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Landlines

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20 Reasons to join the Simsbury Land Trust

Are you a member of the Simsbury Land Trust? Each year over 750 families support the SLT with a membership contribution. These donations support not only the acquisition of new properties and stewardship of the properties we already protect, but all of the Education and Recreation programs and activities we offer each year.

Inside this issue of Landlines are 20 different programs and events — each providing a different reason for you to join today. If you are already a member, we would love to have you renew early — all renewals or new memberships will be valid for the remainder of this year and 2013.

While most of our activities are free of charge, SLT members receive a discount on all programs charging a fee. And some of our publications are sent only to members of the SLT. Your support is important to us and provides funding for some wonderful programs.

Take a few minutes to read through this issue of Landlines and see for yourself the 20 reasons for joining as a member. When you are done, please consider using the enclosed membership envelope to renew or join today.

Dirty Boots Kids Club *Time to get your boots dirty!*

Join us as a member of the Simsbury Land Trust Dirty Boots Kids Club this fall! Increasing the number of family and kid friendly activities for members and area residents has been a goal of the Education and Recreation Committee this year. To meet this goal we have created an outdoor exploration program for children.

An activity book with trail maps and trail information for children and their families to use while exploring SLT trails is now available to members of the kids club and will be available for download on our website as well. Several family events are already planned for this fall, and we plan have several more this winter. (We are always looking for new committee members to help us plan our programs, so please contact the office if you are interested in helping us plan activities for this exciting new children's program.)

If you are interested in joining the Dirty Boots Kids Club please complete the form on page 7 and return to the SLT office. Membership in the Dirty Boots Kids Club is \$10 per child for members, and \$20 per child for non-members. Each child will receive a knapsack, a water bottle, and an activity guide, and will be able to join us at all kids club activities. *Please note: all children must be accompanied by an adult for these events.*

Our first Dirty Boots Kids Club event will be on Saturday, September 15 at 11:30 at our Annual Membership BBQ at Tulmeadow Farm.

Knapsacks, water bottles and activity books will be available for pick up at that time. If you have any questions please contact amyzeiner@aol.com.

Many thanks!

This first edition of the Dirty Boots Kids Club Activity Guide is a project that took a lot of planning and effort from many people. Special thanks to the following:

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GREEN SCENES: A documentary film and discussion series

In an effort to continue building awareness and provide educational opportunities, we have developed Green Scenes: A documentary film and discussion series. This program is designed to encourage and foster useful dialogue in our community about environmental and farming issues, while continuing to raise awareness. In addition to screening a series of carefully selected documentaries, these events will provide enhanced insight to our community through panel discussions with local experts.



The Green Scenes Documentary Film Series will unfold over the course of seven months, beginning in September. Hosted on the third Thursday of each month, each event will include a short reception followed by a documentary screening and then concluding with a panel discussion featuring relevant local experts. The series will be hosted at the Apple Barn in Simsbury (except for The Greenhorns in January, which will be hosted at The Community Farm of Simsbury).

Doors open at 6:30, and the films will begin promptly at 7, with a discussion immediately following the showing. The films are of various lengths, and panel members are still being determined.

Tickets for the series are sold as a package or individually.

Members:

\$5 per film

\$25 for all six films

Non-members:

\$10 per film

\$50 for all six films

Ticket price includes film and light refreshments. Seating is limited, so we encourage you to order your tickets in advance with the form on page 7.

Many thanks to the sponsors of our Green Scenes Film Series!

The following companies have generously agreed to sponsor the Green Scenes Film Series to help offset the cost of showing the films.

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Recycling at Green Scenes!

In an effort to encourage recycling, the SLT has teamed up with Planet Green recycling to collect empty printer cartridges, old cell phones and small electronics to reduce landfill and raise money for the SLT at the same time.

At each Green Scene film night we will have a collection box to take your old and unwanted small electronics and ink cartridges. Working or not, we will collect them and mail to Planet Green.

