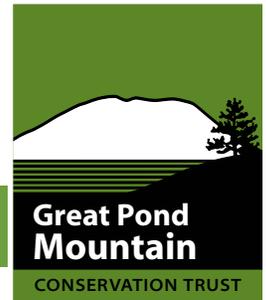


The Mountain Ear

The Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust Newsletter

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New WHIP Grant to Benefit Wildlife

Wildlife in the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands will benefit from a new cost-sharing agreement between GPMCT and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service this year. GPMCT will once again participate in the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) in 2011-2013, which will fund a number of wildlife habitat enhancement projects.

Work will begin this fall on creating a total of 10.8 acres of woodcock habitat in the Dead River parcel, under the direction of forester Roger Greene. Jake Maier, our former forester,

The program will fund 25 birdhouses for a variety of cavity-nesting species, and 25 brushpiles, built to serve as nursery and shelter for small mammals like mice and hares and songbirds like the winter wren. Otherwise known as “bunny bunkers,” these sturdy piles are built to particular specifications, and must be at least 12 feet in diameter. Volunteers will begin working on these projects this summer.

Snag tree creation involves girdling (removing bark around) a larger tree (at least six inches in diameter) in order to kill it but leave it standing.

Such standing dead trees provide excellent nesting and denning habitat for owls, chickadees, woodpeckers, raccoons, bats, and many other creatures. GPMCT volunteers will be creating a minimum of four snag trees per acre over 25 acres during the next two years.

Mast trees are trees such as oak, apple, cherry, mountain ash and beech, that provide important fruit, nuts or seeds for wildlife food. Our forester will be selecting five acres



PHOTO MITCHELL BAUM

American woodcock

laid out the small areas to be clearcut, with the help of wildlife biologist Gary Donovan of the Northern Forest Woodcock Initiative. The clearcuts will be adjacent to current log landings and will perpetuate the kind of early successional habitat woodcock need for breeding. Songbirds like the chestnut-sided warbler and many others also use this type of young forest habitat, which will begin to disappear as Wildlands forests continue to grow rapidly.

for mast tree release, where young mast trees can be encouraged to grow larger faster by thinning out other trees around them. This will improve habitat for turkeys, deer, songbirds, and the many other species that depend on the wild produce from these trees.

A previous WHIP agreement to conserve trout habitat allowed GPMCT to build two bridges and repair drainage in a gravel pit in 2007-2009.

NRCS programs are available to private landowners, including farmers and forest landowners as well. ✧

For more information in Hancock County, contact Roland DuPuis, NRCS District Conservationist, at the Ellsworth Service Center, 667-8663 x3. Statewide, visit www.me.nrcs.usda.gov.

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From the President **David Gross**

Dear Friends,

As a late spring seems reluctant to arrive in Maine and in the Wildlands, I sit down to write my last column as GPMCT president. When my father, Stuart Gross, founded GPMCT in 1992, it was with the hope of somehow acquiring and conserving the beautiful land in Hothole Valley which he saw from the top of Great Pond Mountain during his frequent hikes up the mountain. He died in 1997 at age 87 without having realized that dream—though he did climb the mountain a few days before he died!

I returned to Maine after living “away” for many years in 2004, joined the Board that first winter, and became president just at the time we were purchasing the Wildlands in 2006. On my watch we conducted the very successful Wildlands Campaign, and since then we have owned those wonderful thousands of acres free and clear for conservation and public recreation. I could not be more proud of having helped to realize Dad’s dream. When I ski the Wildlands in the winter, hike and mountain bike in the summer, every time, I am impressed all over again with how beautiful it is, how fortunate we are to have been able to achieve this.

I leave the Trust in the very capable hands of incoming president George Schelling, long-time GPMCT member, volunteer, Board member, and, for the last two years, vice-president. Under George’s leadership GPMCT will move forward in many exciting areas. The natural resources inventory of our service area of northwestern Hancock County that we have been looking forward to begins this fall. The Land Protection Committee is pursuing several exciting possible projects. We continue to work on enhancing the Wildlands: check out the amazing boulder field at the end of our new Bump Hill path, accessed off the Hothole Brook trail. Some of the boulders are as big as a house, tumbled atop one another, making wonderful little paths and tunnels among them.

So, thanks for the wonderful support you’ve given the Trust for these many years. It’s the only thing that makes GPMCT and the Wildlands possible. I look forward to seeing many of you in the Wildlands this summer.

