



BWLT NEWS

Protecting The Land You Love

April, 2024

You Are A Hero!

Your Support Makes Our Work Possible

Our donors are the heroes of every story we tell. We rely completely on your generosity to do our important work. Your contributions have bolstered our efforts in 2023 and we hope to keep the momentum going in 2024.

The Connecticut Community Foundation is hosting its annual Give Local campaign on April 24th and 25th. Last year we received \$60,528! This remarkable amount came from 194 generous donors. We finished in 2nd place overall among 287 non-profit organizations and 1st place in our size category. **Thank you for your continued belief and investment in us!**

We encourage each of you to become a member or renew your membership in 2024 during our Give Local campaign. The matching funds, the bonus dollars, and potential for cash prizes mean any amount you give is more than doubled! The link to donate will be sent to you when the give-a-thon begins on April 24th.

Highlights Of Our Work In 2023

You Are Making An Impact!

The Lamont Preserve: Permanently protected another 45 acres!



Opened new trail network: Tappen Brook Trails



Began new 5K course



Planted a wildflower meadow
at The Jim Allen Preserve



Installed a new roof at our
Town Line Farm Preserve



Partnered with
Eagle Scouts



Presented engaging
community programs



Connected Burnham
students to nature



Cleaned up
our roadsides



Our Give Local Matching Donors

With Deep Appreciation to Chris and Will

Chris Amorossi and Will Stuart grew up in and around Bridgewater and both want to see the town remain as they remember it: rolling hills, working farms, tree-lined roads, and fresh, clean air. Chris shared her reasons for her support: "The Bridgewater Land Trust does more

than just protect trees. They also own and care for two, large working farms. This makes them unique and it is something I want to invest in." Will expressed his thoughts "I want to keep Bridgewater *Bridgewater* for future generations to enjoy like I have. It is important to have more deed restrictions on large parcels of land so that it will be protected forever."

Chris's extraordinary match is given in memory of her late husband, Butch Thompson who was a life-long resident of Bridgewater. Butch was a fixture in town with a great sense of humor, and who could remember and share those "back in the day" stories like no other. The Chris Amorossi "Match Our Way to 60K" means that Chris will match up to \$30,000 for the 2024 Give Local campaign!

Will has offered a 2 x 2 x 2 Donor Challenge: During the 2 giving days, we need 200 individual donors to unlock another \$2,000! Thank you to The Will Stuart Team of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services for funding this challenge.



Chris Amorossi and Will Stuart


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LAND TRUST

Chris Amorossi
MATCH
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Make the most of your donation to the
Bridgewater Land Trust!


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The Will Stuart Team
Of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services

2 x 2 x 2
2 Days
200 Donors **\$2,000**



Make the most of your donation to the
Bridgewater Land Trust!

**We need to raise
\$30,000 to unlock this
match!**

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unlock this match!**



Happy Hour Fun! *Spring Has Sprung*

Thanks to the many supporters (familiar and new) who attended our Happy Hour event on the first day of spring. With special thanks to Italia Mia Restaurant, our generous host!



Welcoming Spring at Italia Mia

Door Prize Winners: Cynthia Feuer, Ellen Woolwich, Larina Cipolla, Leland Williams and Evelyne Purdy

Event Sponsors: Italia Mia Restaurant, Poppa John's Home & Garden and The Will Stuart Team of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services

Prize Sponsors: Bridgewater Chocolate, Burnham Library, Maywood



Lend A Hand If You Can
Our Roadsides Need A Cleanup

Help Keep Bridgewater Green (and Clean)!

TOWN CLEANUP

Saturday, April 20, 2024

(rain date Sunday, April 21)

10 AM to 1 PM

Keep
our
town
neat!



Stop by our booth at the **Town Green** (in front of Town Hall) to pick up your supplies and let us know where you will clean. Check out our prizes! You could be a winner!

Please
help
clean
your
street!

Sponsored by the Bridgewater Land Trust and HRRRA

Questions please contact HRRRA at education@hrrra.org or Julie Stuart at julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org



Burnham Students To Experience The Marvels Of Nature & Art

The BWLT is thrilled to sponsor “Marvelous Metamorphoses” a live puppetry performance of song and dance for Burnham students in honor of Earth Day. The live puppets capture the annual cycles of life with captivating raps and movements to show the transformations from caterpillar to butterfly, polliwog to frog, and more!

Plant Exploration Hike On Tap

Learn About Trees, Plants & More

Alison Birks will lead a hike this spring and will share her vast knowledge of plants, trees, flowers, and fungi. Please be sure to RSVP as we anticipate a full group of curious walkers.



Learn about the edible and medicinal uses of common weeds, trees and native plants of Bridgewater with seasoned forager and expert herbalist Alison Birks, MS, RH (AHG), CNS. We will nibble, touch, smell and engage our senses in the plant world around us as we wander. Topics to be covered include: sustainable foraging, plant identification, folklore and more!



Join Us! Plant Exploration **HIKE**

All are welcome to this free event.

