



## Dear Friends,

We're two days away from the **34th Friends of Acadia Annual Benefit!** *The* event of the year for those who celebrate and support our favorite national park is again under the tent at the Asticou Inn this Saturday, August 12.

If you do not yet have tickets for the [Annual Benefit](#), you can still participate to support our beloved Acadia. Read more below.

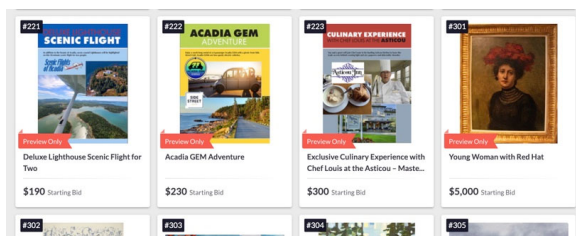
## There's Still Time to Purchase Tickets

There are a limited number of Annual Benefit tickets still available. Join us under the tent for delicious drinks, food, dancing, and exciting silent and live auctions, all in support of Acadia National Park. Click [here](#) to purchase a ticket.

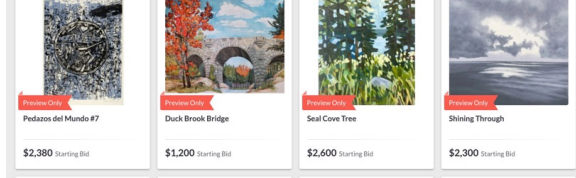


## Silent and Live Auction Items

The 2023 Benefit auction features long-time Benefit artists, jewelry, experiences, and other unique offerings. Bids may be placed in-person



at the event or by using our absentee bid form. Click [here](#) to view the Benefit catalog and [here](#) to place an absentee bid.



## All Hands on Deck!

Acadia National Park staff often need to visit easements on offshore islands that require using one of the park's two boats, both of which are aging and inefficient. This year's Paddle Raise is raising funds to help the park purchase an upgraded vessel – one that's safer, more reliable, and enables direct beach access to just about any offshore island.



[Click here](#) to watch a video about the project and learn more. You can give support by raising your paddle at the live auction on August 12 [OR donate online](#) by clicking on the button below. A donation in any amount is appreciated, and your gift to the Paddle Raise will help contribute to the care and protection of Acadia's offshore easements.

[Donate to the Paddle Raise](#)

## Two New Faces at the FOA Office

**Devin Lueddeke** joined Friends of Acadia in June as its new Development Officer for Major Gifts. Devin grew up on Mount Desert Island and attended Bowdoin College. He's been working for the Middlebury Institute in Monterey, CA for the last 16 years, rising to the Senior Director of Global Recruiting.



**Lauren Gibson** is the new Wild Acadia Coordinator. Lauren has a background in project management, public outreach, and coordination, having served multiple roles at NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary in North Carolina. She holds a BS in Marine Biology from the College of Charleston and an MS in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources from Colorado State University.



## Pints for a Purpose

Gather around the fireplace and hear stories about the history and future of Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island every Thursday through mid-October. Upcoming speakers include Mark and Sandy Kryder and "A Visit to Three National Parks in Rwanda," Gary Stelpflug and "Tales from the Trails," Sheridan Steele and "From Bear Dens to the Oval Office," and Bik Wheeler with "Bird Monitoring in Acadia." All are welcome to attend and \$1 of every beer purchased benefits Friends of Acadia!



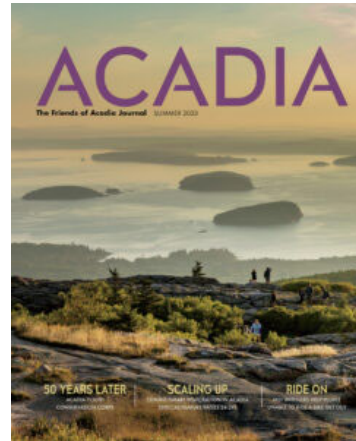
Check out the complete Pints for a Purpose schedule [here](#).

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## Acadia Magazine in Mailboxes Now

The summer edition of *Acadia* magazine is in mailboxes and [online](#) now. It features articles on [climate-smart restoration](#), [MDI Wheelers](#), [50 years of the AYCC](#), and [more](#).

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## Be a Rock Star Steward

We've created a collection of stewardship tips to ensure you're a standout steward in Acadia and every outdoor space you adventure in. Click [here](#) to learn how to be a Rock Star Steward.



## We Need Your Help at the Membership Table!

Do you love people? We are looking for a few more Membership Table Volunteers to spread the Friends of Acadia love at Jordan Pond. Volunteering is a great way to meet other park enthusiasts. Reach out to Friends of Acadia Development Officer Lee McWilliams at [lee@friendsofacadia.org](mailto:lee@friendsofacadia.org) or 207-370-2912 if you are interested in taking on a few short shifts.



## In case you missed it:

[Home Seasonal Home – Friends of Acadia Partners to Provide Seasonal Housing Solutions](#)

[Hiking Acadia: Local Experts Share Important Safety Tips](#)

[My Acadia: Finding Serenity in Acadia's Beauty](#)

[Joy Absher New Chief of Visitor Experience and Education](#)

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