



PETER MILLER WOODLAND A FAMILY CONSERVATION LEGACY SIXTY ACRES, VIENNA

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director

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~ Robin, Holly, and Lynette Miller

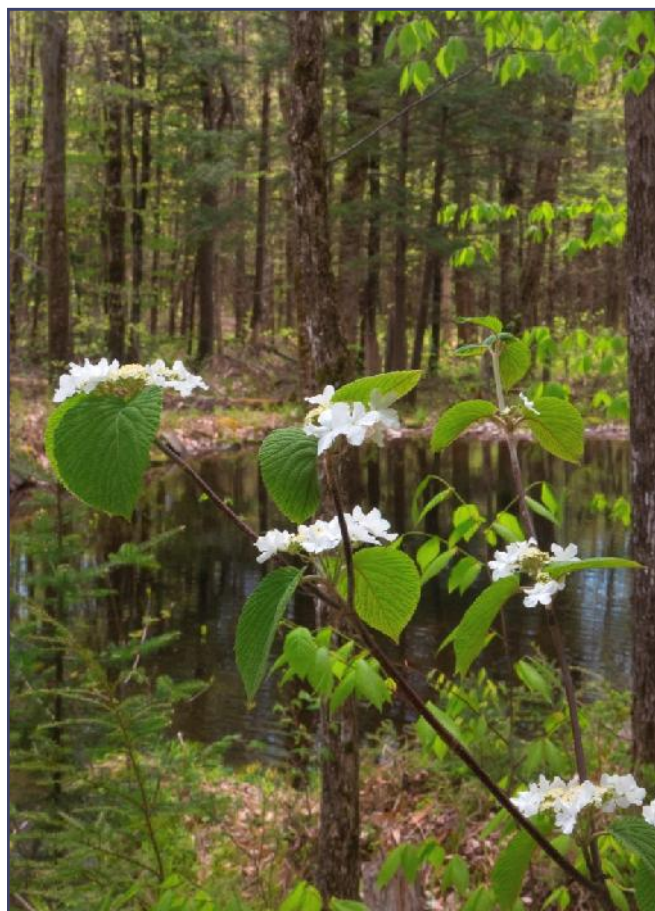
In March 2013, a decade after Ellen and Robert Miller's children donated Kennebec Land Trust's Flying Pond Farm agricultural and scenic conservation easement, Robin, Holly, and Lynette Miller have conserved a second property in Vienna, the **Peter Miller Woodland**.

The Peter Miller Woodland is a beautiful, sixty-acre upland and wetland forest featuring stone walls, woods roads, two small ponds, and a simple cabin. The mixed forest includes white pine, eastern hemlock, red spruce, balsam fir, red maple, brown and white ash, and white and yellow birch. Robin, Holly, and Lynette's generous gift honors the former owner, their brother Peter Miller.

Ellen and Robert Miller moved from northern New Jersey to a forty-acre dairy farm on the northeast shore of Flying Pond in Vienna when Peter was five. (See KLT's book *Between Person and Place*, pages 14-15.) Three years later, in 1969, Ellen and Robert purchased a second, sixty-acre parcel on Anderson Road after the town took the cut-over woodlot for nonpayment of taxes. For thirty years the Millers left the Anderson Road land to wildlife and the natural processes of forestland succession.

Peter, content to rough it in all seasons, moved to the family woodland in 2001 and built a cabin from trees he harvested and milled himself. Peter lived simply, selectively harvesting timber and tending to a small garden.. He excavated two small ponds and planned to build a larger home. In the early winter of 2009, Peter died of injuries sustained in a wood-cutting accident.

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Jane Davis

Please join us for **KLT's PETER MILLER WOODLAND
DEDICATION**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013
10:00 A.M. TO NOON**

Property Dedication, hikes, and refreshments
with the Miller Family.

Rain Date: Sunday, October 20



Stan Eller

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings KLT members and friends,

What an exciting time to be a part of the KLT story! Our mission to conserve important lands in the Kennebec Valley has guided our efforts and presented us with new opportunities and challenges. We are growing, and your financial generosity has provided the resources we need to support our excellent staff, care for our current properties, and conserve new land. Many thanks for your commitment to and participation in KLT's success!

