

## Rich History and Rich Soils Inspire the Protection of the Hooskip Dairy Farm in Petersburg



It's so easy to grow crops here. We have great cows, I give them the credit. But it's really because these soils can grow crops with the nutrients they need to produce good milk. It would be a shame to put houses here."

*- John McMahon*

John McMahon proudly shows off his mounted collection of arrowheads, all of them discovered on his 714-acre farm. The farm is located along the Hoosic River on Indian Massacre Road in Petersburg and straddles the Vermont state border. A state historian determined that some of the arrows date back as far as 6,000 years. As John put it, "My son Dan plows deep. Because of the rich, deep river-bottom soil here, you can plow 12" instead of the usual 8" and we're always turning up arrowheads. People have been hunting, fishing and living here for a long time because it's such a fertile valley. It's also a great place to farm."

### **Determined to become a dairyman**

John's grandfather owned a dairy in Salem, New York. His father was allergic to cows so became a dentist in Albany where John was born and raised. Although John worked on an uncle's dairy farm in White Creek as a young man, he went to Georgetown University to study dentistry and follow in his father's footsteps. But farming was in John's blood. Lucky for him his younger brother wanted to be a dentist, and John seized the opportunity to switch to Cornell and become a dairyman. *continued on page 6*



## Ensuring a Future for Farming and Forestry in our Community

The Agricultural Stewardship Association is a nonprofit 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 our lives here for many generations to come. To date, we have assisted landowners with the conservation of 13,701 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).

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## From the Executive Director



This past winter we invited members of the community to get together to reflect on the progress of ASA's farmland conservation work. We asked them to evaluate what we've done well, what they'd like to see us doing in the future, and to share their visions and

hopes for our community. Our goal was to determine how we, as an organization, can help realize those goals and develop a 5-year strategic plan to serve as our guide going forward.

To be honest, starting in on another strategic plan was a daunting prospect for staff and board. But that meeting gave us the jolt of excitement and inspiration we needed to carry out this important, if painstaking, task and focus our energy on how to best serve the community. About fifty people with diverse backgrounds participated and they had a lot to say.

By and large, everyone felt that protecting close to 14,000 acres over the last 22 years was a good start and they wanted to see us protect more. They talked about the agricultural promise of our region. Not only did they want to preserve the agricultural heritage that's so dear to us but they felt that we have a real opportunity to grow and flourish as an agricultural leader for the Northeast.

We have the infrastructure, great soils and climate needed to produce food in significant quantity. We have some of the largest markets for our products right at our doorstep and they are increasingly interested in buying local. We have talented farmers with much to teach and quite a few young farmers looking to get started. For all of these reasons, planning a future for agriculture by protecting productive land from development was viewed as essential.

Quite a number of people also felt we should be working to connect more people in our region to the land and to agriculture. As generations go by, fewer and fewer people are directly involved with farming and the art of producing food. To care about an issue, they agreed, means you have to be involved in it. Providing regular opportunities for more people to visit farms and learn about how they impact our lives, whether by providing food, natural habitat, clean air and water, economic opportunity, scenic beauty or all of the above, would foster a passion for conservation.

The long-term success of our work depends on making that connection. We are like racers in a giant relay race. We've been handed a responsibility to steward the land and we must work hard to deliver that responsibility fulfilled into the hands of the next generation.

And on that note, I would like to thank our outgoing board members, several of whom have been guiding us wisely for a long time, for their service to ASA and our community. They've really run the race! I am also pleased to welcome our new members; a dynamic bunch who I know will put their hearts into the next leg. It's an honor to work in a community alongside so many talented, committed and hard-working people. —Teri Ptacek



Skip Clark appreciates the value of good cropland. He's a third generation dairy farmer and says that when his grandfather bought the family farm on Ashgrove Road in Cambridge in 1919 there were 29 small dairy farms in operation there. A neighbor picked up cans of milk from each family to bring to town daily. They started with 14 cows and farmed through the depression, although Skip says they almost lost the farm.

