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Winter Reflections

Winter in Acadia is a relatively quiet season—a time for skiing silent roads and discovering new vistas through forests bare of leaves. And winter is a time for reflection, celebration, and planning. Reflecting on the gift of working with an organization like Friends of Acadia, I am grateful for the inspiration of our members. Each year FOA receives letters from members around the country, sharing favorite experiences as well as hopes and concerns for the park. This year, I was moved by the number of young people who became members and sent notes to explain how they saved or earned the money in order to take part in the care of this amazing place.

This was a banner year for young people engaged directly in the business of Acadia’s stewardship, as well. Millicent Green spent her summer college break as an FOA intern working on our annual benefit (page 5). Anna Adams became an FOA field crew leader this summer and reflected on the path that led to her growing professional career as a steward of Acadia (page 7). The new Acadia Youth Technology Team of high school and college students explored the potential of technology to benefit Acadia and its visitors (page 8).

George Hertzog, National Park Service director from 1964–1972, once wrote, “The national park idea has been nurtured by each succeeding generation of Americans. Today...each park contributes to a deeper understanding of the history of the United States and our way of life; of the natural processes which have given form to our land, and to the enrichment of the environment in which we live.” FOA and Acadia National Park are working together to ensure that this and following generations are prepared and inspired to nurture the national park idea at Acadia.

It was a year of milestones for the Island Explorer bus system. The 4-millionth passenger climbed aboard in August (page 23) and L.L. Bean renewed its commitment to the Island Explorer system, granting $1 million over the next five years toward the operations of the buses. L.L. Bean’s support greatly benefits the park and the region. The Island Explorer system provides alternatives to driving personal vehicles into the park, reducing congestion and pollution. And this fall, Phase I of the Acadia Gateway Center, the maintenance facility and offices for management of the Island Explorer system, was completed. A celebration is planned in early 2012.

Partnership efforts led to important land conservation this year. Two key parcels, privately owned within Acadia’s boundaries, were protected through the combined efforts of Friends of Acadia and Maine Coast Heritage Trust. The Lower Hadlock Pond property protects a public water supply for the Town of Mount Desert and historic hiking trails around the pond and connecting to Norumbega Mountain trails. On the west side of Mount Desert Island, 17 acres on the shores of remote Round Pond, in the Long Pond watershed, were protected. Since 2005 FOA, MCHT, and other partners have protected 17 privately-owned parcels within Acadia’s boundary.

Advocacy remains a key component to FOA’s stewardship of Acadia. This year FOA staff and members took numerous opportunities to reach out to state and federal legislators and communicate the park’s need for adequate federal funding. For our members, advocacy is an opportunity to share your commitment to the ongoing stewardship of Acadia’s priceless resources, and to express your expectation that this stewardship must be a partnership effort. Private philanthropy plays a critical role in the long-term care of Acadia, but it should enhance and not replace the obligation of the federal government to care for our national parks. (Read more about how you can help, on page 26.)

I look back on this year of partnership conservation and stewardship with tremendous pride. Programs inspiring young people, alternative transportation reducing traffic congestion and pollution, conservation of lands within the park’s boundary, and advocacy are all vital to creating a strong future for Acadia, and are excellent examples of what individuals can accomplish when they work together. At the inauguration of the new SERC campus at Schoodic this summer, Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski said, “Each and every one of us makes a difference, but working together we make change.”

Thank you for helping to ensure a strong future for Acadia National Park.

—Marla S. O’Byrne

In November, Marla O’Byrne announced that she will leave Friends of Acadia in March 2012 after 16 years with the organization. –Ed.
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We’re coming up on a double celebration in 2016: the 100th anniversary of both Acadia National Park and the National Park Service. It’s an opportunity to reflect on the great ideas and dedicated efforts that created the Acadia we know and love today, and to look ahead to the future of Acadia in its second century. Volunteers, donors, and Friends of Acadia have been instrumental in the great success of this park. Innumerable private contributions throughout Acadia’s history have protected important land and natural and cultural resources, have built and maintained essential park facilities, and allowed us to offer meaningful visitor services for the millions of people who love Acadia National Park.

Charles Eliot and George B. Dorr paved the way, preserving and protecting the best of Mount Desert Island and Schoodic. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. also preserved thousands of acres, and developed the incomparable system of carriage roads and scenic Park Loop Road. Early volunteers formed village improvement societies, building marvelous and unique trails like the Precipice, Jordan Cliffs, and the Perpendicular Trail, now maintained as historic resources.

Over the last 25 years, Friends of Acadia led the way to restore the carriage roads to their former glory and establish an endowment to maintain them. A similar approach focused on the 130 miles of renowned hiking trails with the Acadia Trails Forever campaign. The artistry and craftsmanship of the stonework and the challenge of the iron rungs and hand holds continue to impress and inspire visitors today. Other examples of programs that likely would be reduced or eliminated without FOA support include the Wild Gardens of Acadia, the Island Explorer, educational efforts for Maine schools and students, the accessible carriages at Wildwood, and the Village Connector Trail program.

As we approach our second century at Acadia, we must identify and address critical issues affecting our future. Certainly the need to engage youth in the national parks and the great outdoors is of growing concern to me as a conservationist and park manager. Young people seem to have less time and interest in nature, and they are missing wonderful experiences that can shape their lives in many positive ways.

FOA helped us enlist local youth for a new “Acadia Youth Tech Team” and with grant funding this team spent the summer developing some new approaches to engaging youth in Acadia. The key to the continuing success of Acadia National Park is strengthening our shared common goals and programs with FOA. Solutions are created and implemented with the people and communities that most care about our parks. The National Park Service Director John Jarvis has released a “Call to Action,” identifying the many ways he sees this to be possible. He reinforced the need to build our future on the legacies of our past and create excitement and enthusiasm across all generations including those yet unborn. In Acadia, I see this being achieved by continuing our resource protection efforts, focusing on ways to assure that park visitors have quality experiences across the park, and assuring that Acadia becomes the most youth-friendly and engaging national park in the country. Private funding will continue to be essential to provide the margin of excellence we enjoy today and develop innovative new efforts to engage Americans of all ages. I also think a new endowment to support education, traditional ranger guided activities, and interpretation will be necessary to continue to provide meaningful experiences that help create an emotional bond with this very special place.

As we approach 2016, join me and Friends of Acadia as we create opportunities for area residents and visitors to discover the many things that make Acadia so special, to be inspired by its beauty and history of personal dedication, and to be a true friend of Acadia, sharing in the commitment to care for Acadia now and into the future.

—Sheridan Steele
Family Friends
I just want to tell you how much our entire family enjoyed meeting up with you [Lisa Horsch Clark] again and getting to meet Marla. What a thrill it was for us! We have been coming to Acadia for a very long time and now we are sharing that love with our children. Mark and I appreciate the time you and Marla took to educate us and our children on what you do for Acadia and how we can become better stewards of this beautiful park.

