

# GAINING GROUND

## VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER



SPRING NEWSLETTER | UTAH OPEN LANDS | APRIL 2023

### WHAT A WINTER!

Spring has sprung and Utah Open Lands is gearing up for a busy season of conservation and protection of Utah's open spaces, wildlife habitats, and watersheds! This year's snowpack will have significant impact on our environment and water resources, so the role of our volunteers has become more important than ever. We rely on the passion and dedication of volunteers like you to help us achieve statewide protection and stewardship of Utah's open spaces.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>APRIL 12TH:</b>	<b>FISHER ART MARKET OPENING MARKET</b>
<b>APRIL 18TH:</b>	<b>PIZZA FOR A PURPOSE PIZZA NIGHT</b>
<b>APRIL 28TH:</b>	<b>CNC EVENT AT WASATCH HOLLOW PRESERVE</b>
<b>APRIL 29TH:</b>	<b>CNC EVENT AT GALENA SOO'NKAHNI PRESERVE</b>
<b>MAY 1ST:</b>	<b>CNC EVENT AT WILLOW CREEK OPEN SPACE</b>
<b>MAY 6TH:</b>	<b>PROP SWAP AND SEED BOMB WORKSHOP</b>
<b>MAY 22ND:</b>	<b>TRYING TIMES VIRTUAL PROGRAM</b>
<b>JUNE 7TH:</b>	<b>SUMMER MUSIC SERIES AT THE FRONT</b>

# FISHER ART MARKET OPENING MARKET

APRIL 12TH, 2023 | 5:00-9:00 PM | 320 W 800 S, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84101

We are thrilled to announce that Utah Open Lands has been chosen to be the non-profit partner for the 2023 Fisher Art Market. This means that market fees collected throughout the market season will be donated back to our organization. Join us at the opening market on

April 12th from 5-9 PM to show your support for local artists and statewide conservation! Given that the market is partially outdoors, if the weather is particularly bad, the market may be postponed so make sure to check the [UOL Instagram page](#) for updates.

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## PIZZA FOR A PURPOSE NIGHT AT PIZZA VOLTA



APRIL 18TH, 2023 | 5:00-9:00 PM | 1080 E 2100 S, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84106

Craving some cheesy, delicious pizza? Come satisfy your appetite while supporting Utah Open Lands at Pizza Volta in Sugar House! On Tuesday, April 18th, Pizza Volta will be hosting their Pizza For a Purpose Program and donating a portion of profit from every pizza sold to our organization. So grab your friends and family, and join us for a

fun-filled evening of artisan pizza and supporting our mission to protect and preserve Utah's natural landscapes. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to indulge in your favorite comfort food while making a positive impact on the environment. See you there!

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## CITY NATURE CHALLENGE TABLING EVENTS

THREE EVENTS | THREE LOCATIONS | SEE EVENT DETAILS BELOW

We're excited to announce that we'll be participating again in the City Nature Challenge (CNC) this year. The CNC is an international event that encourages people to document wildlife in their cities using the app iNaturalist.

We'll be tabling at three different locations to encourage the public to take iNaturalist observations, especially on UOL properties. By participating in the CNC, you can help inform land trust decisions through citizen science!

### APRIL 28TH | 11:00 AM- 1:00PM | WASATCH HOLLOW PRESERVE

This event will take place in partnership with Keep Nature Wild, Utah Open Lands and Salt Lake City Corporations' Public Lands Department.

### APRIL 29TH | 11:00 AM- 1:00PM | GALENA SOO'NKAHNI PRESERVE

This event will take place in partnership with Keep Nature Wild, the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, the Corner Canyon High School's Ecochargers Club, and the American Fork High School's Green Club.

### MAY 1ST | 9:00 AM- 2:00PM | WILLOW CREEK OPEN SPACE

This event will take place in partnership with Keep Nature Wild, Snyderville Basin Recreation's Trails and Open Space Department, and Ecology Bridge.

