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Randy Nash Headlines CPF Annual Meeting

Randy Nash, highly regarded historic barn preservation expert, will be the featured speaker at the CPF's annual meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd, St. Peter's Church on Mill Street. His "History of Barn Building in New York State"—open to the public—will include local structures and their common histories.

Randy's passion for the preservation of old timber frame structures will pique the interest of all who appreciate the important role that barns and historic buildings play in our contemporary lives. He will offer background information on barns we have been driving by for years. He has said that barns in New York State have evolved historically through several eras and uses "which is written in the fabric of the building."

His work on timber frame structures started when he helped repair his grandfather's barn in Pompey during a college summer break. The next summer he spent working in barns in Chenango County, installing barn cleaners and milking systems. In the mid-1970's, Randy carefully and tenderly dismantled an unwanted barn on Route 92, moved and reconstructed it on his parents' property. That effort proved to be a labor of love and Randy's fascination for old barns soon became his livelihood.

For 38 years, he has been owner of a timber frame and barn restoration business. Inspired by a recognition that old barns were handcrafted, durable, and built for generations of use, his business focused on the historic aspects of old barns and their re-use aimed at preserving the historical significance of each. A master at his



This structure on the Nash's property was an unused and unwanted barn on Thompson Road in the Town of Cazenovia. Dismantled piece by piece, it was moved and rebuilt. The siding, flooring, and pegging all are carefully numbered and visible.

craft, he worked on more than 150 buildings and reconstructed over 70 all with care and precision. His years of experience led to the opportunity to do "historically accurate to the period" restoration work at several historic sites: The Farmers Museum in Cooperstown, the Mormon Church site in Palmyra, and the Seventh Day Adventist site in Port Gibson. He has lectured across the State on the history and development of barns, and taught a barn history course at University College.

From 2000-2010, Randy served as Coordinator of the NYS Barns Restoration and Preservation Grant Program. He visited more than 540 sites and worked with owners and contractors to prioritize the scope of work for each building with preservation of the historical significance of each in mind. No longer in the building business, Randy now lectures and consults on barn stabilization, preservation, and restoration.

Randy is an active member of the Friends of the Witter Agricultural Museum at the NYS Fair. He is a founding member of the Traditional Timberframe Research and Advisory Group that is dedicated to the study and preservation of 18th and 19th century timber frame structures.

Randy and his family live in an old Dutch Barn that has been converted to an energy-efficient home in Cazenovia.

— by Barbara Clarke



The Nash's converted Dutch Barn has been transformed into an energy-efficient home. The barn's heritage is traced to the lowlands in Northern Europe. It was originally located in Fishkill, NY in the lower Hudson Valley. Dismantled in six days it was moved and reconstructed into a home that is 80% "green."

Injection of dollars assists ailing barn

The Village of Cazenovia received an Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) grant of \$133,965 in 2011 to help with restoration of Carpenter's Barn, a stone building originally constructed for horses and carriages on the south edge of "Lakeland", the Carpenter estate, and what is known today as Lakeland Park. It is listed on the National and NYS Registers of Historic Preservation. Beginning work involves stabilization of the building.



The EPF grant is in addition to the earlier State Implementation Plan grant for \$250,000 was secured with the assistance of Assemblyman William Magee to address the most critical problems. Thanks to gifts in memory of Linda Dowes Marshall, by her brother, the late Rush Marshall, and Bob and

Bobbie Constable, CPF was able to pledge \$11,000 in private funds to help match the much-needed EPF grant.

The Cazenovia Area Community Development Association (CACDA) collaborated with Village Trustees to complete the EPF grant, which is administered through NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP). Since the grant announcement, CACDA, the Village, and Ted Bartlett from Crawford & Stearns have been working together to obtain all the necessary permissions from various NYS agencies. Bids received from several contractors are being reviewed by OPRHP. Once the contract is signed, the work is expected to take approximately three months.

—Pringle Symonds

Strategic plan guides CPF protection activities

In support of its mission, CPF monitors 19 easements and manages 14 CPF-owned parcels that include more than 12 miles of trails. As it looks forward to continued protection efforts, it is vital that CPF carefully chooses land and resource protection projects that meet its mission and goals within limited financial and human resources.

With the help of a grant from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program, CPF has completed a nine-month effort with a consultant to develop a Strategic Land Conservation Plan (the "Plan") that will guide its future protection efforts.

