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PENNY LAKE: COMMUNITY FINDS MANY USES

Penny Lake Preserve is a popular place to walk, hike and keep track of the seasons. It's also a popular place for people of all ages from the Boothbay Region to train, exercise, dog-walk or just stroll. It's a busy place year-round, with use by the whole community – the schools, the YMCA and St. Andrew's Village. Village residents walk the trails, and the special ADA-compliant trail and bridge make the preserve accessible to wheelchairs and strollers.

Two cross-country teams from the Boothbay Region schools train on the paths of Penny Lake. Hildy Johnson, middle school coach, says her team of 11 girls and 12 boys considers the preserve its favorite place to practice. It gives them varied terrain to run, terrain more like trails they'll be on when competing at other schools. However, Johnson says that "home" cross-country meets are held at the school, not Penny Lake.

Nick Scott, coach of the high school cross country team, also brings his athletes to the preserve to train.

Mary Baudo, Senior Program Director, and Wellness Director at the Boothbay Region YMCA, uses Penny Lake for a variety of programs, including Triathlon training class, Boot Camp, and the Running Club during the summer. Baudo also uses the preserve for the "Fit Kids" program, and often adds an



The Boothbay Region High School Cross-Country team uses the popular paths of Penny Lake for daily practice.

environmental talk as well. "We'll talk about what's going on seasonally at Penny Lake. We also identify trees, plants, and even collect leaves to use for art projects," Baudo said. Penny Lake is close enough to the Y that adults and children can easily make the 1-½ mile walk part of their exercise program.

Another family activity available at Penny Lake is geocaching. Bring your hand-held GPS, punch in the coordinates, and walk the trails to find the hidden cache. Assorted trinkets are just part of the fun of this search in which everyone can participate.

If you haven't been to Penny Lake recently, there's no time like the present.

It's True.
Wolf is Retiring.
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A MESSAGE FROM ANDREW

Dear Friends of BRLT,
In spite of the trying economic times, this was another good year for BRLT. Our Treasurer Jim Dun has kept us on a sound and conservative financial footing. We continue to operate in the black on an operational basis, adding moderately to our “rainy day reserves,” and have been able to add an encouraging amount to our endowment.

The end of August proved just how astonishing the accomplishments of our members can be. When we learned that we had just ten days to move the entire BRLT offices, Mike Pander graciously agreed to be the “Move Czar,” and was literally on his knees at the Volunteer picnic asking for helpers. Not only did the BRLT volunteer “army of ants” pull it off, everything was out in three and a half days! A huge thank you to Mike and all who helped.

One leg of BRLT finances are the few fundraising events we hold, and the one-day Boatbuilders Festival is key. We always worry about rain, and this year it did – in fact it was a deluge. Although our worst fears came true, with careful planning and management, as well as the enthusiastic and appreciative participants who came despite the weather, the Festival was again a financial success.

You will read elsewhere that Wolf Schumann is

retiring from his BRLT staff position of Lands & Stewardship Coordinator. We now have a search underway for someone to fill this position, but it will be a big job for anyone to pick up everything Wolf has tackled over the years.

We will miss him on the **Andrew Matthews** trails.

At the Annual Meeting, we welcomed three new Board members, whose bios are on the next page, as well as a new Board of Advisors. And we were sad to lose Jim Dun and Mike Pander from the Board due to term limits. Jim, our Volunteer of the Year, has graciously agreed to stay on as interim Treasurer while we continue to recruit. The Board was also pleased to have Bill Haney accept the task of Vice President.

We are enormously grateful to our huge list of volunteers (see insert) for everything they did this past year. Finally, while we know this is a troubling year financially for most people, your continuing support of BRLT is critical if we are to continue to accomplish our mission of conservation in the Boothbay Region.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



Julie Lamy

As you know, BRLT's mission is based upon three tenets: land conservation, stewardship and education. In 2007, we reviewed our role in education to strengthen support for our land conservation and stewardship work. The results of this work were reflected in our materials and events.

We are now taking a look at our land conservation work. In preparing our case statement for our endowment efforts, we took a look back at BRLT's successes. In doing so, we realized BRLT nearly doubled the acreage it protects in 2005 and 2006 alone. We also added two active working waterfront sites. Our commitment to the community is tremendous and our obligations considerable.

