



## Dear Friends,

We're only two days away from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Friends of Acadia [Annual Benefit](#)—the event of the year for those who celebrate and support our favorite national park.

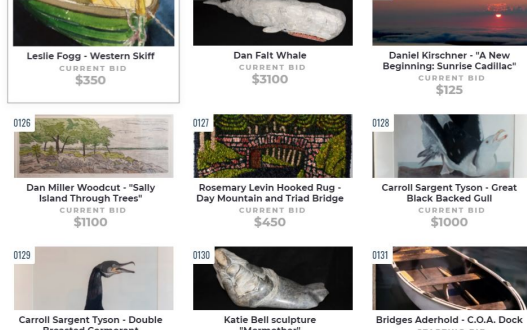
The Annual Benefit and Auction is Saturday, Aug. 14 from 7-8 p.m. and is a virtual event again this year, which means registration is open to ALL and there is no cost to register.

Join us from anywhere in the world for this fun, fast paced, and engaging event to benefit our beloved Acadia. Enjoy the live auction, silent auction, and paddle raise—all online. [Click here](#) to hear why **you** should attend the Benefit, from some of our very special friends.



## Ready, Set, Bid!

To attend the virtual [Annual Benefit](#), you'll need to register online at [Event.Gives/Acadia](#) by clicking on "Register." From your phone, text the word ACADIA to 843-606-5995 and follow the link. Registrants can bid on incredible trips and experiences, artwork, jewelry, and a host of one-of-a-kind items. **Bidding is underway on silent auction items now**, plus you can preview the live auction items prior to Saturday.



[Click Here to Register & Bid](#)

## Win an Authentic Park Sign

By [reserving your free ticket](#) to the Benefit before this Friday, August 13 at 4 p.m., you will be automatically entered into a drawing for a retired Acadia National Park "Jordan Pond House" sign. A winner will be randomly selected from those who pre-register and will be announced live on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages Friday afternoon.



## Host a Watch Party

For many, gathering socially with Acadia-loving friends is the best part of the Annual Benefit. That's why some are hosting Annual Benefit Watch Parties or purchasing our Benefit Boxes to enjoy at home. If you host a Watch Party, let us know by taking a photo of your crew and tagging us on [Instagram](#) with the hashtag **#benefitacadia21** or text your photo to 207-200-8565. We'll share some of the watch party photos on-screen and on social media during the virtual event. Click here for our ["Top 10 Tips to Hosting a Benefit Watch Party."](#)



## Raise Your Paddle to Support Greening Acadia

The Paddle Raise is a highlight of the Annual Benefit because we get a chance to help advance a very special initiative in the park. This year, bidders will raise their "virtual" paddles to support [Greening Acadia](#) aimed at helping Acadia National Park accelerate its efforts to implement sustainable operations and reduce emissions, ensuring that Acadia is continuously improving its environmental performance.



Click the image above to hear from Acadia National Park Superintendent Kevin Schneider and Facilities Manager Keith Johnston about how [Greening Acadia](#) will establish a new fund to help the park to purchase electric vehicles and equipment, and to make capital improvements to reduce the park's carbon footprint and emissions.

## A Long-Term Commitment to Acadia

For the past 17 years, Rosemary Levin of [Chapter Two Gallery](#) in Corea has created and donated a hooked rug depicting an Acadia National Park carriage road bridge to the Friends of Acadia Annual Benefit. This year's rug, depicting ["Day Mountain and Triad Bridge,"](#) is her final piece in the series. All of us at Friends of Acadia would like to thank Rosemary for her dedication to giving back to this wonderful place through her art.

To bid on the final rug in this incredible series, [click here](#).

To see all the rugs from this series created by Rosemary over the past 17 years, [click here](#).

To hear from Rosemary about her process (featuring last year's rug) [click here](#).



## Seasonal Team Final Presentations

If you follow the Friends of Acadia Facebook page, you've probably seen one of our updates of the "Acadia Photos of the Week." Updated every Friday with photos taken by the Acadia Digital Media Team, the collection of photos is a beautiful real-time look at what is going on in the park. The team has been hard at work this summer documenting all things Acadia with photos and videos. They've covered wildlife, area artists, park science, scenic vistas, maintenance work, and much more. We hope you'll join us Wednesday, August 18, at 2:00 pm on Zoom for the team's end-of-season presentation. The team will be showing photos and videos and will discuss their experiences this summer.



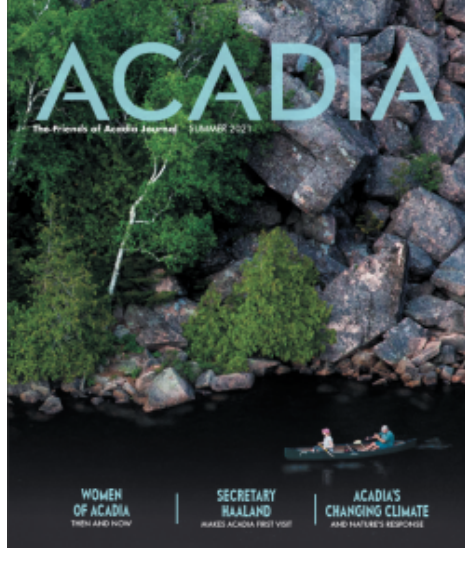
[Click here](#) to access the presentation. We will also livestream the presentation to our [Facebook](#) page.

The Summit Stewards will also host a final presentation in the fall—more details and link to follow.

## Summer Edition of Acadia: The Friends of Acadia Journal in Mailboxes Now

The latest magazine features a gorgeous cover photo of paddlers enjoying a summer day on Bubble Pond by 2020 Acadia Digital Media Team member Will Newton and features articles on carriage road repairs and updates, climate change, the Secretary of the Interior and Yo-Yo Ma's visit to Acadia, biking in the park, and much more.

Didn't receive a Journal? [Become a member today](#), and you'll receive an annual subscription as part of your membership! [Click here](#) to read the most recent Journal.



Header Photo: A Bates Cairn near the summit of Champlain Mountain, overlooking Frenchman Bay. Aimee Beal Church/Friends of Acadia



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