FLANDERS VISION

Our vision is to safeguard a future in which our scenic landscapes, forests, wetlands, agricultural lands, and wildlife habitats are preserved forever, while being a leading center for environmental education for all ages, following best practices for land stewardship, and partnering with government, private organizations, and the community to conserve our natural heritage.

Organized by curator, Marc Chabot and Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust, the Mattatuck Museum presents more than 50 paintings, works on paper, hand carved wood frames, furnishings and archival materials by Flanders founder Natalie Van Vleck. It traces her commitment to an art career at age 14 and later study with Modernist masters, her evolution through cubist, abstract and precisionist styles and her gender-fluid persona. Her commitment to the environment and her transition in 1934 to farming, land preservation and the establishment in 1963 of Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust are also explored.

Mattatuck Museum Exhibit
Natalie Van Vleck: True To Her Art, Life & Land
December 2, 2018  thru February 24, 2019

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Volunteerism is the cornerstone of how we operate at Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust...and we have some of the best volunteers on the planet!

During 2018, Flanders hosted a variety of volunteer-led events including our Annual Field & Forest 5k Trail Run, Farm-to-Table Dinner & Auction, and Farmhouse Tea. Proceeds from these events raised over $100,000 to support our mission!

**Enhanced Educational Experiences!**

Flanders is proud to offer educational programs to children, families, and adults throughout all four seasons. The Woodward Foundation & The Marzahl Memorial Fund have been long-time supporters of Flanders and have generously provided funds for us to expand our school NGSS and community programming. A grant awarded from the Connecticut Community Foundation enabled Flanders and The Quassapaug Sailing Center to partner and offer the new summer program “Sails & Trails” to older children. This program combines learning to sail on Lake Quassapaug with exploration and hiking at Flanders’ adjacent Whittemore Sanctuary and is growing in popularity with an increased number of campers attending in its second year of 2018.

Flanders also launched goat yoga, a new adult and family offering and it has been a BIG success in attracting many new people to our programming. Classes are held outdoors at the North Barn overlooking the scenic landscape of the Van Vleck Farm & Sanctuary. Participants have enjoyed interacting with our Nigerian Dwarf goats while taking part in a gentle yoga class led by certified yoga instructors. The adult and family classes were so well received that we added preschooler goat yoga classes this fall as well as offering private goat yoga parties!

**Restoration & Preservation Accomplishments**

With funds raised through the generosity of the Salem Foundation in addition to generous donations of time and talent from friends of Flanders last fall the Van Vleck Committee was able to complete the project of dredging our Botany Pond to restore its healthy ecosystem. The pond first created by Natalie Van Vleck and her friends in the Pomperaug Valley Garden Club has served as not only a welcoming reward for hikers at the top of the Botany Trail, but also as a treasure trove of discovery for students of all ages visiting Flanders. In addition to dredging the pond, a new “rock dock” was created for better accessibility for visitors to explore the pond to learn more about the vast array of all the healthy pond life that lives there.

The awarding of two grants allowed us the funds to help revitalize our Van Vleck campus. With a grant from the 1772 Foundation, work completed included the rehabilitation of the North Barn, the painting of the exterior of the Art Studio, and roof replacements on our North Barn, South Farm House, and Garden Shed. The Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation awarded Flanders a grant that enabled us to enhance lighting at the Art Studio and repair the footbridge that serves as both a pathway on our hiking trails and a photo opportunity for visitors year-round!

**Volunteer Power!**

Eileen Reed led our Farm-to-Table event which brought 200 guests together for an evening to experience the beauty of our scenic landscape, listen to great music, and enjoy the flavors of local harvests through a multi-course meal prepared by an amazing ensemble of esteemed area chefs.

