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June Newsletter

Dear Friend,

Summer is here and I
hope you find time to
enjoy the natural world
around us.

In this month's newsletter, we feature upcoming events, educational opportunities, and the good work of NCLC's summer interns who have helped to ensure our public preserves are ready for you to explore.



You can find downloadable trail maps and street addresses on our [website](#). For our friends with and without mobility aids, devices, or equipment, we recommend visiting the **Wimisink Preserve** in Sherman. It features a 330-foot long accessible boardwalk, terrific for wildlife viewing. In addition, **the New Milford Barn Quilt Trail** offers another great way to experience NCLC preserves and other local farms (more on that below also).

Thank you for your continuing support of the land and waters of Northwest Connecticut. You make great conservation possible.

With gratitude,

Catherine Rawson
Executive Director



Upcoming Events



Second Saturday at Kent Barns

July 10 from 10 AM to 2 PM

Stop by **NCLC's table** to pick up a trail map for a Kent preserve.



Guided Hike at the Mount Tom Preserve

August 21 at 10 AM

[Register Here](#)

*We are delighted to announce the **Midsummer Party** will be held at Maywood in Bridgewater. We hope you will join us in reconnecting with friends for cocktails and dinner. All proceeds support NCLC's conservation programs across 12,500 acres of land (and growing).*

[Purchase your tickets here.](#)

Midsummer Party

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BRIDGEWATER, CT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Save the Date

HOSTED BY
LENI AND PETER MAY

Watch Online: Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples

Last month NCLC hosted Dr. Lucianne Lavin, director of research and collections at the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington. Dr. Lavin presented on Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples and their relationship with the natural world, exploring the long, rich histories that extend back thousands of years before the arrival of settler-colonists. Dr. Lavin explained how Indigenous Peoples managed the physical environment to enhance plant and animal populations. In case you missed it, you can [click here](#) to



Notes From the Field: Summer Intern Report

This summer NCLC has two Partnership Interns and one Sherman Trails Intern. We welcome Chris Arrotti, a 2020 UConn graduate who is headed for graduate school this fall, and Tim Strzepa, a rising



senior studying environmental science at Saint Michael's College. Chris and Tim are trained and supervised by NCLC staff. They gain first-hand experience with the many tools of land conservation, from chainsaws to mapping software. The Partnership Interns not only work for NCLC, but also provide hands-on support for NCLC's partnering land trusts throughout Northwest Connecticut. They are doing a terrific job! **You can read more about their work here.**

We are thrilled to also welcome Noah Wistman, returning for a third year as our Sherman Trails Intern. Noah is a student at Hunter College and works with his dad, Jim Wistman, to keep all our public preserves in Sherman in great shape. We are so lucky to have such a great team! Stay tuned for an update from Noah in July.

NCLC's intern program is made possible by a grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation and the support of our members. Thank you for supporting the next generation of conservationists. If you are interested in applying for a 2022 internship, contact our **Director of Land Conservation Paul Elconin**

Barn Quilts in the News

What is a barn quilt? The New York Times describes their appeal saying, "**barn quilts** are a homegrown art form that combines a few aspects of traditional Americana: barns, quilts and road trips." For the organizers of the **New Milford Barn Quilt Trail**, the barn quilts are also a way to honor New



Milford's rich agricultural heritage and encourage tourism. News 12 Connecticut featured the New Milford Barn Quilt Trail in their **Road Trips Close to Home** segment.

NCLC is very proud to have **two barns included on the trail**. The Maple Leaf pattern at 227 Merryall Road is on a barn in active agricultural use by **Mayapple Hill Farm** and **Stuart Family Farm** and honors the maple sugaring of past and present farmers. The Forage Grass pattern at Hunt Hill Farm honors the property's connection to the dairy farms that were once common in New Milford.

We're Hiring: Join the NCLC Team

We are hiring a Program Administrator. The Program Administrator works with the Executive Director and other staff to support NCLC's administrative, financial, and communication needs. This is an equal opportunity, part-time, non-exempt position located in Kent, CT. **Please click here to read the full job description.** Send inquiries to **work@ctland.org**.



NCLC Staff on a hike at Litchfield's **Hauser Preserve**.

Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy is a nonprofit regional land trust and the largest land trust in the state. As a guardian of natural and working lands, public recreation areas, and drinking water resources, NCLC permanently protects 12,500 acres (and growing) of vast, connected natural areas in Litchfield and northern Fairfield Counties.

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