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Dear Members and Friends,

At our annual meeting on August 24, KLT celebrated a quarter century of land conservation in central Maine. It was a glorious day at Camp Winnebago as we honored those who founded the Kennebec Land Trust and each of you, our members, donors, conservation partners, and dedicated volunteers. You have helped build the Kennebec Land Trust; we all deserve to be proud of our collective success story.

Gawler Family Band ~ KLT's 25th Anniversary Celebration. *Jane Davis*

KLT's mission is to conserve and steward highly valued lands in perpetuity or, as our Capital Campaign emphasizes, for generations to come. To date we have protected sixty properties comprising 4,860 acres in central Maine! Seventy dedicated land stewards work with our staff to maintain our thirty-six miles of trails.

We are very proud of our educational programs and our publications, especially our new hiking guide – *Take A Hike!* With this guide in hand, we hope that residents and visitors will explore the many beautiful lands and trails that you as a KLT member have helped us conserve.

You will be receiving your annual KLT membership renewal in mid-November as well as our 25th Anniversary Capital Campaign booklet. Please contact us at the office if you have any questions about your annual membership renewal or the Capital Campaign (207-377-2848). Thank you for your generous campaign contributions to date!

25th Anniversary Capital Campaign booklet coming in the mail soon with your membership renewal.

KLT's work could not be sustained without your support. Together we are conserving land we love in central Maine and cultivating a conservation ethic that will be carried on across generations, while improving the quality of life in our communities.

With gratitude,

Brian Kent
President

Theresa Kerchner
Executive Director

KLT INTERNS: FUTURE LEADERS

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director

Longfellow's Greenhouses

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In August, after a summer of field and office work, a nature and art camp for children, and KLT's 25th anniversary celebration, Selena Bachelder completed her volunteer internship with KLT. Many of you met Selena on the trail or in the office and noted that she was dedicated to land conservation and KLT. Thank you, Selena, for your good work! We miss you and wish you the best as you pursue your future academic and career paths. **For information about KLT's internship program, visit www.tklt.org.**

Selena Bachelder, 2014 Summer Intern

SELENA BACHELDER, ECKERD COLLEGE

My summer interning at KLT was incredible! I immediately felt welcomed by everyone I met, so the twelve weeks soared by. From trail maintenance and community outreach to fundraising and easement monitoring, I was able to experience all the different pieces that go into running a successful non-profit organization. This internship gave me not only professional experiences, but also the personal rewards of hiking through parts of my home county that I had not previously visited. In addition to the places I saw this summer, I will vividly remember the people I encountered and worked with along the way. I was amazed by how KLT is so connected to the community, seeing neighbors, old teachers, and a friend's parents who are involved with various parts of the organization. After a summer at KLT, I feel that I already have my foot in the door to a career in land conservation, and I know I will look back on these experiences for years to come.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH KLT'S OUTREACH, EDUCATION, LANDS, LYCEUM, AND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

Hutchinson Pond Conservation Area, *Norm Rodrigue*

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KLT STAFF AND BOARD NEWS ~ TRANSITIONS

WELCOME - JEAN-LUC THERIAULT, STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR

Jean-Luc Theriault, Stewardship Coordinator

I feel very fortunate to join an organization for which I have always had a lot of respect and admiration. For the past six years I have been working for the Center for Community GIS to develop mapping technologies for land trusts and other non-profit groups, including many of KLT's maps. I have also worked for the Appalachian Mountain Club as a trail crew leader on its land near Greenville and on the 10th Mountain Outdoor Club cross-country ski trails in Fort Kent. Many challenges and opportunities lie ahead as I look forward to working on projects such as land trust accreditation, invasive species management, trail construction, and volunteer coordination. I hope to see many of you out on your favorite KLT trail or property soon!

