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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE - KLT'S ENDOWMENT FUND

Norm Rodrigue, Board Member - Development Chair

As KLT's 20th anniversary comes to a close it is time to look ahead to the next 20 years and beyond. Together we have achieved remarkable success in preserving many of the places that define our communities. Over 3,200 acres, 8 miles of shoreline, 18 miles of trails and a variety of wildlife habitats have been conserved for future generations to enjoy. These wonderful properties include Vaughan Woods in Hallowell, the Curtis homestead in Leeds, Gannett Woods in Readfield and the Webber-Rogers Farmstead in Litchfield. We truly have much to celebrate and be thankful for.

Over the spring and summer, the KLT board has been preparing a strategic plan that once adopted, will chart our course for the future. One of the fundamental needs is to develop sound, long-term, diversified financial support. In addition to our important yearly membership and annual fund gifts, which sustain KLT at its current level, we need to begin setting aside funds for the future.

An endowment fund is vital to provide a permanent source of funding, because "Endowment funds are to an organization what retirement funds are to an individual – they provide set-aside resources for the future," according to *Planned Giving Today*.

Therefore, we are excited to announce the creation of a \$2,000,000 endowment fund campaign that will get underway early in 2009. Our goal is to raise these funds by the end of 2013. This is unquestionably an ambitious goal, but one we believe is doable with hard work, generous supporters and, yes, maybe a bit of good fortune.

Donors to the endowment fund by 2010 will be recognized as Charter Members of the Kennebec Land Trust Heritage Society. If you have already included KLT in your estate planning, please let us know; we will be honored to include you as a Charter Member.

You can join the Society by making a cash donation of at least \$2,000, which can be pledged over several years, or by making a planned gift, which is simply a gift that will benefit KLT in the future, such as:

- Naming KLT in your will
- Gifts of cash, personal or real estate property
- Gifts of IRAs or other retirement plan benefits
- Establishing a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust

Assuring that KLT has the financial resources to acquire and care for its properties in perpetuity is paramount. We have to put our money where our hearts are and invest in this great conservation work that provides healthy recreational opportunities in the Kennebec River basin. Our children and their offspring will thank us for our foresight.

We hope you will consider becoming a Charter Member of the KLT Heritage Society. If you would like to arrange a personal conference to discuss a gift, please call Norm Rodrigue at 207-557-4133 or Bill Dunham at 207-293-2782. Thank you.

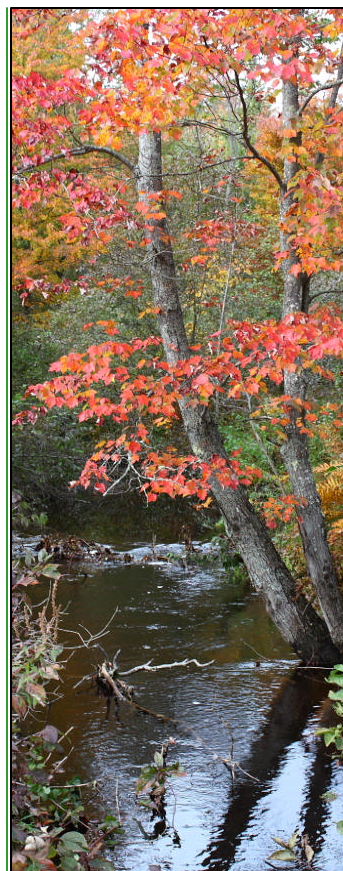
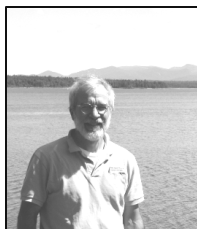


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Bob Marvinney

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, KLT Members and Friends!

I hope you all had refreshing summers and are looking forward to the transition of fall and the many opportunities it will afford for exploring KLT properties. Fall hikes in the crisp, clear air are among my favorites!

We continued our 20th year celebration with field trips through the summer and the memorable dedication of the completion of the Echo Lake Watershed Preserve purchase. Our annual meeting field trips highlighted our wonderful properties in Vassalboro – the Davidson Nature Preserve and the Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat. Thanks to our land donors, stewards, volunteers, and staff for the protection and care of these properties, and for making these events so successful! Our Annual Meeting highlighted a retrospective on KLT's 20 years, and I thank our VP, Cheryl Harrington, for expertly overseeing this meeting in my unavoidable absence.

