

can indicate species commonly seen. Please take the time to record your presence in the tally books at the kiosks for Fairchild Hill, the Gorge Trail, and Burlingame Trails. These data help us to secure additional support for trail maintenance and development. These "tics" indicated more than 2,700 visits to these three trails in 2010!

In addition to the usual spring cleanup and maintenance, we will be installing benches and vegetation around the improved banks of Carpenter's Pond. CPF also has applied for grant funding to improve the trails in a variety of ways, including grading, parking, and kiosks. CPF trail steward Thad Yorks and intern Leah McNeil at Cazenovia College worked on a preliminary trail design for CPF's property near Gillette Lane. So, lots of exciting developments are in the works. Stay tuned and get outside!

## Damage on South Trail

In February, part of the guard railing on the steep banks by the old railroad trestle bridge was methodically dismantled and thrown in the creek. This two-mile-long trail is used by skiers, walkers, and the Snow Valley Riders Snowmobile Club—which is active in maintenance of the South Trail.

Help CPF keep its trails clean and safe by reporting anything you find strange or out of order to: [cpfstaff@verizon.net](mailto:cpfstaff@verizon.net).

-By Judy Gianforte

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## Former president thanked for service



After serving two busy and productive years as president of CPF, Barbara Clarke found that due to competing responsibilities she had to resign from the CPF Board. The board accepted her resignation with great reluctance and with thanks for her exceptional leadership. A formal resolution cited the

board's "deep gratitude and appreciation for Barbara's contributions to CPF and the board during her tenure and all she has done to promote CPF's presence within the community and strengthen CPF's ability to promote its mission in the future."

Until the annual meeting May 11th, Vice President Pringle Symonds will serve as president and Tom Tait as vice president.

## BYLAWS NOTICE:

CPF bylaws were last updated in 1998. The Board of Directors will examine and act on the 2011 revision as required by the existing 1998 bylaws. The revised bylaws will be posted about April 15 on the website ([cazpreservation.org](http://cazpreservation.org)) for comment by the members. Those who would like paper copies can leave a message at [cpfstaff@verizon.net](mailto:cpfstaff@verizon.net) or call Pringle Symonds (655-2362).

## Walks 'n' Talks schedule coming soon.

When finalized, the schedule will be sent to the CPF e-mail list and posted on [www.cazpreservation.org](http://www.cazpreservation.org) and in The Republican.

## Colgate students assist CPF planners

Four Colgate University students helped CPF in the process of conservation planning as part of community-based course work in the environmental studies program. Amanda Fernley, Jackie Gerson, Colin McCrory, and Halley Parry compiled data on natural environments, historic structures, and public attitudes for CPF. The students also devised several models using these data that might be used by CPF in developing a strategic conservation plan in 2011. This plan will define CPF's land conservation vision by gathering vital information about the community, updating project selection criteria that reflect this knowledge, and enhancing CPF's ability to achieve effective conservation action in the next decade.



## Cazenovia Preservation Foundation Membership Form

*Our mission is to protect historic, agricultural and natural resources in and around Cazenovia for the benefit of the community*

Yes! I want to join CPF and be a part of important new projects and CPF events and activities

Membership Levels	Supporter	\$25 or less
	Sponsor	\$26 - \$99
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**Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, P.O. Box 627, Cazenovia, NY 13035-0627.**

Please enclose your employer's matching gift form, if applicable. Contribute online at: [www.cazpreservation.org](http://www.cazpreservation.org)

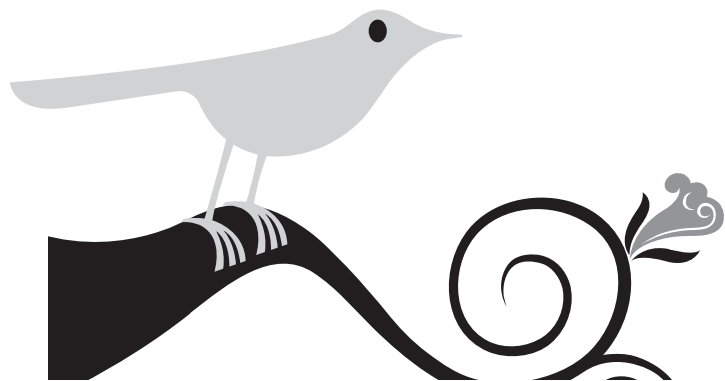
## Hurray! Trails draw 2,700 visits!

CPF owns and maintains about 14 miles of trails for your use in the Cazenovia area. Some of our most popular named trails include the Dike Path that wraps around Carpenter's Pond and alongside the Willow Patch, the Gorge Trail, and Fairchild Hill. Each of these places presents the visitor with a mix of interesting natural and social history. Check out our new-and-improved website for electronic versions of maps and lots of other information about the trails.

Thanks to the trail stewards and others that have alerted us to conditions in the field. Please also send along any interesting wildlife observations that you make. When revising our brochures we



*In the fall of 2010, CPF protected an additional 427 acres of farmland through conservation easements, bringing its total to 1,914 acres of protected land in the Cazenovia area. With these additions, nine percent of the total land in the Town of Cazenovia is protected by conservation easements, CPF ownership, and public entities.*







CPF has awarded Amelia Grace Wolsey a \$350 scholarship to attend a one-week residential session at Camp DeBruce in the Catskills in July. Amelia is the daughter of Heather and Ronald Wolsey of Lincklaen Street and is a student at Cazenovia High School. She has participated in maintenance and planting activities in the Nelson Swamp Unique Area and hopes to improve her outdoor knowledge and skills at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation camp.

