

## HALES POND WOODLAND PRESERVE DONATED TO KLT

*Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director*



*In memory of John Moore, it gives us great satisfaction to gift this land to the KLT for preservation. The beauty this land exhibits with the gorgeous pond and tall trees will forever be a peaceful place for the public to enjoy.*

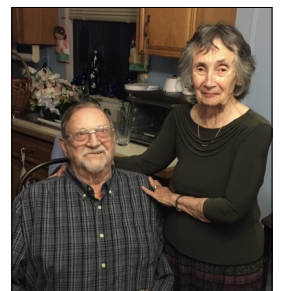
*Albert Ferguson and Marilyn Donnelly*

It's fitting that as we begin our year-long 35th-anniversary celebration, we are recognizing Albert Ferguson and his wife, Effie, and John Moore's companion Marilyn Donnelly for their donation of the Hales Pond Woodland Preserve. This 74-acre, topographically varied property in Fayette features 2,700 feet of undeveloped stream and pond frontage, vernal pools, and biologically rich woodland and wetland habitats. Remote Hales Pond, with a maximum depth of 50 feet and an average depth of 14 feet, supports a warm water fishery and a diversity of emergent and aquatic plant species. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has mapped the wetlands and waters of Hales Pond as ecologically valuable Inland Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitat.

Albert and John purchased this beautiful property sixty-two years ago, and with this donation to KLT they have ensured that this land will forever benefit nature and people.\*

KLT will manage Hales Pond Woodland Preserve to protect wildlife habitat and water quality and for low-impact outdoor recreation, including hiking, snowshoeing, hunting, nature observation, paddling, and fishing. In 2023 we will build a trail and a parking area on Bamford Pond Road in order to provide public access to the property. We hope you will be able to join us for our late summer property and trail dedication.

Thank you for your continued support of our work to conserve important lands; provide public access for hiking, paddling, skiing, blueberry picking, and hunting; and promote land stewardship, conservation education, and partnerships.



*Photographs:  
Albert & Effie Ferguson  
& Marilyn Donnelly*

*\*As the owner of permanently protected properties in Fayette, KLT contributes to Fayette's local tax base through the open space tax program.*

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## President's Message:

### 35th Anniversary Celebration

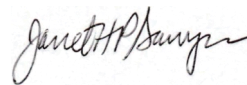
I always enjoy the arrival of fall in Maine. In addition to the wonderful temperatures for hiking, I like getting back on some type of schedule, even though I don't have children in school anymore and I'm retired. There is something comforting about having a consistent flow to my weeks. There is also an abundance of celebrations for our family in the fall, including anniversaries and lots of birthdays. Who doesn't like a celebration? In November, Kennebec Land Trust will begin celebrating our 35th anniversary!

As we enter our 35th year, we have so much to celebrate. For an organization, as for an individual, certain things are in place at this age. KLT is looking good! We have a dynamic, committed Board of Directors representing various communities, ages, genders, professions, and experiences. We have a highly skilled staff that tends to a myriad of land conservation, stewardship, and education projects. Our Advisory Board members are willing to share their wide-ranging expertise. We have members and supporters who continue to provide financial contributions as well as volunteer time, both of which are needed to keep us strong and vital. And we have a vision for the future that keeps us focused as we work toward our mission.

I thought about coming up with 35 words that describe KLT; I like doing things like that. As chance would have it, the second part of our mission statement is 35 words long, so here it is: "Kennebec Land Trust protects and stewards land permanently, offers access to conserved properties, provides opportunities for people to learn about and enjoy the natural world, and works with partners to support sustainable forestry and farming." We've been doing that since our incorporation (November, 1988) and will continue to do it in the future.

We hope you will join us as we celebrate our 35th year in a number of ways. Some of the details are still being finalized. We will host a number of walks and feature a number of trails (maybe 35?). During our annual meeting on August 20, 2023, at Camp Androscoggin, we will celebrate with music, a picnic, family activities, hikes, and a gathering of friends, members and supporters. As we reflect on where we have been and what we've accomplished, let's gather to celebrate where we are and where we're going, together. Thank you for your continued support of KLT.

