



## Marcia and Charles Reiss Conserve their Historic Shushan Property

New York City residents Marcia and Charlie Reiss were visiting the track in Saratoga when they saw an ad for a canoe trip outfitter and decided to take a paddle down the Battenkill. They enjoyed it so much they drove back the next day to explore the region's back roads and discovered the home of their dreams for sale on Roberson Road in Shushan. It was a Greek revival built in 1840 with 47 acres of high quality farmland along the Battenkill, which has been in agricultural production since before the Revolutionary War.

Behind the house there is a historic structure that was built in 1770 by Philip Embury, an Irish immigrant who founded the Methodist Church in New York. Embury built the small frame structure with his brother-in-law and their two families shared it, one living upstairs and the other on the ground floor. A horse barn was later attached and Methodist services were held there for a number of years. Embury died in a hayfield in Shushan in 1773 and members of his family, loyal to the Tories, fled to Canada for refuge during the war. Marcia and Charlie say several of Embury's Canadian descendants have stopped by to visit and learn more about their family history.



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— Marcia Reiss

Both Marcia and Charlie share a passion and appreciation for architecture and history. They met as teenagers and dated long distance while Marcia studied English at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Charlie studied architecture at Cooper Union in New York City.

They married and attended graduate school together at New York University where Charlie received a Masters in urban planning and Marcia a Masters in English Literature. Charlie served as Deputy Commissioner of Housing in New York City for 23 years creating affordable housing before starting his own business as a real estate development consultant.

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## 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 14,211 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



Twenty three years ago, ASA was founded to fill a need. Local landowners had the ability to subdivide and develop their land but no means to exercise their right to legally protect it. Development pressure from the Capital Region was growing. A number of local farmers were concerned that if too much land was permanently lost to rural sprawl, agriculture might become a thing of the past.

A small group of visionary farmers and residents worked together to form ASA as a non-profit organization that could assist landowners with placing conservation easements on their land and then steward those easements going forward. ASA's founders were among the first to donate easements and as more landowners heard about this option to conserve, they too asked ASA for assistance. In 1999, the first year New York State made farmland protection funding available, ASA successfully applied on behalf of two farms in Washington County. This opened a whole new door for working farmers who were not in a position to donate their development rights but still wanted to protect their land.

We continue to work with landowners who donate easements. In addition, private and public funding has enabled ASA to protect nearly 50% more working farmland than we ever could have otherwise. The majority of funds received in exchange for development rights are spent right here in our community as farmers build new barns, purchase equipment or hire new workers to expand their operations. For some farmers, funding enables an older generation to transition their land to the next generation without selling off acreage—making them secure in their retirement and in the knowledge that the farm they've worked hard to care for will remain in agriculture.

ASA's founders knew that balancing development and growth with the protection of high-quality farmland plays a critical role in ensuring that agriculture will have a place in our community and local economy for generations to come. That's something we all benefit from. Not only will we continue to have access to a wide variety of high quality food right in our backyard, but farms also keep our property taxes low by paying more in taxes than they cost in municipal services. They'll continue to create economic opportunities, protect our water resources and serve as wildlife habitat.

Conservation is a long-term commitment. Though landowners retain full ownership of their land, they have entrusted ASA to ensure that the terms of the easements they put in place are upheld. It's a serious responsibility that depends upon the organization's continued relevance, strength and integrity. That's why I am so pleased to announce that ASA has just been awarded

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## Conservation Helps Secure Critical Support Land for Local Dairy

Hugh and Cassie Fedler have always been dairy farmers. Cassie was born and raised on her father's farm, and Hugh grew up working on them. In 1995 they decided to set-up their own family farm on a set of hills off of Route 372 in Cambridge. They now have a 200-head dairy and milk 100 cows. They sell their milk to Agri-Mark.

The Fedlers maintain their own crops, and as their home farm does not have the acreage to support all of their livestock, they also rent land. For several years, one of the properties they rented was a 156-acre piece along the Battenkill in Easton, located just outside the Village of Greenwich. This piece provides critical acreage for growing corn and hay as well as valuable pastureland for heifers.

