determined as ever at age 81, Jane still goes to the barn twice a day to see to the chores she's able to do, like tending the calves and washing up the milkers. While Jane and her family have decisions to make about the future of their operation, they are comforted by the certainty that the land itself and its future productivity are now permanently protected.

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—Judy Hoag

# Lifelong Neighbors Cooperate to Protect Their Land

Collaboration between neighboring families has resulted in the conservation of two outstanding farms on the banks of the Hoosic River in Petersburg. Currently supporting a dairy operation, the 516 protected acres include high quality river bottom soils capable of growing a great diversity of crops. These farms are the first of five contiguous farms being conserved along the Hoosic River corridor in northeastern Rensselaer County.



## A Tale of Two Farms

Evergreen Farm has been continuously managed as a dairy farm by members of the Green family since 1848. Fifth generation farmer Dave Green began expanding the operation in 1990, eventually almost tripling the size of the herd. To support this growth, he sold off about 300 acres of steep wooded hillsides and acquired more arable flat land, resulting in a total of about 400 acres. In addition, he began leasing land from his neighbors, the Willbrants, for crop production.

Maple Lane is the 133-acre former dairy farm owned by the Willbrant family. Having retired from farming, the Willbrants were glad to rent their land to their neighbor Dave, who would care for it as if it were his own. They hoped that he might buy it someday, because they preferred to keep it in farming and knew he'd take good care of it.

"The proceeds from conserving my farm allowed me to acquire additional land for my dairy operation and at the same time help my neighbors in their retirement."

—Dave Green, Evergreen Farm

## Farmland Protection Helps Everyone Reach their Goals

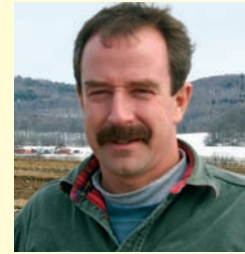
It took some creative thinking to come up with an idea that would meet the objectives of all parties. Working with Rensselaer County, ASA secured state farmland protection funding, as well as a match from a private donor, to purchase the development rights on both farms at the same time.

The sale of the development rights on Evergreen Farm gave Dave the revenue he needed to purchase Maple Lane from the Willbrants. He now has the security of owning this piece of fertile land which provides critical support for his dairy operation. The Willbrants were pleased to sell their farm to a good neighbor who appreciates its value as farmland. Furthermore, the Willbrants have been granted a life estate, so these two families can go right on being neighbors.



## Changes to ASA's Board

### ASA thanks Sean Quinn and Jim Ruhl for their dedicated service



Sean Quinn grew up on a farm in the Finger Lakes region of New York, where his family grew grain and milked 100 cows. Today, he and his business partner Sandy run a state of the art heifer facility in Easton. Sean credits ASA co-founder Pam Cali with instilling in him the core belief that "It's all about the land,



no matter who is farming it." With his passion for conservation and deep agricultural roots, Sean has been invaluable in helping ASA understand agricultural issues. He served six years on ASA's board, four years as vice chair. Sean has been instrumental in shaping our conservation mission.

Jim Ruhl, an avid hunter, also joined ASA's board with a passion for land conservation. His background in political science and land use planning, coupled with civic experience that includes work on the Open Space Plan for Clifton Park, has made him a great asset to the organization. Jim provided leadership and put a lot of time and energy into updating ASA's by-laws, an onerous task for which we are truly grateful.

### ASA also welcomes four new members to the board this spring

Alyssa J. McClenning hails from our agricultural community. Her grandfather owned and operated a dairy farm until the 1960's when he started Premier Dairy Service, a dairy equipment dealership that has now grown to three locations regionally. Alyssa's background is in politics, marketing and communications. She served as a spokeswoman at The White House for three years and is currently the director of donor relations and events at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Megan Galbraith is the director of communications for all 64 campuses of the State University of New York and

comes to us with extensive experience in communications and non-profit marketing. She grew up in Connecticut and settled in Cambridge after marrying a local farmer. She appreciates the strong values and sense of community our rural heritage provides.

