

The Steep Rock VISTA

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Carter Gives 160 Acre Preserve

On June 11, at the dedication ceremony for the new Carter Preserve, Steep Rock President George Ward conveyed to Arthur Carter and his family the deep appreciation of Steep Rock's Board of Trustees for this magnificent addition to Steep Rock. The new land acquisition, named the Carter Preserve of the Steep Rock Reservation, encompasses 160 acres extending from the west bank of the Shepaug River near the power lines, westward over Shinar Mountain and down Walker Brook and beyond the New Milford town line. On the north side the Carter Preserve abuts the Woodruff Homestead. This parcel is a critical feature of the Shepaug River corridor whose preservation is a top priority for Steep Rock. It is also particularly important for protection of the view from Steep Rock cliff.

Arthur Carter is the publisher of the *Litchfield County Times* as well as the *New York Observer*, the *East Hampton Star* and the *Nation*. He and his family are owners of the 1500 acre Judds Bridge Farms located in the towns of Washington, Roxbury, and New Milford. He is a member of the Steep Rock Council, having just completed a six year term on Steep Rock's Board of Trustees; and is on the Board of Directors of the Roxbury Land Trust. Mr. Carter is also a benefactor of New York University and the Juilliard School of Music.

The new Carter Preserve constitutes the northernmost part of Judds Bridge Farms and greatly shortens the



Photo by Susan Branson

Linda and Arthur Carter, donors of the 160 acre Carter Preserve, present the deed to George Ward, president of Steep Rock Association.

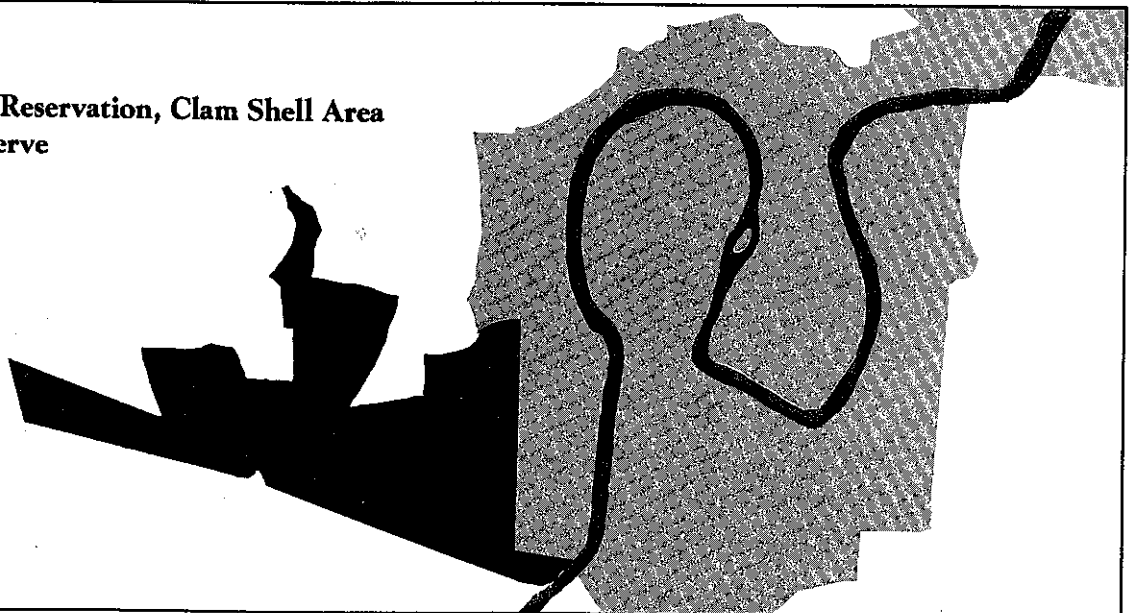
distance between Steep Rock and Roxbury Land Trust's Mine Hill Preserve.

