

"I would say that there exist a thousand unbreakable links between each of us and everything else, and that our dignity and our chances are one. The farthest star and the mud at our feet are a family; and there is no decency or sense in honoring one thing, or a few things, and then closing the list. The pine tree, the leopard, the Platte River, and ourselves - we are at risk together, or we are on our way to a sustainable world together. We are each other's destiny."

-Mary Oliver

LAND LEGACY

A NEWSLETTER OF THE KENNEBUNK LAND TRUST

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Kennebunk Land Trust 9th Annual Dinner & Auction

The date is set and the Trust's Board of Directors and staff are ready to host you! On Friday, May 1st, KLT will sponsor its Ninth Annual Dinner and Auction to benefit land conservation in the Kennebunk/Arundel region. Thanks to our loyal and generous supporters, we have another remarkable selection of items for both the live and silent auctions. We are delighted that professional auctioneer Hap Moore will preside and everyone's local favorite Joe Foster will emcee the event.

Live and silent auction bidding will be lively and the variety of offerings is unbeatable. We have everything from a hand-crafted bowl to a truckload of screened loam, massage to e-Bay training, theatre tickets to ski passes, wine, original art, hors d'oeuvres delivered to your home and much, much more. If you would like to make a donation to the event, please contact the Trust office to discuss your ideas and suggestions.

Raffle tickets are now on sale and feature three great prizes. The first prize winner will receive \$300 in gift certificates to The Colony Hotel, the second prize winner will be given a certificate for Dinner for Four at The Nonantum Resort; and the third prize winner will be awarded \$100 cash. Call the Trust office to acquire raffle tickets.

Just when your spring fever is about to burst, we'll host the party that will save the day. Plan to be with us to enjoy mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres and a delicious sit-down dinner catered by The Silver Tureen. Seating is limited so dinner reservations must be purchased in advance and are available by contacting the Trust office at 985-8734. Entrée choices are: filet mignon, seafood or vegetarian specialty with a cost of \$55/per or \$100/pair. Call now to reserve.

Kennebunk Land Trust mourns the passing of Joel Stevens.

Joel was an outstanding leader who set and met exemplary standards of responsibility and philanthropy that were recognized throughout York County and the State of Maine.

He initiated the Kennebunk Savings Bank Community Investment Program that benefited scores of non-profit organizations, including the Kennebunk Land Trust. Joel was the beloved husband of former Board member and past President Betsy Stevens.

Joel's leadership, compassion and commitment to the community touched many lives. He will be greatly missed.

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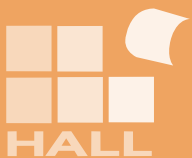
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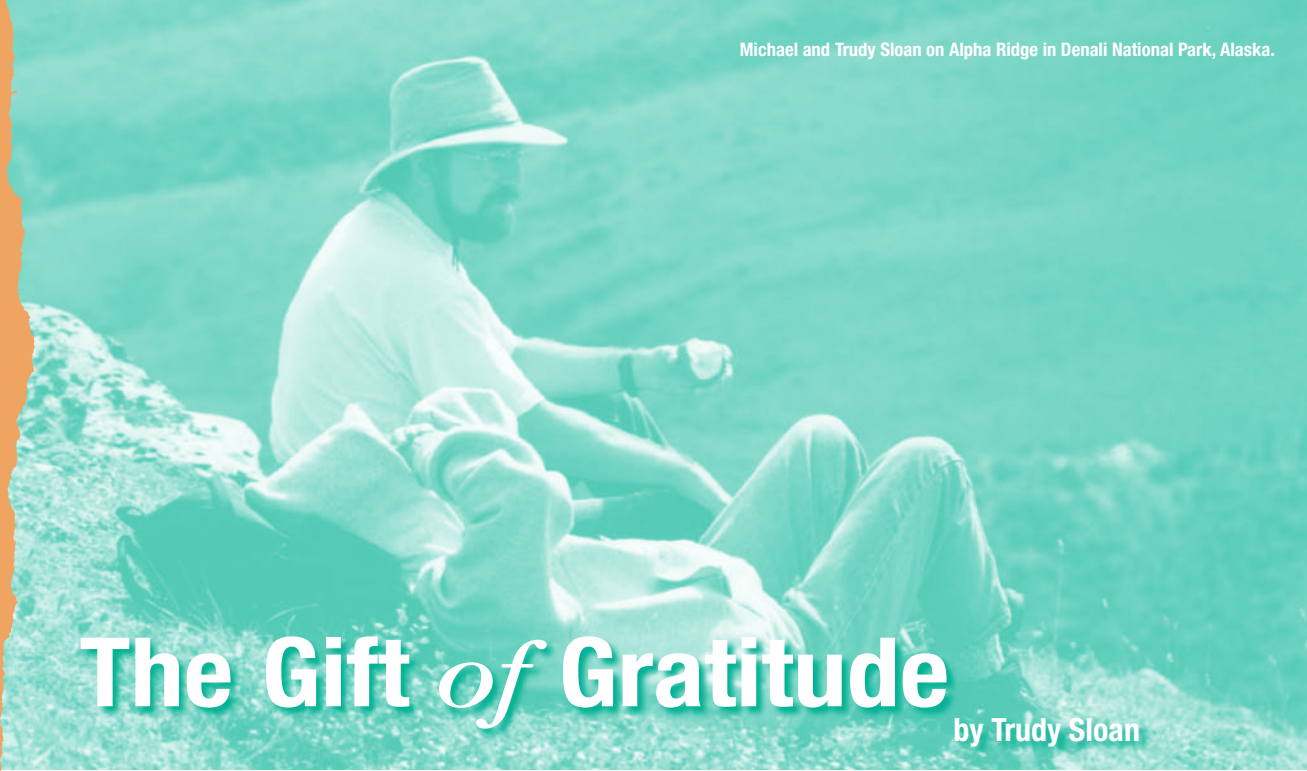
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The Gift *of* Gratitude

by Trudy Sloan



In the last weeks of his life, my husband, Michael, spoke quietly of his final wishes. True to his nature, they were simple but very genuine. One of those wishes was to designate the Kennebunk Land Trust as the recipient of any gifts in his memory.