Sincerely,


*Janet Sawyer, President***Advisory Board**

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## KLT Interns: Future Conservation Leaders

After an impressive season of field work, office work, and research, Emily Lamb, Naomi Lynch, and Ben Peverall completed their internships in August. Thank you for your good work for KLT this summer, Ben, Emily, and Naomi!

Enclosed in this newsletter are copies of their summer research projects.

*For information about the internship program, visit [www.tkltr.org](http://www.tkltr.org). We will begin recruitment for next summer in late December 2022.*

### Emily Lamb

My time with KLT was an unforgettable, educational experience. Not only did I learn about the management side of a land trust, I also developed a diverse skill set centered around land stewardship and conservation. Over the course of this internship I learned how to build trails, construct signage, identify various plant and amphibian species, write grants, and conduct independent research. The entire staff was unfailingly helpful and dedicated to making the summer a beneficial experience for the interns. The memories I made here will last a lifetime. Thank you KLT for such a rewarding summer!



*Advisory Board Member Norm Rodrigue replacing bog bridging at Hutchinson Pond with Ben, Naomi, & Emily*

### Naomi Lynch

My time at the Kennebec Land Trust was a one-of-a-kind experience. It was immeasurably rewarding to build relationships with the KLT staff, my fellow interns, board members, and other members of KLT. Everyone was incredibly friendly and created an excellent working environment, both in the office and in the woods. Our days were filled with hands-on experiences that gave me insight into how a land trust actually operates. This included building a full one-mile loop trail at a new property and writing a grant to allow KLT to become more accessible to a more diverse population. One of my favorite parts of the whole experience was hearing the inspiring stories from KLT staff and members about their time working in the conservation field. I am incredibly honored to have been able to work with such an amazing group of individuals who all share a love of conservation. The skills and memories I acquired this summer will follow me throughout my life. I look forward to seeing what KLT accomplishes next.

### Ben Peverall

Interning at the Kennebec Land Trust this summer was a great experience. I chose to intern at KLT because of the diversity of experiences offered: trail building, grant writing, job shadowing, and a research project. Sometimes I felt scattered and found it hard to focus on everything at once, but I am pleased with what I was able to accomplish by the end of the summer. I was especially proud of my research into the intersection of land conservation and affordable housing and am hoping to incorporate it into my senior project. KLT gave me insight into how land trusts operate, and I am excited at the prospect of using the skills I have gained in the future.

## Welcome New Members

Amy Kathryn Anderson  
Corey Binette  
Race W. Brandt  
Anne Carter  
Robin Davis  
Lisa Dumais  
Katie Epstein

Stacey Fitzmorris  
Alexander C. Fish  
Jon Groetzinger, Jr  
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Karen Peterson  
Paula Phillips  
Jesse Sammon  
Maria D. Santiago

Amy Taylor  
Lisa & Christopher Tooman

*New members as of April 16, 2022 -  
September 20, 2022*

## Oak Hill Conservation Area Property Dedication

*Marie Ring, Director of Membership and Programming*

On August 18, over 65 people of all ages joined KLT for an inspiring land dedication at the 134-acre Oak Hill Conservation Area in Fayette. After wonderful comments from KLT president Janet Sawyer and Ron Hewett, we walked on the recently built Sedge Ridge Loop Trail to a scenic viewpoint overlooking Echo Lake. As we walked, the Hewett family reminisced about growing up exploring the property, sharing stories of hours spent collecting sap for sugaring, hanging out on the ledges, and snowmobiling in the winter.

Ron Hewett originally approached KLT in March of 2021 about protecting his family's land. His parents, Jean E. (Wheeler) Hewett and the late Walter F. Hewett, had owned the property since 1965. KLT purchased the 120-acre property from the Hewett family in December of 2021 with the support of a major anonymous donor as well as the Davis Conservation Foundation, the Maine Community Foundation, area lake associations, and many other generous donors. In 2022 we purchased an additional 14-acre parcel along Hales Brook and added this ecologically important parcel to the Oak Hill Conservation Area. Thank you, Hewett family, Terry and Michele Briggs, and James Dwyer.