His father and older brother worked the farm together, milking 70 cows. Skip raised heifers on a neighboring farm throughout high school and in 1985, he decided to try and go out on his own. He farmed two properties in Hoosick while continuing to work with his father and brother, but he didn't own the land. He recalls "it was a struggle to get going".

After his dad passed away, Skip was asked to take over the farm on Ashgrove. He says, "In some ways it was a step back. There really wasn't enough tillable land to expand the dairy, but it was home." He and his wife Selena, who's also from a farm family in Cambridge, raised their children there. He credits her with being integral to the farm's success from the start, caring for the calves and taking care of the finances.

To support their growing operation, the Clark family rented a rich, flat parcel of land on Route 313 just outside the village of Cambridge which borders the Eldridge Swamp State Forest. They also started a custom cropping business, raising crops for

a number of local farmers for extra income. Skip admits he likes that part of farming best, "I like the beauty of land and want to see what it can produce. I've dreamed of working it since I was a boy."

When the Stearns brothers decided to retire from dairying they asked Skip, who'd been cropping their land in Petersburg, if he'd like to buy it. At the same time the land he rented on Route 313 came up for sale. Knowing how productive the land was, Skip turned to ASA for help acquiring both parcels.

The Castanea Foundation, ASA's conservation partner, purchased both parcels. Castanea continued to rent to the Clarks while they worked with ASA and Washington County to secure funding from the New York State Farmland Protection Program to conserve all 540 acres. The Whipstock Hill Preservation Society contributed additional funding to help with the protection of the Stearns' farm.

Conservation enabled the Clark family to purchase both parcels from Castanea at their reduced agricultural value. Skip recalls "I was skeptical at first, after all the hard knocks and struggle it seemed too good to be true. But I can't say enough good about working with Castanea. I wouldn't have been able to secure this land, which is so important to my business, without their help." Skip and Selena hope their son Tyler, who loves working with the cows and studies dairying at Morrisville State College, will follow in their footsteps.

# 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.

## May 3rd through July 12th

### 6 sessions Farm Photography for Kids

\$10/per child, per session, registration required



Learn how to take great photos of your favorite farm animals and agricultural scenes. Our Farm Photography for Kids program gives kids a chance to visit some of our region's most interesting farms, explore what they do there, and learn how to take great photos from professional photographers.

Over the course of the spring and early summer we'll visit six fantastic and diverse farms to find out what makes them so special and worth protecting. Each participant will have his or her work featured in a special exhibition at the Washington County and Schaghticoke fairs.

Trips this year include visits to Deep Roots Holsteins in Hudson Falls, Homestead Farm in Cropseyville, Cannon Cattle Ranch in Pittstown, Elihu Farm in Easton, Flying Pigs Farm in Shushan, and Northern Spy Farm in Sandgate, Vermont.

*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.*

## May 19th

### 10-noon, Hogan property, Hampton Slate Valley Natural History Presentation

Free family program, registration requested



Bernadette Hoffman, a naturalist and educator from the Pember Museum, will lead a presentation on the natural history of the slate valley at the conserved Hogan property in Hampton. She will bring mounted specimens of owls, hawks and a red fox. There will be an educational game called "Wild Faces" and hands-on items—wings, talons, and pelts, all for the touching and learning. She will also bring Max, her very much live Canada Lynx!

## May 26th

### 9-11 a.m., Jermain Hill Farm, White Creek Guided Bird Walk

Free family program, registration requested

An ornithologist from Audubon NY will lead a bird walk at the 318-acre conserved Jermain Hill Farm. Owners Marine and Alex Zagoreos manage a portion of the fields for grassland and song bird habitat. An ornithologist recently identified 75 different bird species on the property. Two golden eagles are known to nest there as well. This is sure to be a great adventure for bird lovers!