Mr. Carter commented that his family made this gift as part of an overall plan to preserve the rural nature of this lovely valley for the enjoyment of all future generations. He expressed the hope that his gift will encourage other owners of land along the Shepaug River to consider the long term protection of their property.

Mr. Carter's gift is a significant step in creating a Shepaug Greenway of spectacular beauty, extending more than thirty miles from the Shepaug River's headwaters in Cornwall to its confluence with the Housatonic River.

Carter Preserve

-  = Steep Rock Reservation, Clam Shell Area
-  = Carter Preserve

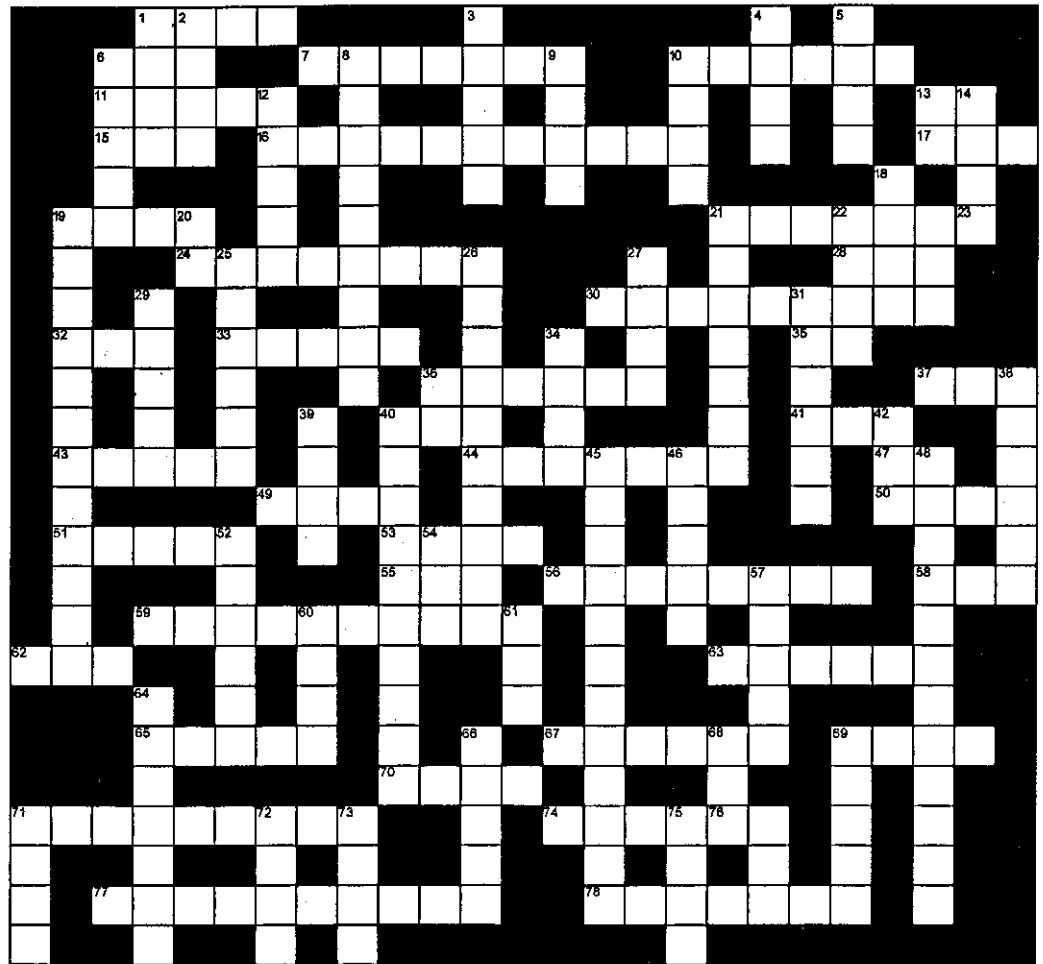


Steep Rock Crossquiz

by Linda Potter

Down

1. Burn
2. Temporary housing
3. Person acting for another
4. Animal droppings
5. Mammalian river patroller
6. Fish's protective cover
8. Sole support of Steep Rock
10. Evergreen
12. Makes equal
13. Thing
14. Wet river crossing
18. Trout habitat
19. Upper Steep Rock
20. Else
21. Endangered evergreen
22. Liquid-voiced singer:
winter _____
23. Petroleum product
25. Fish hawk
26. Equestrian venue
27. Ore smelting waste
29. Night noise
31. Footbridge donor
34. Covers
36. Greeting
38. Franklin's choice for
national bird
39. Four-legged flag waver
40. Large-billed diver
42. Ship stowaway
45. Local hostel for young
women
46. Mosquito music
48. Favorite "beach"
52. Moth whose larvae eat hemlock
needles
54. Help
57. Shape with chisel
60. Emerged
61. Dine
64. The river that runs through it
66. Trail marker
68. Pollinator
69. River denizen
71. Hawk mobber
72. Short letter
73. Few
75. Sniffer
76. Out of the wind



Across

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nova 6. Observe 7. Hemlock sapsucker 10. Ant's delight 11. Whitewater boat 13. On condition that 15. Craft 16. Hidden Valley donor 17. _____ of bricks 19. Person of great courage 21. Local author/ornithologist 24. He started it all 28. King (Fr.) 30. Shepaug meander | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 32. Fox's lair 33. Stray animal enclosure 35. Article 36. Popular activity in the
reservation 37. Slice 40. Relative 41. Title 43. Thrush 44. Dive bomber of Hidden Valley 47. Have being 49. Shelter: _____ to 50. Woodland bloodsucker 51. Faithful 53. Horse's tempo | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 55. Fish propeller 56. Hidden Valley lookout 58. Shy 59. Aerial river crossing 62. Tint 63. Woods drummer 65. Stilt-legged fisher 67. Bridge nest-builder 69. Uttered 70. Part 71. Stonewall scold 74. Train hole 77. Source of mineral used