Once again we had a wonderful time in Acadia, hiking the beautiful trails, shopping and walking in town, climbing mountains by foot and on bikes, looking for sand dollars on the beach. As long as we are able, we will continue to come back and appreciate this beautiful land and sea and we promise to continue to support Friends of Acadia.

As you can see in the picture, the kids (and we) proudly wore our new friends of Acadia gear around town, and we thank you for that!

—Bonnie Atwood
New York

Young Friend
I earned a quarter every time I did my chores and a dollar every time I read a book. I want to donate $3.00 to you. I picked Friends of Acadia because my family goes there on vacation almost every year. We love to climb mountains and swim in the ocean. Hope you use the money to make the park better than it already is.

—Jimmy Suiter
New York

Family Fun Bonus
One week each summer we visit MDI—we are lucky to have family in Bar Harbor (but would probably make the trip even if we didn’t). There’s always so much to see and do and our two young children just love to explore. But…this particular week stood out from recent years because we were lucky to be in the area for “Family Fun Day.” To say it was well done is an understatement. From the enthusiastic volunteers to the thought that went into each activity station—it’s something we’ll be talking about for years to come. Thank you!!!

—The Tighe Family
Pennsylvania

Notes from Friends
Hunters Beach in Winter
by Tom Blagden

Some young members of the Atwood family show off their new FOA gear in Bar Harbor.
MILLICENT GREEN: INTERN EXTRAORDINAIRE

Confident, friendly, focused, thoughtful, funny—all words used by the staff of Friends of Acadia to describe our fantastic summer intern Millicent Green. To say the very least, we were fortunate to have Millicent with us during the busy summer season. This talented young woman made life easier for everyone at 43 Cottage Street.

Millicent joined the staff on July 1st as an intern in the development office with a focus on event management. Much of Millicent’s time was spent working on the Annual Benefit. Whether attending planning meetings, working on the database, drafting text for the catalog, or answering the phone, Millicent accomplished tasks with skill, grace, efficiency, and a smile on her face.

Millicent, a junior at Elon University currently studying in Florence, Italy, has visited Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island every year of her life. She comes from a long line of Friends of Acadia members. Grandparents Bill and Maura Benjamin have been members since the early 90s and her parents Anne and Jim Green are active volunteers with Friends of Acadia. Anne serves on the board of directors and the benefit committee. Both of her parents have been leaders in the Next Generation initiative at FOA. Clearly her love for Acadia and FOA has been nurtured for many years.

I was personally amazed by Millicent’s impeccable computer skills and attention to detail. I could give Millicent a task upon arrival in the morning, thinking it would take her most of her day. In a short time, she would pop into my office saying she was done. I’ve watched her at the computer. Even with the old dog of a computer at the intern’s desk, Millicent would take shortcuts and quick steps to get the job done fast. And anyone who has visited the busy FOA office in the summer knows that good and fast is an asset.

Millicent also has a remarkable intuitive sense. She would often hand me a draft before I asked for it or bring something to a meeting saying, “I thought you might need this.”

Millicent’s hard work was not all that she gave to the office. Development Officer Sharon Broom noted, “In addition to all of the ways they assist the staff, interns bring a fresh perspective to our work and help us better connect with young adults. Working with Millicent each day gave us a valuable insight into the interests and preferences of twenty-somethings.” As we continue our work with the Young Friends of Acadia, Millicent and her friends will be critical to our success.

Keeping us fresh is important but what I miss the most about Millicent is Millicent. Her cheery smile and great sense of humor always brightened my day.

—I Lisa Horsch Clark
The water shines and, definite as it is,
slips under the fog and goes, sending up
an island now and then from farther out—
great tufts of dark nailed down by the same roots
that spring strange halls in dreams and cliffs that tip
with height beyond the towns that closed behind you.

A mother has picked her son up off the deck
to make sure of his flesh and the women from the party
have stopped shouting up from the bottoms of their wells,
stare in whatever direction they were left pointing,
except for one, who presses at a cell phone
like someone trying to push an ice cube down.

A town appears, as ruins first, then rises.
The coming back meets its mist and slides under it.

—Christian Barter

This speech was given at the 2011 Friends of Acadia Annual Meeting, on July 13th in Bar Harbor.

I'm sure you all remember your very first job. I know I do. I remember very clearly driving up to the park's trail shop and looking at my fellow Youth Conservation Corps workers and telling my dad “Those guys are huge!” I was so nervous about doing well, and my fears weren't assuaged any on our first project. We were high lining, which is when we use cables to move rocks up and down mountains. Part of the process is that someone has to be operating what we call the “griphoist,” which is like a giant crank that increases tension on the cable. Well, I was the griphoist operator, or at least, I was trying to be. I was using all of my weight to pull back on the handle, and then throwing myself onto it to try and push it forward. Eventually my supervisor came up to see what was wrong, because obviously nothing was happening. He watched me struggle for a few minutes and said “You know, I don't think you eat enough for this job.”

I like to think that my success, or at least why I'm still working at Acadia today, has a lot to do with the second sandwich I packed from that day on.

Throughout that summer I got stronger and more confident doing the work the YCC does to help out the trail crew. One of our last projects that season was a log haul up a mountain. We spent the whole day going up and down hauling bog walk material, and I remember asking myself if I wanted to come back and do this job again. When I reached the summit I had my answer: of course I would. Looking out on the park I had grown to love, I knew that I wasn't ready to quit working my butt off to help make it better. So I worked another summer on YCC, and then signed on to join the trail crew after high school.

As my graduation approached more and more people began asking me what I was going to do with the rest of my life (simple question of course). I never could quite find the right answer, until I got a pamphlet in the mail from the University of Maine at Machias. I read about their programs and I remember shouting down to my parents “Did you know, you can get a degree in Park Management?!?!?” That was it; nothing had ever felt so right. So I went to UMM and got my bachelors degree in Environmental Recreation Management and Park Management (which is a fancy way of saying “gets paid to play outside”). I worked on the trail crew a few summers as well as for Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

Sooner than I expected, another graduation was upon me and I was again being asked: “What are you going to do with yourself?” It wasn't until I heard about this job with Friends of Acadia that I found the right fit. I truly believe that Friends of Acadia's programs helped shaped the course of my life. Nothing could be better than getting to help others work in this beautiful place, and get to know it for themselves. I know that we are all counting the big accomplishments that Friends can lay claim to over these past twenty-five years, but I ask you to try and think about all the small ways in which this organization has had an impact, both on this park and those who love it. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of all that you do.

ANNA ADAMS is a field crew leader at Friends of Acadia.
THE ACADIA YOUTH TECHNOLOGY TEAM: LOCAL TEENS GUIDE ACADIA’S DIGITAL FUTURE

Aimee Beal Church

Picture this: you’re nearing a moutaintop in Acadia, hiking up a trail of pink granite ledge with glorious views of unspoiled forest reaching down to a sparkling, island-dotted sea. Maybe a peregrine falcon wheels overhead. Approaching the classic wooden sign marking the summit, you see four teenagers sitting with heads down and eyes glued to the screen of an iPad on his or her lap.

