



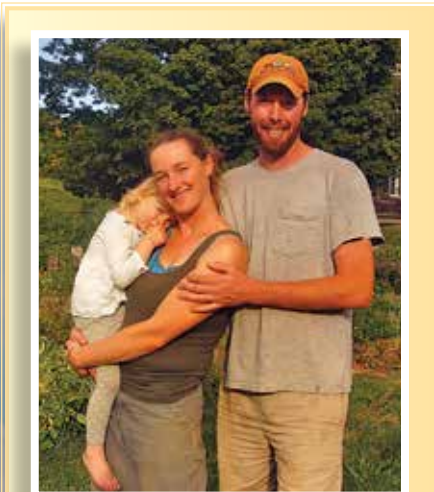
Millennials Start Farming Just Minutes from Troy

Daily commuters know the 175-acre Laughing Earth Farm in Brunswick, just a 15 minute drive from Troy, as the place with all the chickens strolling in the fields near the road. What they may not know is that the farm also raises pastured turkeys and pork as well as vegetables. And that Zack and Annie Metzger, a new generation of farmers, are now on the land.

Zack and Annie started their careers in farming with the Farm Beginnings Program in central Illinois. There they learned how to create budgets and business plans. Sounds more like business school

than farming, but as Zack and Annie can attest, “When it came to buying the farm, everyone asked us for a business plan. It was absolutely essential.”

The Metzgers’ leased their first farm in central Illinois where their customers were as far as an hour and a half away.



“We live in a populated area and we are really happy to know that this land will be here, capable of producing food forever.”

— Zack Metzger

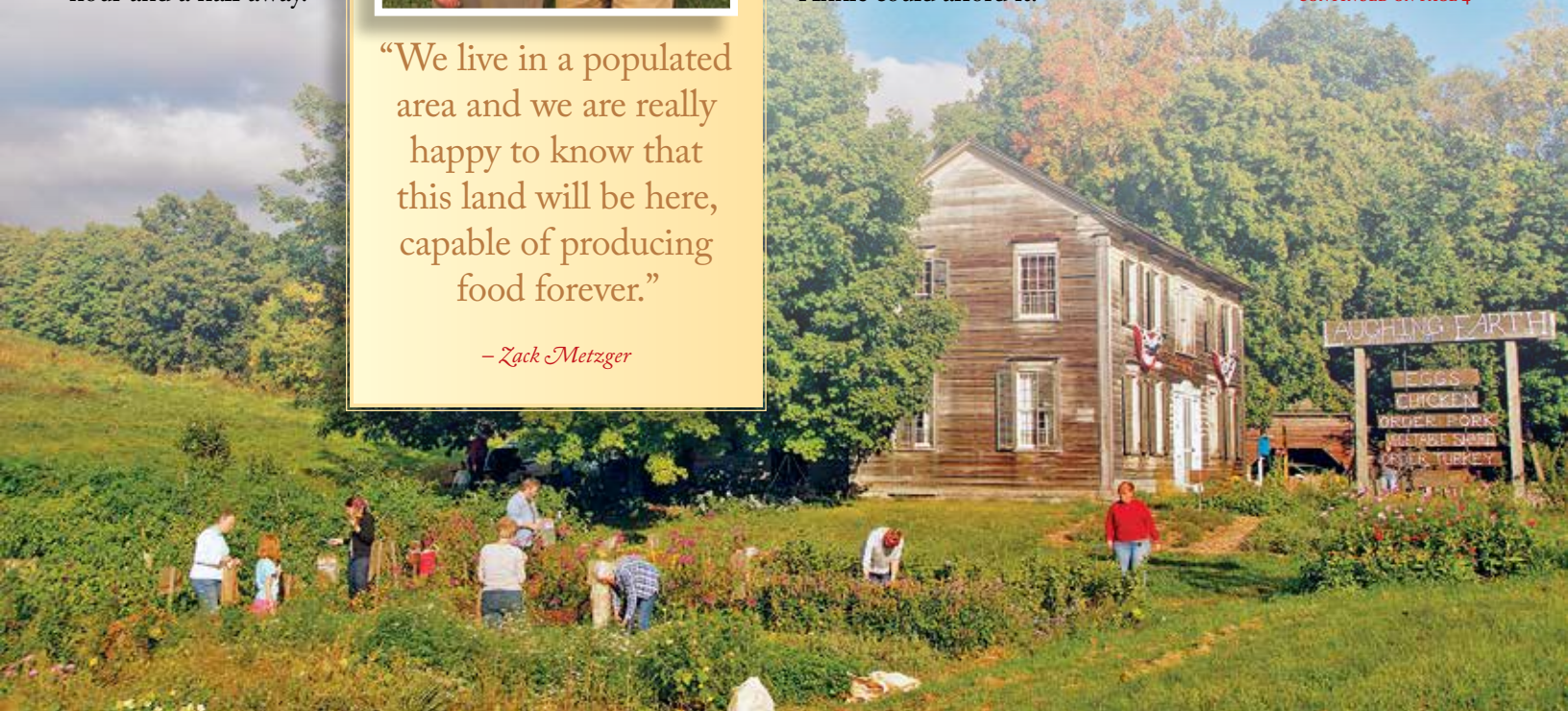
When Zack and Annie were ready to buy their own farm, their dream was to find a place where they could become an integral part of a growing community. That’s when Annie (who is originally from Schaghticoke) came to ASA. ASA introduced them to Rich and Linda Bulson, owners of Homestead Farm on State Route 2 in Brunswick.

