DOWNEAST LAKES CALENDAR

June 22-August 15 Weekly conservation education camps at Greenland Point Center, www.greenlandpoint.com

Tuesdays, July 1– August 12 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 1 Nature Brigade *KICK OFF: Canoeing*

Friday, July 4 Grand Lake Stream, America: 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 8 Nature Brigade: *Forestry Walk.*

Tuesday, July 15 Nature Brigade: *Map and Compass*

Thursday, July 17 DLLT History & Heritage Series: *Birding by Ear and Identifying Common Birds,* 6:30 PM Bob Duchesne is a passionate and skilled birder who is leading the effort to develop the Maine Birding Trail. He is President of the Penobscot Valley Chapter of Maine Audubon, and has led birding trips from Atlantic Canada to Florida.

Tuesday, July 22 Nature Brigade: *Spin Fishing* (Advance Sign-up)

Friday & Saturday, July 25-26 Grand Lake Stream Guides Association Dinners, purchase tickets in advance at Pine Tree Store, East side of the dam

Saturday & Sunday, July 26-27 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 27 DLLT Annual Meeting and Picnic, 12-2 PM. Lunch will be served from 12-12:45. By reservation, see the RSVP form on Page 6 or call DLLT at 207-796-2100.

Tuesday, July 29 Nature Brigade: *Fly Fishing* (Advance Sign-up)

Sunday, August 3 Fourth Annual West Grand Lake Race. Registration 9:00 – 10:30 AM; Race starts at 11:00 AM. Race to benefit DLLT: for everyone from families 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. Discount for pre-registration! Registration at www.downeastlakes.org

Tuesday, August 5 Nature Brigade: *Kayaking* (Advance Sign-up)

Tuesday, August 12 Nature Brigade: *Trail Hike*

Thursday, August 21 DLLT History & Heritage Series: *Handmade Wooden String Instruments– Craft and Music,* 6:30 PM Thom Knowles of Dragonfly Instruments will show examples of his handmade wooden stringed instruments—from banjos and mandolins to guitars—and play some music.

***All events held at the James Brite Schoolhouse on Water Street in Grand Lake Stream unless noted ***

Win this Hand-made Cedar Lapstrake Canoe!

15' cedar lapstrake canoe with single- and double-bladed paddles.
Hand-built by Geoff Burke circa 1985, in excellent condition.
This is a proven design from Ducktrap Woodworking in Lincolnville Beach, Maine,
a great solo boat for large lakes, can handle two lighter people.
Construction features cedar, tamarack, cherry, ash, and oak.

What a great addition to your summer!
Tickets $10 each
(Value new $7000.00)
Call 207-796-2100 for your chance to win.
Come see the boat at our office in Grand Lake Stream!
Winner will be drawn July 27th at our annual picnic.

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CELEBRATE WITH US!
6th ANNUAL DLLT MEETING AND PICNIC

Benefit Auction will include a chair, creel, lodge basket, and bench, all handcrafted by Bill Mackowski, and other great items!

12:00 to 2:00 PM, Sunday, July 27, 2008

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.
Reservations required by July 18. Seating is limited!

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Please contact: Laura Hunt, Office Manager, P.O. Box 75, Grand Lake Stream, ME 04637
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Downeast Lakes LAND TRUST ***Traditions***
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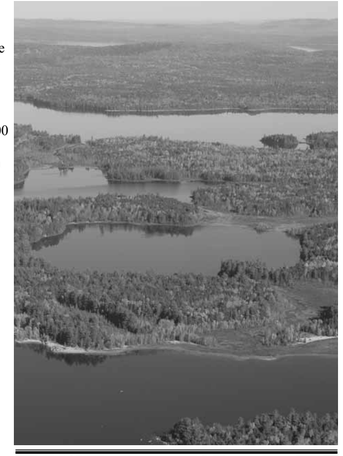
Summer 2008 Volume 2, Issue 1

WABASSUS LAKE PROJECT GOES PUBLIC
Half-way to $3.2 Million Fund Raising Goal — $60,000 Challenge Pledge on the Table!