What do you think? Maybe you feel sorry for the kids, for their apparent lack of connection to the natural beauty around them. Maybe you’re annoyed to be reminded of the “outside world.” Maybe you wonder, “Hey, can I get a cell phone signal up here?” Then one of them hops up and approaches you with a smile, and you notice that her T-shirt reads Acadia Youth Technology Team.

This past summer, those four teenagers were MDI high school students Audyn Curless, Sophia Krevans, Ryann Rourk, and Liam Torrey. Along with Team Leader Colin MacArthur, Assistant Team Leader John Carll, and volunteer contributing scholar Fabio Fraticelli, they spent 10 weeks learning, brainstorming, and experimenting with technology like iPads, digital cameras, smart phones, webcams, QR codes, apps, and the like. They thought about how these programs and devices might enhance a visitor’s experience—especially young visitors for whom technology is an integral and familiar part of their world. Much of that work was done outside in Acadia, where they also spoke with dozens of visitors about their use of technology in the park.

The Acadia Youth Technology Team was jointly funded by Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park, motivated by the park’s commitment to engage youth in their national parks and the natural world. As Superintendent Sheridan Steele notes, “According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, kids under age 18 are spending more than 7.5 hours per day, or more than 50 hours per week, using electronic media. What will happen to national parks when people don’t have time for nature and the real world outdoors?” By reframing technology as a portal into the park rather than a barrier, and asking youth directly what they find most interesting, the park can create new and uniquely effective tools to awaken kids, teenagers, and young adults to the treasures of Acadia.

Lynne Dominy, chief of interpretation at Acadia, knew this would be a challenge. She had been researching similar initiatives in other national parks to find a model for a youth-focused and youth-powered “think tank.” She found nothing, so she and the interpretive staff designed the project from scratch. In addition to providing meaningful insights into how to engage youth using technology, this pilot program creates a model for how the park service—at Acadia and elsewhere—can work with youth on similar questions.

Through a $25,000 gift made in honor of FOA’s 25th anniversary, Friends of Acadia hired the four teen interns and assistant team leader and purchased the iPads and apps necessary for their research. Says Marla O’Byrne, president of Friends of Acadia, “We were fortunate to gather such a talented, energetic team of young people, and delighted to support this innovative pilot project that is so important for the future of the park.” FOA funding was matched by the park, which hired the team leader and organized and hosted the program.

The team was immersed in the park visitor experience, from which they generated ideas about how technology could meet two park-wide goals: engaging youth in Acadia and improving the visitor experience. Each week focused on a particular...
We should not assume providing youth with technology engages them in the park. Instead, we should always specify the specific way youth-targeted technology will encourage stewardship.
Volunteers

BED SPRINGS AND A PASSION: THE START OF WINTER GROOMING IN ACADEIA

Charles Wray

It took a champion, a diplomat, an innkeeper, and two superintendents. During the last 25 years the grooming of Acadia’s carriage roads for cross-country skiing has grown from two volunteers and two or three carriage roads into a multifaceted, well-coordinated activity in Acadia National Park. Today, nearly twenty cold-tolerant volunteers eagerly await each new snowfall to set down classic and skating tracks from the Amphitheater to Witch Hole, from Jordan Pond to the highest carriage road on the western side of Sargent Mountain, transforming the snow covered trails into some of the best cross country skiing anywhere. Friends of Acadia coordinates the grooming and funds the program, and Acadia National Park maintains four low-emission snowmobiles and nearly a dozen grooming track setters.

One cannot think of the ski trails without thinking of Dr. Bob Massucco, the champion volunteer groomer, who settled in Somesville in the early 1970s. Having been an avid skier, high school ski coach, and dentist in Aspen, Colorado, Bob—together with his wife Mimi, their family, and friends—made many, many trips to the former Squaw Mountain near Greenville to pursue their passion for skiing. Tiring of nearly weekly trips to Squaw Mountain, Bob realized that some of the best cross-country skiing in New England could be found minutes away in Acadia National Park. At that time, cross-country ski tracks on Acadia’s carriage roads were created by the skiers who got out first after each snowfall. Bob and Henry Agnese of Northeast Harbor would be some of the first skiers out to break trail, and the late Elizabeth (Leila) Bright would eagerly await news from the trail breakers before setting out herself.

During the 1980s and early 1990s innkeeper Joseph Striefel of Bar Harbor provided his guests with a variety of athletic adventures, from paddling and sculling to hiking and eventually cross-country skiing. In an effort to extend the season of his bed-and-breakfast, Joe and Bob Massucco developed a plan to provide groomed carriage paths for local skiers and visitors. In 1987, Joe and Bob first approached Acadia National Park about using snowmobiles for grooming.

Fortunately for a generation of skiers in Acadia, the champion and innkeeper met with like-minded ANP staff: Superintendent Jack Hauptman and Deputy Superintendent Len Bobinchock. Acadia National Park issued an experimental special use permit to “Drag carriage roads to provide a suitable base of snow for various winter activities.” Using his own and wife Mimi’s snowmobiles, Bob and Joe began grooming Hadlock Pond and Witch Hole. In the early years bed springs with concrete weights loaded on top were used to initially pack each trail. After dragging the Rube Goldberg bedspring over the trail, a track setter—made from two-by-four and two-by-six lumber and metal guides—was used to set classic ski tracks.

To advise ANP staff on the new experimental grooming efforts and assess the future of the carriage roads, Superintendent Hauptman formed an Acadia Trails Committee. In the early years some skiers felt grooming was disruptive; however, the pundits’ ski tracks suggested that they sometimes preferred the groomed trail to the occasionally heavy, untracked, coastal snow. As grooming became popular, skiers began donating cash on the trails to offset the costs that were completely covered by champion groomer Bob
Massucco. Uncomfortable as a cashier and groomer, Bob welcomed the assistance of Stan MacDonald, who assumed chairmanship of the now formalized Acadia Winter Trails Association (AWTA).

The vice president of Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, Stan MacDonald became the diplomat for grooming in the Park. Despite the tremendous grooming efforts of Bob, Stan, Bill Jenkins, Dirck Bradt, Herb Watson, Frank Braley and YMCA Program Director Eric Hanson, grooming remained controversial within the halls of ANP headquarters. Led by Bob Massucco, the hardy trail groomers defended their grooming independence and were somewhat reluctant to be managed by a committee or organization.

By a stroke of luck, Paul Haertel, himself an avid cross-country skier previously posted at Denali National Park, became superintendent at Acadia. With Stan MacDonald at the helm of AWTA and Paul Haertel and Len Bobinchock leading ANP, grooming trails became a formal volunteer activity and the Winter Trails Association developed a budget and held regularly scheduled meetings. Joe Striefel had moved away from Mount Desert Island, but Bob Massucco remained the heart and soul of the grooming effort. After seeing his dental patients, Bob Massucco cleared trails late into the evening, cut away trees blown down in winter storms, and kept the trails in remarkable shape. After the biggest wind-driven snowstorms, Bob recalls using his chainsaw to cut through massive snowdrifts to get the snowmobiles across the carriage road on the east flank of Penobscot Mountain, just west of Jordan Pond.

