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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2007

President's Message

The GLLT enters its 22nd year with significant momentum as we have concluded the 200 acre Sucker Brook Project as well as the 130 acre Kezar River Headwaters Project at the Five Kezar Ponds. We are on schedule to complete our Conservation Plan of the 119,000 acres in our three watersheds by the fall of this year.

We are hoping that this will be the "Year of the Conservation Easement" within our communities. Until December 30th, 2007, the federal government has legislated very favorable tax incentives for conservation easement donors that recognizes the value of conservation and encourages it. As always, the GLLT wishes to balance conservation with development in order to maintain our forested and rustic natural areas. We encourage any owner considering a conservation easement to contact us shortly.

Commencing with this newsletter, we are announcing our new membership drive in the hope of expanding our membership base and encouraging future generations to join and support us. We rely on your generous support for our operations and projects and leverage this support with state, federal and private foundation grants to meet our goals.

The Greater Lovell Land Trust deals with a broad scope of environmental planning and ecological preservation, as well as public access projects, endangered species protection, and the delivery of high quality environmental education programs.

We anticipate the Conservation Plan will identify opportunities to build and strengthen partnerships in land use planning and protection efforts and gaps in local natural resource protection. We look forward to prioritizing our broad ecological preservation efforts to support the increased efforts of private landowners, municipal officials and local organizations such as the Kezar Lake Watershed Association. Together, we can effectively achieve meaningful preservation of our land and waters.

The next ten years will be transformational for the GLLT. With your help we hope to become a self sufficient organization contributing to the economy of this area through our forestry and agricultural and public recreation programs. This will require your help in building our operational endowment through direct contributions and significant individual gifts through planned giving. Your vision and generosity will ensure we have the long term capacity to achieve permanent and meaningful protection of our community values, benefiting our waters, wildlife and way of life.

All are welcome to participate in our programs and activities. Please read on for more details.

Howard A. Corwin, M.D.
President

Executive Director's Message

Tom Henderson, Executive Director

It has only been six months since my last report to you on our events and programs. Yet, if I try to update you on all that is happening, a novel would follow. I will spare the reader for the time being. Instead, I will use this opportunity to focus your attention to important information in the newsletter, update you on current programs and report on some great times since my last correspondence.

First, I would encourage you to monitor the website, www.gllt.org. We have greater access to management of the site and will be updating it regularly. This is rapidly becoming a significant means of communicating with you.

Last year, we registered with goodsearch.com, a yahoo search engine that contributes 50% of its advertising revenues to non-profits. The potential to raise operational funds through this company is significant. However, it takes a few moments to set-up and a little effort to ask your friends and family to do the same. Please take a serious look at the information in the newsletter and help us establish this as a source of outside revenue.

You should have received a direct mailing from our Membership Committee describing a more formal approach to GLLT Membership and dues cycle. This is a subtle but important move to improve our efficiency, reporting and service to contributing

members. In addition, we are installing a new database system for membership and are seeking a person that has database management skills and a desire to work a few hours per week year round. Please contact me if you have any interest in the position or questions regarding membership.

The GLLT prefers to permanently protect our land and waters through conservation easement. Easements are legal agreements between landowners and the trust that protect the conservation values of the property while keeping the land in private ownership. Each is tailored to the specific wishes of the landowner and can allow for many future uses. In fact, most lands under easement retain their current and traditional uses. Current federal legislation recognizes the significant public benefit of easements that allow for future forestry or farming, with very favorable tax treatment. It is due to expire by year end unless extended by Congress and the President. Please contact us soon if you wish to explore a conservation easement in 2007 as delays can be anticipated later in the year.

The Conservation Plan for the Kezar River, Cold River and Kezar Lake watersheds is proceeding well. Much of my 2007 work is in support of the Planning Group and assisting participating landowners. See the progress report for more information.

The Properties Commission has new maps and brochures in the design stage. We hope to have them available in June as well as new maps of our protected lands. These maps will be available at the office or on the web for your convenience.

Our winter programs were extremely well attended and filled with exciting and new experiences for all. We welcome your ideas for 2008 programming and look forward to many more.

Your feedback via the kiosks, email, phone, letter or in person helps us serve multiple interests and is always appreciated. In closing I would like to share some of the written comments from the kiosks as they express the appreciation for your vision and support of our properties.

"I thought my parents would have to drag me here, but I had a good time."

