Dear Friends,

The first day of fall is less than a week away and it’s hard to believe another summer has nearly passed. If you’ve been enjoying any of these activities in Acadia (or beyond), we hope you’ll continue to enjoy them this fall. Take Pride in Acadia Day 2021 will open September 20 and we will provide an acknowledgement for your efforts. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Stewart Horsch at stewarthsorsch@friendsofacadia.org.

Did you know you can turn your car, boat, or aircraft into a vehicle donation? It’s easy. Your vehicle will be picked up for free and we will provide an acknowledgement for your donation. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Lisa Williams at lisawilliams@friendsofacadia.org or for the Vehicle Donation Program, contact Ashley Conti at ashley@friendsofacadia.org.

Congressional Delegation Visits Schoodic Peninsula

Four U.S. Representatives visited Schoodic Peninsula, Sieur de Monts, Thunder Hole, Jordan Pond, and Cadillac Mountain. The purpose of the visit was to learn firsthand from park scientists and natural resources professionals how they are working to protect and serve Acadia National Park from climate change with scientists from the park, Schoodic Institute, and Friends of Acadia. Participating officials included: Reps Chellie Pingree (ME) and Mike Quigley (IL)—both U.S. House members who serve on the Agriculture Committee, Nanette Barragan (CA), and Annie Kuster (NH), two members of the newly formed House Congressional Climate Crisis Committee. The visit was the second in a three-day, four-park visit to the Northeast, following a stop in Maine’s Organic Farming Capital—Blue Hill. The four U.S. Representatives were joined by Friends President Lisa Horsch Clark at their hotel in Bar Harbor and by National Park Service staff at each site.

Summit Steward End-of-Season Presentation

Join the Friends of Acadia Summit Stewards as they recap their 2021 efforts and plan for the 2022 season. The 2021 Acadia Digital Media Team hosted their final presentation last month. To watch a recording, click here. The 2022 Summit Steward End-of-Season Presentation will be available soon. You can double your dollars at Friends of Acadia to be matched! The Fall E-News Challenge for this year’s Annual Fund will launch on September 30. Keep an eye on your inbox at the end of the month for more details on how you can help Double Your Dollars for Acadia!

Other Ways to Give

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Horse Photo: The night sky above the Schoodic Peninsula fire tower. (Photo by Jody J. Coons/Friends of Acadia)

Friends of Acadia recently authored an essay in the Maine Sunday Telegram for the inaugural Maine Lakes Trust Summit Stewards Summit in August titled Building Livelihoods on Maine Lakes: The case study of the Schroon, Lambert Brook (NY), and Lone Eagle (NH). The essay explores how the Schroon Lake watershed, home to several of the largest lakes in the U.S., is facing a water storage crisis as it struggles to meet the demands of growing tourism, climate change, and water supply. The Schroon Lake Watershed Restoration Project is working to reverse the trend and restore the water supply for both drinking and ecosystem health.

Save this link to participate in the Summit Steward End-of-Season Presentation on Wednesday, October 27 at 12:30 p.m. This informational session is for Friends of Acadia members and staff, but you're encouraged to share the presentation with your family, friends, students, outing clubs, etc. For more information, or to pre-register, please contact Stewart Horsch at stewarthsorsch@friendsofacadia.org. We appreciate all the efforts of our stewards this past year and look forward to working with them in 2022.

Register here for the Informational Session. You'll also have an opportunity to submit your questions if additional briefings are held. This informational session is for Friends of Acadia members and staff, and you must pre-register to participate but are not required to attend. On October 6, Friends of Acadia will let you know if additional briefings are held. If you would like to learn more about the American Aquafarms proposal, join us for the informational session on Wednesday, October 6 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Ashley Conti at ashley@friendsofacadia.org.