



Joshua's Tract

Conservation and Historic Trust, Inc.



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Land Trust Alliance Awards \$10,000 Grant

The Land Trust Alliance has approved a grant of \$10,000 for the design of a major fundraising campaign for Joshua's Trust.

This is the second capacity-building grant awarded to the Trust, and is an indicator of the excellent reputation our organization has developed.

The funds raised using the grant will help build needed reserves for continued stewardship, defense of property and new land acquisition.

The Land Trust Alliance represents more than 1,700 land trusts across America.

As we approach the 50th anniversary, this is an exciting period in our history. Having successfully protected over 4,000 acres and recently earned national accreditation through the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, we will now build the financial foundation Joshua's Trust needs to prosper in the next 50 years.

That's a significant legacy.

Trust Loses Two Friends With Deaths Of Cazal And Norgaard

Joshua's Trust has lost two important friends and supporters with the deaths of former trustee Corine Norgaard and Fred Cazal, Jr., a former Mansfield mayor and founder of the Mansfield Historical Society.



professor. He served on a number of university committees including moderator of the senate and grand marshal of the annual commencement exercises.

In 1957, he and Annarie hosted the group that became the Mansfield Historical Society, in their recently purchased Royce-Dunham house (1735) in Gurleyville. He not only served as the society's first president, but also acted in that capacity for two other separate terms, including the 50th anniversary year.

Cazal, one of the original founders of Joshua's Trust, died at his home in the Gurleyville section of Mansfield on July 26, due to lymphoma.

He and his wife Annarie moved to Storrs in 1948 when he accepted a position as assistant professor of history at the University of Connecticut after earning his degrees at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and Johns Hopkins University.

It was out of the Mansfield Historical Society and the Mansfield Conservation Commission that Joshua's Trust

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While at UConn, Cazal advanced rapidly to the rank of



A Jazzy Sunday Will Have Joshua Jumpin' ... And Potentially Help Buy More Land

Our annual autumn fundraiser which will benefit land acquisitions will take place on Sunday, Oct. 30, at Knowlton Town Hall (Rt. 44) in Ashford, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Our own former Trust president Hill Bullard, a trombonist, will lead the Juniper Hill Jumpers Jazz Band beginning at 3 p. m. for two hours of lively tunes.

The band, composed of professional and amateur musicians, plays Dixieland style jazz, as well as blues, gospel and some country/western. Come for some toe-tapping fun entertainment that benefits the trust as well. Light refreshments will be available. Please let us know by Oct. 27 if you are coming so we can plan appropriately.

The donation is \$20 per person. Please use the registration form on the back page.

Sunday Jazz Reservation Form On Back Page



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Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust was formed in 1966 to receive gifts of money and land, or to buy land of historic, aesthetic, or scientific value, for the benefit of future generations.

It is designed to supplement the open space efforts of federal, state and local governments. The Trust protects over 4,100 acres in the region, maintains trails which are open to the public, and publishes *The Joshua's Tract Walk Book*.

The office is located in the historic Eagleville Schoolhouse, South Eagleville Rd., in Mansfield.

Office hours: Thurs. 1:30-3:30 pm.
Phone: 860-429-9023



The accreditation seal recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national standards for excellence, uphold the public trust and ensure that conservation efforts are permanent.

Trust — The Key Word

I am writing his column while sitting at a picnic table on the dock. All around me are the sounds and smells of the St. Lawrence River flowing around the island. I am in the heart of the 1,000 Islands, a place I have been coming to since I was a toddler.

My memories of summers here and in Connecticut are among my most treasured. So you can imagine how thrilled I was to learn that there are more than three land trusts protecting many of the islands on both the American and the Canadian side of the mighty St. Lawrence.

The islands have the same problem that the land has. There will never be any more of them and once over-developed and over-populated, the river and the islands will suffer.

While still at home, what caught my eye in recent months was the spate of stories about the state and towns overturning the use of land as specified when deeded or bought as open space.

Despite the outcry and letters to the editors, in some cases the open space use has been overturned.

I realize that local towns and the state government have countless obligations and responsibilities to their constituents, stretching the dollar beyond its capacity; and the officials

must reach out to other avenues for more revenue. As a land donor myself, I can only imagine how those who sold or donated to municipalities must feel when their wishes are overturned.

BUT, with Joshua's Trust, you and I don't have to worry. We are a land trust. And the key word here is trust. Donors trust us to take care of the land they give us. Members trust us to manage our funds wisely.

Visitors walking our trails trust us to maintain them. Towns trust us to honor our commitments. Children can trust that the land they see now will be the same for their children to see.

We have done this for close to 50 years, and we will continue to do so. That's a promise you can take to the bank, put under your pillow, entrust to great Aunt Gertrude or -- best solution -- send a note to your neighbors, friends, local town officials and state legislators that Joshua's Trust lives up to its name.