This autumn, BRLT's Board and Lands Committee will be discussing our role in conservation in the region in the future. What are our goals? What are the critical threats to the community's special and accessible places? Given our limited human and financial resources, how do we achieve our goals? As supporting members, you can provide important input. To share your thoughts, please contact me this winter at jlamy@bbrlt.org or (207) 633-4818.

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THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE, WOLF!

For the last ten years, when anyone wanted anything done on the BRLT preserves, they looked for Wolf Schumann. Those in the know didn't look for him in the office, though. Instead they searched his lair, the 30 miles of trails twisting through some 1,700 acres of woods, shore land, or on one of the six islands owned by BRLT. There they would find him hard at work – lugging logs, clearing trails, or just stomping on Damariscove's famous red ants.

Much to our dismay, Wolf will retire in December as the BRLT Lands & Stewardship Coordinator. Retirement will be a strange time for the man who as a teenager fled his home in post World War II-era East Germany after his dad had a run-in with the Communists. Wolf soon found himself apprenticed to a landscape architect in Hamburg, Germany, and then shipped to a cattle ranch outside Carson City, Nevada. When he indicated he wanted to become a U.S. citizen, he was immediately drafted – and the Army shipped him back to Germany. "I was an

interpreter. It was easy duty," he explains.

When he returned to the U.S., Wolf graduated from the famed Michigan State Forestry School. Then it was on to a 33-year career with the Forest Service in California, Vermont and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Wolf retired to the Boothbay region, and one day while hiking on a woodland trail, he filled out a BRLT volunteer card. That was the start of his second career – he was hooked.

For the next eight years, Wolf served as a volunteer and eventually as president. He put in so much time that BRLT hired him and paid him to work 16 hours a week. In reality, he put in as many as 60 hours some weeks, taking care of a property inventory that continued to grow.

Why did he work so hard? "This is our legacy, to preserve the land," he says. "The forests are not just trees. The trees, the land, the wildlife, the soil – they are all connected. A forester has to think of projects in terms of decades. A decision made today might not bear fruit for a hundred years. In fifty years, as the



Wolf Schuman

towns grow, people will marvel that someone had the good sense to set aside land for the public," he asserts.

The BRLT Board has authorized executive director Julie Lamy to begin a search for someone to fill the Lands & Stewardship role. That person will have big footsteps to fill indeed.

MEET THE NEW DIRECTORS



Merry Knowlton retired from a major financial firm in 1995 where she had been an asset manager and investment advisor for 20 years. She lived in Princeton, New Jersey, where she was active in the community, including being a trustee and adviser to the endowment fund of the YW/YMCA, as well as several other local organizations.

Merry has had a lifelong interest in the world of nature and its conservation, in New Jersey, on the island of Culebra (half of which is protected lands) where she has spent part or all of the winter since 1970, and above all in coastal Maine. She lives in Newagen in a family home dating back to 1898. Merry and her husband Mark are active BRLT volunteers.

Merry currently serves on BRLT's Endowment and Finance Committees.

Judy Eastwood, a native of Winchester, Massachusetts, has been coming to Boothbay Harbor since the summer of 1964 when she worked the first of several summers at Ocean Point Inn. She met her husband Dave at the Inn, and the rest, as they say, is history. Annual summer visits followed with their two children, and Judy and Dave retired here full time in 2005 to the home Dave's parents built on the east side of the harbor.

Judy graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in French and from the University of Tennessee with an M.S. in Curriculum and In-



struction. She was a middle school foreign language teacher and spent the last 22 years of her career at the Webb School of Knoxville in Tennessee.



Bob McLaughlin, BRLT's counsel for 14 years (1992-2006) is a recently retired trial lawyer and a longtime resident of South Bristol, Maine. He is a past president of the Damariscotta River Association and has substantial experience in advising land trusts and other conservation organizations, including the DRA. Bob is also a small business owner and serves on a number of for profit and non-profit boards. He is currently a director of River Arts, Inc. and is the Chair of BRLT's Lands Committee.

A LOOK BACK: 2008 WAS ANOTH

Autumn turns beautiful hiking on Land Trust preserves to spectacular, and leads us to look back and take stock of the year's accomplishments. A stroll along the Duck Pond on Ocean Point reminds us that this generously donated respite for migrating waterfowl will be a source of pleasure for skaters when our ice settles in (as it inevitably will).