Rich and Linda had owned Homestead Farm for over 20 years, raising beef cows and running an organic vegetable Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operation. As the Bulsons approached retirement, they worried about what would happen to the land when they retired. The farm’s proximity to Albany, Rensselaer and Troy put the land at high risk for residential development and, in fact, developers had been knocking on their door for years.

The Metzgers’ arrived just at the right time, working on the farm alongside the Bulsons for a year to make sure it was a good fit. Then they leased the land from Rich and Linda, took over the CSA, and also the Bulsons’ space at the Troy Waterfront Farmers Market. Annie described the process as “catching lightning in a bottle,” but in actual fact, she and Zack had done their homework well and everything was going according to plan.

With the farm in the Metzger’s skillful hands, the Bulsons were ready to sell. One problem: there was no way Zack and Annie could afford it.

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Ensuring a Future for Farming and Forestry in our Community

ASA exists to protect our community's working landscape of farms and forests, connect people to the land, and promote a vibrant future for agriculture in the region. To date, we have assisted landowners with the conservation of 17,000 acres of productive land in Washington and Rensselaer counties.

ASA receives funding from its members and supporters, which include the Peter and Carmine Lucia Buck Foundation, the Castanea Foundation and the New York Conservation Partnership Program (funded by New York's Environmental Protection Fund and administered by the Land Trust Alliance, in coordination with the state Department of Environmental Conservation).

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Have you felt the magic?

How many of us drive up on a regular basis from Albany, Troy, New York City, or points further south and heave a sigh of relief as we cross “the line” into Rensselaer and Washington counties? Suddenly, the housing developments and strip malls fall away and the farms begin to appear, as if by magic, on both sides of the road. That magical feeling is what inspired John Proudfit to drive just a little further than the Catskills when he was looking for a country home (see page 3) and what brought Zack and Annie Metzger to the farm in Brunswick (see cover story).

2016 was a record year for farmland protection funding in New York State. ASA was awarded enough money to conserve 1,900 acres on three farms in Rensselaer County and three more in Washington County. That means we will be closing in on a total of 20,000 acres of conserved working lands by 2018! (And the end of the year may bring yet more good news.) These farms produce everything from milk, vegetables, beef, and pork to buffalo, maple syrup, poultry and eggs.

None of this could have happened if you hadn't shared our vision for conserving farmland in this region. Many of you planted the seeds of our success throughout the past quarter of a century by protecting your own farmland, or donating the money to help others do the same.