The trees and flowers are bursting with new growth and beauty, and many summer residents have returned to Maine to enjoy our glorious weather and beautiful landscape. It is a time of year when we see seasonal changes every day. KLT is experiencing similar expectation and excitement!

As we celebrate our first twenty-five years, KLT is ready to embark on a capital campaign and membership drive intended to ensure the financial future of the Trust and to provide us with the resources to steward our current properties and acquire new ones. We are pursuing the acquisition of a signature, historic property that will be a magnet for visitors to the capital area and a shining example of the importance of public support for land conservation. You will hear more about these new initiatives at the Annual Meeting in August. In preparation for these projects, KLT has updated its Strategic Plan, finalized a Strategic Conservation Assessment, and updated its organizational structure and by-laws. A brief overview of these items will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

As we look forward to the future, we want to welcome Scott Longfellow to the KLT Board of Directors. The owner of Longfellow's Greenhouses, Scott is a long-time and dedicated supporter of KLT. He will serve on the Membership and Development Committee, helping to guide and lead our outreach efforts to the business community. His background and experience will be invaluable as we reach out to the larger community during our capital campaign.

We are saddened by the passing of a number of KLT members during this past year, including KLT Advisory Board member Judy Kane. We are grateful for the generosity they showed in their forward-looking legacy gifts to KLT.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as KLT's president for the past two years. We are in good hands with our incoming president Brian Kent, a talented and dedicated Board, and our exceptional staff.

Hope to see you on the trails this summer or at the Annual Meeting.

Stan Eller, KLT President



Monitoring KLT's Little Cobbossee Oatway Preserve boundaries. Left to right: Stan Eller, Brenda Lake, Howard Lake, Jill Ippoliti, Doug Fuller. *Photograph: Sarah Fuller*

**KLT NEWSLETTER
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SUMMER CHILDREN'S NATURE PROGRAM

AT KLT'S

SMALL-BURNHAM CONSERVATION AREA, LITCHFIELD

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JUNE 24 AND JUNE 25

9:00 A.M. - NOON (AGES 6+)

This two-day children's program, led by KLT's Conservation Assistant Nicole Rhodes, Program Director Gina Lamarche, and our Summer Interns, will be based around using the senses for exploring the natural world. Please preregister for the program by calling the KLT office at 377-2848.

The Children's Nature Program will help connect your child to his or her environment through a variety of activities:

- Hiking the trails of KLT's Small-Burnham Conservation Area property with opportunities to learn about Maine's plants and animals
- Nature games in the field and the forest
- Craft projects with materials gathered from the land
- Time to play and form bonds with nature and new friends
- Exploration of the glacial marine clay bank along a stream the family calls "The Nile," where clay was dug for pottery



Nature Program General Information

- This two day series runs on Monday and Tuesday, June 24 and 25, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for children six through twelve years old. Drop-off begins at 8:45 a.m.
- The child to adult ratio will be eight to one.
- Each child will need a change of clothes, a snack, a hat, and sunscreen. Please send your child in close-toed shoes or sneakers.
- In the event of rain, the summer nature program will be held in the Small/Morris barn.

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KLT WELCOMES SUMMER INTERNS



HANNAH CASWELL

I am a rising Senior at Villanova University, double majoring in Environmental Science and Geography. I live in Readfield, Maine, and grew up enjoying many of the Kennebec Land Trust's properties. I have always had a love for the environment, and now I want to work to preserve the land I love. I am extremely excited to be an intern for the KLT, because it will allow me to gain firsthand experience in the field of land conservation. I am passionate about land conservation and management, and I look forward to witnessing it in action through the practices of a non-profit organization. I hope the opportunity to work with the Kennebec Land Trust will provide me with a new set of skills and allow me to gain insight into a potential career path.



