



# Newsletter

## Winter 2018/2019



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## The Rachel Carson Bridge

... and the power of conservation for a challenging future

### Notes from President & Interim Executive Director, Jill Rundle

Walking to the Pittsburgh Convention Center along the Allegheny River in early October, I crossed the span of the Rachel Carson Bridge. Alone on the quiet riverfront, I heard the distinctive honking of geese in flight and turned to see a small flock in v-formation glide under the bridge and head up-river.

The symbolism of the moment—walking in a cityscape to attend the annual Land Trust Alliance conference, then being buzzed by a migrating flock drawn into flight by the change in the weather while crossing a city bridge named for the pioneer of the environmental movement—was inescapable.

Fifty-five years ago Rachel Carson, in her landmark 1962 book, *Silent Spring*, warned the world that DDT, then widely used as an agricultural pesticide, posed a profound risk to humans and animals. It was a watershed for the environmental movement, and it provoked a decade of public outcry that led to the 1972 ban on DDT, rescuing many species from certain extinction including the Bald Eagle.

In the years that followed, public action accelerated. The Environmental Protection Agency was established in 1970 and the Endangered Species Act was passed in 1973. The dramatic expansion of the land trust

movement in the seventies and eighties was a direct result of the alarm and concern that had been triggered by Carson's seminal work. But at the same time, corporate interests most threatened by restricting the use of chemicals and reducing reliance on fossil fuels mounted a deeply funded campaign of obfuscation and manipulated information that was widely spread by political interests and lobbyists.

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As the clock ticked into the nineties—when governments and environmentalists could have been developing solutions—well-funded corporate interests managed to spin the conversation. Stock prices soared, drilling expanded, and development spread—and the atmospheric temperature steadily climbed while corporate information machines assured us that climate change was not a problem that needed solving.

The new report from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change—in which 91 authors representing over 40 countries cite a staggering 6,000

studies—is an SOS for the future of the planet. The report reveals that we are on track for 3-4°C or higher warming caused primarily by greenhouse gas emissions. The Paris Climate Agreement of 2016—the result of 25 years of climate diplomacy, and the first one that the US has failed to support—called for efforts to limit the increase to an ambitious 1.5°C. But two years later, the Arctic is rapidly unraveling and accelerating the release of methane that has been frozen beneath the ice, and large areas of the Middle East and India have become uninhabitable in the summer months. As the planet becomes increasingly hot and crowded, the IPCC report predicts that 2040—just 21 years from now—will see coastal cities swallowed, as many as 10 million people displaced, food shortages that will affect hundreds of millions, substantial spread of tropical diseases, and as much as \$54 trillion in climate-associated costs including increases in storm damage and wildfire.

Refugees, human and wild, plant and animal, are already on the move around the globe, and the numbers will grow; driven inland and toward cooler latitudes as their geographic range is lost to heat waves and drought. It's an enormous challenge, but the social reaction that banned the use of DDT could yet save our planet and our way of life. High-tech innovations for energy creation, manufacturing, and agricultural

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practices lead the headlines, but the so-called “forgotten solution” of conservation and forest management offers a critical component for the future.

The forests are natural machines for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere. Trees sequester carbon in large and lasting amounts in the visible plant above the ground and in the underground root and microbial systems in the soil. Forest understory and cleared lands provide varied habitat for the species that balance our ecosystems. The land trust movement that promotes land conservation and wildlife protection, discourages unplanned development, and connects wild corridors for wildlife movement and for human communities, is an important part of a climate solution that is already underway.

As drought threatens the lower latitudes in the not-too-distant future, the undeveloped forests and wetlands that hold and filter the water in our watersheds become increasingly important. The water sources and water quality that we value in our lakes and streams, and in our wells and aquifer, can't be taken for granted. Maintaining conserved land in the watershed and planning low impact development will help sustain water quality and a clean drinking water supply in a challenging future.

