



# The Upland Journal

PROTECTING THE HISTORIC, AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN AND AROUND CAZENOVIA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY

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## CPF Has a New Look

After months of work and planning, a new CPF website is launching this month! Easy to navigate and mobile-friendly, it will provide you with the resources to get event and trail information wherever you are: on your phone, tablet or computer in your home, or out on the CPF trails. The website will also make it simple to register for e-news updates, contact CPF staff with questions, join or renew memberships or find out where our next event is.



*Volunteers pitch in at the annual Chittenango Creek Clean Up*

to CPF information and publications will reduce CPF's printing and mailing costs and allow us to devote more funds toward vital projects such as maintaining trails, holding conservation easements, and historic restorations.

Finally, the new website will reveal the new CPF logo! Let us know what you think! The website and logo re-design were supported with funding from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program and New York's Environmental

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Protection Fund (EPF). We hope it improves our communication with you.

## Accreditation: Ensuring CPF's Long-Term

In April the CPF Board started an intensive 18 month process of receiving national accreditation by the National Land Trust Alliance. For the first 4 decades after the founding of CPF in 1967, dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly to protect our local landscape of open space and historic buildings through the purchase of 13 parcels of land, the placement of 20 easements and involvement in community planning and development.

Since 2007, we've increased access and maintenance on the owned land and added 8 more easements. We now have a commitment to the long-term protection of 2504 acres!

For the accreditation process the CPF Board and an Accreditation Team will conduct a rigorous examination of our standards and practices. Proven, well-documented and consistent practices will be put in place to ensure the ability of CPF to honor its long-term commitment to the public interest through stewardship of land and conservation easements.



*CPF board beginning the accreditation process in April*

CPF expects to join the ranks of over 300 other respected land trusts with its accreditation award in the fall of 2017. We will move into the next 50 years a strong, effective organization able to make good use of contributions and resources to meet our community mission.

# President's Column

Spring is here, but the change of seasons isn't the only change in the air! This issue of the *Upland Journal* introduces three new members of CPF's Board. We're excited to have such talented individuals bringing new ideas and perspectives to help CPF fulfill its community mission. Also read about our new initiative for accreditation from the national Land Trust Alliance. Accreditation is a formal recognition that CPF has the capacity and structure necessary to fulfill its land trust mission in the long term. Finally, we introduce a new website that will make it easier to learn about CPF resources and activities, happenings in our community, and ways to get involved.

Change is also here in the form of new development proposals, mostly around the periphery of Cazenovia village, that will change the landscape and surely affect activity in the community. We're excited about some of these changes, and will be closely following new proposals as they evolve. We'd love to know your thoughts on these and other things and on what we can do better. If you have suggestions on how we might improve, please contact us at [cazpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:cazpreservation@gmail.com), or through our website. Thanks for your continued support of CPF and our community, and I look forward to seeing you out there!

Carlos

# Thank You to:

- **Bob Ridler** and **Gene Gissin** for their energy and time helping with local history tours for fourth grade students.
- **Bartlett Tree Services** for providing a pruning workshop and a crew for a work day in the Willow Patch.
- **Sandy Patrizio** and the **Rotary Club** for their work in the Pollinator Garden.
- **Fleet Feet** for adopting Fairchild Hill for a day of trail work and providing money to purchase trail maintenance equipment.
- **Over 20 Walk Among the Spirits Volunteers** with special applause to **Roxy Spano, Sarah Tietje** and **Jeff Hughes**.
- The staff at the **Cazenovia Library** for their continued support of CPF events.
- **Cynthia and Paul Curtin** for preparing their barn for our September Barn Dance.
- **Snow Valley Riders** for their maintenance of the South Trail, including a re-build of the trestle bridge.
- **John Henry Light** for keeping the Willow Patch and Carpenter Pond trails mowed.
- **Caz College Environmental Club** for cheerful and energetic help on a variety of trails projects.
- **Anne Saltman, Gwen Edkins, and Becky Walters** for their help as trail stewards.
- **The Cazenovia Garden Club** for donations of perennials for CPF properties.
- And to the dozens of others who post signs, replace maps, clip branches, pick up garbage, plow parking areas or show in other ways that they care for Cazenovia's landscape and quality of life.



