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“WOODEN INSTRUMENTS” IN GRAND LAKE STREAM AUGUST 21

Grand Lake Stream, ME – July 10, 2008: Downeast Lakes Land Trust will continue its ongoing “History & Heritage” series of educational community events with a presentation on “Crafting Wooden Instruments” on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 6:30 pm, at the Grand Lake Stream Town Building on Water Street.

The presentation will focus on how a variety of wooden string instruments are crafted by hand – including which trees provide the wood selected for various parts of the instruments, and what qualities are required in the wood. Thom Knowles, of Lee, is the owner and founder of Dragonfly Instruments. He will bring examples of his instruments – which range from banjos and mandolins to guitars – and will play some live music. Thom regularly appears at the Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival, where his music is always appreciated in the big artisan’s tent.

The History and Heritage series provides opportunities to learn about a variety of topics related to the Downeast area’s natural resources and cultural heritage – helping residents and visitors alike to gain a deeper appreciation for the area.

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust is a nonprofit organization contributing to the long-term economic and environmental well-being of the Downeast Lakes region through the conservation and exemplary management of its forests and waters. DLLT owns and manages the 27,080-acre Farm Cove Community Forest for wildlife habitat, forest products, and public recreation. As a member of the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership, DLLT has helped protect another 312,000 acres of timberland through conservation and public access easements, and it is currently working to conserve another 6,644 acres around Wabassus Lake.

For more information, including directions to the event, contact Mark Berry at 207-796-2100 or visit www.downeastlakes.org.