## July 8th

### 4-8 p.m., Washington County Fairgrounds Barbecue and Bands Family Picnic

Come help us celebrate the families who have made a tremendous gift to our community by conserving their land and ensuring that it will remain available for farming in the future. We'll enjoy delicious local barbecue, country and bluegrass music from the Hill Hollow Band, and beer from Brown's Brewing. There will be games, face-painting and activities for the kids too!

## July 17th

### 6-8 p.m., LaCroix property, Greenwich Farm Pond Management

Free workshop, registration requested



Joe Driscoll and his staff from the Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District will share their extensive knowledge and experience about the uses, siting, construction, and management of farm ponds. Russ LaCroix of Greenwich has offered the use of his farm pond as a focal point for the talk.

## July 29th

### First ride begins at 9 a.m. Tour de Farm: Saratoga Battlefield Landscapes

See back page for details



## August 11th

### 10-noon, White Oak Farm, Hoosick Nature Walk

Free family program, registration requested

Join naturalist Howard Smith for a guided nature walk through conserved fields, wetlands and forests. Learn about wild-life habitats, non-native invasive plants, wild edibles and forestry management for timber and wildlife. Ask questions, join in on the conversation and enjoy what nature has to offer. We'll see an ancient White Oak tree, thought to be one of the largest in the state, and a wonderful beaver dam on this conserved farm.

## September 29th

### 9-noon, St. Croix Farm, Schaghticoke Grow Your Own Mushroom Garden!

\$35/individual, \$50/couple, register early, space is limited to 25 people



Join local mycologist Sue Van Hook for a morning workshop at the protected 688-acre St. Croix Farm in Schaghticoke. She will teach methods for cultivating a variety of mushrooms in your own back yard. Be sure to bring 1-2 Tupperware containers with lids for taking home your mushroom spawn!

## October 6th through 8th

### 11th Annual Landscapes for Landsake Art Exhibition

OPENING RECEPTION:

October 6, 3 to 6 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS:

October 7 & 8, Noon to 4 p.m.



Don't miss the social event of the season! ASA's Landscapes for Landsake art exhibition features more than 200 works of art celebrating the beauty of our working landscapes. More than 1,500 visitors attended over the course of Columbus Day weekend last year. Artist Serena Kovalosky will curate this year's show. Fifty percent of art sale proceeds benefit ASA's farmland conservation program.



## Recent Events and Programs

Our plans for spontaneous snowshoeing treks this past winter were foiled by Mother Nature but we held several terrific hikes instead.

Mary Ellen Williams, ASA's former board chair and owner of Hawk View Farm in Greenwich, hosted two walks, one of which was led by Greg Edinger, Chief Ecologist for the New York Heritage Program. And James Hughto, a licensed battlefield guide for Saratoga National Historical Park, led a walk at Luke Deikis and Cara Fraver's Quincy Farm in Easton and described the historic battles that took place across the river.

We teamed up with the Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District and Scott Fitscher from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to offer a workshop about the federal programs which provide financial and technical assistance to rural landowners. We also partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rensselaer Land Trust, and Rensselaer Plateau Alliance to present a workshop for rural landowners on how to plan and discuss transitioning their property with family members.



## Great Businesses Support a Great Cause

We are very grateful to the many businesses that support our farmland conservation work by generously sponsoring our events and programs. Their commitment to ensuring a future for farming in our region is a gift to us all. This year, we are pleased to have Chobani, the Greek yogurt sensation, as a new sponsor for Tour de Farm.

"We are excited to be a part of this year's ASA Tour de Farm event. Our farmers are an integral part of the Chobani story, and we're committed to supporting New York State agriculture and the New York State farmers who make it possible."





