



Photo by Mike Opitz

Dedicated to SALLY JACOBS

Thoughts While Remembering Sally

I offer the following comments presented at the memorial service for our beloved Founding President, Sally Jacobs.

Sally was "One of a Kind", blessed with a keen intellect, a broad array of abilities, and a sparkling personality. All of us who have had the privilege to serve as President of Orono Land Trust had to first serve in the Vice-President position — not Sally, she started as President and filled that role for thirteen years.

With the above attributes it's no surprise that Sally was a respected "Leader" in whatever organization for which she expended her time. I know that she had a special talent to inspire those around her to participate in activities. Sometimes after a meeting you would realize that you

had committed yourself to a task for which you had no recall that you had stepped up to volunteer! She was sometimes subtle, but always effective!

She was an "Athlete" and an "Outdoor Woman", a swimmer, a hiker, and a bicyclist in summer. In winter, she truly enjoyed the local ski trails, and she skated on the 'sometimes safe' ice of the Stillwater River, the meandering Sunkhaze Stream, and the glass-like surface of Pushaw Lake.

She was an unelected, but dedicated, "Public Servant" who understood the meaning of "Working for the Common Good". Her efforts to conserve open space and to advocate for hiking and biking trails have benefited us all in Orono, the greater Bangor region, and the State, especially downeast with the Sunrise Trail.

And lastly, Sally had a "Great Sense of Humor", often self-deprecating. I think she believed that if you can laugh at yourself, everyone could laugh with you. If you have ever attended one of the Bennoch Road gatherings of friends and neighbors involving Sally you will know what I mean. Sally — along with a cadre of co-conspirators who shall remain nameless to protect the guilty (you know who you are!) — would put on celebrations for birthdays, for anniversaries, and sometimes for some flimsy reason, or no reason at all, just to share time together and have fun. Good food was always part of the agenda!

So, I extend my condolences to Sally's family, her partner and her friends as we celebrate her life. I would be remiss, however, if I did not extend condolences to St. Peter. I can imagine the look on his face as he deals with Sally's concerns: Can't you just envision her saying—"You know Mr. St. Peter, the signage on the Pearly Gates probably should be in a larger font so we seniors can read it when we arrive. And, by the way, with everybody wanting to be on Cloud Nine, maybe you should put a Conservation Easement on that back acreage to protect some of that open space". And so it goes. Keep smiling for Sally.

Sally was the heart and soul of Orono Land Trust; it seems inevitable that she will continue to support us in spirit in the years ahead.

J. R. Longcore

A Grandmother's First Walk with her Grandchild

by Sally Cope Jacobs 1995

Thump, thump, tread, tread,
Gramsally and Quincy are out for a walk,
Gramsally walks and Quincy sleeps, no talk.

Thump, thump, tread, tread,
While she sleeps, she lends me her eyes,
Lends me her new, blue eyes to see again for the first time the lake
and the skies.

Thump, thump, tread, tread,
While she sleeps, she lends me her fresh skin, translucent as the
May leaves on the trees,
Lends me her tender skin to feel the sun and the breeze.

Thump, thump, tread, tread,
While she sleeps, she lends me her ears, ears pink and smooth as
shells from the deep,
Lends me her ears to hear the big frogs burp and the little ones peep.

Thump, thump, tread, tread,
While she sleeps, she holds tight to my hand.
Keep tight hold of my hand, and I will hold you close to my heart,
There 's a long trail of love, and we 're just at the start.

Thump, thump, tread, tread.



Photo by Jim Hinds

Sally requested her friends have a bonfire, with chilli and cornbread, in her backyard, in conjunction with her memorial service. About 150 came to sing, tell stories and celebrate her life. Cold weather, but no wind.

Thanks SIGMA PHI EPSILON

On Nov. 20th, 13 men from Sigma Phi Epsilon descended upon the JCNA ready and eager to volunteer. They spent the morning pulling up Buckthorn from many of the trails. Paths that were very narrow and overgrown are now cleared to 8 to 10 feet wide. The morning was beautiful and the work went along smoothly. The men even said they had fun and enjoyed seeing the trails. They liked the Big Old Tree. They offered to help on another OLT project. The volunteers were: Andrew Dechaine, Kody Price, Aaron Ortiz, Ben Chesley, Seth Albert, Brian Carr, Ethan Foster, Justin Conant, Andrew Prusaitis, Michael Kennedy, Jacob Ward and Eric Bolduc. Michael Degou is not included in the photo. They were thanked with pineapple walnut cake!