Last winter, BRLT's thoughtful "Cabin Fever Reliever" sessions brightened our lives, with Jeff Wells offering strategies for maintaining bird habitats, demonstrations of forest management with logging at Ovens Mouth, and other presentations.

Also in 2008, BRLT hosted its first birding marathon, lasting 21 hours and identifying 99 bird species on BRLT preserves. In addition to providing leaves and flowers and places for birds to stop over or nest, BRLT preserves also enable us to explore the complex interrelations between a community and the place it inhabits.

People, too, have a habitat. When BRLT became steward of the Thorpe property in the West Harbor this year, the carrying-place cove became publicly accessible and another piece of our history was saved – rumrunners and all! Construction of a new pier at our working waterfront, Roberts Wharf, was also completed thanks to a generous grant from the Island Institute.

In addition to acquiring the Duck Pond and Thorpe easements, we also added the Burley Loop to the Linekin Preserve. These sites require great dedication from many volunteers to preserve and maintain them, including creating and erecting the informative signs that guide hikers. This year an historic marker was added at Lobster Cove and a trail guide for Damariscove was completed.



Kayakers under the bridge at Ovens Mouth Preserve

The newly launched Adopt-a-Preserve program (see page 6) is a strong addition to our stewardship of these properties and endowment efforts.

BOAT BUILDERS FESTIVAL WEATHERS THE STORM

In spite of a driving rainstorm that blew through the grounds that morning, the sixth annual Boat Builders Festival turned out to be a grand success. Including the pre-festival lobster-bake fundraiser starring singer Michael Johnson, the two days netted \$28,000 for the BRLT's work in preserving wildlife habitat, hiking areas and working waterfront.



Hardworking BRLT volunteers displayed their usual resourcefulness, and once the rain stopped – and some repairs were made – the "party" went on. Visitors boarded the boats lining the docks, including Spirit of Massachusetts, Nellie G II and Sunbeam, and viewed the small boats on land. The Kids Tent was busy producing small books, and a line-up of baby boats, with flags. The Food Tent at the Ocean Point Marina attracted many hungry people. Visitors

walked up the hill to learn about sail making at the Sail Loft, and others to the Methodist Church for the Downeast Dialogues. Musicians found dry places to perform.

The Art Show & Sale was a place of refuge in the storm, but was busy throughout the entire day, with sales from the variety of art, including the signed poster by Earle Barlow.

Festival chairs – Alan Lewis, Joe Gelarden, Dick Palmer and Scott Hardwick – credited the more than 300 volunteers, working before, during and after the festival, along with local businesses for sponsorships, contributions of goods, materials and labor, for the festival's success.



Earle Barlow with the 2008 Festival Poster



The Kids' Tent

ER YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Alan Lewis and Wolf Schuman take a break

Elementary school students were once again involved in BRLT's environmental program where they explored the preserves

with their teachers and some BRLT volunteers, and made an outstanding presentation at this year's Annual Meeting.

Also at the Annual Meeting, retiring Treasurer Jim Dun was selected as Volunteer of the Year for his untiring work on behalf of our financial well-being.

You will also read below about this year's Boat Builders Festival, where we welcomed a large crowd who explored the shipbuilding exhibits and enjoyed all the activities

despite the morning rain.

Our endowment is growing. More people and organizations have stepped in to provide stewardship for Land

Trust properties. And, using volunteer muscle alone, we moved to new, more spacious quarters with on-site parking (see story below). 2008 was truly a year of accomplishments.



Students Matthew Malcom and Maya Schwehm at the Annual Meeting

BRLT GETS A NEW HOME

When the Land Trust decided to snap up an unexpected opportunity to move its office to a more spacious, attractive and convenient location at 137 Townsend Avenue, there was only one challenge – a ten-day deadline to vacate the former downtown headquarters.

Enter Mike Pander, BRLT's Vice President, who was tapped to mastermind the move. Think five desks, four computers, eight file cabinets, one humungous conference table, five bookcases, one large display case, one credenza, 20 chairs, eight folding tables, one refrigerator, one safe, one microwave, 30 framed pictures and more than 100 boxes of supplies, brochures, maps, and all the things that constitute a working office.



More than 40 loyal volunteers answered Mike's call. While a crew worked at the old office packing dozens and dozens of boxes, other volunteers showed up with pick-up trucks to help transport the boxes, dismantle desks and other furniture at one end and reassemble them at the other end.

