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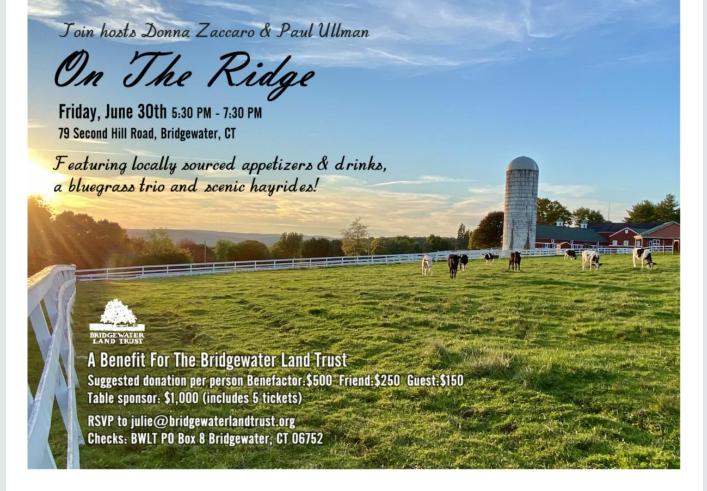
On The Ridge Land Trust Benefit

You Are Cordially Invited

Kick-off your summer at an exciting Land Trust benefit on Friday night, June 30th. Many thanks to Bridgewater residents Donna Zaccaro and Paul Ullman for hosting this gathering. Please contact Julie Stuart at julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org to reserve your tickets. Space is limited.

A few details:

- The venue is phenomenal with 360 degree views of Bridgewater.
- "Ain't No Part of Nothin" band will play a variety of bluegrass music.
- The Litchfield Distillery will offer specialty drinks.
- Cat's Kitchen will provide locally sourced appetizers from a vintage trailer.
- Hay rides will traverse two farms with cows, goats, sheep and more!
- There will be sweet and savory swag for each guest.



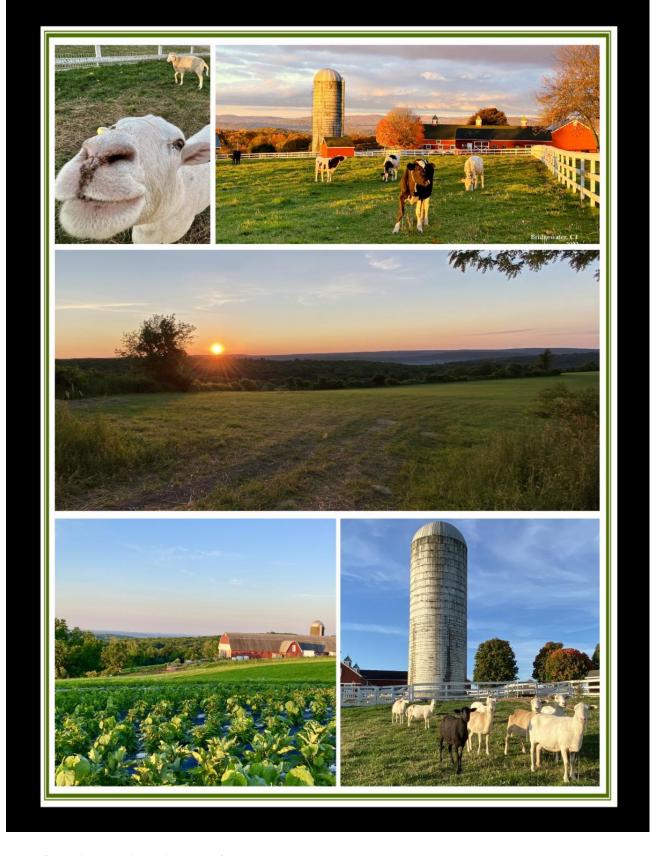
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Event Sponsors: Donna Zaccaro & Paul Ullman, Katherine Burke & Ted Alt, Annie & Rich Kaplon, Mae & Tom Orkisz, Will Stuart of Berkshire Hathaway

Benefactors: Evelyn Rodstein & Glenn Kaplan **Table Sponsors:** Chris Amorossi (2), Will Stuart

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Views from the On The Ridge Benefit.

Iconic Barn Preserved

Bridgewater Land Trust Granted Preservation Restriction



preservation restriction on a historic barn known as the "Flag Barn" on Town Line Road. The restriction ensures that the iconic barn will be preserved in perpetuity. Ownership of the barn will remain private and access is restricted.

The barn is very visible from the south entrance of Town Line Road and serves as a stunning gateway to arguably the most picturesque country road straddling Bridgewater and Roxbury. The barn was originally part of a much larger farm operation known as the Chauncey Beers Farm that encompassed the entire road and beyond to Keeler Road and Botsford Hill. It borders our Town Line Farm Preserve and Jane Pratt Farm Preserve both of which were also part of the original Chauncey Beers farm.

Join Us On CT Trails Day

Come hike with us at Clatter Valley Park in celebration of CT Trails Day! We will travel 2.4 miles with a 500 ft elevation change. Some steep slopes with moderate difficulty as hikers ascend and loop back around Wolf Pit Mountain. Refreshments will be provided halfway. See details below.



The Bridgewater Land
Trust & the Bridgewater
Recreation Commission
invite you to hike with us!
We are offering a guided,
2.5 mile moderate hike

CT Trails DAY

Half CT Trails DAY

Sat., June 3rd

This is a free event, no registration is required.

with some steep inclines

up Wolf Pit Mountain.



Hike begins at 9 AM Clatter Valley Park 158 Town Farm Road New Milford, CT 06776

9 AM - 11 AM

Heavy rain cancels. Questions email: julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org



Clatter Valley Park is open year round to residents of New Milford and Bridgewater.

Plant Exploration Hike

Thank You Alison Birks

Did you know that a yellow flower called mullein can help insulate and keep you warm if need to survive in the cold? Or that garlic mustard can kill your trees? Or that Japanese barberry harbors loads of ticks? Thanks to plant expert and Bridgewater resident Alison Birks for teaching these facts and many more along the paths of Tappen Brook Trails on May 27th.



Spotlight on Bridgewater Barns

Known historically as the Chauncey A. Beers Farm, this beautiful property stretches along the Roxbury side of Town Line Road. The 14,240 square foot main barn includes an original banked hay barn set on a stone foundation, a 300 foot long center aisle milking parlor, a milk room and a pair of riveted steel silos. Now owned by the Bridgewater Land Trust, the farm is leased to Stuart Family Farm and is used to raise grass-fed beef cattle as well as hay.



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