2019 was another amazing year at D Acres. Despite a cloudy, cold spring we responded with a year of epic abundance in the garden and within the organization.

To recap, the winter was spent writing grants, building furniture and renovating the red barn. Our "Monetization of the Mission" theme originated from several factors. We need to increase revenue for the salary to retain personnel and we can not rely on foundation grants to maintain operations. Our goal to demonstrate a farm with excellent quality of life and economic vitality depends on viable business acumen. The urgency to increase revenue was highlighted because for the two years prior we had a yearly budget shortfall.

In accordance with the theme of monetization, we cut our expenses, obtained a liquor license, opened a farm store in the garage and installed an online booking system for lodging with the help of resident Alex Dalby. We also opened our dining services for walk-ins every Sunday breakfast and Saturday night we publicized dinners by reservation. In May we welcomed the addition of Billie Lambdin and her two boys, Tobias and Tadhg. Billie brought her years of experience as a homesteader and her mobile Common Cafe to augment our beverage and pastry offerings. Chef Billie has also anchored our

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2019 Project Highlights

- Pollinator Garden at Canaan Elementary
- Family Fun Bike Day
- Farm to Table Every Weekend
- Louise Turner Presents
- Contradance at Dorchester Town Hall
- Russ Cohen Wild Edible Walk
- 3rd NH Acorn Festival
- Araba-Lon West African Drumming
- Billie & the Boys!
- Over 2611 Visitors and Guests
- 2970 Volunteer Hours
- 311 People toured D Acres
- FarmStore!
- Mtn Bikers Galore
- Porta Potty
- Rabbits Rabbits Rabbits
- Renovate Rear of Red Barn
- Swimming Holes & Irrigation Ponds
- Interior Painting MakeOver
- Get Outside Guide to the Baker/ Asquamchumauek Published!
weekend meal service which expanded to Friday night dinner by reservation and Saturday breakfast for the public from June-October. We are ecstatic to continue and expand this collaboration in 2020.

In addition, our efforts at Canaan Elementary continues to flourish as we constructed a pollinator garden with nine raised beds this autumn. In late summer our website was revamped and updated for mobile compatibility with the expertise of local farmer, Chris Woods. Our proximity to the Green Woodlands trail network continues to yield rewards for D Acres and the region. Last winter the new access for groomed nordic skiing opened in Dorchester and the mountain biking is expanding in quality and quantity. The generosity of the Green family foundation is enhancing the quality of life and economic viability of our valley. Towards this goal, we are excited that the Get Outside Guide for recreation has been published. This collaboration with Greg DiSanto provides a gateway for biking, climbing, boating, skiing and hiking in the Asquamchumaukee Valley. Copies are available onsite and via the website.

Will Ferullo has moved on from residence at D Acres. While he will continue to serve as a Board member at D Acres, his departure is bittersweet. His stewardship was a pillar of the work here at the farm for over two years. With Will’s construction expertise we made significant improvements to the infrastructure at D Acres. In addition he was an immensely positive factor as a volunteer coordinator, garden manager, trail builder and reliable kitchen presence. His hard and diligent work doubled our capacity and has propelled us forward as an organization. We wish Will the best with his move to the Maine coast.

On a personal note, in April Bree Heward donated her kidney to sister Lacey and we built a house cabin on the property in Vermont. Bree has recovered strong and the cabin is available for staff retreats. On the horizon we are looking forward to hosting the regional Northeast Permaculture Convergence July 24-26, 2020 (www.northeastpermaculture.org)

As you can see D Acres continues to evolve. What began in 1997 as a project intended to allow Aunt Dee to enjoy the twilight of her life at home is now much more. Our sights are set on creating a framework which will provide stewardship of the land in perpetuity. As the Troughts age and we move on from this place, we are grappling to formulate a plan for an enduring community organization. We welcome ideas and leadership that will strengthen and perpetuate this land based service project. We appreciate all contributions towards this goal! Thank you and hope to see you on the farm!

Josh Trought, “Conductor”
Board of Directors
Bryan Felice- Chairman
Martha Morrill- Secretary
Bree Heward, Josh Trought, Al Rosen, Karen Ganey

Upcoming Events at the Farm
Monthly
• Last Saturday - Volunteer Day
Weekly
• Saturday Night Dinner with Reservations
• Sunday Breakfast 7:30-1pm
• Mid-Day Soup/Bread/Omelettes
  Noon-3pm

Ongoing Opportunities-Bulk
Food Buying Club & OG Chicken Feed
Cooperative Buying

MANY HANDS PROGRAM!
An Annual Appeal for Support & Participation

We recognize the various diverse contributions that build a community project, and through the Many Hands Program we have provided an inclusive portal for support and participation at D Acres. We would like the participants, partners and supporters of D Acres and the community of permaculture to be recognized without strict monetary commitment. Our hope is that volunteers, donors, and the participants can harmonize as we provide organizational support.