According to Planet Green's website, it is estimated that over 2.5 Million tons of E-waste ends up in our landfills every year. For information on what items we can accept visit their website at www.planetgreenrecycle.com/simsburylandtrust.



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GALA DINNER AND DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE “SEEKING THE GREATEST GOOD — THE CONSERVATION LEGACY OF GIFFORD PINCHOT”

Thursday, September 6, 2012

5:00 p.m. – Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres

7:00 p.m. – Dinner

8:00 p.m. – Film Premiere

Join the Simsbury Land Trust, Mainstreet Partnership and the Simsbury Free Library for the world premiere of the PBS documentary about Simsbury-born Gifford Pinchot. This gala benefit dinner event will be held at The Riverview. Tickets for the event, which includes dinner, cocktails and the movie, are \$100 per person. A portion of each ticket sold benefits the three organizations. To purchase your ticket visit the website www.shopsimsbury.com/pinchot.



Seeking the Greatest Good: The Conservation Legacy of Gifford Pinchot highlights the still-increasing value of Pinchot's philosophy of natural resource conservation through sustainable use. We've entered into a new era in which most of the serious conservation organizations have moved beyond the belief that

“no management” is the best way to conserve forests and other renewable resources. In the wake of major wildfires and extensive forest mortality, especially on federal lands, forest stakeholders of all kinds have come to realize that sustainable forest management is our best hope for conserving forests for a wide array of values — water resource protection, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, and climate mitigation as well as wood and bioenergy.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BBQ

Saturday, September 15, 2012

Tulmeadow Farm Field

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Our **annual membership BBQ** is an event you shouldn't miss! Free guided woodlot hikes, hayrides, BBQ and Tulmeadow Ice Cream. Join us for musical entertainment, hikes and more. BBQ and other activities are free of charge. Rain date is September 16. Reservations are not needed.

Also scheduled is our first **Dirty Boots Kids Club** hiking event at 11:30 a.m. Sign up for the Dirty Boots Kids Club in advance or join at the BBQ, \$10 per child for members, \$20 per child for non-members. Fee includes special Dirty Boots knapsack, activity guide, SLT water bottle and 4 Dirty Boots events per year (each child must be accompanied by an adult).



The Simsbury Grange is hosting its annual **Agricultural Fair** this day from 10 – 2 p.m. The fair features a bake and craft sale, exhibits from local organizations and farms, kids activities and more. See their website at www.simsburygrange.org. Flamig Farm is offering free hayrides between this event and our annual BBQ so be sure to stop by this long-time Simsbury event.

Our popular **Mushroom Hike** returns at 2:00 p.m. at the end of the BBQ. After lunch join mushroom expert Marlene Sncinski on a foraging hike in the Tulmeadow Woodlot. Meet at the BBQ tent area for a one to one and a half hour walk through the woodlot to learn about the varieties of mushrooms found here. RSVPs are requested for this hike by September 7th.

Green Scenes is a documentary film and discussion series new to the SLT this year.

Each of the films will be followed by a panel discussion about the documentary topic. Cost to attend is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six for members, \$10 per session or \$50 for all six for non-members. Fee includes movie screening, refreshments and some promotional items. RSVPs are requested one week in advance.

**GREEN SCENES:
A DOCUMENTARY FILM
AND DISCUSSION SERIES**

TAPPED

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Apple Barn

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

“Is access to clean drinking water a basic human right or a commodity that should be bought and sold like any other article of commerce? Stephanie Soechtig’s debut feature is an unflinching examination of the big business of bottled water...This timely documentary is a behind-the-scenes look into the unregulated and unseen world of an industry that aims to privatize and sell back the one resource that ought never to become a commodity: our water. From the plastic production to the ocean in which so many of these bottles end up, this inspiring documentary trails the path of the bottled water industry and the communities which were unwitting chips on the table...”
tappedthemovie.com

Cost to attend is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six for members, \$10 per session or \$50 for all six for non-members. Seating is limited.

