



# The Upland Journal

A PUBLICATION OF THE CAZENOVIA PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

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## All Good Things...

CPF is working on improving its communications.

- This will be the final newsletter to be sent to everyone in the community, more than four thousand homes in three zip codes. From now on, newsletters will be distributed – either digitally or hard copy – to CPF members only. If you are not currently a CPF member and wish to continue receiving our newsletter, please join us by using the coupon on the back page of this newsletter. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact us at 315-877-1742 or 315-655-9384 and we will arrange to have a paper copy sent to you.
- We will strengthen our digital communications and encourage use of our website, which has been updated. Please visit us at this exciting new site: [www.cazpreservation.org](http://www.cazpreservation.org).

- If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact [cpfstaff@verizon.net](mailto:cpfstaff@verizon.net). We promise to keep messages to a minimum, but will keep you abreast of upcoming events and issues of interest. We will not share your address with anyone.

### Help Wanted:

Horse and driver to drag Christmas trees from CPF property on Burlingame to the roadside. Our sturdy crew years past is unavailable, and CPF will be forced to cancel the tree giveaway unless we can find someone to help. Contact [cpfstaff@verizon.net](mailto:cpfstaff@verizon.net) or call Judy at 315-877-1742.



*A railroad depot-turned-photo studio was a popular destination as part of CPF's summer Walks 'n' Talks series. Gene Gissin served as conductor to interested "passengers" on the Cazenovia Village Railroads Walk.*



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Our beautiful Cazenovia summer has been replaced by autumn with all the colors and pleasures it brings.

The CPF summer educational series intrigued those who participated and now CPF's miles of trails await walkers, hikers, and – soon – snowshoers and cross country skiers.

Summer was not a quiet one for CPF. Highlights include:

- Another successful educational series, directed by Janet Elliot, CPF summer assistant
- Work to improve Carpenter's Pond and the path along the dike
- Drainage and signage improvements to most of our trails with help from our dedicated trail volunteers
- Board of Directors engagement in a capacity grant funded by the Land Trust Alliance, which will help us create a sustainable funding base, improve our communications, and increase efficiency and effectiveness in meeting our mission
- Inspections of easement properties and management plan development for properties owned by CPF
- Development of a terrific new website, ready to go online this fall, and a CPF Facebook Friends page
- Board members Liz Moran and Tim McCay and Environmental Projects Manager Judy Gianforte attended the annual Land Trust Alliance

Conference to learn more about issues land trusts face

In the coming year, the Board will focus on developing and implementing necessary policy and procedural changes that will meet Land Trust Alliance (LTA) standards for accreditation. According to the LTA, the accreditation seal is a mark of distinction in land conservation. It recognizes organizations for meeting national standards for excellence, upholding the public trust, and ensuring that conservation efforts are permanent. Accreditation helps ensure maintenance of land trust tax-exempt status and securing grant funding. CPF will build on the recommendations that emerged from its LTA internal organizational assessment in 2008.

CPF remains committed to collaboration with other community and government groups.

Cazenovia is facing a number of demanding issues – ones that will have an impact on its future and its character. CPF remains involved in community-wide discussions to help preserve our historic places and landscapes. We are convinced that thoughtful, respectful dialogue among those with differing points of view is important to reaching suitable conclusions.

CPF's mission is to protect historic, agricultural, and natural resources in and around Cazenovia for the benefit of the community. We offer the public opportunities to use many miles of trail and engage in educational activities free of charge. Maintaining our trails, protecting our easements, and operating our programs require substantial funds, however. Since CPF receives no public funding, we rely on support from people in the community to continue current programs and provide additional activities. With that support, CPF can help ensure that the Cazenovia we love and enjoy now remains unique and attractive for generations to come.

—Barbara Clarke



*Our photo of a masonry horse trough in the last newsletter sparked interest among our members. Fay and Marge Lyon of Nelson gave this photo to us to illustrate the significance of watering troughs to this rural community. The trough was located at the corner of Thomas Road and Route 20 but is no longer visible. If anyone has information on other troughs or on the history or ownership of any, please contact CPF at [cpfstaff@verizon.net](mailto:cpfstaff@verizon.net).*



*Work to improve Carpenter's Pond and the dike path around it is nearly complete, and the project offered an opportunity for student volunteers from Project Café to give back to the community. They assisted CPF by helping mulch the trail, trim branches, and create natural benches alongside the pond. Carpenter's Pond has never looked so good, so come out and take a stroll along this trail. Thanks also to the NYS Canal Corporation and the Village of Cazenovia for their cooperation.*



*A beautiful October morning was the setting for Cazenovia High School student volunteers from Project Café to give back to the community. They assisted Cazenovia Preservation Foundation by helping place mulch along the trail of Carpenter's Pond, trimming back branches and creating natural benches along the water. Carpenter's Pond has never looked so good so come out and take a stroll along this trail.*

The mission of the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is to protect historic, agricultural, and natural resources in and around Cazenovia for the benefit of the community.

Visit us at:  
[www.cazpreservation.org](http://www.cazpreservation.org)

# Leave a soft footprint, and please sign in

CPF is proud of its many trails and our trail stewards, staff and volunteers work hard to maintain them for safety and enjoyment. We encourage you to use them frequently. But....