In 1990, the skiing was so popular that the 15-km Acadia Crossing Ski Tour and Race, from Little Long Pond to Jordan Pond via the Amphitheater, attracted skiers from all over Maine. By 1994, the annual race reached nearly 100 skiers despite warm conditions at Little Long Pond and frozen conditions at Jordan Pond. While the Acadia Crossing Race did not continue, Bob Massucco was dubbed “Acadia’s Winter Caretaker.” Meanwhile FOA assisted the AWTA volunteers’ efforts, raising financial support for grooming equipment and fuel, and AWTA established cross-country skiing as a significant winter activity within ANP. As word spread across New England about the tremendous skiing in Acadia, the phone began to ring at the Massucco’s house. After storms, Bob and Mimi would answer call after call reporting on snow conditions and grooming status.

In 1990 the Acadia Winter Trails Association became a committee of Friends of Acadia, formally partnering with FOA and ANP by jointly signing a Memorandum of Agreement between the three groups to manage volunteer efforts in the park. FOA and AWTA began providing regular financial and fundraising assistance to loyal groomers Bob Massucco, Stan MacDonald, Bill Jenkins, and Dirck Bradt. The bed springs and concrete blocks were gradually replaced with state-of-the-art Tidd Tech drag groomers and the original snowmobiles were replaced. The ranks of volunteers expanded and the numbers of skiers out on the carriage trails rapidly grew. In 2003, Bob Massucco and Stan MacDonald were presented with the Excellence in Volunteerism Award at the FOA annual meeting. In 2005, in appreciation for the great skiing in ANP, the family of Leila Bright generously donated $250,000 in her memory to support grooming activities. The Elizabeth R. Bright Endowment provides equipment, fuel, safety training and equipment, and operating support, and has allowed grooming to expand significantly.

Through the efforts of the champion volunteer Bob Massucco and the support of an innkeeper, a diplomat, and two superintendents, the cross-country ski trails in Acadia National Park now attract hundreds of skiers every week to Acadia. Today, the AWTA volunteer cadre totals 18 dedicated men and women, and each season when the snow flies they log hundreds of hours laying skate and classic tracks. The group has been featured in several newspapers around the state and on MPBN’s Bill Green’s Maine. Trail conditions are available online at www.friendsofacadia.org/projects/awta.shtml. While snow is sometimes fickle in Acadia, the loyalty of the winter grooming crew remains unwavering, just as Dr. Bob Massucco wanted.

CHARLES WRAY is a staff scientist and director of science resources at the MDI Biological Laboratory and has been an Acadia Winter Trails Association volunteer groomer for over a decade.
Acadia National Park is surrounded by water and much of its history and resources relate to its maritime location. It should be no surprise, then, that there are many shipwrecks in the waters around the park.

When maritime archeologist Franklin Price began research to document historic shipwrecks in the area, he spent a lot of time listening to fishermen, who, after all, know these waters better than anyone. Price grew up in Bernard and worked at lobster fishing for a time. He studied history as an undergraduate and then received his Master of Arts degree in maritime studies at East Carolina University. Price’s research has taken him to exotic and famous locales. He worked on the project to document Blackbeard’s flagship, Queen Anne’s Revenge, off the North Carolina coast. He spent time in Cyprus, studying an ancient Greek vessel and assisted on documenting Vasa, a 1628 Swedish warship. Currently, Price is a senior archeologist with the State of Florida, where he coordinates diving operations and manages the state’s Underwater Archaeological Preserve program. But he is drawn back to Mount Desert Island, and tries to get home when possible.

From his interviews with local fishermen, Price heard about historic wreck locations. From there, he combed old newspaper accounts of wrecks and bad storms. These provide information about when and possibly where wrecks occurred. Insurance claims and maritime records often document the size of a wrecked vessel and particulars of its cargo, or other circumstances of the event. He eventually assembled a database of nearly 150 known wrecks in the waters surrounding MDI, from Penobscot to Frenchman Bays, reporting on the project with support from an L.L. Bean Acadia Research Fellowship through the SERC Institute and NPS. One wreck in the Seal Cove area intrigued him. He recalled seeing it as a kid, and when he revisited it during this project it was still there. The wreck is remarkably preserved, lying up in the cove against the bank, where it is exposed at low water and protected from severe storms that would disarticulate the wooden skeleton. Says Price, “Recording vessels like this one is important because each represents a stage in wooden boat building technology. Wood was the material of choice in vessel construction for millennia, but now this has been eclipsed by fiberglass and steel. It is important to get all of the information we can from these old vessels while there is still enough left of them to study. This is especially important in the inter-tidal zone where exposure to air and ice slowly degrades the wooden structure.”

Price proposed the idea of a field school to document the site. Acadia National Park doesn’t own the property but holds a conservation easement on it, where its jurisdiction extends to the low water mark. (The National Park Service does not manage shipwrecks or other resources beyond the intertidal zone, but does work with partners—the state, other federal agencies, landowners, and land conservation organizations—to protect and steward them.) As an archeologist and specialist in cultural resources at Acadia, I worked with Price, in partnership with the Town of Tremont and landowners, to develop the project with two primary goals. We wanted to reach out to interested local residents, park staff, students, and partner organizations to offer a hands-on learning experience to document an underwater archeological resource. And I was interested in building capacity at the park to handle this sort of project in the future. Resources like this wreck are dotted all around the island and could be uncovered in the park as a result of storms. We might develop a local “swat” team with some training to document wrecks after unexpected exposures. This scenario has played out at other coastal national parks. At Cape Cod National Seashore, for exam-
ple, storms frequently rework and erode whole stretches of the vulnerable sand beaches. There, wrecks are sometimes exposed for no more than one tide cycle and park staff must respond quickly to document and protect them.

Partial funding was secured from the Submerged Resources Center of the National Park Service and from the non-profit Institute of Maritime History. Price enlisted Charles Bowdoin, a graduate student from his alma mater, to assist with project management. We put out a call for participants—“No experience required!”—and many community members joined us, including Friends of Acadia volunteers, Muriel Trask Davisson, a member of the Tremont Historical Society Board of Directors, and Otter Creek resident Karen Zimmerman, who came out for a day and wrote a blog about her experience (at www.fromthecreek.com). Park staff participated as well, including Youth in Parks summer seasonals Kate Pontbriand and Clare Anderson and staff from the Resource Management and Resource Protection divisions. In all, 20 people were involved in various capacities—drawing, measuring, photographing, or taking notes.

We had to work with the tide. The site is only exposed for about three hours around low tide. Once it begins to turn, it takes only a few minutes before water rushes into the cove and the site is underwater. Price and Bowdoin prepared the site for mapping by running a datum line along the keel from stem to stern, or what was left of them. The goals were to map the site using tape and compass. While this may seem very low-tech in these days of laser scanning technology, remote sensing, satellite imagery, etc., it is tried and true. Archeologists in underwater or remote locations cannot always rely on technology. They are often left with a pencil, tape, and graph paper to produce a scale map of a site.

