

Trust in Our Town

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Now Is the Time to “Trust in Our Children”

by Nancy Naimey, Consolidated School Teacher

When we were children, do you remember going outside and playing, without store bought toys? Do you remember creating games with what you found in nature? We could spend the entire afternoon outdoors and never be bored. We walked to each others homes, throughout our neighborhood or in the woods without any fears. While we were playing, our parents seldom knew where we were. In fact, they wanted us to be out of the house. We grew up in nature and we learned to love the environment in which we lived.

Children today do not have that luxury, they are heavily scheduled. When they do have free time, they are spending more of it indoors in front of screens. They are watching video games and TV, and parents are fearful of sending them out to play without supervision because of the dismal daily news reports.

If children are not exposed to nature, do not enjoy the world around them and are not taught how to respect

it, then how are they going to become the future stewards of our world? We are leaving things in their hands. Therefore, we need to teach them how to enjoy the countryside. We need to show them the beauty of the land and how to respect it. We need to inform them about history and ecology. We need to develop in them a strong “sense of place” concerning the town in which they live, so they will feel connected. We need to make them realize that there are wonderful adventures around them that do not require being plugged in to a power outlet.

It is hard to believe, but many children are completely unfamiliar with the local landscape. They haven’t explored the woods near their homes to know what they can find there. They have been so busy going from one event to another that they haven’t been able to discover the wonders that surround them.

Parents of Consolidated School students and Consolidated School teachers were invited to a meeting on January 25, 2008. Tom Bradbury, director of the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust, proposed a partnership with the school. His vision was to have grade school students become more connected to the environment. He had some ideas, but wanted the input of others to start working on a local environmental education plan. A leadership team of six wonderful individuals volunteered to serve on this new committee. This leadership team has been working very hard since last January. It was amazing to see the wealth and breadth of knowledge and commitment that this team devoted to “Trust in Our Children” so that Tom’s idea could become a reality. I feel privileged to work with these fine



Making the woods around them a classroom.



Sketching a nature scene at Tyler Brook.

individuals - Tom Bradbury, Joy Mahoney, Lou Miller, Pam Morgan, and Eleanor Saboski.

Two field trips were planned for all six grade levels at Consolidated School. A comprehensive teacher's guide and student field books were then written for each class. On these field trips, students would learn about Kennebunkport and Maine history. Science activities would also take place, ones which could substitute an experiment or activity that is already being done in the class or would further enhance current classroom learning. These would be authentic, hands-on activities, ones that would supplement the curriculum. Students would learn about the environment, specifically about their own local environment. And they would learn about citizenship by participating in the care of the properties, including doing some simple clean up or other small jobs.

The leadership team worked hard to ensure that these field trips are tied to the current curriculum, the 2007 Maine Learning Results, the mission of Consolidated School, the mission of the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust and to the six different trust properties. Kindergarten visited Goose Rocks Beach, first grade visited Tyler Brook Preserve, second grade visited the Grist Mill, third grade visited Vaughn's Island, fourth

grade visited the Emmons Preserve and fifth grade visited the Cape Porpoise Islands. These field trips will also foster strong school and community connections over the years.

The continued success of the program is dependent upon the support of the community. Each field trip has a site supervisor that makes sure the properties are ready for students to visit. Each has volunteers to assist with the activities on the sites. Volunteers are also used behind the scenes doing jobs such as sorting out materials, restocking supplies, cataloguing library books and scanning photographs and student work. Our thanks go out to all of the individuals who have helped to make these first field trips such a success!

Special thanks go to the teachers and administrators at Consolidated School who have met regularly with the leadership team to refine the field trips. Teacher guides and student field books are in the process of being revised. We continue to meet to make sure that the program becomes all that we know it can be. If you are interested in helping out in some form, contact Tom Bradbury at 967-3465 for more information. This program will keep evolving and getting better, leading to stronger connections between children, their town and the environment. It has been really special to see how the community, the Conservation Trust, parents and teachers have all worked together to make something really special happen for the children of Kennebunkport and to make Consolidated School the "Pride of the Port"!



