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"Quiet Places" Trail Map



The handsome local trail maps now for sale in more than 30 stores are the product of 18 months of work. Land Trust members Carl Davis and Tess Burke first teamed up with Lee Burnett of the Sanford Trail Development Committee after learning that their separate proposals for recreation maps had each failed to obtain funding by Partners for Healthier Communities, a program run by Goodall Hospital. Carl and Tess had an idea for a canoe/kayak map, and Lee had an idea for a trail map. Undeterred by initial rejection for funding in December 2004, the three joined forces and got more ambitious. Over the next several months, the group obtained funding from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund, the Maine Community Foundation, and more than a half dozen local businesses and organizations, including Goodall Hospital. The scope of the map expanded from a simple local guide on a single sheet of office paper to a professionally produced, glossy map with text and color photographs. In addition to being an outdoors guide, the map became an organization tool for conservation groups. "Quiet Places - Hiking and Water Trails of Western York County, Maine" was published in May and was promoted with a series of events on National Trails Day (June 3).

Future editions of the map are planned. Please send your suggestions for improvements to Carl at 636-1714.

We would like to thank the following businesses and organizations who are selling the map:

Acton Trading Post Springvale Hardware Shaws Hardware Goodall Library

Crum's Cycles Sanford-Springvale Chamber of

Commerce

Falls Agway Norman Hardware

J+S Grocery and Deli

Springvale Nurseries

Flour House Bakery Springvale Library

Jeff Daigle Dentist Office

Giles Family Farm Conant Realty

Shapleigh Corner Store

Boonies Oak Hill Alpaca

Emery Mills Market

Summer Memories Natural Foods

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Town News and Announcements

Acton

The committee responsible for the care and maintenance of the Mary Grant Nature Preserve is in its second phase of activity this summer. The small barn is getting a paint job, and the remaining objects in the barn which weren't snapped up in last year's auction are being cleaned up. There are plans in the making for a sign and roadside fence to brighten up the front of the property, and discussion has begun on the planning of trails.

All this work is made possible by committee volunteers and generous donations from townspeople. Recently, the committee received a remarkable anonymous donation of \$1000 to help with the project.

The current members of the Mary Grant Committee are: Richard Neal (chair), Andy Brazier, Carl Davis, Yoli Gallagher, Dick Johnson, Barbara Seckar, Frank Verock, Jim Wilson, and Lorraine Yeaton. Thank you all for continuing to help make Acton a more beautiful place to live. Contributions to the efforts of the committee are greatly appreciated. Please send any donations to: Mary Grant Fund, c/o Town of Acton, Selectman's Office P.O. Box 540 Acton, ME 04001.

Alfred

The Shaker Woods Reserve Committee appointed by the Alfred Selectmen has begun work on a walking trail into the Shaker Woods site on the edge of Hay Brook/Middle Branch River. Work has been progressing slowly and the committee could use more volunteers to help

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them. The current committee consists of Shawn Jalbert, Chairman: Scott and Kelly Pelchat, residents of Shaker Woods; Joannna Sylvester, Amy Sprague and Tom Haimes, residents of Alfred; and Patricia Smith who represents the Three Rivers Land Trust. The Land Trust holds the conservation easement on this parcel. This year's heavy rains have made progress slow and there is a section of the access trail which will be wet in all years. It will need special handling before the trail can cross it or the trail may be seasonally limited. This is a walking trail, motorized vehicles are not allowed under the easement. The plan is to eventually have a small landing area at the shore to allow kayaks and canoes to land. If anyone is interested in helping with this trail work they should call Shawn Jalbert at 490-0849 or email him at paku@adelphia.net.

Lebanon

The owners of a historic farm property in Lebanon have come to our land

What is a Conservation **Easement?**

The conservation easement is a legal document that guides future land uses as ownership changes, protecting a property's key features by limiting the type and scope of development that can take place. Easement lands remain in private hands and on local tax rolls while providing such public benefits as open space, scenic vistas, and wildlife habitat. Easements allow landowners to help preserve important aspects of their community and contribute to the region's quality of life. Particularly in areas facing rapid development, easements can complement local zoning by ensuring appropriate growth and protection of sensitive areas.

-excerpted from Conservation Options, by Maine Coast Heritage Trust, 5th edition, 2003

trust for help in drafting a conservation easement. In this case the landowners not only want the fields and forest conserved, they also want their house and barn to remain substantially unchanged. Protection of buildings adds challenging oversight responsibilities for a land trust. Some land trusts shy away from the complexities involved with the preservation of buildings. Our land trust tries to respond to the wishes of owners of historic farm properties. In this case we are turning to Maine Preservation for assistance. They will help us to draft appropriate language in the easement document pertaining to the buildings. This provides assurance to the landowners that their goals for the care of their buildings will be met under the stewardship of the Land Trust.

Shapleigh

Although we call it a "Turtle Preserve" on Upper Goose pond, now owned by the Town of Shapleigh with stewardship responsibilities in the hands of the Town's Conservation Commission and the Three Rivers Land Trust, it is also a wonderful birding

spot. In the spring, you can see a marvelous array of migrating shore and water birds, including wood ducks, hooded mergansers, and buffleheads. Many birds pass through the area during the year, and others make their nests there. Black and white warblers and yellow rumps are the likely residents. You can also hear thrushes singing, and watch swallows cavorting over the water. A kayak trail into Upper Goose is on our new trail map, and the walking trail will be added when the map is reprinted. If you want directions, call Madge Baker (324-2520), Charles Gruber (636-1875), or Bill Hutchins (636-2737).