Teams of two or three worked together to measure and map the structural components of the vessel. We learned about how wooden vessels were put together—this one has a hewn timber keel, frames (the ribs), and trunnels (literally “tree nails,” or wooden pegs) and iron spike fasteners. We mapped each of these features, using basic geometry to plot points on waterproof mylar. Gradually, a scale map of the wreck emerged.

On the last day, we literally played in the muck. I learned that underwater archeologists do not excavate sites the way I was taught as a traditional terrestrial archeologist. Trowels do not work in the thick, mucky sediment clinging to the wreck. To expose the keel, we dug it out with our hands, feeling carefully for its shape.

Afterward, participants agreed that it was a great experience. Local high school student Kate Pontbriand is interested in pursuing archeology as a career, and noted, “From drawing the sketch of the ship to digging around in the mud measuring the planks of the ship, everything interested me! I think the most memorable thing about this was being able to apply concepts I learned in my math classes at school to actual work. We triangulated pieces of wood from the base line we had set up in order to get accurate drawings of the ship. You sit in these math classes and always think ‘When will I ever use this?!’ Real-world applications are rare and being able to have this experience was priceless.”

“Documenting shipwrecks in the Town of Tremont is important for the Tremont Historical Society, because they are part of Tremont’s history,” said Muriel Trask Davisson. “It was a great learning experience to participate and see how marine archeology is done.”

Bowdoin will give a presentation about the field school at the Society for Historical Archaeology’s annual meeting in January 2012, and Bowdoin and Price will continue research to learn about the wreck. Price observes, “This particular vessel will be very difficult to identify. At the moment there are a couple of candidates that wrecked in Seal Cove in the late 1800s, both wooden schooners. Rinaldo wrecked in 1876 and Levant wrecked in 1883. Zach Whalen, a recent COA graduate, shared his research on them with the project. I fear that Rinaldo is too small to be this vessel, and I doubt we will be able to know conclusively if Levant was or not. Further research into the vessel’s construction techniques will need to be done. Dendrochronology (counting tree rings) might also provide answers, but it is not part of the current project. Perhaps in the future we will learn more about this wreck.”

REBECCA COLE-WILL is the cultural resources program manager at Acadia National Park, and an archeologist specializing in pre-European contact archeology of New England and the Arctic.

The field school produced this site plan of the Seal Cove shipwreck, documenting the remaining structural components of the vessel.
Once a year, a dedicated group of FOA members kick off their hiking boots and put on their finest cocktail attire to attend the Friends of Acadia Benefit Auction. Always held the second Saturday in August, the benefit is an opportunity for park lovers to enjoy a wonderful social event, bid on special and unique offerings, and support FOA’s mission to preserve and protect Acadia National Park.

This year’s benefit week kicked off on Monday, August 8th, with a preview party for auction patrons hosted by Ruth and Tris Colket at their Bar Harbor home, Kenarden. The preview party generated excitement around the live auction items and inspired record patron contributions before the main event.

On Saturday, August 13th, more than 500 people attended the Benefit Auction, exceeding the record set last year as the largest turnout in the event’s history. Attendees’ generosity raised a net $650,000 for FOA’s conservation work. “In 2011, FOA will grant more than $1.5 million to youth initiatives and conservation projects in Acadia and the surrounding communities,” said FOA President and CEO Marla O’Byrne. “Their generosity makes it possible for FOA to do its best work of protecting Acadia.”

The evening began with an energetic silent auction of over 100 items, including original art, unique experiences, one-of-a-kind jewelry, and items for the home and children. Following an elegant dinner served by the Asticou, Sotheby’s Auctioneer Hugh Hildesley led a spirited live auction of unique items including a walk-on role on Law and Order: SVU, special trips, and a family of three bears carved by celebrated local artist Dan Falt.

FOA Board Member Andrew Davis introduced the auction’s paddle raise to protect land within Acadia’s boundary at Lower Hadlock Pond. By the end of the evening, 63 people raised their paddles to contribute more than $180,000 toward the purchase of the Northeast Harbor property. The paddle donations were increased by a 50% match from The Pew Charitable Trusts and Davis Family Challenge. The parcel was protected in September, in partnership with Maine Coast Heritage Trust, ensuring it will remain open to public access in perpetuity, and helping to protect the pond as a water supply for Northeast Harbor.

Martha Stewart served as honorary chair for the benefit. Event Chair Margaret Hamner and Vice-Chair Noelle Wolf led a corps of more than 125 volunteers who planned the benefit, assisted by FOA Director of Development Lisa Horsch Clark.

“We are grateful to all who made this benefit such a success: including the event sponsors and underwriters; the many businesses, artists, and individuals who donated auction items; and everyone who attended the benefit and took part in the auction,” said O’Byrne. “Their generosity makes it possible for FOA to do its best work of protecting Acadia.”

The event was underwritten by Antoinette and Ben Brewster, Ildiko and Gil Butler, Gail and Ham Clark, Ruth and Tris Colket, Leslie and Joe Fogg, Anne and Jim Green, Laura and Berno Hamilton, Margaret and Clay Hamner, Elizabeth and Arthur Martinez, Nonie and John Sullivan, Julia and Hans Utsch, Lynne Wheat, and Noelle and Dick Wolf. Listings of all patrons, sponsors, committee members, and auction item donors can be found on the FOA website, www.friendsofacadia.org, along with photos of the evening.

For more information about the Friends of Acadia Annual Benefit Auction, or to find out how to contribute to next year’s event, contact Friends of Acadia Director of Development Lisa Horsch Clark at lisahorsch@friendsofacadia.org or 207-288-3340.

—Lisa Horsch Clark

Friends of Acadia Director of Development

How Much Is Enough?
Someone recently asked me, (in reference to Friends of Acadia’s fundraising), “How much is enough?” I didn’t have an answer for him at the time but upon reflection I realized we still have more than 100 privately-owned parcels of land within the park boundary that need permanent protection, six miles of carriage roads around Eagle Lake that need to be restored, a vibrant volunteer program always expanding in size and activities, and talented staff at FOA and the park brimming with ideas on how to engage young people in exploring Acadia.

With the centennial of Acadia National Park in five short years, we won’t rest on the success of our spring membership drive, our recent Annual Fund campaign, or our benefit auction. The staff of Friends of Acadia will continue to brainstorm for new and exciting ways to raise money because when it comes to Acadia, there is still much to be done.

—Lisa Horsch Clark

Friends of Acadia Director of Development
Acadia Quest on Facebook

Acadia Quest is a series of youth- and family-oriented experiences in Acadia National Park that encourage young people and families to explore, learn, and protect national parks and other conserved lands.

In the Quest’s fourth season, a new approach and new activities got teams “moving outside” in Acadia while interacting with the park from a variety of perspectives: biking on the carriage roads, swimming in Echo Lake, photographing the stone bridges, completing a scavenger hunt in the Wild Gardens, or volunteering on at a park stewardship event.

For the first time this year, teams were invited to report on their activities via Facebook, sharing their adventures with other teams and Friends of Acadia online fans. Here is just a tiny selection of the terrific questing that happened this year.