Students take notes in their field guides.



Preparing to install the new floats at Goat Island.

2008: The Year in Review

In years past, land preservation was not an issue in Maine. Growth was slow, the land was large, relations were plenty, lawsuits were rare and access was seldom a problem. Not too many years from now, preservation will again not be an issue, for all that can be lost will be lost. Thus, we are the deciding generation.

We are the ones to determine the look and character of our village by the sea and what type of town we want to live in. We are the ones to choose which lands will remain for the use and enjoyment of our children and grandchildren and which will not. We are now the stewards of this wonderful community. Our decisions will shape the look and spirit of Kennebunkport for generations yet unborn.

With your support, this year, like all years, the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust has worked to leave a priceless legacy for all those who will follow, one which will allow them to know and love this special place as we now do.

The pace of the Trust in 2008 was never greater. Thanks to the generosity of our membership, there are a number of financial successes that can be cited. Membership contributions totaled \$153,324. Cash towards our Capital Campaign amounted to \$425,189. Events plus headquarter rentals brought in an additional \$73,551. The Allen Appleton Fund, our endowment, fell victim to the world's financial crisis, falling by 27.7% to a balance of \$426,538. We took some comfort in the fact that the broad stock market fell by 38.6%. Our finance committee continues to keep a watchful eye on the account and has continued to make appropriate adjustments where needed.

Land protection is always the Trust's first priority and this year was no exception. Jim and Agnes Steele generously donated a 1/4 acre parcel at the beginning of the trail which bears their name, in order for a small and safe parking area to be created. We then purchased a strategic six acre parcel from another landowner

in that vicinity. An equal swap of land was made on the Clement Huff Road which allows the Trust access to our Cole property.

And we were delighted when Tony and Nancy Viehmann created a means of access for our island stewards and Trust in Our Children participants to get to the islands. A great deal of thought and time was also spent on the protection of significant lands that will hopefully come to fruition in the years to come.

Under the direction of Scott Dombrowski and Mike Weston, Goat Island Lighthouse saw significant improvements during the year. All windows were replaced, the building was painted in its traditional colors, the boat ramp was properly repaired to the low water line, a new in-ground septic system replaced the former overboard discharge units, a well was drilled, a full island cleanup was conducted with items removed by barge, and a floating dock was approved by the proper regulatory agencies, purchased and installed.

During the year, the United States Coast Guard solarized the tower's light. A weather station on the island was also added to our web site. All these items combined make the island far more energy efficient, much friendlier to the environment and safer and easier to access.

At the Emmons Preserve, Bill Case worked on a number of improvements. A beautiful new stone sign was installed. Lilacs were planted by the barn, two granite benches were placed under the apple trees near the field and the lawn behind the headquarters was leveled and improved.

Much time was spent on upgrading the trails and Dana Morton



A number of children and parents participated in stocking fish in the Batson River at the Emmons Preserve.

began the design of a bridge that will one day take the path across the Batson. In the spring, the river was stocked with 150 trout. Gail Roller kept the gardens always free of weeds and in bloom.

At the headquarters, new shelves were installed in the office to better organize our records and the kitchen saw great improvements. On our ground floor, members of the Kennebunk Interact Club managed to get donated computers at four desks working.

A new roof was put on the Emmons house and a new gas fireplace insert was donated and installed. The barn saw the greatest upgrade with the addition of a cement floor which helps greatly in the protection and organization of our vehicles and equipment. Construction also began on a new tool area.

Under the direction of Bill Case and Bud Danis a tremendous amount of work was done on trails this year. In addition to those at the Emmons Preserve, improvements

were made to the Steele trail, where a new parking area and bridge were created and the trail extended.

At our Tyler Brook Preserve, with the help of students from the University of New England and Americorps workers, 60 tons of crushed rock were wheeled in and spread along the trail then covered with wood chips. Additional work

will continue in the spring. The efforts deep into the woods were facilitated by the purchase of a Ranger utility vehicle and a wood chipper.