The conference in Pittsburgh featured conservation organizations that are working on management of northern forests for carbon “sequestration”—the capture and permanent storage of carbon. The strategic thinning and planting of forests, combined with careful planning for harvests of timber resources, is a strategy for both prosperity and environmental health. As the risk of disease in the forests looms—balsam, hemlock and ash are threatened by invasive pests and diseases, that have left large tracts of dead and dying woodlands—forest managers are focused on encouraging species that are at least risk for the current threats in order to maintain the forest systems in our region.

The benefits of conservation are already in place locally as existing easements protect the open lands for the future. The growth of the acreage in these easements creates connected corridors for wildlife and water movement, sustaining the health of the landscape and the quality of the water in our lakes and our drinking water. The foresight of the land trust movement's use of conservation easements, and the owners who have taken advantage of the financial incentives, create a benefit for the entire region.



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At the end of my day in Pittsburgh, I crossed the bridge again. The trees along the river carried their full load of leaves, but the foliage was strangely still green. Fifty years ago a brilliant show of autumn colors would have been fading in mid October as winter closed in. On this day, the leaves

were still on the trees. Some were drying and dropping without displaying their autumn colors. The most spectacular show that nature produces was failing in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains.

To easement holders in the GLLT service area, thank you for your vision. To our members and donors, thank you for your continued support. The GLLT will be working with our communities to do our part toward maintaining the quality of life that we treasure, and working with our partners and regional neighbors in planning for the future.

The best time to take action was thirty-five years ago...but the second best time is now.

## 2018 Annual Appeal

As we reach the end of 2018, please consider a gift to the Greater Lovell Land Trust.

It is through your continued generosity that we are able to do important conservation work for our community. Your support also enables us to deliver high quality programs and events, as well as year-round public access to many miles of trails maintained on GLLT properties.

# Notes from the Office



Pictured L-R: Dakota Ward, Aidan Black, Alice Bragg

## Meet the Team

**Aidan Black, Associate Director**—Interning at the GLLT in 2016 under Tom Henderson’s guidance and mentorship sparked a passion for conservation work. I grew up spending summers on Keyes Pond and visiting my grandparents’ farm in Sweden, ME. In May, I graduated from Colby College with a BA in Environmental Policy. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, kayaking, and playing soccer—which led me to coaching the Fryeburg Academy boys’ Soccer Team this fall.

**Dakota Ward, Stewardship and Systems Associate**—I grew up on the Cold River in Stow. I was an intern at the GLLT in 2017 under the mentorship of Tom Henderson, Leigh Hayes and others, and returned for 2018. I graduated from Central Maine Community College with an AAS degree in Graphic Design and where, in addition to my GLLT duties, I’m now an instructor. I enjoy hiking, photography, and mountain biking.

**Alice Bragg, Office Manager**—I have always loved Maine and moved to Lovell from Massachusetts in 1980, looking for a rural setting to make a home and raise a family. I started doing work for the GLLT in 2005 and joined the team last winter. My favorite pastimes are spending time with my family, hiking, kayaking, cross-country skiing and gardening.

Please stop by the office if you have questions, comments, or just to say, “Hello!”

## In the Field

The GLLT is supported by a great team of volunteers, and this year the hard work of these amazing people was felt more than ever. Thursday Volunteer Outings was a summer feature at GLLT properties. We worked on trails, opened scenic views, and made needed repairs. The two-hour work sessions required hand tools, good attitudes, teamwork, and sometimes brawn to complete key projects.

Off the trails, we have worked on monitoring and mapping conservation easements. This has given us the opportunity to introduce ourselves to the conservation-minded landowners who have easements with the GLLT.

