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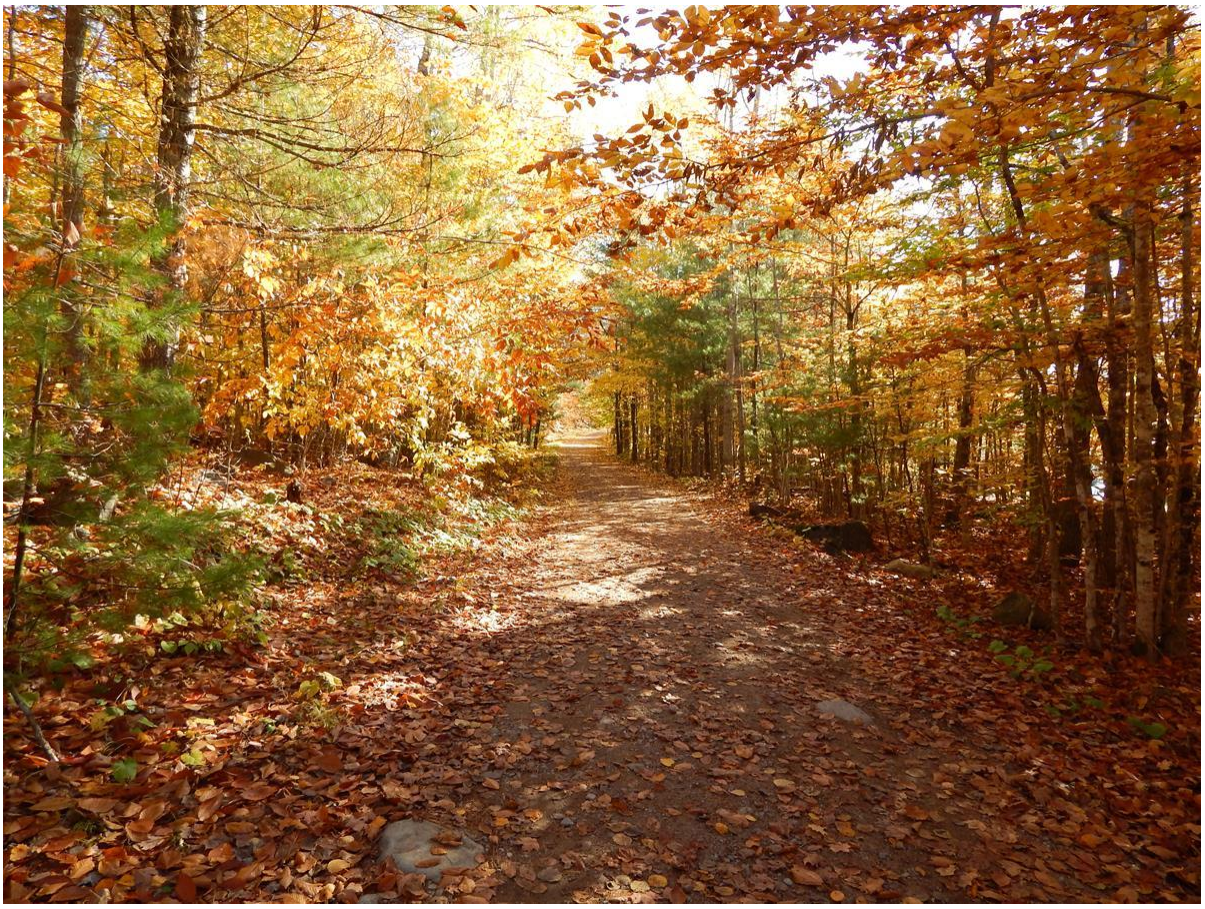

Autumn in the Downeast Lakes Region

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all." - Stanley Horowitz

Fall is here! Grand Lake Stream is alive with early bursts of maple red and aspen yellow. Whether hunting, hiking, boating, or fishing, be sure to venture into the Downeast Lakes Community Forest this month and enjoy the solitude of the Downeast Lakes.

DLLT Honors Elmina B. Sewall Foundation

The 2016 Downeast Lakes Conservation Award was presented to the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation at this summer's Downeast Lakes Land Trust annual meeting. Elmina B. Sewall Foundation has been a long-time supporter of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust and has helped numerous conservation organizations in Maine. The award was presented by DLLT Board President Sydney Lea.

"From the launching of the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership in 2002, through the very recent acquisition of the West Grand Lake Community Forest, the late Mrs. Sewall and the Sewall Foundation have simply been essential," said Lea. "DLLT has had no better ally in our fifteen years of existence."

Lea went on to speak with special recognition and acknowledgement of Jay Espy, the foundation's Executive Director.

"We are especially grateful to Sewall's Executive Director, Jay Espy, who has long been our friend in every possible meaning of that term, freely granting us counsel, encouragement, and goodwill at every turn. He has long been as reliable and obliging a mentor as any institution could ever desire."

The Sewall Foundation has contributed to several DLLT campaigns, including the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership, the Wabassus Lake Project, and the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project. The foundation also provided generous support for the creation of DLLT's Forest Management Plan, a document that is critical to DLLT's sustainable forestry program. Sewall's Healthy People, Healthy Places program improves the well-being and prosperity of all Maine people and the environment in which they live. This grant program aligns with DLLT's mission and helps to further protect the natural and cultural history of the Downeast Lakes region.

"[Downeast Lakes Land Trust's conservation vision] was a project that Mrs. Sewall had personally known about and supported during her life," said Espy. "We were really delighted and honored to be given this conservation award and to work with such a well-led organization."

The award was a white ash canoe paddle, handmade by local craftsman Dale Tobey and wood-burned by Deb MacMichael, 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.

Founded by the late Elmina B. Sewall in 1982, the Sewall Foundation supports work in Maine to improve the well-being of people, animals and the environment while fostering relationships that strive for social equity and community resilience.

Upcoming Programs

October 5 - Big Lake Foliage Paddle

Join DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown for a group paddle on Big Lake. Enjoy the spectacular fall colors while weaving through the many islands and coves of this gorgeous Downeast Maine lake! Meet at the Big Lake Boat Launch, at the end of Water St. in Grand Lake Stream, at 3 pm. Participants must bring their own boat, paddle, and PFD. For more information, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email**cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

October 10 - 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 10th, we will be harvesting the annual autumn bounty of apples with apple cider pressing, bobbing for apples, apple-themed baked goods, and other children's apple activities. At 2 pm, join horticulturist Pat Owen for an outdoor presentation on how to properly care for your apple trees, discussing pruning techniques, pest control, and tree health. 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. For more information, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email**cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

October 26 - Maine Forest Insects

Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) is pleased to host Maine DACF's Allison Kanoti for an exciting presentation that explores the important roles that various insects play in the Maine woods. Kanoti, a forest entomologist, presents "Aliens and Superheroes of the Forest Insect

World." In honor of Halloween – Be prepared to be creeped out, frightened and amazed by the forest insect world around us. Tales of body snatching, alien terrors for trees, and the superheroes of the forest await you! Meet at the Grand Lake Stream School Building at 6 pm. 1 credit hour will be offered for qualifying certifications. For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796 – 2100 or email**cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

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