On June 13, Downeast Lakes Land Trust held a gathering on the shore of Wabassus Lake to formally introduce the Wabassus Lake Project to the media and to announce that we have raised over $1.6 million toward the project. The Wabassus Lake Project Committee, chaired by Treasurer Jay Petri, has secured generous leadership gifts and pledges from its own members, our Board of Directors, other loyal DLLT supporters, and charitable foundations.



We have made excellent progress through the early phase of this capital campaign, but the pressure is on to keep up the pace of our fund raising. We must exercise our option agreement for the purchase of the Wabassus Lake Tract by November 1, 2008, and close on the sale within ninety days.

To help DLLT launch the public phase of our campaign and press toward success, one of our generous donors has made a challenge pledge of $60,000 as an incentive to other donors. We will receive payments on this pledge matching new contributions dollar for dollar. We are awaiting the decision on our Land for Maine's Future proposal in July, and are continuing to solicit financial gifts of all our generous individual supporters while we submit additional foundation and corporate requests.

We will successfully conclude this campaign as soon as possible, and we will pause right now to thank our past supporters, the folks who recently have made contributions, and our new friends who are joining the "DLLT family" with gifts to this campaign.

#1 National Priority for Forest Conservation

Our joint proposal with The Nature Conservancy entitled "Machias River Phase III: Washington Bald Mountain and Wabassus Lake" has been selected as the nation's highest priority project for U.S. Forest Service Forest Legacy Program funding in Fiscal Year 2009.

The anticipated federal funds helped us reach the half-way point in our campaign. Maine's Department of Conservation will acquire conservation easements and guaranteed public access to both parcels involved in the proposal—a total of 33,808 acres.

Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership Success! ***See Page 2***

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
DLFP: Sweet Success!

When I signed on to the Leadership Committee of the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership six years ago, I never dreamed that our announcement of the completion of that campaign would lose its headline position in this newsletter to the announcement that we were half-way to our multi-million-dollar fund raising goal in our second land protection project, but here we are!

I am pleased to tell you that on May 20th Governor John Baldacci hosted representatives of DLLT, the New England Forestry Foundation, the Woodie Wheaton Land Trust, other nonprofit conservation organizations, government agencies, and foundation and corporate funders in the Cabinet Room of the Maine State House. We announced the successful completion of our goal of raising $34.8 million, and to congratulated and thanked one another for the vision, hard work, and generosity that protected 342,000 acres of Downeast Maine from development forever and brought us the wonderful Farm Cove Community Forest.

DLLT Executive Director Mark Berry thanks Governor Baldacci for his steadfast support of the DLFP project.

Governor Baldacci presents Jimmie Upham with the canoe paddle he was awarded, thanking the people of Grand Lake Stream.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank every one of *you* for your support and encouragement in helping us make our dream a reality, and to invite you to our celebration of the DLFP's completion at our Annual Meeting and Picnic in Grand Lake Stream on Sunday, July 27. You'll find the particulars on the event, including a reservation form, on page 6. The nine-year effort of so many people to create and fund our huge inaugural land protection project is something in which we should all take great pride. We've posted much of the media coverage on our web site.

The Board of Directors and the staff at DLLT continue to work very hard on managing the Community Forest and our Wabassus Lake Project. We are very lucky to have Board members who are so committed and possess such a high level of expertise. Thank you also to our highly competent staff, Mark, Bill and Laura, who work so diligently.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting,
Lindsay Wheaton

4th Annual West Grand Lake Race
Don't miss it! Sunday, August 3rd, 2008
More information on the Calendar on Page 5
Thanks to Laura Farrell for 3 great years as race organizer, and welcome to Mandy MacCabe, our new race organizer!