Article and photo by Gail White



UPCOMING OUTINGS

Winter Snowshoe at Thibodeau, Sunday January 13th at 1 pm Explore OLT's most remote property. Beaver have created their own wetland ecosystem on this land northeast of Pushaw Lake, part of the CB-Penjajawoc Corridor Project. It is accessible mainly in winter, so bundle up and bring your camera. We plan to have a forester and a wildlife biologist to help bring out the details of this frozen wetland ecosystem. (See article on the property below.) The group will set out from the Pushaw Campground ("Villa Vaughan") off Forest Avenue in Orono. See website for details.

BONFIRE! Saturday February 2nd. A lot of volunteers have worked to clear invasive brush from "Peter's Field" in the Piney Knoll Conservation Area. The field is beautiful--dramatically larger and more open after this work. A pleasant mile from either the Colburn Drive or the Penobscot Street trailheads brings us to the field, named for long-term OLT volunteer Peter Millard. On Groundhog Day join us for a bonfire with S'mores and other refreshments. Huge piles of brush are already in place for the bonfire. Depending of the snow situation, this might be best accessed by xc ski, snowshoes or on foot.

OLT Property Highlight: Thibodeau Lot

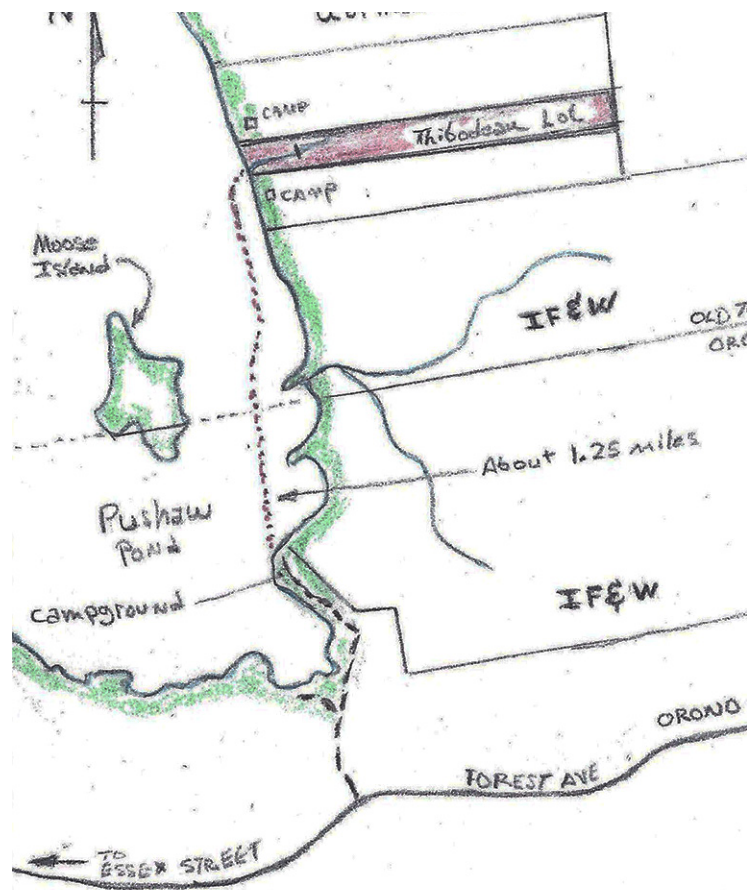
One of the hardest OLT properties to visit is the Thibodeau Lot located in Old town. Access is by boat or canoe in summer and ice skates, skis or snowshoes in winter. In order to find the lot travel up the east shore of Pushaw from the campground about 1 1/4 mile. The SW corner is marked by a small stream entering the lake near a large bolder. The boundary line between OLT and the Lord property to the south is marked by yellow blazes. The lot is about 430' in width and just over a mile in depth.

The best time to visit is in winter because the lot is flat and wet. A large beaver dam crosses the above mentioned brook about 400' from the shore and extends much of the way across the lot. Traveling east beyond the dam on the south (yellow) line you cross an area of thick scrub shrub and eventually come into a forested wetland/upland area with many large trees. As you near the southwest corner the land again turns to scrub shrub.

The Caribou Bog snowmobile trail transects the lot from Pushaw Lake to the bog.

This lot is important because it is within the Caribou Bog-Penjajawoc Corridor project and has an extensive wetland complex composed of forested wetland, scrub shrub, and bog. A management plan is underway. The lot is in Tree Growth but may be transferred to open space due to its difficult access. See details above for an OLT trip there on January 13, 2012 weather permitting. See following map of area.

