



# Coverts Celebrates 25 Years

## Join Us

### September 25<sup>th</sup> 2010

### Riverledge Farm, Grafton, VT

Vermont Coverts proudly celebrates a quarter century of advocating for sound forest management and wildlife stewardship. Over 425 people have attended the Cooperator Training. We have reached many more through our workshops and peer outreach.

As a Cooperator or friend you know the unique bond developed between Coverts participants. We welcome you to connect with other Cooperators for fun and learning at our Celebration. Plans for the day include:

- Morning and afternoon **Workshops and Field Trips**
- A delicious **Lunch** in a magnificently renovated old barn
- Guest speaker **John Elder**
- Premiere of the **Coverts Movie – “Vermont Landowners Connect”**
- **Recognition** of special people whose dedication and commitment have brought us this far
- **Silent Auction** featuring handmade crafts, art, unique services and Vermont products

We sincerely hope you can participate, catch up with old friends and share stories of how Coverts has helped you in the stewardship of your property and how wildlife has benefited by your efforts.

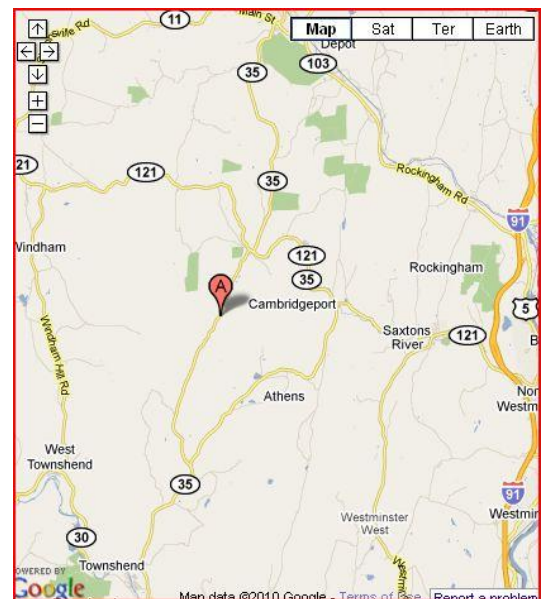
Please return the attached registration form **by September 10<sup>th</sup>** with your workshop selections – the sessions will fill up soon so return your form as soon as possible.

See you there!

John McNerney  
President



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Contact Vermont Coverts if you have any questions at 802-388-3880 or [lisa@vtcoverts.org](mailto:lisa@vtcoverts.org).

# Keynote Speaker: John Elder

## “Forestry, Community and the Future of Vermont”

In April, John Elder celebrated thirty-seven years of teaching at Middlebury College. Elder’s special interest has been nature writing – prose and poetry. He has explored service learning and community-based education, working with Starksboro residents and Addison County farmers. His three most recent books – *Reading the Mountains of Home*, *The Frog Run*, and *Pilgrimage to Vallombrosa* – have each combined discussion of literature, description of Vermont’s landscape and natural history, and personal memoir. John lives in the village of Bristol with his wife Rita. They operate a sugarbush in Starksboro with their three children and two grandchildren, and are active in state and local environmental efforts.

## Agenda

8:30 am	Registration and Silent Auction Open
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Morning Workshops
11:45 am	Lunch Begins
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Keynote Speaker: John Elder
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Coverts Movie Premiere
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Awards and Annual Meeting
2:30 pm	Silent Auction Closes
2:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Afternoon Workshops
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Stay and chat or explore Riverledge



**Workshop Descriptions** (Workshops will take place rain or shine. Note all walks involve hiking up hills and potential rough terrain. Dress accordingly and bring a water bottle.)

Merging the Maps: Private Land and Public Value, a Panel and Discussion – How does your land fit into a wide array of informational maps? How does a top down view of your land translate into bottom up planning? How can you, as a landowner, access this capability?

Reading Riverledge’s Landscape – Look at clues and patterns as to how the farm was used in the past and how the natural communities influenced that use. \*

Riverledge Farm Forest Management – Learn how Riverledge Farm managers address timber stand improvement, erosion control and invasives. \*

Sharing Circle – Tell stories and listen to others about efforts that have worked well--or not so well--in the service of the Coverts mission: woodlands for wildlife.

Tracks & Signs of Insects and Other Invertebrates – Join authors Noah Charney and Charley Eiseman to learn about egg cases, webs, leaf mines and other curiosities left behind by insects. \*

\*outdoor walk/hike

## Cost

Register by September 10<sup>th</sup> – \$30 per person (after September 10<sup>th</sup> \$40)

\$50 per couple (after September 10<sup>th</sup> \$60)