

Wine & Dine, the major annual fundraiser and community dinner of the Wintonbury Land Trust in Bloomfield, now in its 5th year becomes a

TAKE-HOME HARVEST DINNER from our farms to you on Saturday, September 26!



Here's where the money goes:

Wine & Dine is Wintonbury Land Trust's major annual fundraising event, contributing over \$36,250 to our work in the past four years! Last year's event enabled our 501(c)(3), all-volunteer nonprofit to:

Maintain our pastures, fields, and meadows:

- Proper stewardship requires periodic mowing of pastures, fields, and meadows. We "caught up" on some deferred cutting at the <u>Sinnot Farm-The Knoll</u> and maintained our <u>Hawk Hill Farm</u> pastures, <u>Stout Family Fields</u>, and <u>Evans Family Meadows</u>.
- Work with the town to promote <u>Lisa Lane Farm</u> community gardens and to improve the LaSalette Trail.

Advance the mission of Hawk Hill Farm:

 Purchased parts to repair a donated tractor. This will enable WLT to do some of the mowing and trail maintenance with volunteers at a reduced expense.

Fund educational outreach events:

- Presented <u>Monarch Butterfly Habitats</u> lecture at WLT annual meeting at the 4-H Education Center at Auerfarm.
- Co-sponsored with Bloomfield Leisure & Senior Services Departments a <u>Black Bears</u> in <u>CT</u> lecture. (Over 100 people attended!)
- Conducted nature hikes on CT Trails Day.
- Organized annual <u>Over the Mountain Hike</u> with co-sponsors Simsbury Land Trust and Town of Bloomfield.

Fund annual operations:

• Paid for insurance, supplies, web maintenance, postage, and unexpected stewardship tasks such as the complicated removal of barbed wire from Van Otterloo Preserve.



"Every walk with nature, one receives far more than they seek." - John Muir Join us at our 5th annual Wine & Dine now **Take-Home Harvest Dinner**