Sincerely,



David Gross, *President GPMCT*

Planting Chestnuts

Friends & GPMCT Plant Chestnuts at the Wildlands

The Bucksport Area Narramissic Friends Society planted two dozen American chestnut seedlings in the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands this spring. The Maine chapter of the American Chestnut

Foundation (ACF) provided the seedlings, and Glen Rea, chapter President and Chairman of the National ACF Board, grew the seedlings from Maine stock.

Prior to the early 1900s, about one-quarter of East Coast hardwoods were American chestnut; a blight killed nearly all of them. Wildlife thrives on the nuts and chestnut wood is highly prized for building projects. In 1983 the ACF was founded to backcross blight resistant Chinese chestnut with American chestnut while maintaining the American chestnut’s characteristics. The first potentially blight-resistance nuts produced by this process were harvested in 2005; seedlings from those nuts have



Volunteers water a chestnut seedling.

since been planted at select sites—sites with previously successful experimental plantings of American chestnut. If the Wildlands proves to be good habitat for the 100% American chestnuts being planted this spring, the ACF will in the future provide the Wildlands with blight-resistant part-Chinese seedlings.

Volunteers have planted chestnuts in the Wildlands prior to this, and many continue to survive, and will also be afforded protection via deer fencing this year.

Enhanced Easement Incentive Expires by 2012

Generous landowners who donate voluntary conservation easements to Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust are inspired by many things: they love Hancock County, they feel connected to their land, and they wish to leave a legacy for future generations. This inspiration is central to our work to permanently protect valuable natural resources. But for almost all of our donors, donating a conservation easement is a major financial decision, and the federal income tax deduction that comes with a donation helps make easements possible for landowners in our community.

In 2010, Congress renewed a 2006 incentive that enables farmers, small woodlot owners and other moderate-income landowners to get a significant tax benefit for donating a conservation easement on their land. The legislation allows easement donors to:

- Deduct up to 50 percent of their adjusted gross income in any year (up from 30 percent)
- Deduct up to 100 percent of their adjusted gross income if the majority of that income came from farming or forestry
- Continue to take deductions for as long as 16 years (previously 6 years)

Landowners who act quickly to conserve their land can enjoy these benefits now, but they’re currently set to expire on December 31, 2011. Please talk to your legislator about making these incentives for land conservation permanent! ✧

To learn more about the enhanced incentive visit: www.lta.org/easementincentive. If you’d like to talk to someone at GPMCT about the feasibility of a conservation easement on your land, call our office at 207 469-7190 or e-mail info@greatpondtrust.org.

Walking the Wildlands

by Scott Bennett and Jane Crosen

Spring's cool, damp weather has brought the Wildlands from bud to bloom—from Mayflowers along the Esker Path to wild strawberries along the roadsides, blossoms promise berries to come. Spring is a magical time to hike the trails, with birds flitting about, open views, unfurling tiny leaves and catkins

Mountain—close enough for awesome views and echoes!

In addition to trails for campsites on Hothole Brook and Baker Brook, we're working on a couple of new hiking paths this year. We'll post details when these projects are further along. Got any input on new, potential, and existing

We occasionally hear reports of hikers making a wrong turn; if you've accidentally strayed, please turn back right away, find the last blaze you passed, and keep looking until you find where the path goes.

We do the best we can to fix problem areas on our trail system, but we could



PHOTOS C. DOMINA



Lady's slipper, trail summit and bunchberry on Great Pond Mountain.

everywhere. Soon summer will be here, and the gate will be open (starting June 18) for better access to our interior trails.

By then, our newest foot trail, Bump Hill Path, will be signed and blazed. If you have not yet visited this unique boulder-field loop at the foot of Great Pond Mountain, do check it out! The path leaves the south side of Hothole Brook Trail about 0.6 mile from the Valley Road junction. It gently winds through pines up and around Bump Hill's collection of boulders (dropped by the glacier) to two viewpoints, looking west across a beaver flowage to Great Pond

trails? Our goal is to meet the needs of our visitors in a responsible way.

Over this past season, we've noticed "trail phantoms" removing brush piles along trails. These brush piles were placed for a reason: with skidder trails criss-crossing the Wildlands, it's easy to make a wrong turn. We often pile brush as a visual cue to help keep people on course. Please leave brush piles where you find them. We do appreciate help from hikers picking up fallen branches in the blazed trail corridors and alerting us to blowdowns and other obstacles.

use YOUR help! Volunteering on a trail crew allows you to give back, show your appreciation, meet new people and feel a sense of stewardship of the paths. Not to mention the volunteer crews' rare privilege of getting to drive the interior gravel roads en route to projects! Explore with us and see special places few others get to. Help us scout, make decisions, and build paths.