Panelists include State Senator Beth Bye, Jeff Bolton from the Farmington River Watershed Association, and Jacqueline Talbot from the CT River Watershed Council



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CHEF TO FARM BENEFIT DINNER AT ROSEDALE FARMS

Thursday, October 11, 2012
Rosedale Farms

Join us for a Chef to Farm Dinner benefitting the SLT. Max's Restaurant Group and Rosedale Farm have hosted Chef to Farm dinners at Rosedale for several years, and this fall they will be hosting a dinner to benefit the Simsbury Land Trust. Local artist Catherine Elliott will be donating an original painting featuring Rosedale Farms to be auctioned that evening, and all attendees will be receiving a print of the same work. Additional information will be available later in September.

THE ALIEN INVASION! AN INVASIVE PLANT WALK AND TALK

Sunday, October 14, 2012
Apple Barn
2:00 p.m.

Alien plants are invading our native areas, affecting our wildlife and even our own health. Find out how these aliens got here, where they came from and how they are changing our local wildlife. Learn which aliens have escaped from our gardens, what we can do to help our wild areas cope with these invasions, and what the next invasion might bring. RSVP requested by October 9. This is a walk and talk. Please wear appropriate footwear.

GREEN SCENES: A DOCUMENTARY FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES FRESH

Thursday, October 18, 2012
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Apple Barn



"Fresh celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are re-investing our food system. Each has witnessed the rapid transformation of our agriculture into an industrial model, and confronted the consequences: food contamination, environmental pollution, depletion of natural resources, and morbid obesity. Forging healthier, sustainable alternatives, they offer a practical vision for a future of our food and our planet." (freshthemovie.com)

Cost to attend is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six for members, \$10 per session or \$50 for all six for non-members. Seating is limited.

Panelists include Don Tuller, Tulmeadow Farm, Marshall Epstein, Rosedale Farms and Terry Walters, Author of Clean Food

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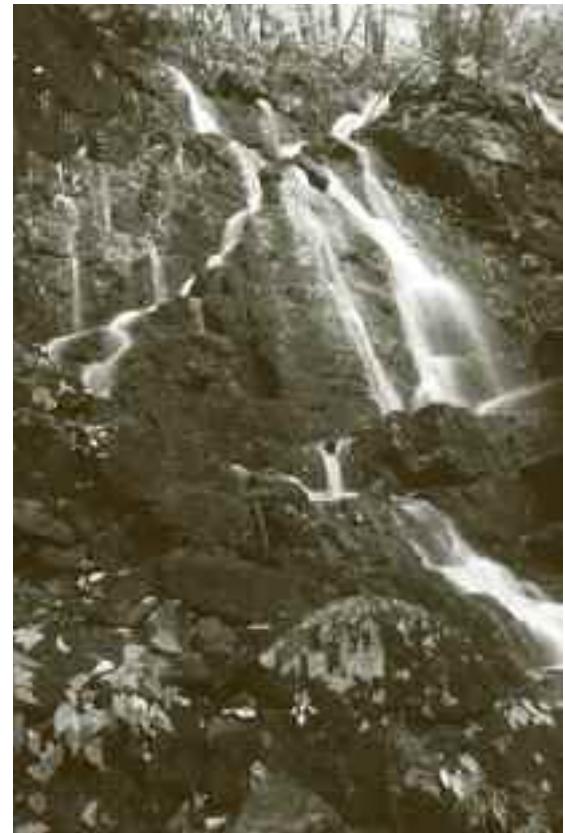
Saturday, October 27, 2012
Gersten Property
(Including a segment of the New England National Scenic Trail)
9:00 a.m.
Meet in Tariffville at the end of Church Street Extension

This walk is about 2.6 miles long and should take about two hours. It begins in Tariffville at the end of Church Street Extension. Participants may park there, being careful not to block neighbors' driveways. As always, we encourage carpooling.

