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THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS LAND DONORS! ROSMARIN AND SAUNDERS FAMILY FOREST, READFIELD HORSESHOE ISLAND PRESERVE, WINTHROP

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director

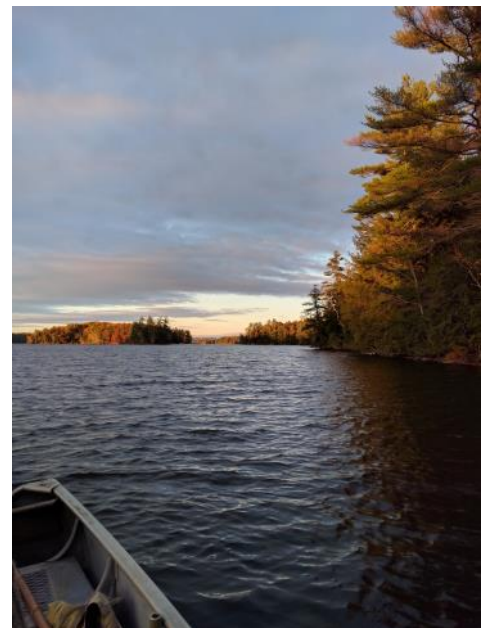


Monmouth residents John and Lisa Rosmarin donated the 342-acre Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest to the Trust in November 2016. Located off of the Nickerson Hill Road in Readfield, this new KLT property will be a demonstration site for sustainable forestry and will be managed to protect wildlife habitat and water quality, and for low-impact recreation (see map in enclosed brochure). The southern boundary is close to KLT's Macdonald Woods Conservation Area and the Readfield Town Forest. This extensive property, featuring mixed woodlands, streams, and wetlands, was formerly owned by Saunders Manufacturing Company, Inc., which was founded in 1947 by A.H. Saunders and his son Joseph A. Saunders. The Rosmarin Family—John, Lisa, Kelly, and Karrie—noted:

We are proud to continue Joe Saunders' rich tradition of giving back to the community. We know that the Kennebec Land Trust will do a fantastic job of protecting the land for future generations.

In December 2016, a Kennebec County resident who wishes to remain anonymous donated twenty-six acres on Horseshoe Island on Cobbossee Lake to the Trust. Located in Winthrop, this new property features extensive undeveloped shoreline, valuable wetlands, and old-growth hardwoods, pines, and hemlocks. With this donation KLT has conserved 72 acres on Cobbossee Lake's Horseshoe, Hodgdon, and Perry Islands over the past twenty-three years! The donor of the property noted: *I am pleased to give this twenty-six acre parcel to the Kennebec Land Trust for the enjoyment of people today and for future generations. With over 3,317 feet of shoreline on Lake Cobbossee, this property will allow KLT to expand its trail system on Horseshoe Island, offering varied terrain and scenic views to hikers young and old.*

This summer, KLT's staff, interns, and volunteers will be building new trails in the Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest and on Horseshoe Island. Both properties will provide year-round outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors, including paddling, birding, fishing, hiking, and hunting, plus snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling in winter. *Photographs: Norm Rodrigue (top); Theresa Kerchner (above right).*



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President's Message:

Unsung Heroes

Happy summer, everyone! Now that we've completed our whirl-wind capital campaign, the successful closing and transfer of the Howard Hill property to the City of Augusta, and the increase in our conserved land holdings to 5,628 total acres, I would like to take a moment to honor a few very special people. And I will have to do so without ever revealing who they are...

"If you would seek my monument, look around you."

