

GLLT Launches Capital Campaign to Preserve Amos Mountain

Receives Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation Grant

The Greater Lovell Land Trust is very pleased to announce a grant of \$60,000 from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation in support of the GLLT acquisition of the Amos Mountain property. This award provides a significant base of support as we launch our Capital Campaign to preserve Amos Mountain. We are extremely grateful for the generous support provided by the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.

In addition, we've also received \$10,000 each from two anonymous donors, both of whom encouraged the GLLT as the project developed, citing its high value to the community. We are now launching our Capital Campaign to raise the additional \$148,534 needed to complete the project and meet our mortgage obligations, as well as raise an additional \$25,000 to pay the transaction costs and endow stewardship of the property. Our Capital Campaign goal is to raise the remaining \$173,534, or about \$58,000 per year, over the next three years. Please consider giving generously to this great project.

Amos Mountain has multiple conservation values that make it a high priority preservation project for the GLLT. This property lies within the Bradley Pond Headwaters Focus Area, identified by the Conservation Plan as a high priority location for adding conservation lands. Joining Amos Mountain to the Heald and Bradley Ponds Reserve creates an 802 acre reserve, one of the region's largest privately held blocks of conserved land that supports native wildlife species, public recreational access, forest products, and water quality protection. In addition, it also preserves a prominent landscape feature—the summit of Amos Mountain.

In November 2008, the GLLT purchased 198 acres abutting the Heald and Bradley Ponds Reserve, including the 955 foot summit of Amos Mountain. We assumed responsibility



A parking lot, trailhead, and hiking trail will be constructed, with the goal of providing a 1.6 mile trail that provides universal access

for the physically challenged, by means of wheelchair, motorized wheelchair, scooter or other such adaptive devices. We are currently consulting with the Appalachian Mountain Club, Northeast Passage and the Accessibility Coordinator for the State of Maine to determine feasibility, and then to engineer and construct the trail. This is a new venture for the GLLT in trail construction with many considerations. For example, trails need to avoid steep slopes with minimal crowning. Surfacing materials must be stable, firm and slip resistant. While there are challenges ahead, we remain confident and are committed to offering a recreational asset that is acutely absent regionally. Grant funding will be key to accomplishing this ambitious goal. The GLLT is applying to multiple private foundations and public agencies in support of this unique initiative.

for the permanent stewardship of this land from its long term stewards, the late Erdna and Howard Rogers and their family. The Rogers family is a long time supporter of the goals

of the Greater Lovell Land Trust. Erdna Rogers and the GLLT had discussed the permanent protection of Amos Mountain for many years. She specifically requested that the property be included with the Heald and Bradley Ponds Reserve, expanding the reserve from 604 acres to 802 acres. Mrs. Rogers expressed a strong desire, through this action, to ensure that everyone will have the opportunity to climb to the summit of Amos Mountain and experience its magnificent views forever. We are pleased that family members Phoebe Monteith, Lucy Rogers, and others continue to be involved in our stewardship of the property.

The GLLT Properties Commission, a group of dedicated volunteers that manages our recreational lands, is working at clearing and marking trails, connecting the existing trails at the Heald and Bradley Ponds Reserve to existing trails on the Amos Mountain property. These trails should open by early July, providing summit access from the south. The Properties Commission is also in the process of planning public access to the summit from the north.

Amos Mountain Project Costs

Expenses	
Purchase Price.....	\$228,534
Transaction Costs.....	3,600
Trailhead Construction.....	8,000
Trails, maps, brochures, etc.....	3,400
Stewardship Endowment.....	10,000
Total.....	\$253,534
Income	
Anonymous Donors (2).....	\$20,000
The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.....	60,000
Capital Campaign (Individuals and Grants).....	173,534
Total.....	\$253,534

We hope you will join us in supporting this important initiative to permanently protect the land surrounding Amos Mountain for the natural communities that depend upon it and for the public recreational opportunities this 802 acre reserve offers. Additional Capital Campaign information and a contribution

form will be forthcoming. Thank you for your generous assistance in helping us complete this crucial land acquisition.

President's Message

William J. McCormick, Jr., President

As I write to you, planet Earth is in the midst of its busiest time, with everything growing and blooming. This reflects hard work invested over a sustained period of time. There is a microcosmic analogy that can be made to the GLLT.

Ostensibly, this is the GLLT's busiest time of year; however it is actually the quietest for those who run the organization on a daily basis. The public face of the GLLT has three basic components: education programs, trail systems and communications. All are of extremely high quality, despite our size and limited resources. Although each seems to be effortlessly produced, what you see today is the product of much effort and hard work on the part of many volunteers.

Our Education Director begins working on next year's programs right after Labor Day, and continues throughout the long winter months. Much of the program's success is due to a cadre of sixteen docents who are well trained, extremely knowledgeable and passionate about sharing their knowledge with others. What this group adds to the quality of our edu-

cation program is incalculable.