When the opportunity to purchase the land arose in 2010, the Fedlers decided to buy it. Owning the land allows the Fedlers to be more independent, although they still rent approximately 300 acres. Since acquiring the land, the Fedlers have invested significant time and money to improve it by installing tiling in the fields, and new fences to accommodate the rotational pasturing of the heifers. They have also been converting overgrown areas back into productive agricultural fields.

ASA successfully applied on behalf of the Fedlers for funding from the Federal Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program to conserve the property. Additional funds from the Castanea Foundation

and several private donors, including the Jeffrey Gaess Memorial Fund, provided a match for the grant. Cassie said, "Selling the development rights to the property ensures that this farmland will be here for generations to come."

The Fedlers are both active in their local and agricultural communities. Cassie is on the Cambridge Town Board and the Washington County Fair Board.



She also serves as a voting representative for Agri-Mark. Hugh is involved in the Farm Cadet Program with John Bowne High School in Flushing, New York. The program places high school students who are interested in agriculture with active farming operations throughout New York State. Hugh and Cassie have hosted a number of students at their farm and find the experience rewarding. The Fedlers' two grown children, Rebecca and Timothy, still help out on the farm and are interested in continuing the family's farming tradition.



*The Fedler Family*

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accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. After a rigorous, year-long review, they have concluded that ASA's work is consistently performed in accordance with the highest standards and practices. I hope this gives peace of mind to the more than 93 families we've assisted, and the many people in the community who support our mission, knowing that all of the hard work we've done together will endure.

I also want to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our all-volunteer board of directors. They are local farmers, business leaders and residents who are committed to our community and are willing to work for its future. Tom Jilek, who is stepping down after serving as our board chair, knows first-hand the value of conservation. "Dairy farming is a tradition in our family and it meant a lot to us to be able to protect this long-standing tradition by conserving our land. The money we received has also made our operation stronger. While conservation might not work for every farmer, or every farm, I think it's an important option to have on the table." Helping others achieve their conservation goals and protecting a future for agriculture in our region is what ASA is all about. —Teri Ptacek



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Marcia began her writing career as a reporter for the Brooklyn Phoenix, served as governmental affairs director for the New York City Department of Ports and Trade. She taught at Hunter College and Columbia University's graduate School of International and Public Affairs. Marcia has authored eight books about New York City history and architecture, most recently *Lost New York* (2011) and *New York Then and Now* (2012), as well as a series of guides to historic Brooklyn neighborhoods.

Charlie and Marcia gave up their digs in the city and moved to Shushan full-time in 2005. They have a son and daughter and two grandchildren who love to come visit and play in the river. Charlie and Marcia decided to protect their historic and agriculturally rich property by donating a conservation easement to ASA in December 2012. Marcia explains, "When we drove down Roberson Road for the first time sixteen years ago, we were struck by the beauty of the open fields and mountains across from the house. We later learned that it contains some of the best farming soil in the region. The land has been this way for centuries and we want to preserve it for generations to come." Charlie and Marcia currently lease their fields along the Battenkill to Skip Clark, a local dairy farmer who has also protected his land with ASA.

# Make a Connection with the Land

It takes a great community of people to protect local farmland and we want you to see firsthand what your support makes possible. ASA is pleased to offer a variety of programs and events that give you and your family an opportunity to visit local farms and learn more about our rich agricultural heritage. We are scheduling farm tours, bike rides, nature walks and educational workshops throughout the year so be sure to sign up for our e-news at [agstewardship.org](http://agstewardship.org) and "like" us on Facebook to get all the latest details.

## May through July Farm Photography for Kids

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

Learn how to take great photos of your favorite farm animals and agricultural landscapes. Farm Photography for Kids gives kids ages 8 and up a unique opportunity to visit some of our region's most interesting farms, explore what they do there, and learn how to take great photos from professionals. Photographers Dona Ann McAdams, Corrina Aldrich, Ellie Markovitch and Cliff Oliver will teach the fundamentals of photographic composition and lighting and share their insights and techniques for getting that fantastic shot.



Over the course of the spring and early summer we will visit diverse farms to find out what makes them so special and worth protecting. After the trips are completed, we will review work and choose one photo from each photographer to be matted, framed and hung as a special exhibition in ASA's booth at the Washington County Fair and the Schaghticoke Fair.