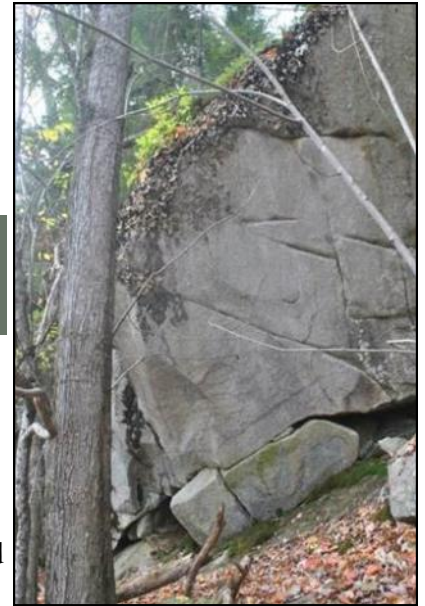
At the Kennebec Land Trust we have the most remarkably generous supporters, as evidenced by the sheer number of household members (over 1000!) and the consistent and sustaining donations that we receive annually. We have some donors, however, who for reasons of privacy or humility or otherwise, seek to remain anonymous. Today I would like to find a way to honor these unsung heroes of land conservation. This presents a bit of a challenge when you can't erect a plaque and publish a well-distributed letter of appreciation.

Visitors to St. Paul's Cathedral in London will find a plaque on the wall above the tomb of the architect, Sir Christopher Wren. The epitaph, written in Latin, reads "Si monumentum requiris circumspecte." The translation is worth remembering, *"If you would seek my monument, look around you."*

I can't think of a better way to honor our own quiet architects of land conservation than with the same sentiment. The next time I crest the hill on Eastern Avenue and see the Capitol Building framed by the wooded backdrop of Howard Hill, or climb up the fire tower at Mount Pisgah to take in the view, or sit quietly by the shore of an island in Cobbossee Lake enjoying the call of the loons, I will look around me with a different prism—one that reflects the generosity and humility of the individuals who made the moment possible. I hope you will all join me...

Cheers!

Mary Denison



Howard Hill
Photo: Brian Kent

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WELCOME 2017 SUMMER INTERNS

Our hard-working summer interns are responsible for a variety of important projects: maintaining and constructing trails, removing invasive species, designing educational programming for school children and property visitors, researching important conservation topics, writing press releases and grant proposals, and assisting with routine office work. For more information about our internship program and to view past intern research projects visit tklt.org/internship.

ANNA HODGKINS

I'm a rising sophomore at the University of Maine, where I'm pursuing a degree in biology. Growing up in the quaint little city of Hallowell, Maine, I have been in close proximity to many KLT properties and have been exploring these gorgeous stretches of conservation land for many years. One reason I feel strongly about the importance of conservation is that as an avid birdwatcher, I know how rich a haven these lands are for a multitude of avian species. In addition to birdwatching, I enjoy hiking, reading, and canoeing. In my work for KLT this summer I'm looking forward to increasing my knowledge of environmental science, conservation issues, and the natural history of Maine. I hope to use the skills and information I gain to help make a difference in conserving more land for future generations to enjoy.



JANE TEKIN

A rising junior at Williams College, I'm originally from New York City, a place that shaped the way I saw nature as I grew up. The perspective I have gained from going to college in rural Massachusetts has altered the way I see almost everything. Nature, through its interconnectedness with all other things, is at the forefront. I'm a math and English major, a combination that provides me with skills beneficial to understanding environmental issues through both qualitative and quantitative lenses. I love research—being able to translate information into forms that many can use to make life more sustainable is extremely rewarding to me. In my limited experience, I've learned one thing for sure: all humans need each other's help to survive. Now is the time when I am figuring out how I can be helpful to the human species, and to be helped in return.



DREW PERLMUTTER

I was born and raised in New York City but have always felt more at home outside. Since moving to Maine for college at Bates, I have completely fallen in love with the landscape. At Bates I'm an Environmental Studies major with a concentration in ecology and a minor in anthropology. This combination of studies allows me to understand how dominant cultural norms (such as our relationship with nature) are perpetuated. Outside of academics, I play on the women's club ice hockey team, give tours of the campus to prospective students, and serve as the arts-photo editor for our student paper. I enjoy reading and hiking in my spare time.

TOGETHER, WE CONSERVED HOWARD HILL

On March 23, 2017, the title to the historic 164-acre Howard Hill property formally passed from the Kennebec Land Trust to the City of Augusta. This transaction successfully completed an eight-year process to preserve forever, as open space, the wooded backdrop to the state's Capitol. As part of the agreement, the City of Augusta granted KLT a conservation easement that ensures that the property will be conserved in perpetuity for the benefit of Maine's people and wildlife. What an accomplishment! Thank you for your support and generous donations.