Our discussions continue with Shapleigh landowners who want to conserve their properties for future generations. These owners will tell you again and again how much joy their field and forest lands have given them over the years, and how fervently they want future generations to experience that same joy. There is a growing awareness in our community that a conservation easement is one of the best means available to safeguard the landscape.

Three Rivers Land **Trust Auction**

The Three Rivers Land Trust is planning its second annual Silent Auction to be held on Saturday, August 12, at McDougal Orchards on Hanson Ridge Rd. in Springvale from 6 to 8 pm. The McDougal Farm, which is hosting the auction, is protected by a conservation easement made possible by the Land For Maine's Future Fund. Many items have been donated by local businesses and individuals, including artwork, pottery, at least one mountain bike, handyman hours, a gourmet dinner for 4, half a cord of wood, and much more. There will be a \$5 entry fee to cover the cost of refreshments. The event will also feature live music and a dessert social, which will include pies, cakes, coffee, ice cream, and all sorts of other goodies.

For those not familiar with a Silent Auction, all the items will be displayed with a card next to them. Anyone who wishes to bid on that item writes their bid on the card (usually there is a minimum bid and minimum increase for the next bid). You can return to items you have bid on previously and bid higher, if you wish.

When bidding closes, the person with the highest bid wins the item.

Please come for an evening of fun and support the Three Rivers Land Trust!

Acton Trading Post

Fall's Agway (Sanford)

Flour House Bakery

Gile's Family Farm Kittery Trading Post

Jeweler's Outlet (Sanford)

McDougal Heating

McDougal Orchards

Memory Gardens

Miller Ford, Inc.

Oakhill Alpaca Ranch

Renaissance Greeting Cards

Ridley Farm Store

Springvale Hardware

Sprinvale Nursery

Tom's of Maine Waterways, Inc.

Wolf Pine Farm

Woltersdorf Acres

as well as everyone else who donated items and everyone who came and made this auction such a great success!

Book Corner - Springvale Library

Catastrophe of Man, Nature, and Climate world. Change, 2006

One commentator calls this book a Silent Spring for our time. In short, it needs to be leaders around the globe.

Kolbert is a staff writer for The New Yorker magazine. She is an investigative journalist who can weave astounding information into a very readable, succinct narrative. She does this by taking the reader to places we might not otherwise visit, like Greenland, Iceland, and Alaska, to hear from research scientists what they are observing.

Interspersed amidst these accounts are historical investigations. If you have read Jared Diamond's Collapse, 2004, you will find yourself in familiar surroundings as she reviews the current thinking about the trol carbon dioxide emissions, the increase

any point in the last 420,000 years. A pos-houses. sible consequence of even a four- or fivehumans have no prior experience." As for countries of the world. carbon dioxide levels, they are already above the highest concentrations recorded in ice cores around 325,000 years ago.

Kolbert also interviews people who understand these statistics and are trying to do something about them. One interviewee told her that if the US and China can con-

Elizabeth Kolbert, Field Notes from a collapse of earlier civilizations around the in greenhouse gas emissions can be halted. Others told her about cities like Burlington, Her statistics are chilling. For example: Vermont, and Seattle, Washington, that are "What the Vostok record (an ice core from acting locally to curtail emissions in response Antarctica) shows is that the planet is to grassroots pressure. In the Netherlands read and acted upon by public and private already nearly as warm as it has been at folks are looking forward to living in floating

> The book makes it very clear the only way degree temperature rise on the low end of out of this predicament is to lower greenprojections for the end of this century is house gas emissions, and that is only going to that the world will enter a completely new happen with committed public and private climate regime, one with which modern leadership in the developed and developing

> > Remember to check our website at www.3rlt.org

Farmer List—Buy Local & Support Local Farmer to keep farm lands viable!

Oakhill Alpaca Ranch, Shapleigh 793-3414

The Noon Family Sheep Farm, Springvale 324-3733 McDougal Orchards LLC, Springvale 324-5054

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Berry Best Farm, Lebanon 457-1435

Applegate Deer Farm, Shapleigh 793-8677

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Lavigne Strawberry Farm, Sanford 324-5497

Rivard's Blueberry Farm, Springvale, 324-5566

Carpenter's Christmas Tree Farm, Springvale 324-6869

Annette's Gardens, Perrenials, Springvale, 324-0331

Bernier's Egg Farm, Sanford 324-5608

Springvale Nurseries, Springvale, 490-5543

Kelly Orchard Inc, Acton 636-1752

Notre Dame Institute, Alfred 324-6612

Shapleigh Knoll Farm, Shapleigh 247-6948

Shain's Farm Stand, Sanford 324-1567

Sanford Farmers Market Fridays 8-12:00 SIS parking lot Rt. 109 Springvale Farmers Market Wed & Sat. Rite-Aid 8-12:00

Summer Statement

Yesterday I was helping my tractor mechanic as he diagnosed and fixed an electrical problem on my John Deere 10-10. Suddenly he stopped and exclaimed that he could never live in a city. There was a catbird in a nearby tree that was singing its heart out with such a clear and lovely tone that we were both transfixed and could only pause and enjoy. There was something about the quality of the quiet behind the bird's voice that was incredible. It was a fleeting moment, but one of those moments that are like snapshots and memorable.

As I reflect upon the land trust and our efforts, this moment comes to mind as a symbol of what our true mission is. If we can provide for others to enjoy as lovely and comparable a snapshot in the future as the essence of nature, we have done well.

One of the most important ingredients of a successful organization is its members. I must say that it is a pleasure to serve on a board of such interesting, enjoyable and dedicated people.

Thank you to all our friends and supporters.

Jean Noon, President