Instead of monthly renewals for memberships, we will send a once-a-year letter, asking for funds and volunteer participation for the year. Any monetary contribution is appreciated.

Volunteers are needed for committee work, administrative, construction, and gardening assistance. But there are many other projects like organizing the library, harvesting, and distributing flyers.

To all of our Many Hands participants, whether a donor, volunteer, onsite participant, or organizational collaborator/sponsor, we heartily thank you. And we hope to see Many more Hands involved in 2019!

In 2019 D Acres collaborated with, donated to, and supported these local organizations: CRUX, WWOOF, Work-Away, Keep the Heat On, Canaan Elementary School, Indian River School, Pemi-Valley NEMBA
Thank you!

We greatly appreciate your support through donations and contributions.

Eleanor & Larry Spencer
Elizabeth Smith
Jay Buckley
Kathryn Harlow
Lynn Chong & Rob Pearlman
Kathie Thordarson
Diane & Tom McGoldrick
Sherry Nelson
Steve Spafford
Amye Bailey
Suzie & Doug Winters
Allan Reetz

In Memory of Mary Ellen McGowan

Please forgive us if you were inadvertently not listed, we appreciate your support :)

D Acres is a Community Supported Non-Profit.

Your support and enthusiasm, your sharing of dishes and especially your smiling faces are what make this project possible!

Dedicated to the memory of our communitarian friends:

Richard Harrington
Janet Towse
Brian McGowan
Larry Korn

The Mission

of D Acres is to improve the human relationship with the rural New England landscape through farm-based research, education, and demonstration of sustainable farming, cooperative community, and healthy living.

2020 is the year of Using Hindsight & Foresight to Live Clearly in the Present

While we mourn Will’s departure, we are fortunate that Farmer Rich Angell has moved in to provide support with his positive attitude and experience in foraging. His musical skills and hospitable nature add to the D Acres experience. We have also recruited two farmers to increase our agricultural and education potential. Summer and JB will bring diverse experience to compliment their roles on the farm.

Summer is a graduate of UNH Integrated Agricultural Management who was the field manager of Stout Oak Farm and the manager of the UNH Organic Farm. She first visited D Acres during her Permaculture Design Certification course and she has experience with processing herbs, growing vegetables and flowers as well as beekeeping. JB arrives from upstate New York where he has spent the last two years working in vegetable production. He has a passion for social activism and has experience as a youth educator with a Master’s degree in “Effective Teaching”. With the addition of these talented staff members we hope to reinvigorate onsite education for residential learners and regional schools as well as boost our onsite farm store with additional vegetable and herbal products. We will also be planning spring plant sales for May 2020.

D Acres continues to evolve. While we are true to our mission as stewards of the land and the community, we are feeling the strain of maintaining a farm and a non-profit service organization. Running either one successfully is rare and a large percentage fail. Continuing to prosper will require innovation and adaptation. As we move forward, we appreciate your support and willingness to join us on this journey. Contact us if you would like to lend a hand with day to day farming operations or join us for an authentic farm to table experience. We welcome participants of all ages and abilities.

Support comes in many ways including volunteer time, money, and attendance at farm activities. We acknowledge we need all to succeed. Thank you for your support.
We appreciate donations of 2nd hand goods instead of new. We try to reuse practical goods that might otherwise be landfilled, incinerated or shipped to unknown locations. Please see our Website for the comprehensive list.

INCOME
Community Support
Individual Contributions $15,066.59
Business 4,098.05
Foundations 16,200.00
State/Inkind 6,000.00
Fundraising Events 7,862.80
Total Community Support $49,227.44

Agricultural Programs
General Education $75,501.95
Workshops & Classes 4,605.00
Farm Product & Ag Sales 12,849.11
Total Agricultural/Educational Programs $92,956.06

Total Income $142,183.50

EXPENSE
Personnel $30,309.20
Animals 4,069.61
Advertising 1,731.36
Dues 526.95
Farm Ops 32,616.08
Insurance 7,258.00
Occupancy 38,193.15
Prof. Fees 9,057.23
Vehicles 13,934.41

Total Expense $137,695.99
Checking Balance 12/31/19 $19,547.86
Savings Balance 12/31/19 $20,546.88

Looking Ahead to 2020

We will be working on mountain bike trails throughout the summer on Saturdays. Contact us to confirm and let us know you are coming.

The D Acres Farm Store is open. We anticipate increased vegetable, herb and cut flower in the store to augment the pork & eggs

Plant sales in May, Bike Kick-off 1st Weekend of June

Northeast Permaculture Convergence July 24-26

Breakfast will be served every Sunday 7:30-1pm and Saturdays June-October.

Saturday Dinners are open to the public year round with reservations.

Mid-Day Soup & Bread with Omelettes by Farmer Rich Sat/Sun Noon-3pm