

# The Watershed Watch

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# DRA & PWA: collaboration update

For years, many have recognized the similarities between Pemaquid Watershed Association (PWA) and Damariscotta River Association (DRA). We share members, volunteers, missions, geographic proximity, and the communities we serve. We collaborate on a variety of projects and we share responsibilities for several preserves.



Left to right: Jim Hatch, Peter Lawrence, Michael Kane, Sandi Day, Steven Hufnagel, and Joel Russ.

Because of the success of our existing connections, in late 2017 we initiated a series of meetings to explore the possibility of collaborating even more closely. The hope was that if we could successfully reduce costs by reducing duplication of services, it would allow both land trusts to dedicate more resources toward achieving our similar conservation missions.

PWA Board members Sandi Day, Jim Hatch, Michael Kane, Peter Lawrence, with Mary Berger as an ad hoc invitee, met with DRA Executive Director Steven Hufnagel, Carolyn McKeon and Joel Russ. Joy Vaughn joined the group in early March. During these meetings, committee members have been open-minded, transparent, and conscious of others' needs and opinions. Working diligently in this environment of trust, the committee feels confident that it can find new ways to fulfill its missions and common purposes.

After several informal meetings, committee members agreed that there was great merit in beginning a more formal exploration. Thus, on January 19, 2018, having garnered the approval of both governing bodies,

representatives of PWA and DRA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU outlined a threemonth process for the committee to explore ways that the two organizations might collaborate more closely.

After the MOU was signed, PWA and DRA sent all members of both organizations

either an email or a mailed letter describing the purpose of the exploration. The Lincoln County News ran a press release describing the exploration process. The MOU and press release were posted on the two websites and will remain there until the exploration has been completed. When appropriate, other completed documents will be posted on the websites.

The collaboration committee analyzed membership rolls and found that 30% of PWA members also belonged to DRA, and 20% of DRA members belong to PWA.

Following the process outlined in the MOU, the committee gathered data from both groups in order to formulate three models of collaborative organization to study. These scenarios range from sharing resources and services all the way to unification.

Focus groups will continue to meet to allow members of the Board of Directors, collaboration committee members, and general Association members to ask questions and more fully explore the options before them.

## President's Corner



Recently our grandson Brody, age 8, and I went to the Doyle Preserve, and I told him this was conserved open space that would stay forever undeveloped and protected. Then I asked him why PWA and other land trusts work so hard to protect open spaces. He answered, "To protect the animals because they would lose their habitats. They need space and quiet safe woods to live." After his revelation, I decided to write my newsletter column incorporating Brody's insight and expanding the rationale for conserving accessible open space.

In addition to preserving habitats, there are numerous other environmental, economic, and health benefits gained by protecting open space. Forests and wetlands clean our air, filter our drinking water, clean the pollutants from the ground water, reduce erosion and help prevent flooding. Protected land increases property values especially for those properties that border or are near the protected land. Undeveloped land saves money as it requires far fewer community resources than developed land. Recreating on our preserves is usually at no or very low cost. Exercise promotes emotional and physical fitness, and happier and fitter populations usually live longer and require fewer health care expenditures. Healthy, active people are drawn to areas where land is conserved. Whether people come to visit or to live, they stimulate the local economy. Having accessible land is a win-win proposition for people and wildlife.

With the support of you, our members, and our local communities, PWA will do what it can to avoid paving paradise!

Maybe Brody and I will meet you on one of our fabulous preserve trails. As he often tells me, "Gran, I love this place." May generations to come have the opportunity to feel that too.



Sandi



# Pemaquid Watershed Association

#### **Mission**

To conserve the natural resources of the Pemaquid Peninsula through land and water stewardship and education.

### **Community Service Vision**

A protected yet accessible Pemaquid Peninsula where people and wildlife thrive in a pristine and nurturing environment.

#### **Board of Directors**

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# The Value Of Conservation Easements

One of the conservation tools that PWA uses to protect land and habitat, secure open space, and meet the public's need for recreation is a conservation easement. Conservation easements are a legal method of saving from development property that possesses historic, scenic, scientific, or natural significance. Currently, PWA has 14 conservation easements that enable us to permanently protect and preserve the ecology and natural resources of over 438 acres of land on the Pemaguid Peninsula.