Our first summer outing was to Chip Stockford Reserve, where we re-opened the beautiful view of Kezar Fen and Mt. Kearsarge. Next, we built Tom’s Path—in honor of our late Executive Director, Tom Henderson—at Five Kezar Ponds Reserve. Tom’s Path takes hikers on a wonderful excursion from the Mountain Trail to scenic vistas overlooking Middle Pond. At the Heald and Bradley Ponds Reserve, we rerouted the Flat Hill trail and opened a view of the White Mountains at the summit—on a clear day you can now see all the way to Mt. Washington! In addition, with the help of many volunteers over several outings, we created the Heritage Trail. The trail connects the Amos Andrews and Saddle trails, taking hikers along old stone walls, a colonial road, and several fascinating geological features along the south side of Amos Mountain. And for those who like to climb the Southwest View Trail, there is now a view of Kezar’s Upper Bay from the top of Devil’s Staircase.

**None of this work could have been completed without dedicated volunteers:** GLLT board members Bob Katz, Brent Legere, Mike Maguire, Bruce Taylor, Heinrich Wurm, and significant contributions from Ken Angell, Ken Einstein, Ingrid Einstein, Jane Gibbons, Jay Gestwicki, Lila Gestwicki, Tim Gestwicki, Brian Hammond, Kevin Harding, Leigh Macmillen Hayes, Rick Klausner, Dave Percival, Anna Römer, Peter Ross, and Ryan Schutt.

GLLT trails are open year-round so strap on your snowshoes or skis and enjoy the views from the summits, and join us when we resume our volunteer outings in the spring!



The view from Flat Hill

# 2018 Marion Rodgerson Scholarship Award



Awarded to this year's summer intern, Isaiah Voter

In honor of one of our earliest easement donors, Marion Rodgerson, the Greater Lovell Land Trust offers a \$1,000 scholarship each year to a graduating senior at Fryeburg Academy. Marion Rodgerson owned a farmstead in Lovell that included a farmhouse, two fields, over thirty acres of forest, and 1,600 feet of Kezar Lake frontage. Prior to her death, she donated a conservation easement on the property, one of the first for the GLLT, to protect the water quality and scenic beauty of the lake.

We are pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Marion Rodgerson Scholarship, as selected by a team of

teachers and staff, is Isaiah Voter of South Chatham, New Hampshire.

Isaiah is currently a freshman at Unity College in Maine, where he is studying forestry ecology.

Much to our surprise, the winner of the scholarship was the same Fryeburg Academy senior we had hired as a summer intern. Isaiah's skill set included tree identification, bird ID, map reading and orienteering, CPR certification and wilderness first aid, plus experience with trail building and maintenance. As a product of Molly Ockett Middle School's Maine Environmental Science Academy (MESA) and Fryeburg

Academy's Outdoor Learning And Research Center, Isaiah brought a strong appreciation and understanding of the natural world.

The goal of the internship program is to introduce local young people to every aspect of the Greater Lovell Land Trust's work and create conservation leaders. They are completely immersed in the work of the land trust. Isaiah worked closely with past high school educator, past GLLT board member, and past GLLT Education Program founder, Kevin Harding and with the GLLT Associates, both alumnae of the internship program, to learn about trail and property maintenance and build his knowledge. He joined the docents for weekly Tuesday Tramps, attended guided walks, and helped with the Lovell Recreation Summer Camp nature hikes. He was great at pointing out things to the younger set and taught us all a few new tricks, including how balsam fir resin forms a rainbow in water.



If you know of a local conservation-minded young person, please encourage him/her to apply for the GLLT Internship in the future.

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# Volunteer of the Year Brent Legere

The Greater Lovell Land Trust is highly dependent on volunteers. Because so many do so much to help, it's never easy to identify one outstanding volunteer, but this year the GLLT staff was unanimous in its decision. The GLLT Volunteer of the Year for 2018 is board member Brent Legere.

