



D ACRES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PERMACULTURE FARM & EDUCATIONAL HOMESTEAD

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Year of Using Hindsight & Foresight to Live Clearly in the Present



It has always been amazing to me the prescient themes we have chosen through the years. This year has proved no exception. Enabled by the hardship of the global pandemic, D Acres took the opportunity to adapt and live clearly in the present. We were forced to take a long hard look at our history and chart a course to continue to evolve for the future.

As Director this has been particularly true for me as a person. This year provided the opportunity for introspection and analysis of my life long habits and personality traits. It was a year of reflection and growth that was both challenging and rewarding. I am entering my 50th year on this planet and I have been undertaking an evaluation of my fortitude to continue in my leadership role here at D Acres. A catalyst for this evaluation has been the grief of a rupture with my family, a woman and children that I had taken for granted as an assumption of lifelong partnership. The breakup has heightened my awareness of what is truly important to me and allowed an opportunity to reflect on the prioritization of the rest of my life. In these anxious times, I have re-dedicated myself to empathy and constructive communication with all.

To recap, the events of the year is a story of reaction to the pandemic. In January and February we were in full swing. Nordic skiers and regular guests frequented the farm to table restaurant and hostel. We were offering Friday and Saturday night dinners as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Billie Lambdin was supplying delicadable cuisine straight from our provisions and we hired farmers to manage the upcoming growing season. In March, it all came to a screeching halt as concerns for

health became the primary mission. We shut down the food service and lodging and locked down the farm to visitors.

During this period of uncertainty we focused on preparing for the gardening season and developing strategies to offer shelter for our crew. Ben and Hila from Israel chose to come to the farm until their departure in September. JB and his partner Nat resided in the Red House until October. We had several waves of Covid tested and quarantined willing workers (WWOOFers) join us throughout the growing season. With the coordination of Ben, JB and Nat we managed to produce a sizable garden focused on survival foods such as corn, beans, and potatoes. We also offered garden consultations and bed preparation to the public for the first time. This provided an opportunity to meet our mission of expanding local food production.

In June we cracked the door open to the outside world with limited mountain biking and social distanced camping accommodations. By Labor Day the numbers of camping visitors exceeded previous years due to the increased interest of those fleeing the lock down of urban areas. During this period we enhanced the camping with additional spots for vehicles and more sites for tents in the woodlands. In September and October we worked extensively on a roadway that will expand our forest access as well as provide a cross country ski venue. During the summer we also hosted social distanced educational workshops such as Edible Plant walks with Russ Cohen and a series of mushroom foraging walks with the Mad Professor Tommy Stoughton. Throughout the summer and into the fall we continued to provide garden and forestry services to Canaan Elementary School.

Currently we are hibernating and contemplating the next steps. We anticipate it will be a winter of maintaining personal health thru diet, art, meditative practice and exercise. We are uncertain of what the future will bring but we continue on our quest to steward the land and provide service to the public. A motto of surviving to thrive on the other side encapsulates our thinking at this juncture and we look forward to the future where we can actively engage more with the larger community. We are advertising for a farmer to manage the gardens in 2021 and we are particularly interested applicants who are not white males. It is important to diversify our program to become more inclusive of minorities which do not have access to land and farm management positions.

The future of the non profit is uncertain. The economics of surviving financially have always been difficult and are magnified by the uncertainty of the pandemic. My personal battle with burnout, founder's syndrome and life reprioritization has mitigated the influx of new energy and leadership which, in turn, has hampered our organizational progression. While our Board of Directors is passionate about our mission, family and career priorities limit the degree that the Board has been able to invest to propel the project into the future. The plan is to march forward into 2021 and review our

organizational health in the Fall to determine the viability of the 501-c into the future.

We are thankful to the many ways that many hands contribute to the success of this project. This community project is a gift made possible by a multitude of people's investment throughout the years. We are indebted to the experiences of the past and look forward to the future while being truly blessed to live in the present.

Josh Trought "Conductor"



Financials 2020

INCOME

Community Support

Individual Contributions	\$7,025.40
Business	\$2,354.66
Foundations	\$18,960.00
Federal Government	\$4,000.00
Fundraising Events.	\$1,946.00

Total Community Support \$34,286.06

Agricultural Programs

General Education	\$34,554.49
Workshops & Classes	\$3,927.00
Farm Product & Ag Sales	\$21,218.53
Equipment Sales.	\$8,015.00

Total Agricultural/Educational Programs \$67,715.02

Total Income \$102,001.08

EXPENSE

Personnel	\$23,104.64
Animals	\$5,948.16
Advertising	\$446.83
Dues	\$1,489.75
Farm Ops	\$38,602.96
Insurance	\$4,622.00
Occupancy	\$24,736.13
Prof. Fees	\$2,106.00
Vehicles	\$20,328.95

Total Expense \$121,385.42

Checking Balance 12/31/20 \$16,319.33

Savings Balance 12/31/20 \$5,001.70

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Board of Directors

Bryan Felice, Al Rosen, MaryAnn McGarry, Josh Trought, Will Ferullo

Seeking Recreational Specialist

We would like to share our homestead with someone who is passionate about recreation and helping others get exercise in the woods. We have regular traffic on weekends we are looking to grow. We need someone willing to help folks with a flat or a bad gear change or offer advice on technique or help wax some skis. We are flexible on the hourly commit and while we can not offer a salary at this juncture we will provide food and room, access to internet, woodshop, metalshop, craft room and yoga studio. Many residents also obtain revenue from online or offsite employment. The trail building is probably where we could use the most significant help in the summer months although grooming in the winter is also a major focus. There is also glade skiing and fat bike potential.

ISO Experienced bike mechanic, trail builder and nordic skiing enthusiast. At D Acres we have a unique opportunity as a neighbor to the Green Woodlands trail system. We offer camping, food, farm store & restrooms to the public who have access to the immense network of groomed skiing and mountain bike trails. We would like to augment our services by adding additional trails on our property as well as offering emergency bike repairs and services to skiers. We are seeking an experienced individual to provide these services in exchange for room and board. Willing to consider business partnership with individual committed to long term venture. Also we are close to Rumney Crag if you like to sport climb.

Please contact Josh at D Acres of New Hampshire Organic Farm & Educational Homestead for further information.

Thanks to the Many Hands who contributed to D Acres in 2020

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**9082 volunteer work hours,
1332 visitors and 100 tours in
2020**

We are All in Same ship!



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.



2021

Year of Rejuvenation at D Acres & Worldwide!

This year provides the opportunity to set a conscious course for the future. Through the realization of the limited time and energy we have in this life, it is a moment of choice. To decide the essential priorities that are crucial for enduring happiness and well-being, decisions must be made. We are taking this year to operate a campground, grow a garden, exercise, eat well and relax. We believe that, in this time of anxiety and stress, we must relearn the fundamentals of simplicity and good livelihood. We hope the disruption of our lives in 2020 opens a window for fulfillment in 2021 for all.
Looking forward to what the future will bring.

Annual Report Dedicated to the memory of communitarian friends who
departed in 2020
George DeCato, Jay Moskowitz, Chris Buckley, Derek Owen

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