

GAINING GROUND

MEMBER NEWSLETTER



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PROGRESS MADE TOWARD LUNDIN PROTECTION IN MIDWAY

MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL PLEDGES \$1 MILLION TOWARD OPEN SPACE BOND FUNDS

The vote by the Midway City Council to provide \$1 million towards the protection of the Lundin property is a significant milestone. The 119-acre agricultural land near Wasatch Mountain State Park has been in the same family since the late 1800s. For siblings Nora, Randy and Mike Lundin, the property holds great sentimental value.

Utah Open Lands aims to secure a conservation easement on the property. We are seeking financial support from various sources, including Wasatch County, which has already committed \$2 million, the FDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund. Early estimates of the conservation easement value place its protection at around \$9 million. The Lundin Farm is one of Midway's longest-held family farms, with two structures eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The house showcases architecture typical of its time, and a stream flows through the root cellar, illustrating food storage practices of the time as a way to keep harvested crops cool.

The property features irrigated pastures, where Heritage Breed Scottish Highland cows graze and century-old plum trees flourish. If protected, this land, along with its water resources, will serve as crucial land for snowmelt absorption while offering trail connections to Wasatch Mountain State Park.

The preservation of Midway's rural character and working lands in Wasatch County is made possible by the support and financial contributions of the Town's and County's citizens. The pledged funds will be leveraged multiple times through external sources and the landowning family's charitable intentions.

"We're willing to do it for the \$3 million," said Nora Lundin. "If we can't get any more money, we're OK with that." Mike Lundin agreed with his sister and added "We'd like to get more money to fix fences and improve the farm." While the current budget of \$3 million may be enough, UOL will work to acquire additional financial support to address farm improvements and maintenance.


MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE PORTRAITS OF PRESERVATION AUCTION AND GALA ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER- GET YOUR TICKETS NOW TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!

PORTRAITS OF PRESERVATION **SAVE THE DATES**

EVENING OF
SEPT 7

IN PERSON GALA

AT RIVER BOTTOMS RANCH 

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- JULY 6** KOMBUCHA FOR A CAUSE
- JULY 12** ENVIRONMENTAL WELLNESS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH SALT LAKE COUNTY
- JULY 15** NORTH ROUND VALLEY BIODIVERSITY SURVEY
- AUG. 5** KIMBALL ARTS FESTIVAL
- SEPT. 1** PORTRAITS OF PRESERVATION AUCTION OPENS
- SEPT. 7** PORTRAITS OF PRESERVATION GALA

KOMBUCHA FOR A CAUSE WITH HK BREWING COLLECTIVE

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM | 370 ASPEN AVE. SALT LAKE CITY

Join us for refreshing beverages as Utah Open Lands teams up with HK Brewing Collective for "Kombucha for a Cause." This weekly event series hosted by HK Brewing Collective provides a platform for local nonprofits to connect with the community, raise awareness about their missions, and enjoy a delightful atmosphere at the HK Brewing Collective taproom. As you sip on handcrafted brews at HK Brewing Collective's taproom and mingle with fellow guests, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the vital work

Utah Open Lands undertakes to preserve and protect the natural beauty of our beloved state. HK Brewing Collective is generously donating a portion of their sales from the evening directly to Utah Open Lands, ensuring that your enjoyment directly contributes to our conservation efforts. By supporting this event, you'll be helping to safeguard Utah's open spaces, wildlife habitats, and scenic landscapes for generations to come.



ENVIRONMENTAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP WITH SALT LAKE COUNTY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH, 2023 | 12:00-1:00PM | VIRTUAL

Join us for a Virtual Environmental Wellness Workshop with Salt Lake County. Listen to Executive Director, Wendy Fisher, share how to Leave spaces Loved through the choices we make. Explore the concept of

climate resilience and how you can Challenge Your Inner Steward. Check the UOL website for a link to the virtual workshop closer to the event. Hope to see you there!

NORTH ROUND VALLEY BIODIVERSITY SURVEY

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH, 2023 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM | NORTH ROUND VALLEY TRAILHEAD

Join us at North Round Valley for a Biodiversity Survey (bioblitz)! By attending, you will play a crucial role in helping Utah Open Lands identify the diverse flora and fauna that call North Round Valley home. This event is organized in partnership with the Natural History Museum of Utah and Park City Municipal Corporation.