We welcome new members to our Paths core planning group, as well as those who would like to help out regularly or occasionally with trail building and maintenance. We have only a couple of planning meetings per year, usually in the winter; and just one or two weekend mornings or afternoons each month during the trail work season (April through October). We will have several work days later this season, soon to be announced. ✧

Sign up for our e-list or get more information on joining the Paths Committee by e-mailing info@greatpondtrust.org, or calling 207 469-7190.



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Rhodora on Great Pond Mountain.

What's **NEW** at GPMCT?

GPMCT Hires New Wildlands Steward

Welcome to our new Wildlands Steward Tricia Rouleau of Ellsworth, who began working for GPMCT on June 1. Rouleau spent the last five years as a consultant for FB Environmental Associates of Portland, traveling around the state to collect and manage environmental data, write reports, develop GIS maps and models, and conduct field assessments.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of my job has been working with local land trusts on conservation easement monitoring, management planning, baseline documentation and other land stewardship activities," Rouleau said. Since 2009, for instance, she has helped Frenchman Bay Conservancy develop a volunteer monitoring program for 29 easement properties. She hopes to continue such work while being our part-time Steward.

Since moving to Maine from Vermont in 1998, Rouleau has also worked as a Soil Conservation Technician for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and held seasonal positions stewarding a Nature Conservancy property and conducting wetlands research in Acadia



National Park for the U.S. Geological Survey, among other things. She earned a BS in Ecology and Environmental Science (with a concentration in soil and water science) from the University of Maine.

Our prior Wildlands Steward, Jake Maier, resigned this March after two and a half years in the position to pursue numerous other forestry projects. During Jake's tenure as Steward and forester, he won awards for his forestry work in the Wildlands with youth groups such as KidsPeace, the REACH School and Bucksport High School classes. Jake wrote the Wildlands' forest management plan and began the process of bringing the Wildlands' cut-

over forests back to health, finding grant funding and loggers to do the work. Jake's help was invaluable in implementing our Recreational Trails Grant work, our annual Christmas Tree events and other programs, monitoring and maintaining the Wildlands and maintaining our website, among many other things. We are grateful to Jake and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Meet Our New Forester

Our new forester, Roger Greene, began working with the GPMCT in April. His



first job has been to design an American chestnut grove with the help of volunteers; he'll also be working with us in 2011 to mark our boundaries, create new

woodcock habitat, plan our next Christmas tree event, and set up projects for forest thinning—all in the Wildlands.

With 40 years of forestry experience and a Master's degree in the field, Greene has worked for both large industrial and small private clients, run his own forestry consulting business, and since 2004 has been consulting as a quantitative silviculturist and business developer for Mason, Bruce and Girard, a nationwide, Oregon-based firm.

Greene, who lives in Stockton Springs, is active in the local community and in outdoor pursuits. He looks forward to helping the Trust "reach the goal of building back a mature-looking forest in a shorter time period than would be possible by letting nature take its course."

Camping in the Wildlands

The Wildlands should be open for camping at two sites late this summer. Mitchville, the old Flying Moose Lodge campsite along Hothole Brook, is being refurbished with a new latrine site and new trail. This site will be for families or small groups.

Baker Brook is our newest campsite, most easily accessed via the Wildlands' North Gate on Bald Mountain Road. It will eventually accommodate larger groups of up to 30, and has many small trails and beaver ponds nearby to explore.

Sixteen volunteers tidied up the Baker Brook site on April 23, clearing the last

remains of a burnt camp (controlled burn last fall courtesy of REACH School, Orland Fire Department and GPMCT staff), cutting stumps, hauling away brush and trash, clearing small trails and building a firepit. Volunteers then enjoyed an old-fashioned weenie roast over the fire. Thanks to Jane Crosen, Jen Riefler, Gloria Howard, Fern Stearns, Frank Hubbard, Geo Atwood, Steve Davis, Lucy Leaf, Sarah LeVine, George Hunt, Gene Behrenshausen, Jerry Marancik and Dave Davis and Caleb Robidoux from Scout Pack 26 for their labor!

Our next step at Baker Brook will be to construct a lean-to and tent sites and finish our latrine. This would be a great project for a group or Eagle Scout! If you're interested in helping, call the GPMCT office at 469-7190 or e-mail info@greatpondtrust.org. For info on our camping policy and opening date, watch our website, www.greatpondtrust.org.

Wildlands Ranger

Tom Fox of Orland will once again be our Wildlands Ranger this summer, and the South Gate on Route 1 (near the Route 176 intersection) will be opening weekends, starting June 18.



Like Our New Look?

We've hired Karin Wilkes and Jeff Dreher of KMW Design in Ellsworth to redesign all our print and web materials, from our Wildlands guide to our newsletter to our website. They will also create a new GPMCT brochure. Our lovely logo designed by Brian Keegstra will get a fresh font and shape, and all our materials will look more consistent. Visit our newly designed website, which includes a downloadable map to the Wildlands, ways to donate online, last minute post on upcoming events, photos and more. Coming soon: the ability to shop for GPMCT products online. Let us know what you think!

www.greatpondtrust.org

Upcoming Events this Summer

To keep up to date on ALL our events and volunteer opportunities, please visit our website, or join our e-list by e-mailing info@greatpondtrust.org.



June 25 Alewife Run Paddle, Orland River Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 at 8 am (sharp)
ALAMOOSOOK LAKE BEACH

Take the scenic route to the Orland River Day festivities—join the annual Alewife Run from Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery to Orland Village! Cheri Domina of GPMCT and Karen Francouer of Castine Kayak will lead canoers and kayakers from the Alamoosook Lake beach for a leisurely 3.5-mile (less than two hour) paddle down the lovely Narramissic River, arriving in the village in time for the parade and strawberry shortcake. One short portage around a dam is involved. Details on boat rental, bus shuttle, and more available at www.greatpondtrust.org, or call 469-2008, or email cheri@greatpondtrust.org.



June 26 Kallet/Larsen Benefit Concert

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 at 7PM
ALAMOOSOOK LAKESIDE INN

Folk musicians Cindy Kallet and Grey Larsen will give a concert to benefit GPMCT. Their repertoire is drawn from many traditions, they are best known for renditions of Irish and Scandinavian music and of the music

of southern Ohio and Indiana where Grey was born and raised. Grey plays Irish flute, tin whistle, fiddle, harmonium and concertina, and Cindy guitar, harmonium and fiola. They perform separately and together all over the US and have made many recordings of both traditional songs and their own compositions. Cindy, who began performing at age 18, has a strong attachment to Maine, where she lived for many years and attended the Alamoosook Island Camp. For more on Cindy and Grey, visit www.kalletlarsen.com. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12; for advance tickets call Emily Hawkins at (207) 348-9901. Admission at the door will be offered, but seating will be limited.



July 10 Dead River Paddle & Hike

SUNDAY, JULY 10 at 10am
CRAIG BROOK NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 10 at 6:30pm
DEAD RIVER PROPERTY

Join us for GPMCT's Annual Meeting and a day of fun on the Dead River in Orland. We'll meet at Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery for a paddle up the Dead River to watch wildlife and enjoy the scenery, stopping at our Wildlands picnic point for light refreshments provided by GPMCT, or bring a bag lunch if you wish. Options will be available to hike up Great Pond Mountain from there. You can also choose to hike to picnic point, or just to take a drive in the Dead River property—we'll open the gate on Don Fish Road.

Annual Meeting will start at 6:30 pm with a dessert potluck, followed by officer elections, awards, update on the year's activities and a brief presentation from Jim Dow of Blue Hill Heritage Trust on their

Conservation Focus Areas and ecological study by Janet McMahon. Call 469-2008 for more information.

July 16 & August 20 Berry Days

SATURDAY, JULY 16 (Raspberries)
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 (Blackberries)
TIME and LOCATION TBA

Grab your berry baskets—GPMCT board members and berry connoisseurs Sarah LeVine and Nikki Fox will lead berry pickers to the Wildlands' premium berry patches this summer. Rain dates are July 23 and August 27. Families welcome. Bring your own receptacles. Refreshments will be served and recipes using raspberries and blackberries distributed to those interested. In the meantime, here is a recipe for Berry Popsicles, which may be made with any soft fruit, including strawberries, raspberries and blackberries.