Map and article by Dave Thompson



Trail Day, Fall, 2012

Gould's Landing



Trail Day was a gorgeous day at Gould's Landing with clear blue sky and dark blue wavy water! Carolyn Eaton, Sue Estler and Gail White picked up several bags of trash, hauled out inner tubes and metal off the Gould's Landing trail. Of course we had to stop and watch the Mallard ducks swimming in the marsh and the Marsh Hawk gliding around looking for breakfast. After we cleared a good deal of the trash from "panty-hose hill" we covered the area with brush and planted a few trees hoping that would keep people from dumping in the area. As we worked we listened to a Pileated Woodpecker. When we were leaving, we saw a flock of turkeys. A great, fun, successful day it was.

Photo of Sue Estler and article by Gail White

Notice of Harvesting

A harvesting operation on the Piney Knoll Conservation Area will start at the north eastern part of the forest and work south. Operations are scheduled to start around the end of January 2013 and will harvest about 250 cords. The rest will be harvested next summer or winter (2013).

Save the Date

Annual Meeting

March 29, 2013

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6:30 p.m.

OLT River Walk



Attendees: Peg Markson, Paul Markson, Jay Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Jerry Longcore, Woody Carville, Sally Jacobs with daughter, Stephanie, Scott Bennett, Melissa Burch and Gail White.

At Brownie's Park on a nice Sunday afternoon in October, Richard Reed gave a very informative talk about Orono and Old Town's railroads to land trust members and their guests. He showed people pictures of train stations, mills, logs piled high on the river, covered bridges, trolley cars and more. Richard had many stories to share. His sister, Mary, and brother David, added their stories too. After the talk, we walked along the river trail to the cemetery. Richard showed us an off-shoot line that brought coal to the frozen Stillwater River where it was later hauled across the river to the UMaine steam plant. We could see lots of coal fragments on the ground. Richard pointed out where a big mill had stood close to the cemetery. We noted where railroad ties had been by the indentations on the trail. A fun time was had by all.

Gail White

A BIG THANK YOU TO RAY HINTZ



The Orono Land Trust and the Town of Orono extend a big smile and a thank you to Ray Hintz for his many volunteer hours surveying and brushing out the boundaries of the JCNA. These before and after photos give a small idea of the amount of work that has gone into this very important project. If you see Ray out at work, tell him how much he is appreciated and say thanks.

Gail White



“We Walk The Line”

WICKETT PARCEL: On Trail Day, Jim White, David Flewelling, and Jerry Longcore were all acting out Johnny Cash’s hit song, “I Walk The Line”. The three OLT members walked, flagged, and repainted the previous survey blazes on 2 of 3 boundary lines. OLT signs, which were inscribed with a sketch of the property and a notation of “You Are Here” were erected at each corner. The brisk walk was rewarded with 3 white-tailed deer waving their white flags at the intruders to their habitat. Now that the temperature has hardened the surface along the east boundary line, that line can be completed soon.

J.R. Longcore



Photos by Gail White

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Calendar

January 2, 2013 - monthly board meeting
January 13, 2013 - Winter Snowshoe at Thibodeau
February 2, 2013 - Bonfire at PKCA
February 6, 2012 - monthly board meeting
March 6, 2013 - monthly board meeting
March 29, 2013 - annual meeting

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*All but \$50 of your donation will go into a long-term fund for future land acquisitions and for stewardship of existing lands.

I'd like to make an additional \$_____ donation to help protect green space in Orono.

Please send my newsletter by: _____ Email, _____ U.S. Postal Mail

I am interested in helping on one of the following committees:

_____ **Finance** - formulates budgets, grant writing, fund-raising events.
_____ **Lands** - The core committee, always on the lookout for new areas, monitors land-use changes.
_____ **Stewardship and Trails** - Backbone of OLT, monitors properties, maintains trails for public use.
_____ **Outreach** - Handles publicity, newsletter, brochures, website, events and programs of education and entertainment.
_____ **Membership** - Encourages participation in OLT activities. collects dues, maintains database.
_____ **Veazie Land Association** - Oversees Veazie Lands, easements, trails, etc.
_____ **Caribou Bog** - Penjawoc Corridor Project - Identifies properties in preservation area for acquisition or easements.
_____ **Orono Bog Boardwalk** - Maintains Boardwalk, organizes programs, budget, fundraising.
_____ I'd like to share these other interests and talents: