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Downeast Lakes Landings

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DLLT Honors Former Campaign Chair

On Sunday, July 29th, Downeast Lakes Land Trust held its Annual Meeting and Picnic on the shores of West Grand Lake. Coupled with a benefit auction, this annual event also marks the announcement of the Downeast Lakes Conservation Award. This year's recipient is longtime DLLT supporter and volunteer, John "Jake" Lea. This annual award was created to honor those who have made extraordinary contributions toward the economic and environmental well-being of the Downeast Lakes region.

Jake has lifelong ties to the Grand Lake Stream area and has been an instrumental force for the work of DLLT since its inception in 2001. He first served as the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership (DLFP) leadership committee chair, which led to the conservation of more than 340,000 acres in the region and the DLLT purchase of 27,000 acres for the creation of what would become the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. Jake played a key role in negotiating and guiding this partnership between DLLT and the New England Forestry Foundation, which raised more than $30 million dollars for conservation in our region. After the success of the DLFP, Jake served on the fundraising committee for the subsequent Wabassus Lake Project and co-chaired the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project.

"When DLLT ordered a feasibility study to assess fundraising potential for the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership, the results were underwhelming," notes DLLT Executive Director David Montague. "Estimates for funds that could be raised for such an ambitious campaign fell far below what was needed. It is to Jake's credit that he was undaunted by these disappointing figures; he put his nose to the grindstone and helped DLLT raise funds far surpassing the estimates. That took courage and a strong commitment to our mission – both

qualities that are embodied by recipients of the Downeast Lakes Conservation Award."

To view a list of past recipients of the Downeast Lakes Conservation Award, please click here. For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796-2100, or email info@downeastlakes.org.

Lapstrake Canoe Raffle!

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is holding a special raffle, where all proceeds will directly contribute to the campaign to build the new DLLT Headquarters in Grand Lake Stream. The winning item is a 15' Lapstrake "Warden's" Canoe, with a single and a double-bladed paddle. This beautiful canoe has a removable carry thwart and backrest. Hand-built by renowned boat builder Geoff Burke of Chocorua Boatworks in Tamworth, NH, circa 1985. A proven design, built to allow wardens to silently and

swiftly paddle up on suspects! This is a great solo boat, and can handle two lighter people. Copper-riveted construction features cedar, tamarack, cherry, ash, and oak. It has been stored indoors and is in excellent condition.

Tickets are $10 each, and only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Tickets can be directly purchased at the Pine Tree Store in Grand Lake Stream, or at the DLLT Office. If you are interested in purchasing tickets online, please head to our "Donate" page, make a donation in the amount of tickets you desire, and make a note in the form titled "Canoe Raffle Tickets."

For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796 - 2100, or email info@downeastlakes.org.

Paddlers break away from the starting line in 2015!

Upcoming Events

Explorations & Adventures

August 7 - Nature Journaling

August 14 - Stream Exploration

Serious Skills For Boys & Girls

August 2 - Mapmaking, with Jane Crosen

August 9 - Lake Fishing (Parents must pre-register)

August 16-17 - Canoe Camping Trip (Parents must pre-register)

August 11 - Baxter Outdoors' Downeast Lakes 5-Miler

Co-hosted by Baxter Outdoors and Downeast Lakes Land Trust, the “Downeast Lakes 5-Miler” is a trail race not to be missed! This annual race takes place on the western shore of West Grand Lake along DLLT’s Little Mayberry Cove Trail, and consists of a 5.1-mile loop on single-track hiking and dirt, motorized-vehicle paths. This race is part of the Downeast Conservation Trail Race Series. Registration for the race is being handled by Baxter Outdoors and can be found here.

August 12 - 14th Annual West Grand Lake Race

This flatwater paddle race is a family-friendly event that has become a Grand Lake Stream favorite! All non-motorized watercraft are invited to participate in race distances of 4, 6, or 12 miles. Prior to the longer distances, we will host a special “kids race” for everyone to enjoy. Registration will be held from 9:15 – 10:15 am, followed promptly by a pre-race meeting at 10:30 am. Registration fees are $25 for adults (13 and older) and $15 for children (12 and under). Pre-register before August 3rd, and save $5 per person! Registration includes a t-shirt and a post-race cookout lunch, held at Grand Lake Lodge. All proceeds benefit the Downeast Lakes Land Trust.

August 24 - Book Series: "Grouse Country"

On Friday, August 24th, Downeast Lakes Land Trust welcomes Art Wheaton, as he presents his new book, “Grouse Country: Gunning with the Old Pats Society.” A longtime friend of DLLT and President of the Woodie Wheaton

Land Trust, Art is a Registered Maine Guide and spends summers in Forest City. The presentation will begin at 6 pm in the Grand Lake Stream School Building.

August 30 - Exploring the Downeast Lakes Through Maps

DLLT is pleased to host Jane Crosen for an interesting look at the Downeast Lakes region. An editor and cartographer, Crosen's artistic maps have always been a favorite of Mainers, and can be found in all corners of the state. The presentation will begin at 6 pm in the Grand Lake Stream School Building.

For more information about any of these programs, or to pre-register, please call DLLT at (207) 796-2100, or email info@downeastlakes.org.

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