This year we'll be photographing beef cattle, pigs and peacocks at a farm with incredible hilltop views, sheep with their spring lambs, dairy goats and their kids, rare heritage breed pigs and their piglets, and many varieties of dairy cows! You can sign up for one or as many trips as you like but space is limited so register early and don't miss this great opportunity to document for yourself the beauty and diversity of our community's working farms. Parents are welcome to attend for free but their work will not be included in the show!

Farm Photography for Kids is made possible, in part with funding from the Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund and from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered locally by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council.



## Weekdays, July 8th through July 19th

### The Arts Center of the Capital Region, 9-4 p.m. Farms, Food and Photography Camp

\$475/two week session (camperships available based on need), register at [artscenteronline.org](http://artscenteronline.org)

ASA is teaming up with The Arts Center in Troy to offer this unique two week camp focusing on farming, food, and photography. Students will visit four local vegetable and dairy farms to learn about farm operation and to harvest food with their own hands.



Back at The Arts Center, teaching artist and cook Ellie Markovitch will help students understand the idea of "farm-to-table" with basic cooking and nutritional skills and work with the students to prepare a meal with the food they've harvested. The students will also document their time on the farm and in the kitchen through photography and will use the state-of-the-art Digital Art Studio at The Arts Center to create a series of photographs, recipes, blog posts, and other media to relate their experience. The Arts Center will host a food tasting and official exhibition featuring the students' work at August Troy Night Out to remind the community of the important role farms and food play in our lives.

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



## August 8th

### 5:30-8 p.m. Hand Melon Farm, Easton Forever Farms Summer Supper

Tickets on sale in June

We'll be honoring the families who've made a gift to our community by conserving their land at this unique harvest dinner on the farm. Featuring classic picnic fare prepared by Spoonful Catering and sourced from local farms at the height of the season, this dinner promises to be a sumptuous celebration of the bounty our farmers provide. We've invited Congressmen Bill Owens and Chris Gibson to speak at the event.



## October 12th through 14th

### 12th Annual Landscapes for Landsake Art Exhibition

Opening reception: October 12, 2 to 6 p.m.

Gallery hours: October 13 & 14, Noon to 4 p.m.

ASA's Landscapes for Landsake art exhibition is the premier event of the season and our biggest fundraiser of the year. The show features artwork from more than 30 local artists who've been inspired to capture the beauty of our region's working landscapes. 50% of proceeds benefit ASA's farmland conservation program. Don't miss the 12th anniversary of this landmark art event!

## October 19th

### 8-4 p.m. location TBD Game of Logging

Two level I sessions, one for women only, \$125 per session, registration required



Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District and ASA are pleased to bring Game of Logging instructors to teach two levels of chainsaw techniques and safety. The Game of Logging is widely acknowledged as the premier timber harvesting training program in the country, offering hands on training for professionals and non-professionals alike. Top instructors across the country combine demonstration with participation to teach safety, productivity, conservation and cutting techniques.

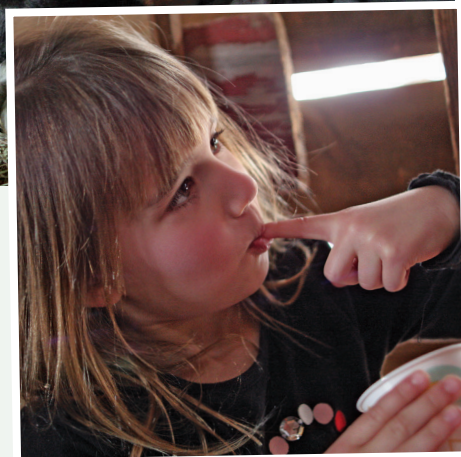
This valuable training will teach newer and safer aspects of felling techniques, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, and pre-planning the fell. Instructors will go over chainsaw safety features and protective equipment. Class size is limited to 10 participants per instructor. Participants are encouraged to bring their own chainsaws and safety equipment but there will be equipment available for those who need it.

