

LAND LEGACY

A NEWSLETTER OF THE KENNEBUNK LAND TRUST



Hello KLT Supporters,

Welcome to a rainy, snowy, windy, muddy April!

I am so grateful for our volunteer trail crews assessing the properties for damage, and clearing debris and downed trees from our trails. Thank you keeping our trails safe and open all year long!

We saw a lot of damage this year after a combination of heavy, sustained rain and high tides flooded businesses, homes, beaches, and roadways. These storm events will become more frequent as climate change affects weather patterns. The work of the Kennebunk Climate Action Plan Task Force and similar efforts are involving the community to identify measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen the town's ability to adapt and thrive.

You can find more information on the draft plan at kennebunkmaine.us.

Kennebunk Land Trust has been acknowledged in the plan to help increase walkability and bikeability, and conserve and protect natural resources which act as carbon sinks, and increase resilience to flooding and erosion. We look forward to exploring these ideas and working together to mitigate the effects of storms and uncertain weather patterns.

If this interests you, consider attending the upcoming climate-focused event with the "Three Towns" Land Trusts – Arundel, Kennebunkport, and Kennebunk – being held at the Graves Library on April 16th. This interactive presentation will explore different climate projects and their impacts, and showcase the work of The Climate Initiative. Find more information and registration at kennebunklandtrust.org.

There are a lot of projects and events this year! We welcome you to reach out for volunteer opportunities. KLT's success is because of the fantastic and dedicated group of board members, committee members, and event volunteers who make it possible.

Check out our upcoming events and projects, and have a great 2024!

- Sandy



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FROM TONY LIGUORI - STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

It was another busy year for the Stewardship Committee. Our trails are getting heavy use as more people seek nature and outdoor recreation. Local residents and numerous tourists visit our beautiful area and use our trails.

- In 2023 we had two business volunteer groups - Liberty Mutual and the Serve with Liberty program, and Roehm America with United Way Day of Caring. They created trails Tributary Preserve and cleared trails and trash at Wonder Brook Park. We greatly appreciate their hard work!
- New trails were built at Alewife Woods Preserve by high school student volunteers, and we continue to pursue authorization for construction of a boardwalk along Alewife pond.
- Bridge and trail work was accomplished at Oxbow Preserve, Mousam River Wildlife Sanctuary, Wonder Brook, and Butler Preserve.
- The committee is initiating a program to address numerous invasive flora species we have on many of our properties.
- Ice and wind storms resulted in trees and branches falling across our trails. We are fortunate to have great volunteers to keep our trails open and safe for all.
- We began a project to control the erosion on the approach trail at For All Forever. This is a significant project to continue throughout the year.
- The annual monitoring of all properties took place requiring numerous volunteer hours. This information gives us areas of focus for improvements in 2024.
- Trail mapping continues to take place. This will enable us to produce maps and trail information signs on our preserves.
- Trail construction work at Tributary Preserve was conducted by the Alternative Education students at Kennebunk High School. More work is required to finish.

Thank you to the volunteers who put in great effort to keep our trails open. It's our largest committee ever! Your work makes it possible to accomplish our mission of trail access to safely enjoy nature and the great outdoors.

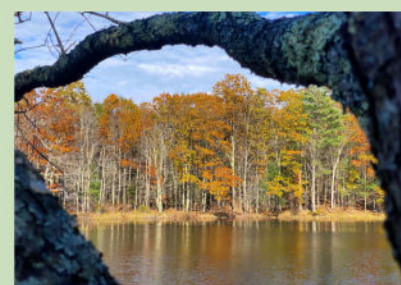
If you are interested in volunteering, we will be scheduling spring trail cleanup and more. Contact KLT or check the website for details.



High School Students Trail Building

Committee Corner

HEAR FROM
COMMITTEE CHAIR'S
ON THEIR WORK!



For All Forever Preserve. P.C. Kate Borland

FROM DURWARD PARKINSON - ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

The Acquisitions Committee continues to be busy seeking out and evaluating potential properties to conserve by easement or ownership, and better access to our existing properties. We have an active and engaged Committee and appreciate any feedback on how we can better execute our mission. Increasing our geographical reach outside of Kennebunk, the Committee is also considering properties in the Town of Lyman. We are always interested in new leads on properties and invite you to contact us and are working to educate our community on how land conservation works and how individuals can participate.

Help KLT meet these goals and visit kennebunklandtrust.org/volunteer and be part of this committee!

FROM PETE NARDINI - DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Development Committee has been instrumental in planning and promoting events for the Land Trust. In 2023 this wonderful group of volunteers graciously donated their time to plan many events, which included our first-ever Nature's Canvas art auction and annual favorite Seaside Soiree at the stunning Colony Hotel. The committee has worked with the dedicated team at the Land Trust to plan each successful event down to the last detail, acquire sponsors, and bring forth exciting ideas for 2024 and beyond. Do you have ideas for events, creative strategies to engage our members and the community, or want to partner with us? Get in touch today!