John & Dan McMabon

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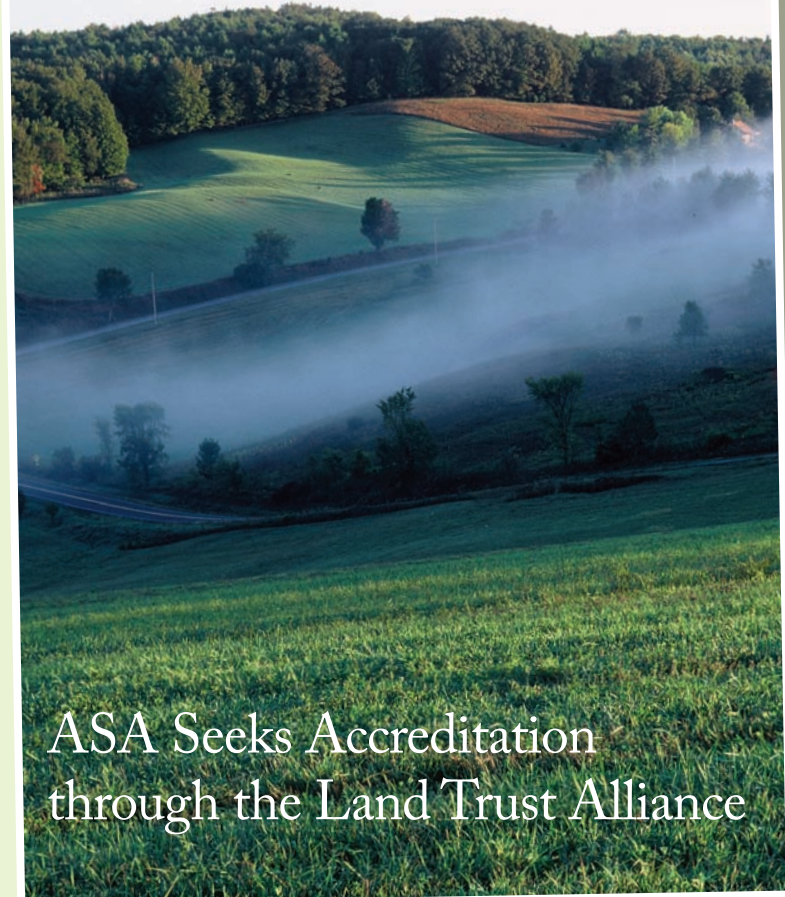
After college, John met Mary, who'd grown up on a dairy farm in Eagle Bridge. They got married and he spent some time working on her brother's farm while they looked for a place of their own. When the farm in Petersburg came up for sale John hurried down immediately and recalls, "It was 10 o'clock at night and too dark to see much, but I could smell the good river bottom soil.

I talked to the owner, gave him a down payment and bought it right then and there."

**Land so good it would be a crime not to farm it**

They named the farm Hooskip after the Hoosic River and Skiparee Mountain, much of which is part of the farm. They've raised 4 children and have 11 grandchildren. They wanted to keep the farm small and self-sustaining. Today, John and his son Dan milk 115 registered Holsteins, raise almost all of their feed on the farm, harvest timber and cut enough fire-wood to heat their homes. John explains, "If it wasn't for Dan taking over, I wouldn't still be farming. The hours are long and it requires patience and good health. It's not a job—it's a way of life".

The farm's rich history and superb soils inspired John and his family to protect their land. They protected 371 acres in Pownell with the Vermont Land Trust and then worked with ASA to apply for funding through the New York State Farmland Protection Program to protect the adjacent 343 acres in Petersburg. John has inspired a number of neighboring farmers to protect their land as well. Including the portion of his farm in Vermont, there are now 1,492 acres that have been or are in the process of being protected in this rich river valley.



**ASA Seeks Accreditation through the Land Trust Alliance**

**T**he land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The Agricultural Stewardship Association is pleased to announce that it is applying for accreditation this year."

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. Renee Bouplon, who is overseeing ASA's application process, says, "Receiving national accreditation will strengthen our organization and the lands we protect by ensuring that our work is consistently performed in accordance with the highest standards and practices."

A public comment period is now open. The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how ASA complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see [www.landtrustaccreditation.org/getting-accredited/indicator-practices](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/getting-accredited/indicator-practices).

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org). Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 112 Spring Street, Suite 204, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments on ASA's application will be most useful if received by November 1st, 2012.

