



## ***Dear Friends,***

We hope this email finds you in high spirits. With the solstice just around the corner, the days are long, and trees are leafed out. This year's summer memories are starting to be made with friends and family—we hope you are enjoying Acadia's picturesque trails and reveling in the wonders of this beautiful place. In addition to time in the park, we hope you will join us at one of our exciting summer events!

## **Your Invitation to the Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting is one of our favorite events of the year. We love connecting with a room full of people who, like you, love Acadia National Park and are dedicated to its legacy. It's also a chance to celebrate amazing work and the incredible people who make it all happen.



**Join us Wednesday, July 5, from 4–6 p.m. at the Bar Harbor Club. RSVPs are required; [click here](#) to let us know you will be in attendance.**

We hope you'll join us to celebrate our collective accomplishments and hear updates about what's happening in the park!

Stick around after to socialize and enjoy refreshments on the patio.

### **More Acadia Celebrating with Acadia Week July 3-7**

Our Annual Meeting is part of Acadia Week, a week-long celebration of the founding of our favorite park. Keep an eye on our social media pages for fresh content celebrating the park every day of Acadia Week!



### **Have your donation doubled in honor of Acadia Week**

Thanks to the generous commitment of Friends of Acadia Board member Julie Banzhaf-Stone and her husband Steve Stone, **all donations to Friends of Acadia between June 29 and July 8 will be matched 1:1** until we reach our goal of \$20,000. No donation is too small! Look for a special email with a link to donate June 29.

### **Wild Gardens Plant Sale This Weekend!**

Help support the Wild Gardens of Acadia by shopping the Wild Gardens of Acadia Plant Sale on **June 17, 2023, from 9 a.m. to noon.**

The plant sale will be held at St. Saviour's Episcopal Church in Bar Harbor and will feature annuals and perennials, vegetable seedlings, native plants, house plants, and ferns. There will be options to add color to your garden or bring some green into your home. Cash and checks are accepted.



Proceeds from the sale fund the maintenance and operations of the Wild Gardens of Acadia at Sieur de Monts in Acadia National Park. The Gardens (now reopened after significant spring flooding) display more than 400 native plants in habitats that represent those found in the park and are open daily from dawn until dusk.

### **You Can Be a Soil Hero!**

Help Save Our Summits in Acadia by hiking up Penobscot or Sargent Mountain with a bag of soil **Wednesday, June 21, 2023. [Advanced registration is required!](#)**





Acadia National Park, in collaboration with its partners-in-science Friends of Acadia and Schoodic Institute, invites tenacious hikers to carry bags of soil to the summits of Penobscot and Sargent Mountains. You'll get to choose how much soil you'll carry – carrying as little as five pounds (about the size of a large freezer ziplock bag) is a huge help!



This soil is integral to the [ongoing summit restoration](#) efforts in Acadia National Park.

Visit our website for more details and registration.

### **Annual Benefit: Tickets on Sale Now!**

You're invited to the 34th Annual Friends of Acadia Benefit, Saturday, August 12 at the Asticou Inn! Join us for a fun-filled evening with a delicious dinner, Live & Silent Auctions, Paddle Raise, and live music and dancing.

[Click here](#) for more information and to buy tickets to this exciting summer event!



### **Stewardship Volunteer Drop-in Program Back in Action!**

Our drop-in volunteer program is back in action and meeting at a new location! You can volunteer any Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday from June through the end of October--no registration required, just show up at the meeting point at 8:15 a.m.!

While being led by our amazing Volunteer Crew Leaders, you'll help with important work like cutting back vegetation, clearing drainage features, building bogwalk, tread work, weeding carriage roads, and other tasks.

Projects run from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., weather permitting, and no experience is required.

As a drop-in volunteer, you'll see a new side of Acadia, feel a deeper connection to the park, and leave this national treasure a little better than you found it.

[Visit our website](#) for the project schedule and details about the new meeting place in Halls Cove.



## 2022 Impact Report Now Online and Interactive

[Click here](#) to read about all we accomplished in 2022 - we couldn't have done it without you! And don't forget to watch the special video message from President and CEO Eric Stiles.



### Golf Balls to Benefit FOA

Members Kathy and Al Boynton have been collecting golf balls on their daily walk for more than a year. They recently washed and sorted all the balls and have given them to FOA to use as a fundraiser and to teach a message about recycling: "One use is not enough." Friends of Acadia will be selling the balls on the 4th of July at the Bar Harbor Ball field from 11 – 2 p.m. The balls will be sold in 12-pack sets and we have everything from the coveted Titleist Pro V1, Callaway, TaylorMade, Wilson and more. Come early! Contact [lisahorsch@friendsofacadia.org](mailto:lisahorsch@friendsofacadia.org) for details.



### Pints for a Purpose

Join us at [Terramor](#) to gather around the fireplace at 6 p.m. every Thursday through October 12 to sip a beer and hear stories about the history and future of Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island.

This free series is co-hosted by Friends of Acadia & Terramor Outdoor Resort. All are welcome to attend, and \$1 of every beer purchased at the event benefits Friends of Acadia!



The next speakers in the lineup are:

6/15: **Stephanie Clement** – Transportation and the Acadia Gateway Center

6/22: **Gary Stellflug** – Tales from the Trails

6/29: **FOA President Eric Stiles & Deputy Superintendent Brandon Bies** – Seasonal Workforce Housing

7/6: **Jack Russell and Cookie Horner** – FOA Trustee Night – Some of Our



## Proudest Moments

7/13: **Dennis Damon** – Stories from the Shore

For more information and the full speaker schedule, [click here](#).

### **In case you missed it:**

[We're Hiring: Human Resources Manager](#)

[Cultural Connections Program Returns to Acadia](#)

[FOA looks to build housing for Acadia](#)

[Construction Begins on New Acadia Gateway Center!](#)

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