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- Many species of birds live in the Mount Desert Island area
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**Participate**

Buy a park pass
Your contribution helps:

- rebuild trails and carriage roads
- protect natural and cultural resources
- support the fare-free Island Explorer
It has been an extraordinary year at Acadia. The summer brought a record string of sunny, warm days that drew us out of doors to Acadia’s mountains and shores, with their cooling breezes. Visitors came in the millions, adding up to a 12% percent increase in visitation though October. A record 107 cruise ships delivered as many as 3,700 visitors per day, most seeking a meaningful experience in Acadia in a short time frame. Taxi tours and tour buses vied for space on the Park Loop Road and up the narrow road leading to an increasingly small and fragile space at the summit of Cadillac Mountain.

National parks are the heritage of the American people, and Acadia welcomes each and every one of these visitors. Too, visitors are an important part of Maine’s, and Mount Desert Island’s, economy. The challenge is ensuring that millions of visitors—next summer, and into the future—have an opportunity to experience the inspiration of Acadia in a meaningful way: Uninterrupted views from the mountain summits to the rocky coastline. Migratory birds and magnificent starry nights gracing the skies above Cadillac. The hush of the Amphitheater carriage road loop, and the ocean’s booming along Ocean Drive.

Solutions to this challenge must be varied and creative, and require many partners. Recent approaches to reducing congestion and pollution include the Island Explorer propane-powered bus system and village connector trails, intended to restore opportunities for people to visit Acadia car free. And solutions depend on developing our understanding of Acadia’s resources and how they are threatened. For the past five years, FOA has funded research fellowships through a grant from L.L.Bean to grow the base of knowledge about Acadia. The Schoodic Education and Research Center is building its capacity to engage science at the park, as well.

Today we have a growing awareness that one threat to Acadia—ironically symbolized by those record warm temperatures that made the park so appealing this summer—may trump all others. John Jarvis, director of the National Park Service, has declared that global climate change is the greatest threat our national parks have ever faced. In November, the Rocky Mountain Climate Organization and the Natural Resources Defense Council released a report titled “Acadia National Park in Peril: The Threats of Climate Disruption.” The report notes that Acadia’s average temperatures in the last two decades have been almost one degree higher than the 20th-century average, and projects a warming in the park of up to 8.5°F by the end of the 21st century. The change depends on whether or not we all, as global citizens, commit to lessening our carbon emission or carry on with business, and life, as usual.

With the increase in temperature comes a projected rise in Maine’s sea level—an estimated three to five feet by the end of the century. A 2009 report from the University of Maine, “Maine’s Climate Future: An Initial Assessment,” notes that tide gauges in Portland have already shown a sea level rise of about 8 inches since 1912. Together the projected temperature and sea level rises could mean threats from invasive insects that survive warmer winters, coastal flooding and erosion, risk of wildfires, more and stronger storms, loss of vivid fall foliage, and rapid changes to the region’s ecology from species moving to find the environment appropriate for their survival.

The impacts will be not only ecological but financial, as park and community budgets are stretched to meet the challenges posed. Already, the federal government has proposed budget freezes for our national parks for at least the next three years. With increasing costs that will continue to grow despite budget freezes or cuts, our national parks face a serious reduction in spending power that leaves little room to deal with growing environmental threats.

To strengthen Acadia’s ability to meet these challenges, Friends of Acadia exists to help strategize solutions, to facilitate partnerships, and to support solutions with volunteer effort and dollars generously donated by individuals and groups who share our commitment to Acadia. FOA leverages donated funds to bring additional resources to Acadia and the surrounding communities, and seeks charitable grants that make federal dollars go still further. We work to amplify the collective voices of our members to challenge Congress and the National Park Service to recognize the importance of our parks and the urgency of adequate stewardship and funding. Our efforts, and our voices, are increasingly important to the ongoing protection of Acadia, and your participation is perhaps the single greatest gift you can give today for the future.

—Marla S. O’Byrne
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ACADIA NATIONAL PARK AS A MAGNET

Acadia National Park has long been a magnet, drawing people of all walks of life to this spectacular island with its dramatic coastal and mountain environment. President Obama and the first family are just the latest examples of people wanting to personally enjoy our national parks. In June, Jenna Bush and the Today Show broadcast live from Monument Cove on Ocean Drive. Even before these two big events, park visitation was up 20% through the month of June. At the end of August, park visits were up 15%, and Island Explorer ridership was up 14% over last year. Acadia has been having a banner year in 2010 in many different ways.

Occasionally when I am out in the park I check license plates at Cadillac, Jordan Pond, and the Hulls Cove Visitor Center. Within an hour or so I can always find 35 or more states represented as well as many Canadian provinces. Once in a while I can top 40. I often hear multiple foreign languages spoken by visitors enjoying this great place. I think it proves the point that Acadia National Park attracts people from all over the world. National parks are indeed tourist magnets, and Acadia is no exception.

The attraction is so significant that Rand McNally and other mapmakers show national parks as important features right along with Interstate highways and airports. State transportation departments provide highway signs directing people to the natural and cultural parks throughout the United States.

A recent study by Michigan State University concluded that Acadia National Park generates some $158 million annually in economic activity and produces more than 3000 jobs as a result. Think of all of the hotels, motels, restaurants, souvenir shops, equipment sales and rentals, tour buses, and other tourism-associated businesses that thrive on Mount Desert Island because of the 2.5 million visitors to the park. You can call national parks an economic magnet too.

The national parks are magnets for media stories, and draw attention from celebrities and opinion leaders. In addition to the Today Show, Acadia recently was named the #2 “best outdoor and adventure destination” in Trip Advisor's Travelers' Choice Awards; MDI was named the top “island destination in the Continental US and Canada” by Travel + Leisure magazine and among the Readers' Choice Top 100 Destinations in the World. Of course, there was the extraordinary Ken Burns series, America's Best Idea, focusing on the history of our national parks including Acadia. Many visitors to Acadia mention that series as one reason they decided to visit this and other national parks.

National parks also attract students and researchers who want to study either park resources or the management of one of the smallest yet most visited parks in the country. Since we began giving the L.L. Bean research fellowships, the number of universities interested in Acadia has risen from less than a dozen to more than 50 schools. Recently, a delegation of protected-area managers from Italy visited Acadia to learn more about our partnerships, our use of private money, and how we work with communities to better protect park values. Working with communities is particularly important — major national parks also attract development in gateway communities around the park and along park boundaries. We need to work with these communities to safeguard the scenery and other important values that visitors come to enjoy. Many people would like to have their home on the edge of permanently protected land to assure that their own scenery is safe from development too.

Fortunately, Acadia is also a magnet for volunteers and private contributions. Every year, Friends of Acadia provides funding assistance for trails and carriage road maintenance and a wide variety of other programs — things that would not be accomplished without these contributions. Nearly 3000 individuals donate time and labor working on trails and carriage roads, staffing the visitor center desks, doing resource management projects, and assisting with a myriad of other tasks that help the National Park Service achieve its dual mission of protecting significant resources and helping the public to enjoy them, now and in the future. It is extremely gratifying to see thirty or more volunteers show up at Park Headquarters on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings to work on important park projects. The public also recognizes these contributions by thanking volunteers as they work on the trails and carriage roads.

