

**FARM ART Exhibit - Gallery Talk**  
**Sunday, January 29 at 2pm in the Community Room at the Weston Public Library**

If you haven't seen FARM ART, sponsored by Friends of Lachat, at the Weston Public Library, you have an excellent opportunity to see it and hear Jeff Wilkins speak about his father, Bruce Wilkins' photography and the Lachat farm. Jeff was there with his family on many occasions as a boy growing up in the 60's and 70's, and helped his uncle Leon Lachat on various projects, such as creating a slalom course for skiing, grilling for a party or going on walks through the woods.

His father, Bruce, who was a commercial artist, took his camera with him on all the outings and his photographs have become a visual narrative of the property during the 1960 -1970s. Jeff is pictured in numerous photographs as he was a ready and able subject being Bruce's son. Sometimes Bruce is in the photographs as well, having handed off the camera to his in-laws. (Bruce's wife, Ginny, was Leon's first wife, Laurie's sister.)

In the exhibit FARM ART, which has been extended through February, the viewer will see photographs and paintings depicting scenes from farm life - family gatherings, animals, flowing water, skiing, the Lachat meadow, pears, eggs, the pantry full of jars, barns in all seasons, winter scenics from Lachat woods and more. While the majority of the art in the exhibit are photographs by Bruce Wilkins, there is a wonderful mix of newly created paintings and photographs as well as paintings created between the 1950's - 1970's by local artists.

(Leon Lachat's land of more than 40 acres became jointly owned by The Town of Weston and the The Nature Conservancy in 2003 upon his death. The town and the Conservancy has recently decided to lease half of the property to each other.)

The talk will begin at 2 p.m. on January 29th in the Community Room at the Weston Public Library. All are welcome!

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