### Local Businesses Support Farmland Conservation

We are very grateful for the many local businesses that support local farmland conservation by generously sponsoring ASA's events and programs. They understand the important role farms play in our community and are leading the way in protecting them for the future. Wiley Bros., Inc in Schaghticoke has been sponsoring ASA's events and programs for many years. Owner Tim Wiley explains, "Having grown up on a farm, I understand what farming is about and respect those who do it. Many of our customers are farmers and they spend their money locally. I'm happy to support ASA's work so we can continue to have farms in our community."



## Recent Events & Programs



### ASA hosted a **Maple & Milk Tour** of the conserved Cannon Cattle Ranch in Pittstown on one of the nicest days in March.

Farm owners Matt and Peggy Cannon graciously invited us to tour their sugar house while they were, as Peggy put it, “awash in sap” and at a full boil! We also walked through the milking parlor and visited the calves and heifers. Susan Fowler, a teacher at Delaware Community School, brought a group of her students who participate in the school’s Friendship Garden. She explains, “We are an inner city school located in the South End of Albany. Many of our students are refugees from various countries and have never experienced a working farm. They really enjoyed the visit to the farm, particularly the calves! Watching the look on their faces when they met the recently born calves was priceless. I couldn’t tear one little boy away from a calf he had befriended. Many of them had never tasted real syrup and were surprised by the flavor. This was a terrific learning experience for the kids and one they will not forget.”

Also in March, ASA partnered with Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District to host a program on **Creating and Managing Wildlife Habitat**. Bob Henke, columnist for the Post Star, retired Environmental Conservation Officer for the New York

State DEC, and current Argyle Town Supervisor, presented a slideshow and talk about plantings and practices he has used to attract a diverse array of wildlife. Scott Fitscher from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Greenwich also reviewed the programs NRCS uses to promote wildlife habitat.

In April, The Sanctuary for Independent Media in Troy hosted an opening for our **“Connecting with the Land”** photo exhibition. The show is an interesting blend of rural farm and urban garden photos taken by participants of our Farm Photography for Kids workshops and high school students from The Produce Project, a program of the Capital District Community Gardens. Pictures were taken at the students’ own community garden in Troy and at Soul Fire Farm in Grafton. The exhibit seeks to highlight the connection we all share to the farms and gardens that provide our local food, whether we live in the city, country or suburbs. The exhibition will be featured at the Sanctuary through June 15th. Visit [MediaSanctuary.org](http://MediaSanctuary.org) to find out more!

### *Ellie's Maple Frozen Yogurt*

Looking for a great treat you can make from locally produced ingredients? Ellie Markovitch, ASA’s Rensselaer County program coordinator, is a member of the Chef’s Consortium in Albany and she has a passion for cooking with local ingredients. After helping coordinate the Maple and Milk tour at the Cannon Cattle Ranch, Ellie was inspired to make her own maple frozen yogurt. Give it a try!

### *Greek Yogurt*

*(makes 8 cups)*

1 gallon of milk  
(un-homogenized if available)

8 oz. plain Greek yogurt with live cultures (to use as your starter the first time) at room temperature

Sterilize cooking utensils and containers (boiled in water for five minutes)

Take a large stainless steel pot, add milk and bring to a temperature of 185°F (little boiling bubbles are about to start) then turn it off

Let the milk cool to 105°F

Add 8 oz. of plain Greek yogurt, to the milk mixing with a clean metal whisk. Mix well. Cover with a tight lid.

Wrap your pot with a warm blanket and place in a cooler for 12 hours.

Strain out whey with a cheese cloth to desired consistency. Transfer to clean jars and refrigerate.

\*Tips: Save 1 cup as a starter for the next batch and use the whey to make bread.

### *Maple Frozen Yogurt*

4 cups Greek yogurt

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup maple syrup

Mix yogurt with maple syrup.

Chill yogurt mixture and use your ice cream maker according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

## ASA is Awarded Land Trust Accreditation

ASA has achieved land trust accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance. The accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands and demonstrate a commitment to excellence and continual learning and improvement. ASA is one of only 207 land trusts from across the country that has been awarded accreditation since the fall of 2008 when the program began.

