



# The Watershed Watch

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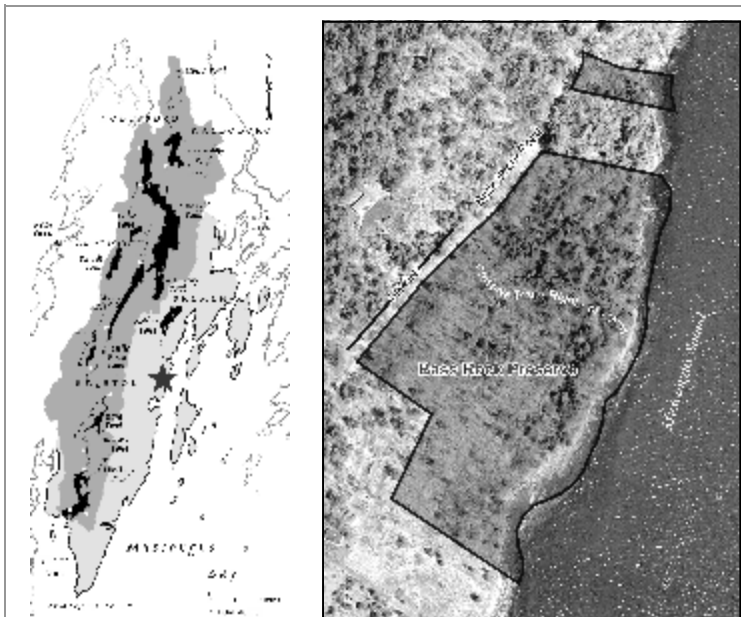
## PWA Receives Ownership of Bass Rock Preserve

In March 2009, the Pemaquid Watershed Association accepted the formal transfer from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) of the 10-acre Bass Rock Preserve on Back Shore Road in Round Pond. The preserve originally was donated to TNC in 1973 by Brian and Elfrida Holmes and has been managed since that time by TNC. This is the second preserve that TNC has transferred to PWA, having donated the 11-acre Osborn Finch Wildlife Sanctuary on Dutch Neck, Waldoboro, in 1992.

Bass Rock Preserve is dominated by mixed hardwoods and conifers on the bank of Muscongus Sound, with approximately 1,150 ft of deepwater frontage. A short trail leads from the road to the shore, and, near the shore, the trail diverges and



Photo by Paula Roberts



Location of Bass Rock Preserve on the Pemaquid Peninsula (l) and aerial view (r) showing the preserve boundaries.

Note that a small portion of the preserve lies to the north, separated from the main portion by private property.

**Directions:** Take Rte 32 to Round Pond. At the Granite Hall Store, take the north fork (on the left side of the store), which is Back Shore Road. The preserve is about 2 miles on the right. Trail head starts at CMP pole #19/28.

leads to a rocky beach and small cove. On either side of the cove, visitors can look out upon Muscongus Bay toward Friendship from the wide expanses of exposed ledge. This preserve also features a geologic mystery: a 2-ft by 2.5-ft-round, 4-ft-deep hole in the ledge located on the trail to the left off the main trail. In the near future, PWA plans to construct an informational kiosk by the trail head and create a small parking area, as parking currently is limited to roadside.

This summer, PWA will receive the transfer of TNC's 130-acre La Verna Preserve in Chamberlain. With Osborn Finch, Bass Rock, and La Verna, PWA will have a chain of three outstanding preserves on Muscongus Sound. Watch for announcements of ceremonies celebrating the Bass Rock and La Verna transfers.

PWA extends appreciation to TNC for their confidence in PWA to steward Bass Rock Preserve, and PWA particularly thanks Nancy Sferra and Dan Grenier of TNC for their leadership in the transfer process.

The Nature Conservancy is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect the plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on earth and in Maine, online at [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org).



## Executive Director's Corner

Anyone who knows me knows that I completely believe in the power of positivity to bring about good things. In that light, I feel that this is a perfect time to accentuate the benefits that PWA delivers and to channel even more energy into invigorating our momentum! PWA is now over 800-members strong, and we each have an important part to play in keeping the organization rolling along for the protection and betterment of the Pemaquid Peninsula. Beyond your so-very-much-appreciated-and-vital membership dues, how will you be active in PWA this year to add steam to our little environmental steam engine?

We have tons of programs and projects you can help with, like Courtesy Boat Inspections (see pg 7), summer camp (pg 9), Beachcombers' Rest Nature Center (pg 10), and the new Butterfly Garden (pg 7). There are also three special one-time events coming up this year for which we need chef-wannabes and party planners (see bottom of pg 10). Plus, there is much to do behind the scenes to make our operations tick. I think of B.J. Frederick of Damariscotta (see pg 10) who comes into the office now and again to bring our scrapbook of press releases up-to-date, or Karen Berg of Bremen who stops in every so often to do data entry. Vincent Frazzetta of Bristol, to my utter delight, has essentially adopted our storeroom, keeping it organized and trash-free. Roberta Adlington of Newcastle and Michele Bartrug of Nobleboro are "on call" for those two or so times a year when we have a massive mailing to stuff. You can even help from home, like Joan Panek, a *PWA Paradise Ponder*, who adds our list of annual events into the various online calendars like *Google* from her Massachusetts home in April, helping us get the word out about PWA. One immediate at-home opportunity is for a *PWA Facebook Page* manager; if you are familiar with *Facebook*, I'd love to have your help with that.

I could go on and on to name all the individuals who have stepped up to power PWA; you know who you are, and I want you to be assured that I cherish you and your service to PWA! You are a blessing to me, the only full-time staff person at PWA, and a blessing to our community and environment.

If you haven't yet volunteered with PWA, I ask you to seriously consider doing so this year. Whether you can spare 2 hours this year or 50, there is certainly some role at PWA to fit your passion, skills, and schedule. Call or email me to explore the opportunities and identify *your* PWA niche!

Baker, artist, gardener, editor, typist, teacher, writer, carpenter, "people-person", handy with loppers, adept with a gluestick, able to drive around and distribute our books for sale... put your talent to good use at PWA! Inch-by-inch, row-by-row, and *one-by-one*, we're gonna make this little PWA grow to all it can be, and all for the sake of this area we love.

☞ Donna Minnis,  
Executive Director



### The Pemaquid Watershed Association Mission:

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

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**Hurry!**  
**Double Donation Days**  
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## 2009 PWA IN BRIEF

- Wed., April 22, is Earth Day! Join a PWA & DRA collaborative **Trail Crew** at the Crooked Farm Preserve, 8:30 a.m.
- May to September: **PWA Paddlers** kayak and canoe trips. For a complete schedule, see [www.pemaquidwatershed.org/paddlers.html](http://www.pemaquidwatershed.org/paddlers.html)
- Mon., May 11: **Healthy Beaches Volunteer Training** 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Sat., May 30: **Courtesy Boat Inspection Training** 9:00-11:30 a.m. See page 7.
- Sat., June 6 is National Trails Day! **Trail Crew** at the La Verna Preserve, 8:30 a.m.
- Fri., June 12: **Party on the Pier** 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Sun., July 5: **Beachcombers' Rest Nature Center** opens for the season
- Sun., July 5: **Rubber Ducky River Race**
- July 6-17: **Watershed Kids Nature Day Camp**
- Sat., July 18: **Annual Meeting** 5:30 p.m.
- July 24-26: **Native American Recognition Celebration Weekend**
- August: **Bird Seed Sale**
- Sun., Sept. 13: **Cruise for a Cause**
- Sat., Sept. 19: **Coastal Cleanup**
- Sat., Oct. 17: **Volunteer Gala**
- See Page 6 for this year's schedule of *PWA Ponders* gatherings.

Get Calendar Details at  
[www.pemaquidwatershed.org/events.html](http://www.pemaquidwatershed.org/events.html)

## Watercolors in the Garden & in the Wild



An Exhibit of Paintings  
by Cecelia Phillips  
at the PWA Office Suite

through May 15  
weekdays 9:30-4:30

## President's Corner

As I write this column, it's March 31, so the calendar says, but, as I sit looking out on Pemaquid Pond, I see lots of ice, some snow, and a thermometer that seems reluctant to reach 50F. On the other hand, I heard the first loon this morning on the open water between Pemaquid and Biscay Ponds. Canada geese call every morning (too early, I'm afraid), there are lots of robins, and the feeder is full of gold and purple finches, pine siskins, redpolls, woodpeckers, including our resident redbellies, and, last week, an invasion of about 50 grackles.

March 31 marks the last day of the PWA fiscal year (FY). Thanks to you, our dedicated members, we have more-than-weathered the first year of the global recession, actually exceeding our FY08-09 fundraising goals with regard to membership dues and Annual Appeal! Although we did end the FY with a negligible deficit (\$2,100), it was more than compensated for by the surplus carried forward from the previous FY. So, I'm happy to report that, overall, PWA is in good financial shape as we start the new fiscal cycle. Thank you all for your generous support!

As we ask for your membership renewal at this time of year, we will be counting on you even more to ensure we can maintain our programming at its current level and bring new projects that advance our mission into the mix. Please see the mailing label on the back page of this newsletter to check if your membership is up-to-date; if it's not, I do hope you'll renew today.