Through our 20th year, we have also been working on strategic planning. Many of you responded to surveys and questionnaires about goals and directions for KLT, and the responses were very instructive to our planning committee: Deb Sewall, Cheryl Harrington, Amy Trunnell, Norm Rodrigue, and me. A planning grant from the Land Trust Alliance enabled us to hire a planning facilitator, whose assistance greatly enhanced our process, including the Board retreat in May. We are grateful that some of our Advisors and friends were able to participate in that event.

Over the summer, the planning committee reviewed and organized all the information from these surveys and meetings, distilling them into five overarching goals for KLT. Our Directors are currently reviewing, commenting on, and revising these goals, and it may be a bit longer before they are finalized. But I can share with you the basic focus of the goals, each of which will include a number of initiatives that we hope to accomplish in the next year:

- **Stewardship/education.** This goal will ensure that we are actively committed to our land preservation efforts and will strengthen our stewardship and education programs.
- **Board development.** KLT will have a strong Board of Directors with skills and training that will advance the organization.
- **Strategic land conservation.** This goal will focus on developing and implementing a strategic land conservation plan.
- **Financial stability.** We want to be sure that KLT is on stable financial footing; the initiatives under this goal will help guide us.
- **Human resources.** KLT could not be what it is today without skilled, dedicated staff and volunteers. This goal focuses on enhancing these resources.

Enough for now! We will complete this plan soon and make it available to all. Thanks, and I hope you will enjoy the fall by visiting some of the special places protected by KLT. **Bob Marvinney**

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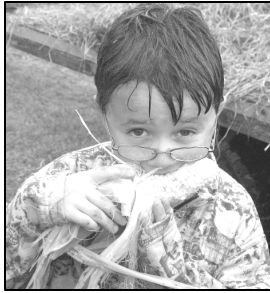
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ABIGAIL HOLMAN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROJECT

Article and Photographs, Karen Simpson, Project Coordinator



Stevenson Farm

Picture kids in a cornfield eating ears of raw corn. "Is it OK to eat this?" "Hey, this is cool." "Can I have some more?" Nobody's asking for butter or salt. The corn is named *Obsession*. Then it starts to rain. The farmer, Ford Stevenson, looks on, somewhat bemused, noting that farmers need to be a little weather resistant. These fourth graders from Wayne, as well as others from schools in the Maranacook District and New Sharon's Cape Cod Hill Elementary School, have been visiting local farms and getting a insider's look at corn fields, chicken coops, barns and hoop houses, and discovering what it takes to be a farmer in Maine. They have been part of this fall's Abby Holman Agricultural Education Project, funded by the KLT with donations from Abby's family, friends, and admirers.

The kids' introduction to the farm project starts with a classroom visit from me and my able assistant, Matilda the Talking Apple. We explain and demonstrate the benefits of being a locavore. Locally produced food is healthier, tastier, saves the energy costs of transporting it from far away, and supports the local economy (A few 10 year old entrepreneurs-to-be come up with this idea on their own.) We talk about the places one can get local food: from your own backyard, local orchards and farm stands, or special aisles at Shaws and



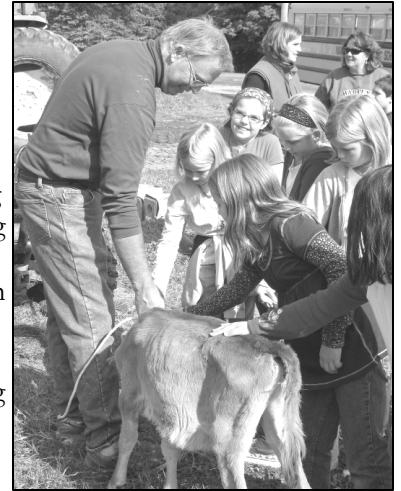
Mooar Hill Farm

Hannaford. We finish with a discussion about the limited amount of useable farmland in central Maine, the competing demands for it, and how we can help by supporting farms and farmers in our towns.

