

Hi Friends,

Happy Summer Solstice! It's a little funny that June 21st is the first day of summer, yet each day thereafter will have less daylight time. Now's the time to get outside, and soak in the green of Vermont's short summer time, and take care of our land and water. Stay tuned for a 2023 project update message coming soon!

This is Eva Zaret, one of our volunteer Public Access Sites Stewards, taking care of Martin Bridge Park in Marshfield. She and her husband spent last weekend digging up invasive wild chervil on the far side of the river. They are hoping to prevent it from taking over the way it has near the road. Thumbs down for invasive plants!

Wild chervil is one of several plants that have tall stalks with white flower "umbels" (kind of like umbrellas) at the top. It resembles Queen Anne's Lace and goutweed, and behaves similarly: once chervil gets established, it is hard to remove. If you see it popping up at the edge of your land, you have some digging to do!

The Nature Conservancy has a short fact sheet on wild chervil for us to download at [this link](#).

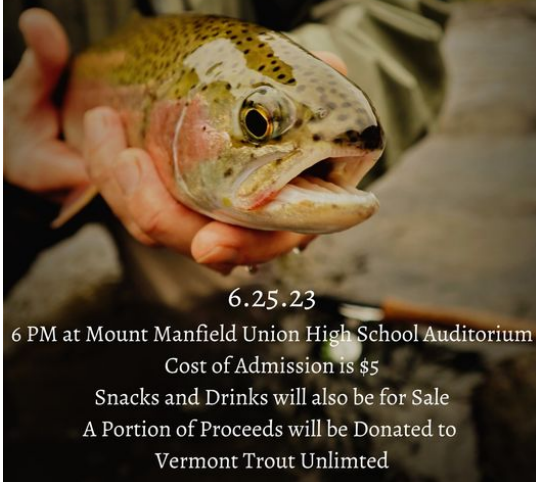


The Wild Side

A Documentary on Vermont's Trout

By Jake Leamon

With Partnership from Vermont Trout Unlimited



6.25.23

6 PM at Mount Mansfield Union High School Auditorium

Cost of Admission is \$5

Snacks and Drinks will also be for Sale

A Portion of Proceeds will be Donated to

Vermont Trout Unlimited

Student Trout Film Premiere

We met Jake Leamon, a 17 year old from Richmond, at our May 12 planting event in Waterbury, where he captured some photos and videos of his fellow Trout Unlimited members and SunCommon staff planting trees. Maybe some of these scenes will appear in Jake's documentary film, *The Wild Side*.

Jake is a senior at Mount Mansfield Union High School and is headed to Middlebury College next fall. Jake's been fishing for almost all of his life but really fell in love with trout 5 years ago when he learned to fly fish at Vermont Trout Unlimited's Trout Camp. Jake has a passion for filmmaking and photography, and loves being able to combine these skills with his love of fly fishing, trout, and the natural world.

His mission with this film is to spread awareness of the importance and fragility of Vermont's wild and native trout and examine the management practices used by the government and outside organizations. Jake hopes to one day have his kids fish the same streams he's fished in Vermont, and tell them that the fish they catch are the descendants of the fish he's caught.

Your chance to see this film and support this young naturalist and filmmaker is Sunday, June 25, at 6:00 pm in the auditorium at Mount Mansfield Union High School. Ticket entry will be \$5. There will be popcorn and soft drinks available for sale.

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We are Seeking Planting Sites for 2024

When the watershed is not blanketed in snow, our staff are out working to develop new projects. The more projects we can accomplish, the cleaner and healthier our rivers will be!

We often develop our tree-planting projects as a result of landowners contacting us, or partners such as Vermont Land Trust or Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department asking us to plant on one of their conserved properties. We work with the landowners to create a planting plan, and by early fall, we are ready to place orders for the trees and shrubs we'll need for the following spring.

For the last five years, we have had an abundance of opportunities to plant trees along streams throughout the watershed. At the moment, we only have a few sites lined up for the spring of 2024, and we have the capacity to plant more than that. If you have a stream on your property that is in need of a buffer, or you've noticed nearby properties where the land is mowed right down to the stream, let us know!

Blue Alchemy Art Exhibit

One of our favorite partners, teaching artist Renée Greenlee, has an exhibit at the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington this summer through August 15. Friends of the Winooski has contributed large-scale watershed maps to the exhibit. If you're in the big city this summer, stop by and check it out!

Photo: cyanotypes made by Camel's Hump Middle School students in our Artists in Residence program, led by Renée Greenlee. Photo credit: Renée Greenlee.



Exhibit description from the [library website](#) --

Blue Alchemy is a collection of 10 cyanotypes on silk, crafted by artist Renée Greenlee using water sourced from the Lake Champlain watershed and beyond. Employing the cyanotype technique—an early photographic process reliant on UV light—the artist begins by saturating fabric with cyanotype chemistry. Once dried, the silk is taken to the lake shore for exposure, forging a tangible representation of the landscape itself in collaboration with the watershed. The resulting pieces embody the very essence of the landscape itself—a reciprocal act of creation with the natural world. Through her art, Greenlee endeavors to foster a profound connection with the natural world, aiming to deepen our understanding of the land and its people. This ongoing journey is a poignant means of navigating the ever-changing climate shifts we face in the present and future. The exhibited pieces were crafted

using water from the five sections of Lake Champlain: the South Lake, the Main Lake, Malletts Bay (east of the islands), the Inland Sea, and Missisquoi Bay.

2023 Events Update & Volunteer Opportunities

Do Good Fest: July 15

Stream Wise Public Event in Huntington: July 27

River of Light: August 1

Capital River Clean-up: September 9

Barre City Stevens Branch Clean-up: September 9

We always need volunteers to make the paddling and clean-up events possible. Please contact us if you're able to help out with jobs such as taking photographs, directing parking, shuttling paddlers between parking areas, selling raffle tickets, serving snacks: there is a job for everyone!

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