In short, Acadia National Park is a powerful magnet that draws great benefits for the American people, for nearby communities, and for our economy. And those of us who have been drawn to the park, whether for a day or a lifetime, are fortunate indeed to be able to share Acadia’s blessings.

—Sheridan Steele
Volunteers at Work

On August 3rd, 2010, we hiked one of our favorite trails, the Maple Spring/Hadlock Brook Trail. We were lucky to encounter these awesome volunteers making wooden structures across a mucky/marshy area. We were the first hikers to walk over their handiwork! We took the attached picture of the volunteers. Note that two volunteers are missing—they were off getting more wood.

Thanks for all of the work that you all do in Acadia. We love to hike there during our annual trips to Maine.

—Elizabeth & Jim Whittle
Maryland

Enjoying the Park in New Ways

Our family has been vacationing on MDI for eleven years now and we always gravitate towards the same activities. Participating in Acadia Quest this year pushed us to explore unknown areas of the park and try several new activities. My eight-year-old daughter especially enjoyed volunteering with an FOA work crew and the whole family has learned to enjoy the park in new ways.

—Rich Horsch
New York

Kudos to Summer 2010 Journal

As members of Friends of Acadia, we were struck by how different the summer journal was and how much more we liked it! I really want to hear about what is happening in the park. So this issue you really nailed it. I am often frustrated by the publication and the numerous stories about members. This season you told us about what is happening in the park and we were excited again to be members... Bravo on capturing the essence of Acadia.

—Pauline S. Chandler
New Hampshire
Dee Lustusky

Anyone who has worked with Dee Lustusky knows that she has extraordinary energy and enthusiasm, coupled with exceptional skills of organization and efficiency. Add her background as an art teacher with an eye for color and composition, and you have a very special volunteer.

This summer, Dee took on two major projects at Friends of Acadia. For the past three years she has been a silent auction volunteer at the Annual Benefit. This year, she also volunteered to organize a wrapping and pickup system for the 165 items purchased at the silent and live auctions. During the weeks before the Benefit, she prepared custom packaging for each item and labeled it with the item number and a photo. At the event, the packaging was stored near the item so that after bidding was over, volunteers could quickly place each purchase in the box or bag designed for it. Then all of the packaged items were organized by number, ready to be presented to each guest after they checked out. This system shortened the wait for picking up items and helped ensure that guests received the items they had purchased.

Dee undertook another type of challenge when she agreed to coordinate the stage props for “An Evening with John Muir.” Actor Lee Stetson provided a list of furniture and other props that would transform The Grand Theatre stage into Muir’s home in Yosemite circa 1913. Dee obtained pieces from businesses, individuals, and her own home to create the right look for a naturalist’s study of that period. Dee’s sister, Beth Dircks, loaned objects from her collections of antiques and natural history specimens, giving the set an ambience of scholarly clutter.

Residents of Mount Laurel, NJ, Dee and her husband, Bill, have been summering in Bar Harbor for over 20 years and have a profound love for Acadia. Dee and Bill enjoy all of the activities Acadia offers, including sailing in Frenchman Bay. Dee has a special interest in the history of the area, and collects postcards and other artifacts from old Bar Harbor. Her fascination with local history has been an asset during her 16 years as a volunteer with the Abbe Museum, where she assists with summer educational programs, field schools, and exhibit installation.

Dee comments that she has a strong belief in national parks as “the people’s parks” and feels that we all have a responsibility to protect them.

—Sharon Broom
Kentucky Rose

This soil is a vein of stone the company calls blue heron
to indicate its grade—
a bituminous grease in the pleats of eyelines
and thumbnail quick,
in the corners of Eli’s mouth
until everything tastes like the long coal throat of Mine 18,

soil which begins curled tight like an animal
crouched beneath limed rock, like a mole
that burrows under the stonecrop and tickseed germ,
slicking clay and loam. When the camp sleeps, the dust skulks back
into the tipple rivets, into Eli’s eyes brown as a bottle lip.
Above him, miles of black ocean sag.

A day and riverside away from his wife, Eli knows the rain
by whether or not his ankles slap through coalwater,
whether the sludgy drip of soil-seep oils his palm.

And when the earthhush of that shaft struggles to slip from the blue
shale stitched above the carbon, the sound becomes the rasp
of a carpenter bee’s mandibles boring tunnels
into the coal camp porchwood to remove its yellow poplar
grain by grain,
gram by spittled gram.

—Sarah McCartt-Jackson

SARAH MCCARTT-JACKSON, from Lexington, Kentucky, earned her MFA in poetry
from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Her work has received honors for the
2009 Academy of American Poets Prize.
**BREAKING RECORDS AT THE 21ST ANNUAL BENEFIT**

We all fell in love,” began Ann Rockefeller Roberts, honorary chair of the 21st Annual Friends of Acadia Benefit Auction, during her welcoming remarks on Saturday, August 14th. Roberts, the granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller Jr., who helped create Acadia National Park and who built the carriage road system that was the evening’s theme, spoke movingly about the great love for Acadia National Park that inspires so many to devote their resources and energy to preserving this magnificent place.

More than 500 people attended the Benefit Auction at the Asticou Inn in Northeast Harbor, the largest turnout in the event’s history. An energetic silent auction and a fine dinner were followed by a record-breaking live auction featuring Mr. C. Hugh Hildesley of Sotheby’s. Competitive bidding and a spirit of generosity helped the live auction raise over $200,000, with more than 50 people raising their paddles to each donate $1,000 toward the restoration of the Eagle Lake Carriage Road Loop. In total, the Annual Benefit raised more than $625,000 to support the work of Friends of Acadia, another record for the event.

The secret to our success? Many hard-working volunteers, led by Benefit co-chairs Gail Clark and Juliet Van Alen. The auction committee was chaired by Ellanor Notides of Christie’s, whose expertise helped FOA to double the revenue of the live auction. Volunteers and staff worked diligently to acquire fresh new auction items, like a conservation boat cruise in Alaska donated by The Boat Company, an 8-day African safari, a stay at the owner’s residence at the St. Regis Resort in Deer Valley, Utah, and a private boat cruise and picnic to Baker’s Island for 30 guests donated by Bar Harbor Whale Watch Company and the Bar Harbor Club. These great new items were joined with many traditional items from long-time donors like painter Richard Estes, jeweler Lisa Hall, and John Hoche.

Another key to the success of this year’s Benefit was a preview party several days before the auction, hosted by Martha Stewart at her Seal Harbor home, Skylands. No detail was overlooked by Stewart and her staff, from a Scrabble board in the living room that spelled out “Skylands welcomes Friends of Acadia” to exceptional food and a beautiful setting for guests to view auction items and make plans for bidding. (Visit www.themarthablog.com/2010/08/friends-in-maine.html for pictures and Stewart’s own description of the party.) The preview party, a new addition to the annual event, helped create energy and buzz for the Benefit and raised significant donations prior to the auction.

