



HANOVER CONSERVANCY

Protecting land & water in our community

November 2013

Aldo Leopold
on "*If I Were the Wind*"

"The wind that makes music in November corn is in a hurry. The stalks hum, the loose husks whisk skyward in half-playful swirls, and the wind hurries on.

"In the marsh, long windy waves surge across the grassy sloughs, beat against the far willows. A tree tries to argue, bare limbs waving, but there is no detaining the wind."

- *A Sand County Almanac*

2013 Annual Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 5, 7pm
Location & details to be announced

Moose Mountain Forestland Protected!



We are delighted to announce a new addition to the Hanover Conservancy's holdings: **the Mayor-Niles Forest**. The 92-acre property is the gift of Michael and Elizabeth Mayor and John Niles, who have owned the land for over 30 years. The forested parcel cloaks the west slope of this iconic ridge just below the North

Peak, connecting with National Park Service lands protecting the corridor of the Appalachian Trail. [MORE](#)

We are deeply grateful to the Mayor and Niles families for their generosity and foresight, and invite all to a celebration on the Hanover Center Green on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 1pm.



About the Deer...

When the Town of Hanover and NH Fish and Game Dept. approached us about opening Balch Hill to bow hunting this fall to help control an overgrown deer herd, we gave it serious thought. People love this place, so we didn't want to close the trails but decided to go ahead, based on support from a survey of neighbors and evidence of habitat damage from Dartmouth's study of deer browsing there. See [our web page](#) for more. Balch Hill will be open for bow hunting by special town permit only - no firearms allowed - from Nov. 1-Dec. 15. Hiking anywhere this fall? It's time to get out that wild orange vest or hat! Know [season dates](#).

Fall Trips Finishing Up

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Fresh bear track at the Mayor-Niles Forest

We'll visit the Dartmouth Organic Farm on our final fall trip Sun., Nov. 3, 1-3pm with Dartmouth professors Tom Jack and Laura Conkey.

DETAILS. A hearty group of 53 enjoyed a trip behind the gate to explore cellar holes on the Trescott Company lands (R). Our winter series begins



January 11 with an old favorite, the Moonlight Snowshoe Tour of Slade Brook. Conservancy members will receive our trip list just after the holidays. All are welcome!

Nov. 6 Film: "The Climb to Katahdin"

Hiking season isn't over yet - mark your calendar for the screening of this 90-minute documentary chronicling the adventures of a couple and their dog through-hiking the 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail in 2012. More than a trail journal, the film is a window into the friendships and personal growth that happen along the trail and the stunning visual heritage of this gem in America's landscape. The Norwich screening (7pm, Marion Cross School) is sponsored by the [Green Mountain Club](#), maintainers of the AT in Vermont, including here in the Upper Valley.

Nov. 7 Program: "Our Changing Landscape"

"Our Changing Landscape: Learning to Live with Exotic Invasive Plants" is the topic at 7pm at Lyme's Converse Free Library. Matt Stevens of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy will illustrate his presentation with invasive plants affecting Lyme's wildlife sanctuaries. Co-sponsored by the Library and the Lyme Conservation Commission.

Annual Report On the Web

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