The mission of the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is to protect historic, agricultural and natural resources in and around Cazenovia for the benefit of the community.

First step of the process was to identify and gather information to better understand the resources and people in the community. This work was jump-started in the Fall of 2010 with help from an Environmental Studies class from Colgate University that

conducted a limited community survey, developed a prioritization system, and used existing Town planning documents and maps to suggest initial focus areas for protection of agricultural, wetland, and recreation resources.

In May 2011, CPF distributed a survey to CPF members and the Cazenovia community to better understand the community's desires for land protection and CPF programs. Responses placed ecosystem protection as the top priority for land protection efforts,

with farmland preservation and protection of historic character very closely behind.

A month later, a professional consultant built on the Colgate and survey work by preparing detailed maps of more than 20 attributes in CPF's service area, including:

- Base Information: Political boundaries, roads, public land ownership, property classes
- Agricultural resources: farmland soils, agricultural zoning, agricultural districts
- Historic resources: national and state register properties, locally significant properties
- Water resources: watersheds, wetlands, priority waterbodies, flood hazards
- Land resources: significant natural communities, slopes, scenic viewpoints, viewsheds

The next step was for the CPF board to review the information and prioritize threats and opportunities to resources it is dedicated to protecting.

With the identification and analysis of resources and the community complete, the final challenge is to use the Plan to guide work consistent with CPF's mission. With the help of CPF's Land Use and Stewardship committees, CPF is identifying specific measurable goals and timeframes for implementation of the Plan.

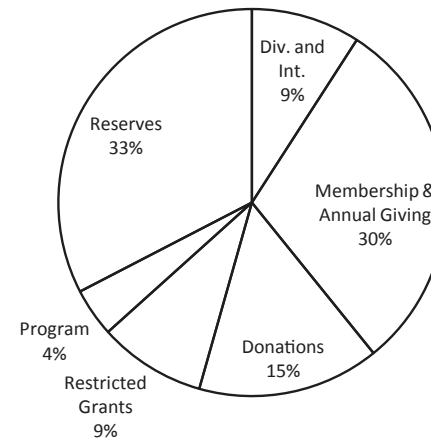
The Strategic Land Conservation Plan provides a foundation of research and analysis to help the organization increase the rate and effectiveness of its protection work. This will be an exciting time for CPF as it moves forward with a renewed focus on setting and achieving goals that flow from community priorities.

— by Judy Gianforte

Budget crunching an annual challenge

Last year, like 2010, was a year in which CPF expenses were greater than income. Common to both years were unforeseen

2011 Income



expenses for major trail repairs (wash-out, cave-in) as well as additional administration expense for upgrading office files and property records. Total budget for 2011 was \$99,500.

Income:

Membership dues, donations, and annual giving support 45% of the organization's

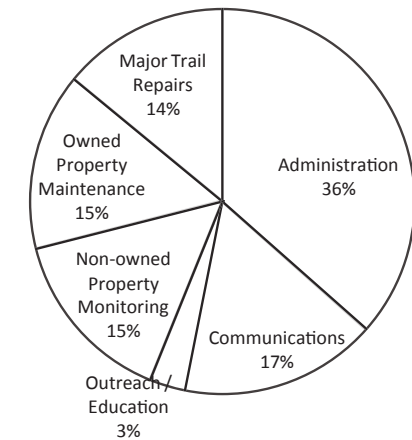
yearly expenses. The bulk of the remaining income comes from grants and the reserve. The reserve is what remains of funds donated to stop big-box development on 108 acres along Route 20 East, and from the subsequent sale of that land with easements. In 2010 there was also major damage to trails and part of the reserve was used. It is essential that CPF maintain a reserve and not allow it to be depleted by operating expenses. There could be another unanticipated emergency or better yet an unexpected opportunity, and CPF must be prepared. That is why your dues and annual gifts are vital to keeping CPF in a strong financial position to meet its mission regarding land use and conservation.



In November, land trust professionals from Buffalo to Watertown gathered in Cazenovia for a workshop on financial management and a discussion with Rep. Bill Magee about relevant state issues and funding possibilities.

