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## Save the Date! Garden Tour at Sycamore Hill Takes Place June 23rd

It seems as though the Vernal Equinox occurred only a few weeks ago but before we know it, the Summer Solstice will be here again—and that means the return of the Land Trust's annual Garden Tour at Sycamore Hill Gardens in Marcellus. This year's garden tour will take place on Saturday, June 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please check our website for more details as the date draws closer. The day will again feature family-friendly activities and nature-inspired crafters will be on hand with their wares for sale. Please plan to join us for this important event. Not only will you be able to tour dozens of acres of beautiful private gardens but your participation will also help support the mission of the Land Trust.



### **Support Local Artisans or Sell your Wares at the Garden Tour**

Although the gardens are the main focus of the Summer Solstice Garden Tour, there will also be beautiful nature inspired arts and crafts for sale. Support local artists and find unique pieces for yourself or as gifts. All at reasonable prices. All hand made.

Last year's art/crafts included: jewelry and cards, concrete birdbaths and toadstools, watercolor artwork, painted chairs, grapevine wreaths, hand carved wooden signs, wildlife photographs, lathe cut wooden ornaments and scoops, hand knitted baby safe dolls, sweaters, socks, gloves, and scarves, retro look aprons, tablerunners, totebags, hotmitts, lavender sachets, balsam pillows, eye masks, and heat packs, wooden wreaths, magnets and more unique jewelry, screenprint and embroidery items, wire wrapped natural stones and dichroic glass, repurposed and upscaled items, garden totems, bird feeders, and birdbaths made from repurposed pottery/china/glass.  
WOW!!!

Become a vendor! Contact Gail Calcagnino at 315-685-5381 or at [gandrsk@gmail.com](mailto:gandrsk@gmail.com)

## Plant Sale to Benefit CNY Land Trust

Find native plants and more for your yard!

**When:** Saturday, May 19, 2018

**Time:** 9:00am – 1:00pm

**Where:** 5573 Sunview Drive, Elbridge, NY

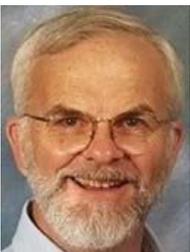


For more than a decade, the Land Trust has held an annual plant sale to raise funds to support its mission of preserving natural areas throughout Onondaga and Oswego Counties. This year, the plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at 5573 Sunview Drive in Elbridge. There is no admission fee to the plant sale and there is plenty of free parking along Sunview Drive. Expert volunteers will be happy to share with you their knowledge about plants and gardening in a friendly and casual setting.

If you are unable to attend the sale but would still like to help, the Land Trust welcomes donations of native plants for the sale. Donated native plants can be dropped off prior to the sale at either of two locations: a) 5573 Sunview Drive in Elbridge, or b) the Dental Arts Group, located at 6138 West Genesee Street in Syracuse. If using the second location to drop-off plants, please do so Monday through Thursday during business hours.

**Find the Plant Sale:** Make your way to New York State Route 5, which runs east-west across central Onondaga County. From Syracuse, take I-690 West to NY-695, and continue to State Route 5 West. Sunview Drive branches off State Route 5, 1.5 miles east of the center of Elbridge, and 6 miles west of the Village of Camillus, in western Onondaga County. Turn north onto Sunview Drive from State Route 5, and look for address number 5573. Plenty of parking is available along Sunview Drive. Find more information about the plant sale at [cnylandtrust.org](http://cnylandtrust.org)

## Larry VanDruff, long time CNYLT Board Member will be missed by all



It is with great sadness that the Land Trust board must say goodbye to longtime friend and board member, Larry VanDruff. Larry passed away at his home on January 28<sup>th</sup> surrounded by family. Larry was a faculty member at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry for 30 years, retiring in 2000. Larry was raised on a dairy farm and earned a B.S.

degree at Mansfield University, and an M.S. degree and PhD from Cornell University. Dr. VanDruff was best known for his studies of urban wildlife, and the socioeconomics of wildlife in close association with humans. In addition to numerous scientific publications, he trained over 35 graduate students at the Master's and PhD levels. Larry was on the board from 1988-2011.

## Mark Your Calendar for our Wednesday Walks

Our Stewardship Committee is planning several nature walks, each with an assigned theme, for this spring and summer.

Date	Location	Theme
June 13	South Meadow	Birds
July 11	High Hickory	Locating boundaries
August 8	Riverwalk	Wetland values
September 12	Elbridge Swamp	Forests

Check our website for more information at [cnylandtrust.org](http://cnylandtrust.org).



## Thank you—and farewell...

Earlier this year, the CNY Land Trust bade farewell to its Executive Director. We expressed our gratitude to Meredith Perreault who left the land trust to accept a full-time position with another environmental organization in Central New York. Meredith served in the position of executive director for nearly four years and anyone who encountered her during that time will attest to her extraordinary dedication, commitment, and knowledge in support of the Land Trust mission and values. Meredith was also a great communicator for the land trust and this was so evident every time that she spoke to CNYLT members, volunteers, or the general public.

During her tenure with us, she had a major positive impact on the organization. She was the lynchpin in a strategic partnership spanning several years with the Friends of Great Bear that ultimately culminated in the successful acquisition of an important property in Oswego County in 2017. The cornerstone of this collaboration was a joint fundraising campaign and Meredith excelled at working cooperatively—and effectively—with others and such was the case with the Campaign to Save Great Bear. Moreover, she shepherded the acquisition of several properties with outstanding ecological features in Onondaga County during her final year as executive director.

The Land Trust will dearly miss Meredith and the energy and passion that she brought to her work on behalf of our environment. Although she is leaving the Land Trust, she is not leaving Central New York. So, if you should happen to see her hiking, backpacking, or cross-country skiing in the area (perhaps on one of the Land Trust preserves), please do not hesitate to say hello—and thank you.

## Hello—and welcome...

At the same time that the Land Trust was saying goodbye to its executive director, it also welcomed a new member to our family—Susan Shimer. Susan grew up in central New York and recently returned to the area after having lived in Chicago for thirty years – a change inspired by both her deep roots in the region and her great love for the land. In addition to being a licensed acupuncturist, she is also an avid traveler, a voracious reader, and a decent cook.



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She will serve as the organization's part-time Office Administrator, a new but much-needed position as the organization continues to grow. Susan will assist the Land Trust in many areas, including member and donor communications, social media and website support, bookkeeping, membership records, and—no doubt—much, much more.

Susan brings to us an impressive background and extensive experience as an administrative professional, including work with several non-profit organizations. It is clear that she will help the Land Trust reach new levels of effectiveness and efficiency. If you happen to be near the CNY Philanthropy Center in downtown Syracuse someday, please stop by our office on the third floor to welcome Susan back to central New York—and to the Land Trust.

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