Dave James saw to it that the Grist Mill property looked well maintained throughout the summer. Two stone benches were donated to the site and a generous donation allowed for \$50,000 more to be paid from the debt. Improvements were made to the Clem Clark boathouse and numerous meetings were held to determine the desirability and feasibility of creating a beautiful waterfront park, fully designed as an environmental showplace. Thought is also being given to see if the possibility exists to rebuild the historic Grist Mill as a learning center.

Bob Haskell and the Island Stewards kept a watchful eye over the islands during the course of the year, making courtesy calls on campers to make sure that all was well and keeping an eye on campfire locations. Our thanks go out to all of our volunteer island stewards who are working to maintain the beauty and health of this most valuable resource. Thanks also



Bob Haskell, head of the Island Stewards.

go to Ryan Erb, Duane Ward, Jed Kimball, Helena Brook, Devin Brook and Dan Forte who cleaned up the many downed trees from a microburst, allowing Cape Island to be re-opened for camping.

A formal partnership was created with the Consolidated School in 2008 which links K-5 classes with specific Trust holdings. Learning events involving history, ecology, stewardship and citizenship will take place on each of these properties through two field trips per year for each class and in room discussions and speakers.

A curriculum was developed by the terrific team of Nancy Naimey, Dr. Eleanor Saboski, Tom Bradbury, Joy Mahoney, Lou Miller, Dr. Pamela Morgan and Meghan Turner. A teacher's guide and student field books were written and published for each property using both school and Maine State Learning standards. Equipment was purchased that would aid each class and facilitate the project.

All was accomplished through the incredible support of the Thrive Foundation for Youth. Our goal was to make the programs not only educational, but fun. We want our children to gain a greater understanding of the landscape and, as a result, a greater willingness to enjoy and increase their outdoor activities.

We want them to realize that learning is not limited to a time or a classroom, but is lifelong and all around them. We want them, by the end of the process, to gain a greater appreciation of the outdoors, learn to respect the environment and to love nature. Furthermore, we want them to develop a stronger "sense of place," using the knowledge gained through the program to better ap-



Dr. Elaine Carlson scrapes the rocky island earth in search of artifacts.

preciate their own home town. The program will be enhanced by our summer "Discovery Days" which will help to broaden those things learned during the school year.

The "Cape Porpus Archaeological Partnership" was also formed during the year, linking the Trust with the Maine State Museum in an effort to explore the rich archaeological history of our community. Initial digs were conducted on Stage Island, where traces of our 17th century past were found, and at Tyler Brook where an early brick kiln was discovered. In addition, a 2000 year old Native American fish cleaning tool was found on one of our islands.

Five bells from the bell buoy off Goat Island were discovered and recovered. And John Rinaldi generously donated major artifacts from Booth Tarkington's Schooner, *Regina*, which will be used in our learning process to highlight Kennebunkport's rich heritage.

A number of standards and procedures were incorporated during the year to continue to improve the operations and professionalism of

the organization. Of greatest note was the work done on our bylaws and mission statement to formally include the word "heritage," recognizing that it was something that we had already been involved with since our protection of Goat Island Light many years ago.

Our Board was saddened to see founding member Peter Sargent retire from the Board of Directors as well as Ruth Fernandez and Stacy Towne. We thank them all for their years of dedicated service. We welcome to the Board Christ Angelos, Bill Dugan and Steve Kingston, and look forward to the talents that they bring.

The Trust ran a number of enjoyable events during the course of the year. They began with a full house, many in costume, for our annual 12th Night where a humorous power point presentation created by Jenne James of what's going on behind the scenes was shown. Fun was had by all.

Folksinger, songwriter David Mallett gave a wonderful performance in February to a very appreciative audience.

Jennifer Comeau held a CD release concert to an overflow audience in July which was wildly successful. Our thanks go out to her and her band for such a lovely night!

Trust volunteers served as docents at the Hidden Pond open house and did environmental crafts projects with children. As a result, just over \$40,000 was donated to the organization. Our thanks go to Tim Harrington and Juan Urtubey for their generosity.

The Phillip H. Matthews Memorial Lobsterbake returned to the shores of Cape Porpoise with lighthouse tours, jazz, good friends, great food, dancing to Straight Lace and fireworks. It was another sell-out, and an amazingly good time was enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks go to Ed and Sheila Bull of Cape-Port Caterers and Mark and Gisele Nadeau of The Old Fashioned Lobster Bake & BBQ Cus-

tom Catering and Steve Pelkey of Atlas Fireworks for their remarkable contributions. Thanks also to Sonny Hutchins, John Green, Bob Reilly, Allen Daggett and the many lobstermen who donated to the cause. We greatly appreciate your help and support!

In the fall, we collaborated with the Heartwood College of Art for our annual Trust in Art auction where artists donated their time, talent and most, if not all, of their profits from their work as they painted the beauty of various Trust properties. Despite an international collapse in the market that week, both groups did quite well and we thank Heartwood President Berri Kramer, the many artists that participated and our auctioneer, Ki Leffler, for all of their hard work.

Brian Prichard once again organized a colorful Road Rally with vintage cars traveling the Ken-

nebunks in search of historical clues in a timing and trivia contest. Well done Brian!

During Christmas Prelude, we sold hand painted slate tiles that were donated by artist George Warren who lives in Pennsylvania. He had read about our cause in Downeast Magazine, had enjoyed vacationing in Kennebunkport in the past, and wanted to help. So, he drove here with 65 pieces of his work. It is that type of spirit and support that has helped the organization succeed over so many years.

Our local photo and thought of the week continued to be sent out. For anyone wanting to receive it, along with announcements of Trust events and special happenings, just e-mail your request to kporttrust@gmail.com.

In addition to all that's been listed, the day to day operations of the Trust continued. Mailings were sent, correspondences replied to,



Bud Danis and Bill Case work on the new bridge at the Steele Trail.

properties maintained, and positive accomplishments made daily. For this, we thank the many volunteers who contribute to make such a positive impact on our community and a lasting legacy for the future. Emblematic of such service this year is Bud Danis who received our Volunteer of the Year award. Working either alone or with Bill Case, Bud spent countless hours laboring on trails, making improvements to the Emmons Preserve, mapping, serving on various committees and more. We thank him for his dedication and for the fun and enthusiasm with which he serves.

In 2008, donations were received by the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust in loving memory of: Grace Burke, Lillian Roberts, Phyllis Henry, Carroll E. Gooch, Victor Serreze, Marion C. Moller, Leo & Emily Towne Driscoll, George W. Wilson II, Sally Mosser Brown, David Thompson, Henry M. Griffin, Priscilla & Robert Flannery, Ruth Bibber, Allan J. Nadeau, M. Joseph Celi, Edith Woodard, Paul R. & Beatrice M. Whitworth, James William Finnegan, Philip Brooks Eaton, Bob Tuller, Natalie H. Graesser, Louise Fairfield, Beverly Hill, Steve Emmons, Robert Howarth, Joan Brasert, Ann Contfill Doyle, Michael Sloan, M.D., and Sylvia Rice.

Donations were also given in honor of Ed & Sheila Matthews Bull, Paul & Gui Hogan, Carol Boyd, Carolyn Morse, Richard & Maureen Perlmutter's anniversary, Robert & Dorothy King's 50th wedding anniversary, Dr. & Mrs. Philip McMaster's 50th wedding anniversary, Dave & Lianne James' 50th wedding anniversary, the wedding of George & Nancy Walker and Richard Perlmutter's birthday. We are most grateful for all of these.

As you can see, it has been an eventful and productive year. Once again we have shown that with a clear objective and hard work our shared vision can become reality. Our town's beauty can be protected. We can all have access to the shoreline. We can all experience the delight of exploring the islands or discovering a nearby waterfall. We can protect our heritage and learn from the landscape. But to do this we must continue to

work together, for time is not on our side. We invite one and all to join us in our efforts. Your ongoing support of the Trust, in whatever way you can, is what makes everything happen. Together we can make a difference. Together we can do great things.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Bradbury
Executive Director
Kennebunkport Conservation Trust

KCT Financial Position

31 December 2008 (Preliminary and Unaudited)

Cash Received	
From Donations, Events, Rentals and Miscellaneous	\$398,801
For Annuity Insurance Policy on Future Property Donation	<u>\$242,307</u>
Total Cash Received From All Sources	\$641,108
Use of Funds	
Operating Costs (Salary, Insurance, Utilities, Office, Events, etc.)	\$192,804
Goat Island Restoration Project	\$106,465
Mortgage Payments and Interest	\$85,328
Emmons, Grist Mill, Trails, Headquarters Restoration & Repair	\$33,275
Trust in Our Children Program (With Consolidated School)	\$13,878
Purchase of Fixed Assets for Trail Work and Program Support	\$13,524
Purchase 5+-Acres of Land	<u>\$10,776</u>
Total Use of Funds	\$456,050
Net Cash Flow	\$185,058
Cash Position December 31, 2008	
Cash Available for Operations	\$72,542
Restricted Funds--Annuity Insurance Policy (Payable Jan. 2009)	\$242,702
Restricted Funds--Trust In Our Children	\$27,004
Restricted Funds--Grist Mill	\$5,025
Restricted Funds--Light House Restoration	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total Operating Cash and Restricted Funds	\$352,273
Allen Appleton Endowment Fund	\$426,538
Mortgages Payable	\$273,750
Donations Received Other Than Cash	
Stock	\$9,000
Restoration Materials Donations	<u>\$500</u>
Total Donations Other Than Cash	\$9,500

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Trust in our Town, Trust in our Future

Ours is a special place, a town of great beauty, a community where the present and past blend, reminding us that what we hold dear was once loved by an earlier generation, as it will be by all those who will follow. The roads they walked, the fields they worked, the homes in which they lived and loved, the scenic vistas, the forests, the islands and beaches on which they played, have been left to us and are now ours to enjoy. We are now the stewards of this wonderful land. What will be passed on to our children is in our hands. Whether we are a native or a newcomer, we share a common love of this place we call home, and a common responsibility to retain those special features around which our community has grown. Even as our town grows, its essential character can be forever preserved for all to appreciate.

**That is what the
Kennebunkport Conservation Trust
is all about.
That is why we need your support.**



Since 1973, the Trust has been working to preserve the beauty and character of Kennebunkport. We have come a long way since then, and many of our shared visions have become reality. Now the time has come to make sure that what we have set aside will always be protected. Now the time has come to secure those last remaining pieces of land that will complete the vision. Now the time has come to make those investments in community which will pay dividends for both this and all future citizens and visitors to Kennebunkport. Our goals, as they always have been, are ambitious but necessary:

- 1. Endow the organization to guarantee that what has been protected will always remain so.**
- 2. Restore & Enhance Goat Island Light**
- 3. Advance the Trust's stewardship and educational programs.**
- 4. Pay off all remaining debt.**
- 5. Create a strategic fund to acquire remaining significant properties as they become available.**

“Trust in our Town, Trust in our Future”

That's what our next few years will be about. We want to complete the dream, and we'll need your help to do it. Be a part of something truly special, worthwhile and lasting. Together we can do great things. Together we have made, and will make, a difference.

Ways That You Can Support The Kennebunkport Conservation Trust

Direct Contributions

Gifts of cash, real estate or personal property will directly support our efforts to forever preserve the beauty and character of Kennebunkport.

Appreciated Stock Contributions

Gifts of stock or other investments which have grown in value can often be more advantageous than cash as a result of the associated tax benefits. You may avoid paying capital gains taxes while receiving a tax deduction which will be based on the full fair market value of the securities you donate as of the date the gift is made. In addition, you will know that your gift will be part of an endowment that is securing for future generations all that is best about this special town.