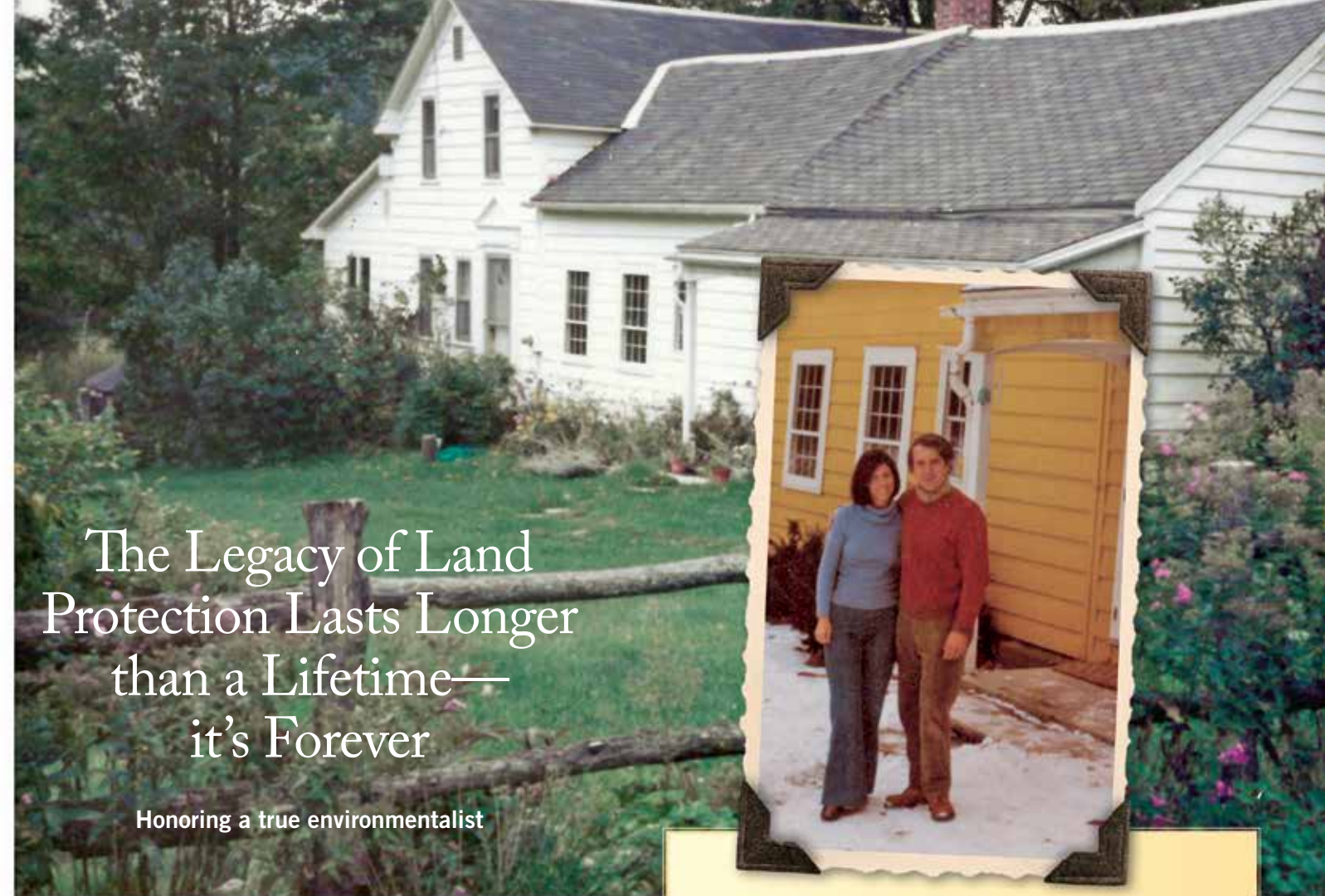
Now we are beginning to reap the bounty from those seeds. (Sorry, we can't seem to get away from these metaphors.)

Still, we have a ways to go. We cannot complete these state funded projects without your help. The state money pays for a large portion of the project costs. But your contributions are critical to fund our ongoing land protection and stewardship programs and provide matching funds when required.

We literally can't thank you enough for how far you've helped ASA come, for “getting it”, and understanding what is at stake here. Not just our beautiful landscapes but our farm economy, our rural communities and our quality of life.

Have a wonderful holiday! And help us keep moving forward so that we will always have local farms and farmland creating magic for future generations.

— Teri Ptacek & Katherine Roome



The Legacy of Land Protection Lasts Longer than a Lifetime—it's Forever

Honoring a true environmentalist

“I feel very, very pleased that we've done this. John would be delighted. Since 1971 he had an interest in conserving this land, and now it will be conserved forever.”

— Sally Proudfit

John Proudfit spent his career fighting to protect the environment. Monday through Friday, he worked in one of the world's largest cities as an Assistant Attorney General for New York State, focusing on environmental law. But it was on the weekends, when John drove four hours to his farm in Eagleville, a little place in the middle of nowhere, that John was actually able to enjoy the natural environment.

The old sheep farm John purchased in 1969 was built in the early 1800's. At one time a road ran through it, connecting Eagleville to the mills in Shushan. John spent most of his weekends caring for the 68-acre farm, mowing the hayfields, weeding around the ponds and updating the old farmhouse. By 1971, John was working on a conservation plan for the farm that called for adding native plant buffers, trees and managing the wildlife population.