REFLECTIONS ON THIS AND THAT

By Allison
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Joshua's Trust President



Cazel Helped Form The Trust; Norgaard Advanced It

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came to be.

Cazel was instrumental in persuading the Douda heirs to donate the Grist Mill to the newly formed Trust, the mill site being the impetus for the formation of the Trust.

In 2001, Cazel donated a house with 4.8 acres of land to the Trust, the house to be sold for income, but the land, with 75 feet of frontage on the Fenton River in Gurleyville, to be preserved "in its natural state" in perpetuity.

Cazel was honored with the Joshua's Trust award in 20002. Cazel's service to the local government included finishing Annarie's term on the Mansfield Town Council after her untimely death in 1983, and serving as mayor from 1991-1997.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Norgaard Led By Example

Norgaard, Joshua's Trust Lifetime member, and trustee from 2006-2011, passed away on June 4.

Professionally, she was most recently Dean at the



Cazel was instrumental in Joshua Trust's acquisition of the Gurleyville Grist Mill.

Barney School of Business at the University of Hartford. She had also taught at the University of Connecticut after earning her doctorate at the University of Texas in Austin.

She served on various professional boards and was active in the AICPA, the American Accounting Association, and was appointed associate editor of *The Accounting Review*.

Norgaard led by example, never backing down from any professional or personal challenge while devoting herself to her family, work and community.

She applied that same energy and enthusiasm to all she did for the Trust as a member and as a trustee. Active until the end, Corine was the coordinator for the recent very successful June wine tasting.

She was also chair of the Development Committee. It was her idea for the Trust to offer lifetime membership as an option, and both she and her husband participated.

In addition to Joshua's Trust, Corine worked with non-profit causes at the Windham Hospital.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Richard Norgaard; her son, Thor Norgaard and his wife and son; and her sister, Wanda Chrisman.

'Walktober' — A Great Time To Appreciate The Land We Protect

"Walktober," organized by The Last Green Valley, has become one of the most popular events of our "Quiet Corner," and as it has in the past, Joshua's Trust is sponsoring four of the event's walks.

We urge you to take advantage of these unique opportunities to become better acquainted with the land we help protect. Below are the dates and descriptions of the Joshua's Trust walks.

(The numbers before each listing below correspond to the 2011 Walktober brochure, available at www.tlgv.org/uploads/Walktober/Walktober2011web.pdf. The walk descriptions are also from the brochure, which includes directions.)

And, if you've ever wanted to visit the Trust's offices in the historic Eagleville School House, this is your opportunity. It will be open all five Saturdays in October from 1-3 p.m. Light refreshments will be available as well.



#3 – Oct. 1, 10 a.m. Biodiversity at Byles Sanctuary, Ashford. Explore the biodiversity of a climax forest and glacial moraines during a hike through the Byles Sanctuary. 1.5 miles, 1 hour. rain date Oct. 2

#55 – Oct. 15, 10 a.m. (10-22 if heavy rain), Coventry. Our Farm's Battle with Invasives. In a walk around a small farm, learn to identify invasive plants in their fall foliage and see the results of a variety of invasive plant control treatments including targeted grazing and flame weeding. Hilly, 2 miles, 1.5-2 hours.

#72 – Oct. 22, 10 a.m., Ashford. Tinkerville Brook over time. Families will enjoy a fairly easy walk along a maintained trail at Tinkerville Brook Preserve in Ashford. Natural trail, 1.5 miles, 1.5 hours.

#76 – Oct. 23, 9:30 a.m., Hampton. Hands, Eyes, Nose and Ears. Using their own senses, children will discover the joys of nature as they learn to be good observers. The walk is through a field, woods, and to the Little River exploring all kinds of things with hands, eyes, nose and ears. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Hilly, 1.1 miles, 2 hours.

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Joshua's Trust Autumn Fund-Raiser Reservation Form
Please submit by Oct. 27 or email Nancy Silander at nancysilander@gmail.com.

Name _____
Telephone _____
E-mail address _____

Please make reservations for _____ people @ \$20 each for the Sunday Jazz event. Total \$ _____.

I cannot attend, but would like to contribute \$ _____

Make check payable to: Joshua's Trust
Mail to: Joshua's Trust, P.O. Box 4, Mansfield Center, CT 06250-0004.

Contribute to the land acquisition fund by coming to this musical event to be held at Knowlton Town Hall just west of the junction of Rt. 44 and Rt. 89 in Ashford. Donation is \$20 per person which benefits Joshua's Trust land acquisition fund.

The event begins at 2:30 p.m.; music is from 3 – 5 p.m. by the local Juniper Hill Jumpers Jazz Band, led by former Trust president Hill Bullard.

Joshua's Trust Benefit Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon. Please fill out and submit the form below by Oct. 27, or email nancysilander@gmail.com.

Jazz On A Sunday Afternoon