Executive Director Teri Ptacek explains, “Although we’ve spent the past year reviewing and documenting ASA’s policies and programs

to prepare our application, honing our standards and practices is something our board and staff have been working on since day one. It gives us peace of mind to know that the effort has paid off and that our work will endure.”

Liz Gordon, a prior board member and conservationist who recently rejoined the board, said, “It’s gratifying to see that the local grassroots conservation movement we started in farmhouses and barnyards 23 years ago has evolved into such a strong and professional organization today. My husband Thomas Christenfeld and I donated an easement on our Alleged Farm in Easton in 1999. We’re glad to know its protection is

made even more secure by having an accredited land trust behind it.”



## 2013: A Good Year to Donate an Easement

Thinking about conserving your land? Wishing to maximize your charitable tax deduction for the gift? Then 2013 is the year to do it! Congress extended the enhanced tax incentive for conservation easement donations through December 31, 2013. Donors of conservation easements (and bargain sales) in 2013 can now deduct 50% of their adjusted gross income (100% for farmers with 50% agricultural income) over a total of 16 years. Contact Renee or Chris by early July at (518) 692-7285 for more information and to learn how donating an easement can help you realize your conservation goals.

## Thank You for Your Service!

Two members of our ASA Board departed this year as three new members join us.

We want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Tom Jilek of the protected Hi-Brow Farms in Jackson. In addition to being a conservationist, Tom served six years on ASA's Board: four years as treasurer, one year as vice chair and the past year as chair. Tom sees a bright future for ASA: "There are more and more people in the world and they need to be fed! A lot of them want their food to be local. To ensure a steady supply of local food in the Northeast, we have a real need to conserve good agricultural land."

We also want to thank Justin Stevens for his service on the Board over the past two years. Justin's expertise in technology and marketing has been most valuable to ASA. Justin is moving out of the area and we wish him the best of luck.



We're delighted to welcome Rich Norman to the Board. Rich is vice president and regional manager at Glens Falls National Bank. Rich moved to the area in 1975 and has been active in numerous local groups. He currently volunteers as treasurer for the Washington County Local Development Corporation, Greater Adirondack Home Aids, and the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance. Rich is a past Board Chairman of SUNY Adirondack. He is an avid sportsman and looks forward to protecting the agricultural resources that help to maintain the high quality of life in our area.

We're also very happy to add Travis Allen to our Board. Travis is a graduate of Cornell University and is part owner of Allenwaite Farms, Inc. where he works as the farm's crop manager. He and his family manage more than 2,500 acres of owned and rented cropland which supports their dairy opera-

tion. He explains, "Having good land is a critical part of our dairy's success. I'm excited to serve on the board of ASA because I know that having the option to conserve is good for many farmers. Being a seventh generation farmer myself, I hope to be able to offer the same opportunity to my daughters." Travis knows firsthand the importance of farming to our local economy.

We also want to welcome Beth Clark. Beth has deep agricultural roots in this area. Her father was president of the Farm Bureau and Beth was raised on a dairy farm in the town of Hampton, in northern Washington County. Beth works as a nurse in the Hudson Falls Middle School. Beth and her husband Jim have been great supporters of ASA for about 10 years and consider ASA "to be near and dear to their hearts". They have two children, ages 6 and 11, and live in Glens Falls.

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- Travis Allen

## A Legacy Gift Helps Shape the Future

Mary Ellen Williams has generously named ASA as a beneficiary in her estate plans. Mary Ellen is no stranger to agriculture. She rents her cropland to a neighboring farmer and boards horses at her 169-acre Hawk View Farm in Greenwich. She recently served six years on ASA's Board of Directors, two as Chair. Mary Ellen is committed to our community and feels that protecting local farmland is key to maintaining the rich agricultural character of our region.