Under the direction of the Properties Commission, our trail systems are designed and maintained to provide maximum education value and diversity of experience. During the winter, this group maintains our kiosks and plans for the spring trail work that follows snowmelt and mud season. This year was particularly challenging, as they continued to create the trail system at the Sucker Brook Outlet Reserve and began stewardship for Amos Mountain.

Another component of our face to the public is our Newsletter, designed to inform everyone about current issues and activities of the GLLT. The heroes in this effort are those who contribute articles for publication, and the volunteer proofreaders and editors who see to its seamless production.

Our many volunteers, along with our Board of Directors, supported by the coordination and knowledge of the land trust community supplied by our Executive Director, are the reason we are

able to accomplish our mission as smoothly as Mother Nature changes the seasons in our corner of New England.

After my first year as President, I owe my sanity to the take-charge-I-know-what-has-to-be-done attitude of everyone who volunteers time for the GLLT. My heartfelt thanks for all that they've done in the past and continue to do. If you or members of your family would like to join this dedicated group, I urge you to contact us. We always have room and plenty of work for more. I guarantee the lasting satisfaction is well worth the investment of your time and effort.

I'd also like to thank everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2009. I encourage those of you who have not yet renewed to show your appreciation for the efforts of these volunteers and staff and renew your membership this year.

GLLT Announces 2009 Marion Rodgerson Scholarship Winner

In honor of one of our earliest easement donors, the GLLT offers a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating senior at Fryeburg Academy. We are pleased to announce this year's winner: Jennie Caffrey. Jennie tells us a little bit about herself, and what the scholarship means for her.

"Hi. My name is Jennie Caffrey and I am from Fryeburg. This year I was the recipient of the Greater Lovell Land Trust Scholarship, and was asked to write a little bit about myself. I am very pleased to have been chosen by an organization whose goals are to protect our local environment. I have loved growing up here, and am grateful that there are organizations so dedicated to preserving its ecosystems and natural beauty. I feel lucky to have grown up in a family who loves the outdoors and who has instilled that in me. This love has also been strengthened by my participation in many Tin Mountain camps. During my years at the Academy I participated in Nordic skiing, Cross country running, tennis, and track. I have also been taking dance with Tina Titzer for 15 years and have been a member of Act One Dance Company. Being a member of the company has given me many performance opportunities and has been a wonderful experience. In my spare time I enjoy hiking and am currently working on completing New Hampshire's 4,000 footers. Also this past April, I was lucky enough to travel to Puerto Rico with a group of people from my school on an Earthwatch trip. We were there for a week helping a team of researchers do two different studies, lizards and vines. This coming fall I'm looking forward to studying Adventure Education at Plymouth State University."



Notes from the Desk Tom Henderson, Executive Director

A few years ago I was at a BBQ and met a woman, who upon learning I was a professional forester, asked about my views on trees and forests. It was clear she loved spending her leisure time in forested places. Her city home and job meant less time among the trees, though she compensated by joining environmental groups, educating herself through reading, and adopting planet-healthy behaviors. Of course, anyone that's asked me a forest question or two knows how easy it is for me to respond with no caution for brevity. There are no sound bite answers to forestry questions. Somewhere between my espousing trees as a solar produced product, the role of forests in the water cycle and the life cycle of a typical Maine forest, she said something I've often thought about since. She said she found it refreshing to talk with someone who thought in generations rather than the next quarterly financial statement.

Her comment has made me wonder how common such an approach is to viewing the world, and whether it is a useful way of thinking, or a folly. Yes, I do tend to look far into the future. I am patient to act now and await long term outcomes. I also believe that we all have the capacity to think long term and envision desired future conditions.

We plan for our own retirements, and for our children's college education from their early childhood. We take action today so that our vision is not only a dream, but also has a chance of becoming reality. And, no, it is not folly, but a very useful exercise applied to our lives, individually and collectively.

Communities also attempt to incorporate long term thinking for overall community benefit. One of the greatest challenges communities face in taking the long view is identifying the group vision and articulating it in a way that the majority can embrace. Town Comprehensive Plans, which identify and express public goals for the future, are just such an attempt. Towns adopt and enforce ordinances to ensure this vision is carried out. Public policy is a critical component in ensuring quality of place; however it is only effective to the extent it can overcome the need to be all things to all people.

The GLLT furthers the public vision and achieves success compatible with public goals. The mission of the GLLT dovetails nicely with the goals written in the Comprehensive Plans adopted by Lovell, Stoneham and Stow. In fact, there is no discernible difference between them. We focus on this vision daily through our land protection program, public outreach and education programs. Our programs are a bold attempt to provide a pathway to achiev-

ing a shared community mission of a quality place for generations to come. The GLLT land protection program is proactive in identifying valued land resources and protecting them. We facilitate the desire of private citizens to contribute to building quality communities through their own private actions. Our land acquisition program moves swiftly when needed, and remains a valuable tool for preserving the highest priority properties. The GLLT's constant focus, rapid response and bold actions have been described by a few as "land-grabbing", aggressive, and contrary to community needs. I do not concur and define our actions as effective in advancing the goals of local citizens as defined in public policy.