Several years ago Brent moved from Portland, where he'd worked as a commercial photographer, to Lovell to live a simpler life. You may know Brent as the owner of Lovell Box Company and Western Maine Slabworks. With a flair for woodworking and furniture design, Brent's first job in the Lovell area was as a finish carpenter. Then, on a ride home from work one day, the proverbial light bulb went off in his head. He'd noticed that many people in western Maine placed old milk crates on their porches. The crates, while utilitarian, were also decorative. The name, Lovell Box Company, was obvious.

Brent sensed people's connection to the land and to each other in the community from the start, and he set out to develop his own connections. He discovered the Greater Lovell Land Trust shortly after he moved to town in 2015. On one of those walks, participants needed to climb over a downed tree on the Gallie Trail at the Heald and Bradley Ponds Reserve and he later grabbed his chainsaw to reopen the path. But Brent wanted to help in a more significant way and this year he was invited to join the GLLT Board, attending monthly meetings and serving on the Properties Commission.

Brent is an avid outdoorsman and Sabattus Mountain is just up the street from his home—so he volunteered to serve as the steward for the property. Two Land For Maine's Future grants enabled the State to purchase the 177-acre parcel on the mountain through the cooperative efforts of the Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Greater Lovell Land Trust. The land trust does not own Sabattus Mountain, but nevertheless decided a year ago to make a concerted effort to maintain the trail system there for the community and our visitors. Since joining the GLLT's Properties Commission, Brent has completed basic trail work, hardscaped the driveway surface for better drainage, built a sturdy bridge over

a stream, and created beautiful wooden signs for trail intersections. He's also designing and building an informational kiosk for the trail head.

Taking care of Sabattus isn't all that Brent has done. Last spring, he helped by creating bird house kits for the GLLT after-school program offered through Lovell Recreation at the New Suncook Elementary School, and arranged donations of materials from Lovell Lumber and Lovell Hardware. Brent even built mini sawhorses to aid the building process.

"I really liked that project," Brent says. "It felt like it was specifically playing to my strengths. I have the workshop, tools and skills sets because I make boxes. I like to do stuff that has value."

Brent also participated in the weekly volunteer work sessions helping to clear trails, build new ones, and open views. "It's nice to have the team effort," says Brent. "The amount of work four or five people can complete in two hours is impressive."

Brent takes satisfaction from hearing people in the community talk positively about the land trust and especially about Sabattus Mountain and the changes that have taken place there. He's proud to share the GLLT's role in caring for the mountain and making improvements. When asked what he would say to other young people who might consider volunteering for the GLLT, Brent says, "Just show up with what you have for skills and abilities. If you are interested, reach out. Just do it, an extra pair of hands and eyes can make a difference."



Brent Legere and Mabel



# Education Highlights



It has been an exciting year for the Greater Lovell Land Trust Environmental Education program. Thanks to a donation from an anonymous foundation, we have greatly enhanced our offerings.

Last spring, we purchased four **GLLT backpacks** and filled them with naturalist gear. Charlotte Hobbs Librarian Shelby Monroe placed them on loan and library patrons sign them out just as you would a book.

The grant also allowed us to take more than thirty **Lovell Recreation Summer Campers** to Squam Lake Natural Science Center as our final nature program summer adventure. The kids especially loved learning about Peregrine Falcons, getting up close with owls, and watching otters eat and play.

Our fall adventures have also benefited from the grant. We were able to purchase twenty blaze orange vests, saving our GLLT docents from scrounging to come up with the safety wear for the **after-school Trailblazers program**.

Speaking of Trailblazers, we recently finished the fall session. This year, fourteen kids joined us. They are full of energy, and their knowledge of the natural world grew each week. For their last session of the season, their parents and siblings joined us at the Kezar River Reserve. We're already looking forward to winter and spring sessions.

This fall, we also continued the tradition of taking students from Molly Ockett Middle School's **Maine Environmental Science Academy** into the fen. And were amazed that day by a flock of Sandhill Cranes flying overhead.

Another success of the year, and you may already know this if you were in attendance, was our weekly **Summer Talk series**. The word is out about these interesting and educational programs. We were delighted to welcome familiar faces and make many new friends.

Thank you to all who attended and we hope to see you at our fall and winter walks. We'll offer at least **one hike each month**; check the schedule on page 7.

If you'd like to join us for regular **Tuesday Tracker outings**, send an e-mail to [leigh.hayes@gllt.org](mailto:leigh.hayes@gllt.org). Weather permitting, we'll head to different properties to follow mammal tracks on the first and third Tuesday from December through March.

Check the [gllt.org](http://gllt.org) website for all of our events, and if you enjoy wondering about nature, take a look at Leigh's website: [wondermyway.com](http://wondermyway.com).

## Endowment Fund Campaign Update

Toni Stechler, Chair

This summer was difficult for many of us at the Greater Lovell Land Trust as we carried on without Tom Henderson, our guiding spirit for so long. Tom and I worked closely together, as we shaped the plans for raising \$1 million to add to our Endowment Fund, ensuring the sustainability of our community programs and the wildlife corridors, open spaces, and trails that we all treasure. One of the ways to offer a tribute to Tom is by supporting the Fund.

The Endowment Fund continues to grow, as a number of donors have made generous gifts this summer. Here are some ways, other than sending us a check, that you can contribute to the Fund:

**Appreciated Securities:** Gifts of appreciated marketable securities put the full value of your gift to work, bypass any capital gains owed if you sold the asset outright, and provide a charitable deduction.

**Charitable IRA Rollovers:** Individuals 70 1/2 can give \$100,000 per year directly from their IRA, free of federal income tax. The gift counts toward the Required Minimum Distribution.

**Gifts in Wills and Estate Plans:** Specify a gift to the Endowment Fund of the Greater Lovell Land Trust as a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or "what's left" after your heirs have been provided for.

Please contact Toni Stechler if you want to discuss a donation, or have any questions: E-mail: [toni.stechler@gllt.org](mailto:toni.stechler@gllt.org)

We look forward to talking with you or receiving your pledge. Mail your pledge or donation to the GLLT at this address: Endowment Fund, GLLT, P.O. Box 225, Lovell ME 04051

# Guided Walks

Saturday, November 10, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Pondering the Past at Pondicherry Park:** It's hunting season, so our journey will take us to a woodland park where hunting is not allowed. With the Lakes Environmental Association and Loon Echo Land Trust, we'll co-host a walk through history as we point out key features in the park. If time permits, we'll also check out the low-element challenge course along LEA's Pinehaven Trail adjacent to the park.

**Location:** Pondicherry Park kiosk behind Reny's, Depot Street, Bridgton.

**Degree of Difficulty:** Easy.

Sunday, November 18, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

**Forest Bathing:** Postponed from October, this special and slow-paced walk will allow us to get in touch with all of our senses. It's a practice that has caught on in many countries and we're pleased to bring it to Lovell. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

compleatwetlander@gmail.com

**Location:** To be announced to registrants via e-mail.

**Degree of Difficulty:** Easy.



Saturday, December 1, 9:30 - noon

**Christmas at Ladies Delight:** The Maine Christmas Tree Hunt is a fun holiday scavenger hunt to find decorated trees in western Maine. We'll search for the decorated trees along the Blue Loop at the Chip Stockford Reserve and may add a few of our own biodegradable ornaments along the way.

**Location:** Chip Stockford Reserve, Ladies Delight Road, Lovell.

**Degree of Difficulty:** Easy.



Tuesday, January 1, 12:30 - 3:30 pm

**Third Annual First Day Hike:** Join the GLLT to ring in the New Year. Participants will warm up with a climb to the summit of Sabattus Mountain and toast Lovell with hot cocoa and a sweet treat while enjoying the view from Kezar Lake to the White Mountains. Snowshoes or micro-spikes a must.

**Location:** Sabattus Mountain parking lot, Sabattus Trail Road, Lovell.

**Degree of Difficulty:** Moderate.



Saturday, February 17, 12:30-3:30pm

**Porcupine Prowl:** Sometimes we get to see these quilled creatures, but always we find signs they leave behind announcing that they inhabit Flat Hill. We'll go on a porcupine prowl and see if we can piece together parts of their story, including hints of others who may also be looking for them (think maybe fisher or bobcat tracks). Join us to celebrate Great Maine Outdoor Weekend with this afternoon hike. Snowshoes a must.

**Location:** Flat Hill, end of Heald Pond Road off of Slab City Road, Lovell

**Degree of Difficulty:** Moderate

Saturday, March 2, 9:30 am - noon

**Tracker Tramp:** Let's explore the Bishop Cardinal Reserve and Wilson Wing Moose Pond Bog Preserve. Rather than follow a trail, we'll look for tracks and see where they lead us and what we can learn about mammal behavior in this wetland/upland location. Snowshoes a must.

**Location:** Bishop Cardinal Reserve/Wilson Wing Moose Pond Bog Preserve, Horseshoe Pond Road, Lovell

**Degree of Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate



Saturday, April 27, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Vernal Pool Ponderings:** It's become a yearly tradition to check on the ephemeral pool at the Heald and Bradley Ponds Reserve. We'll dip small containers and see what aquatic insects we might find, taking a closer look through hand lenses and a field microscope. If time allows, we'll walk to Otter Rock as well.

**Location:** Fairburn Parking Lot (just after the boat launch), Slab City Road, Lovell

**Degree of Difficulty:** Easy

Saturday, May 18, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

**A Pterodactyl Sighting:** This will be a silent walk for some of the way as we'll check on a heron rookery from a distance. We won't want to disturb the colony, so we'll stay hidden among trees and spy on them with binoculars. At the same time, we'll also note other birds that enjoy the wetland location. Binoculars and bug repellent a must.

**Location:** Meet behind the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library to carpool.

**Degree of Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate

# 2018 Donors & Supporters

Donor support of the Greater Lovell Land Trust sustains our mission and supports our programming, our work, and our community. To our donors, thank you. And to the large roster of volunteers who are dedicated to the work we do, a special expression of gratitude for the many ways that you make the future of our organization possible.

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 Burgess Smith  
 Dave & Betty Smith H  
 Dennis & Ellen Smith E  
 Steve & Jodi Smith  
 Lynn Smith  
 Todd & Sarah Smith  
 Dr. & Mrs. Roger Sorg  
 Ross & Carol Speer  
 Al & Irene St. Germain  
 Gerald & Anne St. Pierre  
 Wade & Mary Staniar  
 Albert & Jacquelyn Stearns  
 Robert Stearns  
 Toni Stechler E  
 Toby & Barbara Stein  
 Dennis Stimple & Helen Gernon  
 Dan Stockford & Maura McHugh H  
 Gary & Anne Stuer  
 Arthur Sumbler  
 Thomas Symancyk  
 Robert & Mary Tagliamonte  
 Mark Tannenbaum & Anne Marie Gassier  
 Bruce & Debbie Taylor EH  
 Hal & Carol Taylor  
 Margaret Taylor  
 Ralph & Marilyn Tedesco E  
 Coleman Ticer  
 Thomas & Kay Todd EH  
 Dave & Alison Tomlinson E  
 Steve & Jenny Tooley  
 Vincent Tortorici  
 Mark Totten  
 Frederick Tripp H  
 Mark & Kathy Tripp  
 Betsy Tyrol  
 Rob & Lorri Upton  
 Mary Vicks  
 The Vinton Fund  
 Herman & Nancy Voigt  
 Adrian Wadsworth  
 Don Walden  
 Randy & Tracy Wales H  
 Jonathan & Amy Walker  
 Bill & Kate Weber E  
 Tina Weeks  
 Westways Maintenance Corp  
 Joyce White  
 James & Theresa Whitmore  
 Rev. & Mrs. Kenyon Wildrick  
 Bob & Ann Williams H  
 David & Nell Wing  
 Robert & Susan Winship H  
 Tom Winship  
 Tina Woldow Rutan E  
 David & Elizabeth Woods E  
 Heinrich & Linda Wurm E  
 George & Moira Yip E  
 Bruce Zabinsky & Bonny Boatman E  
 Anonymous EH