## All good things come to an end

Wendy Taylor 's two terms on the board has ended, and she'll be sorely missed. As the chair of the Events Committee, her energy and enthusiasm were unmatched. Not only did she make many new friends for CPF, she and her hard-working committees developed events that were stellar fundraisers for CPF. Wendy chaired two Guess Who's Coming To Dinner events in 2008 and 2010. In addition, she coordinated Brian and Jenny Coughlin's Runways segment of the Walkways & Runways fundraiser in 2009 that featured both a house tour and a "party with the planes" on the same day!

## Put this in your "Reminder Mailbox"

CPF will shortly move to electronic newsletters, so please send us your e-mail addresses. Those who prefer to have printed material should let us know. New York State laws regarding not-for-profit organizations require that certain notices be sent to members by first-class mail so you will continue to receive some communications "the old-fashioned way."

Check it out! [www.cazpreservation.org](http://www.cazpreservation.org) for notices of upcoming public meetings we think will be of interest, including meetings or activities involving planning and historic preservation issues.

## Thank You

Randy Nash and Don Doherty for upkeep of the Burlingame Road Trails parking area

Frolic Taylor and Beth Seeley for preparing the food and hosting the après ski gathering during Winterfest;

Liz Aronson for her tireless work as chairman of the CPF membership committee;

Tim McCay, Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies at Colgate University, and students Amanda Fernley, Jackie Gerson, Colin McCrory, and Halley Parry for their work on background information for the CPF Strategic Land Conservation Plan;

Brian Coughlin, Carlos Gavilondo, Tim McCay, Ted Northrup and Don Stehle for cutting and delivering CPF's gift of 15 Christmas trees to Caz Cares;

Attorney Wallace MacDonald for revising CPF bylaws and making them fully compliant with NYS requirements for not-for-profit organizations;

Pauline Ireland for taking on the job of Membership Coordinator;

The League of Women Voters for the opportunity to co-sponsor the community-wide informational session on gas drilling & hydrofracking in the Marcellus Shale; and

Kevin Mann for his ongoing graphic design contributions to CPF.

# Members Asked To Help Set Priorities for 5-year Plan

A professional facilitator will host a discussion next month directed at helping CPF set priorities for a strategic conservation plan. Talking points will be gleaned from a two-page survey that members received and have been asked to complete and return it to help inform the board. "This is an exciting opportunity," according to acting president Pringle Symonds. "We are seeking input from our membership to help define priorities for a five-year Strategic Conservation Plan."

The discussion will be part of CPF's Annual Meeting. Awards and board nominations also are on tap. The meeting is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11th at St. Peter's Church, 12 Mill St.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Brian Coughlin, has put forward the following slate: For second, three-year terms 2011 to 2014: Carlos Gavilondo, Ted Northrup, Don Stehle, Tom Tait, and Marjie Wason Tormey. For first terms 2011 to 2014: Alexis Ellis and Lorie Riedl. To complete a partial term that ends June 2012: Anne Beckwith Ferguson.



Proposed officers are: President Pringle Symonds; Treasurer Don Stehle; and Corporate Secretary Carlos Gavilondo.

Brief biographies of the new candidates:

**Alexis Ellis**, a geospatial analyst with the U.S. Forest Service in Syracuse, is assisting in the development of tools for the assessment and management of community forests. She also teaches a course in Landscape Architecture at SUNY-ESF. Her undergraduate major was geography at Queen's College, Kingston, Ontario. After working seven years in Colorado, Alexis settled here in 2005 and earned a Masters degree from

ESF. Gardens and landscape design are one of her particular interests. She and her husband, Mark Stevens, are avid skiers. Alexis is a member of the National Ski Patrol and a ski instructor.



**Anne Beckwith Ferguson**, a banker, moved to Cazenovia in 2005 after tracing her Beckwith family history. When she learned the family homestead, historic Cobblestone House on Route 92, was for sale she purchased it. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and now serves as Senior Vice President of Systems Development for NBT Bancorp. After demonstrating her interest in

the community by participating in public hearings involving historic preservation and development in Cazenovia, she accepted a volunteer position on the Town of Cazenovia Planning Board. For that board she chairs an ad hoc committee charged with compiling the Cazenovia (Town only) Historic and Architectural Historic Resources Inventory. She is vice president of the Stone Quarry Hill Art Park Board, and a member of the Cazenovia Tree Commission and the Shakespeare Club.



**Lorie Riedl** is an events planner who grew up in Jamestown, Chautauqua County, and first came to this area to attend Cazenovia Junior College. She then received her Bachelors Degree from SUNY Brockport. She returned to Cazenovia to work for the college in its development office. Now, as Associate Director of the Parents Fund at Colgate University,

Lorie manages special activities for those frequent visitors. Is involved in marketing and program planning...? Will check; they must be out of town. Lorie is married to contractor Leonard Riedl. Their daughter attends college in Vermont.