



Dear Friends,

As we approach our national day for giving thanks, we at Friends of Acadia are grateful for all of the members, volunteers, partners, and other supporters who make our work in Acadia National Park possible.

We're proud to have earned the confidence of so many people and organizations who know that we can *get the job done* when it comes to vital conservation projects in and around the park. And, of course, we give thanks for Acadia itself – [this magnificent place that provides us with beauty, respite, recreation, and inspiration](#) now and throughout the year.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Thank you to the more than 160 volunteers who pitched in on Saturday, November 7, to show their love for Acadia National Park at Friends of Acadia's 30th annual Take Pride in Acadia Day. Click here to see [photos](#) and a [video](#) from this year's event:

<https://vimeo.com/481047178>



Socially-distanced pods of volunteers cleared fallen leaves from drainage areas on 12.2 miles of carriage roads in 17 locations. This work reduces costly washouts that occur from rain and ice during the winter and spring.

Individual groups met at pre-assigned parking lots to access carriage roads—a departure from "regular" Take Pride in Acadia Day operations, which features a central gathering location at ANP headquarters. The event was scaled-back and decentralized this year due to precautions aimed at preventing the transmission of COVID-19. Park staff and FOA staff worked for several months to incorporate changes and new practices to allow the annual event to take place without increasing the risk of community transmission.

Take Pride in Acadia Day would not be possible without strong support from the community. FOA thanks this year's sponsors: [Bar Harbor Bank & Trust](#), [Bar Harbor Savings & Loan](#), [The Bluenose Inn – Lafayette Hotels](#), [Burdick & Associates](#), [Gallery at Somes Sound](#), [Galyn's](#), [John Williams Boat Company](#), [MDI Grows](#), [The Knowles Company](#), [Nelson F. Goodwin Company](#), [Machias Savings Bank](#), and [Window Panes](#).

#GivingTuesday—One Last Chance to Double Your Donation This Year!

We hope you have taken advantage of our gift matching opportunities this year; if you missed them, there is one last chance to double your donation in 2020! Look for a special email with details and a donation link next Tuesday.

In addition to next week's match opportunity, you can also be a part of the story. We hope you'll take this weekend to think about the traditions, photos, and milestones you may want to share as a part of *your Acadia story*. More details to follow in next week's email.



WGA Closed for the Season

The Wild Gardens of Acadia are now closed for the winter. Though the gardens are shuttered to the public, staff and volunteers will continue working inside the gates to "bed down" the gardens for winter. Thank you to the hardworking volunteers and staff for gracefully adjusting to a season like we've never seen before. See you in the spring!



Click here to see a video of Supervisory Gardener Geneva Langley speaking about the winterization process for the gardens: <https://vimeo.com/481044358>

Learn more about the Wild Gardens of Acadia: <https://friendsofacadia.org/get-involved/volunteer/wild-gardens-of-acadia/>

Banner Raffle to Benefit FOA

If you've received your copy of the Fall Friends of Acadia Journal, you've probably read that artist Emma Longcope is raffling off a one-of-a-kind embroidered flag banner portraying the view from Otter Cliffs. Emma is a former Ridge Runner and resident of Clark Point in Southwest Harbor who uses upcycled materials to create functional art.



The flags are made from panels of contrasting blue wool felt, stitched with embroidery thread, and strung together with navy sailing line. Each flag could stand alone, but together hint at how vast the view feels, from the Beehive to the open Atlantic. She stitched the piece slowly during late summer on the island and "hopes it can offer the drawing winter a bit of the joy and freedom one feels when standing on that iconic granite overlook."

The wall hanging will be raffled off on December 6. Raffle tickets are \$10 per entry, and all proceeds will directly benefit FOA's work in Acadia National Park. Click here to purchase a raffle ticket: <http://www.emmalongcope.com/acadia>

Read the article and watch a video about Emma: <https://friendsofacadia.org/emma-longcope/>

Give the Gift of Acadia

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for an Acadia lover in your life—and another way to give back to the park? Get a jump on your holiday shopping by purchasing a gift membership from Friends of Acadia!

Give a gift membership, your friends and family members will enjoy throughout the year—and for generations to come. When you give a gift membership now, your loved one will be

welcomed into Friends of Acadia's family of dedicated individuals committed to preserving and protecting the magnificent natural and cultural resources of Acadia National Park.

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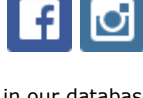
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- A Friends of Acadia **window decal**
- The **satisfaction** of knowing that membership in Friends of Acadia helps to preserve Acadia National Park for current and future generations!

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Header Photo: Champlain Mountain and the Porcupine Islands bathed in light just before sunrise, seen from the summit of The Beehive. (Photo by Emma Forthofer/Friends of Acadia)



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