Sat., May 18th
11 AM - 12:30 PM
Hike begins at 11 AM
Bridgewater Town Park
221 Tappen Road

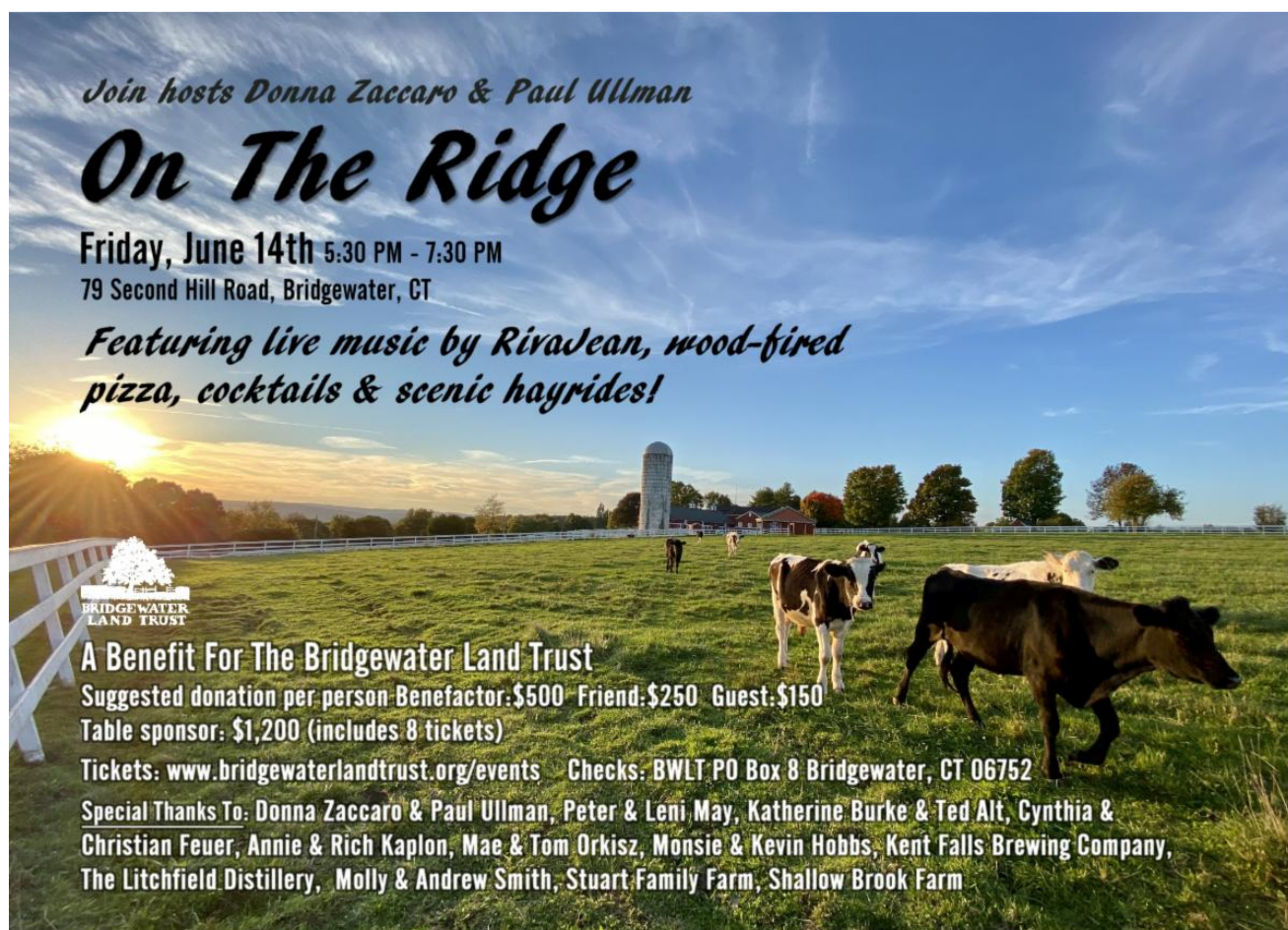
Heavy rain cancels. Space is limited RSVP is required:
julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org

Party On The Ridge Returns

Kick Off Your Summer With Us

We are looking forward to another exciting gathering On The Ridge this summer. Mark your calendars and get ready for some spectacular live music, tasty food and drink, and scenic hayrides with breathtaking views of Bridgewater and beyond. Tickets are available here:

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)



Join hosts Donna Zaccaro & Paul Ullman

On The Ridge

Friday, June 14th 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
79 Second Hill Road, Bridgewater, CT

Featuring live music by Rivaje, wood-fired pizza, cocktails & scenic hayrides!

A Benefit For The Bridgewater Land Trust
Suggested donation per person Benefactor:\$500 Friend:\$250 Guest:\$150
Table sponsor: \$1,200 (includes 8 tickets)
Tickets: www.bridgewaterlandtrust.org/events Checks: BWLT PO Box 8 Bridgewater, CT 06752

Special Thanks To: Donna Zaccaro & Paul Ullman, Peter & Leni May, Katherine Burke & Ted Alt, Cynthia & Christian Feuer, Annie & Rich Kaplon, Mae & Tom Orkisz, Monsie & Kevin Hobbs, Kent Falls Brewing Company, The Litchfield Distillery, Molly & Andrew Smith, Stuart Family Farm, Shallow Brook Farm

Correction: In the BWLT 2023 Impact Report, Renee Siana was omitted from our donor list. Renee has been a member and supporter for many years and we deeply apologize for the oversight.

Support Us

The Bridgewater Land Trust is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all your contributions are tax deductible.

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