



Louie, best friend of Judea Garden Manager Denise Arturi, invites you to join him for this month's #GoodDoggie Campaign.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

The Dog Days of Summer are upon us so we want to recognize our four-legged friends who join their human companions on healthy walks in our preserves. Steep Rock has partnered with [Depot Dog](#)—a pet essentials boutique in Washington Depot—and [Aspetuck Animal Hospital](#) in New Preston to launch the **#GoodDoggie Campaign**, a celebration of responsible hiking, love for dogs, and commitment to preserving our trails! Our goal is to create a safe and enjoyable experience for dogs, their people, our wildlife, and all those visiting our breathtaking trails this summer. You and your dog are invited to join us for **Yappy Hour** at Depot Dog on August 5th (see details below). During August you can submit or post social media photos of your good (leashed) dog on our trails and be eligible for prizes (use #GoodDoggie) and you can support our trail efforts by donating to Steep Rock. For every new donor, Aspetuck Animal Hospital will contribute \$100 to Steep Rock's trail efforts. So let's have some fun during the "Dog Days!" [>more](#)

See you (and your good dog) on our trails!

Brian Hagenbuch, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Featured Highlights



Get Ready for Yappy Hour August 5th

Dog lovers unite! It's Yappy Hour time at [Depot Dog](#) on **August 5th** kicking off the **#GoodDoggie** campaign! Join us from **3-5pm** to make new two-legged and four-legged friends in our community, and enjoy delicious cocktails and treats. We are thrilled to have Trish Grinnell DVM from [Aspetuck Animal Hospital](#) join us to share her expertise! She'll be dishing out summer safety tips to keep our fur friends in their best shape, and updating us about the exciting proposed Dog Park in Washington. [>more](#)



Meet Our 2023 Interns!

Steep Rock Association's ten-week paid internship program immerses students in all aspects of our organizational operations. SRA interns make a difference in our community, gain real-world skills in land conservation, sustainable agriculture, and nonprofit management - and have fun in the process. Special thanks to the [Washington Scholarship Fund](#) and Mark and Marie Schwartz for sponsoring our internships. Meet this year's interns [>more](#)



15th Season Celebration & Open Garden

Join us for a joyous celebration as we invite everyone to commemorate the incredible feat of [Judea Garden's 15 seasons of growing and giving](#). Come and experience the beauty of our gardens, meet our dedicated interns, and raise a toast to all the volunteers—past, present, and future—who have been instrumental in making this project a resounding success. Let's come together, share in the jubilation, and create lasting

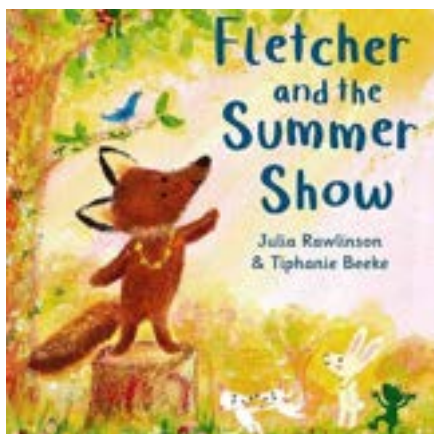
memories as we celebrate this milestone in our journey. RSVP

Appreciated [>more](#)



Hunger & Food Insecurity

On July 20, Judea Garden held a roundtable on hunger and food insecurity in the Litchfield Hills. Forty people met over a potluck meal to discuss food insecurity and what we can do to end it. Participants included representatives from food pantry gardens like Judea Garden, social service agencies, food organizations, government, volunteers, and neighbors like you. It was an evening of great conversation with many shared stories and inspirational ideas; the discussion has begun. Would you like to be part of the solution? Use this [Google form](#) to join the discussion – online or in-person. Together we can expand our efforts and find solutions. No one should go hungry.



StoryWalk at Macricostas Preserve

This community collaboration between Steep Rock Association, [Gunn Memorial Library](#), and [Washington Supply](#) offers a fun educational outdoor activity for families. Pages from nature-focused children books are posted on display boards along a short, designated trail.

This season's featured book is **Fletcher and the Summer Show** by Julia Rawlinson and Tiphonie Beeke [>more](#)

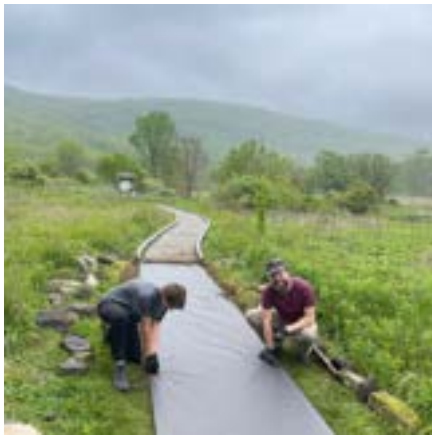
Upcoming Events



Summer Saunters: Bronson Field

August 14, 2023, 5:30PM

Join Executive Director Brian Hagenbuch on a series of casual walks through Steep Rock's Preserves. Monday, August 14 we will visit the Bronson Field Pollinator Meadow on Sabbaday Lane at Hidden Valley Preserve. In 2018, SRA converted a 3-acre cornfield into a huge pollinator meadow. Join us amidst the butterflies and blooming wildflowers to witness this successful endeavor. [>more](#)



Monthly Trail Work Party

August 19, 2023, 10:00am-12:30pm

Our Monthly Trail Work Party meets the third Saturday of the month from April through November, and is a great opportunity for you to participate in building and maintaining our nearly 50 miles of trails. This month, our project will focus on managing invasive species in our preserves. Info and registration [>more](#)



Annual Community Picnic

Sept. 9, 2023, 12:00PM-2:00PM (Location change to Riverwalk Pavilion behind Washington Primary School)

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the River Walk Pavilion behind the Washington Primary School for this year's Annual Community Picnic. A Washington and Steep Rock Association tradition for more than 50 years, be our guest as we treat you to food and fun! RSVP appreciated [>more](#)

Legacy Society

CHALLENGE GRANT

You have an amazing opportunity to amplify your conservation impact today. In honor of National Make-A-Will Month in August, two donors have generously provided a Legacy Society Challenge Grant to Steep Rock. If you join our Legacy Society by including our land trust in your will or estate plan, a donation of \$1,000 will be made to Steep Rock in your honor — right now.



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