“We are happily Questing away! This year is proving to be a great opportunity for the girls to experience different parts of the park. We tend to go to the same places each summer, so now they have some new favorites.”

—Team Turner Trio

“We vacationed in Acadia for a week and completed the quest. For the Boat/Swim combo, we kayaked in the ocean. The 4 of us went out with a group out of Bar Harbor. We paddled in front of Bar Island and Sheep Porcupine Island and landed on Burnt Porcupine Island. The view of Cadillac Mt along with the other peaks was beautiful. But the best sight was when we paddled back we spotted a baby harbor seal sunning on the rocks on the backside of Sheep Porcupine Island.”

—Team Ferreira

“Swim in Lake Wood. I have lived on the island for 9 years and off island in Lamoine for an additional 5 years and had never known about this place!! The water was warm and the girls loved the side frog pond as well as finding a small dead bait fish on shore to examine. We were the only ones there but unfortunately couldn’t stay long due to the arrival of a very scary looking rain cloud front. Will definitely be heading back there this summer. This has been so much fun so far!”

—Team 12th Night

“Witch Hole Pond, via Route 3 from Bar Harbor to carriage roads. This was a hard bike ride for us, but we made it! We enjoyed stopping at 2 bridges and exploring the streams under them. We were amazed by how the bridges looked from below.”

—Team Hicks

“Team Fingerlow attended their very first [Friends of Acadia] annual meeting, which offered an inside look at what the organization has done over the past 25 years, and more importantly, what we together can accomplish for the future. Speakers stressed the importance of our youth. Our two junior team members, Delenn and Torin, enthusiastically agree.”

—Team Fingerlow
New Members

We are pleased to welcome our newest friends:

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June 1–September 20, 2011
Good Friends Honored at Annual Meeting

At the 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting of Friends of Acadia on July 13th, outgoing board chair Lili Pew was honored with the Marianne Edwards Distinguished Service Award. During the presentation, FOA President Marla O’Byrne noted Pew’s great commitment to Acadia and her “extraordinary ability to engage, entertain, challenge, and inspire each and every person she meets.” Lili Pew has served on the board for the past six years, and was board chair from 2007 to 2011. Established in 1991, the Marianne Edwards Award was named for the late founder of Friends of Acadia.

Honorees at the Annual Meeting also included outgoing board member Debby Lash, who received the President’s Award for Damn Good Work in recognition of her work as initiator and chair of the Governance Committee. Retiring Acadia National Park Chief of Maintenance Jim Vekasi received the Friends of Acadia Award for Distinguished Public Service, and Glen Mittelhauser of the Maine Natural History Observatory and Ann Kinney of the Garden Club of Mount Desert jointly received the Conservation Colleague Award for their partnership with Friends of Acadia to publish the Plants of Acadia National Park.

Mano en Mano Weekend

In July, Friends of Acadia hosted forty adults and children from the Milbridge organization Mano en Mano on a two-day exploration of Acadia as part of a youth and diversity pilot program funded by the Unilever United States Foundation, Inc. The families camped, visited Islesford, volunteered in the park, and explored the coastline. The goal of the pilot program was to encourage Maine’s culturally diverse population to begin lifelong relationships with one of Maine’s greatest outdoor assets, Acadia National Park. Ian Jaffe, executive director of Mano en Mano reported, “this was a positive experience for the families that will encourage many of them to explore the outdoors again in the future and become stewards of the natural environment. I know that many families are interested in camping again this season.”

More than 250 New Members Join at the Membership Table

Thanks to 21 knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers, the Friends of Acadia membership table at Jordan Pond House gained 252 new memberships this summer and $17,922 in contributions from new members and others. During the fifth season for the membership table program, the group logged 320 hours from late June to
mid-September. They brought the total new members gained at the table to 1,482, plus 264 additional contributions.

The membership table program gives Acadia National Park visitors the opportunity to learn one-on-one about FOA and its mission. Often, visitors tell the volunteers they are happy to join Friends of Acadia as a way to give back to Acadia for all of the fun and meaningful experiences they have enjoyed in the park over the years. The membership table is a convenient way to join FOA, and many current members stop by to renew their membership. To see photos of new members from 2011, visit www.facebook/friendsofacadia.

Canada Cliffs Inauguration

On September 29th, FOA celebrated the completion of the Canada Cliffs Connector Trail with an inaugural hike led by Acadia National Park Trails Foreman Gary Stellpflug. Through the coordinated efforts of Footloose Friends, an anonymous donor, the Acadia Youth Conservation Corps, park trail crews, and FOA volunteers—under the umbrella of the Acadia Trails Forever (ATF) program—the trail connects Canada Cliffs to Echo Lake via the Lurvey Spring Road, creating a loop that allows hikers access to Beech Mountain trails from Echo Lake without tackling the Beech Cliff Trail's formidable descent. Over 3,300 feet long, the trail includes the abandoned 1926 Canada Cliffs Cutoff and a new section along the Echo Lake Beach access road. The trail passes through sections of historic value, sensitive plant areas, a challenging boulder field, and previously undeveloped forest. In all, almost 200 stone steps were reset or added, over 1,000 feet of stone tread or causeway were built, and log cribwork and log checks stabilize tread in soft forest floors.

Valley Cove, Great Notch, Flying Mountain…do you like hiking the Westside of Acadia?

In fall 2009, an anonymous FOA member challenged members to raise $5,000 to support the rehabilitation of trails on the Westside of the island. In November 2010, members met the challenge. With the funds, FOA helped the park complete work on Canada Cliffs, the West Ridge Trail, and Flying Mountain this year. Our Fernald Point friend was so please with the results she issued another challenge—this time for $10,000—for Westside trails. Extensive work is scheduled for the Valley Cove area in 2012.

Response to the 2011 Westside Challenge has been great, with more than $9,000 received. To join the effort and make a contribution to be matched, simply mail a check, made payable to Friends of Acadia, and enclose it in the envelope pro-
WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

“One of the greatest satisfactions in doing any sound work for an institution, a town, or a city, or for the nation, is that good work done for the public lasts, endures through the generations; and the little bit of work that any individual of the passing generation is enabled to do gains the association with such collective activities an immortality of its own.”

—Charles W. Eliot, Sieur de Monts Celebration, 1916

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Mail a check, payable to Friends of Acadia, to P.O. Box 45, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, or visit www.friendsofacadia.org/support.shtml to make a secure gift using your credit card. Call 800-625-0321 or visit our website for instructions on giving appreciated securities, which can offer income tax benefits, as well as savings on capital gains.

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Designate FOA as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), or other retirement asset, and pass funds to Friends of Acadia free of taxes.

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Give real estate, boats, artwork, or other property to Friends of Acadia and you may avoid capital gains in addition to providing much-needed funds for the park.