Most of the walk is fairly level, but it includes some steep hills and a lot of rocky, uneven footing. It is suitable for people who are fit, including children. The walk will climb the hill from Church Street Extension and merge with the National Scenic Metacomet Trail. It will visit the site of Bartlett Tower and from there follow a loop that will offer a pleasant sylvan walk punctuated by attractive views.

Built in 1889 as a pavilion and bowling alley, Bartlett's Tower originally attracted picnicking day trippers from Hartford. Traveling by train to the Tariffville station, and then by carriage to the 70-foot tower, visitors enjoyed varied recreation and a famous panoramic view. Today, a chimney sits at the top of the slope — all that remains of the tower, which burned down on May 24, 1936.

RSVPs are requested to 860-651-8773 or amyzeiner@aol.com



Cathles Falls

CATHLES PROPERTY HIKE

Sunday, October 28, 2012
North Saddle Ridge Drive cul-de-sac
1:00 p.m.

Hike past a waterfall and along woodland trails that pass a tallus field, streams, woodroads and charcoal pits. The hike will continue to several excellent ridgeline views of the valley and its stunning foliage. We will meet at the North Saddle Ridge cul-de-sac and will travel through fairly rugged terrain. This is a moderately difficult hike, not suitable for young children. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring water. RSVP by October 22 to amyzeiner@aol.com.



Bartlett Tower

DIRTY BOOTS KIDS CLUB HIKE AND FAIRY HOUSE BUILDING EVENT

Saturday, November 3, 2012
Wagner Woods
10:00 a.m.

This Dirty Boots Kids Club hike at Wagner Woods will center on the opportunity to build a 'fairy house.' Fairy houses are made from natural materials in a quiet place, sometimes between the roots of a tree or sheltered at the side of a rock. Most are built on or near the ground. The materials used will be different depending on the place; a forest fairy house



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will be made of different things than one on the beach. Bring your imagination and have fun creating a little house in the woods! This event is for members of the Dirty Boots Kids Club. To join, visit our website at www.simsburylandtrust.org. Cost is \$10 per child for members, \$20 per child for non-members. All children must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP by Oct. 30.

AMOS ENO TALK

Sunday, November 4, 2012
Simsbury Public Library
2:00 p.m.

Join the SLT and guest speaker Amos Eno for a talk about the changing political, social, and financial approaches to land conservation. Amos is President of Resources First Foundation and Resources First Group, which focuses on building private sector solutions to environmental problems. He has worked on environmental and natural resource conservation issues for over 35 years with an additional focus on the development of new environmental technologies and Department of Defense security issues. He served in the office of Secretary of the Interior, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, office of Endangered Species, Director of Wildlife Programs and the National Audubon Society. RSVP requested by November 1.



CHANGING LAND, CHANGING ANIMALS

Sunday, November 11, 2012
Apple Barn
2:00 p.m.

Connecticut's landscape has changed dramatically over the last 500 years, from forest, to field, to thicket, and back to forest. As the land has changed so has our wildlife. Learn how our current land use practices may impact our wild areas. RSVP requested by November 5.

GREEN SCENES: A DOCUMENTARY FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES

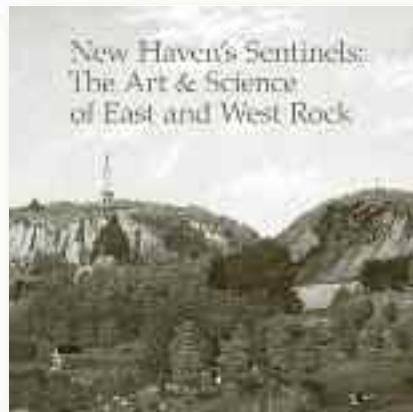
CARBON NATION

Thursday, November 15, 2012
Apple Barn
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

"Carbon Nation is a documentary movie about climate change solutions. Even if you doubt the severity of the impact of climate change or just don't buy it at all, this is still a compelling and relevant film that illustrates how solutions to climate change also address other social, economic and national security issues." (carbonnationmovie.com)

Cost to attend is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six for members, \$10 per session or \$50 for all six for non-members.

