

30 YEARS AND GOING STRONG!



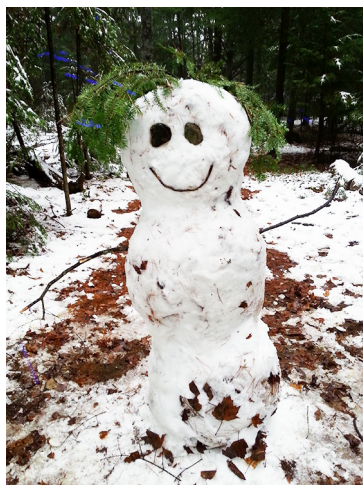
Happy 30th Birthday to the Orono Land Trust (OLT)! Thanks to the leadership of its Board of Directors, by working cooperatively through its membership and with Town of Orono officials, the OLT has conserved a variety of lands for current and future use by the public. OLT's affiliate organizations, that is, the Veazie Land Association, the Orono Bog Boardwalk, and the Corridor Committee have made substantial contributions. The Orono Land Trust can proudly say that as of August 2015, it is a fully Accredited Land Trust as designated by the Land Trust Alliance. This accomplishment was achieved by three years members of its Board. Having to a high standard of accountability management, and stewardship, all Trust has worked diligently through access to woods and water is available.

As of this date, OLT owns 11 acres; has 9 conservation easement trail easements. We assist the Town to 192 acres. Many wonderful land-allowing connectivity from one area

The Corridor Committee, composed of the Orono and Bangor Land Trusts, is persistently working to focus area to protect the east side to Hudson. Veazie Land Association is working towards conserving a waterfront park in Veazie. The Orono

strong, longer lasting composite material. OLT members of the Board work with developers and organizations to ensure that special places are conserved and open to the public.

As an all-volunteer organization OLT is fortunate to have a large group of volunteer citizens, including university students, to assist with trail work. Many people work on our spring and fall trail days, while others serve as Stewards and work year round keeping trails open and safe. Some trails are closed during the spring / early summer for the original inhabitants (mammals, birds, etc.) to allow them to reproduce free of human disturbance. The Penobscot Valley Ski Club grooms trails for skiing in the winter. Trails, with some exceptions, are open for walking, dog walking, jogging, bicycling, snowshoeing, skiing, and horseback riding. All of the public areas with trail maps can be found on Orono Land Trust's website.



of focused hard work by the volunteer accreditation means the Trust adheres with respect to record keeping, financial necessary for community trust. The Land these thirty years to ensure that public able for all.

parcels of land (i.e., fee land) totaling 629 ments (CEs) equaling 657 acres and 7 in caring for 8 of their properties summing owners permit trail access over their land, to another.

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Save the Dates

April 1st - OLT Annual Meeting (see page 3)

April 13th - Spring Trail Day (see page 4)

April 22 and 23 - Maine Land Conservation Conference

Black Bear Brewery is making special beer for our 30th Anniversary. (see page 5)

Membership List as of February 2016

LIFE MEMBERS

Alexander, Janet & John
Brown, Phil & Karna Olsson
Bulteel, Jim & Melissa Burch
Carville, Woody
Chase, Becky & David
Clark, Sarah & William
Clark, Barbara
Clement, David & Betsy Weiss
Davis, Ron & Lee
Davitt, Mary Louis
Dearborn, Evelyn & Vance
Dearman, Jim & Mary Cathcart
Dorion, Chris
Dorion, Dorothy & George
Dunlap, Cindy & Bob
Grant, Nancy & Charles
Greenwood, Susan & Michael
Halsey, Brent S.
Hamilton, Lois
Harris, Lianne & Walter
Harris, Joyce & Paul
Hasbrouck, Sherman
Hinds, James & Patricia
Hintz, Ray
Jacobson, George & Karen
Boucias
Johnson, Jay
Keleti, Steve
Kurr, George
Leach, Thela & Roger
Longcore, Joyce & Jerry
Lyman, Viola & John
MacKnight, Nancy
Manter, John
Markowsky, George
Martin, Peg
McCarthy, John & Leigh
Means, Rachel & Paul
Millard, Peter & Emily Wesson
Miller, Jane & Robert
Morris, Caroline
Murphy, Janet & Paul
Opitz, Michael
Osberg, Priscilla & Philip
Owen, Sue & Bucky
Perry, Connie & Tom
Peterson, Mick & MaryJane
Rampe, Nancy & Glenn
Renado, Pernille & David
Sader, Kris & Steven
Sewall, David
Thompson, David & Patricia
Tisher, Sharon & Paul
Tremblay, Trudy & Wendall
Twining, Holly & Travis Baker
Wadleigh, Donna & Leith
White, Gail & James
Wilson, Jeremy & Katie
Woodard, Jean & Frank

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Ackroyd, Claire
Adkins, Randy & Lyn
Antonitis, Beverly
Atzema, Eisso & Molly MacLean
Banks, John
Baxter, Katherine Carter & Dave
Beattie, Kenneth
Black, Warren
Blease, Jack & Cindy
Borodko, Stan
Boyd, Mary
Bruce, Alice & Mitchell
Carr, Mike & Teri
Carter, Connie & Ed Brazee
Cassidy, Lea & Tom
Cassidy, Dan & Dina
Cassidy, David
Ceckler, Polly & Bill
Childs, Bill & Kathy
Clancy, Margaret & Beth White
Colburn, Steve & Lisa
Cunningham, Harry & Beth Cuddy
Davidoff, Ann & Merrill Milham
Diebold, Christina
Drake, Cheryl & Larry
Dwyer, Gerald & Donna
Eason, Mary Ann & Rick
Eaton, Carolyn & George
Egenhofer, Max J & Stefanie
Elias, Susan
Ellis, Shirley
Erker, Victoria & Dave
Estler, Sue
Feldman, Lisa
Folster, Brent & Paula
Fortier Family, Jay
Francoeur, Karen
Frank, Irja
Frankel, David & Kathy Lyons
Gfeller, Gretchen
Gregory, John & Carol
Grew, Edward
Griffin, Michael & Valerie
Griffin, Mrs. Dorothy
Griffin, Conrad & Fran
Hackney, John & Ginny
Haines, Terry & Frances
Hanscom, Kenneth & Cathy
Harrigan, Nancy & Tom
Hartman, Karen
Hudson, Leslie & John Halloran
Johns, Elizabeth & John Maddaus
Johnson, Sandra
Kail, Harvey & Patricia
Kelley, Alice & Joe
Kelly, Fran & Robert J.
Kleban, Eloise
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Labrecque, Dave & Kathy Bourgoin
Langellier, Kristin & Eric Peterson
Levy, Valerie & David

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Locke, Kate & Julian Wiggins
Logan, Meg & Ron
Lull, Stephanie & Greg
MacKay, Don & Susan
Malmer, Bruce & Terry
Mares, Chris
Mares, Liz
McCormack, John & Irene vonHoffman
McDaniel, Holly & Michael Landry
Merrill, Debra
Monahan, Emmy S.
Moore, Donald & Paula
Nagy, Ed & Desiree Butterfield-Nagy
Nichols, P. Scott
Nickerson, Sarah
Olmstead, Kathryn
Owen, Jeff & Susannah
Pace, Therese
Payne, Elizabeth, Richard Brucher
Pearce, Bryan & Deta
Pickering, Marisue & John
Pietrowski, Paula
Pletka, Linda
Quimby, Lucy & Geoff Gratwick
Ricciardelli, Eloise
Robie, Fred
Rose, Jim & Mindy Crandall
Rose, James & Gillian
Ruck, Phil & Deanna Prince
Russell, Margaret
Sanger, Mary & David
Scheidt, David & Rose
Schemwell, Jenny & Jon
Schilmoeller, Kathy & Gary
Seymour, Bob & Jessica Leahy
Sheppard, Martha & Edmund
Simon, Pam & Harlan Onsrud
Simpson, Chuck
Smith, Jessica
Soule, Bill & Lois
Stoner, Jason & Sharon
Storch, Kay & Dick
Sucec, Judy & James
Tableman, Kent
Tandy, Dan
Tipping, Lenore & Thomas Spitz
Tjepkema, John & Christa Schwintzer
Toder, Michelle & David Koffman
Traflet, Genevieve
Trefts, Betsy
Tunstead, Gail & David
Flewelling
Vadas, Patricia & Bob
Van Valkenburgh, Norman
VanKirk, M.D., Amy
Ward, Jake & Debora
Wells, Mark & Margo Koning-Wells
Wicks, Barbara
Wolinsky, Eve
Wood, Marian & Clair

29th Annual Meeting

Keith Anderson Community House, 19 Bennoch Road

April 1st, 2016

6:30 p.m. Social Gathering with Refreshments

7:00 p.m. Annual Corporate Membership Meeting

Secretary's Report of 2014 Annual Meeting - Erik daSilva

Treasurer's Annual Report - Pat Thompson

President's Annual Report - Bucky Owen

Old Business

New Business / Announcements

Spring Trail Day, April 13th, 2016

MLTN 2015 Land Conservation Conference - April 22 and 23, in Topsham

Election of Board Members

Nominating Committee: Melissa Burch, Chair; Erik daSilva; Jim Hinds

Vote for a three year term ending in 2019:

Jerry Longcore, Bob Seymour, Carter Stone, Pat Thompson, Gail White

Introduce all Board members

Program Featuring:



Dave Field

Professor Emeritus of Forest Policy at the UMaine

"The Appalachian Trail in Maine

- What is it Supposed to Be?"

Adjourn Annual Corporate Membership Meeting

To follow:

Board Meeting

Welcome to returning and new members

Secretary's Report: March 3, 2016 meeting - Erik DaSilva

Treasurer's Monthly Meeting Report - Pat Thompson

Nominating Committee - Election of Officers

Bucky Owen - President

Pat Thompson - Vice President

Gerry Dwyer - Treasurer

Erik daSilva - Secretary

Sue Owen - Clerk

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn Next Board Meeting April 6, 2016

Backyards & Bird Feeders: Winter Entertainment!

Throughout my career as a wildlife biologist I have been reluctant to establish a bird-feeding station. This reluctance has been based, in part, on the 1942 article, "The place of winter feeding in practical wildlife management", authored by Richard Gerstell of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. I remember reading this article while engaged in graduate work at the University of Michigan. The thinking of biologists back then was that feeding of wildlife in winter did not enhance survival, and in some instances, by providing inappropriate, indigestible food, feeding would cause more harm than good. This concern was focused mostly on mammals, especially ungulates, and specifically the white-tailed deer. As for birds, some biologists believed that birds would become dependent on food from feeders and be at risk when having to forage again for themselves.



Other concerns were that the food would disrupt migration, encourage disease transmission, and expose birds to hazards associated with human habitations, that is, being preyed on by house cats, and flying into windows. Some recent evidence suggests that food sources may, indeed, affect migration distances of European blackcaps and result in associated changes in wing structure and bill structure according to Martin Schaefer, University of Freiburg. Feeding of birds, however, has been ongoing for hundreds of years; it is an activity now enjoyed by more than 50 million Americans, as estimated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Erecting the feeder is the relatively easy part, finding a method to keep the grey and red squirrels from reaching the feeder is the challenge! Not long after I set up my feeder, which is supported by a 1"-diameter iron post with a 4"-diameter, 30-inch long plastic pipe dangling down as a predator guard, I was astounded to see a grey squirrel sitting on the feeder platform munching away. After shooing him away I watched to see how he accomplished that feat. When he returned he easily climbed up the small pipe and through the 4"-diameter, 30"-plastic pipe to emerge and jump on the feeder platform. A red squirrel used the same technique for access. I quickly fixed that avenue of entrance by drilling several holes at the top of the big pipe and by inserting enough wires across the opening to form a grill-like barrier. It worked! The squirrels now forage on seeds that fall to the ground and we have been entertained daily by the dozen or so of bird species that visit regularly.

A goldmine of goldfinches at the feeder. Photo by Jerry Longcore

April 13th - SPRING TRAIL DAY

Work generally starts at 8:00 a.m. and does not go past noon. There will be projects at several different locations and will require different tools. We will get out a list of places and needs closer to the date. Working with many volunteers is a fun experience. Learning more about a preserve is an added benefit.

Along the Boardwalk by Jim Bird

The Orono Bog Boardwalk is closed for the winter and the sections are covered with snow and ice; however, volunteers are hard at work during this off season, planning events and raising funds for continuing Boardwalk reconstruction. Last year volunteers spent over 4,000 hours at or for the Boardwalk, which is truly a community resource and the Orono Land Trust is a part of it. Many upcoming volunteer opportunities will be available for Trust members to help keep the Boardwalk operating into the future.

