Having trouble reading this email? **View it in your browser.**

Downeast Lakes LAND TRUST

September 20, 2017

Downeast Lakes Landings

Autumn's Arrival In Grand Lake Stream

This Friday marks the official start of fall - the wonderful time of year for wool sweaters, country fairs, a hot cup of soup, and beautiful colors in the community forest. One longstanding New England tradition is harvesting the bounty of dooryard and roadside apples. Be sure to join DLLT staff and volunteers on October 9th for our third annual "Apple Harvest Day." All are welcome, and details are below! (Photo caption: DLLT Executive Director David Montague, teaching two young GLS'ers how to make apple cider.)

"Friends of the Community Forest" Work Day

DLLT has started a new volunteer initiative called the "Friends of the Community Forest." The “Friends” is a group of community members who have an eagerness to help steward the trails, campsites, roads, and other important sites in the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. If you are interested in joining this group, please email DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown at **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**. It's very simple, with no obligations. Colin is compiling an email list of volunteers, and will be notifying participants of 2-3 work days per year. The next work day will be held on **Tuesday, September 26th**. Interested volunteers should meet at the DLLT office at 9 am, and plan to work until 1 pm. Local volunteers are crucial to helping carry out DLLT's mission, and we are very grateful for the community support!

Upcoming Programs

September 29 - Sunset Hike at Musquash Esker - On Friday, September 29th, Downeast Lakes Land Trust celebrates the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend with a “Sunset Hike” on the Musquash Esker Trail. A glacial ribbon left by the last ice age, the Musquash Esker Trail winds 1.4 miles to a lookout over Big Musquash Stream, offering views of over 5,000 acres of unique wetland habitat and Amazon Mountain. Join DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown, and learn about the ecosystem and geology of this special place. Participants should meet at the Musquash Esker trailhead on Milford Road (look for the DLLT flag!) at 4:30 pm. Please bring sturdy footwear, water, a camera, and flashlight.

October 9 - Apple Harvest Day - Bring the whole family and join Downeast Lakes Land Trust staff as we celebrate the quintessential New England fruit – the apple! On Monday, October 9th, DLLT hosts the 3rd annual Apple Harvest Day by harvesting the annual autumn bounty of apples, complete with apple cider pressing, bobbing for apples, apple-themed baked goods, and other children’s apple activities. The festivities get started at 12 pm and will run all afternoon at the Montague’s Barn, next to the Grand Lake Stream Historic Museum. This event is free, and open to everyone!

October 13 - Upland Game Bird Presentation - Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to welcome Maine IF&W wildlife biologist Kelsey Sullivan for a presentation on “Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock conservation and management.” These upland bird species

play an important role in the ecosystem, and are prized birds during the fall hunting season. Sullivan is concluding a major study on grouse and woodcock populations in Maine, and will be presenting early results of several years of the project. This presentation will take place in the Grand Lake Stream School Building at 6 pm.

October 20 - History of "The Airline" - DLLT welcomes local historian John Dudley for a presentation about the history of "The Airline," or Route 9. An infamous road in the state of Maine, Route 9 has many tall tales, legends, and local stories that add to its folklore. From its early days to more recent improvements, Mr. Dudley will discuss the importance of this rural highway to Washington County. A long-time resident of Alexander, Dudley has a deep knowledge of this road and the stories it has to tell. The presentation will begin at 6 pm in the Grand Lake Stream School Building.

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

Find DLLT on Instagram!

In addition to Facebook and Twitter, DLLT has recently joined Instagram. The Downeast Lakes region of Maine has endless beauty, and there is no better way to showcase many of our favorite snapshots on social media. **Follow us at downeastlakeslandtrust**.

Forward this email to a friend. Did you receive this from a friend? Want to **Subscribe**?

Not interested anymore? **Unsubscribe Instantly**. Manage your **preferences**.

Copyright © Downeast Lakes Land Trust | View our **Privacy Policy**

4 Water St., Grand Lake Stream, ME 04668 (207)796-2100, **www.downeastlakes.org**, Email: **info@downeastlakes.org**

Powered By Pica eNews