Michael had a great love of the natural world. Over the years we visited many amazing places. He always had his camera in hand on those trips as he tried to capture the wonder of this world. I have only to glance up at our family room walls to see some of his photographs. African lions, Bengal tigers, and the giant tortoises of the Galapagos Islands all look back at me each framed by their own unique landscape.

No matter how much Michael enjoyed our travels, though, he had an even deeper appreciation for what was right here at home. For almost twenty one years we've lived close to the Mousam River exploring the woods and saltmarsh along its banks in all seasons.

He never tired of it. This landscape was, like family, an integral part of his daily life. He cared about it and for it.

As Michael faced the challenge of a terminal illness, he continued to find pleasure and peace in nature. Walks became rolls in a power wheelchair. We joked about the 'sunset club', our private term for driving along the beach at dusk. Even when failing respiration finally confined Michael to the house, he liked to sit where he could watch the birds come and go at our deck feeder.

Michael's choice to direct gifts to the Land Trust was an expression of gratitude, a last thank you to the natural world for all the joy and wonder it had brought into his life. It was also a statement of how important he felt it is to care for it. He was much too modest to ever think of himself as leaving a legacy, but he would have been quick to agree that he was passing one on. The definition of a legacy is something received from an ancestor or from the past. Michael always treated the natural world as if it were a wonderful gift he'd been given. I think he wanted to encourage all of us to treasure that gift and to remind us gently that, in the fullness of time, we too will pass it on.

Conserving land is an integral part of preserving the identity of our communities. Places where living things can thrive are essential to the well-being of all. The work of Kennebunk Land Trust protects these places. There are many ways to extend your support, please work with us to ensure livable communities for generations to come.

Annual Appeal

Make a gift in the final quarter to our special year-end appeal. Gifts of all sizes are vital to the continued work of the Trust. Cash, check, MasterCard or Visa, stock transfers all welcome.

Annual Membership

Be sure to renew your gift on your anniversary date!

Matching Gifts

Please let us know if your employer participates in a matching gift program. It may double your contribution.

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Honor the memory of someone special. We will acknowledge your gift to the family or individual that you designate.

Special Gifts

Celebrate a special day or event in the life of someone you care about. Whether it's a birthday, anniversary, special accomplishment or random act of kindness – let us help you say congratulations or thank you. We will acknowledge your gift to the honoree.

And The Winner Is...

Chautauqua Ordway is the winner of the Image Makers 2009 People's Choice Award. Chautauqua's photo "Dog Dreams" drew the largest number of votes from visitors to the exhibit that hung in Hank's Room at the Library during the month of February. Image Makers 2009 was the recent photo contest and sale co-sponsored by The Kennebunk Library and Kennebunk Land Trust. This year's event saw record numbers of attendees at the free framing and matting workshop, as well as a greater number of participants to the contest itself. Image Makers 2009 welcomed both professional and amateur photographers of all ages.

A fifth grader from Natick, Massachusetts, Chautauqua is a regular visitor to Kennebunk. He and his aunt, photographer Nora Ordway of Kennebunk, often set out on photo safari. On these occasions they set themselves the challenge of gaining photography experience capturing images such as repeating patterns, reflections, and color schemes. Chautauqua's grandfather, a forensic photographer, gave Chautauqua a camera in 2006 and the eleven year old has been taking photos ever since.

His winning photo, "Dog Dreams" was taken at Harris Farm in Lyman. When asked what motivated him to take this photo, Chautauqua answered "Gracie (the dog) looked so happy and peaceful, as if she were in her own little world. It just made me want to take her picture. Also, I'm an animal lover."

In addition to taking photos, Chautauqua also enjoys acting, singing, karate and spending time with his friends. He was recently a solo singer in a local theatre production of "Annie" and he will soon audition for the television program America's Got Talent. He plans to go to Hollywood as soon as he is 18 years old. Upon learning that his photo was selected for the award, the eleven year old said, "I am so excited!"

Congratulations to Chautauqua Ordway!



Kennebunk Land Trust is on the Ballot!

We were recently notified by Kennebunk Savings Bank that Kennebunk Land Trust will be included on the 2009 Community Investment Ballot which they will mail to customers in February bank statements and in special mailings to Kennebunk Financial Services and Morris Insurance customers. Based on their customers' votes, Kennebunk Savings commits a portion of its earnings to area nonprofit and charitable organizations through this program. Last year 170 organizations received support.

All KSB customers are entitled to vote and all of us at Kennebunk Land Trust hope you will cast your vote for KLT and land conservation. Last year, KLT was awarded a very generous grant and we hope for your support again this year. Each vote, on average, has been worth at least \$20. Please remember to take a minute to make your voice heard!

Thank You for 2008 Support!

The Board of Directors and staff of Kennebunk Land Trust extend sincere thanks to all of our supporters for their generous contributions and kind acts during 2008. If your name is not among them, please make your gift in 2009. We also gratefully acknowledge those who so graciously support our annual dinner and auction. A listing of those supporters appears in the auction program.

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