From the parent: "Thanks GLLT for wonderful property and great trails!"

"I found lots of frogs" "I saw lots of toads" "Not like our Virginia Mts."

"We saw a lot of cool mushrooms, and a tiny frog and mica too!"

"Our three year old twins and we enjoyed their first summit together..."

"Thank you! What a beautiful system of trails and vision. So thoughtful!"

Take a Moment — It's Simple, Easy and Free!!

What if the GLLT earned a penny every time you searched the internet? Well, now we can! The GLLT is registered with Good Search as a recipient of advertising revenues generated from the daily internet searches of people like you. For every internet search done through goodsearch.com advertisers will contribute \$0.01 to the GLLT. Imagine if 1,000 people search twice a day, the GLLT would receive \$7,300 annually, without anyone spending a dime. Here's how:

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Owling

Not for the Faint of Heart

On March 23rd the GLLT in cooperation with the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library presented the family program: "An Evening with Owls". We were delighted to have several families attend the slide presentation by Eaton, NH forester, naturalist and educator, Dick Fortin. We were introduced to the unique behavior of our local owls, their similar adaptations to other avian hunters such as hawks, and their influence and roles in various human cultures. With great skill, Dick demonstrated the various calls or vocalizations of each and explained the benefit of being recognized vocally versus visually as creatures of the night.

Following the presentation, Dick led us on a journey known as "owling". For most, this was a new experience of venturing into the nighttime forest aided only by dim flashlights and the night sky. It was kind of spooky. From a distance we must have appeared like a small pack of woodland elves in a slow march to some unseen destination; dim lights flowing in and out of view and suddenly extinguished as we arrived at the view platform at the Sucker Brook/Wilson Wing Preserve. Once arranged and silent, Dick proceeded to call for a saw-whet owl, which does not hoot but "whistles" steady and endlessly. Dick had explained that these are very small owls and preyed upon frequently by their larger relatives the barred owl. Even if present they may have reason to not reveal their presence and as such none responded. In eerie and silent anticipation we all held our breath as Dick let out a loud hoot of the barred owl that traveled a great distance over the Moose Pond Bog. We were delighted when two barred owls responded, from a great distance away, both with hoots and "caddy-walling"—a sign of agitation likely over concern for competition for nesting territory. Pleased from our "owling" and not wishing to disturb them further at brooding time, we gathered up and began our slow return from the forest. The eeriness faded as our silence was broken with warm conversation and the darkness again lit by our dim lights. Without warning we were startled to attention by the loud hoots and aggressive "caddy-walling" of our barred owls! They had silently landed in the branches barely out of reach, and were loudly intimidating even the bravest amongst us. We were treated to one of the finest vocalizations I have ever

experienced in my many years of "owling". Truly an event I will not forget and I suspect very special for all present. Here is what three young "owlers" have to share.

"I enjoyed the owl program because it answered questions I had about owls and explained things I never knew like owls evolved from nightjars and the legends about owls. I also enjoyed the walk out to the platform and when we heard the barred owls hoot back to us after calling them. On the walk back we heard 3 owls hooting back and forth. I thought that they sounded like monkeys! Thank you for the program."
Anna Hodgkins, age 9

"I liked the owl program. Thanks for the owl pellet. We got all the bones out of it. Maybe I will see you next year."
Benjamin Hodgkins, age 6:

"When I first got to the owl presentation, I thought it was going to be boring, which it pretty much was until the presenter started talking, showing us slides, imitating owl calls, and showing us things like owl pellets. After about half an hour of him talking, he started to inform us about the owls in our area. There was the Great Horned owl, the Barred owl, and the Saw-wet, the smallest and cutest, of them all. He told us that when another owl gets to close to a different owl's property they start hooting fast and furiously at each other. In the end he let the families that wanted owl pellets have an owl pellet.

When we went outside, the presenter showed us Fisher Cat trails, and Coyote trails. It was a clear night and you could see all the stars above when we were in the tree house viewing platform. We didn't hear any Great Horned owls or Sawet owls, but we did hear Barred owls. It seemed we got to close though, it started hooting fast and furiously, but in the end it seemed we called a different Barred owl and that started bickering with the other owl.

It was a gorgeous night and just perfect for an owl watch. If you weren't there you missed out big time. So far this year it was my favorite night!" Adriana Marie Wissmann, Age 9

New Natural History Mini-Course

This summer, the GLLT is offering a two-day natural history mini course designed for anyone over the age of 18. Have you enjoyed our morning walks or are you new to our guided forest explorations? This course is designed for a more intensive exploration to expand your personal knowledge and enhance your enjoyment and experience in nature? This is not intended as an athletic experience, and it is hoped that many participants will share their knowledge in the process. Most of our work will be a field experience, complemented by suggested readings. The curriculum will include the following: map, compass, and GPS; safety in the woods; animal tracking; birding; woodland creatures; reading historic features; and basic botany. The goal of the course is quite simple: to safely enjoy the forest by getting to know it better while having fun learning. Although you will be able to understand most of the common trees, plants, and wildlife after the experience, the real focus is to understand how the forest works as a whole. The course will last for two days and be offered twice during the summer: Course 1-July 23rd and 24th and Course 2-August 6 and 7. We can accommodate up to ten individuals per session. Please call or E mail the office for a "reservation" (207-925-1056) tomglit@earthlink.net. Or kharding55@gmail.com. You may also mail the following sign up sheet if that is more convenient. Participants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis and participants will be notified no later than July 6th. The program is hosted by the GLLT through its Environmental Education program and is offered at no charge to participants.

NATURAL HISTORY COURSE SIGN UP

Please mail to: Greater Lovell Land Trust,
PO Box 181, Center Lovell, ME 04016.

I wish to participate in the Natural History Course on July 23 and 24

I wish to participate in the Natural History Course on August 6 and 7

Name _____

Phone _____

E mail _____

Mailing Address _____

Walks @ Fall

Once again the GLLT is happy to provide a variety of outdoor experiences designed to serve adults, families, and all those who wish to get out in the woods. We have some new offerings this year as well as traditional events to choose from. Our walks are free and led by trained docents. No prior sign up is necessary. Docents will guide visitors on trails and point out our important natural features, identify plants, identify animal sign, and help participants learn to read the forested landscape. Please bring appropriate clothing, water, bug repellent, and good walking shoes. Pets are not invited. Car pooling is encouraged. Families are always welcome, but there are also special programs specifically geared for younger children over age 5. Most walks are scheduled on Thursdays to make it easier to remember and plan your calendar, but we have added some Saturday walks at the request of those who cannot escape during the work week.

Guidelines for Walks

- A gentle walk is on wide flat trails that do not go long distances.
- A casual walk is on developed trail on mostly level terrain.
- An active walk is on developed and rough trails up and down hill.
- A strenuous walk is on and off trail, up and down hill.
- A family walk is designed especially for families with school age children.

Directions

The Heald Pond walks will take place at the Heald and Bradley Reserve. From Lovell drive north on route 5 and turn right on Slab City Road and proceed a short distance over a bridge

to a small parking area on your left past the launching area where a docent will meet you.

The Sucker Brook walks will use the Sucker Brook Preserve off Horseshoe Pond Road. From Lovell, drive north on route 5 to the West Lovell North on your left. Proceed over the bridge to Foxboro Road and go left. Turn right at the intersection/fork with New Road. Drive about one mile to Horseshoe Pond road on your right. Proceed down this dirt road a short distance to the Horseshoe Pond parking area.

The Kezar River Tract has a good forest access road directly across Route 5 from the "Wicked Good Store". Look for orange flags at the road entrance. Proceed down this forest access road to an open parking area where the walks will begin.

The Stockford Reserve walks will begin at the reserve. From Route 5 take the West Lovell Road over the narrows bridge and then the first dirt road on your left (Ladies Delight Road). The reserve parking lot is on your right a short distance down the road with ample additional parking on the left.

Calendar for Summer Walks @ Fall Hikes

July 5th. 9-12. Great Brook. Active. Meet at the Heald Pond parking area and carpool up to the entrance at Hut Road. A hike up along Great Brook to view the interesting stone wall, cellar holes, and remnants of times past.

July 12th. 10-12. Heald Pond. Family. A walk especially designed for school age children to explore the world of forest floor critters.

July 14th. (Saturday) 9-12. Sucker Brook. Active. We will focus on the bear activity in this area and examine a bear tree, a bear's skull, and bear feeding activity. If we are lucky, we might find a bear track or some scat.

July 19th. 9-12. Kezar River Tract. Strenuous. Come and walk our 114 acre tract of land that borders the Kezar River. We will walk on old roads, bushwhack through the forest and climb up and down several steep and geologically interesting ravines and examine what a newly cut forest does for wildlife.

July 21st. (Saturday) 9-12. Heald Pond. Gentle. A walk to focus on Tom Wessel's ideas in his book *Reading the Forested Landscape*.

July 26th. 9-11. Heald Pond. Gentle. We will look for medicinal and edible plants along the roadsides and in the Heald Pond area.

August 9th. 9-11. Stockford. Gentle. We will focus on wildflowers and the forest management of this preserve as we walk to the top of a small hill to enjoy the view.

August 16th. 9-12. Heald Pond. Active. A walk to the summit of Flat Hill to explore the woodlands and look for plants and animal sign of particular interest.

August 23rd. 10-12. Sabbatus area. Gentle. A special walk on private land to examine what a well managed forest looks like and to look at mushrooms. A mostly flat walk along level trails in an interesting area. Meet at the Library and carpool to site.

August 30th. 9-12. Heald Pond. Active. A walk up Whiting Hill to have a look at British Soldiers and other non-flowering plants.

Hikes for 2007

Fall Hikes

September 15. Saturday. 9 - 3. Blueberry Mountain. We will leave from the Stonehouse parking area off route 113. Look for a white pickup truck parked by the road after the Baldface parking area, but before the Basin turn off. There is a dirt road into this parking area with no sign on 113. We will climb the steep side of the mountain and come down the gradual side. A five hour walk for those in good condition.

September 29. Saturday. 9 - 2. Shell Pond Loop. Meet at the trailhead off the Shell Pond Road. Look for a white pickup and park carefully along the side of the dirt road. This is lovely loop trail around Shell Pond. This is not a strenuous hike with limited elevation gain or loss. A four hour walk for those in good condition.

GLLT Evening Talks at the Charlotte Hobbs Library

Wednesdays at 7:30 (new time)

July 11: Michael Perry. Professional speaker. Sentinels of the Coast - Lighthouses of Maine the Downeast Region. Join Mike Perry for a beautiful slide show journey along the coast of Maine from Penobscot Bay to the lobstering communities of Jonesport and Beals where the locals claim "fog was invent-

ed!". Colorful pictures of the lights and surrounding landscapes, fun stories and historical anecdotes, smiles and laughter for all! We enjoyed a previous show on the southern lighthouses, so please join us for this next chapter.

July 18: Martin Engstrom. Retired TV Engineer. 38 Years on Mount Washington. Anyone who has watched channel 8 over the last 38 years has seen "Marty on the Mountain" as part of the evening weather forecast. Marty worked for 38 years as a TV engineer (not a meteorologist) and gave us reports on the weather direct from the summit of Mount Washington. Come and share his experiences and slides of his fascinating time at the top of New England. This program is made possible from a grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

July 25: Kevin Harding. Amateur Naturalist. Land Navigation. If you like to wander off trail now and then as I do, it is not difficult to get lost in the Maine woods. Casual hikers may never need these skills, but knowing the basics of how to navigate with a map and compass or GPS will give you great peace of mind. We can only introduce the skills in one hour, but if you practice these basic skills on your own, the confidence you will gain will make you feel much safer going off trail.

August 1: David Brown. Professional Naturalist. Tracking Basics: Summer Sign. David has been a popular speaker at our evening talks for many years on topics ranging from bird migration to the ecology of beaver ponds. As an experienced animal tracker, David will provide the basics of this challenging, but rewarding activity. Many of us get out in the

winter to look at the many holes in the snow, but there is a great deal to see in the summer season if you only know what to look for.

August 8: Kathy Voth. Environmentalist. Global Warming and Electric Cars. Kathy comes to us from the Bureau of Land Management and Utah State University as a concerned and informed environmentalist. She has completed a training weekend with Al Gore and will challenge us to think beyond the boundaries of Lovell as we discuss global warming and electric cars. Whether or not you have seen the film "Inconvenient Truth", this is an evening that will make you think about the environmental, economic, and political costs of our dependence on fossil fuel, and what each of us can do to make a difference.

