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September 5, 2018

DLLT Leadership Changes

At Downeast Lakes Land Trust's Annual Meeting and Picnic in late July, Sydney Lea stepped down from his role as President of the Board of Directors, and David Montague has now stepped into that position. Executive Director since 2014, Montague will now serve as President & CEO of Downeast Lakes Land Trust. This change will allow DLLT to streamline decision making processes and further support its motto of "Forests and Lakes – For People – Forever®." In remarks at the Annual Meeting, Montague thanked Mr. Lea for his years of service as President, including pivotal leadership of the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project, which succeeded in raising more than $19 million for the purchase of the 22,000-acre tract. "To inspire a group of people to give of themselves to conserve a beautiful landscape," said Montague, "you have to tell a story that resonates with people on a spiritual level, and I can think of no one who tells DLLT's story as eloquently, or as soulfully, as Syd… As he steps down from this position, I'm comforted by the fact that he will continue to tell our story through his ongoing service on the Board of Directors."

Of his appointment as DLLT's President and CEO, Montague said, "I'm very honored by the show of faith represented by this decision of the Board… The transition from a hands-on, working board to an advisory, policy-making board is typically a sign of maturity in a land trust, and as we mature we want to remain efficient, cost-effective, and productive as an organization. This transition will help us achieve those goals."

Throughout the fall and winter of 2018/2019, the DLLT Board and staff will undertake a strategic planning process to further refine long-term goals for the organization, seeking improved efficiency and continuing DLLT's tradition of good governance. DLLT's mission to contribute to the long-term economic and environmental well-being of the Downeast Lakes region remains unchanged.

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.

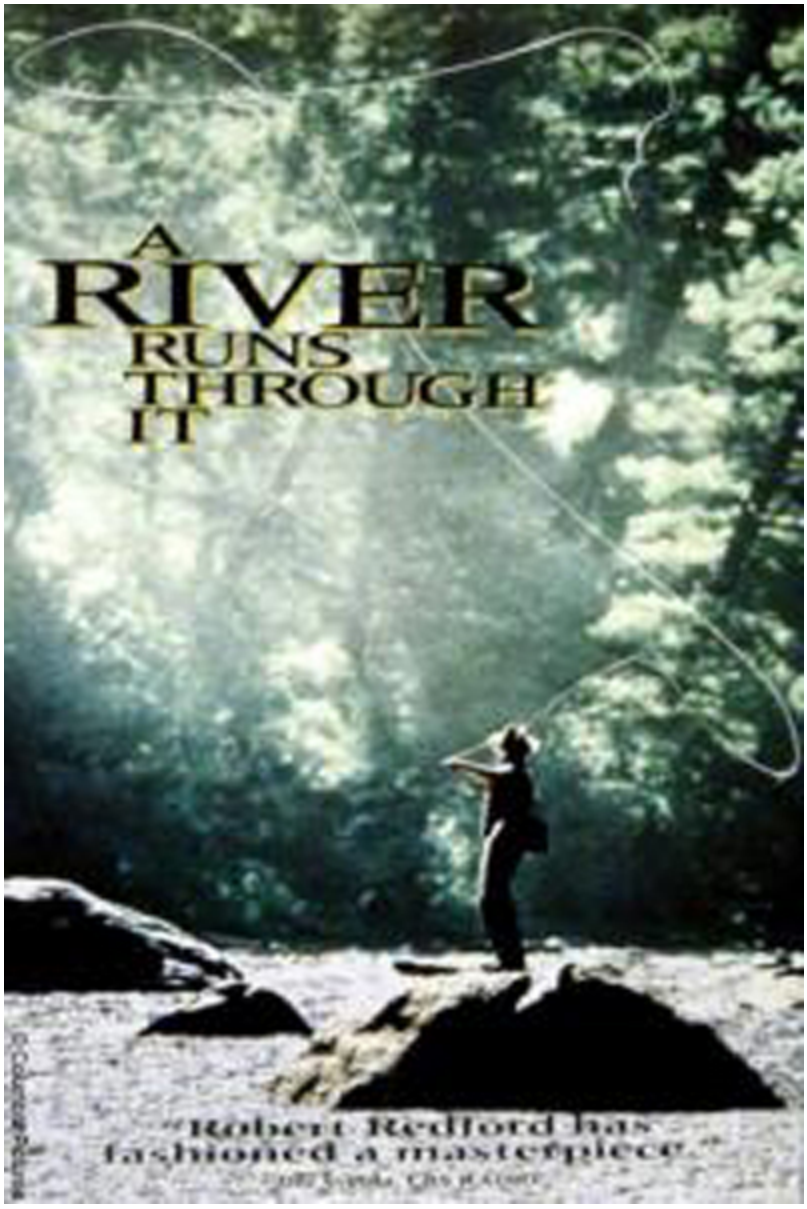
Tickets are $10 each, and only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Tickets can be directly purchased at the Pine Tree Store in Grand Lake Stream, or at the DLLT Office. If you are interested in purchasing tickets online, please head to our "Donate" page,