Thanks to my conversation at a BBQ, I have developed a greater appreciation for generational thinking as a valuable tool in building great communities. I urge you to take a moment to develop your own long term community vision, and to compare it with the goals of your Town's Comprehensive Plan and the mission of the GLLT. Note the synergies and look to Comprehensive Plans, the Conservation Plan, and to your own ability to take action. Make the vision a reality. If we act today to build upon public and private efforts to date, we can secure our shared vision of healthy and vibrant human communities in harmony with the natural world.



My Friend, the Dragonfly

As I sat on the deck one sunny morning in late May, my friend the dragonfly alighted on my newspaper. Since we are only a few hundred feet from the pond, dragonflies visit regularly. I studied him a bit, and thought how nice it was that he'd joined me on our deck. This year, an unusual hot spell greatly depleted the black flies; however, the mosquitoes were just gearing up for a summer of feasting. A voracious feeder himself, my dragonfly was ready to preserve my peaceful morning with a little feasting of his own.

The dragonfly is known as the best of the insect fliers, achieving speeds approaching sixty miles per hour with wings beating at 50 cycles a second. Just watch one take off from their perch to chase a passing morsel. They are airborne in less than the blink of an eye, feeding on the fly.

The dragonfly is one of the real survivors of the animal kingdom, with fossils from the Carboniferous and Permian periods showing wing spans in excess of two feet. These primitive insects have evolved into approximately 6500 separate species which are

found worldwide, grouped into an order known as Odonata. Fossil examples of most of the 33 present-day families are found as far back as the Jurassic or Cretaceous periods. Eight separate families and almost one-hundred and fifty species are found in Maine today. The order includes damselflies, which also populate our region. Damselflies are distinguished from the dragonfly by the size and spacing of the eyes - the dragonflies eyes are large and nearly always touch each other, while the damselflies eyes are spaced apart and are much smaller. In addition, the dragonfly holds its wings out horizontally while at rest while damselflies keep their wings together above the torso.

The life cycle of the dragonfly is unusual. The mating dance takes place while in flight, over water. The adults can be seen flying linked together, with the eggs fertilized on the spot and then immediately deposited in the water or on floating vegetation. On a quiet pond, it is not at all unusual to see the

female repeatedly dipping her tail into the water to wash off the eggs. The eggs generally hatch quickly; however sometimes overwinter before hatching into a nymph, known as the naiad form. This naiad is small tiger, eating anything that moves, including mosquito larva, tadpoles and small fish. It breathes through gills in its rear end, and propels itself by water jet from the same area. Naiads will molt ten or more times during their underwater life of several months or years, eventually molting for the last time on land or vegetation at the water's edge. The dragonfly emerges from its casing as an adult, and after a short period to dry its tender body, it flies off to feed. After a few summer months of feeding, the adult returns to the water's edge to mate and die.

Thus the story of my friend the dragonfly, who works overtime to keep the air clear of pests on our back deck.



News Briefs

Hewnoaks Art Shows Announced

Many of our readers wanted to know when the shows planned in conjunction with the Hewnoaks/Camp Susan Curtis summer arts program would be held.

We are pleased to announce that this year's Art Shows will be held on July 22 and August 20 at Hewnoaks. The programs will run from 5 PM to 7 PM on both days, and light refreshments will be served.

KLWA

With the appointment of Alan Broyer as the lake Patrol Officer, the KLWA's Patrol Boat will once again be visible on Kezar Lake. We are grateful to Tom Sheehan, GLLT Director, for recommending Alan, a full-time, career detective with the Conway Police Department. Alan and his family live in Lovell, where his wife teaches at New Suncook School. He's registered as a Town of Lovell Constable, and will patrol 3-4 days a week, varying his schedule to coincide with weekends and personal time off, making his patrols less predictable. KLWA President Charlie Dattelbaum is also now authorized to take out the Patrol Boat when Alan isn't patrolling. Cards with Alan's contact information were handed out at the KLWA Annual meeting, and are available at the Marina and the Center Lovell Market. We encourage you to post one of these cards in a visible spot in your home or camp.

The Annual Meeting of the KLWA was held at the Lovell United Church of Christ on July 11. It began with a Social Hour, followed by the Business Meeting, chaired by President Charlie Dattelbaum, starting at 9:30. Forrest Bell, president of FB Environmental, the firm engaged to test the waters of Kezar Lake and the six ponds within the watershed, spoke on the importance and the methodology of testing. An engaging and very knowledgeable speaker, his remarks were well received.

Have you considered naming the GLLT in your estate plans?

Many of our members have spent a lifetime around our waters, our forests, our villages and our communities. These are places of warm and lasting memories. The GLLT is committed to preserving our lands for future generations in perpetuity, and for this we must build our endowment. It is our hope that those who have appreci-

ated the unique qualities of this place might consider leaving a legacy in their wills to the Greater Lovell Land Trust. For more information on planned giving, contact Paula Hughes of the GLLT Development Committee at 207-925-1056.

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