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Downeast Lakes LAND TRUST

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Downeast Lakes Landings

DLLT Honors Former Board Member

The 2017 Downeast Lakes Conservation Award was presented to former DLLT Board Member Karin Tilberg by DLLT Board Member Edward McGrath and DLLT Executive Director David Montague at DLLT's annual meeting and picnic.

A longtime supporter and champion of conservation in Maine, Karin's expertise was crucial to the early success of DLLT. During the formation of DLLT, she offered invaluable advice that helped to frame DLLT's goals and vision for the conservation of the Downeast Lakes region. With her input, DLLT and partners launched the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership, resulting in the conservation of over 340,000 acres in 2008. Karin continues her work in land conservation by serving as Deputy Director of the Forest Society of Maine since 2011.

“Karin’s conscientious and thorough understanding of the complexities involved in conserving land for diverse interests has served DLLT and Maine’s conservation community throughout her career,” said DLLT Executive Director David Montague. “She truly embodies the DLLT commitment to ‘Forests and Lakes, for People, Forever!’”

“This is such an honor,” said Karin. “I’m very humbled and very grateful for this award.”

In accepting the award, Karin reflected on the early days of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust, and noted how courageous local residents were in the face of a changing landscape and daunting challenge. “I’ve seen acts of courage in my professional life, but this was at the top. And it continues today.”

Karin was awarded a white ash canoe paddle, handmade by local craftsman Dale Tobey and wood-burned by Michelle Burke, a Grand Lake Stream artist. The Downeast Lakes Conservation Award was created to honor those who have made extraordinary contributions toward the long-term economic and environmental well-being of the Downeast Lakes region of Maine.

Weekend of Racing in GLS!

The weekend of August 12-13 is sure to be an exciting one in Grand Lake Stream. DLLT is thrilled to be hosting the annual "Weekend of Racing," with offerings for all ages and competitive levels.

On Saturday, August 12, DLLT is proud to partner with Baxter Outdoors for the New England Trail Run Series, for the fourth annual Downeast Lakes 5-Miler. In this scenic lakeside trail run, racers will head out on a wide, motorized vehicle trail and will return the full length of Little Mayberry Cove Trail, a wooded, single-track hiking trail along West Grand Lake. The total length of the course is 5.1 miles. Registration for the Downeast Lakes 5-Miler is being managed by Baxter Outdoors and is **available online**. Grand Lake Lodge is the local sponsor for the race and the after party will be held at the Pine Tree Store.

On Sunday, August 13, DLLT will be hosting the 13th Annual West Grand Lake Race. All non-motorized water craft are welcome to participate in recreational and competitive distances of 4 miles, 6 miles, and 12 miles. The shorter kids race is family friendly and a big hit no matter how old the “kids”! All paddlers receive a t-shirt and a cookout lunch after the race, presented by Grand Lake Lodge. Cost is $25 for adults or $15 for ages 12 and under. All racers must complete a waiver on race day.

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 about this action-packed racing weekend, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

Upcoming Road Closure in the Community Forest

Downeast Lakes Land Trust will be replacing an old culvert on Fourth Lake Road (Wabassus Road) with a small bridge structure at Scott Brook. **Expected closure dates are August 16 - 18**. The project will greatly improve road conditions and enhance public access in the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. To access points west of Grand Lake Stream, a detour will be in place using Little River Road and Third Lake Ridge Road.

We apologize for any inconvenience this improvement project may cause, and DLLT will make every effort to work with affected parties during this closure. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to improve access to the Downeast Lakes region for the enjoyment of all. For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796 - 2100, or email **info@downeastlakes.org**.

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