

2011 KLT Programs and Field Trips



Webber Pond Loon Paddle

Saturday, June 25, 10:00 a.m.

With *Lisa Kane*, MDIFW, and *John and Molly Melrose* and *Ian MacKinnon*, stewards. Participate in a short educational program about loons, then canoe or kayak on Webber Pond to KLT properties on both sides of the lake. We will stop for a picnic on the shore. Meet at the Webber Pond boat landing.

Please pack a picnic lunch. Bring your own kayak/canoe.

Co-sponsored by the Webber Pond

Association.

Please pre-register.*



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Parker Pond Headland Family Hike

Sunday, July 10,

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Join *Glenn Hodgkins* and *Maggie Chadwick*, stewards, for a family hike at the 142-acre Parker Pond Headland featuring the new trail on the 42-acre addition to the original Headland parcel. Bring snacks, cameras, binoculars! Co-sponsored by the Parker Pond Association.

Horseshoe Island Canoe/Kayak Trip

Sunday, August 7, 8:00-10:30 a.m.

Join *Nathalie Woolworth*, KLT Conservation Assistant, and trail builders *Erik and Jon Lund* for a tour of KLT's islands on Cobbossee Lake. We will hike the new Horseshoe Island trail and provide access information for all of KLT's island properties. Meet at the outlet dam on Cobbossee Stream; park along Collins Rd. Please pre-register.*

KLT Annual Meeting at the Androscoggin Yacht Club in Wayne, field trips including Gott Pasture and Mount Pisgah hikes and a paddle to Perkins Woods

Sunday, August 21, 2:00

-6:00 p.m.

2:00-4:00 Field trips for all ages.

4:00-6:00 Potluck BBQ and brief annual meeting at the Wayne Yacht Club. Bring your kayak, canoe, and bathing suit.



Androscoggin Yacht Club

We will be displaying photographs of KLT properties.

Please check our website for information about submitting photographs to the exhibit.

Please RSVP. Invitations will be sent in July.

Creating the All-Season Nature Journal at Historic Camp Bearnstow

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Join *Linda McKee*, English teacher, at historic Camp Bearnstow on Parker Pond in Fayette. Learn a variety of journaling techniques for developing a closer connection with nature and ourselves. Through regular reflections of experiences and observations--writing, sketching, photographing--you will develop a greater appreciation of nature and place, find your own voice, and make time to slow down.

Please pre-register.*

Camp Bearnstow has accommodations for Friday night before the workshop (optional).

Friday night dinner, s'mores, and fireside discussion with *Ruth Grauert*, Director of Bearnstow. Cot accommodations in unisex cottages with bathroom and shower. Bring a sleeping bag. Overnight, dinner, lunch...\$60.00

Friday dinner only...\$25.00

Saturday lunch only...\$15.00

For reservations visit www.bearnstow.org.

Macdonald Woods Mushroom Walk

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Learn mushroom identification and ecology from expert *Michaeline Mulvey*. Ask questions and learn the basics of mushroom identification, proper harvesting skills, and a bit of mushroom natural



history before wandering the forest searching for mushrooms. Regroup to ask more questions, identify what was found, and discuss resources. Bring a basket with paper bags, a knife for collecting, and any field guides you typically use. Bring mushrooms from home for identification. **Rain or shine.** Meet *Howard Lake*, steward, at the Macdonald Conservation Area parking sign, Kents Hill Road, North Wayne.

Balsam Fir Tipping and Wreath-Making Workshops November

Date, time, and location to be announced.

* You may pre-register for programs by calling the KLT office at 377-2848 or emailing [Gina Lamarche](mailto:Gina.Lamarche@tklt.org) at glamarche@tklt.org

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Lois Strickland, Plein- air painting at Gott Pasture.

KLT ANNOUNCES 2011 PHOTO CONTEST AND EXHIBIT

Winner will be featured on KLT's website!

Winners chosen by attendees at 2011 Annual Meeting and Cookout
Androscoggin Yacht Club, Wayne, Maine
August 21, 2011 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Enter your favorite image(s) of the flora, fauna, landscapes, people, or communities of the Kennebec Land Trust for a chance to win a number of prizes— and lots of admiration! Winners will be determined by popular vote at the August 21 Annual Meeting and Cookout at the Androscoggin Yacht Club, Wayne.

Contest rules:

- ~ One entry per person, color or black and white, 8" x 10" format, mounted on 9" x 11" foam core, preferably shrink-wrapped. Photo must be taken on a Kennebec Land Trust property.
- ~ Title of image and photographer's name, address, phone number and e-mail address must be printed legibly on back.
- ~ Entry must be received by 4:00 P.M., August 10, 2011, at Kennebec Land Trust office at 134 Main Street, Room 2B, Winthrop, ME 04364.
- ~ All images may be used by KLT, with attribution.