Berry Popsicles

Ingredients:

- 4 oz. sugar
- 1lb. soft berries, washed
- juice of 1 lemon

Directions

1. First make a sugar syrup by placing the sugar and 4 oz. of water in a heavy saucepan. Place over low heat and stir with a wooden spoon until the sugar has dissolved.
2. Cook syrup on high heat at a steady boil for 1-2 minutes. Set aside to cool.
3. Puree the berries in a blender or food processor and empty puree into a bowl.
4. Add the lemon juice and sugar syrup to the berry puree.
5. Pour the mixture into ice popsicle molds, slot a stick into each mold and freeze.

Winter and Spring Highlights

Our 4th Annual Christmas Greens Gathering in the Wildlands November 28 and December 5 was another rousing success, with 300 people enjoying a hayride and bringing home about 80 fir and spruce trees, helping us to thin our crowded softwood stands. KidsPeace students provided help with a new trail and wreaths to sell, and as always, MANY GPMCT volunteers made the

The Annual Wildlands Snowshoe Run and Trek on January 23 had deep snow and subzero wind chill, but that didn't stop the diehards. The winner of the 3.62-mile race was Ryan King of Stockton Springs, with a time of 40:15; followed by Shannon Horton of Trenton, 42:32 and Tom Kirby of Ellsworth, 43:31; followed by Sean Sullivan of Ellsworth, Allison Bell of Southwest Harbor and

Monthly Family Walks offered by board member and mom Nikki Fox are perfect for young children and parents or grandparents (strollers welcome). A number of local families have enjoyed these opportunities to be outdoors.

Annual Cleanup Day at Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery GPMCT volunteers joined Friends of Craig Brook on Saturday, April 16, for our annual cleanup. We cleaned the trails of debris and fallen logs and picked up trash at the beach to prepare for the summer season. Thanks to all who participated and to FCB's Richard Hero for organizing it this year!

Warbler and Wildflower Walks Birdwatchers joined Cheri Domina, GPMCT Executive Director and naturalist, on Friday mornings this spring for walks in Bucksport and Orland. Highlights included bobolinks and magnolia warblers on Bucksport's Silver Lake trails; and black-throated blue and blackburnian warblers at Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery. ✧



PHOTOS J MAIER

Wildlands winter fun: Snowshoe Race January 23, and casual snowshoers.

event happen. Thanks! The icing on the cake was Erik Taylor-Lash entertaining the crowd around the bonfire with his ukulele carols. People come from all over eastern Maine to enjoy this event.

Our Full Moon Hike in the Wildlands was enjoyed by twenty-four hardy souls on December 16 under clear skies, with one group venturing as far as the top of Oak Hill. Jennifer Riefler summed it up, "It was pretty well perfect."

Our 6th Annual Winter Retreat was held on Saturday, January 15 at the Alamoosook Lakeside Inn. Board and staff members spent the morning discussing our 2010 organizational assessment with facilitator Barb Welch, then volunteers joined us for a potluck lunch and afternoon discussions on our 2011 workplan—a product of our new five-year Strategic Plan.



PHOTO C. DOMINA

Christmas tree hunters on a hayride.

Jennifer Riefler. Eight people also participated in the shorter non-competitive trek. Thanks to volunteers Peter Keeney, Jen Riefler, Connie Tuller, Karen Keeney, Paul DeVore, Ryan King and Tom Kirby for making it happen!

Peter Keeney of Bar Harbor, who organizes our benefit run and snowshoe run each year, went on this year to the U.S. National Snowshoe Racing Championships March 11-13 in Cable, Wisconsin and brought home a Gold Medal for his age category. "I missed the National Team by four minutes and two spots," said Peter. "Our relay team won the Bronze. Thanks for all of the support!" Peter says the Northeast Snowshoe Organization would like to make our Wildlands race the Maine State championship race. More to come...

Casual Hikes with Connie Tuller Connie, a volunteer who likes to hike the Wildlands regularly, has invited the public to join her once a month this spring for a casual jaunt. Visitors have enjoyed a vernal equinox stroll to the beaver dam on Mead Mountain Road and breakfast at the Dead River picnic area, among other adventures. Thanks, Connie!

Wind Power Ordinance

Orland voters approved a wind energy ordinance at a special Town Meeting March 15. The ordinance allows all types of wind turbines in Orland, from household models to 400-foot turbine windfarms, but sets many requirements for developers of the larger facilities, including a half-mile setback from residences (unless landowners sign a waiver), a meteorological study, proof of no "unreasonable adverse effect" on significant wildlife habitat or rare plants or animals; stormwater management plan and decommissioning plan. Provisions in the ordinance to control noise (including low frequency noise) and shadow flicker are based on the newest research, and in some instances are stricter than the state's model ordinance.

