



Dear Friends,

February is the month when we like to reflect on all the love stories from, and inspired by, this beautiful place. Last year, we asked you to share your stories of #AcadiaLove—we received more than 40 responses! There were wedding cakes decorated like hiking trails, generations of family bonds solidified on mountaintops, first meetings, honeymoons, and many other sweet stories that unfolded right here. Please view some of our favorite stories from last year here: <https://friendsofacadia.org/acadialove-2019/>

This year we are again asking for your stories. Share your story using #AcadiaLove and tagging @friendsofacadia on public social media accounts, or email photos@friendsofacadia.org. Your story could be part of a special Valentine's Day message we will be sending out next week!

Send an Acadia Valentine

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, what better way to show your love than making a tribute gift to Friends of Acadia in a loved one's honor? It's a great way to support the park together, and now you can customize a beautiful card with their name to give digitally or print out at home. Please visit our website to make a gift and see all the gorgeous cards, designed right here at our downtown Bar Harbor office: <https://friendsofacadia.org/tribute-cards/>



Saying Goodbye and Welcoming a New Friend

Earlier this year, we bid adieu to longtime Development Officer Sharon Broom, who retired after working with FOA for 13 years. This month, we welcome Lee McWilliams to fill Sharon's position. As part of her duties, Lee will work with members, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners. She supports membership development, annual giving, program activities, and annual events. Lee joined us after nine years at Northern Light Health as a grant consultant. She came to Maine more than 30 years ago and has worked extensively with nonprofits in the areas of education, health, food insecurity, and the arts. Lee enjoys cooking, birding, and traveling to see her two grown children. She holds a BA from Trinity College and an MA from Georgetown University. We are excited to have Lee on the FOA team!



Seasonal Applications Closing Soon

Do you love Acadia and want to spend the summer working with Friends of Acadia in the park? Or, do you know a young person who is interested in a career in outdoor recreation or land protection?

Many of the [job opportunities](#) for the coming summer/fall season posted to our website have application periods coming to a close soon. Most of our seasonal jobs are geared toward young adults and offer a terrific summer experience outdoors in Acadia National Park!



Visit our website for more details: <https://friendsofacadia.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>

Last Call for #WinterInAcadia Submissions

Have you been enjoying Acadia in winter? Share your images of winter in the park with us on social media using the hashtags #ImaFriendofAcadia #WinterInAcadia, or email them to photos@friendsofacadia.org before next Friday, February 14 for a chance to see your photo in the forthcoming FOA Journal. We will choose a few images to be featured in a winter activities photo spread in the Spring 2020 FOA Journal. Selected photographers will receive bragging rights and a copy of the Journal.



Double Your Gift to Acadia—Coming Soon

Mark your calendar! Friends of Acadia's Spring E-Challenge will be arriving in your inbox on March 2. Please give as generously as you can knowing your gift will be matched dollar for dollar. The E-Challenge kicks off our spring membership campaign. Success there allows us to reduce the number of paper membership renewals we mail, reducing paper entering the waste stream. That's good for FOA because we can use those savings to fund conservation work and for the good of the environment. Your contributions will be leveraged by a group of gift donor who will match each gift until we meet our goal. Supporting the E-Challenge is a great way to celebrate Spring and the awakening of Acadia!



Island Business Gives Back

For the fourth year in a row, The Acadia Shops have made a gift from its "2% for the Park" program. Since the Spring of 2016, the company has contributed two percent of all gross sales from its Acadia Park Company shop on Main Street in Bar Harbor to Friends of Acadia. This year's gift was \$25,000.

The Acadia Shops have given faithfully to Friends of Acadia to benefit the park each year since 1989. We are very appreciative of their continued generosity and creativity when finding new ways to support the conservation work FOA does, and "2% for the Park" is a great example.



Click here to see the full list of business who contribute to Friends of Acadia by donating proceeds from sales and giving discounts to our members. <https://friendsofacadia.org/giving-membership/benefits/businesses-who-contribute-proceeds-and-discounts/>

Header Photo: Winterberry off the Park Loop Road. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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