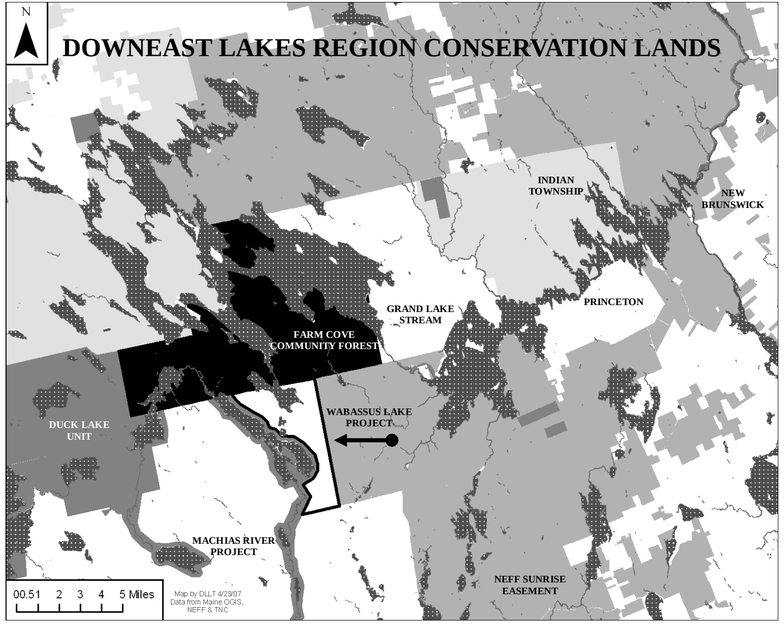
Staff and Board Updates

INTERNS Morgan Cottle and **Jessie Tompkins** have joined DLLT for summer 2007. **Morgan** is a native of Houlton and graduate of the University of Maine School of Forestry, and her services as a community forestry intern are provided by the Quebec-Labrador Foundation. Morgan will be overseeing construction of our new hiking trail at Pocumcus Lake by the Maine Conservation Corps. **Jessie** is from Calais, and her internship conducting our seventh year of loon monitoring is a practicum for her studies at Washington County Community College (WCCC) in the Adventure Recreation and Tourism program.

Lisa Cashel, intern to DLLT from QLF in 2006, is currently pursuing a M.F. in the forests and Society Program at the University of British Columbia, and will be with QLF again this summer. **Jake Trask**, last year's loon intern, graduated from WCCC this spring. **Roxanne Miller** is now Executive Assistant at the Davis Conservation Foundation. **Joe Schine** and **Ben Brower** were recently featured in Wooden Boat Magazine.

Karin Tilberg, past member of the Board of Directors, now serves as Senior Policy Advisor to Governor John Baldacci. She can be reached at (207) 287-3531 or karin.tilberg@maine.gov. **Kurt Cressey** is focused on his business at the Pine Tree Store and New England Basket Company, which received coverage in the *Portland Press Herald* and *Bangor Daily News* recently. **Roger Milligan** is enjoying his retirement from woodlot management and finding more time for fishing.



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CELEBRATE WITH US!
5th ANNUAL DLLT MEETING AND PICNIC
Benefit Auction will include a Bill Mackowski birchbark pack basket!
12:00 to 2:00 PM, Sunday, July 29, 2007

In Grand Lake Stream, on the east side of the dam at the outlet of West Grand Lake
New supporters are welcome! Please attend and consider bringing a friend to learn about our conservation work .
Reservations required by July 20. Seating is limited!

☐ Yes, I (we) would like to attend. _____ Number of people for lunch.

Name _____ Phone _____

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Continuing our ambitious efforts to secure the economic and environmental well-being of the Downeast Lakes region through conservation, we are pursuing a great opportunity to expand the Farm Cove Community Forest.

DLLT is seeking to acquire approximately 6600 acres surrounding Wabassus Lake and the Getchell Pugs. This key parcel of land lies directly south of the Community Forest and between the Machias River corridor to the west and New England Forestry Foundation conservation easement to the east (See the map on page 5). It includes:

- Over 8 miles of lakeshore on Wabassus Lake and the Getchell Pugs
- Scenic vistas of - and from - Wabassus Mountain and Third Lake Ridge
- The ITS84 snowmobile trail and roads that provide public access from the Machias River and Route 9 to the Community Forest and Grand Lake Stream.

Few other places still have the opportunity to preserve large, functional natural landscapes. Our local communities depend upon public access to these lands and waters. With your help we will acquire this property and permanently protect public access, undeveloped lakeshores, scenic vistas and important wildlife habitats. Wabassus Lake is treasured by fishermen and guides for its trophy smallmouth bass, solitude, undeveloped shorelines, and scenic views. Watch for more information on this project soon!

DOWNEAST LAKES FORESTRY PARTNERSHIP CAMPAIGN NEARS COMPLETION

As of May 25, 2007 the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership is within $1.4 million of our $31.5 million goal. In an exciting December 2006, the campaign raised $2.5 million. This accomplishment was made possible by matching grants from an anonymous New England Forestry Foundation donor and The Pew Charitable Trusts. These challenge grants led to significant gifts from several individual supporters of NEFF and DLLT.