Joan Anthony, Chair of the Art Committee, and Marc Chabot, Curator of Flanders Van Vleck Collections hosted 40 guests for a talk focused on one of Natalie Van Vleck’s paintings followed by a delicious Tea featuring local jams and homemade treats.
**DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Anne Slattery has been a long time supporter of Flanders having served on the Board of Directors as well as having chaired the Education Committee among other volunteer duties. It is her love of farming combined with education, and her wish to keep our founder, Natalie Van Vleck’s farming legacy alive that prompted Anne to further support Flanders. In August 2018, Anne established **The Farm Fund** and generously contributed $10,000 toward that effort. Anne is committed to seeing the Flanders Farm Education Program grow and flourish and encourages you to join in her vision of reaching her goal of starting this fund off at the $20,000 level.

Front Row: Ingrid Manning (President), Anne Westerman, Deb Tietz, Larry Smotroff

Back Row: Kay Campbell, Frank Sherer, Peter North, Jodi Wasserstein (Secretary), Michael Audette, Sharon Feeley (Vice President), Bob Kolesnik

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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| **EXPENSES** |                      |                        |                        |         |
| Facilities    | 60,967                |                        | 60,967                 |
| Land Management | 32,544               |                        | 32,544                 |
| Education     | 212,859               |                        | 212,859               |
| Management & General | 156,874 |                | 156,874               |
| Fundraising   | 54,708                |                        | 54,708                 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | 517,952 |                        | 517,952               |

| **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** |                      |                        |                        |         |
|                          | 130,549               | 193,002                | 323,551               |

| **NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR** |                      |                        |                        |         |
|                                    | 5,829,516             | 977,760                | 2,548,397             | 9,355,673 |

| **NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR** |                      |                        |                        |         |
|                             | 55,960,065            | $1,170,762             | $2,548,397             | $59,679,224 |

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

|                      |              |                        |                        |         |
| Lands Held in Trust  | 4,181,021    | 2,487,052              | 6,668,073              |
| Buildings and Improvements | 1,013,823 |                        | 1,013,823               |
| Equipment            | 76,960       |                        | 76,960                 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | (721,602) |                        | (721,602)               |
| Net Property and Equipment | 4,550,202 | 2,487,052              | 7,037,254              |

| OTHER ASSETS         |              |                        |                        |         |
| Collections          | 73,433       |                        | 73,433                 |
| Investments          | 1,341,743    | 1,154,469              | 61,345                 |
| Total Other Assets   | 1,415,176    | 1,154,469              | 61,345                 |

| **TOTAL ASSETS**     |              |                        |                        |         |
|                      | 55,981,171   | $1,170,762             | $2,548,397             | $59,700,330 |

| **LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** |                      |                        |                        |         |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES    |              |                        |                        |         |
| Accrued Expenses       | $21,106      | $                      | $21,106                |
| Total Accrued Expenses | 21,106       |                        | 21,106                 |

NET ASSETS

|                      | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | Total   |
| Undesignated         | 4,618,322    | 4,618,322              |                        |        |
| Designed: General Endowment | 1,341,743 | 1,341,743               |                       |
| Temporarily Restricted | 1,170,762    | 1,170,762              |                        |        |
| Permanently Restricted | 2,548,397    | 2,548,397              |                        |        |
| **Total Net Assets** | 5,960,065    | 1,170,762              | 2,548,397              | 9,679,224 |

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**

55,981,171 $1,170,762 $2,548,397 $59,700,330
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Did you know you can donate up to $100,000 a year of your IRA to Flanders, tax free? A 2015 tax law on qualified charitable distributions allows individuals 70½ years or older to give directly from their IRAs. Your gift to Flanders would help to protect our environment and promote conservation for generations to come.

For more information contact
Venisa Riebe, Director of Finance, at (203) 263-3.711 x 11 or venisa@flandersnaturecenter.org
Marzahl Refuge over Carmel Hill Brook. The bridge building team was led by land management volunteer Mike Carlo. Mike had a vision to make more of the beautiful Marzahl Refuge accessible to hikers. He worked tirelessly along with Dave Terry, Richard Bartkus and other members of the land management committee during cold winter months to construct the bridge and make his vision a reality. The bridge has allowed the hiking trail to be extended and increased enjoyment of this scenic property. Flanders is very appreciative of all the hard work on the property and cannot thank Guy and Allison Gabrielson enough for their many years of dedicated service and support to Flanders.