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Contributions can be made in memory or honor of a relative, friend or colleague. Your gift will be acknowledged to the honored person or family. Helping to forever preserve special places in our community has great meaning and lasting value.

Bequest Contributions

By including a gift to the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust in your will, you will know that you have provided a lasting legacy to all those who love this special place. The land the Trust protects is forever. Your future gift will always be needed, most welcome and greatly appreciated!

Charitable Gift Annuities

A charitable gift annuity contract with the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust provides a guaranteed lifetime income for you and a tax deduction based on the estimated principal that will be left to the Trust.

Charitable Remainder Trusts

A charitable remainder trust naming the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust as a beneficiary can provide income for you and a tax deduction based on the amount that will be left to our organization.

For more information call Tom Bradbury at 207-967-3465.

Visit Us at Our New Online Location!



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Starting in May of 2009, the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust will have a new website! While keeping all of the great information from the old website, the new one will allow you to find out a great deal more about the Trust, its programs and holdings. You'll be able to see upcoming events and enjoy pictures in our photo gallery. You'll be able to see trail maps and hear about the Island Stewards. You'll be able to learn about volunteer opportunities.

There will be a "Thought of the Week" archive. And much more.

The new website will change regularly, and always be worth a fresh look. The Director will have a weekly journal, as will the Lighthouse Keeper and Island Stewards. You will be able to access our Goat Island weather station and get great views from our Goat Island webcam. And more!

Many thanks to Rob Rice and Paul LaChance for helping to set

up the new website, and to Charlie Wright for consultation and years of service in hosting the previous website. And thanks in advance to all of the folks who will contribute news, photos, and stuff you need to know in the future.

The site name will be:

www.kporttrust.com

Be sure to mark it as one of your bookmarks, as we will make sure to keep the content updated, useful, and fun.

Voices of the Port

"Trust in our Town, Trust in our Future" will be the central theme for the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust over the next several years as we attempt to complete the vision and leave to generations yet unborn the beauty and character of the community that we have been so fortunate to enjoy.

We believe strongly that our story is your story, that our love of this place reflects your love of community. That is why we want to hear from you. What does the protection of special places mean to you? What does it mean to be able to take your children to Goose Rocks Beach or to camp on the islands of Cape Porpoise? Is it significant to you that scenic vistas and public access have been maintained? How important is it to protect Goat Island Lighthouse? How important is it to have special places to go to where you can enjoy nature, think, relax, or put things into perspective? Is it important to maintain wildlife habitat? What special memories can you share about something that happened on a property

now owned by the Trust? What lessons can be learned by the young? What comforts can be given to the old?

Throughout our campaign we want to regularly feature the "Voices of the Port." We want all to know and appreciate the many different ways in which the work of the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust has affected the quality of life of those who live or visit here. We want to show that all of our citizens, young and old, rich and poor, native and newcomer benefit from the preservation of key properties. We want to pass on to our children, and our children's children, the ability to create stories of their own. Don't be shy. It's important. And whether it's a statement or a story, we want to hear from you.

Please mail your thoughts to:

Kennebunkport Conservation Trust
P.O. Box 7004, Cape Porpoise, ME 04014.
Or e-mail them to: kporttrust@gmail.com.

Thanks so much!



Preparing for a “Fairy Walk” in the woods, a 2008 Discovery Days activity.

Trust Continues “Discovery Days”

“In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we have been taught.” It was in that spirit that the Trust continued with its second annual “Discovery Days” in July and August, an effort to introduce children to the Kennebunkport landscape. A group of dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers led small groups of 6 to 12 year olds on a series of local adventures: a tour of Goat Island Lighthouse, sailing aboard the “Eleanor,” a mudwalk to the islands to explore tidal pools, an archeologi-

cal dig, tea at the Nott House, building bird houses, birch bark canoes or fairy houses by the waterfall. All were very well received and enjoyed by everyone. In addition, each participant received a Discovery Days tee shirt.