When John married Sally in 1976, she also fell in love with their Eagleville home. She and John hiked, swam in the pond, watched the wildlife and floated down the Batten Kill. “It reminds me of the English Countryside,” said Sally (who ought to know since she is from England).

“John's happiest times were at the farm,” Sally recently recalled, “a red-tailed hawk would always follow him as he cut the hay. The same one, year after year. Right before John

passed in 2010, one of the last things he talked about was that red-tailed hawk. He had hoped to take one last trip up to the farm to see the hawk.” After all, John and the hawk had a lot in common – especially their preferred choice of habitat.

Today the hay fields are leased to a local dairy farm and wildlife flourishes in the mixed wetlands and forest. Sally talked with friends about ways to carry on John's love of the land. In July of this year, she donated a conservation easement on the farm. The easement is John's legacy. “I feel very, very pleased that we've done this. John would be delighted. Since 1971 he had an interest in conserving this land, and now it will be conserved forever.”

The property is less than a mile from the Reiss Conservation Easement (conserved with ASA's assistance), the Batten Kill State Forest and Goose Egg State Forest. It is also located within ASA's Batten Kill Priority Area.

Thus began a series of transactions to make the Metzger's dream come true. First, the Bulsons asked ASA about conserving their land in return for a state grant. The Bulsons could use that money to retire, and by "stripping away" the right to ever build houses there, the value of the farm would be reduced to a price that Zack and Annie could afford. ASA offered to help the Bulsons give up those development rights by applying for a state farmland protection grant with matching funds from Scenic Hudson Land Trust.

Funding was awarded in October 2014. However, it would be a while before the money actually came from the state. So, in the fall of 2015, Zack and Annie received a bridge loan from Equity Trust to purchase the farm from Rich and Linda. Equity Trust is also providing funds for ASA to hold a Pre-Emptive Purchase Right. This gives ASA the right to purchase the farm if it ever looks like it may be sold to a non-farmer.



Lemony Chicken Soup

FROM *Bon Appétit* MAGAZINE

- 1 whole chicken (approx. 3lbs)
- 1 carrot
- 1 leek (white and green parts only)
- Half a medium onion
- 4 quarts water
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 2 eggs
- 6 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2/3 cup white rice

In a large pot simmer, chicken, carrot (cut into large pieces), leek (halved), onion and water. Cook for about 45-60 minutes until the chicken is cooked through. Transfer the chicken to a plate and let it cool.

Remove the carrot, leek and onion and keep cooking the broth over medium-high heat until the broth is reduced by half, which should take another 30 minutes. Season with salt.

When the chicken is cool, shred the thigh and leg meat and set aside. Save the breasts for another use.

In a medium bowl, whisk eggs and fresh lemon juice until the mixture looks kind of foamy. Now, here is skill time! You are going to temper the mixture. What that means is that while you are whisking constantly, add 1 cup hot chicken broth, starting with just a couple of teaspoons at a time. If you pour too much hot broth too quickly, you are going to end up with scrambled eggs.

Add 1 cup white rice to the broth sitting on the stove (not the broth now incorporated with the egg) and make sure to stir so the rice doesn't stick to the bottom of the pan. Cook for 5-10 minutes, then add the pulled chicken and cook for another 5 minutes. The chicken should be heated through and the rice should be tender at this point.

It's whisking time again! Slowly pour in the tempered egg mixture, once again starting with a few teaspoons at a time and then increasing to a steady stream. Whisk constantly.

Reduce heat to medium-low and keep cooking the soup for about 5 more minutes, until it is slightly thickened and velvety. Season with salt and pepper. Drizzle with oil.

www.bonappetit.com/story/lemony-chicken-soup

"So many people put themselves out there for us and we are truly grateful for that. We feel we are creating a community where people value food and farm experiences."

—Annie Metzger



Zack and Annie recently put in a state-inspected processing facility so they can sell wholesale chickens and turkeys from the farm. Neighboring Brunswick Barbeque & Brew started buying the Metzgers' processed chickens on Day 1 and CSA members began packing the pub for dinner. Not only do Zack and Annie's chickens eat an organic diet, but the Metzgers are starting to grow their own grain so that the chickens will also be eating only extremely local food.

Other than a new name for the farm, changes have been gradual and neighbors are happy that they can still see the chickens on their commute to work. And Annie's dream is being realized: "So many people put themselves out there for us and we are truly grateful for that. We feel we are creating a community where people value food and farm experiences."