The ordinance lists Great Pond Mountain Wildlands specifically as a "scenic resource." Wind turbines located closer than eight miles from a scenic resource would require a visual impact assessment. So far no wind projects have come before the Orland Planning Board, but a large project is currently being studied for the Dodge Hill area near the Orland/Dedham line. GPMCT offers thanks to the Orland Planning Board for their hard work on researching this ordinance and their responsiveness to citizen input—including a survey and at least two public hearings. ✧

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Give a Little More

MacLeod's Restaurant & Pub in Bucksport has once again offered 2-for-1 entrées for anyone who moves to a higher membership category in 2011. And check out our new membership category—Trailblazer—for gifts of \$250 to \$499. If you're among the first twenty Trailblazers, your gift will be matched with \$100 from anonymous donors. Please consider increasing your support this year!

It doesn't matter how you give, or how much—your support helps us conserve the best and most beautiful parts of our communities. ✧



Trail Horse Event in the Wildlands

Riders put trail horses through their paces in the Wildlands during a June 4th event put on by the American Competitive Trail Horse Association. For more information on this national organization and its New England events, visit www.actha.us. Organizer Maxine Friend of Sedgwick says the Wildlands ride is likely to become an annual event. ✧

Become a member of GPMCT, renew, or make a gift.

Membership benefits include the Mountain Ear, our newsletter, which comes out twice a year, invitations to special events, and voting participation at the GPMCT annual meeting.

Please make checks payable to GPMCT and mail to: **GPMCT PO Box 266, Orland, ME 04472**

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Special Thanks to our valuable Volunteers!

GPMCT would be unable to host all our wonderful activities and opportunities without the help and input of our ambitious volunteers!

* Leah Page for completing our new Wildlands trail map and to Banner City Graphics of Bucksport for printing some for our kiosks.

* Geo Atwood, Jen Riefler, Tom Fox, forester Roger Greene, Hans Krichels and the kids and staff of KidsPeace, Narramissic Friends Fern Stearns, Luki Hewitt, Ginny and Dave Davis and Boy Scouts attending the May 21 Camporee for their work this spring on our new American chestnut grove, and to the American Chestnut Foundation for the seedlings.

* Paul Liebow, George Schelling, and Jen Riefler for their help staffing a booth in the Wildlands during Boy Scout Camporee activities on May 21.

* Eric Gallant, industrial arts and technology teacher, and his Bucksport High School class for our new outhouse/tool shed, Geo Atwood for his assistance coordinating the project, and Crescent Lumber for discounted lumber.

* Fred Almquist for building latrines for our new campsites; and Jim Sohns,



soil scientist, for volunteering to site the latrines and our new outhouse for us.

* Scott Bennett, for his mapmaking help this spring.

* Jerry Marancik for new Bump Hill Trail signs.

* Bob Mercer, Mary Meltzer, Jen Riefler, Patrick Reid, Paul Liebow, Carol Bennatti, Geo Atwood and Karen Page for running our three woodcock survey routes this year. Woodcock were in abundance!

* Sue Shaw for monitoring our birdhouses, again.

* Osborne's Plumbing and Heating for donating supplies to fix up our hayride wagon for the Christmas tree event and Geo Atwood for doing the fixing.

* Family Snowmobile Club of Bucksport for their help with the trails this winter.

* Fred Call for grooming our ski trails—before the snowmobile broke!

* Gina Bushong for hosting our retreat once again at Alamoosook Lakeside Inn.

* Jane Crosen for donating a very helpful office calendar.

* Students and staff at KidsPeace and REACH School for their ongoing service projects in the Wildlands.

* George MacLeod, MacLeod's Restaurant and Pub, for donating 2-for-1 entrée coupons, once again, for those who raise their membership level this year. ✧

The Best We Can Be!

Work toward land trust accreditation continues this year, and thanks to our Maine Excellence Program grant, GPMCT has been able to hire two people to assist with the process:

Rhonda Mitchell of Deer Isle helped put our filing system in excellent order this winter, and will be helping later to put together our accreditation application.

Marcia Sly of Brooklin, our Development Coordinator, is putting in extra hours to spruce up our policies and procedures.

We are aiming to apply for accreditation in 2013—just one more way to guarantee GPMCT is the most efficient, accountable and well-run organization it can be! ✧