Art Brod is owner of Planners East Incorporated, a consulting company that has provided community and land planning, environmental review and development advisory services since 1985. A native of the area and resident of Easton, Art has more than 40 years of professional experience as a land use and development planner and a personal commitment to the sound stewardship of our land resources.

Dave Horn formerly worked locally as a dairy veterinarian and is now a business development manager for Cargill Animal Nutrition in the northeast region. Dave was an ASA board member from 2000 to 2006, serving five years as chair and leading us as we transitioned from an all volunteer to a professionally staffed organization. Dave and his wife Margaret, along with their partners Joe and Pam Cali and Andy Austin, conserved their farm in Easton by donating the development rights in 1999.

### Current Officers

Mary Ellen Williams, who has served as ASA's secretary will step up to become chair of the board. Seth Jacobs will serve as vice chair, Tom Jilek as treasurer and Stephan Deibel as secretary.

### Thank you, Lucy Danks



Lucy Danks is a senior at Schuylerville Central School with a wide range of interests and activities from performing arts to all things

environmental. She volunteered at ASA for two months last winter through her school's Career Development Internship Program. In addition to undertaking a variety of research projects, she was able to shadow staff members on stewardship visits to several conserved farms.

We extend our thanks to Lucy, as well as best wishes for college.

## 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 Barbara Hennig, 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](http://www.agstewardship.org).

"I'm always struck by the beauty of the landscape when driving from my home in Saratoga to Vermont. The swath of near continuous farmland through Washington and Rensselaer counties is a rare sight and should be kept that way, not just for the view, but also for the land's basic value as a source of food. Increasingly it is important to "eat locally" and not continue the practice of utilizing the dwindling supply of petroleum for long distance shipment of food. I choose to support ASA's work by making a legacy gift in my will so I can be a part of protecting our farms forever."

—Barbara Hennig, Saratoga resident and member of ASA's Farmland Forever Legacy Circle



## Tax Incentives for Donating Conservation Easements

If you have ever considered donating a conservation easement on your working land, like John and Peg Underwood did in 2008, this is the perfect time to contact ASA to get your project rolling.

To get more information about donating a conservation easement, please contact Renee or Chris at 692-7285.

"We donated a conservation easement on our forestland because we wanted to protect it for the future. The initial outlay we made for project costs came back to us the following year as charitable tax deductions and property tax credits."

—John Underwood, landowner



## Special Thanks

We would like to thank three of our members for generously hosting two spectacular receptions last summer to promote ASA's farmland conservation efforts. In May, cookbook author and restaurateur Suvir Saran, and Charlie Burd welcomed guests to their home at American Masala Farm in Hebron for wine and culinary treats specially prepared from local foods.

In August, Elizabeth Gambee Osborn invited guests to her historic Eagles Rest Farm in Hebron to stroll through the "Gallery in the Garden" which featured paintings by local artist and farmland chronicler Harry Orlyk. The events raised several thousand dollars for farmland conservation, helped us make many new friends and were wonderfully delicious and beautiful.

We are also grateful to Harry Orlyk for donating a portion of the proceeds from the sale of his paintings and to Brian Gilchrist, Doug Gruse, Elizabeth Huntly, James O'Hearn, Beth Saunders, Karen Sheldon, Randy Squires and Jared Stamm for their help in organizing these very special gatherings. And many thanks to those who purchased art!

## Recent Events and Programs

ASA teamed up with the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society in February to host a bird watching tour of the Washington County Grassland Important Bird Area. Participants learned about some of the birds this area sustains and why protecting their habitat is critical. We had a real treat when Bob Yunick, a licensed bander for the DEC, showed us a red-tailed hawk he'd caught for banding that morning.

