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**Simsbury Land Trust
Annual Membership Dinner**

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

*Please join the
Simsbury Land Trust Board of Trustees
for the 2010*

Annual Membership Dinner



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6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Riverview | 10 Winslow Place | Simsbury, CT

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There is a new venue and a new format for this year's event. Join us at The Riverview, the new banquet facility in Simsbury, for our annual dinner and program. This year we have a more open format for our dinner, with open bar and hors d'oeuvres, along with pasta, Asian and turkey carving stations. Bring your dessert and coffee to the table for our review of 2009, a preview of what is to come in 2010, and special recognition of some of our members.

- 6:00 Open bar, hors d'oeuvres and musical entertainment
 ~ Photo contest photography on display
- 7:00 Pasta, Asian and Turkey Carving stations
 ~ Open seating
- 7:30 Dessert Buffet, coffee and tea service
 ~ Year in Review
 ~ Photo Contest Winners
 ~ Recognition Awards
- 8:00 Special guest speaker David Skelly,
 Professor of Ecology at Yale University

RSVP with the attached reply card by April 6. Please note this year an open bar is included and there will be stations and open seating rather than a formal sit down dinner.

Featured program by David Skelly
**Connecticut's Landscape:
Past, Present and Future**

Connecticut stands today as one of the most densely populated states as well as one of the most heavily forested. This contrast is reflected in the state's wildlife. Bear, bobcat, beaver, moose, and otter are all on the rebound in spite of recent rapid development. But conflicts, some already apparent, and some harder to see, are beginning to emerge. David Skelly will describe how Connecticut reached its present condition after centuries of intensive farming and what the future holds for its landscapes and ecosystems.

BIOGRAPHY

David Skelly grew up exploring the forests and swamps of Connecticut leading to an early interest in biology. After undergraduate studies at Middlebury College and a Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Michigan, he carried out research in New South Wales, Australia and the Pacific Northwest before moving back to his home state to take a faculty position at the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies at Yale University. Currently, he serves the School as Professor of Ecology and Associate Dean for Research. He is also a Curator at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. Prof. Skelly has received a Guggenheim Fellowship for his research on amphibian conservation as well as awards for his teaching. Much of his current research is focused on understanding how people and wildlife affect each other in the landscapes they share.



Names of those attending:

Phone _____

email _____

Cost: \$35.00 members Amount
 \$40.00 non-members enclosed: _____

*R.S.V.P. with payment by April 6 to
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