Funding for this project was provided by the New York State Environmental Protection Fund administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, Scenic Hudson Land Trust and Equity Trust.

Welcome to the Team, Dana!

ASA is pleased to announce the hiring of Dana McClure as Development Coordinator. Dana will provide key fundraising support to the organization.

Dana, a Gansevoort resident, comes to ASA from The Corporation of Yaddo, where she served as Development Associate for the past 11 years



Dana McClure

She brings with her a combination of data management, event planning, research, reporting and analytical skills.

Dana serves on the Board at Dunham's Bay Fish & Game Club and most recently has enjoyed volunteering her time for an Odyssey of the Mind tournament and Lansingburgh's Vex Robotics competition. She has a MBA from SUNY Empire State College.

Welcome, Dana!

Our Partnership with Capital Roots Benefits Local Communities and Farms

Over 7 Tons of Food Gleaned this Season

During this past growing season ASA helped our partners Comfort Food Community, Capital Roots, and the "Glean Team" bring more than 15,000 pounds of farm products to people in need as well as the larger community of the Capital District. We would like to thank The Alleged Farm, Moses Farm, Windflower Farm, Tiashoke Farms, Slack Hollow Farm, and the Sheldon Family Farm Stand for letting us collect excess produce from the fields. This year the Glean Team had many productive days picking chard, kale, corn, potatoes, squash, greens, radishes, zucchini and beets.



Accessing Wholesale Markets

ASA and Capital Roots continue to provide access to wholesale markets for local farmers through a drop off/pick up location at ASA's office. Capital Roots offers local products via an online marketplace. When an order is placed, farmers drop the order off at ASA and Capital Roots picks it up and gets it to the customer. A partnership helping local farmers, one refrigeratorful at a time!



Make a Workplace Gift to ASA Through EarthShare!



ASA is a member of EarthShare New York, a statewide network of the most respected environmental and conservation charities in New York and across the US. You can make a gift to ASA by payroll contribution through EarthShare New York's workplace giving program offered by numerous private companies, as well as the Combined Federal Campaign (select 27691 on your CFC

pledge form) and many state and municipal government organizations, including the New York State Employees Federated Appeal (select 999-00648 on your SEFA pledge form).

To find out more about how you and your workplace can support ASA through an EarthShare New York's charitable giving campaign, please call Katie at ASA. You can also visit EarthShare New York's website at earthshareny.org. Many thanks to everyone who has made a gift to ASA through EarthShare New York this year!



The Beekman Boys at the Forever Farmland Supper at Hand Melon Farm

Recent Events & Programs



When the songbirds sing, we come running. At sunrise, wildlife ecologist Steve Sanford took a group of people for a walk on the conserved White Oak Farm in Buskirk. The early birds (pun intended) were serenaded by over 50 species of birds that morning. From Great Blue Herons to Ruby-throated Hummingbirds and Bobolinks, Steve helped participants identify birds by sight and sound. Thank you Steve for sharing your knowledge and Connie Kheel for inviting us to walk on your beautiful property.

With a little help from special guests, reality TV stars Brent Ridge and Josh Purcell (known to most people as the Beekman Boys) and the Chefs' Consortium, the **Forever Farmland Supper** sold out in less than one week. The 325 people who attended the event at the conserved Hand Melon Farm were treated to a dinner of locally sourced

food prepared by the Chefs' Consortium. The cocktail hour featured local beer, wine and cider (donated by Brown's Brewing Company, Victory View Vineyard, Slyboro Cider and Saratoga Apple) served with a spread of local cheeses, preserves and Beekman 1802 Bruschetta. The Beekman Boys signed their Heirloom Cookbook and generously donated a portion of the proceeds to ASA. The main course featured produce from 12 local farms, including Argyle Cheese Farmer, Battenkill Valley Creamery, The Berry Patch, Birch Hollow Farm, Gardenworks, Hand Melon Farm, Moses Farm, Pleasant Valley Farm, St.

Croix Farm, Three Corner Field Farm, Tiashoke Farms and Tilledale Farm. Many thanks to the Chefs' Consortium and an extra special thank you to Chef Michael Lapi, who camped out at the Hand Melon Farm so he could start roasting the pig at 4:00 am! The Beekman Boys made us all laugh with stories about their first farming experiences and the role that community and partnerships have played in their success. Auctioneer Kyle McPhail helped raise additional funds auctioning off a Maurice Sendak lithograph, farm-to-table



dinners, a Saratoga Racetrack backstretch tour and a local beverage tour. Thank you to everyone who donated items and to the lucky folks who took them home.