## Stewards and Monitors

Ken Einstein	David Percival
Carol Gestwicki	Jo Radner
Kevin Harding	Anna Römer
Leigh Macmillen Hayes	Peter Ross
Rick Johnson	Ryan Schutt
Bob Katz	Toni Stechler
Richard Klausner	Bob Katz
Jane Lansing	Bob Winship
Brent Legere	Heinrich Wurm
David Littell	Linda Wurm

## Docents

Bonny Boatman	Vanny Nelson
Juli Coombs	David Percival
Carol Gestwicki	David Sears
Mary Ginder	Dennis Smith
Alice Goodwin	Ellen Smith
Nancy Hammond	Toni Stechler
Kevin Harding	Molly Ross
Ann Johnson	Peter Ross
Ingrid Johnson	Parker Veitch
Bob Katz	Bob Winship
Pam Katz	Susan Winship
Joan Lundin	Linda Wurm
Janet Mahannah	Moira Yip
Deborah Nelson	

## Special Donations In Kind

In honor of Tom Henderson, a memorial stone was donated and placed at Whitney Pond Cabin by Nick Nataluk and Fieldstone Landscaping.

The new gllt.org website and our online email and document management systems were developed and launched with the invaluable assistance of Jon Briccetti and the team at his company, Troy Web.

The work of booking, lodging and managing guest needs at our off-the-grid rental property has been managed completely by volunteer and five-star hostess, Linda Wurm.

Our Interim Executive Director, Jill Rundle, has filled a full-time role for our organization during a one year transition period, on a volunteer basis. Her commitment has made it possible for the GLLT to operate fully and to initiate planning for accreditation and future conservation.

The Adirondack chairs on our office porch were rebuilt and repainted by board member Bob Winship, and the planters were filled this summer in memory of Tom Henderson with beautiful, and also edible, plants of many varieties by our neighbor, Susan Sidwell.

The Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library graciously allows us the use of the Stephen and Tabitha King Room for evening and special programs. In addition, the GLLT Nature Backpacks are available on loan from the library.

Hewnooks Artist Colony shares their special property for our poetry workshop each summer.



## GLLT Board Appreciation

Board service is one of the toughest volunteer roles of all, and the Greater Lovell Land Trust's outgoing board members have performed with dedication, sense, and purpose—our sincere thanks to departing president Burgess Smith (who will continue to offer guidance as a past president), and departing board members and also former board presidents Rob Upton and Bob Winship. We are grateful that Bob Winship will continue as a Director Emeritus. Our thanks also to Gene Spender, Jim Owen, and James Wilfong, appointed to the GLLT Board by the towns of Lovell, Stoneham, and Stow respectively.

While their official board service has ended, their efforts will always be a guiding light as the GLLT continues to grow and move forward.

Picking up the mantle are new board members: Jon Briccetti, Susan Golder, Brent Legere, and Bruce Taylor. And representing the towns of Stoneham and Stow on the board are Paula Hughes and Hillie Lutter.

Our gratitude and appreciation to past, present, and new GLLT board members.



