

**LAND CONSERVATION HAS A
STOREFRONT IN WINTHROP ~
KLT MOVES TO NEW OFFICE
331 MAIN STREET
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2014 ~ 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director



On November 20, KLT staff members and volunteers packed twenty-five years' worth of files, stewardship tools, books, and supplies and moved half a mile to our new headquarters at 331 Main Street in Winthrop. Recognizing a need and an opportunity, KLT members stepped up with donations and long-term loans to finance the purchase of our new office.

331 Main will provide quiet space for meetings with landowners interested in discussing conservation of their land, and will make us more visible in a convenient location just west of the Hannaford grocery store. Land conservation has a storefront!

KLT members familiar with our former office know that it was often crowded. Especially during our field season, when we work with our summer interns and our many volunteers, we were often tripping over one another, our stewardship tools, and our office supplies.

Please stop by and say hello. We will have an open house on Sunday, March 2. Watch for future notices on www.tkl.org, in our E News, and in the local papers.

THANK YOU

Norm Rodrigue
Stan Eller
Brian Kent
Mary Denison
Joyce Rivers
Charlie Jacobs
Rebecca Stanley
Jamie Ault
Jim Perkins
Daniel Perkins
Darcy & Henry Whittemore
Dave's Appliances
Becky's Second Time Around
Eben Thomas, Thomas Agency

WISH LIST

Snow plow volunteer
Occasional volunteer carpenter
and electrician
Lawn mowing volunteer

ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION:

dishware, throw rugs
utensils, wheelbarrow

2014 WINTER EVENTS

**Sustainable Balsam Fir Tipping and Wreath-Making Workshop
Ladd Recreation Center, Wayne
Saturday, December 7, 2013, 10:00 a.m.**

Join Dave Fuller, Agriculture and Non-Timber Forest Products Professional with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, for a balsam fir tipping field program on how to tip sustainably, followed by an indoor wreath-making workshop. Dave will discuss how to identify balsam fir, proper tipping methods, and how to make a balsam fir wreath. Bring hand shears and light gloves.

\$5 KLT members, \$10 non-members. Maximum 20.

PREREGISTER by calling 377-2848 or emailing glamarche@tklt.org.

**Annual Family Winter Fun Day at Curtis Homestead Conservation Area, Leeds
Sunday, January 26, 2014, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

The Kennebec Land Trust invites you to join in an afternoon of winter fun at the Curtis Homestead Conservation Area in Leeds, the childhood home of former Maine Governor Kenneth M. Curtis, Rebecca Curtis Meredith, and Joyce Curtis.

Bring your own cross-country skis, snowshoes, and sleds, and spend the afternoon exploring this beautiful 360-acre conservation property! Volunteers will be available to help beginners with skiing or snowshoeing in the 10-acre field or on one of the adjoining trails. Hot chocolate and snacks will be served around a bonfire in the field.

Hike, Soup, and Strings

February 2014, Date and Time TBA

Hike the Holman Conservation Area trails in Litchfield, followed by light dinner and open mic.

\$12 adults, \$6 children, includes dinner. PREREGISTER by calling 377-2848 or emailing Gina Lamarche at glamarche@tklt.org. If you're interested in playing at this event, please call 377-2848.



*Family Winter Fun Day at Curtis Homestead
Conservation Area in Leeds, 2013
Photograph: Gina Lamarche*

KENNEBEC LAND TRUST LEGACY SOCIETY



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KLT depends on annual donations from more than 835 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 Society.

Donors who name KLT as a beneficiary of a portion of their estates or set up life income gifts 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.

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.

All gifts to the KLT Legacy Society will be counted towards KLT's 25th Anniversary Campaign, which will be formally announced during our Annual Meeting on August 24, 2014, at Camp Winnebago, Echo Lake, Fayette.



*KLT's Gott Pasture, Wayne
Photograph: Brian Kent*

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. Please contact Theresa Kerchner, KLT Executive Director, at 207-377-2848 or tkerchner@tklt.org, or Norm Rodrigue at normvrod@gmail.com.

KLT'S MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 1000 BY DECEMBER 2014



- ▶ 1000: MEMBERSHIP GOAL
- ▶ 835: CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

**PLEASE HELP
KLT GROW!**

2014 MEMBERSHIP DONATION CHALLENGE

In honor of our 25th anniversary, one of our generous donors has offered a 1:1 matching gift challenge. For our 2014 membership appeal, all gifts will be matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$100,000. If you have already made your donation, please pass this newsletter and the enclosed envelope along to a friend, family member, or local business. Help us reach our goal of 1000 members by December of 2014. Thank you!



With the holidays right around the corner, we have a gift idea for you and the land: a KLT membership.

We'll send each recipient a card and a complimentary copy of our book, *Between Person and Place: Conservation Histories of the Kennebec Land Trust*.

Please call our office at 377-2848 or email glamarche@tklt.org to give a gift.

Share the good cheer of conservation!