Congratulations to all of the 2016 **Game of Logging** chainsaw safety training participants. ASA partnered with the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District to offer all four training levels over the last two weekends in October. The first weekend featured brutal wet and cold conditions, but everyone persevered and returned for levels 3 and 4 the following weekend. An anonymous donor allowed us



Game of Logging

to award scholarships to 7 participants. Thanks to John and Eva Moore at St. Croix Farm and Brian Ziehm at Tiashoke Farm for the program. Once again, Dave Birdsall from Northeast Woodland Training did an outstanding job teaching all four levels.

Other events that took place throughout the spring and summer included **Farms, Food and Photography Camp** in collaboration with The Arts Center for the Capital Region, a tour of the Berle Farm in Hoosic for a group of young farmers, a **Can to Preserve the Land** workshop at RPI for the Vashuda Program students, and visits to Ensign Brook Farm, Northern Spy Farm as well as the conserved Stone Meadow and R'Eisen Shine Farms for **Farm Photography for Kids**. We spent **Healthy Kids Day** at the Troy Family YMCA with a kiddie pool filled with chicks and ducklings and then brought the chicks and ducklings to the Glens Falls Farm & Food Festival the following week.



Farm Photography for Kids

The first lecture in the Global Issues: Local Solutions workshop series was **GMO's: Distinguishing Fact from Fiction**. Dr. Margaret Smith, a plant breeder from Cornell University, explained the science behind genetically modified organisms and framed the controversy and concerns surrounding this technology. Thank you to Gardenworks Farm for hosting this first of a series of four lectures sponsored by ASA, Cornell Cooperative Extension and SUNY Adirondack. (See information about future lectures in this series, at right.)



Birding walk at White Oak Farm

Thank you to everyone who opened their doors and allowed us to visit their farms. Thanks also to those who attended these events connected to the land we are working to protect.

Upcoming Programs

Below, three lectures remaining from the four-part series on the regional farm and food system.

December 1

7:00 p.m.—Hubbard Hall, Love Joy Building, Cambridge
The New Bread Basket

Amy Halloran, author of *The New Bread Basket* will discuss how bread is building a community as a new band of farmers work to reinvent local grain systems.

January 26

7:00 p.m.—SUNY Adirondack, Queensbury

Climate Change and Agriculture

Dr. Michael Hoffman, executive director of the Cornell Institute for Climate Smart Solutions will talk about the extensive evidence of an increasingly erratic climate and how this affects local, national and worldwide agriculture.

March 14

7 p.m.—Brown's Brewing Company, Walloomsac Tap Room, Hoosick Falls

The Renaissance of Hops and Farmstead Brewing

Laura Ten Eyck along with several local brewers will describe how the runaway craft beer market's convergence with the ever-expanding local foods movement is helping to spur a local-hops renaissance.

Call 518-743-2238 or register online at www.sunyacc.edu/continuing

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15th Annual Landscapes for Landsake Art Sale & Exhibition

A smashing success!

If ever there was a good year to break records, it was the 15th Anniversary of Landscapes for Landsake Art Sale & Exhibition. Curated for the second year in a row by volunteers John and Gigi Begin, the event broke every record.

John and Gigi's "aim big" mentality proved to be a smashing success. Working with the jury, they selected 55 artists (the most ever!) to participate in the show and a record 530 pieces of art. John and Gigi strived to keep the look of the show clean and elegant while incorporating as many pieces as possible. All told, 173 works were sold totaling \$94,000 in art sales. John and Gigi spent countless hours preparing for the show – and for that we are truly grateful.

This year's featured art, *September Barn*, was painted by Tom Kerr. Life in rural Washington County and the surrounding area continues to be a source of inspiration for Tom. "I admire the grace and purpose of old barns in the landscape. For years I have admired the fields with their ever-changing geometry of



patterns and colors. How man puts his fingerprint on the land has always been something I have enjoyed watching and wanted to capture," he said.

We are grateful to host Larry Sconzo of Maple Ridge, who generously opens his beautiful property each year for the Art Sale & Exhibition. It is the perfect setting for our most important fundraiser. For all 15 years, art hanging, lighting and technical expertise have been managed by Jim Schanz whose knowledge has been priceless. Dave Horn and Liz Gordon were also recognized for their involvement over the past 15 years. Many thanks to the artists and volunteers who helped make this event possible and everyone who supported the event by purchasing art.

Thank you!

