Downeast Lakes
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#GIVINGTUESDAY™

# Tomorrow is GivingTuesday!

GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past nine years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give and celebrate generosity.

For this year's GivingTuesday, taking place tomorrow (November 30th), your generous contribution to Downeast Lakes Land Trust will be matched by DLLT's Board

of Directors! **For every dollar you donate, DLLT's Board will match up to $5,000**, providing crucial support for conservation efforts in the Downeast Lakes region, and helping DLLT continue to improve wildlife habitat and provide public recreation opportunities in the Downeast Lakes Community Forest.

Grassroots generosity and community action are powerful forces for good, especially in turbulent times. Join us this GivingTuesday, and support Downeast Lakes Land Trust. Whether donating on our easy-to-use online platform (www.downeastlakes.org/donation), mailing a check with a "GivingTuesday" note, or stopping by our office in Grand Lake Stream, your gift will support the lasting legacy of DLLT's conservation success in the Downeast Lakes region. We hope you will consider Downeast Lakes Land Trust for your GivingTuesday donations.

# Introducing the Lakeville Forest Expansion!

Downeast Lakes Land Trust, The Trust for Public Land, and Lakeville community members are excited to announce the acquisition of the Lakeville Forest Tract! Through a two-year, $2.7 million campaign led by local and seasonal residents, this 2,015-acre parcel is now conserved in perpetuity for future generations to enjoy. The Lakeville Forest Tract will be included in the existing Downeast Lakes Community Forest, and managed by DLLT for wildlife habitat, public recreational access, and sustainable timber stewardship. The Lakeville Forest Tract contains significant lakeshore frontage on Sysladobsis and Horseshoe Lakes, upland hardwood forests, and critical riparian habitat in the Downeast Lakes region.

To read all about this important acquisition and many more exciting projects happening at Downeast Lakes Land Trust, please read our latest edition of Downeast Lakes Traditions.

# Upcoming Events

**December 2 - Holiday Wreath Making**

This Thursday, December 2nd from 4-6 pm, join DLLT staff and volunteers at the

Grand Lake Stream School Building for some annual pre-holiday fun! Using balsam fir boughs from the Downeast Lakes Community Forest, participants will make their own wreaths, and decorate for the holiday season. Don't know how to make a wreath? No worries, we'll teach you how! This program is free for all ages, so don't miss this annual event that has become a community favorite. For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796-2100, or email scote@downeastlakes.org.

**December 17 - DLLT Christmas Bird Count**

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is sponsoring a count circle for the 122nd Christmas Bird Count! From December 14 through January 5 each year, tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas brave the winter weather to take part in one of the oldest citizen science projects in the country. Organized by The Audubon Society, Audubon and other organizations use bird data collected in this long-running wildlife census to assess the health of bird populations, and to help guide conservation action. To read more about the Christmas Bird Count, visit Christmas Bird Count's website.

DLLT's participation date is **Friday, December 17th**, with most of the count area located in the 55,678-acre Downeast Lakes Community Forest. Head into the community forest and help document the many species of birds that call the Downeast Lakes region home! If you are interested in participating in this unique event, please contact DLLT Education and Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Cote for more details. Interested participants must pre-register for this exciting volunteer opportunity. Dust off your binoculars and join us!

**Donate to DLLT**