Friends of Acadia is grateful to the patrons, sponsors, volunteer committee members, and auction item donors who helped to make the 21st Annual Benefit such a success. Listings of all these supporters can be found on the Friends of Acadia website, www.friendsofacadia.org, along with a photo album from the evening. Planning is already underway for next year’s Benefit. To join the auction committee, donate an item, or advertise in the auction guide, please contact Lisa Horsch Clark at lisahorsch@friendsofacadia.org or 207-288-3340.

—Lisa Horsch Clark

The Annual Benefit preview party created great enthusiasm for Friends of Acadia’s mission. Here, guests Donna Reis, Mark Kryder, Ed Samek, Sandy Kryder, and David Reis (from left to right) head down to the gardens at Skylands.
AYCC Ignites a Passion for Conservation
Keith Miller

The summer of 2010 was a special one for the Acadia Youth Conservation Corps program. Working on trails and carriage roads throughout Acadia, AYCC crews provided invaluable assistance in the restoration and maintenance of the park’s natural, cultural, and historic resources. At the same time, the program produced a new group of passionate stewards, full of youthful enthusiasm for the value and beauty of Acadia.

The AYCC is comprised of 16 teenagers who spend eight weeks of their summer vacation working for Acadia National Park on trail and carriage road maintenance. Most hail from Mount Desert Island or the surrounding communities, although this year saw some workers from as far away as Massachusetts and North Carolina. Friends of Acadia funds the AYCC through an endowment established to provide student and leader salaries, as well as work boots, T-shirts, and scholarships at the end of the summer. Acadia National Park provides leadership, training, materials, and supervision for the program.

Working in groups of four, the AYCC crewmembers put in five days of hard physical labor each week, rain or shine. While the program benefits the park enormously every year, this summer was a particularly productive one. The teens went above and beyond expectations and contributed enormously to projects across the park—to trail construction projects in particular. AYCC crews took part in the restoration of the Valley Trail on Beech Mountain and the Schiff Trail on Dorr, and aided greatly in the construction of the new Canada Cliffs connector trail. At these sites, their tasks included digging troughs for new stone staircases, moving stone from quarries using highline cable systems, crushing large amounts of rock with sledgehammers for causeway and staircase construction, and excavating material from gravel pits for trail surfacing. At the Canada Cliffs site AYCC crews were responsible for moving almost all of the stone used in the trail’s new staircases and constructed substantial stone causeways and log checks on their own.

On the carriage roads, the AYCC helped clear miles of drainage ditches and numerous culverts, and also split much of the wood used at Blackwoods Campground. On Fridays crews often assisted other divisions of the park with various tasks from controlling invasive plant species to dismantling problematically located beaver dams. Overall, the amount of work put in by the AYCC this year was incredible, and the substantial progress made on maintenance projects throughout the park is in no small part attributable to their efforts.

While the park benefits enormously from the AYCC, perhaps the greatest beneficiaries of the program are the teenagers themselves. For many in the program, this was their first job, and the AYCC not only demonstrated to them the enormous effort that is required to maintain this country’s natural and historic resources, but gave them the opportunity to take pride in a hard day’s labor and the tangible products of their efforts. All of the teens quickly shrugged off the awkwardness of a first-timer’s sledgehammer swing, and before long were crushing stone like veterans. Furthermore, while most of the crewmembers were from the Island or nearby communities, many had not spent much time in the park and had little connection to Acadia despite its proximity. Over the course of the summer—perhaps as a result of multiple trail-crew-led hikes or simply because they had poured so much effort into Acadia—many began hiking on their days off and seemed to truly understand the value of the national park that they had grown up with.

With so much attention given to promoting the park to visitors from places far and wide, sometimes it can be easy to forget that ties to the local community—particularly the area’s youth—are just as important to cultivate; perhaps no program is more successful in that endeavor than the Acadia Youth Conservation Corps. By the end of summer the crews were buzzing with conversation about returning next summer or applying to other YCC programs around the country. It is igniting this passion in young people for the backbreaking work of conservation that is perhaps the AYCC’s greatest accomplishment.

Keith Miller has been a seasonal trail maintenance worker at Acadia National Park since 2007. Before that, he spent two summers as an AYCC crew member.

This summer’s Acadia Youth Conservation Corps crew paused to pose with AYCC crew leaders and FOA President Marla O’Byrne outside the trails workshop.
Ahrrrr, Winter in Acadia

Greg and Julie Veilleux

The burning question—and we receive it many times throughout the summer and into the fall, especially as the leaves fall and the mercury begins to take a dip—is, What do you do in the Winter?? We love to be asked that question. Why? Because we can tell it like it is. We don’t romanticize it. We give them the straight honest answer. Of course, it helps if you love winter—and we do!

For us, it’s a time to catch our breath, catch up with family and friends, work at a normal pace, start a project, finish a project, take a trip, read some good novels, work out at the Y, or…play in Acadia. A part of the reason we settled here is because of Acadia and its natural beauty. We love it here year round, and we enjoy a wide range of activities that allow us to use Acadia in every season. We hike, bike, kayak, snowshoe, skate, cross country ski, and Greg is the fisherman! Keeping active so that we can continue doing these activities in and around our “playground” is essential for our good health.

Owning a business in a resort community certainly comes with its challenges. Do you want to run your business all year? How do you manage operating in the off season and educate people that you are open then? And how do you find the energy to keep going? We have chosen to operate a year-round business that offers our residents and visitors products that are practical and useful. We also provide a website that can service our summer clientele year round. By joining and participating in the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association, we believe that we are helping to educate people that Bar Harbor is indeed open year round. We recognize that there is a distinct difference in operating our business in the summer versus the winter months, so we plan accordingly and scale back to accommodate this change. This allows us to welcome the winter months and enjoy what Acadia has to offer.

Here’s how we spend our winters in Acadia. First, we pray that Mother Nature dumps a whole lot of fluffy white snow for us to play in. Our favorite is cross country skiing on the carriage roads, quite possibly some of the best in the country when conditions are right. Picture yourself in a winter wonderland on freshly groomed trails, schussing along in a pristine forest. The many miles of groomed trails provide us with a variety of trail options and levels of difficulty. The mountainous terrain offers arduous uphill climbs and exciting downhill only to turn the corner and see amazing ocean vistas sometimes covered in sea smoke! Snowshoeing allows us to summit many of Acadia’s mountains or just stroll along carriage roads like Witch Hole and Eagle Lake. In the case of limited snow, we can skate and ice fish on the many frozen ponds and lakes that dot our island. We are often found snowshoeing in to one of Acadia’s remote ponds hoping to catch the elusive brook trout. While out in this winter wonderland it’s hard not to notice the beauty of the frozen landscape, with every backdrop showcasing icicles clinging to the rock faces. It quite literally can take your breath away. So too can the stellar night skies of Acadia. The solitude in Acadia in the wintertime is peaceful and relaxing. It’s hard to imagine that just a few months prior hundreds of visitors were out using these same trails and today we’re alone, enjoying the splendor of Acadia!

Winter in Acadia can be as exciting as watching a Nor’easter blow into Thunder Hole or as relaxing as a 50-degree day hunting for sand dollars and sea glass on Sand Beach. We have become flexible to accept whatever Mother Nature has in store for us. We cherish the quiet time that we have in Acadia while we can, to recharge our enthusiasm to continue the lifestyle that we have established for ourselves. Wow—only in Acadia, where the mountains meet the sea.