Artists: Sabina Alcorn, Deborah Bayly, Gigi Begin, John Begin, Marilyn Cavallari, Matthew Chinian, Eden Compton Clay, Rita DiCaprio, Kathleen Domenicucci, Joan Duff Bohrer, Alexandra Eckhardt, Stella Ehrich, Judith Ellers, Ann Fitzgibbons, Jerry Freedner, Diane Guendel, Margaret Horn, Carolyn Justice, Tom Kerr, Clarence King, Rose Klebes, Karen Koziol, Heather Kranz, Erik Laffer, Carol Law Conklin, Matthew Lerman, Elana Mark, Dona Ann McAdams, Leah McCloskey, Virginia McNeice, Robert Moylan, Clifford Oliver, Harry Orlyk, Leslie Parke, Leslie Peck, Christopher Pierce, Martha Raleigh Winsten, Melissa Schlobohm, Laura Shore, Lori Simon, Robert Skinner, Seline Skoug, Rebecca Sparks, Barbara Sussman, Anne Sutherland, Marguerite Takvorian-Holmes, Janine Thomas, Shira Toren, Mark Tougas, George Van Hook, Frank Vurraro, Takeyce Walter, Susan Whiting, Regina Wickham

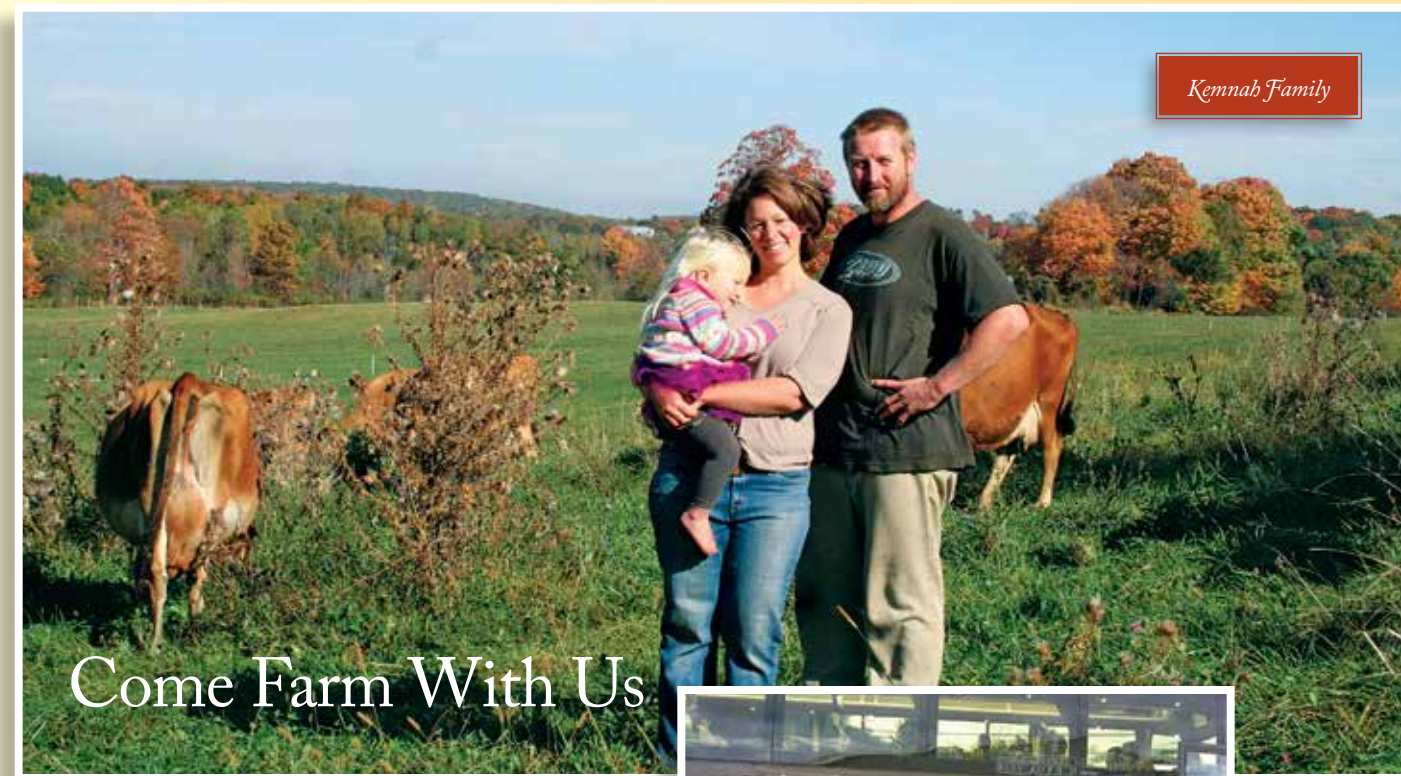
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A huge thank you to the students in VOSCA for helping with parking throughout the weekend.