LAUREN DRYBURGH

I am a rising senior at American University in Washington, D.C., majoring in International Studies with a concentration in Global Environmental Politics. My concentration has allowed me to explore a wide range of topics relating to how humans interact with our environment on a large scale, and I have developed a particularly strong interest in conservation practices. While my studies have given me insight into these practices at an international level, I have found myself eager to explore them further at a domestic level. While I hail from an area made up of predominantly deciduous forests just outside Philadelphia, I am excited to work in the coniferous forests of Maine. I hope to improve my plant identification skills, learn more about trail construction, and research how land use has changed over time in Maine and how conservationists balance the use of resources (like forests) with their preservation.



RICH NAGLE

I am a graduate student in Environmental Studies at Antioch University New England and a new KLT member. My wife Christine, our newly-arrived daughter Hannah, and I are aspiring homesteaders in Litchfield. I'm excited to work with KLT this summer to learn more about land conservation and promote sustainable forestry and land management.

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The Business Partners in Conservation program recognizes business leaders and companies in our community who have made significant contributions of cash, goods, and services to support the regional conservation efforts of the Kennebec Land Trust.

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



Norm Rodrigue, KLT Board Member and Hutchinson Pond volunteer steward, installing bog bridges.

NOTES FROM THE STEWARDSHIP DESK

Nicole Rhodes, Conservation Assistant

While the black bear were hibernating and many bird species were wintering to the south, KLT's stewardship team was busy at work.

If you are a volunteer, I may have hiked with you while monitoring easements or preserves. Other stewards worked independently while clearing trails, restocking property brochures, and marking boundaries, including those of KLT's new Little Cobbossee Oatway Preserve.

Winter also provided time for planning and research about additional hiking

trails. This spring, with the assistance of Winthrop High School students and KLT volunteers, we are constructing a new Mount Pisgah trail that will provide a more rugged route to the Fire Tower. We also recently installed a bog bridge over a small stream at the Hutchinson Pond Conservation Area, the beginning of several improvements to be made to that trail system. Many other properties were evaluated for summer stewardship projects and improvements.

KLT's 2013 interns (page 4) will help put these projects on the ground. Our Summer Internship program will provide our interns with opportunities to learn about the many aspects of land trust operation as they help monitor properties, develop management plans, and build and maintain trails.



Winthrop High School Seniors build 50 feet of bog bridging at Mt. Pisgah Preserve to celebrate United Way of Kennebec Valley's "Day of Caring."

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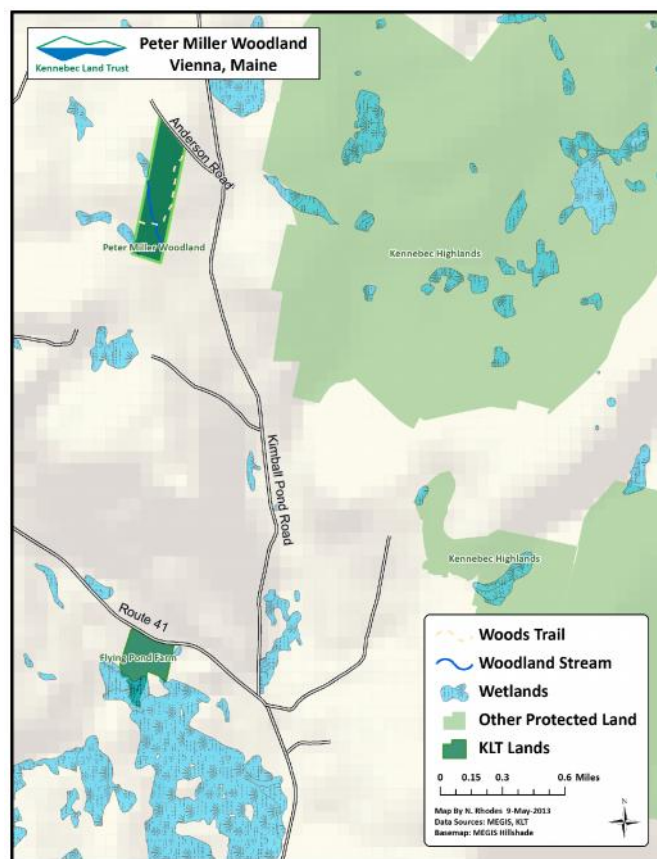
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Over the next several years we will offer a series of workshops at the Peter Miller Woodland that will focus on purchasing and managing forestland for wildlife habitat, nature observation, recreation, sustainable firewood and timber production, and techniques for small pond construction.

