



Dear Friends,

The first official day of fall is less than a week away, and we're already seeing hints of red and gold on the trails of Acadia! We're looking forward to our favorite fall activities—biking the carriage roads, standing on a blustery summit after a challenging hike, and enjoying the view from a scenic vista. Read more about our fall events and activities in this issue of E-News.

Pints for a Purpose

Friends of Acadia has teamed up with Terramor Outdoor Resort to host a summer speaker series discussing Mount Desert Island history and highlighting some of the organizations and people of MDI. Pints for a Purpose is every Thursday, through September 22, from 6-7 p.m. at Terramor Resort on the back porch or around the fireplace. All are welcome to attend.

And, best of all, \$1 from every beer purchased during the event will be donated to Friends of Acadia.



Tonight, September 15, Billy Helprin from Somes-Mynell Wildlife Sanctuary will give a talk on loons. And in our final event on September 22, Earl Brechlin will educate attendees about the history of the park and the island through historical postcards. Please join us!

Learn more [here](#).

A Special Screening of "Our Waters" Film

Friends of Acadia and allies have engaged in a multi-year effort to prevent American Aquafarms from securing two 60-acre lease sites to raise up to 66 million pounds of salmon annually in Frenchman Bay.



Although American Aquafarms dropped its lawsuit against the Maine Department of Marine Resources for terminating consideration of its lease applications, the fight to prevent industrial-scale aquaculture in Frenchman Bay is not over! American Aquafarms has pledged to return with new lease applications, and we remain vigilant.

On Tuesday, September 27, Friends of Acadia and Frenchman Bay United are hosting a special screening of "Our Waters"—a documentary film by director Josh "Bones" Murphy about the Frenchman Bay community standing up to the American Aquafarms' proposal. The showing will be held in the Maren Auditorium at the MDI Biological Laboratory in Salisbury Cove on Sept. 27 at 5 p.m., or you can attend virtually via Zoom.

After the film, members of Frenchman Bay United will answer questions and discuss next steps. All are welcome, but space in the auditorium is limited and an RSVP is required. Learn more and register [here](#).

There's still time to drop-in!

The Stewardship Drop-In Volunteer Program runs every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from June through the end of October. So, if you haven't had a chance to get out in the park and help on trails, there's still time.

Stewardship volunteers help cut back vegetation, clear drainage features, build bogwalk, weed carriage roads, and more. Projects run from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., weather permitting, and no experience or advance reservation is needed.



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.

Click [here](#) to view the project schedule.

Take Pride in Acadia Day 2022

Take Pride in Acadia Day is Saturday, November 5. Save the date and plan to come help us put Acadia's carriage roads to bed for the winter.

Whether you're a seasoned raker or this is your first time, everyone is welcome to participate. This year's event will follow a "hybrid" model with groups meeting at their assigned work sites and then all coming together at Acadia National Park headquarters after for a lunch of the four C's (cider, chili, cornbread, and cake!)

Registration opens October 3, and we'll provide all details [here](#).



Get ready to have your impact doubled for Acadia!

Mark your calendar for your donation to Acadia to be matched! The Fall E-Challenge for this year's Annual Fund will launch on September 29. Keep your eyes on your inbox at the end of the month for more details on how you can double your dollars at Friends of Acadia. If you have any questions about year-end giving, contact Lisa Horsch Clark at lisahorsch@friendsofacadia.org.



Acadia Digital Media Team End-of-Season Presentation

If you follow the Friends of Acadia [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) page, you've probably seen one of our updates with the "Acadia Photos of the Week." Updated every Friday with photos taken by the Acadia Digital Media Team, the collection of photos provides a real-time look at what's happening in the park.



The Acadia Digital Media Team has been documenting Acadia wildlife, area artists, park science, scenic vistas, maintenance work, and much more. **Please join us Thursday, November 10 at 3 p.m. on Zoom for the team's end-of-season presentation.**

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

FOA's other seasonal teams will also host a final presentation October 26, more details to follow in the next E-News.

In case you missed it:

[Eric Stiles Featured on National Parks Traveler Podcast](#)

[Thank you to ALL of those who participated in the 33rd Annual Benefit](#)

[Deer Isle-Stonington kids taking learning outdoors](#)

[Acadia horse drawn carriage tours now more wheelchair accessible \(wabi.tv\)](#)

[Finding a Place, Housing challenges impact vital work at Acadia](#)

[Trails Foreman Gary Stellpflug retires after championing Acadia's trails for 35 years](#)

[Photos: What's happening as summer transitions to fall.](#)

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