GREG AND JULIE VEILLEUX own and operate Window Panes Home & Garden on Main Street in Bar Harbor, and have been Friends of Acadia members since 2001.
Winter visits in Acadia are notoriously mercurial. Thanks to the “warmer” water of the Gulf of Maine, a mixed bag of rain, wet snow, frequent freezes and thaws, and occasional subzero temperatures create challenging conditions for anyone venturing into the outdoor wonderland of the park. Yet people come.

Who are these winter “Acadians”—what do they do, and where do they come from? Why are they out there? What are their opinions of park facilities and services, and the winter recreation experiences available? Park managers sought answers to these questions through a winter visitor survey conducted by the University of New Hampshire in January and February of 2009. The research was made possible through an L.L. Bean grant administered through the SERC Institute.

Persuaded (some would say bribed) by offers of hot chocolate and cider, 410 winter visitors each took 10–15 minutes to complete a brief questionnaire as we intercepted them on Ocean Drive, and at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center, Jordan Pond, Eagle Lake, Brown Mountain, and Parkman Mountain parking areas. “We” in this case was a few park staff and Friends of Acadia staff and volunteers braving the cold, snow, and wind. The park is grateful for their stalwart assistance. This was the first information gathered about winter visitors since the General Management Plan was developed more than 20 years ago. Here’s what we learned.

Winter visitors are largely from Maine. Eighty-five percent were from the Pine Tree State (vs. 14% in an August 2009 survey). Forty-eight percent travelled 10 miles or less on this visit to the park and 52% were from Mount Desert Island communities or Lamoine, Trenton, or Ellsworth, indicating a strong local flavor to visitation. I encountered many friends and saw many familiar faces while conducting these surveys. However, almost 20% of visitors had travelled 100 miles or more. Most of the respondents stayed overnight in their year-round residences, but 13% stayed in a hotel, motel, or bed-and-breakfast. Visitor groups consisted mainly of family or friends as might be expected, but interestingly, 28% were visiting solo—strikingly higher than the 3% of summer visitors in the August 2009 survey.

The average age of winter visitors was 49, just a little higher than that of summer visitors, but the longevity of their relationship with the park was off the charts. Respondents had been visiting Acadia for an average of 25 years (and as many as 86!), and had been visiting in winter for an average of 17 years. Only 18 people or 4% were on their very first visit to Acadia, compared with 50% in the summer. Approximately 16% were on their first winter visit.

The activities that survey respondents reported most were classic cross country skiing (29%), walking on roads (23%), scenic driving (22%), and hiking (19%). Snowshoeing came in at 11%. Other activities included cross country skate skiing, ice fishing, ice skating, snowmobiling, and dog sledding. The data also showed a surprisingly large, die-hard group of classic cross country skiers and hikers who are out in the park at every opportunity; they reported participation rates in these activities of 15 times or more for the winter season. Challenging winter conditions are no deterrent to these enthusiasts. Maybe you’re one of them!

Solitude rated the most important of several characteristics of the winter recreational experience, with an average score of 2.5 on a scale of 1 to 3. Not surprisingly, snow conditions, weather, and grooming of carriage roads for skiing were rated as somewhat important characteristics for a winter visit, (all three rated 2.1) with facilities and services slightly less important (1.8). Evaluations of these facilities and services indicated that visitors were quite satisfied with the information available, park signs, park-

Acadia’s cross country skiing, whether on or off the groomed carriage roads, is a significant draw for enthusiasts.
ing, and plowing, and less than satisfied with the availability and cleanliness of rest rooms. Snowmobilers were not satisfied with the plowing of snowmobile lanes along the Ocean Drive part of the Park Loop Road.

Exploring visitor perspectives on a number of potential winter issues was another important objective of the study. We conjured up as many of these as we could to try to cover the full range of possible problems. These included not enough parking, too much or too little grooming of the carriage roads, skate skier speed and skate skiers taking up too much of the groomed track, walking or snowshoeing in ski tracks, newer activities such as skijoring (with a dog) and dog sledding, unleashed dogs and dog waste, and a host of snowmobile behaviors. All of these were rated on a scale from 1 (not a problem) to 2 (small problem) to 3 (big problem). All types of visitors, from road walkers to snowmobilers, were asked about all of these potential issues.

Only four issues had an average score of more than 1.5, suggesting they may be approaching the level of a small problem: snowmobile speed/recklessness on the Park Loop Road (1.8) and on lakes (1.7); snowmobile noise (1.6); and walking/snowshoeing in ski tracks (1.6). Issues scoring 1.4 or 1.5 were many in number and included not enough parking, dog waste and dogs off leash, and snowmobile traffic off road and on the sections of the Park Loop Road open to them. There were no grooming, skate skiing, skijoring, or dog sledding issues, perhaps because grooming is generally well liked and appreciated, and these other activities are rare enough that they are not currently a problem.

When asked how crowded they felt on a scale of 1 to 9, visitors reported an average score of 1.7. Although many parking areas fill up in the winter, too, visitation is nothing like the summer months. Winter solitude appears to be very important to local visitors as an antidote to summer crowds.

Visitors were also asked what they enjoyed most and least in an open-ended question format. For “Liked Most,” visitors listed solitude most often (13%), followed by peace and quiet (5%), and carriage road grooming (5%). For “Liked Least,” dogs were listed most often (3%); half of these specifically mentioned dog waste. Two of the many answers to these questions capture the range of responses: liked most was “the peacefulness of walking on the Park Loop Road” (I know, it sounds like an oxymoron); liked least was “having to go to work afterwards,” which most of us can relate to.

When asked what had changed for the better since they first visited Acadia in winter, visitors listed carriage road grooming most often (14%). The most commonly noted changes for the worse were more people (5%) and nothing (3%). One person mentioned “I miss breaking trail” as what had changed for the worse and two mentioned that they were a year older!

All visitor surveys provide quantitative data to take the place of or supplement qualitative anecdotal impressions. Park staff now have answers to the questions posed at the beginning of this article. Winter visitors to Acadia are park neighbors who like to ski, hike, walk on roads, and take scenic drives. They use the park extensively in winter and have for many years. They like carriage road grooming for cross country skiing. They like the solitude and peace and quiet that winter brings after the summer crowds, and do not experience any significant conflicts with other visitors. They are generally happy with winter services and facilities, with a few exceptions. These are important things for park managers to know, and the information can be used to inform decisions about winter use, especially facilities, services, and education efforts.

Acadia winters may be mercurial but we can always hope to hit the “Goldilocks” zone: not too hot, not too cold, but just right. In this zone, winter storms provide plenty of snow then give way to clear weather—just cold enough to keep the snow dry for skiing and snowmobiling and the lakes frozen for ice fishing. And the fish are biting. Sunny days abound. A midwinter thaw warms us up every now and then, but not so often or for so long that ice on roads and trails becomes unbearable. And though perfect weather attracts many winter “Acadians,” they all find a chance to enjoy the solitude they are seeking.