Expert mycologist Sue Van Hook gave an in-depth lecture on how to identify wild mushrooms this past March. Sue will be hosting a series of foraging trips to conserved properties that will take place on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon on **June 5<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>** on properties to be announced. If you are interested in attending these walks we will be offering another introductory lecture on **May 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Arts Center in Troy. For details go to our webpage or call Meegan at 692-7285.

John and Peg Underwood hosted a tour of their sugaring and saw mill operation in Hebron. They have been making syrup for years in a beautiful sugar shack which was hand built using timber from their own woodlot. They donated an easement on their property in 2008.



# Make a Connection with the Land

ASA is pleased to offer a variety of programs and events that give you and your family the opportunity to visit properties you've helped conserve and see firsthand what makes them so special.

## June 5, June 19, & July 10

### 9:30 a.m. to noon Farm Animal Photography for Kids

For kids ages 8 and up, \$20/participant, registration required



Learn how to take great photos of your favorite farm animals. Photographers Dona Ann McAdams and Cliff Oliver will teach kids ages 8 and up the fundamentals of photographic composition and lighting, and begin to explore photographic techniques, including how to get close to your subject (safely!) for that terrific shot.

This three part series will begin with visits to two local farms which ASA helped protect. In our final session we will review work from the first two outings and choose the best photos from each photographer to hang as a special exhibition in ASA's booth at the County Fair.

The first session will take place on **June 5<sup>th</sup>** at Tiashoke Farm in Easton where participants will photograph young dairy cows and alpacas. On **June 19<sup>th</sup>** we will be at Elihu Farm in Easton. This will be an excellent opportunity to get shots of spring lambs in action as well as goslings and Rhode Island Red laying hens.

In our final session on **July 10<sup>th</sup>**, teachers will help students decide what makes a successful photograph and choose the best from each participant to hang in the exhibit.

## Father's Day, Sunday, June 20

### 4 to 8 p.m. ASA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Barbecue, Beer and Bands Celebration

Washington County Fairground  
Tickets go on sale in May

You won't want to miss the lineup of great music, delicious barbecue, and locally brewed beer at our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. There will be plenty of fun for fathers and families alike with the Ternrounders and the Hill Hollow Band performing swinging roots Americana and bluegrass music. Come and help us mark this milestone of conservation success!

## Wednesday, June 23

### 6 to 8 p.m. Farm Pond Management Hanf property, 311 County Route 61, Jackson

Free workshop, registration requested

Have you been dreaming of an idyllic farm pond, or pondering what to do about the thick layer of green algae that covers your existing pond each summer? Joe Driscoll, district manager of Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District, will give a twilight farm pond management talk on the protected Hanf property in Jackson. If you have questions about farm pond design, water quality, algae and aquatic plant management, fish stocking or any other pond related issue, we hope you will join us.

For more information, directions and registration for all of these events, visit [www.agstewardship.org](http://www.agstewardship.org) or call Meegan at 692-7285.

## Saturday, June 26

### 10 a.m. to noon Walk on the Wild Side 616 Vly Summit Road, Easton

Free family event, registration requested



Join ASA to find out what's flying and scurrying about on local farmland! We will be sponsoring a family-friendly walk on Zaidee Bliss and John Shoemaker's conserved property with naturalist and educator Howard Romack to discover some of the hidden life that surrounds us. Howard will point out, or capture and release, countless creatures living in the fields, woods, and water. You might also be surprised at the contents of his pockets!

## Sunday, August 22

### first ride begins at 9 a.m. Tour de Farm: Saratoga Battlefield Landscapes Hand Melon Farm pick your own, 533 Wilbur Ave. Easton \$25/person, \$40/family with pre-registration; after August 15, \$30/person, \$45/family



Tour de Farm is a supported bike ride organized by ASA and Saratoga PLAN to bring people through the farmland that serves as a backdrop for the Saratoga National Historical Park. It features two routes, a 15-mile loop and a longer 35-mile route. Both rides begin at Hand Melon Farm, a fruit and vegetable operation and pass a number of farms which have been protected. The longer ride crosses the Hudson in Stillwater, stops at the Battlefield, and returns north through Schuylerville.