in ceramic products 78. Least difficult |
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Gift Planning: A Living Legacy

Gift planning enables you to leave a legacy to your loved ones and to your favorite charities. The legacy of Ehrick Rossiter created Steep Rock in 1925. This legacy will live on for generations with the support of annual gifts, gifts of land, conservation easements and bequests by our thoughtful members.

We invite you to consider Steep Rock in your gift planning annually, and for the future. Your gift planning might include naming Steep Rock in your will or estate plan. Gifts of land to Steep Rock will preserve more of our

natural resources for the enjoyment of all now and for many years to come.

Please contact the Steep Rock office, 203-868-9131, for more information about our Gift Planning Program. Both your attorney and your financial advisor should be consulted for the best way to contribute to the living legacy of Steep Rock that will benefit you and your loved ones and have a favorable impact on your taxes. If you have already named Steep Rock in your will and estate plans, please share your thoughtful planning with us.



The 1993 Washington Horse Show Committee - after putting in a 14 hour day!

Washington Horse Show Sunday, August 7, 1994

If it was good in 1993, it will be better in 1994!

After a five year hiatus, the Washington Horse Show was revived in 1991. Since then, it's become a fixture on the calendars of equestrians from all over Connecticut and even as far away as New York and Massachusetts. With a new and larger committee, updated prize list, jumps and flowers to match the new ring, and AHSA (American Horse Shows Association) recognized judges, the show has earned the reputation of being the best, small, one day horse show in Western Connecticut — an honor it deserves. The show emphasizes high standards and concentrates on maintaining a cheerful and professional attitude toward the exhibitors.

The committee's day starts at 5:30 am, when the secretaries are ready to accept entries, and parking attendants direct the trailers. The team of announcer, ringmaster, judge, and gateman go to work when the first class begins at 8:00 am.