On March 11-13 the Boardwalk will have an informational booth at the 78th annual Eastern Maine Sportsmen's Show on the University of Maine campus. The show, sponsored by the Penobscot County Conservation Association, draws thousands of people to Orono. We need volunteers to staff our booth, sell Boardwalk merchandise, and recruit volunteers for the upcoming season. Volunteers will receive ID wristbands that allow free entry to the show.

On April 23rd the Boardwalk will have an information table at the 22nd annual Hope Festival at the UMaine Student Recreational & Fitness Center. Again, we will be recruiting volunteers and selling Boardwalk merchandise.

Our grant writing is continuing, because we need to raise approximately \$450,000 to complete the Boardwalk reconstruction project. In November, the Boardwalk received a \$30,000 grant from the Maine Timberlands Charitable Trust established by the late Barbara Wheatland. If we are to complete Boardwalk reconstruction in the next 2 years we need everyone's help in identifying Foundations and other generous donors.

In April, weather depending, we will be working at the Boardwalk leveling and tightening bolts on the 48 new sections installed last October. We will need a number of reconstruction / maintenance volunteers to help us get ready for our May 1st opening. Jerry Longcore is on the Boardwalk Management Committee and represents the OLT. The Boardwalk will be one of the work sites for OLT's spring Trail Day.

If you can help staff one of our informational booths, have ideas about sources of donors, and want to help us to maintain and rebuild the Boardwalk, please e-mail Boardwalk Director Jim.Bird@umit.maine.edu. We really would appreciate your help!

Black Bear Brewery helps our 30th Anniversary Celebration

OLT Business member, **Black Bear Brewery**, is releasing a new brew in honor of OLT's 30th year anniversary.

On or around March 25th, "Conservation IPA" will be made available to the public. Black Bear Brewery will have a band at their taproom to celebrate the release. A portion of beer sales will be donated to OLT.

Come on down to visit and enjoy the fun with family, friends and neighbors. Stay tuned.

SIGNS, SIGNS, SIGNS

Many of you have seen new signs within the OLT and the Town of Orono's properties. Some of the signs, such as maps, are welcome. Please be assured that all people and dogs are welcome on most all of the preserved properties. As all these properties are multi-use, sometimes issues arise that need to be clarified. The signs are posted for better understanding of expectations, so all variety of users can enjoy their time outside in special places.

Gail White

2015 Report of Stewardship and Trails

Dave Thompson, Chief Steward

During 2015 we were able to make significant progress on projects for a number of fee land parcels and conservation easements. We were assisted on several of these projects by Mike Haverlite, a Deputy Sheriff, and a crew of three from the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department "Give Back to the Community" crew.

I. Fee Land

(1) About 400 feet of gravel trail with several culverts was constructed on the Cota Lot. This was done by volunteers with considerable help from the Sheriff's crew.

(2) On the "Dorion Tracts" the ski trails were mowed, invasive species removed, the old dilapidated trapper's cabin was burned and some more remedial work was done on the upper Pine Pond.

(3) Piney Knoll Conservation Area saw several trail projects, including improvement to the trail to Peter's Field, upgrading of Trail 11, including large rock removal (Sheriff's crew). In addition, Peter's Field was mowed and invasive species, especially Honey Suckle, were removed.

(4) On Newman Hill the ski trails were mowed, the south trail to the top of Newman Hill located on the Hinds CE was improved and preliminary work on a plan to better understand the wildlife habitat on this lot was started.

(5) Boundary line work on the Wickett Lot in Old town was completed except for a short section of the east line, which is in the bog and can only be done when it is frozen.

(6) On the Hsu Lot the ski trail was cleared of blow downs and infringing vegetation on the sides of the trail removed.

II. Conservation Easements - There were four projects on conservation easements:

(1) The field on the Davis CE was mowed and the trails inspected on a regular basis.

(2) Hyland Tract (Owned by the University of Maine) saw the removal of about 70 (up to 30 feet long) pilings, a beaver deceiver installed, and the beaver dam on the east side repaired.