Nicole Rhodes, Stewardship Director

THANK YOU - NICOLE RHODES, STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR

KLT is lucky to have such a wonderful team of staff dedicated to conserving the natural landscape of Kennebec County. I am grateful to the staff for the knowledge and inspiration they shared as we worked together to further KLT's conservation goals. I also enjoyed working with all of the landowners, volunteers, and board and committee members who not only make KLT's mission possible, but also made my time at KLT so enjoyable. Getting to know you while clearing trails, building bog bridges, and stuffing envelopes has been a highlight of the past two years. Your stories and conservation knowledge will continue to inspire me towards protecting land into the future.

THANK YOU - CHERYL HARRINGTON, FORMER KLT PRESIDENT AND LONG-TERM BOARD MEMBER
BY BOB MARVINNEY, KLT BOARD MEMBER AND PRESIDENT 2007-2009

Cheryl Harrington

Cheryl Harrington of Winthrop stepped down from the KLT Board in August, 2014, after more than twelve years of service as a Director. During her time on the Board, Cheryl contributed a great deal to KLT as President and as an active member of our Lands Committee. While I was President, I had the good fortune to have Cheryl as my Vice President. More than once I had to call on her to pinch hit for me, most notably when the Annual Meeting fell on my daughter's first day at college. I was greatly reassured that I could call on Cheryl during these occasions!

One of the more important activities we worked on together was a new strategic plan for KLT. Cheryl was part of a small committee that met frequently for more than a year to develop elements of our 2008 plan, which was revised in 2012. Her dedication to this important work and her insights are still helping guide KLT today. Many of KLT's strategic planning directions were based on her vision, including the transition to employing a full-time Executive Director and the development of a strategic conservation plan to identify lands of high value to KLT.

Since Cheryl followed me as KLT President for 2009-2011, the task of implementing the strategic plan fell largely to her. With her usual enthusiasm and positive disposition, Cheryl rolled up her sleeves and put her energies into this important work. KLT is better off because of her critical leadership during this period of transition and growth. While Cheryl is stepping down from her direct role in the regular affairs of the KLT, we are fortunate that she will continue to work with KLT as a member of our Lands Committee.

Upcoming Programs....

Local Wood WORKS Conference
Friday, November 14, Augusta Civic Center
Registration now open! www.localwoodworksmaine.com.
Free Local Wood WORKS Open Houses Saturday, November 15

Sustainable Balsam Fir-Tipping and Wreath-Making Workshop, Sunday, November 23, 1:00 p.m. Ladd Recreation Center, Wayne
Get an early start on your holiday decorating! Bring hand shears and light gloves. $5 KLT members, $10 non-members, includes wreath materials. 20 participants maximum, PREREGISTER by calling 377-2848 or emailing glamarche@tklt.org.

Sixth Annual Family Winter Fun at Curtis Homestead Conservation Area, Leeds
Sunday, January 25, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Join KLT for an afternoon of winter fun at the Curtis Homestead Conservation Area in Leeds. Bring your own cross-country skis, snowshoes, and sleds and spend the afternoon exploring this wonderful 360-acre conservation property! Hot chocolate and snacks will be served around a bonfire in the field. Thanks to the group **Winthrop Plays Outside**, snowshoes for children and adults will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Hike the Hiking Guide **Hiking Group**
2:00 p.m., second and fourth Sunday monthly, November 2014 - September 2015
Visit www.tklt.org for hike schedule

Come hike the trails that KLT stewards! Take advantage of the opportunity to explore some of the many fun hikes right near home with KLT members, board members, and/or volunteers. Our recently published hiking guide to KLT's trails will give you directions to each site. Don't have a guide? Visit www.tklt.org for a complete list of where the guide is available for purchase ($15.00) or we can bring you one to purchase at the beginning of each hike. These will be casual hikes for all ages that range from 1/2 to 2 miles and are generally easy. For those who are interested, there will be opportunities to bird watch, snowshoe, forage for mushrooms, and learn some of the plant and tree species on the properties.

2015 KLT Lyceum

History, Geology, and Natural History of Howard Hill

Photograph: Dale Waldron

March 19 - Robert Marvinney, Maine State Geologist
March 26 - Eric Doucette, Ecologist, University of Maine
April 2 - TBA
Ladd Recreation Center, Wayne
Snow Date: April 9
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