This ambitious project includes the 27,080-acre Farm Cove Community Forest that is owned by the Downeast Lakes Land Trust and a 312,000-acre conservation easement held by the New England Forestry Foundation. We thank the many individuals, private foundations, corporations, and public agencies that have supported this project, and especially the dedicated volunteers on our Leadership Committee.

Raising an additional $1.4 million will complete the project and create stewardship endowments that will allow us to accomplish our mission of exemplary land management on the Community Forest. Our goal is to announce completion of this project at our July annual meeting: we have just a few short weeks left! Please consider making a dedicated gift to the campaign.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

While I wish we could report the completion of the Farm Cove Community Forest and Easement purchase, we are continuing our efforts to finish the fundraising as we look forward at future projects and work diligently to strengthen the organization. This is truly an exciting time for Downeast Lakes Land Trust.

After five years, Steve Keith has stepped down from the position of Executive Director. We owe a debt of gratitude to Steve, who worked relentlessly and helped us succeed beyond our dreams. He was tireless at building long-term relationships that will help us for many years to come. His belief in the project and passion for its inherent value opened many doors and created opportunities. Please give him a pat on the back and thank him when you see him around town. Thank you, Steve, for making this project a reality.

We are very pleased to welcome Mark Berry as our new Executive Director. Mark is trained as a biologist and has experience managing conservation lands of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon. He is from Maine, and he and his wife Julia, a teacher, and their son Asa moved back east to join us last year.

Steve Schaefer chose to step down as President of the Board after joining Maine's Land Use Regulatory Commission. Steve provided great leadership for the Board of Directors from the very beginning of this project. Thank you to Steve for all his years of hard work and efforts to establish DLLT as a credible organization in the community.

The Board of Directors is very pleased to announce two new members. Ernest Carle, a local forester from Princeton, Maine, is employed by Domtar's Woodland mill. His knowledge of forestry and the Farm Cove land, in particular, are immensely beneficial to our Board and in our management of the Community Forest. Jay Petri of Bolton, Massachusetts has also agreed to join our Board. Jay is a banker and fourth-generation camp owner on Sysladobsis Lake who spends as much time as possible here. His love of the area and knowledge of financial issues will be a tremendous help to DLLT.

We always love to hear from our supporters. Please contact us with questions or suggestions or stop in to see us. Our office is open 8:00 am-4:00 pm Monday-Friday.

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DLLT HIRES FIRST DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

DLLT hired **Bill Bayreuther** as our first full-time Development Director in mid-May. As a grant writer for the Natural Resources Council of Maine for over a decade, most recently as its Grants Director, and as a consultant to growing Maine environmental groups, he has extensive experience in securing support from local, regional, and national conservation funders.

Bill will coordinate DLLT's fund raising efforts, our public outreach, and other external communications, working closely with our other staff and the Board.

An archaeologist early in his career, Bill was the Curator and Library Director of the USS Constitution Museum in Boston and the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport. He served as Executive Director of the Spring Point Museum in South Portland before applying his skills to environmental causes.

Bill is telecommuting from his office in Readfield, where he lives with his wife Gari Smith-Bayreuther, a Registered Nurse who owns and operates a yarn shop, and their children Russ and Addie. He drives to Grand Lake Stream roughly every other week for two days here in "the home office."

An avid fly tier, fisherman, and hunter, Bill is a scorer for the Maine Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation's Longbeard Society. It's a safe bet that when he's in town, after the work day is over you'll find him making the acquaintance of Grand Lake Stream's landlocked salmon and the smallmouth bass in the local lakes.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Managing a Community Forest

I moved home to Maine from Oregon to join the staff of Downeast Lakes Land Trust, and am honored to serve as Executive Director.

We are managing the Farm Cove Community Forest in the spirit of our commitment to the economic and environmental well-being of our region.

Orion Timberlands Forester Mandy Farrar, wildlife biologist Kevin Stevens, and wildlife ecologist Rob Bryan of Maine Audubon are helping us update our forest management plan with a wildlife habitat addendum. By managing habitats for a set of focal species—many of which are important to the community—we will provide habitat for all native wildlife. Our plan will include management guidelines for each habitat type, designated areas to be managed for some species (such as deer, brook trout, Atlantic salmon, and beaver), and goals for the amount of each habitat type to maintain in the forest over time.

DLLT has contracted with SmartWood, a program of the Rainforest Alliance, to conduct an assessment of our forest management practices on the Farm Cove Community Forest and determine our eligibility for Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification. The field audit took place on May 16-17, 2007.

To directly improve wildlife habitat we have begun establishing forage plots near deer wintering areas, and planted over 600 American chestnut trees.

We received grant funding to help local contractors become certified in erosion control practices, helping local businesses compete for work and reducing impacts of future construction on our local lakes and streams. We're planning to install new bottomless arch culverts at major stream crossings to improve habitat for brook trout.