August 15: Dr. Alvin Hamblem Morrison (ethnohistorical anthropologist). Lovewell's 1725 Pegwacket Fight in Fact and Fancy: Slaughter and Schmaltz on the Saco. Dr. Morrison's specialty is the colonial period frontier encounters of the Wabanaki natives and the European newcomers in the Northeast. He will discuss the famous 1725 conflict between Lovewell and the Pigwacket Natives. The local stalemate-skirmish became the epic myth of American jingoism with the help of Ben Franklin's uncle and namesake, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and some others who made the event famous in song and story. This program is made possible from a grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

Volunteers Needed

Please contact Tom Henderson at 925-1056 or tomgltt@earthlink.net if you are able to assist with any of the following or have an interest in other opportunities to help us deliver our programs and mission.

Trails

Volunteers are currently being sought to help in establishing hiking trails at the Kezar River Tract and for cross country and hiking trails at the newly acquired property at Sucker Brook. Let us know if you would like to join a work party for part of a day or work from home on trail markers. We would like to complete the Kezar River trails in June and the Sucker Brook trails by mid fall.

Cranberry Picking

Join us for adventures into the Kezar Outlet Fen to pick wild Kezar cranberries for sale through our Cranberries for Conservation™ program. Harvest season is for three weeks beginning in late September. It is a wonderful time of year to enjoy the fen with warm sunny days, abundant wildlife and few bugs. The work is physical and we usually plan for ½ days of picking. Volunteers are also needed to pack and ship which is less physical but good organizational skills are needed.

Publications

If you have literary, photography or graphics skills, we would enjoy your involvement in one of our 6 annual publications. We are particularly interested in volunteers that wish to present ecological themes of interest to our communities through our Land Trust Notes. Previous subjects include the Fen, White-tailed Deer, Bears, Owls and Wild Oats and Witch Hazel.

Snowshoeing on Perky's Path

By Robert Winship

On a bright, sunny Saturday morning a few days after February's big snow, Tom Henderson led a small group on an invigorating walk through twenty inches of white powder. We began our walk at the Flat Hill parking lot, proceeding north on the old truck road towards Bradley Pond. The air was crystal clear and the long shadows of the trees from the morning sun were in stark contrast to the clean new snow. It was a perfect day.

As we walked, Tom pointed out the tracks of the white-footed mice barely breaking the surface of the soft, new snow. The mice spend their winter under the snow, making a network of tunnels which are used for safe travel. Food, however, in the form of fallen seeds from the bare trees is available only to the brave mice who venture to the surface. Thus they scamper about, mostly after dark, in search of nourishment and risking the ever wary owl who awaits his dinner from a nearby tree.

A few hundred yards up the trail we came to the old beaver dam and the culvert which carries the brook from Bradley Pond to Heald Pond under the trail. Here we saw the trail of an otter who had slid downstream, on the ice and snow, toward

Heald. The trail in the deep snow in the frozen stream bed looked as if someone had scooped the snow out with a giant spoon. The otter must have enjoyed his slide in the snow since the trail continued downstream as far as we could see. This really was a special sight for all of us and caused us to reflect on the life of the playful otter.

We continued up the old woods road, once used as a snowmobile trail, to the new orange trail known as Perky's Path in recognition of Juanita Perkins. Juanita, along with her friends Bev Bassett and Sally Davey, did much of the early trail work on the Heald-Bradley Reserve. Tom pointed out the faint track of a snowshoe hare near the edge of the trail as it neared the bank of the bog formed by the backup of water from the beaver dam just downstream. The trail continues south along the bog and crosses the small brook below the low and wide beaver dam. Along the way, we discovered a basketball-size hole in the snow with tracks leading up to and away from it. The tracks were those of a fischer, our largest member of the weasel family. Although difficult to know for sure, Tom's assessment of this novelty was that a fischer, weary from its effort of

searching for prey in deep snow, took a short break and merely sank into the snow while pausing from the hunt. As those of us on this short trip can attest, trail-breaking in deep snow is hard work and that probably goes for fischer's too.

As Tom was showing a recent moose scrape on a young maple, we noticed an acorn lodged purposely in crack in the bark, probably placed there for future consumption by a blue jay. A few red squirrel tracks, one emerging from a hole adjacent to a small tree, some deer rubs on several small trees and a red-eyed vereo's nest from last summer rounded out the interesting observations of the day. The hole from which the squirrel emerged, by the way, connected to an under-the-snow safehouse where he may have waited out the storm. Like the white-footed mouse, the squirrel is also vulnerable to predators and keeps out of sight whenever possible.

After meeting up with the Flat Hill Trail at the end of Perky's Path, a short walk brought us back to the cars to conclude our two hour trek. We stowed our gear, said our goodbyes and all thanked Tom Henderson for sharing with us some of his extraordinary knowledge of our winter forest.

Remembering George Scala

C. George Scala was a member of the Board of Directors of the GLLT for many years. He passed away in November, 2006. The family is holding a memorial service on June 2, 2007, at 11:00 at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Route 5 in Fryeburg. All are welcome. He was a remarkable man and a legendary leader in business. Locally he was an active participant in community life supporting the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library, Aquatic Invasive Prevention Programs and land trust preservation efforts. He was strong, honest and direct, a no nonsense "let's make a decision and get it done" man. His approach and leadership skills were indeed like a

breath of fresh air. He clearly delineated visions and goals, tactics and strategies. He led the GLLT Properties Committee for many years in the development of public use and stewardship policies that were consistent with our conservation goals. George was a great friend to us personally. I will always think of the time he spent with us as a gift to our communities. He will be missed.

Howard A. Corwin, M.D.
President

Have you considered naming the GLLT in your estate plans?

Everyone has the capacity to leave a legacy to the organizations they care most about. There are a number of simple ways you can make a lasting gift for

local land conservation. The GLLT has established a Pooled Income Fund with the Maine Community Foundation which can be named as a beneficiary in your

will, IRA or charitable trust. Please contact us for more information on this and other options available to provide a legacy for future generations.

Update Conservation Plan

The GLLT is actively engaged in the development of a watershed Conservation Plan for an area collectively known as the eastern headwaters of the Upper Saco River. This area includes the Cold River, Kezar River and Kezar Lake watersheds. The project goal is to identify the ecological systems present and potential strategies to protect their current and future functional integrity. The intent is to draft a Conservation plan that enjoys broad community support and can be used as a resource to support and guide public and land use decisions for years to come.

A local Planning Group is leading the Plan development working closely with Mark Ward, the Ecological Consultant and Bill Duffy the GIS mapping specialist. The Group has identified specific conservation values that include both ecological and cultural resources. Broad categories include Lakes and Ponds, Streams and Rivers, Agricultural Lands, Historical and Cultural Features, Unfragmented Forest Blocks and Wetlands. We are analyzing data on these values, their locations and who owns the potentially significant sites. We are currently seeking landowner permission to visit sites of interest to conduct field assessments of things such as vernal pools, uncommon

plants, wildlife habitat and public recreational facilities. We are fortunate to have an intern, Casey Mealey, a Unity College graduate to assist in the field assessments and data management. Casey has been enjoying wading through vernal pools and is delighted to be meeting landowners and sharing his findings with them.

The Planning Group will use the data collected and the recommendations for Mark Ward to develop a baseline of resources, their current condition and potential strategies that can be considered for their stewardship and protection. Planning Group members include: Tom Henderson, Tom Hughes, Stefan Jackson, Jim Owens, Josh Royte, Ed Ryan, Kathy Starke, Dave Tenny and Pat Williams.

The Welcome Mat is Out

The Greater Lovell Land Trust office is centrally located in Lovell Village offering area residents and visitors a convenient place to come together and find out about, or discuss, the important work done by the Greater Lovell Land Trust. The office provides administrative

support and storage, as well as serving as a committee meeting place and facility for small group presentations. Frequently, it also serves as a visitor center, welcoming visitors to the Kezar Lake region while meeting the needs of local residents. In this spirit that the GLLT received a very generous anonymous donation from a long time GLLT supporting family, for the purpose of providing upgrading the office so as to better serve our constituents. We are very excited about the many

improvements that have been made.

We are immensely grateful to this anonymous family for the opportunity to carry out these much needed improvements. We cannot thank them enough. We would also like to thank Margaret Nomentana for directing and coordinating the interior design, Bob Bell for the contracting work, and Susan Belding for the flowerbeds. So come on by, when you have a chance, the welcome mat is out, and our doors are open.

Divided Voices in Defense of Nature

By: Burgess Smith, Executive Director Upland Headwaters Alliance

Throughout the history of environmental protection as a public cause Americans have assumed a central place within the vanguard. It was from New England in the mid-nineteenth century that the first strong voices rose, for it was in this part of the continent that the industrial age pressed upon the land most ravenously, stripping it of woods and uncorrupted waters. In Henry David Thoreau's call for national preserves of wilderness, and in George Perkins Marsh's warning that deforestation could undermine whole civilizations, were heard the calls to action of the movement's forefathers. Not long thereafter the federal government laid its own claim to leadership, with the first major political act on behalf of wilderness: the creation of Yellowstone National Park in 1872. Not to be outdone, the State of New York launched a park commission in the same year, from which emerged the Adirondack State Park in 1885.