We’ll be doing it again this year so watch for the sign-up sheets. The field trips fill up fast so respond quickly. And for all those parents who wanted to join in the fun, this year we’ll be adding some adult outings too. Information will be available in late spring for the summer programs.

**If you know of children who would like to participate who are between the ages of 8 and 12, then be sure to let us know.
Classes will be taking place the weeks of
July 13-17 and August 10-14.**

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

2008 Events



Many enjoyable and successful events were held by the Trust during the course of the year. The Christmas season ended, and the new year began, with our traditional 12th Night Celebration.. Our building was filled with people enjoying the festivities. After refreshments and a time to socialize accompanied by the music of A.T. McHugh, our traditional Wassail cupcakes were passed out. Into three were baked the tokens that would determine the Kings and Queens who would preside over the evening. Many of our guests came in costume, just as in the days of old. All went to our first floor to see a “behind the scenes” look at the Trust’s year, and they were able to see some pretty amazing situations, many of which members of our audience were apparently involved in. Laughter abounded and everyone was well entertained. The evening ended in holiday song. Out thanks go out to Janet Weston, Pat Dugan, Nancy Kling, Pat Smith, Lynn Jourdan and Jenne James for putting together such a wonderful evening.



In February another full house was on hand to welcome back our friend David Mallett to the Trust headquarters. David’s compelling lyrics and perfectly crafted melodies have made him a folk legend. His “Garden Song” has been judged to be among the top 100 folk songs of all time, and his songs have been recorded by over 150 other artists including Emmylou Harris, Pete Seeger, John Denver, Kathy Mattea and even the Muppets. A bass and fiddle player rounded out his music and the sounds blended beautifully in the perfect acoustics of our main room. It was a special night.



Lynn Jourdan donated her time and talent to make a beautiful quilt which was raffled off to raise funds for the organization. It is just such sharing of our effort and abilities that has led to so many Trust accomplishments over the years. Together we can make a difference. Together we can do great things.

Despite the start of a world economic crisis, Trust in Art was again successful. In partnership with Heartwood College of Art, artists from around the area were invited to capture the beauty of Trust properties. The results were wonderful, the paintings capturing the beauty that makes us so proud of our community, that which the Trust is trying to forever preserve. The works were displayed, then auctioned off at Atlantic Hall in Cape Porpoise. Our thanks go out to the artists, our volunteers and to Kennebunk Savings Bank for their support. The event will take place again on October 11, 2009 so plan on joining in the fun.



In July, Jennifer Comeau and her band held a wonderful “Feed the Tribe” CD release party at the Trust with all funds going to the KCT. It was standing room only, with some listening through the porch windows, as all fell victim to Jennifer’s charm and talent. Our thanks go out to her, her husband John, the band, and all who worked to make the night so special.



The Trust’s annual Phillip H. Matthews Memorial Lobsterbake moved back to the shores of Cape Porpoise harbor this year with perfect weather, tours of Goat Island Light, the Chris Humphry Jazz Band, delicious food thanks to Ed Bull, Mark Nadeau, Dick Ackley and their faithful crews. After dancing to Straight Lace, the evening ended with a beautiful display of fireworks courtesy of Steve Pelkey. 2009 will mark our 15th year of the event and we plan on making it even more special so mark your calendars and get your tickets early!



Brian Prichard organized and ran the 3rd annual Road Rally. Vintage cars followed a timed course around the Kennebunks while searching for the answers to historical questions about the community and passing by our beautiful protected properties. The rally ended at the Trust headquarters where refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed by all.





“Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.” ~ Henry Van Dyke

For those who have shared their e-mail addresses, the Trust sends out each week a local photo and “Thought of the Week.” It’s the organization’s way of keeping in touch with its members, letting them know of recent and upcoming events, and celebrating the beauty of our protected properties. If you would like to receive the mailings, simply include your e-mail address with your membership or contact us through our website. Our e-mail list will remain confidential and we will keep our communications to a minimum.

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