KLT is honored to conserve this special place for the land itself, for wildlife, and for the people who will enjoy it.



Peter Miller Woodland cabin; Photograph: Jane Davis



JIM CONNORS: VOLUNTEER STEWARD, MOUNT PISGAH

Nicole Rhodes, Conservation Assistant



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Jim Connors is a steward for the Mount Pisgah Community Conservation Area in Winthrop. He joined the KLT Board in 1990, bringing with him his knowledge and experience as a land use planner. He says that retirement gave him time to give back to his community, and he chose KLT as his focus. We are certainly glad we have him! Jim has been involved in almost every kind of activity at KLT—he served as president (1999 - 2001), chair of the stewardship committee, and he is currently on the advisory board and the lands committee.

When asked what would choose as his favorite project, he replied, “I like it all!” He especially enjoys having a reason to roam around properties and discover each landscape’s natural history. With an educational background in forestry, he can easily spend several hours looking at an area’s forest cover and natural resources. He

believes that “protection is understanding the piece of land you are looking at.”

Most recently, Jim has been working on a new trail on Mount Pisgah, where he has carefully flagged a roughly one-mile addition to the Pisgah trail system. When I met up with him in the woods, he was clearly at home and enjoying the process of designing and planning a trail.

It is this type of dedicated volunteerism that makes KLT a success. Jim is an excellent example of how a person can contribute his or her individual talents while making a difference to conservation in our area.



Jim discusses Mount Pisgah’s newest 60 acre addition with KLT board members Harry Dwyer, Stan Eller, and Patrice Putman.

Photograph: Theresa Kerchner

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KLT'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL LYCEUM ~ OVER 300 ATTEND MARCH AND APRIL MAMMAL PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director



Female Black Bear; *Photograph: Tom Sears*

KLT'S 2013 Lyceum series, Maine Mammals and Their Habitats, drew our largest audiences in eleven years, with 80-100 in attendance for each of the three programs! Professor Daniel Harrison, University of Maine wildlife biologist, opened the series and focused on landscape level conservation, lynx, marten, and snowshoe hare ecology and habitat, and an overview of his work with northern Maine's commercial forest landowners.

Lee Kantar, Deer and Moose Biologist, and Randy Cross, Bear Biologist, both with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, addressed the public and scientific aspects of managing game species across Maine's diverse ecological and demographic landscape. While southern Maine's milder temperatures and developed landscapes (lawns, fields) benefit deer populations, sustainably managed northern and downeast forestlands provide good bear habitat.

Topics common to all three presentations were the public's role in setting priorities for game management and the huge influence that varying winter temperatures and snow depths play in lynx, bear, and deer population dynamics. All three speakers stressed that wildlife management in Maine takes place in the context of working forests, where sustaining healthy wildlife populations must share the stage with the growing and cutting of timber. A forest management regimen that encourages, say, an increase in lynx in a given area may not favor some other species. Because habitats favorable to every species cannot be available everywhere all the time, the overall wildlife management goal for the state is to ensure that species-specific habitats are available somewhere all the time.

The speakers underscored the value of KLT's land conservation work and noted the importance of large undeveloped landscapes that allow for just this kind of habitat diversity throughout Maine. Mature and early successional forests and intact wetlands and stream corridors are especially important in the light of habitat fragmentation, changes in land ownership, and climate change.



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Thank you to our speakers and field trip leaders, Bob Kimber for his literary notes, the Ladd Recreation Center, Robert, Gloria, and Lincoln Ladd, and our conservation partners at Stantec Consulting for making KLT's eleventh annual Lyceum a success.

Upcoming Lyceum Programs:

Bat Ecology, KLT's Hutchinson Pond Conservation Area,
Thursday, June 6, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Lyceum Field Trip with
Aaron Svedlow and Trevor Peterson of
The Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Are Bats Offshore?

Ladd Recreation Center, Wayne
Thursday, July 25, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Bat program with **Steve Pelletier**,
Principal Scientist, Stantec,
Forester and Wildlife Biologist.

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