



BWLT NEWS

Protecting The Land You Love

May, 2024

BWLT Awarded Grant

Improvements On Tap At The Lamont Preserve

The Bridgewater Land Trust was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$9,250 by the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation based in New Milford. This grant will be dedicated to improvements at the Land Trust's newly acquired Lamont Preserve which is located along Northrup Street with additional frontage along Lake Lillinonah. The targeted improvements include a preserve sign, property clean up and clearing, and the creation of a new trail for the public to enjoy.

The Bridgewater Land Trust received the 45 acre Preserve thanks to the generosity of Governor Ned Lamont and his wife Annie Lamont who owned the property since 2005. Support from the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation and other generous donors will enable us to undertake these major improvements.



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 by The RivaJean Band, tasty food and drink, swag bags and scenic hayrides with breathtaking views of Bridgewater and beyond.

Tickets prices person are as follows:

Table Sponsor (includes 8 tickets): \$1,200

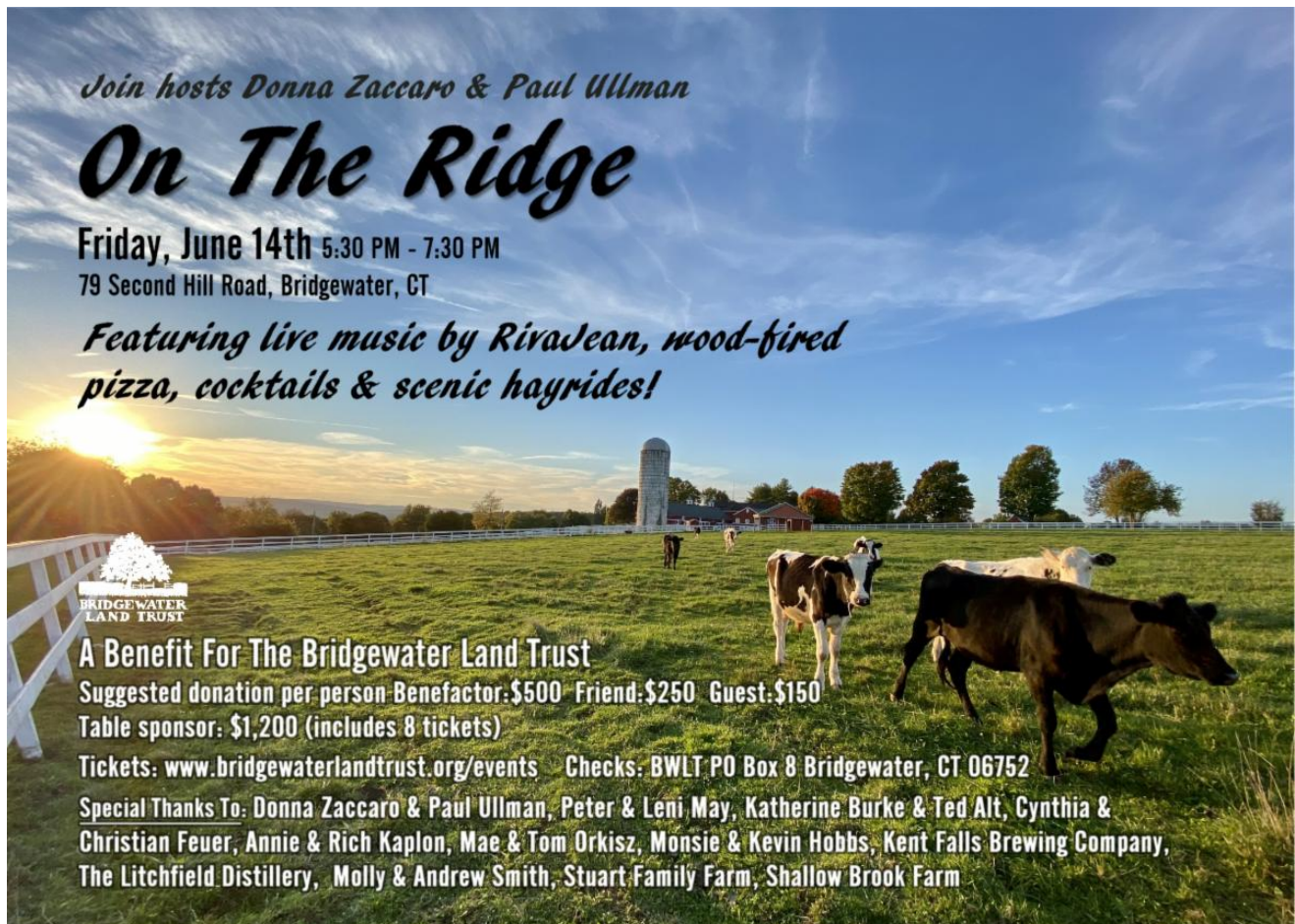
Benefactor Sponsor: \$500 per person

Friend Sponsor: \$250 per person

Guest: \$150 per person

Tickets are available online or checks can be sent to BWLT, PO Box 8, Bridgewater, CT 06752

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 RivaJean, 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

Plant Exploration Hike On Tap

Learn About Trees, Plants & More

Alison Birks will lead an eye opening hike on May 18th 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

CT Trails Day

Hike With Us!

Be the first to walk the new 5 K Course at our annual CT Trails Day hike. We will walk at a moderate pace. Dogs welcome on leash.



Join Us!

CT Trails DAY HIKE

**Sat., June 1st
9 AM - 11 AM**

The Bridgewater Land Trust & the Bridgewater Recreation Commission invite you to hike with us! We are offering a guided, 3.0 mile moderate hike on some new trails.

This is a free event, no registration is required.



**Hike begins at 9 AM
Bridgewater Town Park
221 Tappen Road
Bridgewater, CT 06752**

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

Burnham Students Learn About Nature

Earth Day Fun!

The BWLT sponsored “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! Take a peek at a one minute video below.



Click the button below to watch a one minute video of the Burnham show.

Burnham Earth Day Show

Trash Pick Up Successful

Thank You Volunteers

Thanks to the many volunteers who came out on a rainy morning to beautify Bridgewater. About 40 volunteers cleaned approximately 85% of our roadsides. This could not be possible without the enthusiastic support and dedicated efforts of our community! Many thanks to HRRA for partnering with us on this annual event, and Oak Ridge for conveniently dropping off an empty dumpster and disposing of all the collected trash.



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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