Expenses: The salary of CPF's part-time Conservation Manager is allocated 45%/55% to administration and property management expenses. Administration also includes office expenses, insurance, records management, professional services, and dues to other organizations such as the American Farmland Trust and Cazenovia Chamber of Commerce. Communications covers the newsletter plus current consultants whose work contribute to educational programs and additional outreach to prospective members and donors. The 14 properties and 12.5 miles of trail owned by CPF require maintenance such as mowing, repairs, clearing, and

2011 Expenses



construction of improvements such as kiosks and bridges. Management plans are also being formulated for each CPF property. Expenses for the 19 easements held by CPF include periodic monitoring visits and reports in addition to periodic updates to detailed documentation of each property. Work towards

acquisition of new easements or property are included in their respective property category.



Users of the Carpenter's Pond trail in the Village of Cazenovia can learn about the history of the pond at the new kiosk at the Carpenter Street entrance.

Saturday, May 5

Full Moon Walk

8 to 9:30 p.m.

Stone Quarry Hill Art Park

From dusk to dark a whole new population of Art Park residents starts to move and vocalize. CPF Conservation Manager Judy Gianforte will guide our walk on the Art Park trails in search of the night life. Walk will be held even if there is cloud cover. Call 315-877-1742 to confirm if raining.

Saturday, May 12

Where the Wild Things Are

10 a.m. to noon

Stone Quarry Hill Art Park

Join naturalist Amy Kochem as we explore the trail searching for signs of wildlife high and low. There is lots to be discovered in the woods and we'll use all of our senses to do it! Children and families encouraged to attend.

Saturday, June 9

Wild Mushrooms

10 a.m. to noon

Burlingame Road Trails parking area; one mile west of Route 13

Wild mushrooms are a mystery and a fascination of nature lovers. Bill Chapman will return to Cazenovia to guide us on a hunt for the mushrooms and fungi of our woods and fields and to share his extensive knowledge on their identification and lore.

Saturday, June 23

Explore a Wooded Wetland

10 a.m. to noon

Park on East Road, south of Ballina Road. Follow signage.

SUNY-ESF Environmental and Forest Biology professor Don Leopold will share his expertise on local wetland ecosystems to explore the trees, flowers, and animals in this CPF-protected wooded wetland. Be prepared for damp conditions, rough terrain, and insects.

Month of July

CPF Interpretive Bike Routes

The architecture, farmland, and scenery of Cazenovia will be highlighted through two interpretive bike routes published this month. Each route will pass several interpretive signs that will inform and connect you to the history and 'sense of place' of our town's back roads. Check www.cazpreservation.org and local newspapers for route maps and descriptions.

Saturday, August 25

Willow Pea-Cage Trellis — Make & Take Workshop

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cazenovia Public Library Community Room

The willow from Cazenovia's Willow Patch was long used by the basketry industry of central New York. Bonnie Gale, a traditional willow basket maker with a national and international résumé, will guide participants through all the steps from cutting the material in the Willow Patch to a finished 5-6 ft. high pea cage plant trellis to take home. Dress for outdoor work and bring a lunch.

Thursday, August 30

Fireflies Under a Full Moon

8 to 9:30 p.m.

Burlingame Road Trails parking area; one mile west of Route 13

Children of all ages are fascinated by fireflies as they flash across open fields in late summer. Amy Kochem will lead this program for kids of all ages, combining a full moon walk in the woods with watching and learning more about fireflies in the adjoining fields. Walk will be held even if there is cloud cover. Please call 315-877-1742 to confirm if raining.

GET OUT THERE!

Our Town, Our Treasure —a September fundraiser to benefit CPF—a town-wide treasure hunt that celebrates dozens of special places in Cazenovia. A day of fun for all ages. Date to be announced.



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Questions: Call Judy Gianforte at 315-877-1742 or e-mail cpfstaff@verizon.net

Public fishing rights on Chittenango Creek

Through a “Purchase of Fishing Rights” agreement with New York State, both banks of a half-mile stretch of Chittenango Creek is open and accessible to the public for fishing on the 41-acre CPF



Kings Field property, located off Route 13 south of the Village of Cazenovia. The property was given to CPF in 1994—by Chester H. King, Jr., Graham “Steve” King, and their niece, Julie K. Von Schrader—with the intent of retaining the rural ambiance of Route 13 while providing for environmental education and recreational use. Chittenango Creek winds attractively through Kings Field with 31 acres of wetland marsh, meadows, shrubs, and a variety of stream microhabitats. Chittenango Creek is a state-classified water body and supports a high quality trout fishery. The property also supports seasonal movement of amphibians and other wetland wildlife. In 2012, the state will construct a small parking area off Route 13 in the northern tip of the Kings Field property with an access trail to the west bank of Chittenango Creek. The public fishing rights area include 33 feet on each side of the Creek through the entire length of the Kings Field property. This will help to fulfill CPF’s management objectives for Kings Field that include increasing educational opportunities and access for recreation. Future plans may include access to the 10-acre upland woodland east of the creek. All plans for the property will follow the original intent of the land’s donors and will continue to preserve the natural landscape adjacent to the large stretch (about 2100 feet) of Route 13 between Cazenovia and New Woodstock.