## Saturday, September 25

### 9 a.m. to noon Painting the Landscape with Virginia McNeice and Pat McEvoy

59 Sherman Lane, Buskirk  
Adult program, \$20/person, registration required, limited to 20 participants

Master painters Virginia McNeice and Pat McEvoy will teach you how to choose your composition, and share tips and techniques from their long experience as landscapes painters. The class will be held outside the historic barns of Nipmose overlooking the panoramic West Hoosick Hills. The barns were restored by The Persistence Foundation, which has partnered with ASA on a number of conservation projects in the West Hoosick Hills area. Participants should have some experience and bring their own materials.

## Saturday, October 9–11

### Landscapes for Landsake, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition

OPENING RECEPTION  
October 9, 3 to 6 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS  
October 10 & 11, Noon to 4 p.m.  
Maple Ridge, 172 State Route 372, Coila  
\$5 admission



ASA's **Landscapes for Landsake** art exhibition features works by artists that celebrate the landscapes created by our working farms. Now in its ninth year, the show is a mainstay of the community calendar, attracting over 1,000 attendees during the course of Columbus Day weekend. Evan Wilson of Hoosick, an artist who has been painting for nearly forty years, will curate this year's show. Fifty percent of the proceeds from art sales benefit ASA's farmland conservation program.

## Saturday, October 23

### 1 to 3 p.m. Hooskip Dairy Farm Tour Hooskip Farm, Indian Massacre Road, Petersburg

Free family event, registration requested

ASA and the Rensselaer Land Trust team up to offer a tour of the 100-cow Hooskip Farm dairy operation, run by the McMahon family. This stunning 716-acre farm straddles the Vermont border at the foot of the Taconics. It is located along the Hoosic River and its northeast corner contains Skiparee Mountain, hence the name Hooskip. The McMahons have conserved 317 acres in Vermont with the Vermont Land Trust and will protect the remaining 345 acres in New York with ASA in 2010. This is a great opportunity to see a small, family-owned dairy farm in an absolutely beautiful landscape.

## Upcoming Events & Programs

5/27 Intro to Wild Mushroom Identification

6/5, 8/7 & 9/18  
Mushroom Foraging

6/5, 19 & 7/10  
Farm Animal Photography for Kids

6/20 ASA's 20th Anniversary Barbeque

6/23 Farm Pond Management

6/26 Walk on the Wild Side

8/22 Tour de Farm

9/25 Painting the Landscape

10/9-11 Landscapes for Landsake

10/23 Hooskip Dairy Farm Tour

# Thank You. **Your Support Makes Farmland Protection Happen.**

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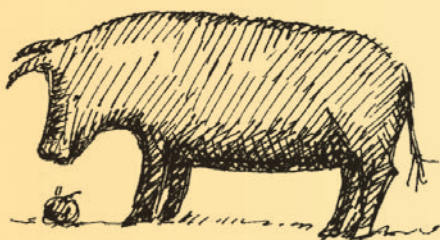
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**Father's Day**  
**Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**ASA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Barbecue, Beer and**  
**Bands Celebration**

**4 to 8 p.m.**  
**Washington County Fairground**  
**Tickets go on sale in May**

You won't want to miss the lineup of great music, delicious barbecue, and locally brewed beer at our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. There will be plenty of fun for fathers and families alike with the Ternrounders and the Hill Hollow Band performing swinging roots Americana and bluegrass music. Come and help us mark this milestone of conservation success!



**Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Tour de Farm: Saratoga**  
**Battlefield Landscapes**

**First ride begins at 9 a.m.**  
**Hand Melon Farm pick your own,**  
**533 Wilbur Ave. Easton**



**Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Landscapes for Landsake,**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition**

**Opening reception from 3 to 6 p.m.**  
**October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 to 4 p.m.**  
**Maple Ridge, 172 State Route 372, Coila**

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