YOUR CONSERVATION LEGACY

KLT ENDOWMENT FUND NOW \$369,667 OF \$1,000,000 GOAL

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director

Every year more than a thousand KLT members support our land conservation, stewardship, and trail projects and our educational programs. Thank you for your generosity!

While membership dues are critical to our immediate success, KLT's future land conservation work will depend on larger, longer-term gifts. To ensure our future as a conservation leader in Kennebec County, we have established the KLT Endowment Fund. Up to now we have received \$97,841 in gifts and \$268,650 in bequests and pledges toward our ten-year Endowment Fund goal of \$1,000,000.

Any donor who names KLT as a beneficiary of a portion of his or her estate or who sets up a life income gift for the benefit of the Trust will be recognized as a member of the Legacy Society. All proceeds from planned gifts will be invested for the long term in our Endowment Fund that preserves their principal. To date, we have earned \$4,175 in interest on our Endowment Fund.

Each of us has a vision for what we would like to leave as a legacy, and we hope you will consider leaving a gift to the Kennebec Land Trust. The following language can be used in your will:

I give to Kennebec Land Trust, a non-profit land conservation trust located in Winthrop, Maine, with Tax ID Number 01-044-0729, the sum of \$_____ [or _____ percent of my estate] to be used for the general purposes of The Kennebec Land Trust.

Please contact Theresa Kerchner, KLT Executive Director at **207-377-2848** or **tkerchner@tklt.org** for additional information about our Endowment Fund, planned giving, and our Legacy Society.

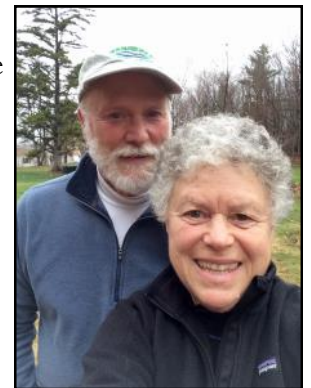


MAINE LANDS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND THE NEXT GENERATION

Cheryl Harrington, Past President

Denny and I have been enjoying the beautiful Kennebec landscapes for many, many years. We were natural early supporters of the Kennebec Land Trust, our very own local organization dedicated to identifying and protecting key undeveloped wooded and open areas for future generations to enjoy. Over the years we have been happy to work with KLT in many ways: on the ground, literally; in the Board Room; on the Lands Committee; and, to the best of our ability, financially.

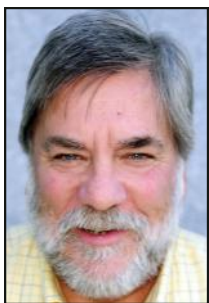
One of our favorite KLT places is Mt. Pisgah in Winthrop. We have been hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing the Mt. Pisgah terrain for years. By our count, through four generations of dogs! We used to pick the blueberry fields when our children (now pushing fifty) were young, so we are quite excited about KLT's refurbishing of the blueberry fields on the western summit. Actually, Denny and I were married not far from those fields, on a day our friends and family will never forget. How many times have you climbed the fire tower as part of a wedding celebration?



Denny Harnish & Cheryl Harrington

The plants and animals that we love to observe, like the barred owl that swooped across our path just this week and the beautiful historic stone walls that run through many of KLT's properties, are a vital part of what makes our unique mid-Maine landscape. The lakefronts and islands protected by KLT are also very uniquely "Maine," and the thought that many of them will remain available for our grandchildren and their grandchildren to enjoy in just the same way we love them is very satisfying. We travel often but are never disappointed when we return home to roam the KLT terrain. We all should cherish the beautiful natural scenery we have been so lucky to protect here in Kennebec County.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



is a past president of the Maine Bar Foundation.