Nice N Easy’s Route 20 proposal

During the last year or so we’ve all heard rumors about a Nice N Easy convenience store and gas station with a car wash locating somewhere along Route 20 East. It is now proposed for the Stowell lot that is bounded on the east by the historic Enders Farmhouse property. During the winter, representatives from various Town and Village boards reviewed several possible site plans. In March the Village planning board and the Advisory Committee on Architecture and Historic Preservation examined and commented on a preliminary site plan resulting from the earlier meetings. The plans make a good start toward conforming to what the comprehensive plan calls for in the Village Edge East. The two gas pumps and the store building are set back 140 feet from the edge of Route 20 and separated from the road by a berm upon which trees are to be planted. The car wash is behind the store. Comments by the board and the public were well received by those representing the business. No signage was included in this draft proposal. Since the plans were presented for informal review and comment, no formal approvals have been granted. There will be public hearings when more definite plans are submitted. The Village planning board meets at 7:30 on the second Monday each month, and all its meetings are open to the public.

Enders Update

Last summer the Town of Cazenovia Planning Board received a demolition application from New Venture Assets LLC, owners of the Zephinia Comstock House, built c. 1825, also known as the Enders House, 2363 Route 20 East. State law requires environmental review of certain land use actions, and the Planning Board ordered the applicant to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) based on the potential impact of the proposed demolition (the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places).

The Board has received comments on the draft EIS, and requested additional information from New Venture. This information was supplied in time for the Thursday, April 5 Planning Board meeting. From April 5 there was a 10 day period for additional written comment. There will not be another public hearing. The Board expects to vote on the demolition request at its May 3 meeting. For the complete background on this see CPF’s Fall 2011 Upland Journal on the CPF website or call the office, 877-1742, for a hard copy. If you wish to view the EIS it is available at the Town office and at the Town of Cazenovia website, www.townofcazenovia.org.



Barb Hager, associate professor of environmental biology at Cazenovia College, searches for dragonflies on Fairchild Hill during a CPF walk in which she shared her expertise in “critters of the air.”



In August, heavy rains and impaired drainage led to a streambank collapse along the Gorge Trail. Repairs required permits, cooperation from adjoining landowners, and \$10,000 of CPF reserve funds.



This Willow Patch living sculpture was designed by Matt Potteiger with work led by willow artist Bonnie Gale. Cazenovia High School art students also participated. This summer a loop trail and additional willow work will be completed in the Patch—located west of the Mill/Chenango Street bridge—as well as a workshop August 25th to construct a pea-cage trellis from living willow.

Burlingame trails to host inaugural trail run May 20

Get out those trail shoes and start practicing for the Carriage Trail Run/Walk on Sunday, May 20th on portions of the CPF Burlingame Trail system. Organized by Limestone Creek Hunt, the 5K fun run or walk will follow some of the Lorenzo Driving Competition carriage driving trails as well as a one-mile farm lane. A per-person registration fee will benefit the Limestone Creek Hunt hounds. Registration forms and race information at www.limestonecreekhunt.org.

Land and trails owned by CPF off Burlingame Road have a long history of equestrian use, walking, and nature study. The related Hubbard, Knapp, and Burlingame families developed and maintained an extensive network of riding and carriage trails in

the early 1900s. Through generous gifts of land to CPF by the Auchincloss and Hubbard families, some of these trails are open to the public for non-motorized, foot-based uses year round. Equestrian use is limited to LCH events and local permit holders. CPF parking access to its trail network is available at the base of Fairchild Hill at the intersection of Routes 92 & 20, and in a parking area on Burlingame Road one mile off Route 13. Trail maps available on the CPF website, www.cazpreservation.org, and at the kiosk off Burlingame Road, can be used to follow the public trails.

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Please visit: www.cazpreservation.org



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*Our mission is to protect historic, agricultural, and natural resources
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Yes! I want to join CPF and be a part of important new projects, events, and activities.

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