

## 2020 – Newly Appointed Board Member Sue Nichols



Sue Nichols grew up on her family's dairy farm in Center Conway, right next to the old Route 302 Smith Eastman Bridge over the Saco. With deep family roots in the "North Country," she knows (or is related to) a lot of New Hampshirites. After receiving a degree in biology and a master's in regional planning (Bucknell and University of Massachusetts, respectively), she worked for the next decade throughout New Hampshire in a number of executive roles with Community Development offices, Chambers of Commerce, and our own local Tri-County CAP office, where she was the Outreach Coordinator. During this time, she continued to help run the family farm and served on the Conway Conservation Committee.

For the past three decades, she has lived in Florida and Georgia and held numerous executive positions in non-profit health-related and environmental organizations there. From 2004 to 2017, she was the grants and compliance manager for CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse) in St. Petersburg, Florida. While there, she applied for, received and administered numerous grants from more than 40 local, state and federal funding sources in furtherance of CASA's mission.

Sue has recently returned to the Valley and the family farm with her husband, Jim Gore, a retired university dean and aquatic entomologist. For over 20 years, Sue co-instructed Jim's field course on the natural history of sub-Saharan Africa. Sue has been a member of USVLT since 2009 and a member of the Development Committee since 2017.