Loon Researcher Lee Attix displays loon egg replica

## News from the Kezar Lake Watershed Association



Jim Stone, President

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer in our beautiful watershed. The principle activities of the KLWA this year have been as follows:

- Testing regularly the water of the watershed. Water quality continues to be very good. This year pH levels improved and clarity and water temperatures were near or at record levels.
- Funding and staffing the Lake Patrol boat. Turf Ramsden, our new Patrol Boat Officer, was very active recording 51 boat assists; 22 swimmer assists; and distributing 151 whistles to paddle boarders and kayakers (required by State law).
- Initiating a major new research program on Common Loons. Thanks to a grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, this summer a group headed by Heinrich Wurm and Lee Attix observed and monitored the behavior of loons in our watershed from their arrival in the spring to their migration in the fall. We were very pleased that four of our loon rafts were used by nesting pairs and that chicks from those nests had a significantly higher survival rate.
- Studying the impact of waves and propeller wash on Kezar Lake caused by different activities and watercraft. Our objective is to understand their impact and recommend best operating practices.
- And finally, we initiated discussion with Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on the concentrated schedule of bass tournaments on the lake in July and August. A number of KLWA members had expressed concern that such concentrated fishing during the warmest months of the summer increases fish stress levels and contributes to delayed mortality. No agreement has been reached, but discussions are on-going.

# High-Tech Hide 'n Seek on GLLT Properties



Since about 2000, geocaching, a web-based, real world treasure hunt game played with a GPS device or smartphone, has grown in popularity. Map coordinates lead players to caches or containers hidden in various locales. Each container holds a log book, pencil and a few small trinkets. Recently, caches were hidden by the GLLT Geocache Team.

To play, log in to [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com), pick a nickname, and register as a basic player. Then plug in the zip code for Lovell (04051) and search for geocaches within 10-100+ miles. We recommend Ron's Favorite, GC7Y7NY. A second one has been planted at the Heald and Bradley Ponds Reserve. By spring there should be more to find.

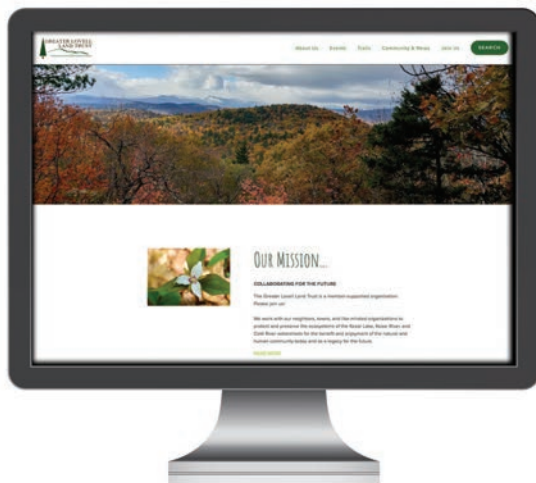
As you head off on the hunt, be sure to have batteries or charge your phone. You'll need a trail map, water, snack, trinket to trade, and maybe a pencil. Most important of all—make sure you've got the coordinates of the cache location. Before you start, enter a waypoint at your car. GPS will send you in a straight line to your destination, but you'll have to follow the trails to get to the spot. As you approach the site, you'll feel a bit like you are playing the childhood game of "Hot and Cold." Your GPS should let you know if you are getting closer or moving further away. Accuracy depends on satellite readings. Even when the device thinks you've reached the destination, you may be off by a number of feet. Look around for rocks or bark that may serve as great hiding spots.



Once you locate a cache, write a brief note, include your geocache nickname, the date and a brief comment, "Took a hairclip and left a matchbox car," or "Left a few bandaids—never know when you may need one in the woods." When you take a trinket, you should leave a trinket. And don't forget to record your finds on your [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) account.

We do ask that you don't hide additional geocache boxes on the GLLT properties. We are excited to offer this opportunity, but want to keep the cache sites to a minimum. So . . . register with [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com), look for the GLLT sites, and head off on a high-tech hide 'n' seek adventure.

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The GLLT has launched an updated website ([gllt.org](http://gllt.org)) thanks to the generous help of board member Jon Briccetti and his company, Troy Web Consulting. The Troy Web team also helped us implement G-Suite, improving our e-mail and file management capabilities. Visit them at [troyweb.com](http://troyweb.com).

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