Long story short: the job was done by 2 p.m. on August 26 – five days ahead of schedule.

The new office features more space (1,400 square feet), as well as a handicapped access ramp and an entryway where visitors can pick up trail brochures even when the office is closed. 19 on-site parking spaces could be the biggest bonus for staffers, board members, volunteers and visitors, who were racking up fees and fines for public parking near the old office.

Jim Dun earned Volunteer of the Year with all his painting!



A NEW FACE AT BRLT

Evelyn Smith, a graduate of Boothbay Region High School and Chewonki's Maine Coast Semester, is BRLT's new intern. Evelyn is taking a year off from her studies at the University of California at Davis, and is delighted to be working at the Land Trust.



Q. How did this internship come about?

A. Last December I contacted Julie about a summer internship. At the time I wanted to develop a camp program focused on environmental education. As winter turned into spring, my summer plans shifted. So Julie and I agreed to a fall internship.

Q. What activities are you involved in?

A. I knew I wanted to do something with youth, but my focus moved from the summer camp idea to classrooms and the community. It has always been apparent to me that the Land Trust has an amazing volunteer program, but it seemed to lack a strong voice with young people in the area. So I decided to dedicate my time with BRLT to strengthening this voice.

Q. What specifically are you doing with the youth of the community?

A. While I have been at BRLT, I've been meeting with a variety of local non-profits, educators and organizations. My goal is to get Outing Clubs and classes onto BRLT trails. I've also been working with a high school work study student, Eben Court, to plot the preserves by GPS.

FALL MIGRATION: HEADING SOUTH

By Jeff Wells

Most nights from August to November, a river of birds – literally tens of millions of them – streams over our heads heading south. Most people don't realize that most birds migrate at night. Stand on a back porch anywhere on the Boothbay peninsula on a clear night and you could well hear hundreds of bird calls drafting down from the night sky for over an hour.

Starting in September you will often hear the "pwee" nocturnal call notes of Swainson's Thrushes sounding just like the call of a frog – the spring peeper. Later in October you may hear the plaintive whistled note of a Hermit Thrush or the "seep" call of the White-throated Sparrow from hundreds of feet overhead in the star-dotted sky.

At first morning light these and dozens of other species begin dropping from the sky in search of a place to spend the day resting safe from hawks and other predators. With luck, that place will also have



Swainson's Thrush (Photo courtesy of Brad-dock Bay Bird Observatory)

freshwater to refresh the birds after hours of flying non-stop, as well as abundant insects, berries, and seeds to maintain their strength so they can strike out again the following night.

Imagine the Hermit Thrush, the White-throated Sparrow or the Yellow-rumped Warbler that finds itself over the Boothbay peninsula at dawn and to its relief sees BRLT preserves such as the Colby Preserve, Lobster Cove Meadow, Ovens Mouth, Zak Preserve and others ready and waiting for their arrival. Lucky birds!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Barter's Island Community Hall – that's when we'll be showing "Damariscove Remembered," a video filmed by Link Furber at the 2007 Cabin Fever Reliever session moderated by Chip Griffin. Produced by Peggy Powis, the video features more film footage, additional interviews and lots of history. DVDs will be for sale. Don't miss it!

BUSINESSES CAN NOW ADOPT A PRESERVE

If you're a business or organization, and would like to "adopt" a preserve, now you can! Earlier this year, Bath Savings Institution adopted Porter Preserve and Hannaford soon followed with its Penny Lake adoption. As adopters, these organizations contribute vital funds to BRLT's Endowment Fund, volunteer to clear the trails at annual stewardship work parties, and adopt the preserve for a minimum of two years. In recognition of each adoption, BRLT posts the adoption at the preserve kiosk and the business, coordinates the stewardship work party, and publicizes the adoption in newspapers and the BRLT newsletter.

It takes a community to care for BRLT's preserves: neighbors, visitors, staff and more. BRLT's Adopt-a-Preserve program provides the opportunity for the Boothbay community's businesses and organizations to play an active role in caring for our preserves. BRLT extends its heartiest thanks to adopters and partners, Bath Savings Institution and Hannaford. To learn more about BRLT's Adopt-a-Preserve program, please contact Julie at jlamy@bbrlt.org or 633-4818.



Hannaford representatives at Penny Lake Preserve

A VISITOR WRITES...