Yet from the start, American defenders of nature have rarely marched together. Their ranks were torn apart by a bitter difference that never fully mended. Looking back, we can see the seeds of dispute in the differing perspectives of Thoreau and Marsh. It was wilderness that mattered to Thoreau, for reasons literary, humanistic, and psychic. It was for him the essential place of escape into solitude, solace, and self-discovery; where humans went to reaffirm their primeval origins. But Marsh framed the matter in science and economics: damning the careless destruction of natural resources that undermined the prosperity of human societies.

It was in the next generation that the issue became manifest. On the eve of the twentieth century a dispute over our national forests destroyed the friendship of two iconic leaders and divided the movement into camps that ever since have vacillated between conflict and collaboration. Author and publicist John Muir was perhaps the greatest

American advocate of wilderness, a worshiper of pristine nature in the manner of Thoreau, and the founder and first president of the Sierra Club. The professional forester Gifford Pinchot introduced America to the concept of scientific woodlands management. Chief Forester of the new U.S. Forest Service, he established the term "conservation" to signify the wise use of natural resources. Once close comrades in defense of nature, Muir and Pinchot split irreconcilably over Congressional legislation.

Pinchot's views prevailed in 1897 when the Forest Management Act designated lumbering, mining, and grazing as primary purposes of the national forests. Economics trumped aesthetics. But policy battles have persisted ever since between advocates of untrammelled wilderness and scientific management of nature. Often understood as the differences between "preservationists" and "conservationists", we can hear the tension between these values today in the conversations of constituents and leaders of the land trusts. We recognize both as legitimate values, and our work involves keeping them in balance as best we can.

In the Greater Lovell Land Trust we seek such a balance in our land management policies. The Properties Commission arranges for a careful scientific appraisal of new fee properties. Where we find species or ecosystems too fragile to withstand human intrusion we create preserves that leave the environment unaltered - in a state of "wilderness" to the extent this is possible outside the great forests. Where active management will do no harm or even benefit diversity of flora or fauna we create a reserve or working property, where timber harvesting and recreation may be acceptable. No doubt the debate between preservation and conservation will remain ongoing, but in the land trusts we aim to keep it constructive: informed on both sides by good science and thoughtful dialog.

Community Bulletin Board

Consumer Products

Our land and waters are directly affected by the lifestyle choices we make in meeting our daily needs. Everything from window cleaner to shampoo has the potential to foul our waters. We encourage you to choose and use environmentally friendly products, especially for your laundry, dishes and personal grooming. Please consider providing your family, friends and renters with alternative products that will reduce pollution to our local waters. Due to its commitment to the environment, the Center Lovell Market has increased its selection of alternative product offerings, for your convenience.

GLUC/KIWA Annual Educational Meeting—Aug 11, JFW Hall, Speaker: author Tom Wessels, Continental Breakfast at 8:30, meeting 9:30-noon.

KIWA Meeting, July 14, JFW Hall, Speaker: David Littell, Maine DEP Coffee, doughnuts @ 9:30, meeting at 10:00

LUCC Summer Music Series~ (all at Brick Church for the Performing Arts EXCEPT Aug 14 organ concert: June 14 (Fryeburg Academy music group); July 19 (group tba), July 26 (group tba), Aug 2 ('Two Old Friends', Aug 9 (group tba), Aug 14 at LUCC (Jane Dimmock Cain, organ recital)

Arts & Artisans Fair, Aug 18, to benefit Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library (9:00-3:00, New Suncook School)

INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT WORKSHOP, July 18

The greatest defense we can have against the further infestation of the water bodies in the Kezar Lake Watershed, is to have many more people trained to recognize invasive aquatic plants. There is no charge for this workshop and requires only the investment of a few hours of your time to play a very important role in protecting our valuable water resources. For more information contact: Gerry Nelson, 207-928-2360 gsmknelson@fairpoint.net or Katrina Soucy, 207-647-3042

Town Website~The Lovell Town Website URL is now www.lovellmaine.us