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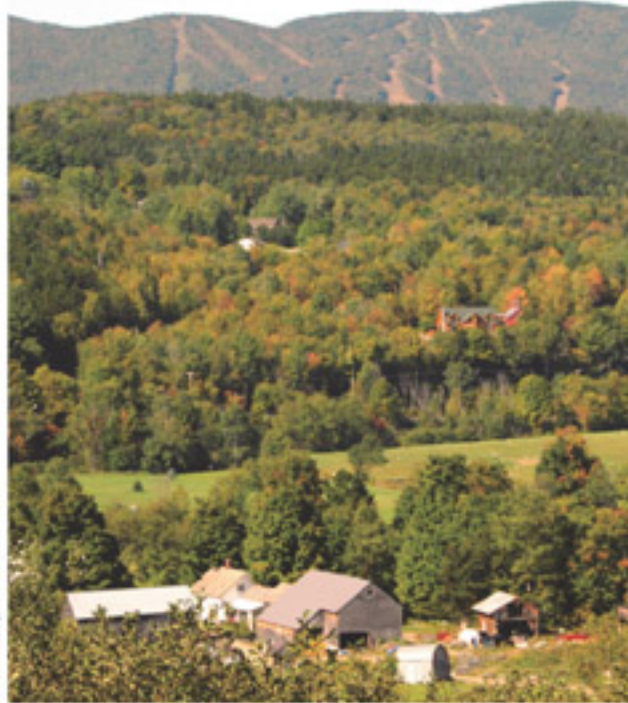


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**Janet L. Boyd** is a mother of two great kids and a grandmother of three beautiful grandchildren. She's also fortunate to have many nieces and nephews who love to run around the farm! She is a real estate agent in Southern Vermont and part owner of The Boyd Family Farm (open to the public) that is located at 125 East Dover Road, Wilmington. For more information go to [boydfamilyfarm.com](http://boydfamilyfarm.com).

**I** am really not a winter, cold climate person—but Vermont's spring is worth the wait. Vermont turns green—deep green, all shades of green...very green! There is a genuine feeling of peace, deep within, that I can call "Vermont home." The stars always seem so close... I guess I always thought we were a bit closer to heaven due to our altitude...how lucky we are!

I came up to Vermont with a girlfriend on a Friday night in March from North Brunswick, New Jersey, for the weekend. We were 19 years old, knew everything and were open to new adventures. Saturday morning I woke up, looked around and knew I could live here! We rented an apartment Sunday morning. She moved back to Jersey after six months. I am still here! That was 32 years ago.

I like the pride Vermont residents have in their home state. The lakes and mountains surround us and there is no traffic! I like the diverse backgrounds of the residents and the small towns. Hey, my children are big fish in a little pond and were raised in a loving, supportive community.

Vermont residents have the reputation for recognizing and embracing unique passions. Some of my favorites are Green-Up Day—we are all so proud of our trash-free roadway—and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream donating money to peaceful projects for each Peace Pop purchased.

I like the crisp air, soccer games and the smell of woodstove smoke in the fall outside. I like the fragrance of balsam during the holidays and real homemade decorations. I like that we have people who help salamanders cross the road safely and that we get to enjoy cricket symphonies.

I would encourage visitors to our state to embrace our rich agricultural heritage, buy local, support local artists, explore our greenways and waterways.

I hate to sound corny but "There's no place like home"! The photo to the right was taken from the top of our mowing. You can see Haystack Mountain and Mount Snow. And enjoy the sunsets and have a great view of our Pick Your Own blueberries and raspberries field. We have hosted the VAST Snow Mobile Trail for years, and I understand why groups of snowmobilers just stop to take in the magic.

In the summer we have families who walk up for picnic lunches; wedding couples that have said their vows in our mowing chapel return on their anniversary; it's a wonderful hill to fly a kite, read a book, take a nap or just look for guidance. It can recharge your batteries after a long day on the farm. You can drive halfway there by car and then walk up to the tree line and enjoy the view. It's a low impact walk that's easy for all abilities.

The desire to continue owning it for the future generations of our family is one of the reasons we work hard on the farm. We are grateful for what we have and love to share it with others!



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