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.

Say Hello To The Boomer!

After holding an online survey to name DLLT's new work boat, one name emerged as the clear winner - The Boom Tender (Boomer, for short)! This boat will be a great asset in helping manage the Downeast Lakes Community Forest for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who voted, and keep an eye out for The Boomer on one of the many beautiful Downeast Lakes.



Upcoming Events

September 7 - Outdoor Film: "A River Runs Through It"

On Friday, September 7th, Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to present Robert Redford's 1992 film "A River Runs Through It." Join us on the ballfield in Grand Lake Stream, as we close out the summer with this family classic! Admission is FREE, and DLLT will provide the popcorn. Movie-goers should bring a blanket or chairs, and their own refreshments. Bring the whole family to Grand Lake Stream for a great outdoor film experience! For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796-2100, or email info@downeastlakes.org.

September 21 - West Grand Lake Boat Tours

To celebrate this fall's Great Maine Outdoor WEEK, Downeast Lakes Land Trust is hosting two boat trips on West Grand Lake! Join DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown for a short trip along the "steamboat route," and get a great look at the impact of landscape-scale conservation surrounding this beautiful lake. Climb aboard DLLT's new pontoon boat, *For Pete's Sake* – The ride will last a little over an hour, and passengers can bring food and drinks if they wish. The first trip leaves at 1 pm, and the second trip leaves at 2:30 pm. **Space is limited to 8 passengers per trip, so reserve your spot today!** To reserve seats for this special event, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796-2100, or email info@downeastlakes.org.

September 28 - Book Series: "Maine Mountain Guide"

On Friday, September 28th, Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to welcome author Carey Kish, as he presents his latest, updated version of the *Maine Mountain Guide.* The presentation will begin at 6 pm in the Grand Lake Stream School Building.

- The *Maine Mountain Guide*, published by the Appalachian Mountain Club, is the only comprehensive hiking guide to the mountain trails of Maine, an essential companion for outdoor enthusiasts since 1961. This newest edition was two years in the making and has been painstakingly revised, updated and expanded by author/editor Carey Kish, who will lead us on a journey of discovery from Acadia National Park to Aroostook County, Maine's White Mountains to Washington County. Carey's informative and entertaining talk will highlight many new hikes, the best of local hikes near you, as well as some old favorites.
- The new *Maine Mountain Guide* includes more than 175 new trails on 50 "new" mountains, thereby increasing the remarkable variety of hiking possibilities available for every interest and ability level. In all, 625 trails are described on 300 mountains, a hiking bounty totaling close to 1,500 miles, and ranging from easy woodland walks to moderate hill climbs to strenuous mountain traverses. Full-color topographic sheet maps covers 7 popular hiking regions, while 22 topographic maps within the text complement the trail descriptions.

October 8 - Apple Harvest Day

It's that time of year again – the leaves are ablaze, the nights are crisp, and the apple trees are full of fruit! On Monday, October 8th, DLLT is thrilled to host the annual Apple Harvest Day! Join DLLT staff and volunteers at the Montague's Barn (next to the GLS Historical Society) as we celebrate New England's classic fruit. Apple cider pressing, bobbing for apples, apple baked goods, apple slingshots, and more! At 2:30, apple historian and professor Todd Little-Siebold will lead a discussion on the history of apples in the Grand Lake Stream area, and lead an identification walk to area trees. The Grand Lake

Stream Historical Society will also be holding their annual open house event during the same time. This event is free, and everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796-2100, or email info@downeastlakes.org.

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