

NORTHERN RIVERS LAND TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES BIOGRAPHIES

Susan Houston, Chair

Susan Houston of Craftsbury has been a board member of Northern Rivers land trust (NRLT) since its beginnings. She was part of the Craftsbury Land Group which was one of the inspirations for the creation of NRLT. Susan and her family run a small hilltop llama farm in the Northeast Kingdom. She is past chair of the Vermont Llama and Alpaca Association, past chair of the Greater Appalachian Llama and Alpaca Association, and has presented workshops concerning all aspects of llama management at conferences and at her farm. As a member of the Craftsbury Selectboard, Susan instigated the establishment of a Conservation Commission and an Energy Committee in her town. As chair of the town Library Board, she helped guide the trustees and the town into envisioning and then completing an amazing new library. She is an active community member and feels strongly that awareness and education about the intrinsic value of the land around us in a local and a global sense is the key into the future.

Steve Young, Vice-Chair

Steve Young of Wolcott has a long history of leadership in Vermont conservation and environmental education. He founded the Center for Northern Studies in Wolcott that is now part of Sterling College. He also founded and has led the Friends of Wolcott Pond, a local conservation group that has focused on conservation of properties in the watershed around this exceptional pond that is home to a strong loon population.

Ann Ingerson, Treasurer

Ann Ingerson of Craftsbury is an economist and researcher for The Wilderness Society. She has published numerous papers and reports on environmental economics, has developed an expertise in the emerging field of forest carbon science and policy, and is currently addressing renewable energy policy with a particular focus on woody biomass. In addition to her duties as treasurer, she handles GIS mapping for NRLT. Ann was formerly a professor at Sterling College where she taught a range of courses in environmental economics, agriculture, and outdoor skills. Ann and her husband Dave Brown grow food and firewood on their conserved Craftsbury property, and enjoy long wilderness canoe trips each summer.

Clive Gray, Co-Treasurer

Clive Gray is a Harvard PhD in economics who retired in 2002 to his life-long vacation home in Greensboro, Vermont, after 34 years with the Harvard Institute for International Development. He served resident tours as adviser to governments in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and consulting assignments in those areas as well as Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. During 2001/02 he taught in two universities in Kobe, Japan. Since 2002 he has chaired the Greensboro Land Trust. He is a trustee of The Nature Conservancy's Vermont Chapter and of the Greensboro Historical Society, which he also serves as treasurer. For 30 years he has chaired the stewardship committee for TNC's Barr Hill Preserve in Greensboro. In 1999 he founded TNC's Long Pond stewardship committee.

Bob Hawk, Secretary

Bob Hawk is currently employed with the Keeping Connected Initiative, a collaboration of 21 environmental organizations and the Fish & Wildlife Departments across the four-state Northern Forest region from New York to Maine." During 2008/09 he served as a Stewardship Assistant with The Nature Conservancy. He has been an active conservation leader for many years in his home community of Walden. This has included as a board member for VT Coverts 2002-2006 and as Keeping Track, Inc. team coordinator for the Greensboro and Craftsbury tracking team from 2002 through 2007. He graduated from Bowdoin College and has a diploma from the Interpreters' Institute at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. In 2007 he completed a bachelor of Science, *summa cum laude*, in Environmental Science and Natural Resources at Johnson State College in 2007. He was the recipient of the school's 2007 Environmental Science Award for exceptional academic achievement.

Paul Cillo

Paul Cillo of Hardwick is a former member and Majority Leader of the Vermont House. He has served on a number of community boards including the Hardwick Selectboard, Hardwick Planning Commission, Northern Counties Health Care, and the Lamoille Housing Partnership. He is a long-time local leader on land use issues in Hardwick. Paul now runs the Public Assets Institute, a Montpelier-based nonprofit he founded in 2003 to advocate for adequate public funding of state services. He is a frequent commentator in statewide media outlets on issues connected to the state budget and taxes.

Nancy Moran

Nancy Moran of Craftsbury was born in Brooklyn, NY and graduated from Harvard where she was an editor of the Harvard Crimson. After a few years as a reporter for the Washington Post and the New York Times, she spent two years as a photojournalist in Vietnam. She then photographed the conflict in Northern Ireland and civil war in Beirut and worked in Saudi Arabia, Kurdistan, Iraq and many other Middle Eastern and European countries. She has photographed many advertising campaigns and corporate reports as well as family and animal portraits. A resident of Craftsbury Common, VT, she lives three miles from the girls' summer camp she went to when she was 10 years old. A member of the advisory board of the Hosmer Ponds Watershed Initiative, she rows, x-country skis, hunts birds and is training Sam, her four-year old black Labrador retriever, for competitive hunt tests.

Steve Meyer

Steve Meyer of Hardwick is a graduate of Stanford University. Steve is an award-winning dairy farmer and local advocate for community-based agriculture who provides special leadership for NRLT's work in farmland conservation. Steve also serves on the Hardwick Planning Board and has been a long-time leader on local land use issues.

Patricia Gahagan

Pat Gahagan of Woodbury has been a long-time local leader in conservation and brings strong ties throughout her community to the board. She also brings particular skills in communications work and fundraising.

Chris Jacobs

Chris Jacobs of Albany is one of the newer members of the NRLT board. Prior to becoming a member of the Albany Selectboard in 2005, he was Chair of the Albany School Board. He is also active with the Albany Historical Society. Prior to moving to Albany he lived in Greymouth, New Zealand. There he was the leader of the local Boy Scouts, President of the local branch of AFS (a student exchange organization) and Secretary of the very active West Coast Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society. He is a local (green) builder and sustainability activist.

George Hemmens

George Hemmens is Chair of the Hardwick Development Review Board and member of the Hardwick Planning Commission. He retired to East Hardwick in 2000 after completing a 40-year career in teaching and research as Professor Emeritus at the School of Architecture and College of Urban Planning and Policy, and Co-Director of the City Design Center, at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He earned his PHD at MIT.

Todd Hardie

Todd Hardie graduated from the New York College of Agriculture at Cornell University. Initially he worked for the Vermont Department of Agriculture as the Apiary (bee) Inspector for Northern Vermont. He lived for a year on Bridgman Hill, Hardwick, but then moved to the Champlain Valley where he has worked over the past 30 years with 2,000 colonies of honey bees in three counties of Vermont and two counties of the St. Lawrence River Valley of Northern New York. His business diversified into making mead, wine from honey and then research into making spirits from beets, corn, barley, rye, herbs, elderberry, and honey. In 2009 he built Caledonia Spirits and Honey Gardens Winery, now called Caledonia Winery, in Hardwick.