Follow KLT's event calendar here: kennebunklandtrust.org/news-events

24th Annual
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New Board Members

Welcome!

Jacalyn Gorczynski

Jacalyn has a Master of Science in Geology and is a licensed geologist in Maine, New Hampshire, and Texas. Jacalyn currently leads a group of geologists and scientists for Haley Ward, Inc., an engineering, environmental, and surveying firm, from their Saco office.



Jacalyn grew up in New England and spent a lot of time outdoors in all the wonderful seasons and enjoying the beach to the mountains and everything in between.

Jacalyn returned to New England and resides in Lyman with her husband and dog. In exploring their surroundings, the trails of Kennebunk Land Trust became frequent places to visit. Jacalyn joined KLT's Stewardship Committee in 2022 and quickly learned that assisting KLT was a great combination of personal interests and career knowledge that could leverage to advance KLT's goals. She is excited for the opportunity to serve on the KLT board and to play a role in protecting our surrounding lands and promoting access to these precious resources.

Kathleen Kramer

Originally from Massachusetts, Kathleen moved to Maine in 2018 after landing a job at L.L.Bean. She works as a Senior Analyst on the Print Marketing team, managing the budget and performance reporting for the catalog program.



Kathleen moved to Kennebunk from Portland in 2022 with her dog, Blue, and fiancé, Will who is a Kennebunk native. She joined the KLT Development Committee at that time to lend her marketing expertise and to become more involved with the community.

She is an avid runner, skier, and triathlete, and is a member of the Kennebunk Beach Tri Club. Walking with Blue on the KLT trails is one of Kathleen's favorite things to do. Alewife Woods Preserve is their favorite! She is passionate about preserving land and expanding access to these outdoor spaces for future generations!



JOIN

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FIRST SATURDAY NATURE WALKS

January 6 - Alewife Woods
February 3 - For All Forever Preserve
March 2 - Wonderbrook Park
April 6 - Oxbow Preserve
May 4 - Mousam River Wildlife Sanctuary
June 1 - Butler Preserve
July 6 - For All Forever Preserve
August 3 - Hope Woods
September 7 - Wonderbrook Park
October 5 - Mousam River Wildlife Sanctuary
November 2 - Butler Preserve
December 7 - For All Forever Preserve

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or call 207-985-8734

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Walks are from 10 to 11:30a.m. at rotating KLT preserves with different themes each month.

Our Nature Walks Bloom!



Every month, Kennebunk Land Trust hosts a nature walk through a different preserve. Our knowledgeable guides share information on the flora and fauna of our region, and the joys of being in nature.

A **special offering** from our friends at Kennebunk Free Library - a list of books pairing with the theme of the nature walk each month!

This year we are also holding a spring migration bird walk series, and a foraging walk!

Register on our website for up to date information.
kennebunklandtrust.org/monthly-nature-walks

What we've been up to!



Monthly Nature Walks



Annual Meeting 2023



Snow Stroll February 2024

Coming up in 2024!

ONGOING - Monthly Nature Walks

First Saturday of Each Month; rotating locations

Enjoy our trails and learn about the environment

Walks are paired with a list of books from Kennebunk Free Library!

Climate Simulator Presentation

April 16, 2024. Graves Library, Kennebunkport

Local Land Trusts showcase climate programs through interactive presentations

24th Annual Earth Day Auction

April 22 - 29, 2024. Online

Fundraise for conservation by bidding on local goods and experiences!

www.biddingforgood.com/KennebunkLandTrust

Spring Migration Bird Walks

May: 3rd, 11th, 17th, 25th

Birding for Beginners at multiple KLT preserves

Local Foraging Walk

May 5th, Alewife Preserve. 10 - 11 a.m.

Walk with an experienced herbalist to identify wild edibles

Seaside Summer Soiree

July 25th, Colony Hotel

3rd annual summer celebration

Fall Social and Annual Meeting, September, 2024

KLT's year-in-review celebration with the community

'Nature's Canvas: Unveiled' Art Fundraiser

September 26, Plein Air Art Auction. Brick Store Museum

Watch artists capture the beauty of our preserves, and take one home!

5th Annual Pumpkin Hunt

October 1st - 31st. Hope Woods.

Scavenger hunt for pumpkins through the woods with a candy reward!



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2024 Newsletter



Kennebunk Land Trust

Permanently conserving and stewarding land to benefit natural and human communities.



In this newsletter:

- Committee Updates
- Announcing the Earth Day Auction!
- Nature Walks
- Welcome our New Board Members!
- 2024 Events and Programs

SUPPORT OUR WORK TODAY!

Join as a member or give a one-time donation.

Contribute to trail maintenance, educational programs, community events, and more!



kennebunklandtrust.org/membership