

Vernon Volunteers' Collaborative Organization Contacts

We currently have 12 volunteer nonprofit organizations participating in the Collaborative. This is a brief description of each organization with contact information.

VVC Contact: Jon Roe, (860) 875-4101, jon.roe@comcast.net, VernonVolunteers.org.

Arts Center East (formerly Vernon Community Arts Center)

VCAC is committed to enriching lives by bringing the arts to the diverse communities East of the River through education, events, exhibits, and performances. They also offer various art classes and workshops for children and adults.

Contact: Joan Sonnanburg, (860) 871-8222, vernonarts@gmail.com, VernonArts.org.

Friends of the Hockanum River Linear Park

The Friends promotes the ecological values of the Hockanum River through public education and assisting Vernon's Hockanum River Linear Park Committee in developing and maintaining Hockanum River parks and trails.

Contact: Ann Letendre, (860) 875-4623, annletendr@aol.com.

Friends of Valley Falls

The Friends promotes the betterment of Valley Falls Park and Valley Falls Farm through responsible stewardship of their lands and buildings, preservation of their historic qualities, and public education on the value of their natural resources and biodiversity.

Contact: Ginny Gingras, (860) 875-4623, ginnygingras2013@gmail.com, FriendsOfValleyFalls.org.

Friends of the Vernon Arts Commission

The Friends of the Vernon Arts Commission support and supplement the work of the VAC by promoting an appreciation for the arts through community outreach.

Contact: VACVernonCT.tripod.com.

New England Civil War Museum

The New England Civil War Museum works to convey the lessons of the American Civil War. The museum has an educational outreach program focusing on historical education of youth and promoting lifelong learning among adults.

Contact: Matt Reardon, (860) 870-3563, necwm@hotmail.com, NewEnglandCivilWarMuseum.com

Northern Connecticut Land Trust

The Northern Connecticut Land Trust protects and promotes open space and natural resources in the Vernon, Ellington, East Windsor, Enfield, Somers, and Stafford area. They have acquired properties totaling over 1400 acres, several of which are working farms leased for farm use.

Contact: Karl Hasel, (860) 649-4949, NCTLT@sbcglobal.net, NorthernCTLandTrust.org.

Strong Family Farm

Strong Family Farm provides a historic agricultural education center where children, individuals, families, and community groups can experience an authentic family farm environment.
Contact: Nancy Strong, (860) 874-9020, info@strongfarm.org, StrongFamilyFarm.org

Tolland County Agricultural Center

TCAC's Vision is to provide an environment for agricultural education, ecological landscape education, family studies and leadership education that is available to people of all ages in Tolland County and the Northeast. Contact: Ginny Gingras, (860) 875-4623, ginnygingras2013@gmail.com, TollandCountyAgriculturalCenter.com.

Vernon Education Foundation

The Vernon Education Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of education in Vernon by providing financial support to initiate and maintain educational projects.
Contact: Cheri Arzt, (860) 872-3320, cherylbarzt@sbcglobal.net,
Facebook.com/pages/Vernon-Education-Foundation/226309797576610

Vernon Garden Club

The Vernon Garden Club was established to stimulate an interest in horticulture, aid in the protection of native trees, birds, wildflowers and promote community spirit, beautification and civic betterment.
Contact: Jean Merz, (860) 875-7381, gardenclub@sbcglobal.net, VernonGardenClub.org.

Vernon Greenways Volunteers

The Vernon Greenways Volunteers assist the Vernon Parks and Recreation Department through the maintenance, enhancement and proper use of the 30+ miles of trails in Vernon.
Contact: Don Bellingham, (860) 872-6061, vernongreenways@att.net, VernonGreenways.org.

Vernon Historical Society

The Society's goal is the preservation of our local history and making that history come to life for the community. This is accomplished through their Museum collections, regular and special programs, and presentations for school children.
Contact: (860) 875-4326, vernonhs@sbcglobal.net, VernonHistoricalSoc.org.