Panel members include Nevin Christensen from Flamig Farm, and Susan Van Kleef, Simsbury Clean Energy Task Force.



JELLE DE BOER — THE NEW HAVEN SENTINELS

Sunday, November 18, 2012
Simsbury Public Library
2:00 p.m.

Wesleyan Professor Emeritus Jelle De Boer will present an illustrated talk on the "New Haven's Sentinels: the Art and Science of East and West Rock." He will discuss the geology of the two rock formations, their roles in the history of New Haven and their importance as inspiration for paintings by many artists of the 19th century. Author of the book *Stories in Stone: How Geology Influenced Connecticut History and Culture*, he is much appreciated for his ability to combine his knowledge of science, history and culture into an engaging presentation. RSVP requested by November 12.

For more information on New Haven's Sentinels, you may visit the website <http://newsletter.blogs.wesleyan.edu/2012/01/23/deboerexhibit>.

TREE ID TALK AND WALK

Sunday, December 2, 2012
Apple Barn
2:00 p.m.

Have you ever wished you could identify the trees you see along the way on a winter hike? Features including buds, bark, growth form, and leaf scars can all help in the identification of deciduous trees during the dormant season. Join SLT Trustees for an indoor presentation on winter tree identification followed by a walk where we will identify some of our local tree species. Copies of *Winter Tree Finder: A Manual for Identifying Deciduous Trees in Winter (Eastern US) (Nature Study Guides)* can be preordered by November 26 for \$5.00 each. RSVPs are requested by November 26. Please indicate in your reservation if you would like to order a tree guide.



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GREEN SCENES: A DOCUMENTARY FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES **THE GREENHORNS**

Thursday, January 17, 2013
Community Farm of Simsbury
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

"The Greenhorns documentary film...explores the lives of America's young farming community — its spirit, practices and needs. It is the filmmaker's hope that by broadcasting the stories and voices of these young farmers, we can build the case for considering a career in agriculture — to embolden them, to entice them, and to recruit them into farming." (thegreenhorns.net)

Cost to attend is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six for members, \$10 per session or \$50 for all six for non-members.

Panelists include several young farmers and Tim Goodwin from Community Farm of Simsbury.



GREEN SCENES: A DOCUMENTARY FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES **ADDICTED TO PLASTIC**

Thursday, February 21, 2013
Apple Barn
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

"Addicted to Plastic is a feature-length documentary about solutions to plastic pollution. The point-of-view style documentary encompasses three years of filming in 12 countries on 5 continents, including two trips to the middle of the Pacific Ocean where plastic debris accumulates. The film details plastic's growth over the last 100 years and provides a wealth of expert interviews on practical and cutting edge solutions to recycling, toxicity and biodegradability." (crypticmoth.com/plastic.php)

Cost to attend is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six for members, \$10 per session or \$50 for all six for non-members. Seating is limited.



“
A sobering must-see
and needs to be shown
at every educational
level globally!
”

*Dr. James M. Cervino,
Visiting Scientist,
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute,
Department of Marine Chemistry*

LONGWOOD GARDENS THROUGH THE YEAR — **SLIDE SHOW AND TALK**

Sunday, February 3, 2013
Simsbury Library
2:00 p.m.

