The **Wine & Dine** is the Bloomfield Wintonbury Land Trust's major annual fundraiser and Community Dinner - now in its 5th year.





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> site 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 in CT</u> lecture. (Over 100 people attended!)
- Conducted nature hikes on CT Trails Day.
- Organized annual Over the Mountain Hike with co-sponsors Simsbury Land Trust and Town of Bloomfield.

Fund annual operations:

• Paid for insurance, supplies, website maintenance, postage, and unexpected stewardship expenses such as the complicated removal of barbed wire from WLT's <u>Van Otterloo Preserve</u>.



Join us at our 5th annual Wine & Dine

"Every walk with nature, one receives far more than they seek." —John Muir