But visiting the farms and meeting the farmers is the real key to the program. It's a real eye opener when the kids learn that on an organic farm, cow manure, spread on the fields, eventually becomes ice cream or that chickens can be put to work weeding an asparagus patch. We've met as many kinds of farmers as there are farms. Some farm lands that have been in the family for generations. Others are relatively new farmers who grow specialty crops for niche markets. Most are organic or incorporate organic practices. On the farm trip, the kids get a behind-the-scenes view of farm work and hear about the hard parts: milking twice a day, every single day without fail, shoveling out animal

stalls, planting and harvesting crops in all kinds of weather, and working really hard throughout the year. We found that most farmers don't get the winter off. They supplement their farming income with off season work: logging in the winter, maple syrup in the spring, playing in a jazz group, spinning wool or giving horseback riding lessons. But we also heard about the joys of farming: being your own boss, working outdoors, being part of the natural seasonal cycle and contributing to the community in a significant way.

The Project has been a great success. The fourth graders have learned about food and farming and they've had a great time doing it. We hope that this project will be like a seed in each town that will grow into an increased awareness of the value and importance of sustainable agriculture and the preservation of farmlands.



Raydick Farm



York Farm

Participating farms: **Fayette:** Berndt and Elaine Graf – [Graf's Dairy Farm](#); **Farmington:** Bussey and Brenda York – [Sandy River Farm](#); **Mt. Vernon:** Julie and Dick Hall – [Raydick Farm](#) and John and Michelle Pino – [Mooar Hill Farm](#); **Manchester:** Brian Baggott – [Bellevue Farm](#); **Readfield:** E. Elvin – [Elvin's Farm](#); **Wayne:** Ford Stevenson – [Stevenson's Farm](#)

Editor's Note: KLT hopes to collaborate with other organizations to print a guide to farms in our service area. Cheryl Hasenfus, Principal of Mt. Vernon and Wayne elementary schools, who assisted in the planning stages of this program, recently noted: *The staff and students in our district have found the Abby Holman Farm Project to be worthy of Abby's vision. We think this program has been a terrific community building partnership.* KLT sends a sincere thank you to Karen Simpson, participating farmers and teachers. We are inspired.

KLT 20th Anniversary Annual

Diana McLaughlin,



Photo © Jym St. Pierre

path, and over 2,200 feet of shoreline on beautiful Webber Pond. Stewards John and Molly Melrose and Ian MacKinnon hosted this hike and even provided delicious cookies and blueberries.

KLT Stewardship Director Theresa Kerchner and biologists Ron Joseph and Lisa Kane further enriched the visits to both properties with their extensive knowledge of the flora and fauna. What a perfect start to the day!

In the evening, 1st Vice President Cheryl Harrington presided over the annual meeting for President Bob Marvinney. Treasurer and Board member Amy Trunnell reported on several important land acquisitions and grants and noted that we had exceeded our budgeted membership goals for the year.

Cheryl highlighted KLT's 20th anniversary calendar and contributions from Advisory Board Members Mort and Barbara Libby, and the series of articles in the Kennebec Journal over the past year. Several KLT volunteers were recognized for their dedication and accomplishments.



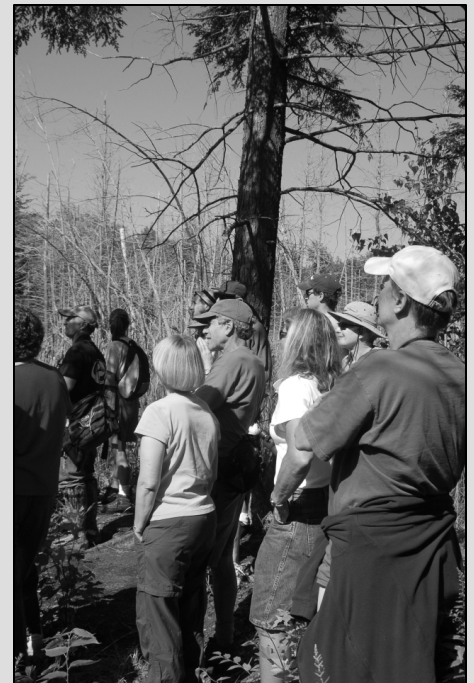
Theresa Kerchner, Stewardship Director
and Emily Perkins, KLT Intern

Photo © Jym St. Pierre

KLT celebrated its 20th anniversary at our 2008 annual meeting on August 17, 2008, at the Augusta Country Club in Manchester. Over 90 members, volunteers, land donors, board members, and staff attended the gathering, which featured dinner and a reception with live music by *Con Brio*.