**Alex and Marine Zagoreos Donate a Conservation Easement to Protect Jermain Hill Farm**



Alex & Marine Zagoreos

Alex Zagoreos is clearly proud to be milling the 7" x 7" beams needed to repair the barn sills at Jermain Hill Farm in White Creek. "It's such a pleasure when you're able to take the timber right from your own woods and see it transformed for use on the farm." He and his wife Marine and several partners bought

this beautiful 319-acre farm, which connects the Mount Tom State Reforestation Area to the Little White Creek, in 1977.

Although they travelled a lot and were busy raising three children, Alex and Marine fell in love with the farm and eventually bought out the partners and leased land to a local dairy farmer. They lived in New York City and spent weekends and summers in White Creek. Marine, who grew up in Brittany, France, calls the farm heaven. "It's so different here than where I grew up—there's so much open space and wilderness. I would rather be here than anywhere else."

Marine is an avid gardener and raises orchids in her greenhouse. The couple shares an interest in birds. They manage some of their land for grassland and song bird habitat,

leaving a few fields uncut until July when the nesting period is over. An ornithologist who visited the farm recently counted 75 distinct bird species including two golden eagles which Alex and Marine see regularly.

Inspiration to conserve came naturally to the Zagoreoses. Alex served as chair of Scenic Hudson, a land trust serving the lower Hudson River Valley, and treasurer of Riverkeeper, an organization dedicated to protecting the Hudson River. He is currently chair of Audubon New York and believes strongly in protecting the natural resources that make New York such a rich state.

He and Marine have more time to dedicate to the farm now and have started a herd of grass-fed Hereford beef cows which they will be marketing this fall. They made the important decision to donate an easement on their farm because, as Marine put it, "We love it so much that we want to make sure to leave something that won't change much for our children, their children, or whoever's children are here to take care of it."

ASA is hosting a guided bird walk at Jermain Hill Farm on May 26th; see our events & programs page for more information.

**Donating an Easement May Provide Tax Benefits**

If you've ever considered donating a conservation easement on your land, like Alex and Marine Zagoreos did on their Jermain Hill Farm, now is the time to contact ASA and get your project underway. Call Renee or Chris by early July at (518) 692-7285 for more information about how donating an easement can help you realize your conservation goals.



# Thank You for Your Service

This spring marks the departure of seven of ASA's Board members and the arrival of four new recruits. We are tremendously grateful for their service—they are the ultimate volunteers!

**Mary Ellen Williams**, who has served as chair for the past two years, is stepping down after six years on the Board. A retired librarian, Mary Ellen has been a tremendous leader, giving tirelessly of her time and energy. As a gracious host, she's helped us



deepen our connections to the community and meet many new friends.

**Seth Jacobs** has served on ASA's board for a total of 20 years, including tenures as chair and vice chair. As someone who's been with ASA almost since the beginning, Seth has kept our history and guided us according to the principles on which ASA was founded. His perspective as a successful vegetable farmer has been as invaluable as his passion for conservation.

**Phil Gitlen** has been part of the

board for six years, providing us expert legal guidance based on his experience as an environmental lawyer and partner at Whiteman Osterman and Hanna, LLP. He served on both the Board Governance & Development and Finance & Investment committees.

**Margaret Stokowski** is stepping down after 5 years on the Board. She and her family run John Stokowski & Sons, a power equipment sales and service business in Granville. Margaret shared her northern Washington County perspective with us and was a great help on a number of events during her tenure.

**Thomas Christenfeld**, co-owner of the conserved Alleged Farm in Easton, served four years on the Board. His perspective as someone who protected his own farm, and his understanding of agricultural issues, has helped shape ASA's direc-



*"I have especially enjoyed speaking with long-time land conservancy colleagues and friends and hearing them tell me how much they admire ASA for its achievements over the years. We are very fortunate to have such an organization serving our community."*

*— Phil Gitlen*

tion. He's also the culinary genius who graciously caters the preview party for our Landscapes for Landsake art exhibition.