This fun and free outdoor event is open to participants of all ages. Bring your keen observation skills and get hands-on practice in identifying plants and animals using the iNaturalist app. Explore the beauty of North Round Valley while contributing to citizen science! No RSVP needed.

KIMBALL ARTS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2023 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | MAIN STREET, PARK CITY

Discover the enchantment of the Park City Kimball Arts Festival, a premier art extravaganza in its 54th year. This festival features over 200 talented artists, live music, local cuisine, and engaging activities for kids. This year, the Kimball Art Center introduced their exhibition series, "Between Life and Land," exploring our profound relationship with the environment through the lens of

30+ esteemed artists. On Saturday, Utah Open Lands is partnering with the Kimball Art Center to engage your little ones in sensory activities and leaf rubbings, sparking their imagination and instilling a love for nature. Let's cultivate a stronger bond with the land and inspire the next generation to protect and preserve our precious environment.

PORTRAITS OF PRESERVATION AUCTION & GALA

AUCTION OPENS SEPT. 1ST AT NOON | GALA IS ON SEPT. 7TH AT RIVER BOTTOMS RANCH

We hope you're as excited as we are for the upcoming Portraits of Preservation Auction and Gala! As mentioned in our Save the Date, this exclusive event offers a limited quantity of tickets for our valued supporters to come together at the breathtaking River Bottoms Ranch. Join us on September 7th (arrival between 6:00-6:30 PM) for an evening that celebrates the three decades of land preservation that we have accomplished together. Tickets are available for purchase [HERE](#). Shuttles will be available in both Salt Lake City and Park City, so be sure to RSVP for shuttle service when purchasing your ticket.

In addition to the in-person event, we're thrilled to announce the Portraits of Preservation Online Auction, which kicks off at noon on September 1st. Click [HERE](#) to browse the catalog before the live bidding begins. Mark your calendars for September 10th at 8 PM, as that's when the auction concludes. Your participation directly contributes to the conservation efforts of Utah Open Lands, ensuring the protection of the lands you love. For more information on the Portraits of Preservation Auction and Gala, as well as sponsorship opportunities please visit our Portraits of Preservation webpage [HERE](#).

ADVENTURE AWARE GUIDES

Encouraging a transformative shift in how recreators interact with their surroundings, Utah Open Lands launched our Adventure Aware Guides last week. As part of our Leave It Loved campaign, UOL hosted an Adventure Aware Clinic on Tuesday, June 13th, at the Front Climbing Club where attendees had the opportunity to watch a video on Castleton Tower, showcasing how outdoor recreationists can challenge their inner steward. Participants of the clinic left with their very own pocket-sized Adventure Aware Guides and a renewed sense of environmental stewardship. In conjunction with the Adventure Aware Clinic, Utah Open Lands has employed a Recreation, Use, and Education summer intern, who will be stationed at trailheads this summer, offering practical information on "Leave it Loved" practices. This initiative aims to educate trail users about responsible stewardship while simultaneously reducing human impact on open spaces. Adventure Aware Guides are available [HERE](#).





BECOME A CONSERVATION AMBASSADOR WITH UOL

Calling All Conservation Enthusiasts! Join Utah Open Lands as a Volunteer Conservation Ambassador and make a difference in preserving Utah's natural beauty! As a Conservation Ambassador, you will play a vital role in promoting environmental stewardship and engaging with the local community. Utah Open Lands will provide you with comprehensive stewardship training to equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills for your role. As a Conservation Ambassador, you can expect to receive specialized training from the Utah Open Lands team, engage in hands-on surveying and cataloging plants and wildlife at various Utah Open Lands properties, and participate in community outreach initiatives to share our Leave it Loved campaign. Joining the team as a Conservation Ambassador not only allows you to contribute to the preservation of Utah's natural heritage, but also

provides a chance to connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for conservation. To be a successful Conservation Ambassador, we are looking for individuals who are committed to the principles of environmental stewardship and conservation. Excellent communication skills and the ability to engage with diverse audiences are essential. You should enjoy working in both field and community settings, with a willingness to learn and adapt. Additionally, you should be able to commit to a regular schedule and attend training sessions and events. If you're ready to take your commitment to conservation to the next level, we would love to have you on board as a Conservation Ambassador at Utah Open Lands! To apply, please click [HERE](#) and fill out an application. Thank you for your dedication and passion for conservation!



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