We're using a new volume/issue numbering system for our newsletter. Each year's newsletters will receive a new volume number, and issues within that year will be numbered. The next *Traditions* we publish this year will be Volume 2, Issue 2.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Community Forestry

It's been a busy winter and spring here at DLLT since we wrote the winter newsletter! We've been moving fast with our Wabassus Lake Project, which will add 6,644 acres to the Community Forest, and we have just announced completion of the Forestry Partnership campaign.

The 27,000-acre Farm Cove Community Forest includes 62 miles of lakeshore – on six lakes – and a wealth of forest and wetland wildlife habitats. These resources are exceptional – and they are of critical importance to the residents of Grand Lake Stream and the surrounding area. Sporting camp and lodge owners can now depend on guaranteed public access as they make business investment decisions. Logging contractors can be confident the land will continue to support timber harvests.

Our community approach to forest conservation is also attracting national attention. We were featured in a "Quick Guide on Community-Owned Forests" published by The Communities Committee. The brief guide includes an introduction and overview of community-owned forests from across the country. A detailed case-study on our community forest was featured in "Community Forests: A Community Investment Strategy", a report published by The Community Forest Collaborative, a partnership of the Northern Forest Center, the Trust for Public Land and the Quebec-Labrador Foundation.

Our Community Forest provides local control of management decisions, local economic benefits, and opportunities for recreation and education. How can we plan timber harvests to ensure adequate deer wintering habitat is available in the future? How should we balance the habitat needs of woodcock, marten, and other wildlife? Would a few hiking trails attract more visitors and be enjoyed by local residents?

Over the last few years we've been answering these questions. We know the answers will change over time, and new questions will always arise. It's great to know that in Grand Lake Stream, forests and wildlife habitats will always be here to ask questions about. We welcome your ideas, so please don't hesitate to call, email, or stop by.

Sincerely,
Mark Berry

Board members inspect our 2008 winter harvest area

Support the Wabassus Lake Project!
Help DLLT protect another 6,644 acres and 9 miles of lakefront from development and loss of public access.

Enclosed is my gift of $ _____to support DLLT's Wabassus Lake Project.

_____ I would prefer to make a multi-year pledge of support or donate securities. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email (optional): _____

Please send your tax-deductible contribution to:
Downeast Lakes Land Trust,
P.O. Box 75,
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Thank you for your support!

OVER — Reserve your space at our annual meeting and picnic—July 27th, 2008!

HISTORY & HERITAGE:
SNOWSHOE PRESENTATION DRAWS A CROWD

In the most recent installment of our ongoing "History & Heritage" series, we hosted Bill Mackowski for an informative and interesting discussion of traditional snowshoe designs from across North America on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

Bill is a long-time friend of Downeast Lakes Land Trust. As a lifelong woodsman, he has developed a deep appreciation for the "tools of his trade" – snowshoes and pack baskets. This appreciation eventually evolved into a passion not only for learning how to make them himself, but also for collecting and preserving the art.

To study the styles and crafting techniques of traditional snowshoes, Bill has traveled throughout northern Canada and Alaska, spending time with elders in remote villages. As a result of his travels, Bill has an extensive collection of native-crafted snowshoes. He expresses a genuine gratitude for the many individuals who have been willing to share their skills .

Bill exhibited examples of various snowshoe designs, including both shoes built by Native American craftsmen and reproductions he has created. He described the evolution of snowshoe designs across the continent. Examples were paired with great stories of his travels and the craftspeople he has met. The event drew an appreciative crowd to the Grand Lake Stream Town Building.

For upcoming History & Heritage events, see the calendar on page 5, and to see, and perhaps bid on, some of Bill's remarkable work, join us at the annual picnic and auction on July 27th!

Bird Festival Trail Hike

DLLT led a hike for the Downeast Spring Birding Festival on the Pocumcus Lake Trail over Memorial Day weekend. Seventeen participants enjoyed the area and saw a variety of warblers and other songbirds.

Watching a black-throated blue warbler on the new Pocumcus Lake Trail

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