The new conservation area features conifer and hardwood woodlands, wetlands along Hales Brook, and a four-acre field. Located on the northern portion of Oak Hill between KLT's Surry Hill and Baldwin Hill conservation lands, it overlooks Echo Lake to the east and the western mountains of Maine and into New Hampshire to the west.

Thank you to our 2022 interns, our stewardship team, the Maine Conservation Corps, and our team of community volunteers, all of whom worked hard on the trail over the summer. Thanks as well to everyone who joined us to celebrate the conservation of this property. If you haven't done so already, we invite you to walk on the new mile-long loop trail that traverses nineteenth century stone walls and exposed ledge to reach a scenic viewpoint with a high point of 680 feet.

## 2022 Board and Staff Transitions

### Welcome Luke Beeson, Seasonal Stewardship Assistant



Luke first came to KLT as a summer intern in 2020. Since then he has graduated from the University of Vermont and worked at a variety of jobs in land management and resource use throughout Vermont. He has conducted forest inventories for Vermont Audubon's Bird Friendly Maple program, worked in the University of Vermont's Spatial Analysis lab, spent time as a feller and skidder operator for a logging company, and most recently worked as the land steward for Knoll Farm and Retreat Center in central Vermont. From initial analysis to resource extraction to using forest resources for carpentry and maple syrup production, Luke has gained valuable experience in many aspects of forest management. This fall Luke is excited to help KLT conduct our annual fee and easement monitoring work.

### Welcome Dr. Mary Sheridan, Board Member

Mary is a veterinarian and a co-owner of a small animal practice in Winthrop, Maine. She has been part of the community for over twenty-five years. She lives in Wayne with her husband and son and enjoys mountain and road biking, skiing, and hiking.



## Celebration and Memorial Gifts

**In Honor of Amy Bley**  
Leah Bley

**In Memory of Judy Kane**  
Jim & Bonnie Yankaskas

**In Memory of Jo Wagner**  
Jack & Diane Schrader  
Peter & Dawn Meulendyk

**In Memory of  
Dr. Elizabeth Crandall**  
Susan & John Haile

**In Honor of John Lund**  
Erik Lund

*Tribute donations as of April 16, 2022 -  
September 19, 2022*

## Thank You Foundations & Funds

Davis Conservation Foundation  
 Donald & Martha Kent Fund  
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 Maine Community Foundation  
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*This list includes foundations and donor-advised funds that have given \$1,000 or more to KLT, July 1, 2021 - September 21, 2022*

## Please Support Our Business Partners

The businesses listed below are generous supporters of KLT and its mission.  
*This list reflects donations to KLT between July 1, 2021, and October 19, 2022.*

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Alternative Manufacturing, Inc.  
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## Thank You Volunteers

Jane Andrews, Camp Androscoggin &  
 Peter Hirsch, Nat Bell, Sue Bell, Jordan Beall,  
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 Camp Winnebago & **KLT land donors,  
 stewards, office & field volunteers,  
 directors, & advisors.**



*Oak Hill Conservation Area trail volunteers*

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## 2022 Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting on August 21 was an inspiring celebration of conservation, hosted by **Camp Androscoggin** and sponsored by **Lake & Denison**. Members and guests had opportunities to paddle on Androscoggin Lake to **Norris Island** and hike at the nearby **Perkins Woods Preserve**. Our 2021 and 2022 financials as presented by KLT Treasurer Amy Trunnell are shown below.