Please...whenever you use the Gorge Trail, Fairchild Hill, or the Burlingame Trails, remember to sign in at the entrance. It is important to know the frequency with which trails are used so that we can manage them most effectively! The usage information is helpful, too, when applying for grant funding.

CPF trails are intended primarily for hikers, cross country skiers, and snowshoers. The local equestrian community may use the Burlingame Trails with permission only and during designated Limestone Creek Hunt events and the Lorenzo Driving Competition marathon. During those events, hikers should be cautious and all dogs must be on leash. Horseback riding is not permitted at all on the Gorge Trail. Please respect the trails, offered for your enjoyment, honor trail etiquette, and protect the environment. We are fortunate to have such beautiful places to explore and appreciate. Let's keep it that way.

Trail maps, specific rules, and information can be found at [www.cazpreservation.org](http://www.cazpreservation.org).



*Thanks to our capable summer Walks 'n' Talks series coordinator Janet Elliott, CPF's summer educational series was filled with a variety of events to suit every palate. Eight programs, preceded by a Chittenango Cleanup Day in April, averaged 25 people each and offered a unique perspective of many facets of Cazenovia and its environment.*

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## Thanks!

We thank the following people for their recent contributions of gifts, time, and energy on CPF's behalf:

- Our many loyal members and supporters;
- Kevin and Becky Walters for their generous donation of materials and labor for a new bench by Chittenango Creek on South Trail;
- The Trush Family for providing parking access to the Fairchild Hill Trail off Route 20;
- Charlie Andrews for his leadership and energy in organizing trail work on the Burlingame Road Trails, and Gerry Wilson and his loader for moving materials for that work;
- Limestone Creek Hunt and Lorenzo Driving Competition volunteers for continued work on the Burlingame Trails;

- Janet and Mackenzie Elliott for their tireless efforts helping to organize and paint the CPF office space;
- All volunteer leaders of our successful summer walks: Tim McCay, Gene Gissin, Bill Chapman, Don Leopold, Amy Kochem, Bev and Bob Thorp, and Bridget Maloney; and last but not least
- All CPF Trail Stewards for their continued monitoring and maintenance of CPF trails.

### Still needed:

- Office help to scan paper records for electronic storage
- Bush hog to follow an ATV for summer trail maintenance

# Grant funding supports projects and activities

To supplement the generous contributions of our members and friends, CPF has applied for and been awarded a number of grants. Grant funding has been essential to a number of projects CPF has undertaken.

## **Central New York Community Foundation - \$4500**

Restoring Wetland Function – April 2007-2009

The grant addressed restoring wetland function and creating public space in the Willow Patch. Stop by and enjoy the willow-defined seating areas off Mill Street.

## **Land Trust Alliance - \$8800**

Capacity and Excellence – Stewardship Grant – June 2008

Funding supported the preparation of baseline documentation reports on easement properties. These reports are critical to the monitoring and enforcement of these easements in perpetuity.

## **Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc. - \$2000**

August 2008

The grant supported the purchase of office and field technology equipment to support an easement monitoring and development program.

## **Upstate Institute Summer Field School - August 2008**

The Institute sponsored a field school “fellow” to assist with easement baseline documentation, inspections, and other fieldwork.

## **Land Trust Alliance - \$5000**

September 2008

The grant funded a substantial guided internal organizational assessment of CPF. All board members participated in the detailed exercise.

## **Central New York Community Foundation - \$27,500**

Spanfelder and Environmental Funds – May 2009

Funding was used for Chittenango Creek bank stabilization and multi-use trail protection.

## **Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District - \$6000**

May – September 2009

Grant monies supported the Chittenango Creek stream bank restoration along South Trail.

## **Land Trust Alliance - \$8250**

Capacity and Excellence Grant – August 2009 – still ongoing

The goal of this grant is to increase financial capacity through community engagement.

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## Congratulations to all!

At the CPF annual meeting in May, board member Brian Coughlin presented several CPF awards to community members and groups who have demonstrated a commitment to Cazenovia, its landscapes, and architecture.

- **Commercial Award: Marianne and Rob Barry, Old and Everlasting**  
For meticulous and thoughtful restoration of two vintage structures for their Old and Everlasting shop, and the sympathetic landscape surrounding it
- **Landscape Award: Gene Gissin and the Cazenovia American Legion Post 88**  
For his commitment and tireless efforts – with support of Cazenovia American Legion Post 88 – to improve the landscape at the building’s entrance with a Veterans Honor Garden and Flag Court
- **Community Appreciation Award: Elizabeth Moran**  
Given for her commitment to protect the natural,

historic, and agricultural resources in Cazenovia, demonstrated by her efforts in Cazenovia Lake’s restoration; her leadership in preparation of the Town of Cazenovia’s comprehensive plan; and her ongoing support of farmland protection

- **Robert C. Webster Award: Boy Scouts of America Troop 18**  
Given for its continued dedication to protecting natural resources in Cazenovia through many individual and group projects – reforestation, environment, trail construction, maintenance, and clean-up – over the last decade in cooperation with CPF, local governments, and other non-profit agencies

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**Join us, be a part of important new projects, and be included in all CPF events and activities!**

We welcome you as a new, or renewing, member of CPF! Your contribution is tax deductible.

Make your contribution payable to Cazenovia Preservation Foundation and mail to:  
CPF, P.O. Box 627, Cazenovia, NY 13035-0627.

### Membership Levels

Patron — \$1,000+

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*You are now welcome to contribute online  
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