Conservation easements offer multiple benefits to landowners and the community. The terms are tailored to each situation and are designed to protect the land's conservation values and to meet the personal needs of the landowner. While still maintaining ownership of the land, a landowner who might otherwise have developed the property, enters into a legal arrangement with PWA, or another land trust, to preserve and protect land and habitat. The landowner and PWA agree to terms that spell out what part of a property will be the subject of the easement and whether or not the easement will have public access. The rest of the property remains available to the owner for his or her own purposes, including development. Once a year PWA reviews all of its easements to determine that the terms of the agreement are being met.

For the land owner who is not ready to donate land to a land trust, a conservation easement offers a way to maintain ownership while permanently protecting a valued and often loved parcel for the enjoyment of all—animal and human.

For more information about conservation easements, pick up a brochure at the PWA office.

### Membership Renewal at PWA

Just a reminder: although we have rolling membership renewal throughout the year, many of you will be up for renewal in April. Please don't let this slide, renew your membership in PWA and be a part of the effort to protect and preserve the beautiful ecological heritage right here in your own backyard.

In April, PWA will be mailing out a card encouraging residents of our Peninsula to JOIN PWA to help a good thing become even better. Check your newsletter label to see if your membership is current.

The preserves are open to the public all year round, for free, for your recreation and enjoyment. Help keep this important work going – renew your membership! And encourage your friends and neighbors to join us.

### 2018 BUSINESS SUPPORT BUSINESS PARTNERS (\$500+/yr)

**Bath Savings** 

Bristol Recreational Trail Adoption

**Burgess Technology Services** 

Damariscotta Bank & Trust Volunteer Gala Sponsorship

**H.M. Payson & Co** *Party on the Pier Sponsorship* 

**Lincoln County Publishing** 

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Bill Crocker Real Estate Camden National Bank C.E. Reilly & Son, Inc

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Mexicali Blues

**Newcastle Square Realty Associates** 

**Savory Maine** 

Sproul's Furniture

# PONDERS--an endangered organization?

Each summer PWA organizes "PWA Ponders" gatherings for information sharing for Biscay, Duckpuddle, McCurdy, Paradise, and Pemaquid ponds. PWA Ponders gatherings provide an opportunity for people who care about a pond to get to socialize and discuss pond caretaking with PWA.

The gatherings are informal and typically involve an evening potluck meal and conversation. They are hosted at the private home of a PWA member who resides on or near the particular pond, and the location is rotated each year to try to visit different locations around each pond. Anyone with an interest in a pond may attend; you do not need to be a PWA member or even to reside near the pond to take part in a PWA Ponders gathering.

During the gathering, a PWA representative will facilitate discussion with attendees about their pond-related questions, suggestions, and concerns. Sharing information

about water quality, responsible stewardship, pollution, the impact of development, and easements are some of the topics discussed at these gatherings.

PWA provides Ponders Packets filled with information about water quality and best management practices. These informational packets are free and are also available at the PWA office.

During the summer season, Ponders gatherings are posted on our online calendar. For more information about the PWA Ponders, or to receive a Ponders Packet, contact PWA.

Ponders gatherings began in June 2003. With help from PWA, a group of residents in the Biscay Pond area got together for a potluck meal and discussion of mutual concerns related to the pond.

Many suggestions from that first meeting became action items for PWA. For instance, attendees asked for information about pollution, boating regulations, invasive plants, and best camp practices, which spurred the creation of Ponders Packets. Members of the initial group also volunteered to help with the first Courtesy Boat Inspection training and implementation to prevent nuisance plants from invading the ponds. In 2005, the Pemaquid Ponders began. In 2006, McCurdy Ponders and Duckpuddle Ponders met for the first time. In 2008, the Paradise Ponders began.