We are adding to the recreational opportunities in the area with the help of the National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program and the Quebec-Labrador Foundation. This summer we plan to complete our second hiking trail and add three campsites to the Downeast Lakes Water Trail.

This summer will be our 7th year of monitoring loons. We're working closely with Biodiversity Research Institute and US Fish and Wildlife Service to document territorial pairs and nesting success of loons on 45 lakes.

Check our summer calendar for lots of events, including great Nature Brigade: Explorations and Adventures and our new History and Heritage Series.

Please don't hesitate to call or stop in for more information, and you can always check our website at www.downeastlakes.org. I sincerely appreciate your support of DLLT and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Mark Berry

Mark Berry

Community Forest and Canoe-building Tradition

This winter Dale Tobey used cedar from the Community Forest to build his first three Grand Lake canoes. Dale created an original design that draws on the long tradition of Grand Lakers built by hand in Grand Lake Stream with wood from the local forest. The boat pictured below was on its way to its first salmon fishing trip after ice-out.

This is just one of the ways that our Community Forest supports the local economy. Look for the new canoes this summer.

Renew Your Support!

Enclosed is my gift of $ _____to support DLLT's conservation efforts.

Enclosed is an additional gift of $_____toward the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email (optional): _____

Please send your tax-deductible contribution to:
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Thank you for your support!

OVER — Reserve your space at our annual meeting and picnic—July 29th, 2007!

DOWNEAST LAKES SUMMER CALENDAR

Thursday, June 21 DLLT Summer Series – History and Heritage: *Film presentation with the Grand Lake Stream Historical Society*, 6:30 PM

June 24-August 24 Weekly conservation education camps at Greenland Point Center, www.greenlandpoint.com

Tuesdays, July 3 – August 14 Nature Brigade Explorations and Adventures, 9:30-12 noon. DLLT sponsors weekly educational activities for children ages 6-12, with all ages welcome to participate. Rain or Shine, dress appropriately for the activity and the weather, bring water bottle, sun screen and bug spray. Snacks will be provided. See details on each week's program below.

Tuesday, July 3 Nature Brigade *KICK OFF: Intro to Grand Lake Stream*

Wednesday, July 4 Celebrate America—Celebrate Grand Lake Stream: 7:30 AM-9:15 PM. All-day festivities including meals, parade, contests and concerts. For more information call Dave at 796-2286 or email dmccull1@maine.rr.com

Tuesday, July 10 Nature Brigade: *Hike the Little Mayberry Cove Trail.*

Tuesday, July 17 Nature Brigade: *Canoe Wabassus Lake* (Advance Sign-up)

Thursday, July 19 DLLT Summer Series – History and Heritage: *Bedrock Geology of the Downeast Lakes Region*, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, July 24 Nature Brigade: *Fishing* (Advance Sign-up)

Friday & Saturday, July 27-28 Grand Lake Stream Guides Association Dinners, purchase tickets in advance, East side of the dam

Saturday-Sunday, July 28-29 Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival. 10 am – 5 pm. Across from the James Brite Schoolhouse. See www.thecclc.org/glsfaf for information.

Sunday, July 29 DLLT Annual Meeting and Picnic, 12-2 pm. Lunch will be served from 12-12:45. By reservation, see the RSVP form on page 3 or call DLLT at 207-796-2100.

Tuesday, July 31 Nature Brigade: *Navigating your Way*

Sunday, August 5 Third Annual West Grand Lake Flat Water Race. Registration 8:30 – 10 AM; Race starts at 11:00 AM. Race to benefit DLLT: for everyone from families and recreational paddlers to professional racers, we have courses of 4, 6, or 12 miles. Award ceremony and barbecue after the race. Meet at the public landing on West Grand Lake. $25 includes registration, t-shirt, and barbecue, racers under 16 free. Registration at www.downeastlakes.org

Tuesday, August 7 Nature Brigade: *Big Lake Kayaking* (Advance Sign-up)

Tuesday, August 14 Nature Brigade: *Hike the new Pocumcus Lake Trail*

Thursday, August 16 DLLT Summer Series – History and Heritage: *Passamaquoddy Legends and Local Place Names, with Donald Soctomah*, 6:30 PM

Saturday, August 18 *Pulling Together 2007: Volunteer Day to Clean up the Community Forest*, 9:00 AM at the DLLT Office, 4 Water Street.

***All events held at the James Brite Schoolhouse unless noted ***
For more information on DLLT events, including additional events to be scheduled, check our website at www.downeastlakes.org

Win this Grand Laker!

DLLT is holding a drawing for a
Ken Wheaton Grand Lake Canoe with trailer.

Tickets $20 each
Only 200 tickets will be sold!
Call 207-796-2100 for your chance to win.
Winner will be drawn July 29th at our annual meeting if all tickets are sold.

All proceeds will benefit Downeast Lakes Land Trust.

DLLT warmly thanks Peter Phillips for this generous contribution!