Come Farm With Us

ASA is a partner in the Hudson Valley Farmlink Network. The network, which is coordinated by the American Farmland Trust with support from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, includes organizations like ASA throughout the Hudson River Valley that help farmers access land. If you have land you would like to make available for farming, ASA can help post your profile on the website and help with resources to aid in successful transfers or leasing arrangements.

It's A Match!

We are pleased to welcome Chris and Samantha Kemnah to Washington County. They had been leasing land and farming in Greene County for many years and were ready to purchase their own farm. Making use of the Hudson Valley Farmland Finder website, the Kemnahs learned about the Zink Farm in Argyle.

The Zinks retired from a lifetime of dairy farming and posted their farm profile on the website

in 2015. The farm description fit the type of land and infrastructure the Kemnahs were looking for and when they first visited the farm, Samantha fell in love with the property. The Kemnahs have a certified organic and certified grass fed Jersey dairy herd and are producing milk for Maple Hill Creamery. They are settling into the farm and community with their 4 children, Alexander, Benjamin, Margaret and Catherine. Chris and Samantha look forward to growing their herd and production and being able to offer their children the opportunity to continue on the farm in the future.

Hop on the bus

Thanks to everyone who made the October 23rd **Come Farm With Us Bus Tour** a great success. Twenty-three farm-seekers joined ASA staff and other service providers from our area for a visit to six farm properties in northern Rensselaer and southern Washington



counties which are for sale or lease. The farms ranged from a two acre garden leas-

ing opportunity to a several hundred acre former dairy farm. Along the way participants learned about agricultural resources in our communities. Thanks to Sandy Buxton of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Patricia Lockwood of Farm Credit East, Holly Rippon-Butler of National Young Farmers Coalition, Tim Biello of American Farmland Trust and Benneth Phelps of Dirt Capital Partners for joining us for the day and sharing their expertise and resources with the participants. Renee Bouplon, ASA Associate Director, relayed information on easements and their role in farmland access. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Brown's Brewing Walloomsac Taproom. The tour was supported by a grant from the Hudson Valley Farmlink Network.

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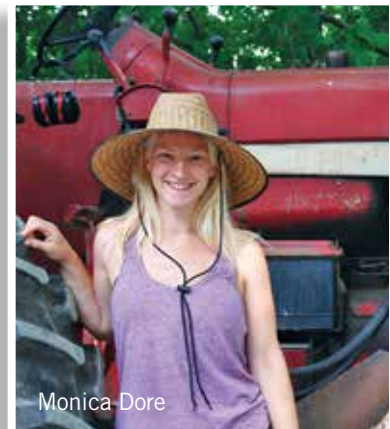
A Special Thank You

A special thank you to Al Garner and Annie Paulsen for hosting a Memphis themed pig roast at Laing Hill Farm in North Hebron. Over 100 people attended the party and were treated to the beautiful views from Al and Annie's beef farm, of which 94 acres are protected by an ASA easement. In addition to the grass-fed beef operation, Laing Hill Farm breeds Morgan horses, produces hay and grows fruits and vegetables. Thank you Al and Annie. It was a perfect evening!

Thank you, Interns!

This summer, ASA was fortunate to have the help of Monica Dore and Marbury Jacobs.

ASA hired Monica Dore as our undergraduate summer intern. Monica is from Greenwich and a senior at SUNY Oneonta where



she is a biology major. Monica has worked at Mapeland Farms, Aghamora Dairy, the Greenwich Town Beach and Fiddlehead Creek Native Plant Nursery. Monica is an editor of the Oneonta student newspaper and hopes to continue her studies with a focus on conservation. She assisted with the Farm Photography series, Farm Photography camp, social media and gave outreach and event assistance.

We were also able to hire graduate student Marbury Jacobs to assist with research related to the Washington County agricultural and farmland protection plan. Marbury attends the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. She is obtaining her Masters in Agriculture Food and Environment. Marbury has worked on several farms in various capacities including planting, harvesting, marketing, communications and retail.

ASA's Internship Fund was established at the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region. Contributions can be made to this fund to help support our internship program.

Thank you for all of your hard work, Monica & Marbury.



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