**Alyssa J. McClenning**, with her background in communications and marketing, has been a wonderful resource, helping us develop business sponsorship opportunities. **Megan Galbraith** also has a wealth of knowledge in communications and has helped with our outreach materials and events. Both are leaving after 2 years of service on the board.

We wish all of our outgoing Board members the best of luck and are confident that they will continue to champion the cause of farmland conservation!



*"When I joined the ASA Board, I was impressed with how diverse members of the community worked together on the common goal of land protection. What a wonderful meshing of abilities and respect I found, what great satisfaction I felt as each farm was conserved, and how quickly six years goes by when you enjoy what you are doing. Hard work? Yes, but that's what forever farming is all about."*

*— Mary Ellen Williams*

## Consider a Gift of Real Estate to Support Local Farmland Conservation

Siblings Suzette Durso, Rachel Russell, Tony Hall and Tim Hall graciously donated a wooded 24-acre parcel to ASA for resale earlier this year. While the parcel was not a candidate for conservation, ASA was able to sell the land to a neighbor and will use the proceeds to directly support our farmland conservation program.

A legacy gift is a meaningful way for you to support farmland conservation here in your community for generations to come. Your gift, in the form of real estate, a bequest, life insurance,

gift annuity or trust, empowers ASA to protect and steward the valuable agricultural resources of our region and may provide you with tax benefits. Years from now, when people enjoy the bounty our farmland provides, they will have you to thank.

Please let us know if you, like the Hall family, have real estate you'd like to donate. For information about gifting real estate or 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).

## Welcome to the Board

We're pleased to welcome **Liz Gordon** to the Board. Liz previously served from 2001 to 2007. She and her husband Thomas Christenfeld conserved their Alleged Farm in Easton. Liz is currently the director of policy development in the office of the New York State Comptroller. She's also served as special counsel to the Commissioner at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and in the New York State Governor's Office as assistant secretary for the Environment. Her unique understanding of environmental issues, combined with her legal acumen and experience with advocacy, strategic planning and fundraising, will be a great asset.

**David Sampson** is an attorney, consulting on environmental issues in the public and private sectors. He served previously as associate counsel for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and was the executive director of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council. He has served on the boards of the New York League of Conservation Voters, the Scenic Hudson Land Trust and the Rensselaer-Taconic Land Conservancy among others. He lives in Troy.

**Greg Hansen** grew up in a dairy farming family and owned and operated a small farm in Pittstown, raising cattle, horses and selling hay. He served on the Pittstown Planning Board and assisted with the development of the Rensselaer County Farmland Protection Plan. Greg has been an ardent supporter of ASA's work and is currently employed as an operation supervisor for the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company.

**Noel Hanf** and his wife Judy donated an easement to protect their O'Donnell Hill Farm in Jackson where they raise beef cattle. Now retired, Noel worked as general counsel for The Research Libraries Group, a consortium of research libraries created to develop computer applications for large libraries.



## Thank You Maggie!

Maggie Denison, of the protected Denison Farm in Schaghticoke, was an intern for ASA this spring. She helped research and develop programs for children, went on site visits and helped with fundraising. Maggie studied sustainable agriculture at Green Mountain College, has worked on farms most of her life, and hopes to take over her family farm someday. We were delighted to have her help.

# 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, 2011 and April 5, 2012. 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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## July 8th

4 to 8 p.m., Washington  
County Fairgrounds  
**Barbecue and  
Bands Family Picnic**

See inside for details

## July 29th

First ride begins at 9 a.m.  
**Tour de Farm: Saratoga  
Battlefield Landscapes**

Hit the road and help us save farmland! Tour de Farm, now in its third year and building momentum, is a recreational bicycle 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 highlights the work our organizations are doing to protect them.

Tour de Farm begins and ends at the 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 enters the Saratoga Battlefield. Both routes include interesting stops at farms and historical sites, and a post-ride picnic featuring the delicious bounty of our local farms.



## October 6th through 8th

**11th Annual Landscapes for  
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**Opening Reception:**

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