Thomas A. Harnett is the Mayor of the City of Gardiner. He worked in the Maine Office of the Attorney General, where he served as an Assistant Attorney General beginning in 1989. He directed the office's work under the Maine Civil Rights Act and worked in the Natural Resources Division. Thom

Marty Keniston resides in Readfield with his wife Linda. He is a CPA and has been employed at Cives Steel Co. as controller since 1976. Marty serves on the Maranacook Education Foundation board and the advisory board for the Capital Area Technical Center. His outdoor activities include gardening, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, hiking, and cycling.



Janet Sawyer lives in Augusta with her husband, Ansley. She is a former Public Health Specialist and a newly trained yoga instructor. In addition to all kinds of boating, Janet's other outdoor interests include hiking, biking, and snowshoeing.

STAFF TRANSITIONS



Gina Lamarche

As KLT's Program Director from 2009 to 2016, Gina Lamarche served the Trust in many ways. Her calm demeanor, unwavering attention to detail, and thoughtful communications with our members, our donors, and the public were important in all aspects of KLT's conservation work.

Gina designed and produced the newsletters, coordinated the annual membership program (including the Annual Meeting and education programs), organized two successful summer nature camps for children and the Christmas wreath workshop, and assisted with our popular Lyceum programs. She worked tirelessly on KLT's 25th Anniversary Celebration and the Capital Campaign, and as happens in most non-profits, she pitched in whenever and wherever she was needed to keep KLT on course.

Thank you, Gina, for your commitment to advancing the work of the Trust and for your dedication to the land and the people in our communities. We wish you all the best in your new capacity as Executive Director of Sustain Wayne! ~Theresa Kerchner

I'm thrilled to join KLT as the new Director of Membership and Programming. Before coming to KLT I worked for several years supporting AmeriCorps programs in both Maine and Vermont. I have a master's degree in Natural Resources from the University of Vermont's Rubenstein School.

I grew up in Massachusetts, but I'm eagerly exploring Maine and my family's roots here. As a young child, my mom lived in Auburn while her father worked at the Bates Mill. Her stories are thin on details (she was under ten at the time), but there's enough to spark my imagination. I suspect she visited places much like KLT's current properties, taking day trips to fish, ski, swim, and birdwatch. I am honored to help conserve this land; my hope is to steward the memories and legacy of families like mine, and to help others create new memories here in central Maine!

Please contact me if you have any questions about your membership status or our upcoming public programs: kbrewer@tklt.org 207-377-2848.



**Kirsten Brewer,
KLT's New
Director of
Membership &
Programming**

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE - PROPERTY AND TRAIL DEDICATION!

Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest - Sunday, September 17, 2017 1:30 p.m.

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Ron Joseph, 2017 Lyceum.

Photo: Norm Rodrigue

LYCEUM CONSERVATION CONSUMER TIPS

Kirsten Brewer, Director of Membership and Programming

Over 340 KLT members and area residents attended our 2017 Lyceum. Many thanks to our inspiring presenters: Ron Joseph, David Brinker, and Kelsey Sullivan! Ron's presentation included several actions we could take to support bird conservation. Since one of them was the purchase of shade-grown coffee, the KLT office has been doing some research on the subject, which is especially pertinent given that many of Maine's migratory species winter in Latin America, a global leader in coffee production.

Shade-grown coffee is ideally grown under the canopy of a mature forest, increasing biodiversity and conserving critical habitat for migratory birds. However, purchasing shade-grown coffee that maximizes conservation values is complicated. Since there is no

international standard for the label "shade-grown," a farm may use this phrase to describe a non-native monoculture of canopy trees with only 10-30% shade cover.

A resource for finding a truly bird-friendly coffee is the Smithsonian Institute Migratory Bird Center, which labels products as "Bird Friendly" based on information from independent certification agencies. You can visit their website at nationalzoo.si.edu/migratory-birds/ to find certified roasters.



Sources: Colman, Jonathan D. "Everyday Environmentalist: Buy Sustainable Coffee" *The Nature Conservancy*.

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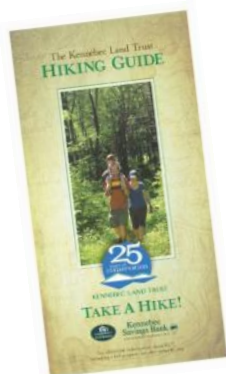
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