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A Weekend Of Races in Grand Lake Stream

This upcoming weekend will be an exciting one in the town of Grand Lake Stream. Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to be hosting two outdoor races that are

sure to bring fun and excitement to the Downeast Lakes region. After taking 2020 off, we are thrilled to host local outdoor adventure competitions in the Downeast Lakes region.

On Saturday, August 14th, DLLT is proud to host Baxter Outdoors for the annual Downeast Lakes 5-Miler. In this scenic lakeside trail run, racers will run the length of Little Mayberry Cove Trail on a wooded single track hiking trail and will return on a wider motorized vehicle trail. The total length of the course is 5.1 miles, and post-race beverages will be provided by Baxter Outdoors. Registration will be held starting at 8:30 am, with a prompt race start at 10 am. To pre-register, please visit www.baxteroutdoors.com.

On Sunday, August 15th, DLLT is excited to hold the Annual West Grand Lake Race. This flatwater paddle race is a family-friendly event that has become a Grand Lake Stream summer 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. Bring the whole family to watch! Registration will be held from 9:15 – 10:15 am at the Grand Lake Stream Town Beach, followed by a pre-race safety meeting at 10:30 am. Registration fees are $25 for adults (18 and older) and **new for this year – $5 for youth (12-17) and children under 12 are FREE!** Registration includes a t-shirt, a post-race individually bagged lunch, and awards presentation. All proceeds benefit the conservation efforts of Downeast Lakes Land Trust. Bring your running shoes for Saturday, and your boat and paddle for Sunday, and make a weekend of it in Grand Lake Stream! For more information on these events and more, visit www.downeastlakes.org or call (207) 796 – 2100.

DLLT Honors Former Board Member With Conservation Award

At Downeast Lakes Land Trust's annual picnic and meeting, DLLT celebrated the conservation accomplishments of the 2021 Downeast Lakes Conservation Award winner, Lee Whitely. Those who know the inner workings of the Downeast Lakes Community Forest, know that Lee has been a driving force of the Trust's efforts since its inception. A passionate outdoorsman, he has long-standing ties to the Downeast Lakes region, first coming to the area decades ago to hunt, fish, forage, and enjoy the peace and quiet of his Fourth Machias Lake camp.

“Lee shuns the spotlight, but he’s been instrumental behind the scenes at DLLT for nearly two decades,” said DLLT President David Montague.

After his retirement as President of the Technical Papers Division and Director General of the Axhom Division of Lydall, Inc., Lee moved to Grand Lake Stream, and became involved in numerous community activities and events, including the early formation of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust. With his recent retirement from the Board of Directors, he leaves behind an extensive legacy of exemplary land conservation successes, having served on the Leadership Committee of the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership, DLLT’s Forestry, Wildlife, Finance, and Governance Committees, and most recently, served for several years as DLLT’s Board Vice President.

“It’s rare for a board volunteer to actively seek out the hardest jobs and the toughest assignments in organizational governance – the sticky issues and challenging topics that no one enjoys sorting out – but that’s exactly what Lee did, and he did it for years and years,” said Montague.

The handmade paddle was generously donated by Dale Tobey of Grand Lake Canoe & Paddle, and wood-burned by Ryan Cross of Robbinston.

“Non-governmental organizations like DLLT rise and fall on the shoulders of the Lee Whitely’s of the world, and this award is just a fraction of the acknowledgement he deserves for the pivotal role he’s played in this organization’s growth and success.”

Additional Upcoming Events

August 20 - Land Navigation - 12 pm

Join Mike Tuttle, Sgt. Maj. USMC (ret.)/U.S. Navy Survival Instructor, as he teaches how to read a map and compass. Learn to use a magnetic compass

through instruction and practice out in the field. Learn to use topographic maps to plot your own destinations accurately. Come prepared and properly dressed to plot and walk off trail in the woods. No prior experience needed! Come away with the confidence to explore the woods and waters on your own. Maps and compasses will be provided. Meet at the Grand Lake Stream School Building.

September 6 - DLLT Summer Book Club - 10:30 am

Join DLLT volunteers for the final installment of the Summer Book Club in Grand Lake Stream. Each week is a lively discussion about a different book that highlights cultural or natural history. Grab a book, and join the fun this summer! *The Overstory* by Richard Powers is the winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, is a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of—and paean to—the natural world. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, Richard Powers's twelfth novel unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking fables that range from antebellum New York to the late twentieth-century Timber Wars of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. There is a world alongside ours—vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world and who are drawn up into its unfolding catastrophe.

Want to help conserve beautiful landscapes, such as this one? Consider making a donation today. (Pictured: Fourth Machias Lake outlet, and distant views of Farm Cove Mtn.)

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