A legacy gift is a meaningful way to support farmland

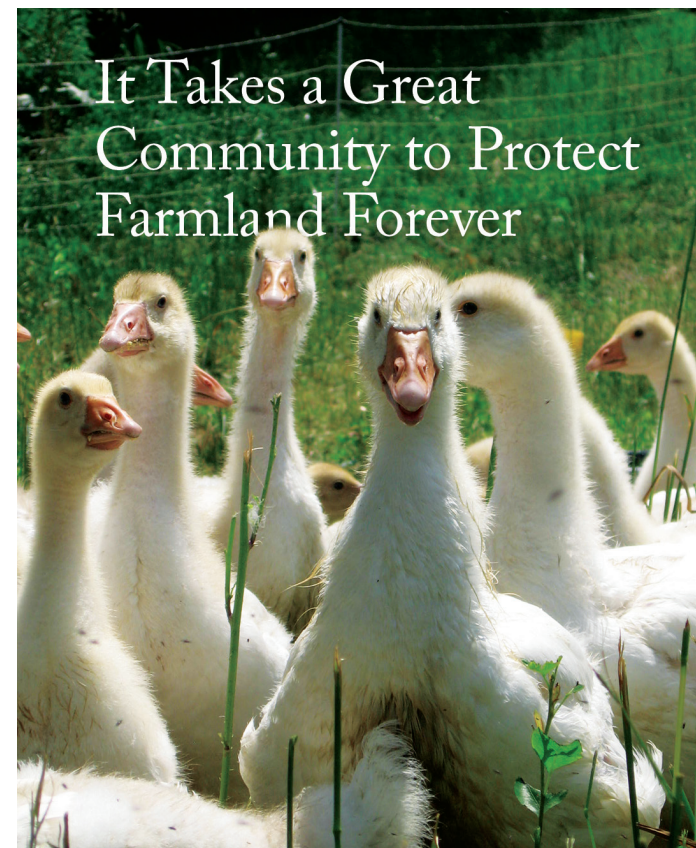
conservation here in your community for generations to come. Your gift, in the form of a trust, life insurance, property, gift annuity or bequest empowers ASA to protect and steward the valuable agricultural resources of our region. Years from now, when people enjoy the bounty our farmland provides,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

Please let us know if, like Mary Ellen Williams, you have included ASA in your estate planning. 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've chosen to live in Washington County all my life because I love the productive and beautiful farmland we have here. My mother recently passed away and I've learned from experience that naming an organization as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy or investment portfolio is the easiest way to make sure that the organization you care about receives the funds quickly and almost effortlessly. I've chosen to name ASA as my beneficiary because I want my legacy to be conserving productive farmland for the future."

- Mary Ellen Williams,  
Greenwich resident and member of ASA's Farmland Forever Legacy Circle



### Make a donation

In addition to the direct financial help, your contribution demonstrates community support for ASA's conservation efforts, which in turn helps us leverage funding from grants and private sources. Consider becoming a monthly member or giving a gift membership, and be sure to let us know if your employer matches charitable donations.

### Make a legacy gift

Your gift, in the form of a trust, life insurance, stocks and bonds, property, gift annuity or bequest empowers ASA to protect and steward the valuable agricultural resources of our region.

### Volunteer

ASA needs volunteers to help with organizing events and community programs, sending out membership mailings, and providing expertise in professional and technical matters.

### Be an advocate for farmland conservation

Let your family, friends, town officials and state legislators know why you support local farmland conservation.

# Thank You!

Your Support Makes Farmland Protection Possible.

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 October 26, 2012 and April 24, 2013. 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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## May–July

### Farm Photography for Kids

Kids age 8 and up

Visit farms and learn to take great photos from professionals! This year we'll be photographing beef cattle, pigs and peacocks at a farm with incredible hilltop views, sheep with their spring lambs, dairy goats and their kids, rare heritage breed pigs and their piglets, and many varieties of dairy cows!

## August 8th

### Forever Farms Summer Supper

5:30-8 p.m. Hand Melon Farm, Easton  
Tickets on sale in June

We'll be honoring the families who've made a gift to our community by conserving their land with a sumptuous harvest dinner on the farm.

## October 12th–14th

### 12th Annual Landscapes for Landsake Art Exhibition

Opening reception: October 12, 2 to 6 p.m.  
Gallery hours: October 13 & 14, Noon to 4 p.m.

Don't miss the event of the season. Featuring artwork from more than 30 artists inspired by our working landscapes. 50% of proceeds benefit local farmland conservation!

Deep Summer by Virginia McNeice