**Gift Through a Bequest in Your Will**
Add Friends of Acadia as a beneficiary in your will.

For more information, contact Lisa Horsch Clark at 207-288-3340 or 800-625-0321, email lisa.horsch@friendsofacadia.org, or visit our website at www.friendsofacadia.org.
vided with this Journal. Or, if you prefer, call the office at 800-625-0321 or visit our secure website at www.friendsofacadia.org to charge your gift. Be sure to note that the gift is for the Westside Challenge.

**Cruising Acadia**

More than forty guests gathered for the 7th Annual George B. Dorr Society event in September for a morning cruise across Frenchman’s Bay to explore the coast of the Schoodic Peninsula. Society members, joined by FOA President Marla O’Byrne and Superintendent Sheridan Steele, cruised aboard the *Starfish Enterprise* and picnicked between Ned Island and Frazer Point. The meal was catered by the Jordan Pond House. Highlights of the cruise included nature interpretation by ANP Ranger Todd Miller, land protection details by ANP Land Resource Specialist Emily Seger Pagan, and a posing American bald eagle just off the boat’s port side.

The George B. Dorr Society was established in 2005 to recognize those members and friends who have documented provisions for Friends of Acadia in their estate plans. The Dorr Society honors George Bucknam Dorr, gentleman, scholar, and lover of nature, whose dedication to preserving Mount Desert Island helped create Acadia National Park. Each year members of the Dorr Society gather for a special appreciation event.

If you have made provisions for FOA in your estate plans or would like information about joining the George B. Dorr Society, please contact Lisa Horsch Clark, director of development and donor relations at 207-288-3340.

**Clean Water, Clean Shores**

Hundreds of volunteers spent the morning of Saturday, September 17th cleaning 25 sites on shorelines from MDI to Schoodic and islands in between. Participating towns included Tremont, Bar Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Mt. Desert, Lamoine, and Gouldsboro and the island communities of Gotts, Swans, Baker and Cranberry. Volunteers collected over 8,000 pounds of trash, including a pesticide applicator, propane tanks, balloons, floating drums, fishing line and about 215 lobster traps. Of that, 3,300 pounds of trash were recycled through the cooperation of the Department of Marine Resources and the generosity of the Gulf of Maine Lobsterman’s Association.

**Trenton Trails Community Social**

On September 18th FOA hosted a Trenton Community Trail Volunteer Social. Volunteers brushed out the trail and began limbing the trees along the route, and were treated to a cookout immediately following the volunteer project. Friends of Acadia continues to work with the Trenton Village Connector Trail Committee and Burnham Martin of the National Park Service’s Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program on planning the trail. FOA will be working with area high school students on interpretive aspects of the trail, such as identifying natural features along the trail route, signage for interpretive panels on the boardwalk and at the viewing platform, and how to apply current interactive technology on the trail, such as a “Trenton app” or geocaching. The 1.8 mile trail loop has been finalized, and volunteers have been brushing out sections of the trail since June. FOA
Estate Planning—Supporting the Mission of Friends of Acadia

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Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park co-hosted the Teens to Trails Outing Club Rendezvous over the Columbus Day weekend. Schools that participated in the weekend of outdoors activities included Boothbay Region High School, Cape Elizabeth High School, Cheverus High School, Cony High School, Kents Hill School, Lake Region High School, Mount Desert Island High School, South Portland High School, Thornton Academy, and Wiscasset High School—each recognizing the importance of outdoor experiences in their students’ lives. Teens spent Saturday afternoon volunteering on park trails that they then explored the following day—camping, hiking, biking, and rock climbing outdoors all day Sunday. For many of these teenagers, it was their very first trip to Acadia and their first night sleeping under the stars. Teens To Trails is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization engaging teens in the Maine outdoors. The Teens to Trails goal is to establish an outing club in every Maine high school community, to promote outdoor adventures and healthy lifestyles, and nurture next generation of caring stewards for Maine’s precious natural resources.

Island Explorer Carries Four Million Riders
On August 19th, the Sherlock family from Cherry Hill, NJ was surprised with the news that they were the 4-millionth passengers on the Island Explorer bus. Camping in an RV at Blackwoods Campground, the family estimated that they had ridden five of the eight routes offered by the Island Explorer. They were headed for a day of hiking on Cadillac Mountain, but paused at the Bar Harbor Village Green for a press conference where they were presented with a gift membership to Friends of Acadia and a gift tote and gift card from L.L.Bean.

Be a Trailblazer with a Monthly Gift to FOA
Did you know that you can conserve natural resources by using your checking account or credit card to make a monthly membership gift to FOA? The Trailblazer monthly giving program makes it safe and convenient to support FOA’s work year round. Trailblazer members’ dollars go farther toward preserving and protecting Acadia by saving paper and postage costs. As a Trailblazer member, you will avoid receiving membership renewal notices in the mail and you will never have to mail your renewal payment. And your membership will always be current!
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Celebrating Acadia’s Night Skies
The Third Annual Acadia Night Sky Festival, co-sponsored by Friends of Acadia, concluded on Monday, September 26th with great success. Although the fog caused several star parties and night-time interpretive boat cruises to be canceled, the arts events and lectures drew rave reviews from participants. The opening keynote speech was provided by Dr. H. John Wood of the Goddard Space Center with images from the Hubble telescope. Other highlights included an outdoor viewing of the movie Wall-E on the Bar Harbor Village Green, a night-sky themed concert by renowned pianist Paul Sullivan and soprano Rose Upton, and presentations by author, astronomer, and physicist Dr. Tyler Nordgren relating features found in America’s national parks like geysers and the tides to astronomical phenomena.

Friends of Acadia Conservation Director Stephanie Clement briefed a visiting delegation from the Chinese State Forestry Administration in September about nonprofit friends organizations and the relationship between Acadia National Park and Friends of Acadia. The group was guided through Acadia by Division Chief of Resource Management David Manski and representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
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Advocacy Corner

THE ACADIA ADVOCACY NETWORK NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As Congress battles over the budget over the next two years, our national parks, including Acadia, will likely be affected by spending cuts intended to reduce the national debt. Friends of Acadia needs your help to ensure that Congress hears often about the value and importance of national parks to the American people and their communities.

While FOA understands that federal budget reductions are bound to be part of any balanced debt reduction package, we are concerned about the scale of cuts that may be made and their effects on Acadia National Park which already performs efficiently on a lean budget. Under a budget amendment, federal agencies have been directed to operate with 1.5% less than they had in the previous fiscal year—at least through November 18th, the date when the existing continuing resolution expires in Congress. Acadia has also been asked by the National Park Service to project labor and non-labor costs through 2016 and estimate deficits the park would face if the budget is reduced by 3%, 5%, 7% or 10%.

Acadia's operating budget in Fiscal Year 2011 was just over $7.9 million, and a cut of 10% in FY 2012 would mean a deficit of $709,518. This is of great concern because we understand that the FY 2012 budget will likely set the base for the next three to four years, with little hope of reparation for cuts made that builds a legacy of deficient funding. Additionally, a 10% cut would be roughly equivalent to the annual cost of the park's seasonal staff. Acadia could never eliminate its seasonal personnel since they are the front line employees who staff the entrance stations, and ensure visitor safety. Acadia would likely have to weigh all possible budget cuts when already there are 15 unfunded permanent staff positions at the park.