And if we don’t hit the Goldilocks zone, well, carpe diem like those die-hard skiers and hikers.

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“The living at the gate house, I felt like royalty ensconced in its castle. When storm winds blew, I couldn’t hear them, the walls were so thick. The interior woodwork and paneling were dark, the windows small, so I remember mostly reading by incandescent light through long winter nights. I never knew what the weather was until I stuck my head out the door. It was a true refuge.”

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pleasure in horse-drawn carriage rides—turned his energy and resources to creating a road network that would be forever motorfree, both on his own land and within the newly-created park.

By 1930, more than half of that network had been completed. Rockefeller asked landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. to review his plans for the system. Olmsted’s report emphasized a distressing fact: that the finished roads were subject to “the unauthorised, indeed the strictly forbidden, use of the roads by the automobiles of those who find sufficient convenience or pleasure in using them to disregard the prohibition. [This] use is reported to be, and very apparently is, extensive.”

What to do? Olmsted’s preferred solution was a yet-to-be-invented barrier that would allow carriages but not motorcars to pass. His other suggestion: “an ordinary gate with an attendant constantly on watch.” In other words, a gate lodge.

Enter Grosvenor Atterbury. A “gentleman” architect with connections to New York society, Atterbury had designed several buildings on MDI in the early 1900s, including

the Congregational Church in Seal Harbor. He likely met Rockefeller through Olmsted, with whom Atterbury had collaborated. In 1930, Atterbury began plans for several buildings on Rockefeller’s MDI property. A teahouse/stable at the north end of Eagle Lake was never built, nor was a new Jordan Pond teahouse (the original farm house remained until it burned in 1979). Three Atterbury designs were constructed—the apartment building on what is now the SERC campus at Schoodic, and the two gate lodges.

But first, Rockefeller sent Atterbury on a tour of the western parks, including Yellowstone and Yosemite. Atterbury came away with several principles, including: that buildings should be sited “outside the picture” so they don’t compete with scenery, that “ancient local traditions” should serve as models, and that “foreign style” can be adapted when native styles are not available. Above all, context must be the guide.

Accordingly, both gate lodges were built on wooded sites removed from Acadia’s magnificent natural features. Atterbury felt that Acadia needed a “somewhat more sophisticated treatment” than the western parks, and chose a style inspired by medieval French Romanesque architecture, which he had admired while touring the Le Puys district in southern France several decades before. Sieur de Monts, for whom the park was originally named, came from Le Puys so this choice seemed particularly apt.

Both lodges consist of a carriage house, the lodge house, and a gate, all seamlessly connected by a wall. Steep, tile-clad roofs, half-timbering, and stone walls laid in stratified courses unify each group of buildings. Contrasting bands of red brick, octagonal turrets, and a grand roofed gateway distinguish the Brown Mountain gate lodge; the Jordan Pond gate lodge, located deeper within the park, was given a quieter appearance with exterior walls that emphasize texture rather than color, and wooden gates between stone piers.

ROCKETFELLER’S LITTLE CASTLES

THE GATE LODGES OF ACADIA:

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Atterbury and Rockefeller both came from affluent families who saw philanthropy and reform as a moral obligation of their class. In Atterbury’s career he had alternated between grand estates for wealthy clients, and forward-looking housing complexes for the less privileged. He was one of few architects to study how to maximize light and ventilation in urban tenement buildings, and championed the promise of technologies like prefabricated concrete to bring beauty into the lives of the working class. But Atterbury’s devotion to form and craftsmanship set him apart from other architectural innovators of the time. He saw this as essential to social reform, saying, “The matter of the housing of the people is one of fundamental importance if you wish to create and foster an esthetic sense that can grow and blossom.” Acadia’s gate lodges, then, must have felt like an ideal commission toward the end of his career: works of great beauty, with the creative freedom and generous budget of his large estates but with the humble purpose of housing working-class families.

So, for all their fantastical exteriors, the interiors are modest and spare. The original building specifications for Brown Mountain, an 87-page document itemizing every aspect of construction, offers frequent reminders that this building was not a miniature fairy castle but a home. From the allowance for a medicine cabinet and refrigerator, to the specs for a radio outlet, the details tell that Atterbury never lost sight of the people who would live there.

When completed in 1932, the two gate lodges were received with great enthusiasm. Rockefeller found them “much more imposing and important than [he had] dreamed,” and noted that “Mr. Graves, the contractor, simply adores both buildings, and talks of them as though they were his favorite sons.” The Bar Harbor Times wrote that the lodges’ construction “marks a step in the development of the whole Island and for the Park, since such beautiful structures just at its borders constitute unique possessions...” Atterbury even reported that Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes had asked to be made a gatekeeper after he retired, just so he could live in one of the lodges.

In the years since, the Brown Mountain and Jordan Pond gate lodges have continued to house park employees, but the necessity of guarding the carriage roads against automobiles has evaporated. The roads’ primary users—pedestrians and cyclists—can easily pass around the coping stones and brown steel gates placed at access points throughout the system. The carriage road doesn’t even pass through Brown Mountain’s grand gateway any more, and the rustic wooden gates at Jordan Pond can be opened by any willing carriage passenger. Today, the prohibition has the force of tradition behind it—except for authorized service and emergency vehicles, the carriage roads are entirely car free.

Occasionally, the idea of tours of the lodge interiors crops up, as visitors often ask about Acadia’s mysterious little “castles.” But thus far, like the historic gate lodges they were modeled after, they remain public outside, private inside—two architectural jewels gracing the borders of a natural treasure.

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More information about Acadia’s Gate Lodges can be found in The Architecture of Grosvenor Atterbury by Peter Pennoyer and Anne Walker, and Mr. Rockefeller’s Roads: The Untold Story of Acadia’s Carriage Roads and Their Creator by Ann Rockefeller Roberts.
As the boat pulled away from its dock in Bar Harbor, I asked, “who’s ready for Baker Island?” When a resounding “we are!” came back, I knew that this was going to be another great trip. Our vessel, the *Miss Samantha*, under the command of Captain Jeff, eased out into Frenchman Bay under a perfectly sunny and cloudless sky. Our skiff captain, Liz, brought a special 12-passenger vessel to our stern. Since our destination had no dock, pier, or real harbor, we eventually used this small skiff to go from the *Miss Samantha* to the rocky shore of a remote island approximately 11 miles south of Bar Harbor.

As a summer resident on MDI, I had paddled a sea kayak to beautiful Baker Island more than a dozen times. This summer was my first opportunity to put on the park ranger hat and share this wonderful place in a different way. Each week I had four and a half hours to inspire a new group of park visitors to appreciate and care about a place that I had spent years getting to know. Leaving the distinctive and dramatic topography of MDI behind, the *Miss Samantha* cruised several miles out to sea and we watched a small island, about a half mile in diameter, grow gradually larger on the southern horizon.

