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A Once in 6,800 Years Photo Opportunity



GLT Member Jim Watso captured this great photo of Comet NEOWISE over the Mary Edwards Mountain Property in mid-July. NEOWISE measures about 3 miles across, which is a reasonably large comet. It currently is about 70 million miles away from earth. It takes NEOWISE about 6,800 years to make one lap around its long, stretched out orbit, so it won't visit the inner solar system again for many thousands of years, making this quite the photo opportunity!

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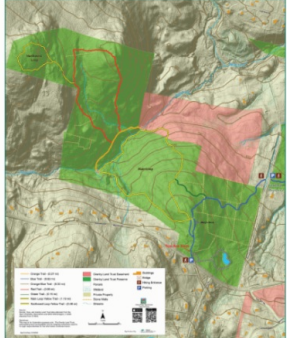


Mary Edwards Mountain Property Improvements

The GLT has made significant improvements to the Mary Edwards Mountain Property this summer. We removed dead trees and overgrowth along the trail entrance, opening up views of the valley; we moved a number of large rocks were moved to provide an easier entrance to property (and to impede ATV/motorized vehicle access); we removed some trees and invasives that were blocking views of the pond; and we leveled and cleaned up the parking area. In addition, we installed a new kiosk at the trailhead.

This ongoing maintenance of the property and the preservation of its spectacular views was requested by Mary Edwards when she left this land to us. It is our honor to fulfill her wishes and to preserve this viewscape for visitors to the property.

Mary Edwards Mountain Property

Mary Edwards

How would Granby's landscape differ if Mary Edwards had not grown up playing on this beautiful mountain, or if she had not supported the Granby Land Trust when the organization was still in its youth? Mary entrusted the Granby Land Trust with more than 250 acres of land (200 acres right here) and a stewardship fund for its care. Perhaps most importantly, her confidence and encouragement gave the fledgling organization the strength it needed to endure and grow.

Mary grew up in Hartford, but she spent so much time in Granby that she came to think of both places as home. Mary was five when her mother bought this property. The Edwards family came here for berry and apple picking, jams, picnics, and hikes and they encouraged


friends and neighbors to use it as well. For everyone, a favorite lookout was Mary's Back.

Mary grew up to become a professional landscape architect. She designed historically accurate gardens for the Mark Train House in Hartford, the Phelps Hartness House in Suffield and the Webb House in Wetherfield. Her passion for the land, which undoubtedly originated here on this mountain, was evident in all she did. She particularly loved Granby's varied landscape, and she was eager to preserve her mountains for the enjoyment of all.


Mary's beloved Mountain Property is indisputably one of Granby's most beautiful places. We hope you will enjoy it with your family, as Mary did with hers, and we hope you find inspiration here – not only in the land, but in the legacy of Mary Edwards.

- Please Stay on the Trails
- Leave No Trace
- Keep Dogs Leashed
- No Hunting
- No Bicycles or Motorized Vehicles
- No Campfires or Camping
- Property Open Dawn to Dusk

Download the free Avenza app for an interactive map of these trails.



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Preserving Granby's Natural Heritage

Van Vleck Family Donates 20 Acres

Henry and Gail Van Vleck of North Granby have donated 20 acres of land on Loomis Street to the Granby Land Trust. This property, which is located in one of the GLT's priority conservation corridors, is bordered to the west and south by the GLT's Creamer Preserve, a 48-acre



parcel that was donated to the GLT in 1975 by Cordelia Creamer Richards. To the north, it is bordered by the Massachusetts state line. The property will be called the Van Vleck Preserve.

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GLT Mourns the Passing of Steve Hastings

Steven Wilcox Hastings, who recently worked with the GLT to preserve his family farm on Simsbury Road in West Granby, passed away on April 7, 2020. Steve had been the owner and devoted caretaker of the 45-acre homestead, which was built in 1787 by his sixth great grandfather, Captain Sadoce Wilcox.



[Read More About Wilcox Farm](#)

*GLT President Rick Orluk (right) presents the **Mary Edwards Friend of the Land Trust Award** to Steven Wilcox Hastings at the GLT's 2019 Annual Meeting.*

GLT Now Accepts Gifts Online

The GLT is excited to introduce a secure, online giving option for members, which will enable people to join or renew their memberships -- or donate to the GLT -- directly from their computers, tablets or smartphones. Users can donate any amount and will have the option of scheduling recurring annual gifts, if they like. Our hope is that this move will simplify our members' lives -- and encourage new members to join.

The Granby Land Trust is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization led by a volunteer board of directors. Your donation is tax deductible and will help preserve Granby for current and future generations.

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Moment of Zen

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Ring Brook, on GLT's Mary Edwards Mountain Property, filmed before the summer drought.



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