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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2017

LAND LEGACY

A NEWSLETTER OF THE KENNEBUNK LAND TRUST

NEWS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GORDON COLLINS

It seems that each time I sit down to write to you, I talk about reaching another milestone for our organization. This time is no exception—

Our Executive Director of 17+ years, Marie Louise St. Onge, decided to resign after a very successful capital campaign resulting in our purchase of the For All Forever Preserve. We are grateful for her service.

At that time, I was asked by the Board of Directors to assume the position of Executive Director. Implicit in the Board's request was that the organization would continue its strong core business of conserving valuable natural habitat and practicing great stewardship for that land in perpetuity. However, the Board also wanted to establish a stronger connection to the communities we serve

and to develop more collaborations with like-minded organizations. Toward those ends we have dramatically increased our social media footprint on Facebook and established an account on Instagram. We have increased our presence in the local press and have reached out to form collaborations which further our work in meeting our mission.

Our webpage has been redesigned and is more interactive and user friendly. We have hired a consultant to integrate our software and to increase our administrative efficiency.

It's an exciting time at the Kennebunk Land Trust and I hope you will join with us to support our efforts!



LETTER FROM BOARD CHAIR TOM WELLMAN

To all supporters of Kennebunk Land Trust (KLT) I want to say thank you for your support throughout the past year.

Gordon Collins and Sarah Stanley bring new energy and ideas to the Land Trust and we will see these ideas develop over the next few years. Please stop into our office and meet them and thank them for all the work they are doing for the Land Trust. I would also hope you can take some time to get involved with the organization and help us develop into a stronger organization. We will have many ways for volunteers to get involved with the land trust over the next few years and we hope that you can find some time to get involved with our worthwhile organization.

While it is important to look to the future, I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to remember Stuart Bowen, a member of the Kennebunk Land Trust Board, who recently passed away. Stuart was always out there on the properties



making sure that the land was being preserved and that the properties were being used as we all intended. We will be putting a bench at the Moulton Field property next to the elm tree he planted last year in a lasting memorial to all the hard work he put into the organization. Thank you, Stuart; we will miss you!

We have begun work on the newest addition to our properties, the "For all Forever Preserve," located off route 99 in Kennebunk. This property represents the ability of the people of Kennebunk to come together and protect a piece of land that will now be used for generations. It will become a great place to come out and explore the outdoors. This 111 acres will be a focus of the stewardship committee with a goal of protecting the preserve's unique ecosystems and developing trail systems that offer visitors an opportunity to engage with the natural environment and enjoy nature as it continues evolving before our eyes.

Please take time to discover the natural beauty of Kennebunk!

KENNEBUNK LAND TRUST

Celebrating 45 years 1972-2017

"MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH" WAS A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who participated. If you haven't sent us your contribution yet, please consider a minimum donation of \$45 to commemorate our 45th anniversary! Your donation can be made online or mailed to our office.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Thank you for participating in this well attended event! We were happy to see so many people enjoying the outdoors and our Wonder Brook property. We would like to give a special thank you to Big Daddy's for donating the ice cream and to our local Hannaford for donating supplies.



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"WALKS WITH NATURALISTS"

NEXT DATE:
AUGUST 19
THE SECRET GARDEN
Summer Street
Please join us! More
details will be forthcoming.

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PRATT & WHITNEY

Volunteers from Pratt & Whitney and Kennebunk Land Trust participated in United Way's Day of Caring earlier this month. United Way of York County's Day of Caring takes place across York County and provides individuals and area businesses a chance to get outside and volunteer in their community.

Volunteers focused on trail maintenance at four of KLT's preserves: For All Forever, Butler Preserve/Picnic Rock, Mousam River Wildlife Sanctuary, and the Secret Garden. The group removed fallen trees that impeded pathways and cleared portions of the preserves that had become too overgrown. The accompanying photo highlights the Pratt & Whitney team that was working at the For All Forever Preserve. Thank you to Pratt & Whitney and United Way! If you are interested in volunteering with KLT please contact the office at 207-985-8734 or email us at info@kennebunklandtrust.org



KENNEBUNK FISH & GAME

The Kennebunk Fish & Game recently donated \$500 earned from its annual clay shooting event to the Kennebunk Land Trust. The clay shoot took place on June 10th at the Fish & Game facility located at 85 Branch Road, West Kennebunk, ME, 04094. The event was designed as a fundraiser to benefit local non-profit organizations as well as the Fish & Game Club.



Over 30 people participated in this year's event. The Kennebunk Land Trust has supported the Fish & Game at other programs such as their annual Fishing Tournament and is thankful to receive this generous donation from the Fish & Game Club. The mission of the Kennebunk Fish & Game is to advance and encourage the propagation of wildlife and natural resources by helping in the enforcement of fish and game laws within the State of Maine.

The accompanying photo depicts (L to R): Fish & Game Club President, George Cressey II, Kennebunk Land Trust Executive Director, Gordon Collins, and Youth Program Coordinator, Neal Smith.

PURPLE MARTINS

Purple Martins are large chested swallows and can be found nesting in colonies near the water. Purple Martins have been in decline in North America for the past half century, according to the Purple Martin Conservation Association. The loss of old growth forests is one barrier to increasing the population because martins nest in tree cavities.

York County Audubon and Kennebunk Land Trust (KLT) united in the hopes of establishing a colony on a marshy section of land a few hundred yards from the trail at the Land Trust's Madelyn Marx Preserve. The preserve is located just off Rt 9 in Kennebunk. In April, the York County Audubon and Kennebunk Land Trust met to install the martin house. The nesting house is comprised of a metal tower with tear drop shaped gourds that hang from the tower. The gourds contain openings for the birds to make their nests. It will take time to determine the success of the nesting tree as the martins adapt to the area. York County Audubon has indicated that it may take a few years before purple martins begin to nest at this new site but the organization is hopeful because they have previously spotted purple martins in a nearby nest that has been known to have martins.



OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2017 AUCTION FUNDRAISER

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