Excitement on deck grew as Captain Liz passed out life vests and then shuttled us in the skiff to a small, rocky beach. Once on shore, I began the story of how William Gilley and his wife, Hannah Lurvey Gilley, arrived at this spot sometime around 1810. The couple rowed over from Southwest Harbor with two or three children (information varies) to establish a new permanent home on this seemingly barren island. After drilling a well, clearing land, planting crops, and bringing over some cows, sheep, poultry, and pigs, the Gilleys went on to have a total of six girls and six boys. Amazingly, all twelve lived to fish, farm, and raise their own families on or around Baker Island. As my group and I made our way past several historic buildings, we identified the asters, milkweed, and *rosa rugosa* that have since replaced the flax, potatoes, and other garden vegetables that once sustained the Gilleys.

Our next stop revealed the next chapter of the family’s connection to the island. In 1828, the Federal Government offered William Gilley the job of a lifetime. He became the first lighthouse keeper of the new Baker Island Light at the salary of $350 per year, and—supposedly—all the whale oil his growing family could use. (Join a tour next season for the full story of how the lighthouse continues to stand as a symbol of change on the island.)

Moving through a thick, lichen-covered spruce forest, we approached our final stop at the dramatic eastern shore. Confronted with the roar of pounding surf and piles of massive rocks, it was easy to see why this place was named Storm Beach. As picnic lunches and snacks appeared from backpacks, I shared photographs from the early 1900s of earlier visitors and residents partying on “the dance floor,” a relatively flat ledge of pink granite that provided a natural gathering spot for people to enjoy the power of nature and each other’s company.

It would have been easy to bask in the beauty of Storm Beach all afternoon; however, Captain Liz had given firm instructions...
to be back on the skiff by 11:45 a.m. for our return trip. Leaving Baker Island, we were treated to the sight of a bald eagle soaring gracefully toward Little Cranberry Island, where the way of life exemplified by the Gilleys is still embraced by many hardy souls in that island community.

The cruise concluded with the story of how a small group of caring people gathered together in 1901 and sowed the seeds of what eventually became the first national park east of the Mississippi River. As a longtime member and volunteer with FOA, I also shared that many years later this park grew to need the hands, minds, and resources of a new generation of stewards, who in 1986 formed “The Friends of Acadia.”

As we returned to the dock in Bar Harbor, I thought about the question that I had asked earlier that morning. I know that my own life has been enriched by every trip I have taken to this lovely place that we call Baker Island. Did this cruise inspire anyone to get to know other lesser-known corners of the park, and motivate them to help protect it? Were they really ready for Baker Island and all the possibilities and responsibilities it represents? Hopefully, the answer is a resounding “We are!”

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Editor’s Note: The “Baker Island Cruise, Tour, and Picnic for 30 Guests” was a hotly contested live auction item at the Friends of Acadia Annual Benefit in August. So hotly contested, in fact, that the donors—The Bar Harbor Club and the Bar Harbor Whale Watch Company—agreed to donate it twice so that two bidders could purchase it. Donna Reis was one of those lucky bidders, she said “the reason I enthusiastically bid on the Baker Island cruise, tour, and picnic is because Baker Island takes me back in time … and what better way to go than with a park ranger and a lobsterman on a beautiful lobster boat! I plan to take the volunteer crew leaders from Friends of Acadia, as a way of saying thank you to them for all the good work that they do.”

Visitors to Acadia's Baker Island are treated to a spectacular—and unusual—view of MDI.

Under special agreements, park rangers interpret the park from four of the many commercial boats in the area. This relationship between the park and area boat operators allows the park to reach a broader audience, and also helps support local businesses. To see the park from a new perspective, make reservations with boat owners. Contact Park Ranger Sonya Berger at 207-288-8803 or sonya.berger@nps.gov for more information about these, and other, ranger-led programs.

Baker Island Cruise (4 ½ hours) mid-June through mid-September
Home to the Baker Island lighthouse, this ocean-sculpted island remains a scenic gem seen by few park visitors. Follow in the footsteps of the island’s early settlers on a moderate hike with a park ranger. For reservations on the Miss Samantha, call: 207-288-2386.

Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise (3 hours) mid-May through mid-October
Cruise with a ranger through Frenchman Bay in search of seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life. Watch real-time video as a diver scours the ocean floor for marine life to bring aboard the boat for hands-on exploration. For reservations on the Starfish Enterprise, call: 800-979-3370. International: 212-209-3370.

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Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner and sail away in search of wildlife and history. For reservations on the Margaret Todd, call: 207-288-4585.

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Updates

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Friends of Acadia volunteers have been busy keeping the shorelines of Acadia and surrounding communities clear of trash, fishing gear, and other debris.

CLEAN WATER, CLEAN SHORES
More than 150 volunteers participated in the inaugural Clean Water, Clean Shores coastline clean-up on Saturday, September 18th. The volunteers picked up hundreds of bags of trash, weighing in at over 3,500 pounds, in addition to scrap metals, debris from recreational and fishing boats, an assortment of clothing, and a couple of carpets! Clean-up sites included the coastlines of MDI, and Alley, Bar, Bartlett’s, Folly, Great Gott, Isleford, John’s, Placentia, Pond, Swans, Tinker, and the Porcupine Islands.

The Clean Water, Clean Shores project is designed to create awareness of pollution and its effects on the shorelines of Mount Desert Island and neighboring islands and communities. The cleanup was organized through the combined efforts of Acadia National Park, Acadia Outfitters, Beal & Bunker, the Community of Great Gott, Friends of Acadia, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Maine Coastal Program, Maine Island Trail Association, Maine SeaGrant, MDI Biological Lab, MDI Paddlers, the Nature Conservancy, the State of Maine’s Recreational Lands Access and Landowner Relations program, National Park Sea Kayak, the Towns of Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Tremont, and Trenton, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The partners were brought together by project visionary Ron Greenberg of the MDI Paddlers.

LONG ISLAND CLEAN-UP
Friends of Acadia partnered with the Friends of Blue Hill Bay on July 24th to clean up Long Island in Blue Hill Bay, where Acadia National Park holds 4,000 acres of conservation easements. A group of 15, including two children and two high school students from George Stevens Academy, collected approximately 300 pounds of trash off the eastern shore of the island.

Found among the trash was a message in a bottle, which was uncorked and read at the FOBHB Annual Meeting on August 23rd. Sent by a 14-year-old girl from North Haven (in Penobscot Bay) in July 2008, the message...
Liz Martinez and Brian Robertson Honored at Annual Meeting

At the 24th Annual Meeting of Friends of Acadia on Thursday, July 15th, outgoing board member Liz Martinez was honored with the Marianne Edwards Distinguished Service Award. While making the presentation, FOA President Marla O’Byrne noted Martinez’s outstanding contribution to the organizational strength of Friends of Acadia, through both her fundraising ability and her willingness to pitch in as an advocate and volunteer. Liz Martinez served on the board for nine years, was chair of the Development Committee, and was national chair of the annual giving and membership campaigns from November 2006 to March 2010. The Marianne Edwards Award was named for the late founder of Friends of Acadia.

Also at the Annual Meeting, Dr. Brian Robertson was honored with the President’s Award for Damn Good Work. Robertson, a professional in survey design, implementation, and analysis, donated his time and expertise to FOA’s 2009 survey of more than 6,500 members, volunteers, and area residents. He spent many hours first helping to design an effective survey and then working to interpret the data and paint a meaningful picture of the response.

