Stark Mountain Foundation Inc. 2011-2012 Annual Report

The Officers and Directors of the Stark Mountain Foundation are pleased to present the Foundation's Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2012. Thanks to the continuing generosity of its donors, the Foundation was able to continue its mission of preserving and protecting the environment, ecosystem and historic value of, and providing recreational access to, General Stark Mountain in the Green Mountains of Vermont. This year's notable achievements include:

♦ Historic Preservation

The Foundation maintained its commitment to preserving the historic value of Stark Mountain with a grant to the Mad River Glen Cooperative for renovations to the Basebox's Fireplace Room. This space, designed as a solar shelter, was the cornerstone of the original Basebox and typifies trends of mid-century modernism. The restoration, funded by a generous donation from the family of Ben Stein, is a fitting tribute to Mr. Stein, a well-respected Burlington architect and artist, longtime Mad River skier and fan of mid-century modern design. A watercolor of the Single Chair by Mr. Stein now hangs in the room.

♦ Ski Trail Restoration

The Foundation has continued to assist the Mad River Glen Cooperative in striving to preserve Stark Mountain's historic ski trail network and unique woods skiing environment. In the fall of 2011, funds were granted to hire a dedicated trail crew to work on the Lynx, Beaver and other trails.

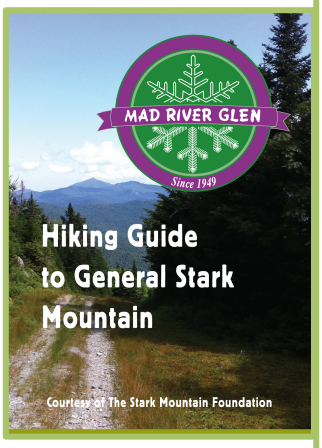
Blowdown area cleared

♦ Mad River Glen Ski School Scholarships

SMF provided partial need-based scholarships to enable two young skiers to participate in a season-long youth ski program. The program gives children the opportunity to build their skills, develop confidence and challenge themselves on the mountain.

♦ Stark Mountain Hiking Guide

Summer, 2012 saw the release of the first-ever "Hiking Guide to General Stark Mountain". Conceived and published by the Mad River Glen Cooperative with a grant from the Foundation, this guide has already proven to be a valuable tool for those planning a hike on the mountain. Look for Stark Mountain trails to be included in the Green Mountain Club trail network next summer with new signage!



♦ Fund Raising Events

The Foundation continues to sponsor successful fundraising events such as the **Harvest Winefest, Winter Wine Festival** and the **Stark Mountain Hill Climb.**

♦ Update on Past Projects

National Register of Historic Places In 2010, the Foundation granted funds to the Cooperative to partially fund the preparation of its application for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. We are pleased to share with our donors the good news that Mad River Glen was recognized for its contributions to skiing history and listed on the National Register in July 2012, the first ski area in the country to be honored in this way.

Mad River Glen Single Chair SMF was instrumental in raising funds to restore Mad River Glen's iconic single chairlift. While the rebuild was completed in 2007, pledged funds continued to roll in through 2011. The Foundation has raised a total $1,023,794.58 towards this project thanks to the generosity of our donors.

♦ Our Donors and Volunteers

The most important asset of any public charitable foundation is its donors and volunteers. The Stark Mountain Foundation is indeed grateful for the contributions of time, talent and treasure provided by its generous supporters without whom we would never be able to fulfill our mission of preserving and protecting Stark Mountain

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