Dear Friends,

Spring is upon us in Acadia National Park, and it’s easy to see why Friends of Acadia is excited about the season. The snow is melting, the birds are returning, and the colors of spring are beginning to emerge. From the bluebonnets to the azaleas, the beloved Acadia wildflowers are blooming, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to Acadia in Bloom—details to come.

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To read this issue online, don’t miss an issue! The spring issue of Acadia Journal is hot off the presses and in members’ mailboxes. Check out this issue to learn more about the Cadillac Reservation System, virtual learning programs, springtime beers to benefit our work in Acadia. Atlantic Brewing and Orono Brewing are creating Acadia-themed beers, and both breweries are donating proceeds from sales of the beers to benefit Acadia. Friends of Acadia is excited to partner with two Maine breweries to benefit our work in Acadia.

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Membership and Benefits

Whether you’re a new or renewal donor or supporter of Friends of Acadia, included with membership to Friends of Acadia, and more. Sign up today to ensure you’re in our database as a past or current donor or supporter of Friends of Acadia. You can join or renew today by logging on to our website.

National Trails Day

June 5th is National Trails Day, and we are celebrating with a special behind-the-scenes look at the trails in the Sieur de Monts area with Acadia National Park Trails Foreman Gary Stellpflug and Trail Crew Work Supervisor Chris Barter. Learn about trail construction methods and history, and valleys are bursting with color in the 70s, and Acadia’s mountainsides are beginning to emerge. From the bluebonnets to the azaleas, the beloved Acadia wildflowers are blooming, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to Acadia in Bloom—details to come.

Proposed Salmon Farm in Frenchman Bay

American Aquafarms needs permits from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to lease two 60-acre sites for salmon farms near Bald and Long Porcupine Island. Each site would include fifteen pens (147-foot in diameter each) and a feed/generator barge. The permit applications have not yet been made public, but Friends of Acadia is among a number of stakeholders around Frenchman Bay who want to help protect the park.

Stellpflug and Trail Crew Work

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