On August 22nd, the Schoodic Committee partnered with the town of Gouldsboro on a shoreline clean-up. Lobster traps and buoys were collected and cataloged so that lobstermen could pick up their reusable gear or recommend disposal. Other items gathered that day included plastic bottles, rope, and Styrofoam. On October 13th, the Schoodic Committee continued this work, focusing its clean-up efforts on the shoreline of Little Moose Island.

What do you find at a shoreline clean-up in Maine? Lobster traps of course! The Schoodic Committee found dozens during their two events.

Barbara Arter
Members of the Friends of Acadia George B. Dorr Society were treated to an interpretive cruise aboard the Starfish Enterprise, with sushi catered by ChiaoLin Korona of Chow Maine. The Dorr Society luncheon is an annual event to thank those who have included FOA in their estate planning.

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Family Fun Day

On Sunday, July 11th, Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park coordinated the 5th annual Acadia Adventures: Family Fun Day at Sieur de Monts Spring. Very wet weather did not seem to bother the young folks much, and the day was a great success. Over 250 children and adults—locals and visitors alike—attended the fun-filled, nature-focused event. A dozen community partners, including the Abbe Museum, Acadia National Park, Adventure Climbing, Barbara Arter, the Bar Harbor Whale Museum, College of the Atlantic, Alisa Hurley, Iron Slipper Farm, the Island Explorer, Jackson Laboratory, Peter Steenstra of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Wild Gardens of Acadia Committee, planned a terrific array of outdoor and nature-themed activities that can be done in Acadia—even in the pouring rain. As always, the enthusiasm of an outstanding cadre of community volunteers made the day seem flawless. Family Fun Day is financially supported by Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, the First, Hale & Hamlin, Hannaford Supermarkets, and the Knowles Company; without the support of these local businesses, FOA could not continue to host this popular summer event.

Stars Shine on MDI

The second annual Acadia Night Sky Festival was held September 9th–13th to great success. Friends of Acadia joined Acadia National Park, the Island Astronomy Institute, the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Jackson Laboratory, and College of the Atlantic on the planning committee for the festival. FOA helped sponsor two events: the opening panel discussion on state and local initiatives to protect night skies and the “Picnic with the Planets” on the Bar Harbor Village Green, a family event including a walk through the solar system and an outdoor showing of the movie E.T.: the Extra-Terrestrial. The highlight of the festival was stargazing at the summit of Cadillac, where almost a thousand visitors enjoyed the Milky Way across a crystal-clear September night sky. Other events included a discussion and lecture on the effects of light on human health and wildlife behavior, a silent auction featuring the photographs of Tyler Nordgren, a narrated starlit boat cruise on Frenchman Bay, indoor planetarium presentations, and photography workshops. Visit www.nightskyfestival.org for the full program listings.

SERC Panel Discussion

On August 16th, the Schoodic Committee helped Acadia National Park organize a community discussion about the future of the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC). Park Superintendent Sheridan Steele and local architects presented the plans for converting the former Navy base into a more functional campus for SERC. The National Park Service received funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act expediting these campus improvements. Audience members asked questions about the renovations and suggested ideas for programs and activities for SERC, such as seasonal family camps.

Membership Table Has a Successful Fourth Year

The Friends of Acadia volunteers recruited 251 new members this year at the membership table located outside of Jordan Pond House. Seventeen people logged more than 275 hours from mid-June to early September answering questions, signing up members, and modeling true volunteerism. Of these, four have worked at the table every summer since it began in 2007: Priscilla Hirschenhofer, Debby Lash, Eileen Linnane, and Georgia Munsell. In all, more than 1,200 new members have joined FOA at the membership table. New this year, many of these new members’ faces can be seen on the FOA website at www.friendsofacadia.org/newmembers.shtml.
With permission, membership table volunteers photographed new members to celebrate the occasion! Photographs were also displayed on a board at the membership table, to encourage others to join.

The membership table gives Acadia National Park visitors a chance to learn from knowledgeable volunteers about FOA’s work to preserve the park. Many visitors comment that they had intended to become members for years and they enjoy having the membership table volunteers assist them. If you are interested in volunteering for the membership table next summer, please contact Sharon Broom, Friends of Acadia development officer, at 207-288-3340 or sharon@friends-ofacadia.org.

Mel and Rita Timmons were among the dedicated volunteers at the membership table this year.

“One may as well dam for water tanks the people’s cathedrals and churches, for no holier temple has ever been consecrated by the heart of man.” Lee Stetson, playing conservationist John Muir, railed against the damming of the Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park during his one-man show “An Evening with John Muir.” Over 350 people attended this benefit performance for Friends of Acadia at the Grand Theatre on Sunday, September 26th.
Max A Million ("Max") came to Acadia National Park in 2003, as the first official ranger patrol horse. Over the last seven years, he served admirably as a patrol horse and an ambassador for the park. Max was well known to park staff, the local community, and returning visitors as the friendly ranger patrol horse. As part of his official duties Max and his rider would greet visitors, do law enforcement patrols, respond to EMS cases, and help reunite lost visitors during searches along the carriage roads. Over the last two years, Max made a connection with over a thousand visitors at the “Meet Max” interpretive program. Max was especially great around kids, who loved to pet him and have their picture taken with him.

On November 3rd, 2010, Max passed away at Ridge Runner Veterinary Clinic in Winterport, Maine. His years of service to Acadia National Park are greatly appreciated, and he leaves behind many friends.

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Acadia National Park Patrol Horse Max, 1994–2010

The Cairns Society of Friends of Acadia seeks to cultivate younger members as stewards of Acadia and members of FOA. On August 6th, the Cairns Society organized a party at the Northeast Harbor Golf Club to raise funds for the restoration of the Eagle Lake Loop carriage road. Photographer Tom Blagden gave a talk and slideshow about the beauty of Acadia. From left to right: (back row) Marla O’Byrne, Lisa Horsch Clark, Lili Pew, party hosts Jenny Petschek and Kate Pickett; (front row) party hosts Elizabeth Merck Lake and Leandra Fremont-Smith, Tom Blagden, and party host Heather Toogood Jervis.
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—Stephen Gist

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On September 2nd, a group of Friends of Acadia board members, staff, and volunteers joined hundreds of citizens from around Maine at a listening session at the Bangor Civic Center, as part of President Obama’s America’s Great Outdoors Initiative. The listening session was hosted by high level officials from the Obama administration, including Will Shafroth, the deputy assistant secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks in the Department of the Interior, and Jon Jarvis, the director of the National Park Service, along with nationally—and regionally—based representatives from the USDA, EPA, and other agencies. The Friends of Acadia group participated in five of the breakout sessions to share the Acadia perspective. The breakout discussions focused on four questions: 1) what are effective strategies for conservation, recreation, and reconnecting people to the outdoors; 2) what are the obstacles to achieving our goals related to these strategies; 3) what additional tools and resources would be helpful; and, 4) how can the federal government be an effective partner in these efforts.

