



Annual Report

GPMCT to Celebrate 20 Years, 1993–2013

In 2013, Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust celebrates 20 years of conservation work! Enthusiastic volunteers led by Stuart Gross formally incorporated the Trust in 1993, and spent many years maintaining mountain trails, building loon nesting platforms and hosting educational walks and talks before purchasing the 4,300-acre Great Pond Mountain Wildlands in 2005 and opening it to the public.

In the early days, GPMCT focused solely on land around Great Pond Mountain, but soon realized there was a need for conservation in surrounding towns. Our mission now involves conserving land, water and wildlife habitat in northwestern Hancock County. We welcome you and your family to enjoy conserved properties in Orland, Dedham and Bucksport in 2013!



Sharon Bray, one of our first members, at the Penobscot River East Channel shore, low tide.

Why did people join GPMCT in 1993, and why do they support our mission today? One of our first members, Sharon Bray, elucidates:

I first became aware of Stuart Gross' crusade to preserve land around Great Pond Mountain when I moved home in 1988 and was covering an Orland Selectmen's meeting for the Castine newspaper.

Stuart brought the Rev. Charles Brown with him (a Congregational minister in Bucksport for decades), and the two spoke of the value of areas such as Hell Bottom Swamp, Hothole Pond, and the rocky ledges on and around Great Pond Mountain.

After many years of talking to other people, Stuart inspired the formation of the Trust.

As an Orland native, I grew up taking Great Pond Mountain for granted. My father, Richard Bray, took our family to climb it once or twice. My Girl Scout

troop also made the trek. Back then, Don Fish Trail did not exist. We all parked at the hatchery and walked from there.

After living away from Orland for many years, I moved home to find new neighbors and many strangers from away wanting to change our town to be more like somewhere else. Others wanted to keep the town "quaint" the way it was when they bought waterfront property here—no commercial development anywhere. Our jobs were not their concern.

Orland would be dull and inbred without the fresh minds of newer residents, and I appreciate our growing diversity. But I also want to see older Orland people involved in planning, decisions, and conservation of our treasures. Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust brings together people from many towns and many backgrounds, and I want to continue to support its mission.

Have a story about GPMCT's history? Send it to us at PO Box 266, Orland, ME 04472 or info@greatpondtrust.org.



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Volunteer Frank Browning erects the first GPMCT trail map box on a new Great Pond Mountain trailhead, Oct., 1996

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Members Elect Two to Board

At the July 15 annual meeting, GPMCT members elected Will Houston and Jim Boothby to their first terms as board members. Members also formally elected Sarah LeVine to a two-year term as board president; Barbara Malm as secretary; and Emily Hawkins for a third term as treasurer. Paul Liebow, Ted Van Leer and Nick Webster were all re-elected to the board of directors for a second 3-year term.



Jim Boothby

New board member Jim Boothby serves as Superintendent of Schools for RSU 25 (Bucksport, Orland, Verona and Prospect). He received a BS in Health and Phys Ed in 1984 from University of Maine, and went on to earn an M. Ed. and C.A.S. in Educational Leadership in 1998 and 2003. He's currently on the Downeast YMCA Board. Jim lives in Ellsworth with wife Eileen and daughter Samantha and enjoys camping, fishing, golf, family and friends.

Will Houston is a life-long Ellsworth resident, whose parents owned a landscape and greenhouse business. After studying Religion and Philosophy at Lake Forest College, Will camped and canoed across the country, from Colorado to the Connecticut River, while working for various tech companies. Upon returning to Maine, he built a "green" home on Bald Mountain in Dedham. Will works with KidsPeace as their New England IT person, still enjoying weekends in the woods. He sits on the Ellsworth Recreation Board, is a competitive Sprint Tri-Athlete and can be seen running or biking.



Will Houston and Volunteer of the Year Emily Hawkins at the Forestry Tour

Revenue, Expenses & Assets

For The Year Ended May 31, 2012

Support and Revenue

Contributions	\$173,823
Grants	94,730
Merchandise Sales	515
Special Events	3,861
Interest & Dividend Income	4,571
Appreciation of Investments	(20,781)

Total Support and Revenue **\$256,719**

Expenses

Programs	104,476
Fundraising	29,873
General & Administrative	34,189

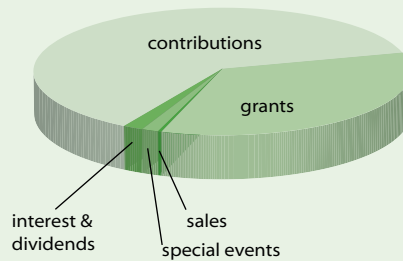
Total Expenses **\$168,538**

Change in Net Assets

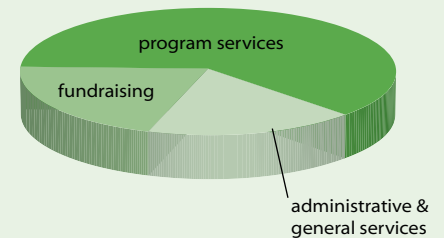
Net Assets June 1, 2011	4,452,278
Net Assets June 1, 2012	4,510,459

Change in Net Assets **\$58,181**

Support & Revenue



Expenses



Figures are from the audited financial statement, available on the GPMCT web site: www.GreatPondTrust.org.

Volunteer of the Year, Emily Fuller Hawkins

Having paid off the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands in 2007, GPMCT had only recently graduated from having one bank account and a handwritten checkbook when Emily Hawkins of Deer Isle joined the board as treasurer in 2008.

In the four years she's been with us, Emily has taught the board the meaning of such terms as temporarily restricted funds and charitable remainder trusts. She helped set up an endowment, fund an operating reserve and write investment policies (among many other things) and has kept a constant eye on the bottom line.

Emily serves as Treasurer, chairs our Finance and Development committees, and is there when we need her to staff

booths, sell Christmas trees, take donors hiking and much more. She takes her position with the Trust extremely seriously, putting in hundreds of hours a year. Her actions and tough love have helped set GPMCT up for long-term sustainability – even perpetuity.

She has a deep love and respect for the natural landscape, a generous spirit, and a head for numbers, and when we finish each year in the black, we have Emily Hawkins to thank. ✧

Excerpted from comments given by Cheri Domina during the Volunteer of the Year presentation at the July 15 Annual Meeting, Alamoosook Lakeside Inn.