(3) The Brenton Halsey Jr. Outdoor Classroom and Demonstration forest was improved by erecting a series of information signs and graveling the approaches to the three bridges. The work was done by a Boy Scout as part of his Eagle Scout project.

(4) On the Manter CE in Veazie a trail clearing project was completed.

III. Projects of Other Properties by the OLT

(1) Sally's Field and the Sklar Park field were mowed (Paid for by the Town of Orono.)

(2) The bank between Bennoch Road and Stillwater River at Brownies Park was cleared of brush by the Sheriff's crew and chipped by the Orono Public Works Department.

30 Years of Board Members

compiled by Sue Owen

Abbott, Sheila
Alexander, John
Bandy, Barbara
Brainerd, Roger
Brockway, Bruce
Burch, Melissa
Campbell, Chris
Carter, Kathy
Carville, Jean
Carville, Woody
Chase, David
Clancey, Margaret
Clark, Barbara
Clement, David
Colburn, Steve
da Silva, Erik
Daigle, Cheryl
Dorion, Chris
Dwyer, Gerry
Erdman, John
Erker, David

Estler, Sue
Fortier, Jay
Hall, Jean
Harris, Lianne
Hinds, Jim
Hoskins, Marie
Humphries, Adrian
Hutchinson, Terri
Jacobs, Sally
Johnson, Jay
Kruger, Robin
Kurr, George
Locke, Kate
Logan, Ron
Longcore, Jerry
Lyman, John
Lyons, Kathy
Markowsky, Judy
Markson, Peg
Martin, Frank
McCarthy, John

McKnight, Claire
Millard, Peter
Miller, Bob
Noyes, Ronald
Opitz, Mike
Owen, Bucky
Owen, Sue
Pearce, Bryan
Pearce, Deta
Peterson, Mick
Pixley, Larry
Quick, Bronco
Rampe, Glenn
Rampe, Nancy
Rose, Jim
Ruck, Phil
Sader, Kris
Sader, Steve
Scheidt, David
Seymour, Bob
Shepard, Shep

Simon, Pat
Simpson, Chuck
Smith, Genevieve
Snow, Louise
Sornberger, Kris
Stone, Carter
Tableman, Kent
Thompson, David
Thompson, Pat
Tischer, Sharon
Trefts, Betsy
Tremblay, Wendall
Tungstead, Gail
Twining, Holly
Tyler, Seth
Wardrop, David
Weatherbee, Rita
White, Gail
White, Lin
Whittaker, Ginny
Winstead, Chris

Inaugural Business Sponsorships

In the 2015 membership year, the Orono Land Trust initiated a business sponsor membership to help support land conservation efforts serving the Orono community. Our inaugural business sponsors set a new standard in community partnerships. We appreciate their support and hope they inspire similar collaboration.

Eagle Supporter:

Hawkes & Mehnert LLP, PO Box 458, Orono ME 04473

Cardinal Supporters:  **Rainstorm Consulting**, 148 Main St. Orono 04473



Black Bear Brewery, 19 Mill St. Orono ME 04473

Casco Bay Energy, 125 Shore Rd., Veazie ME 04401

Peoples United Bank TD, Main St. Orono ME 04473

Chickadee Supporters:



Dirigo Pines Retirement Community 9
Alumni Dr., Orono ME 04473

Orono/Old Town Kiwanis

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RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

Calendar

March 2, 2016 - Monthly Board meeting

April 1, 2016 - Annual Meeting (see page 3)

April 13, 2016 - Spring Trail Day

**April 22 and 23 - Maine Land Conservation
Conference**

Please check for membership expiration date on your address label.
ORONO LAND TRUST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Preferred Email: _____

Address: _____ Preferred Telephone _____

_____ \$10 Student Membership

_____ \$25 Individual Membership

_____ \$50 Family Membership

_____ \$100 - \$999 Supporting Membership

_____ \$1000 Life Membership

Business Memberships

_____ \$100+ Chikadee Sponsor

_____ \$250+ Cardinal Sponsor

_____ \$500+ Loon Sponsor

_____ \$1,000+ Eagle Sponsor

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

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

Get involved-VOLUNTEER! Go to (<http://oronolandtrust.org>) to learn more and to volunteer for OLT projects, activities, and committees by completing the Online Volunteer Questionnaire listed on this volunteer webpage.