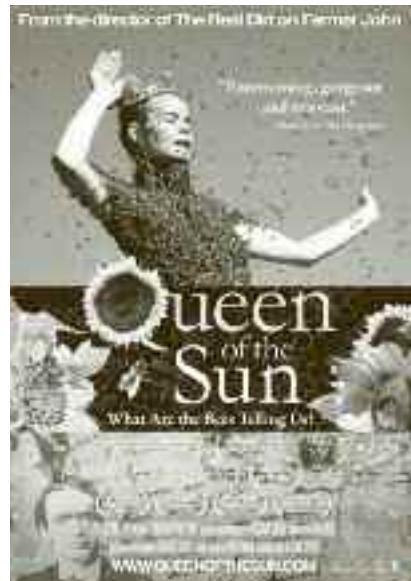
Join Chris Fisher for a slide show and talk about the spectacular 1000 acres of America's Premier Gardens — Longwood Gardens. Formal gardens, woodland paths, amazing fountains and the largest conservatory in America make up this horticultural wonderland. We will start our tour in the early spring, then move through the summer, fall and winter ending with the very special Christmas display. This multimedia presentation combining photography and music is a program you won't want to miss. Light refreshments will be served. RSVPs requested by January 31.

GREEN SCENES: A DOCUMENTARY FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES **QUEEN OF THE SUN**

Thursday, March 21, 2013
Apple Barn
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

"Taking us on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive, this engaging and ultimately uplifting film weaves an unusual and dramatic story of the heartfelt struggles of beekeepers, scientists and philosophers from around the world..." (queenofthesun.com)

Cost to attend is \$5 per session or \$25 for all six for members, \$10 per session or \$50 for all six for non-members. Seating is limited.



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Please register today for these upcoming programs.

Yes, we want to get our boots dirty!

Number of children _____

\$10 per child for member families,
\$20 per child for non-member families

Dirty Boots membership includes an activity book, knapsack, and water bottle.
These will be available for pick up at any Dirty Boots event. If you have any
questions please contact amyzeiner@aol.com.

Name of child _____

Second child _____

Parent's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Email _____

Please include a check payable to SLT, and mail to
P.O. Box 634
Simsbury, CT 06070



GREEN SCENES: A documentary film and discussion series

Join us for this fun and informative film series. Seating is limited so you are encouraged to purchase your tickets in advance.

Please complete the form below and return with a check made payable to the Simsbury Land Trust at P.O. Box 634, Simsbury, CT 06070.

Contact Amy Zeiner with any questions | (860) 651-8773 or amyzeiner@aol.com

Please specify which dates you would like to attend:

- Tapped | September 20, 2012
- Tapped | October 18, 2012
- Carbon Nation | November 15, 2012
- The Greenhorns | January 17, 2013
- Addicted to Plastic | February 21, 2013
- Queen of the Sun | March 21, 2013

Yes, I would like to attend the film series

- I am a member... _____ Tickets @ \$5.00
_____ Series Tickets @ \$25.00
- No, I am not a member... _____ Tickets @ \$10
_____ Series Tickets @ \$50

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2012 Inspired by Nature POETRY & PHOTOGRAPHY A CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE SIMSBURY LAND TRUST

How does nature inspire you? To write a poem or take a photograph? Please share your work with us by entering the Inspired by Nature: Poetry and Photography contest.

THERE WILL BE THREE AGE GROUPS:

- Grades K – 8
- High School
- Adult

CATEGORIES:

- Landscape
- People
- Animals

POETRY

- > All forms of poetry will be accepted.
- > Limited to one page, minimum of 12 point type.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- > Black and white, color, computer enhanced are all acceptable.
- > Must be submitted in printed format on photo quality paper.
- > Minimum of 8 x 10, no larger than 11 x 14.
- > If possible, also please include your image on disc.

Entry deadline is December 31, 2012.



All entries must be labeled on the back with entrant's name, address, phone and email along with your age group you are entering your work in. Limit of three entries per person.

Winners will be selected by a panel of experts. All entries are the property of the entrant, but the Simsbury Land Trust reserves the right to use all submissions for promotional materials, advertising, website, and publicity. Winners will be notified by phone, and a reception will be held in at a location and date to be determined.

Open to everyone!

*Adult entrants must be members of the Simsbury Land Trust.
Student entrants are excluded from membership requirement.*