Ed Griffin of Fleet Feet presents a donation to CPF for trail maintenance.

## Upcoming CPF Events

- May 28th:** **Morning Out with the Birds.** Join CPF for a guided morning birdwalk at Fairchild Hill.
- June 4th:** **Children's Pond Exploration.** Join CPF and science educator Amy Kochem to explore the Secret Garden Pond at Stone Quarry Hill Art Park.
- June 18th:** **The Flora of Nelson Swamp.** We are pleased to welcome back Dr. Don Leopold this year. Don will be giving a tour of Nelson Swamp Flora.
- June 21st:** **Solstice Yoga at Fairchild Hill** – Celebrate the longest day of the year by greeting the dawn with gentle sun salutations on Fairchild Hill. All abilities welcome.
- July 16th:** **Stream Science for Kids** – A hands-in demonstration of stream health assessment for children.
- August 19th:** **Full Moon Bonfire** at Fairchild Hill.
- PLUS:** CPF will be repeating their fall line-up of larger group events including a September barn dance, October's Walk Among the Spirits and November's Turkey Trot.

# New Directors Join CPF Board

## Lynn Hart

Lynn Hart Lynn Hart grew up in Hagerstown, Maryland and received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education at Auburn University in Alabama. Twelve years ago, Lynn, her husband and two daughters moved to Cazenovia where Lynn, a lifelong long distance runner, has enjoyed many a mile running the CPF trails. She is a licensed real estate agent with a passion for historic buildings, evidenced by the eight historic homes she has renovated and sold in the Cazenovia area. Lynn also serves on the Friends of the Library Board and the Village Zoning Board of Appeals.

Lynn brings to CPF a desire to find the balance of encouraging economic growth in the community while keeping the special character she has found through Cazenovia's trails and the historic architecture.



## Sam Shotzberger

Sam Shotzberger grew up in Delaware and graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in Animal Science and later earned an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. He spent most of his early adult years living in rural areas of SE Pennsylvania before moving to Cazenovia about 20 years ago. Sam is now retired, having left his wholesale seed distribution business which worked primarily with crop and dairy farms in NY.

Sam's primary area of interest with CPF is in preserving the open rural character of our area, and enhancing opportunities for shared use.

# The Best Place to Live, Work and Play

by Jane Nicholson-Dourdas

Growing up on Willow Place, I was fortunate to have the Dike Trail, Carpenters Pond, and the Willow Patch as my backyard. It was in this environment that I developed a deeper understanding and appreciation of how these important resources directly contribute to our quality of life in Cazenovia. Now, in both my personal life and my profession as an urban planner, I am committed to land stewardship and enhancing opportunities for all members



*Dike House*



*Dike Trail along Willow Patch*

of the community. Being on the CPF Board of Directors allows me to give back to the very organization that not only protected my childhood stomping grounds, but whose mission closely aligns with my values and vision for the future of our community. I look forward to another year on the Board, and making Cazenovia the best place to live, work and play.

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## **Board of Directors:**

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**Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
May 19, St. Peter's Church  
10 Mill Street, Cazenovia**

## **CPF Members and the public are cordially invited to the CPF Annual Meeting:**

### **Presentation of Awards:**

**Robert Webster Award:**

Jocelyn Gavitt

**Stewardship:**

Limestone Creek Hunt Club

**Commercial Restoration:**

51 Albany St., Eric Burrell

**Landscape:**

Our Farm, the Golub Family

**Residential Restoration:**

Notleymere Cottage, Joan and Bob Difulgentiz

### **Election of Directors and Officers:**

Directors for a first three-year term: Lynn Hart, Sam Shotzberger

Directors for a second three-year term: Nicki Donlin, Carl Stearns

Officers for one-year terms:

President: Carlos Gavilondo

Vice President: David Burch

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Executive Secretary: Nicki Donlin

### **Program: The Benefits of Local Planning**

Jane Rice and Andy Obernesser, planners with Environmental Design and Research (EDR) in Syracuse, will provide an overview of the benefits of local planning and the opportunities for small communities, like Cazenovia, to better prepare for development. Learn how other small and rural towns and villages are encouraging economic development while protecting the character and quality of life of the community.