Your voice matters! For 25 years, Friends of Acadia members have made a difference in Washington, helping to tell Acadia's story. In the spring of 2011, FOA called upon a member in the Washington, D.C. area to attend a national fly-in of conservation advocates working to encourage Congress to preserve the Land and Water Conservation Fund. FOA staff and board members visited with the Maine Congressional delegation earlier that year—we were told how important it was to hear from many constituents. Thanks to the reinforcing messages of that member and the FOA staff, board, and partners, Acadia received $1.7 million in 2011 to acquire a conservation easement on a 39-acre parcel bordering Lower Hadlock Pond.

Now, we need your assistance. Please contact your members of Congress and share your personal Acadia story, encouraging your delegation to help protect our nation's most important natural and cultural resources by ensuring that national park appropriations remain strong.

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It’s never too early to begin sharing a love and appreciation for the natural world with children, and you don’t need to take them to the ends of the earth to find nature. In fact, the close and familiar may be the best place to start. Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods*, points out that when nature is unfamiliar, it feels scary to children, leading them to retreat inside to their iPods and computer or television screens. For children in many regions of the U.S., a pond may be a perfect place to find the adventure and mystery of nature on a small and non-threatening scale.

Two recent children’s books focus on ponds as a gateway for young naturalists. We found some young reviewers who could offer their opinions.

“Quack, quack, mama, duck, quack, quack, mama, duck” chanted Grace as she flipped through the pages of *Pond Babies*. At 18 months old, Grace’s vocabulary is limited but her enthusiasm for *Pond Babies* was evident as she and her parents read through the new release from Downeast Books. Not a board book but still small enough for little hands, the book has brief text and captivating and colorful illustrations—perfect for her age and beyond. As an outdoor family, her parents loved that it introduced in a simple way the creatures of the natural world and their home environments.

Four-year-old Maia delighted in answering the repeated question, “Whose baby is this?” before the page turn revealed a mother duck, turtle, frog, deer, or loon. When asked, she declared that her favorite part was the pages at the end where the reader is invited to wiggle like a tadpole, dive and pop up like a loon chick, and act out the other pond babies in the book. Her mom appreciated the accuracy of the collage illustrations—the ducks (both mama and baby) clearly identifiable as mallards, the turtles certainly eastern painted turtles, the frog a fine green frog with its tadpole sprouting two hind legs. All are common in Maine, where author/illustrator Cathryn Falwell lives. Even the plants in and around the pond are not generic greenery, but sensitive fern, pickerel weed, white pine, and so on.

A parents’ guide at the end offers suggestions on ways to engage all five senses when exploring the natural world, clearly encouraging families to head outside when reading time is done.

The lively *Jo MacDonald Saw a Pond*, by author Mary Quattlebaum and illustrator Laura J. Bryant, is aimed at a slightly older audience, but five-year-old Julia proved to be a tough critic. While Maia delighted in the lovely watercolor illustrations and fun re-imagining of the classic children’s song “Old MacDonald Had a Farm,” the picture book format didn’t immediately draw in her older friend. However, Maia requested several more sing-throughs after Julia went home, and enjoyed the surprise ending.

Like *Pond Babies*, this book offers careful depictions of specific animal species; and though they are called *reeds, fish, or birds* in the text, the back pages offer interesting and age-appropriate descriptions of cattails, bluegills, red-winged blackbirds, and so on. Throughout the book, the illustrations show Jo recording her observations in a notebook. This is explained at the end with an activity inviting readers to match Jo’s animal drawings to the sounds the animals made in the song, and a section on “how to be a naturalist like Jo” offering suggestions of creative ways to pay attention to and record interactions with nature. The activities largely depend on reading and drawing abilities beyond most pre-schoolers—making this book well poised to grow along with a developing naturalist.

—Lisa Horsch Clark and Aimee Beal Church
As young adults, my wife and I discovered the stunning natural beauty and wonders of Acadia National Park. We fell in love instantly, not only because of the spectacular scenery and views, but also because of the myriad of recreational opportunities.

In time, we returned to Mount Desert Island and Acadia with our three daughters, Anne, Meg, and Liz, and now we have been joined by our sons-in-law and grandchildren. Every summer the entire family group, now sixteen in number, gathers for an extended time on MDI and in the park. Each person in the family seems to have a favorite hike or trail or view! Acadia has become the center of our family life together—a treasure for each of us, as we know it is, also, for many others.

Whether you are a first-time or regular visitor, a year-round or summer resident, you know that Acadia is a special place—a place that feels like it has been here forever and that you can depend on to be here forever, too, for you, your children, and the many generations to come. That is part of its mystery and magnificence. It recalls eternity, in the way its long history blends into its glorious present, with promises to remain, unchanged, well into the future.

However, much has changed since even the founding of the park in 1916. Natural forces and human presence have both protected and eroded the natural and cultural resources of our beloved park. The National Park Service, with its remarkably talented and caring staff, does a great job of protecting and preserving Acadia National Park and the visitor experience it offers. And, fortunately, in 1986 Friends of Acadia was founded as a nonprofit partner for the park service, with shared goals for Acadia. FOA initially focused on the deteriorated carriage roads and hiking trails. Our partnership has been highly successful, as we all can see in the meticulously restored and maintained carriage roads and trails. FOA has also been a major force for protecting and preserving the park in such milestone accomplishments as the creation and support of the propane-fueled Island Explorer bus system and the Acadia Gateway Center; the Acadia Land Legacy partnership, which is helping to protect many privately-held parcels of land within the park’s boundary; preventing clear-cutting on Schoodic; among numerous other efforts.

But, our work and accomplishments to date are only the beginning. Our work is really that of unfinished business. We stand on the shoulders of those who began the successful and important work of Friends of Acadia, and we are the shoulders upon which our successors will stand as they continue to preserve and protect the park and the visitor experience—which we all love.

As the eighth board chair of Friends of Acadia, my challenge and responsibility is to help FOA continue the good work of those who have preceded us while helping to prepare FOA for the future. While we deeply appreciate and respect the accomplishments of the past, we recognize that as the beneficiaries of all that good work and care we have an obligation to assure a strong future! The accomplishments of our time of responsibility will stand as our legacy for future generations.

Friends of Acadia, working with you—our partners, volunteers, and donors—and recognizing that we are dealing with unfinished business, will continue the successes of the past. We will focus additionally on the challenges of the future; challenges that include recognizing and helping mitigate the effects of congestion in the park, as well as the important task of inspiring and engaging future generations of park stewards.

Friends of Acadia has inspired and engaged me, as I believe it has you. I invite each of you to continue your support, love, and appreciation for Acadia and to join me in reaching out to the next generation—who will someday be required to continue our work just as we continue the work of those who came before us!

—Edward L. Samek
As our 25th anniversary year comes to a close, Friends of Acadia would like to say Thank You to the remarkable leaders who have guided and inspired our efforts to protect the splendor of Acadia.

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