Questions? Contact the KLT at (207) 377-2848 or glamarche@tklt.org



Photograph: Jane Davis

KLT WISH LIST:

**We're seeking
tools or
donations for
stewardship
supplies for our
INTERNS to
use for summer
work**

Loppers

Handsaws

Flagging tape

Poison ivy soap

Work gloves

2011 LYCEUM: NEW ENGLAND NATURE WRITERS ON THE LAND



This year's lyceum series, *New England Nature Writers on the Land* supported by Robert, Lincoln, and Gloria Ladd and sponsored by Colby College was a success! Each of the three evenings was well attended with about 75 people at each.



Jane Brox presenting. Photograph: © Jym St. Pierre

Robert Kimber, Author of *A Canoeist's Sketchbook*; *Upcountry*; *Living Wild and Domestic: The Education of a Hunter-Gardener*, read from his essays in celebration of nature. Jane Brox, Author of *Here and Nowhere Else*; *Clearing Land*; *Five Thousand Days Like This One*; *Brilliant: The Evolution of Artificial Light*, read from her most recent work, *Brilliant: The Evolution of Artificial Light*, and discussed the impact the introduction of electric lighting had on day to day life. John Elder, Author of *Reading the Mountains of Home*; *The Frog Run*, focused on sugarmaking as a chance both to register the damage to our woods from climate change and to seek a more community-based and inviting approach to environmental activism. Elder's discussion was held at the Olin Center at Colby College in Waterville.



A CULTURE OF Conservation

If Aldo Leopold were alive today, he would certainly be celebrating the geographical reach of the land trust movement, as we hold high the banners he carried.

Today's land trusts are advocates for a personal land ethic, for stewardship of the earth's finite natural resources, and for preservation of wild places in the midst of a civilized landscape. In my home state of Maine alone, 100 land trusts have a presence in communities from Kittery on the southern coast to Van Buren on the northern border. With our collective influence, we have the capacity to champion the ethical relationships that Leopold espoused. As we continue to conserve important lands, we should also be addressing a complex human ecology question in each of our geographies. Realizing that our influence goes far beyond the acres we conserve, what is the larger role of a land trust in its community?

Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) has focused on this question for the past two years. Our service region includes 21 towns and cities with 412,000 acres of forestland, lakes, streams and farmland. Natural resources support our local economies, agriculture, wood products markets, wildlife and recreational opportunities, all fundamental to our quality of life. Our communities are defined by conifer and hardwood forests and clear water—resources most consider permanent fixtures on the landscape. Against this setting, KLT's 3,850 acres of conservation land and 750 members represent 1% of our service area's population and land area. With the land and our mission in mind, we realized the importance of working with a broader set of conservation partners who share an interest in our region's forests and the resources and functions they support.

In 2009, inspired by work at the Harvard Forest, and with support from the Maine Forest Service, KLT organized a six-month forest stewardship program. A year later the Maine Forest Service and KLT launched a new conservation initiative, The Kennebec Woodland Partnership, which now includes five other lead organizations—

Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District, Maine Forest Products Council, Forest Society of Maine, Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine and The Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands. With a written set of common principles, we are bringing our individual tools and strategies together to address the long-term conservation of Kennebec County's forested landscape.

Creative partnerships like this one, which integrate ecological, economic and community dimensions, take time and require trust and open communication. Each partner has its own specific land conservation goals, but what we share is the forest commons. With a set of principles in place, we have created a foundation for our future work together. We realize that change takes time, and that public education is fundamental to our success. Our goal is to foster a culture of conservation that values our forests and their biodiversity, supports a sustainable resource-based economy, and promotes a high quality of life.

Perspective is critical. Quantifying land trust goals in acres, miles of trails and membership numbers is informative, but these metrics do not fully measure the importance and potential of our work. Fifty years ahead, our communities' wellbeing and our landscapes will reflect today's ethics, conservation practices, and partnerships. We will have a better chance of a sustainable commons if we work together now.

TERESA KERCHNER IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE KENNEBEC LAND TRUST IN WINTHROP, MAINE.

CHANGING THE WAY PEOPLE THINK ABOUT CONSERVATION

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director

Each year, the Maine Coast Heritage Trust's land conference brings together over 400 conservationists for two inspiring days focused on best practices in land management, stewardship, and pressing issues facing land conservation today.

