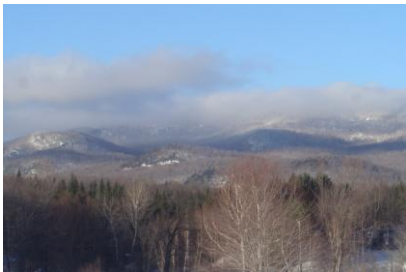


**Stanley Lake granting a conservation servitude to the Ruitter Valley Land Trust.**

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A well known musician and Potter from the Eastern Townships, cofounder and president of Tour des Arts, Stanley Lake is also committed to protecting our natural habitats. In 2004, he granted a conservation servitude to the Ruitter Valley Land Trust with a view to protecting in perpetuity his property in Dunkin.



**A breathtaking view from the Ruitter Valley**

Photo : © Marie-Claire Planet

Stanley came to live in the valley over 20 years ago to stimulate his creative process. “It’s here in this valley nestled between two mountain ranges that I found the source of inspiration essential to my work and life.”

## Stanley Lake

### A generous artist, concerned with the conservation of nature

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His 20 acre property, a part of which borders the Ruitter brook is mostly forest. “I love my woods, which shelter about 15 nesting birds, amongst them the Blackburnian Warbler, in decline in the Appalachian Corridor.



**Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*).**

Source : Wikipedia

“My property is zoned green, but laws and governments can change. By taking the servitude, the Land Trust ensures the environmental protection.”

“Now I know that the beauty and integrity of my land will be maintained.”



**Spring melt in the Ruitter Brook**

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