While some of the Ponders groups are flourishing, others are having some difficulty. For the past few years, we have had trouble finding a location for the meetings and attracting enough residents. If you live on one of our ponds, please come to your Ponders meeting, or host one, to renew contact with neighbors, and learn of ways to keep your pond healthy.

# PWA Summer Paddles

Volunteers of the Pemaquid Watershed Association (PWA) are having fun planning the 4th season of the Wednesday morning flatwater paddles. The paddles are led by an experienced volunteer paddler. As in the past, many paddles will include the option of bringing a picnic lunch or stopping at a local restaurant.

The volunteers are adding a Spell PEMAQUID Challenge to eight (8)

of the Pemaquid Watershed paddles. We will visit the locations where paddlers collect a letter to complete the challenge – Duckpuddle Pond (P), Pemaquid Lake (E), Biscay Pond north (M), Biscay Pond south (A), Pemaquid River (Q), Boyd Pond (U), Pemaquid River (I), and Pemaquid Harbor (D). Those paddlers who attend all eight (8) challenge paddles will receive a \$5 gift certificate toward the purchase of any PWA merchandise.

The Flatwater Paddle Schedule will include three easy saltwater paddles —Pemaquid Harbor, Great Salt Bay, and So. Bristol Harbor.

We will paddle some tried and true favorites—Dyer Long Pond, Medomak River, and Washington Pond.

We hope you join us this summer as we paddle some of the prettiest spots in the Watershed. Not only do we have fun, our Wednesday paddles

# The Trash Chicks' Tips for a litter-free peninsula

Did you know that PWA has an action group concerned with the elimination of litter and keeping our peninsula clean and healthy? Informally known as the Trash Chicks, they offer a Tip of the Week in each issue of the Lincoln County News. Look for the loon to find a brief hint for something you can do to help prevent or reduce litter and to live a "greener" lifestyle.

If you missed issues of the LCN, see the box at right for a few simple practices that can have a big impact on our environment if they become habits.

The Chicks are also organizing the Annual Elmer Tarr spring litter cleanup in Bristol on April 28. Things you can do to keep our peninsula (and our planet) litter-free:

• When you order your beverage at a restaurant, ask that they don't supply a plastic straw with your drink. Plastic straws make up a significant portion of what is floating in our oceans, and floating around our roadsides.



- Do you really need the store's plastic bag if you are purchasing only one or two items?
- Save gas and air quality by not letting your vehicle idle.
- For non-toxic household cleaning, use white vinegar; which kills bacteria, or baking soda which scours and freshens.
- Donate your unwanted items to be reused and keep them out of the landfill.
- Use cloth napkins to save trees and money.
- Keep cloth napkins, a set of reusable eating utensils, and spill-proof take-out container in your vehicle.

offer the opportunity to learn about the Pemaquid Watershed from a unique perspective; and, paddlers often come across Watershed wildlife in their natural setting. For more information, visit the PWA website at pemaquidwatershed.org, or call Jean Smith, Volunteer Paddle Leader, at (207) 790-8143.





Paddlers explore a river on a sunny summer morning.



PWA is pleased to announce the acquisition of a 70-acre property on the western shore of the Pemaquid River that includes over 1,900 feet of frontage on the river as well as forested uplands and a free-flowing tributary stream. This river shore and its adjacent uplands are especially significant as they comprise part of a High Value Inland Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitat as designated by Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Keyes (pronounced kize) Woods is located along the Poor Farm Road in Bristol, Aside from

its high conservation values the preserve presents great potential for recreational and educational uses.

The PWA Land Stewardship
Committee first became aware
that this parcel was on the market
in the fall of 2016. In December of
that year members of the Lands
Committee visited the property to
determine if it was worth pursuing
as a potential preserve. Committee
members walked the property and
were very impressed by the large
stretch of undeveloped river frontage.

Although the property had clearly been logged within the last decade, it was logged selectively and there were still areas of intact forest. A feature that particularly impressed the Committee members was the deep, craggy ravine created by a tributary stream that runs close to the northern boundary of the property.

When evaluating a property, whether for acceptance of a donation or easement, or for potential purchase, the Lands Committee uses a scoring sheet. In the case of the Poor Farm

Road property the average score was 50 points, placing the property in the highest category for acceptance. A key factor in this high rating was the fact that the parcel abuts the 130-acre Brackett easement, which in turn abuts the 44.5-acre Cosima's Preserve. In combination with these already protected properties there would be created a habitat block of 240 acres of preserved land encompassing over 4,000 feet of undeveloped frontage along the Pemaquid River. Clearly this was a significant property worth pursuing.

However, the asking price of \$249,000 made the possibility of acquiring this special property a daunting task. Lands Committee member George Keyes was especially enamored with the property and lobbied hard for PWA to move forward. Indeed, George partnered with his brother Henry and committed to make a significant donation toward the cost of acquisition. While not enough to fund the entire transaction, this pledge turned the situation from nearly impossible to clearly feasible.

In discussions with DRA **Executive Director Steven** Hufnagel, Lands Committee Chair Jim Hatch learned that DRA was also interested in preserving properties in this area. The DRA interest stemmed from a desire to protect upland properties in the Damariscotta River watershed (the watershed divide is just to the west of the target property), as well as the desire to preserve an important natural corridor down the Pemaquid Peninsula. It quickly became obvious that the property on Poor Farm Road could be the first step in a joint effort between DRA and PWA to preserve a habitat corridor along the peninsula. This corridor would allow both

wildlife and plant communities to maintain their inter-connectedness and respond successfully to climate change impacts. It was agreed that this acquisition could follow the model created at Crooked Farm Preserve, where the organizations worked jointly to raise the funds for acquisitions, with ownership of the preserve going to PWA while DRA holds an underlying conservation easement.

Based on the market value determined by an independent appraiser and the commitment of DRA to help raise funds, PWA made an offer to purchase the land. After a short round of negotiations a purchase and sale agreement was agreed. The owners, Will, Glen and Andrea Avantaggio, were supportive of preserving the property as a nature preserve and agreed to a price well under what they were originally asking. Since the funds already committed were approximately \$35,000 short of the amount required to close on the sale, DRA agreed to apply to Maine Coast Heritage

Peter Lawrence and George Keyes hike Keyes Woods.

Trust for a short-term loan so that the property could be taken off the market. These loan funds allowed the sale of the property to close on March 30.

Best practice in the Land Trust community calls for a commitment to raise funds in addition to the amount necessary for the purchase. This includes funds to do a natural resources inventory of the property, to make initial improvements necessary to provide public access, and amounts necessary to fund reserves for legal defense and long-term stewardship. DRA and PWA agreed that a total budget of \$198,000 would be required to purchase and set up the new preserve.

To date, we have raised \$130,000 of the total. That leaves a balance of \$68,000 to be raised to complete all of the steps necessary to insure the longterm protection of this important piece of the Pemaquid River watershed. Since the loan from Maine Coast Heritage Trust is collateralized by a mortgage on the property, it is especially critical that we raise the

> funds necessary to pay off the loan as soon as possible. We hope that everyone reading this will consider donating in any amount they can to help complete the protection of this special property.

As the lead donors that made this all possible, George Keyes and his brother Henry were given naming rights and the new preserve will be called Keyes Woods. The successful acquisition of Keyes Woods is a demonstration of the closely aligned conservation goals of PWA and DRA and of the strength that our two organizations have when they combine their forces to achieve these goals.



## **Invasive Plants**

### What You Need to Know

This year PWA will be focusing on encouraging Mainers to use native plants in their home landscaping. A corollary to this is learning about the invasive plants that are prohibited from sale in Maine. Unfortunately, examples abound of these aggressive non-native plants in both our home gardens, along roadways, and in open fields. According to the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry a plant is considered invasive if it:

- is not native to Maine
- has spread (or has the potential to spread) into minimally managed habitats
- causes economic or environmental harm by developing self-sustaining populations that are dominant or disruptive to native species.

The Department has a wealth of information on its website: www.maine.gov/dacf/php/horticulture/invasiveplants.shtml

Here you will find a list of the 33 invasive plants that the Department placed on its list of plants prohibited from sale in Maine, including Norway maple, loosestrife, and burning bush. This list is reviewed every five years.

In addition to this list you will find many publications available for download such as Plants for Maine Landscapes, and Alternatives for Invasive Ornamental Plants.

Another excellent resource on invasives and natives is the University of Maine's Extension Service: https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/2500e/

Help us by learning which plants to use and which to avoid. Do your homework and tackle the problem of invasive plants in Maine.

### In our ponds and lakes

Invasive plants don't stop at our shore lines. Milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, hydrilla and other plants threaten the diversity of plants and other wildlife in our lakes and ponds. Here's how you can you help stop the spread of invasive aquatic plants:

- Check your boat for hitch-hiking plants every time before you enter and after you leave a pond or lake. Clean, Drain, Dry.
- Adopt a section of your pond to paddle and look for suspicious plants.
- Volunteer for a shift as a Courtesy Boat Inspector.
- Volunteer for a shift as a water tester at Biscay Beach and the Bristol Mills swimming hole.
- If you live on a lake or pond, join the LakeSmart Program and request a
  visit by the trained team to learn about best management practices for
  protecting water quality and your property value.

For more information on these programs, contact Carolyn at carolyn@pemaquidwatershed.org

# Go Native

### Plant sale

On July 19, at DRA's Darrows Barn in Damariscotta, PWA and DRA will jointly sponsor a presentation by Mark Richardson and Dan Jaffe, authors of the new book "Native Plants for New England Gardens". The discussion of the importance of native plants will begin at 10:00 am and last until noon. Richardson and Jaffe will also share their experiences maintaining the native gardens at the New England Wild Flower Society's Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA.

The focus of this event will be on the use of native plants in gardening. Native plants evolved over many years to make them well adapted to their locality so they require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides to thrive. Native plants help support healthy ecosystems and provide food for wildlife.

Also available will be a variety of native plants for sale from Sharon Turner of Washington, Maine. Turner is a certified Master Gardener, consultant, educator, and designer who specializes in heirloom and open-pollinated vegetable and flower seedlings, as well as native perennials, shrubs, and trees. She grows for FedCo seeds.

Come to this presentation to learn more about how native plants are critical for keeping our environment healthy while adding beauty to our landscape. Find out how you can easily plant and maintain your own native gardens.



# PWA goes **wild** over Wild Seed Project

We here at PWA are dedicating ourselves to the concept of ridding our gardens of non-native plants. We have been working with a landscape specialist to create a design for the gardens at our office space at 584 Main Street in Damariscotta.

Our plans are based on the ethic presented on the website of Wild Seed Project, which says it best: "Wild Seed Project works to increase the use of native plants in all landscape settings in order to conserve biodiversity, encourage plant adaption in the face of climate change, safeguard wildlife habitat, and create pollination and migration corridors for insects and birds."

Wild Seed Project is one of the important resources available to Mainers who see the wisdom of practicing garden care that encourages pollinators and protects wetlands and meadows by spreading the locally raised seeds of native plants.

Their website has a wealth of information from books on ecological gardening to techniques for harvesting and sowing seeds from native plants. They regularly offer walks and workshops and their annual magazine is an inspiration for any gardner. Check it out: wildseedproject.net



# upcoming ...... Events at PWA

While the schedule is not official, PWA is looking forward to offering new, as well as, long standing programs for spring and summer. Additionally, the proposed schedule ensures that PWA has an interesting and exciting activity almost every day of the week either at a PWA nature preserve, PWA's Beachcombers Rest Nature Center (BRNC) at Pemaquid Beach, or on a waterway on the Midcoast.

#### **PARTY ON THE PIER**

Thursday, June 21, 5 pm - 8 pm at the Contented Sole Restaurant in New Harbor.

#### **PUFFIN CRUISE**

Thursday, June 28, 7 pm.

### **ANNUAL RUBBER DUCKY RIVER RACE**

Saturday, July 14, noonish, + or - 15 minutes.

