



Celebrating Accomplishments & Honoring Members at the Annual Meeting

More than 200 'friends' of Acadia National Park gathered for Friends of Acadia's 2024 Annual Meeting held at the Bar Harbor Club on Wednesday, July 10. The air was full of good cheer, excitement, and positive energy as we celebrated our impact for Acadia, along with three distinguished community members who were key parts of that success:



Acadia Preservation Award: Lili Pew

President's Darn Good Work Award: Mike Staggs

Marianne Edwards Distinguished Service Award: Dave Edson

Read more about the 2024 Annual Meeting [here](#).

We're Raising the Roof for Seasonal Workforce Housing!

At the July 10th Annual Meeting, Friends of Acadia publicly launched the Raise the Roof campaign to support the construction of seasonal workforce housing at two campuses in Acadia National Park. What's even better, is that Friends of Acadia's \$10 million helps leverage another \$10+ million in federal and other funding to provide critical housing for Acadia's seasonal workers.



[Learn more about the Raise the Roof Campaign here.](#)

Raise the Roof E-Challenge

President Eric Stiles invited all members and friends to join the Raise the Roof campaign, noting that every dollar, and every donation counts. True to form, our generous friends stepped up! The Raise the Roof campaign received a jumpstart with a \$20,000 E-Challenge that unlocked a \$20,000 match. Thank you to all who helped us hit the goal and raise \$40K in just a few days!



We still have work to do before we reach the overall campaign goal of \$10M goal, so please help us [keep the momentum going and Raise the Roof!](#)

Raise the Roof Photo Booth Fun

Hard hats were donned, and housing-themed props were wielded with panache at the Raise the Roof photo booth during this year's Annual Meeting. Thanks to all who struck a pose and showed support for seasonal workforce housing at Acadia!

[View and download photos from the photo booth here.](#)



Get Your Tickets to the 35th Annual Benefit & Auction

The Annual Benefit & Auction is just around the corner! Join us on August 10 at our new venue, Cover Farm in Halls Cove, for an unforgettable evening! Enjoy a cocktail reception with a silent auction, followed by a delicious dinner, live auction, Paddle Raise, and fantastic live music from the



Sultans of Swing. It's the perfect opportunity to come together with our amazing community and celebrate our love for Acadia.

Don't miss out—[get your tickets today!](#)

Paddle Raise: Can We Dig It? Yes, We Can!

The 2024 "Can We Dig It? Yes, We Can!" Paddle Raise at this year's Annual Benefit aims to refresh the park's aging fleet of heavy equipment, which is critical to both routine maintenance in the park and Acadia's ability to recover from recent storm damage.



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

Stewardship Volunteer Program is Back

Drop-in stewardship volunteers help keep Acadia's trails and carriage roads safe, accessible, and looking sharp. The drop-in program operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. through the end of October.



For more details and a map of the meeting place, please [visit our website.](#)

Pints for a Purpose Updates

Join us at [Terramor Outdoor Resort](#) to gather around the fireplace at 5 p.m. every Thursday through October 17 to sip a beer and hear stories about the history and future of Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island. The next speakers will be:



7/18 - **Sheridan Steele** – Protecting Schoodic

7/25 - **Rich MacDonald** – What happened to the Cooper's Hawk? The story of the evolution of bird name

8/1 - **Diane Zito** – The Fire of '47 Through the Eyes of a Seven-Year-Old

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

Volunteer at Our Membership Table at Jordan Pond House

The Membership Table has returned to Jordan Pond House this season, staffed by a great crew of enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers who enjoy talking with visitors from all over the world about the park and all that Friends of Acadia does to help preserve and protect it. Our Membership Table is an important source of new members for us, and new volunteers are always welcome!



The table operates weekdays from June through October, with two-and-a-half hour shifts, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. Training is provided and you can sign up for as many or as few shifts as you like. Learn more: [Membership table volunteers "put a face on Friends of Acadia."](#)

Interested in learning more or volunteering? Please contact us at 207-288-3340 or membership@friendsofacadia.org.

Take a Hike to Save Our Summits!

Acadia National Park, in collaboration with Friends of Acadia and [Schoodic Institute](#), invites tenacious hikers to bring 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 is a huge help!



This soil is integral to the [ongoing summit restoration efforts](#) in Acadia National Park. Hikes run from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through September, weather permitting. [Advanced registration is required](#).

In Case You Missed It:

[Wheelchair Accessible Carriage Rides at Wildwood](#)

[Friends of Acadia Helps Get Ocean Path Ready for Peak Season](#)

[Fox Bangor Features Weekly Save Our Summits Hike](#)

[Dane Farm Seasonal Workforce Housing Project Update](#)

[Island Explorer Awarded \\$23.5M for Electric Bus fleet](#)

Until next month,

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Header Photo: Wild blueberries picked on Dorr Mountain during a sunrise hike.
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