Friends encouraged its members to bring their own national park experiences and perspectives to the discussion, but also to consider speaking up about important issues such as full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is the primary source of funding for land acquisition at Acadia and other national parks. A Friends of Acadia action alert emailed to the advocacy network and Maine-based members prior to the listening session also included such suggestions as: establishing policies to encourage philanthropy for public lands, investing in programs that engage young people and people of diverse cultural heritage, and supporting public transit and bicycle/pedestrian access to parks as a way of reducing air pollution at our most important natural areas.

Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park staff also attended a listening session earlier in the summer hosted by L.L. Bean, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and other conservation organizations. Themes that arose from this discussion included the great ecological and recreational value of Maine’s large landscapes and their conservation potential; the benefits to Maine over the years from lands conserved through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which Congress should fully fund; and the great ability of Maine people to form diverse partnerships to accomplish conservation projects. Acadia National Park was identified as one of the great outdoor destinations of the state.

The input from the two Maine listening sessions and other sessions across the country, along with comments submitted online (http://ideas.usda.gov/ago/ideas.nsf/) will be compiled, summarized, and submitted to President Obama by November 15th. Friends of Acadia will monitor the release of this report.

—Stephanie Clement
We Were an Island: The Maine Life of Art and Nan Kellam
by Peter P. Blanchard III
with photographs by David Graham
University Press of New England, 2010
191 pp., Hardbound

Many of us dream of living on an island—the romance of self-reliance, independence from the expectations and demands of others, freedom to discover the rhythm of a life closely connected with nature. In *We Were an Island*, Peter Blanchard shares the story of two people who lived their island dream, a “Great Adventure” of creating a kingdom surrounded by the sea. In 1949, Art and Nan Kellam moved onto Placentia Island, off the coast of Mount Desert Island, with a dory and a few supplies. For nearly 40 years they lived in Homewood, the island sanctuary they built together. The author met Nan late in the Kellams’ history on Placentia, and his telling lays the ground for the Kellams to share their experience as it seems they intended.

When you lift your eyes from the book, you may be disoriented to hear the mechanical sounds of your furnace or microwave or telephone, or to see power lines and pavement outside your window. And you may share a poignant longing for your own Great Adventure off the coast of Maine.

—M. S. O’Byrne

The Memorials of Acadia National Park
by Donald P. Lenahan
D.P. Lenahan, 2010
130pp., Softcover

All who hike in Acadia have seen the bronze, marble, slate, and granite memorials and enjoyed the named paths and trails. Now we can know more about those honored. In *The Memorials of Acadia National Park*, Don Lenahan fulfills the first duty of the historian: to offer the past to the present. In 130 well-illustrated pages, this book provides succinct, diligently researched histories of 73 memorials within Acadia that venerate those who made a contribution to the park we conserve today. Some of those celebrated are familiar. The founding trio of Eliot, Dorr, and Rockefeller each has a plaque. Ruth and Tris Colket, whose generous gift to Acadia Trails Forever established the first endowed trail system in our national parks, are honored by the most recent memorial, placed in 2008.

Many pages commemorate leaders from the great period of trail building and conservation in the two decades before World War I: Robert Abbe, Waldron Bates, Rudolph Brunnnow, Charles Grandgent, and John Kane, to note a few. Others provide a lovely juxtaposition: on pages 8–9, intrepid Champlain faces the lads of the CCC, a bridge of 330 years. *Memorials* often makes an important historical contribution, as with the account of the McFarland Path, an abandoned trail that once reached from the current park headquarters to the summit of Sargeant. Hundreds of acres crossed by this path were donated to the park in the 1920s by Lillian and Washburn McFarland, who was a descendant of some of the first settlers of Trenton—a piece of history with real significance for those from the communities around Acadia who are proud of their role in the provenance of our park.

Don Lenahan enriches his text with seven maps, GPS coordinates of each memorial, 53 footnotes, and a bibliography of 12 relevant books. The book may be purchased from the author at dplenah@gmail.com. You will know Acadia better if you do.

—Jack Russell
It is mid-October, and the brilliant colors of fall foliage have spread across Acadia’s vistas of high mountains sloping to the sea, lighting up our precious park for all who love it, near and far. Looking back on this summer’s high energy and activities, I feel like celebrating all the great work done by Friends of Acadia members, volunteers, and sponsors—whose combined spirit of community, giving back, and stewardship yields remarkable benefits for Acadia. From pristinely maintained hiking trails and thriving Wild Gardens, to increased public awareness of resource threats and many critical dollars raised for next year’s program needs—together we create a partnership that will preserve and protect Acadia now and far into the future.

In my last Chairman’s Letter, I wrote about how the efforts of local nonprofits make a partnership that attracts youth to Acadia and grows their appreciation for stewardship. Nonprofit organizations can be great models for partnership as a way to accomplish enormous tasks; one of my best teachers in this area is my father, who has volunteered his passion and talent to nonprofits for decades. From him I’ve learned nonprofit best practices, how to build on present success with strategic plans for the future, and especially, about giving back as a way of life. During dinner with Dad recently, he asked me about plans for next year, and how FOA will leverage the current momentum into still greater benefits for Acadia. I had three answers for him, all of which boil down to one thing: partnerships.

First, there is the partnership among and between Friends of Acadia’s fabulous board and staff. Together, they are constantly moving the bar of performance higher in both efficiency and effectiveness. An upcoming board and staff retreat will examine our organizational identity as we look toward Acadia’s 2016 Centennial. This will occur in concert with a review of our 2008–2016 Strategic Plan, which will evaluate the plan’s progress and vault us well into 2011 with a renewed sense of purpose and passion to carry us through 2016 and beyond!

Second, there is the partnership of Friends of Acadia members, volunteers, and all who love and care for Acadia. For 2011, we have initiated a Membership Task Force including staff, board, and volunteers to investigate best practices for the Friends of Acadia membership program. This will build upon what we learned from our 2009 membership survey and explore strategic opportunities to build on our core values, benefits, and outreach for members.

Having a healthy, engaged, and vital membership translates into powerful partnerships for our future. Look no further than this past summer for a joyous celebration of that: just think of the 22,000 hours of volunteer time spent directly caring for the resources of Acadia. Plus the hundreds of volunteer hours spent on crucial projects in the FOA office, like the Benefit Committee, who were the volunteer architects of the most successful—in terms of dollars and FUN—Benefit Auction in FOA’s history. Add to this Martha Stewart, sharing her huge passion for Friends of Acadia by hosting the Benefit Auction preview party. Even this summer’s record number of visitors is part of this: I know I was able to share my passion for Acadia by bringing old and new friends out hiking or biking. Each of you who brings a friend to the summit of your favorite hike has forged a new bond with our national park, and welcomed another potential steward to our team.

Third, there is the partnership between generations. Just as my Dad taught me about nonprofit best practices, so I believe that sharing these lessons with the next generation of stewards is an essential part of my efforts to give back. I am honored that Eliza Rockefeller will be working with me next year as a volunteer intern. She carries a family legacy of philanthropy and an enduring passion for giving back that is rare for one so young. With the collective energy, passion, and dedication that we all—members, volunteers, staff, board, and Eliza and young people like her—share for our precious Acadia and the surrounding communities, our partnership will make 2011 a year to remember. Thank you!
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