# PROP SWAP AND SEED BOMB WORKSHOP AT THE FRONT CLIMBING CLUB

MAY 6TH, 2023 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | THE FRONT CLIMBING CLUB - SOUTH MAIN LOCATION

Join us at The Front Climbing Club's Prop Swap on Saturday, May 6th from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM! Bring your plants and new/used pots to swap plant propagations with the Front's plant-loving



community. Tickets are \$10, and \$5 from each ticket sale will be donated to Utah Open Lands. As an Impact Coalition partner, we're excited to lead a pollinator workshop that includes creating bee hotels out of bamboo, mud, and twine, as well as making seed bombs. We'll talk about the importance of pollinators and how we can support them. Don't miss out on this fun and educational event that supports Utah Open Lands! To register for the event, please visit [The Front Climbing Club's Events page](#). Please note that a day pass is required for non members.

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# TRYING TIMES: CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND FEDERAL TAX LAW 2023

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 | 9:00AM-1:00PM MT | VIRTUAL PROGRAM

This four-hour program will address the latest case law and IRS guidance impacting conservation easements. Experts will offer practical advice to land trust staff and board members, government employees, attorneys, appraisers, and landowners. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear the IRS's perspective and ask questions of a diverse group of panelists who

collectively have almost 200 years of experience with conservation easements and tax incentives. Each of three panel presentations will be followed by time devoted solely to Q&A. Register online by Noon MT May, 19, 2023 (early bird ticket prices available until May 5th). For more information or register, please visit the [Utah Open Lands website](#).

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# SUMMER MUSIC SERIES AT THE FRONT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7TH, 2023 | 6:00-8:00PM | THE FRONT CLIMBING CLUB - SALT LAKE CITY LOCATION

Summer is just around the corner and we're excited to be a part of The Front's Summer Music Series once again! As an Impact Coalition partner, Utah Open Lands will be tabling at the June 7th kick-off concert. Enjoy summer night climbing to the tune of local artists or simply hang out in the courtyard with an ice cold beverage and some great food. The Summer Music Series is free for all Front members. Guests are always welcome with a day pass. Come visit us at our table from 6PM to 8PM in the SLC Courtyard (1470 S. 400 W) and enjoy some great music with us!



# AMBASSADOR HIGHLIGHT

## MEET VOLUNTEER AMBASSADOR SUE JAYNE

Sue is a passionate conservation enthusiast and dedicated volunteer with Utah Open Lands. Since 2015, Sue has been organizing park clean-up days at Hidden Hollow, bringing together fellow Starbucks employees and Iowa Alumni group members to make a difference in preserving and restoring natural areas and open space. In addition to her work with Utah Open Lands, Sue is a Recruiting Manager at KPMG with over 20 years of experience in human resources and full-lifecycle recruiting. Her expertise includes placement of experienced professionals in various arenas, including international tax, engineering, logistics, management, leadership, and accounting.



Sue is also actively involved as the President of the University of Iowa Alumni Group, Salt Lake City chapter, bringing fellow alumni together for volunteer and social events. She has served as a Trustee for The Conservation Foundation and as the Past President of the Hound Heritage Foundation, promoting the enjoyment of outdoor activities and preserving open lands and natural habitats for native wildlife. With a B.B.A. in Administrative Management from the University of Iowa, Sue is a proven problem-solver with creative and analytical thinking skills, making a significant impact both professionally and in her volunteer work with Utah Open Lands.




## WANT TO BE FEATURED ON UTAH OPEN LAND'S SOCIAL MEDIA? ENTER OUR PHOTO CONTEST!



We're excited to announce our Leave it Loved photo contest! If you've captured a beautiful moment on one of our protected properties, share it with us! Submit a photo with a caption about how you leave the spaces you love loved as part of our Leave it Loved campaign. Not only will you have the chance to be featured on our social media, but you'll also be helping us promote our mission to protect and preserve Utah's natural beauty. To enter, simply post your photo on Instagram and tag us using the hashtag #LeaveItLovedUOL or email the photo to Alli Eroh ([alli.eroh@utahopenlands.org](mailto:alli.eroh@utahopenlands.org)). We can't wait to see your submissions!



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