My wife and I walked the Eastern portion of Ovens Mouth last Friday. We arrived at the parking lot just as the blackish-gray clouds rolled in and the raindrops started splattering on the windshield, around 3 o'clock. We left, disappointed. Fortunately, we returned an hour later as the skies cleared and were we glad that we did.

The ground was moist from the rain and seemed to just teem with dozens and dozens of mushroom varieties (no we didn't feast on any!). Shafts of sunlight started to stream through the branches just before we got to the bridge. We crossed and walked for another five minutes or so, in time to see two wild turkeys.

We want to thank all involved for protecting this land for the privilege of walking through it. My wife lost her mother three weeks ago and this two hours turned out to be so much more for her (and me) than just a walk in the woods.

Keep up your IMPORTANT work!

Sincerely,
Mike Paredes
Annapolis, Maryland

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OCTOBER 2007 -- OCTOBER 2008

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THE POWER OF MATCHING GIFTS

Does your employer or past employer offer a matching gift program? Matching gifts programs are a wonderful way to double the amount of your donation. Some companies will match volunteer hours with a cash donation. Please check with your company.

BRLT thanks the following companies for their donations this year:

<i>American Express</i>	<i>Harris Bank</i>
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MAKE A BID, TAKE A COURSE

Did you ever want to build your own wooden canoe, kayak, skiff or small daysailer? How about a radio-controlled “pond yacht”?

Now your dream might come true. All you must do is enter your name and silent bid on a \$650 gift certificate from the Wooden Boat School in Brooklin, Maine. This will cover the tuition on most of their courses, including learning to sail and coastal seamanship. It is redeemable until September, 2010.

You can enter your bid by e-mail: brlt@bbrlt.org; phone: 207-633-4818; or by coming in to our new office at 137 Townsend Avenue.

The deadline for bids is December 15. Think Christmas!

BRLT is grateful to the Wooden Boat School for this gift.



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Boothbay Region Land Trust seeks to preserve the special beauty and natural resources of the region while providing appropriate public access and recreational opportunities. BRLT provides and promotes education about wildlife, ecology, conservation and local history.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE AQUAHEGA SOCIETY?

The Aquahega* Society has been established to honor our generous supporters who have included BRLT in their long-term financial planning, as well as trust and estate bequests. Also included are those who have made significant gifts to the organization and to its Endowment Fund, which is central to meeting BRLT's fiduciary responsibilities.

Our endowment is an investment in your legacy to future generations. The recent financial instability highlights the importance of the endowment to the support of BRLT's mission and its role as the anchor of our organization. BRLT relies almost entirely on voluntary contributions, including membership, the annual appeal, occasional fundraisers, and income from the endowment which in itself is created by donations.

BRLT's preserves are one of the most valuable assets of our community – open to

*An Abenaki word for Damariscove.

WASHBURN & DOUGHTY GETS BRLT SUPPORT

Even as flames crackled and smoke from the devastating fire filled the air above Washburn & Doughty Shipyard in East Boothbay July 11, onlookers were heard asking, “What’ll happen to the workers?”

The fire decimated the building in less than an hour, but the community spent the rest of the summer and fall responding. An ad placed by Washburn & Doughty in The Boothbay Register thanked 590 individuals and businesses, including 125 firefighters and over 31 agencies who gave their support on the day of the fire and the many individuals who donated time and money to the

all, year round, free of charge. Our endowment ensures their future, for generations to come. Contributions may be made now or as part of a long term financial and estate plan. Please ask for our Planned Giving brochure for more information.

Town of Boothbay Washburn & Doughty Fund.

In addition to the Town of Boothbay's fund, the Boothbay Region Land Trust and the East Boothbay United Methodist Church organized the Washburn & Doughty Employees Fund, which has raised an amazing \$94,581.74, according to marketing manager Katie Doughty. Proceeds came from such varied sources as fundraising dinners, bottle drives, collections, a band concert, and even a few lemonade stands, among others.

"Our employees are incredibly grateful for the support they received from the Washburn & Doughty Employees Fund. It provided a wonderful boost to morale during some very challenging days," Doughty said.

By Oct. 11, The Sheridan Corporation of Fairfield, ME, had been awarded the contract to construct Washburn & Doughty's new facility, with Phase 1 scheduled for completion at the end of 2008.