

We've Accomplished So Much in the Past Five Decades

Help us continue our good work by becoming a Corporate Partner with VINS!

VINS has come a long way since we set about restoring the Ottauquechee watershed in 1972. Since then, we've introduced a generation of schoolchildren, teachers, parents and adults to the beauty of nature and helped thousands of injured birds return to the wild. But our work today is more important than ever. We invite you to join our mission.

Consider these benefits for your company:

- Share our goal of promoting a thriving quality of life, economic growth, and a healthy environment in the Upper Valley region.
- Engage directly with new stewards of nature, wildlife, and ecology, joining almost 70,000 visitors last year.
- Help us develop new generations of citizens who will protect the environment for years to come.

There are many ways for you to partner with VINS. Read about the different sponsorship levels on the back page, and let us know if you would like to have a conversation about joining our effort.

Call us for more information at 802.359.5000 or send an email to Mary Davidson Graham at mgraham@vinsweb.org.



"I am most proud of how the community has become intertwined into the mission of VINS."

— Charlie Rattigan,
VINS Executive Director since 2014

See the back panel for more information on our Corporate Sponsorship program.

Celebrate with us as a supporter of VINS!

As a leading member of our Upper Valley Community, you are invited to help us commemorate our 50 Year Anniversary. We are celebrating this important milestone with thousands of volunteers, visitors, and members who will attend special events and activities at the VINS Campus. We began with a kick-off celebration on Earth Day Weekend in April, and the celebration will culminate into a formal banquet on October 15.

All year long, your company will be highly visible as a steward of the environment, both at the events and through our publicity and other outreach efforts.

Corporate Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

\$7,500*

GOLDEN EAGLE

- Hold your own event at VINS at one of our pavilions or outdoor spaces, free of charge (up to \$1,000 value).
- Corporate Membership, including twenty (20) guest passes to the Nature Center (over \$250 value).
- Name and logo on recognition sign prominently displayed on the VINS campus for one year.
- Name and logo included in print and online media advertisements, and featured on the VINS website.

\$5,000*

PEREGRINE FALCON

- Corporate Membership, including twenty (20) guest passes to the Nature Center (over \$250 value).
- Name and logo on recognition sign prominently displayed on the VINS campus for one year.
- Name and logo included in print and online media advertisements, and featured on the VINS website.

**View the enclosed letter for more details and benefits.*

\$2,500*

HARRIS' HAWK

- Name and logo on recognition sign prominently displayed on the VINS campus for one year.
- Name and logo included in print and online media advertisements, and featured on the VINS website.
- Ten (10) guest passes to the Nature Center.

\$1,000*

AMERICAN KESTREL

- Name and logo on recognition sign prominently displayed on the VINS campus for one year.
- Name and logo included in print and online media advertisements, and featured on the VINS website.
- Five (5) guest passes to the Nature Center.

Questions? Contact:

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A Special
Opportunity
for Corporate
Engagement

VINS at 50 Years

VINS THROUGH THE DECADES

1972

The Vermont Institute of Natural Science is founded as an environmental education and research organization in Woodstock, VT.



1973

ELF (Environmental Learning for the Future) begins and transforms environmental education in Vermont. VINS also starts its 'Summer Discovery' Camps.



1976

The ELF project receives the Governor's Award for Distinguished Service to Children and Youth.

1981

VINS publishes the first birding guide for Vermont, *A GUIDE TO BIRDING IN VERMONT* by Walter G. Ellison and Nancy L. Martin.



1992

Governor Dean proclaims July 30, 1992 as Vermont Institute of Natural Science Day, stating that "VINS has reached 591,000 people since 1972 and has become an important force in the future of Vermont."



1990

VINS is accepted to the National Network of the Alliance for Environmental Education, the first from Vermont.

1986

The VINS Raptor Center is opened in Woodstock, VT, and the wild bird rehabilitation hospital is completed.



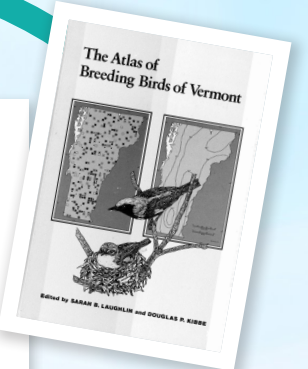
1986

VINS publishes *HANDS-ON NATURE* to provide information and activities to assist educators and parents in exploring the local environment with children.



1984

THE ATLAS OF BREEDING BIRDS IN VERMONT, edited by VINS co-founder Sarah Laughlin with Douglas Kibbe, is published. It was celebrated as "a landmark in American Ornithology."



2003

Ground Breaking at the new location in Quechee, Vermont led by Elizabeth Daley, wife of Vermont Senator Jim Jeffords.



2005

Raptor Exhibits open in Quechee with 22 birds of prey and the design wins Award of Excellence from the American Institute of Architects.



2010

VINS launches its In School Program bringing place-based STEM and environmental education to area schools.



2013

VINS assumes ownership of the Old Pepper Place in Washington, Vermont, a generous gift from Ronni Solbert and Jean Merrill.

2019

The VINS Forest Canopy Walk opens in October, giving visitors a birds-eye view of spectacular foliage.



2021/22

VINS Welcomes a record 69,811 Visitors to the Nature Center. In June, VINS opens a walk-in songbird aviary. VINS celebrates its 50 Year Anniversary.