This year KLT and our partners in the Kennebec Woodland Partnership (KWP) presented two workshops to large audiences. KLT board member Andy Fisk and I participated in the panel: *Partnerships: A Key to Land Trust Vitality*. We highlighted KLT's work with the Maine Forest Service (MFS) to establish KWP, and the Partners' collective efforts to conserve forestland and create stronger ties with our communities. We noted that while land trusts favor tools such as easements and outright purchases of property, a variety of strategies for forest conservation are available.

KWP Program Consultant Amanda Mahaffey, Morten Moesswilde and Andy Shultz, MFS; Jake Metzler, Forest Society of Maine; Mike Dann, Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine; Art Grindle, Natural Resources Conservation Service and I provided an overview of KWP's work for *Forest Conservation Outside the Box*. We noted KWP's collaborative work with foresters, small woodlot owners, loggers, biologists, economists, municipal planners, and community members, and our vision to sustain the many public and private benefits of Kennebec County's forestlands.

Both of these sessions addressed the growing trend among land trusts to create and work in a wide variety of partnerships, including those with other land trusts, other nonprofits, and governmental and private organizations. Together, we are changing the way people think about conservation.

* Additional KWP partners: Elizabeth Postlewaite, **The Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands**; Henry Whittemore, **Maine Forest Products Council**; Andrew Tolman, **Maine CDC Drinking Water Program**; Stephanie R. Gilbert, **Maine Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources**; Jennifer Irving, **Sebasticoak Regional Land Trust**



Andy Fisk presenting at the 2011 MCHT Conference. Photograph: Rich Knox, MCHT

KENNEBEC LAND TRUST LEGACY SOCIETY

KLT depends on the annual membership dues of more than 750 members to carry out our current conservation and stewardship work in the Kennebec River and lakes region. While these annual dues are critical to our immediate success, KLT's future impact on land conservation in the region will depend on larger, long-term gifts. In order to ensure KLT's future as a conservation leader in Kennebec County, we have established a KLT Legacy Fund.

Donors who name KLT a beneficiary of a portion of their estate, or set up a life-income gift for the benefit of the trust, will be recognized as members of our Legacy Society. All proceeds from planned gifts will be invested for the long term in an endowment fund that preserves their principal. Four percent of each gift's annual income will be used for general operating purposes.



Curtis Homestead Conservation Area, Leeds
Photograph: Jym St. Pierre

Legacy gifts will ensure KLT's long-term financial stability and allow donors to leave a powerful legacy that upholds our values of community conservation and stewardship.

The KLT Legacy Society is a group of forward-thinking KLT supporters who care about the future of land conservation in Kennebec County and have chosen to make planned gifts that ensure KLT's long-term success as a regional conservation leader.



Horseshoe Island Preserve, Winthrop
Photograph: © Jym St. Pierre

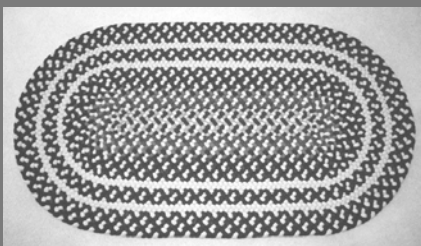
When most people think of charitable contributions, they think of cash. But there are many other ways to support KLT.

Making a major gift to the Kennebec Land Trust requires great care. It should make sense to you and contribute to your satisfaction and enjoyment. We would be happy to work with you and your financial advisor to create the ideal gift for you.



Reynolds Forest, Sidney
Photograph: Theresa Kerschner

Please contact Norm Rodrigue, KLT Board Member, at 207-6204 or normrod@hotmail.com



Drawing will be held on
August 21, 2011,
at KLT's annual meeting,
Androscoggin Yacht Club,
Wayne, Maine

2011 HAND-BRAIDED RUG RAFFLE

Help support KLT, your community land trust, and have an opportunity to win a hand-braided rug by Donna Mickewich.

Donna Mickewich of Manchester, Maine, has been hand braiding rugs since 2003. At her first braiding class with Nancy Young, Donna was admittedly "hooked," and she has learned everything she could find about braiding since then. In 2007 she began taking classes with Barbara Fisher and adopted her new instructor's "Counted Loop Method" of braiding. Donna has instructed at seven conferences and teaches private and small group lessons. 100% medium weight wool, all butted, fully reversible 25" X 47". Valued at \$350.00.

Tickets: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and can be purchased at KLT events or by Sending the attached form to KLT PO Box 261 Winthrop, ME 04364

2011 KLT Hand-braided Rug Raffle

Name: _____

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