



Dear Friends,

Summer energy is in the air at Friends of Acadia. We loved celebrating with so many of you at our Annual Meeting and are looking forward to the Annual Benefit in August. Programs are running full-tilt, visitors are reveling on the park's trails and carriage roads, and we're delighted to be amplifying our impact in the park during another welcome Maine summer – even if this one has gotten off to a rainy and foggy start!

Celebrating Accomplishments & Honoring Members at Annual Meeting

The celebratory spirit abounded during Friends of Acadia's Annual Meeting on July 5. We shared successes from the past year, heard updates from the park about what's ahead, and recognized stand-out community members for their service to the organization and Acadia.

Local Girl Scout Troop 760 received the Excellence in Volunteerism Award for their hours spent cleaning up Acadia and serving as excellent role models for a new generation of park stewards.



Anne Kozak received the Acadia Inspiration Award for her insightful coverage of Acadia National Park as a long-time reporter and author of two books about the park and Wild Gardens.

Friends of Acadia's outgoing Board Chair **Jack Kelley** received the Marianne Edwards Distinguished Service Award for his steadfast leadership on the Friends of Acadia Board for more than 13 years.

[Read more about the 2023 Annual Meeting](#)

[Watch this short video recap on Facebook](#)

Acadia Week Challenge: Goal Achieved!

Thanks to you, we raised \$20,249.28 from 146 people – plus an additional \$20,000 in matching funds – for a total of \$40,249.28! And all while enthusiastically celebrating Acadia's birthday and our impact for the park. Thank you to each of our supporters, including our generous lead donors.



Get Your Tickets to the 34th Annual Benefit

The Annual Benefit is just around the corner! The event is August 12 at the Asticou Inn in Northeast Harbor, and the evening boasts a cocktail reception, delicious dinner, live and silent auction, plus live music and dancing. It's the perfect opportunity to come together with our amazing community and share our love for Acadia. Ticket sales close July 22!



[More info and to purchase tickets](#)

Paddle Raise: All Hands On Deck

The 2023 All Hands On Deck Paddle Raise at this year's Annual Benefit supports the acquisition of a much-needed replacement boat for Acadia National Park.

[Learn more about how this year's Paddle Raise benefits the park](#)



Volunteers Hike With Soil During Save Our Summits Event

More than 70 volunteers hiked up Penobscot and Sargent Mountains in June to bring soil to the summits and help with Acadia's vegetation restoration efforts. The event was



a collaboration between Friends of Acadia, Schoodic Institute, and the park to get the public involved in the work – and have a good time hiking in Acadia while they were at it!



[Read more about the Save Our Summits event](#)

[Check out this fun Facebook video from the day](#)

Pints for a Purpose Every Thursday at Terramor Outdoor Resort

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 Dennis Damon and "Stories from the Shore," Marie Yarborough and "Acadia's Special Collections," Rosemary and Garry Levin and "A Rug Hooking Adventure in Acadia National Park" and Jesse Wheeler with "Invasive Plant Management 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](#)

Volunteer at Friends of Acadia's Membership Table!

Membership table volunteers "put a face on Friends of Acadia" during peak season, talking with park visitors outside Jordan Pond House. They share their love for the park and the work Friends of Acadia does, and that in-person connection makes a huge difference. Interested in becoming a Membership Table volunteer this season? Reach out to Friends of Acadia Development Officer Lee McWilliams at lee@friendsofacadia.org or 207-370-2912.



[Read more about what it's like to be a Membership Table volunteer](#)

Drop In to Help Out with the Stewardship Volunteer Program

Drop-in stewardship volunteers help keep Acadia's trails and carriage roads safe, accessible, and looking sharp. And half-day's work goes a long way. The program runs Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. While being led by our amazing Volunteer Crew Leaders, you can help with important work like cutting back vegetation, building bogwalk, weeding carriage roads, and other



tasks. Come volunteer!

[Learn more about the program](#)

[Check out the upcoming volunteer schedule](#)

In case you missed it:

[Catching Fish, Connecting with Nature](#)

Downeast Juneteenth's inaugural Weekend on the Water boasted two days of outdoor recreation.

[Friends group supports Acadia with thousands of volunteer hours and key grants](#)

MaineBiz highlights FOA's Annual Meeting and '22 accomplishments.

[Friends of Acadia's 2022 Impact Report](#)

2022 was yet another year to remember for Acadia National Park and Friends of Acadia!



Header Photo: A hiker approaches a trail sign on Sargent Mountain during the Save our Summits event in June. Participants carried soil in their backpacks to the summits of Sargent and Penobscot Mountains. (Photo by Sam Mallon/Friends of Acadia)



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