### Awards and Recognitions

#### Howard Lake Lifetime Achievement Award

*Amy Trunnell*

#### Forest Stewardship Award

*Lloyd Irland*

#### Land Donor Awards

*Trudie Lee & Deb Plengey*

*Albert Ferguson & Marilyn Donnelly*

#### Outstanding Volunteer Award

*Cathy McCue*

#### Stewardship Award

*Jill Ippoliti*



*Jill Ippoliti*

*Photo: Jym St. Pierre*



*Perkins Woods Walk*

*Photo: Jym St. Pierre*

#### KLT Annual Operating Budget

##### Actual Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2021

\$ 359,700

##### Actual FYE 2022

\$392,802

##### Budget FYE 2023

\$405,507

#### INCOME

##### Operations Activity

##### Operations Income

	<u>FYE 6/2021</u>	<u>FYE 6/2022</u>
Memberships, Sponsors	\$ 215,000	\$ 239,586
Hiking Guide Sponsorships	24,000	17,000
Donor Designated Contributions	44,839	66,567
In Memoriams	8,526	5,735
PPP - Forgiven Loan	8,435	-
BH Cons Burial - services FY18-FY22	-	36,987
Other	18,014	16,013
Net Return on Investments	510	440
Total Operations Income	319,324	382,328

##### Operations Expenses

Staff	234,503	259,429
Administration	56,237	59,429
Programs and Stewardship	42,919	59,065
Hiking Guide Printing	26,041	14,879
Total Operations Expenses	359,700	392,802

##### Net Operations before Transfers

	(40,376)	(10,474)
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##### Trsfrs from Stwd/Edwmt/Cons

	40,376	10,474
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##### ANNUAL OPERATIONS

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#### Restricted and Other Funds

Donations	54,396	635,021
Net Return on Investments	303,941	(183,273)
Expenses	(65,353)	(71,446)
Release to Operations from Donor Restriction & per Spending Policy	(85,215)	(74,422)
<b>Net Restricted and Other Funds</b>	<b>407,769</b>	<b>305,880</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>(15,949)</b>	<b>(16,084)</b>
Net Assets beginning of year	7,355,771	7,747,591
<b>Net Assets end of year</b>	<b>\$ 7,747,591</b>	<b>8,037,387</b>

	<u>FYE 6/2021</u>	<u>FYE 6/2022</u>
<b>BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY</b>		
Cash	\$29,947	\$ 72,710
Conservation Fund	281,763	238,048
Stewardship Fund	789,785	638,764
Endowment Fund	251,600	220,224
Donor Restricted	392,603	505,547
Total Cash/Investments	1,745,698	1,675,293
Other	2,075	75
Net Property/Bldgs/Easements	6,001,496	6,376,112
Total Assets	7,749,269	8,051,480
Current liabilities	1,678	14,093
PPP loan	-	-
Mortgage	-	-
Total Liabilities	1,678	14,093
<b>Net Assets end of year</b>	<b>\$ 7,747,591</b>	<b>\$ 8,037,387</b>

## FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

### Significant Land Acquisitions

Tyler Conservation Area, Oak Hill Conservation Area, North Acres Conservation Area, Vassalboro Wildlife Habitat Addition, Mt. Pisgah Plourde Addition, Hales Brook Addition



2022 Annual Meeting at Camp Androscooggin

Photo: Marie Ring



Paddlers leaving for Norris Island

Photo: Jean-Luc Theriault

## Mount Pisgah 2022 Addition



Nancy's Bog

Photo: Norm Rodrigue

We are excited to tell you about the newest addition to Mount Pisgah. Earlier this year, conservation-minded landowners presented KLT with an opportunity to purchase a seven-acre parcel adjacent to Nancy's Bog. Because it provides a key connection for future trails and protects important wetlands and upland forest, acquisition of this valuable property has long been a priority for KLT. We took a leap of faith and purchased this land as soon as it became available, knowing that our donors would support the decision.

Generous supporters have donated \$39,879 toward this campaign as of October 26, 2022. In order to fully fund the project, we need to raise an additional \$1,671. Thank you to the following campaign supporters:

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March 16, 23 and 30 at 6:00 PM  
Winthrop High School Performing Arts Center

Photo: Lily Bay State Park, *Andy Cutko*