Earlier that day members were treated to field trips at two remarkable properties located in Vassalboro, on the northeastern side of Kennebec County. Among other natural wonders, the 97-acre Davidson Nature Preserve features wild blueberry fields, a beaver flowage, and a heron rookery. Elizabeth Davidson, the generous donor of this land, hosted the hike.

Members also toured a portion of the 285-acre Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat on Webber Pond Road. A new trail features unusual species of oak, a historical trolley

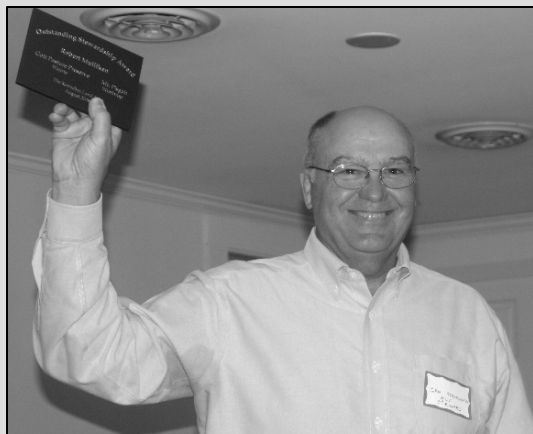


Heron rookery—Davidson Nature Preserve
Photo Sarah Fuller

Emily Perkins, KLT intern, was recognized for designing the popular *Adventure, Discovery, Explore* booklet. This new hiking booklet is available at local book stores, libraries, and our office. The guide, funded by the KLT Abigail Holman Memorial Fund, features eight of our conservation lands and includes detailed trails information, maps, and activities for families.

Meeting a Sparkling Success!

Board of Directors



Ian MacKinnon, Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat Costeward

Photo © Jym St. Pierre

Most noteworthy were 2008 Stewardship Award recipients Bob Mulliken, trails volunteer for Gott Pasture and Mount Pisgah Community Conservation Area, and Ian MacKinnon, co-steward of the Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat.

Five board members whose terms were expiring were unanimously reelected: Ann Judd, Jeff Pidot, Norm Rodrigue, Clyde Walton, and Bob Marvinney. Retiring board member Jean Grigsby was recognized for her great work on the board.

Dr. Andrew Escoll and Tina Snider were recognized for their donation of a 13.5-acre parcel in Litchfield that includes 400 feet of frontage on Carter Pond.



Dedication Ceremony for the Echo Lake Watershed Preserve

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One hundred additional acres in the Echo Lake Watershed Preserve in Readfield were made possible by major donations raised by the Echo Lake Association. KLT thanked Pat Mooney, Ann Judd, and Ron Giard for their hard work and donations to the successful campaign to purchase this land.

Bob Mohlar, Lands Committee Chair, was recognized for his tireless work over many years in support of KLT land conservation.

Founding Board member and KLT volunteer legal counsel, Howard Lake, highlighted several inspiring land donation stories. The celebration of our successful 20th year concluded with a splendid history of the Kennebec Land Trust by founding board members Jym St. Pierre and Howard Lake.



Vice President Cheryl Harrington presents Outstanding Service Award to Lands Committee Chair, Robert Mohlar

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To learn more about this program, please contact KLT board member Norm Rodrigue at 207-622-6204.

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Keeping it Real on the Ground**
Steve Pelletier L/CF, CWB, PWS, Principal, Stantec, *and*
Andy Shultz, Landowner Outreach Forester, Maine Forest Service

March 26 **Wildlands & Woodlands: The Role of Community Forestry in
Forest Conservation & Stewardship in New England**
Brian Donahue, Associate Professor of American Environmental Studies, Brandeis Univ.,
Environmental Historian, Harvard Forest; *and* speaker to be announced

April 2 **Of Toadstools and Trees: Principles of
Managing Forests for Biological Diversity**
Malcolm Hunter, Libra Professor of Conservation Biology, Dept. of Wildlife Ecology,
University of Maine

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