### NATIVE PLANTS FOR NEW ENGLAND GARDENS

Thursday, July 19, 10 am to 12 pm at DRA's Darrows Barn on Main Street.

### **PWA ANNUAL MEETING**

Thursday, July 26, 5 pm - 7 pm at Bristol Congregational Church.

For more information and dates for all of our events please visit PWA's website: www.pemaquidwatershed.org or e-mail info@pemaquidwatershed.org.

## SUPPORT PWA WITH A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a great way for folks over 70 ½ who have an IRA and a need to withdraw funds to meet a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), to contribute to PWA's operations.

The money you contribute to PWA using a QCD is not included in your adjusted gross income on your tax return, which makes it a better option than listing the donation as a simple charitable contribution.

If you have questions, you should contact your financial advisor, accountant, or tax preparer.

# SHOP AMAZON: Support PWA-Such a deal!

Did you know that many of the purchases you make on Amazon.com can support Pemaquid Watershed Association? If you have an Amazon. com account, visit smile.amazon.com on the web and select "Pemaquid Watershed Association" as your preferred charity - then start shopping! PWA will receive 0.5% of the price of all of your eligible smile.amazon.com purchases. If you want to skip a step go to PWA's unique link: smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2508854 and you'll be automatically sent to PWA's Amazonsmile page. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile. amazon.com to make it easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

# **Shop PWA!**

The PWA store is open for business at 584 Main Street and on our merchandise page on our website - pemaquidwatershed.org/get-involved/merchandise/. Proceeds of merchandise sales support PWA and wearing our logo let's people know you are preserving and protecting the Pemaquid Peninsula! We have tees, canvas bags, and hats. Want to hike a trail on the Peninsula? Pick up a copy of *On the Trail* and plan to hike this summer one (or all!) of the trails listed.



# Volunteer WITH PWA!

Become a volunteer with PWA to help conserve the natural resources of the Pemaquid Peninsula. PWA's volunteers play a large role in its success. Contact Carolyn Shubert to learn more about committee membership and involvement in the many programs and projects that directly support PWA's work. Here are ways you can help:

### Work in PWA's nature preserves:

Trail maintenance
Conservation Easement monitoring
Conduct water quality protection services:
Courtesy Boat Inspections
LakeSmart visits
Water quality monitoring

#### **Support PWA's education efforts:**

Work with the naturalist at Beachcombers Rest Nature Center at Pemaquid Beach Conduct an environmental education program Promote litter prevention and recycling

### Help promote and sustain PWA:

Plan and run one of PWA's signature fundraiser events Represent PWA at public events Work at PWA's office reception area Coordinate volunteers Work on special office projects

### Memorials and Gifts

Gifts in memory of John Faulstich
David & Deb Libby
Roseanne & Jim Saalfield

Gift in honor of Molly Hood from Amy & Alexander Hood

Gift in memory of Webster & Elise from their four children, Webb, Davis, Keith and Barb Van Winkle



Butterfly garden in its early stage at Beachcombers Rest in New Harbor.

### PWA OFFICE WISH LIST

- Small kitchen ceiling fan with light
- Large ceiling fan for stairwell (to help direct heat to second floor)
- 5 way screwdriver
- Outdoor ladder

- Riding mower or other lawn mower
- Weed whacker
- Garden rakes
- Hose holder
- Generator
- New garage doors with windows

- Tall work table (counter height)
- White duct tape
- Serving platters
- Small radio with cd player
- Milkweed for butterfly garden
- Utility sink



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### Be a Loon Lover

and support PWA in its mission to preserve the land and water resources of the Pemaquid Peninsula.

As an ongoing member, your automatic monthly gift, however small, gives us more time to do the things you want us to do. Annual membership campaigns take a big bite out of our resources. A predictable income flow and saving time (and paper) on mailings help us to keep our focus on our mission—preserving the beauty of our peninsula.

### Join the fun, join PWA!

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Label to see if it's time to
Label to see your membership.
renew your membership.

Become a member — two choices:	
Be an ongoing Loon Lover, automatic monthly withdrawal of \$/month  provide debit/credit information below, minimum of \$5/month	
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