In the past, Washington's EMTs, the Volunteer Fire Department, and even First Selectman Alan Chapin have volunteered their time to help make the show run smoothly.

The "Cafe Cheval" serves a delicious luncheon on the showgrounds. The cheerful tables at the cafe are set with black and white tablecloths and fresh cut flowers.

With a little luck in the weather this year, the Committee will have another successful show and will contribute proceeds to the Steep Rock Association. It's their way of saying thank you for preserving and maintaining the beautiful Steep Rock and Hidden Valley Reservations.

Hedda W. VonGoeben

Editor's Note: Many VISTA readers look forward to Linda Potter's articles on the flora and fauna of Steep Rock. This year, she's created the crossword puzzle on page 2 to challenge your "naturalist knowledge". The answers are on page 4. Good Luck!

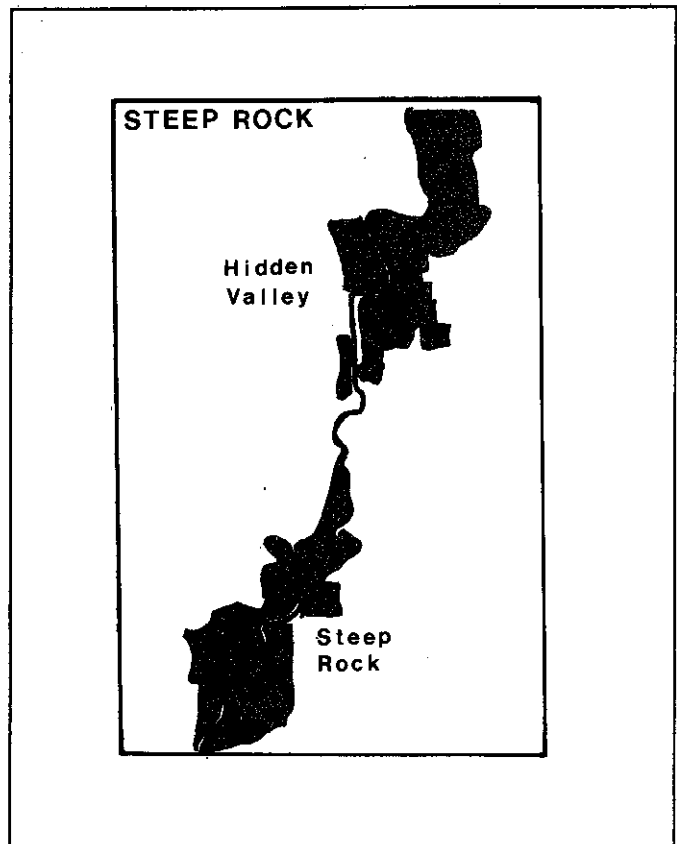
Look for the Logo

The logo shows Steep Rock's two Reservations — Hidden Valley and Steep Rock — with the Shepaug River winding through them. Beginning this summer you'll find our logo on shirts and decals.

Steep Rock T-shirts and polo shirts will be available for sale at two events this summer. Look for them first at the Washington Horse Show on Sunday, August 7. The shirts will also be for sale at the Annual Steep Rock Picnic on Saturday, September 10.

We've had only a limited number made, so be sure to attend these events, buy a shirt, and be one of the first to wear our logo!

The decals will be sent to every member of the Steep Rock Association. A member of Steep Rock is one who makes a contribution to Steep Rock during our Annual Appeal. This year's appeal begins shortly after the picnic, so look for your letter in the mail, and help support Steep Rock.



Annual Picnic, September 10

The Steep Rock Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 10. Beginning at noon, Trustees, Council members and faithful volunteers will be serving the best tasting hot dogs and hamburgers for miles around. There'll be Steep Rock's famous picnic soup and delicious cakes, too.

T-shirts and polo shirts emblazoned with Steep Rock's new logo will be for sale at the picnic.

Look for your invitation at the end of August.

