



The Upland Journal

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

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Cazenovia: An Upland Community

Cazenovia's early history and success was defined by its geography as an upland community. Settlers moving west to find new land and opportunities climbed out of the lowland basin of an ancient sea, up past the Onondaga escarpment characterized by Chittenango Falls, to a fertile land of rolling hills that is now known as the Northern Appalachian Plateau and Uplands. They built a community that relied on the steady waterpower of Chittenango Creek to manufacture a wide range of goods. Over the years the goods were transported by trail, then plank road, railroad, and now by highway to connect to the larger lowland cities and points beyond.



Evergreen Cemetery, Cazenovia—location for CPF's Walk Among the Spirits, October 2014

Its upland status made Cazenovia a summer destination with its cooler climate and picturesque lake. The well-to-do built large mansions. The picnic and tent grounds were perfect for weekend escapes via train from Manlius, Dewitt, and Syracuse. In winter

the ice harvest off the lake was cut and stored and shipped year-round to lowland towns for refrigeration.

The Onondaga and Oneida Iroquois had cleared much of the upland ground of trees through controlled burning — subsequently enabling this fertile land to support a robust and thriving dairy and agricultural economy which still ships milk and food to the more industrial lowland.

Cazenovia's upland geography is the basis for the historic village, open spaces and natural resources that still define its valued character today.



Reed Farm, New Woodstock

Large-Scale Planning for Public Recreation



In 1981 CPF took the bold step of protecting properties in the Cazenovia area by placing a deed restriction on what is now the landscaped public space on Lincklaen St. owned by the Methodist Church. CPF now owns 380 acres that is primarily managed for public recreation. Other public-access open space in the Town of Cazenovia includes 836 acres of State-owned land and the 100 acre Stone Quarry Hill Art Park.

Is there a public benefit in connecting some of these 1316 acres of public-access land together? What is involved in starting to plan land protection and outdoor recreation on a landscape scale?

At the May 21 CPF Annual Meeting, Andy Zepp, Executive Director of the Ithaca-based Finger Lakes Land Trust, will share their work to create what they call the Emerald Necklace: uninterrupted green public access across the hills and valleys of the Finger Lakes area. The presentation will hopefully inspire and guide residents of the Cazenovia area, CPF and potential partner organizations in assessing the opportunity for our own large-scale planning to further public enjoyment of the protected properties around Cazenovia. Please join us and be a part of the discussion.

Sherman's Gulch—a CPF property

President's Column

Spring feels great after what seemed like a very long winter. Milder days and the warm sun make us want to get outside and soak it in! Our popular Walks 'n Talks series and other CPF programs and events are geared to get you and your family outside to experience some of the things that make Cazenovia special — we hope you take advantage of those opportunities.

To make sure you know about them, CPF has focused over the past year on improving its communications to members and the community. In addition to the *Upland Journal*, members regularly receive the *CPF e-news*, which notifies you of near-term events and breaking news. We've also improved our website (www.cazpreservation.org) to include more timely and relevant information, including helpful resources on land preservation, our events and local trails.

We're continuing to refine our communications to better serve the needs of CPF members. We'd love to hear your ideas on what we can do better so you get the information you want in a prompt and convenient way. If you have any suggestions on how we might improve, please contact us at cazpreservation@gmail.com, or contact us from our website.

Thanks for your continued support of CPF, and I look forward to seeing you out there!



Carlos Gavilondo

2014 Thank You's

- Sarah Tietje, Chad Eno and Becky Walters for their work on the Historic House Sign Initiative.
- Ben Sparks for reconstruction of the Sherman's Gulch trail bridge with help from Perryville's Boy Scout Troop.
- Roxy Spano, Sharon Cooney, Matt Urtz, Elisha Davies and over 20 other ghosts, specters and other helpers for the Walk Among the Spirits.
- Students from Cazenovia College Environmental Studies Club, ES classes and SUNY-ESF landscape architecture students for work in the Willow Patch and Willow Place.
- Larry Daley, CRIS volunteers, Cazenovia College students and summer recreation program participants for building and installing 14 bluebird houses on Fairchild Hill.
- Over a dozen volunteers who post signs, replace maps, clip branches, cut trees and plow parking areas on CPF trails.
- Plus the numerous people who show their care for our town through picking up garbage, attending a Town meeting, sharing historic information, maintaining a landscape, or helping in their own way to protect the landscape and quality of life so valued in the Cazenovia area.
- The Bowers family for their donation of two historic Frank Selinski willow baskets



2015 CPF Walks 'N Talks

Saturday May 9	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Furs and Skulls – New York's Mammals	Cazenovia Public Library
Thursday May 21	7 p.m.	CPF Annual Meeting	St. Peter's Parrish Hall, 10 Mill Street, Cazenovia
Saturday May 23	10 a.m. – Noon	Planting a Pollinator Garden	15 Willow Place, Cazenovia
Saturday June 6	10 a.m. – Noon	Explore the Secret Garden Pond	Stone Quarry Hill Art Park Secret Garden
Saturday June 13	evening	Barn Dinner Dance with a special tribute to Bob and Bobbi Constable	Deerhawk Farm, Call Libbi Murray at 703-304-4567 for more information
Saturday July 18	7-9 am	Birds of Wetland & Old Field	Park at end of Gillette Lane. Carpool if possible.
Saturday August 29	7-9 pm	Full Moon + Bonfire	Fairchild Hill, south end of Caz Lake
Saturday September 12	9-12 am	Geocache Finders Fest	CPF trails throughout Cazenovia.
Saturday October 3	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Bioblitz -An inventory of plant & animal life	Carpenter's Pond, Carpenter's St., Cazenovia
October 24th, 26th, 27th	evenings	Walk Among the Spirits II	Evergreen Cemetery, Village of Cazenovia
Thursday November 26	9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Turkey Trot – A Thanksgiving Day fun run	Gorge Trail

Additional details on all events can be found on the CPF website in the 4 weeks before each specific event

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