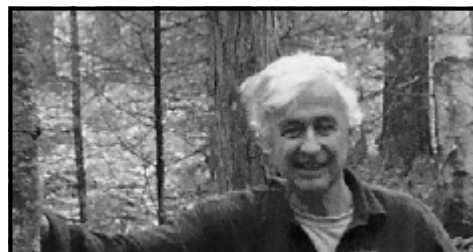
In mid-March, I was pleased to sign the deed to the Bass Rock Preserve, transferred to PWA by The Nature Conservancy. (See our feature article on page 1.) This 10-acre preserve on Muscongus Bay is a stunning complement to our Osborn Finch Wildlife Sanctuary and will be augmented by the formal hand-over this summer, again by TNC, of the La Verna Preserve.

As this newsletter shows, we have scheduled a wide variety of events and programs for the coming months. We all hope that you will join us for walks, talks, or many volunteer projects. Please make time to enjoy the beauty of the Pemaquid Peninsula at one of our preserves, by stopping in at Beachcombers' Rest Nature Center at Pemaquid Beach Park, or by enrolling your child or grandchild at our nature camp in July.

Our thanks once again go to our Executive Director, Donna Minnis, who has kept us focused on our goals and who has led us successfully through this past year. But, ultimately, our thanks go to you, because

PWA is fundamentally the collective of its members, powered by our individual passion and dedication.

☞ Ken Heath, President



# Duckpuddle Pond Watershed Survey: A Synopsis

Last year PWA worked with the Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District (KLSWCD) and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to conduct a field survey in the Duckpuddle Pond watershed. The main purpose of the survey was to identify existing sources of polluted runoff, particularly soil erosion sites, that may be impacting the quality of Duckpuddle Pond. An equally important purpose was to raise local public awareness of the connection between land use and water quality and inspire people to become active stewards of the watershed.

The information gathered in the survey will be used as a component of a long-term pond protection strategy and to make general recommendations to landowners for fixing erosion problems. The complete 24-page report on the 2008 Duckpuddle Pond watershed survey, including ratings for the 45 identified sites, is available for download from PWA's web site: [www.pemaquidwatershed.org/PondsInOurWatershed/Index.html](http://www.pemaquidwatershed.org/PondsInOurWatershed/Index.html). A synopsis of it is presented here.

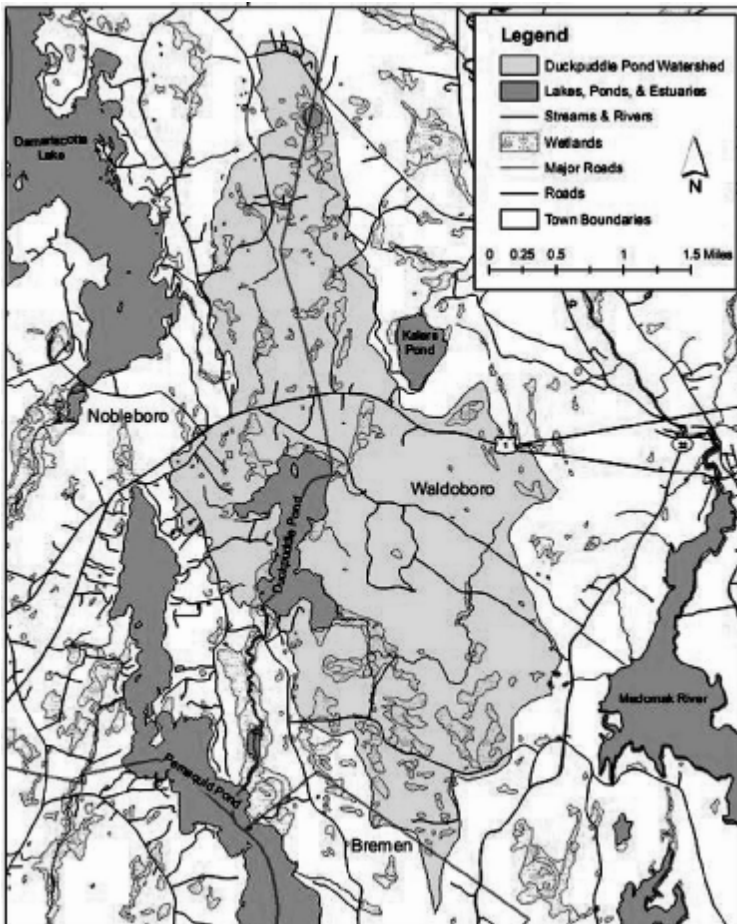
## Methods and Results

On April 19, 2008, volunteers were trained and then organized into teams to survey six sectors encompassing the Duckpuddle Pond watershed. The teams identified a total of 45 sites as possible sources of polluted runoff. Eight land-use types were associated with the identified sites: Beach Access/Path, Camp/Campsite, Construction Site, Driveway, Private Road, Residential, State Road, and Town Road.

Each site was rated on three criteria:

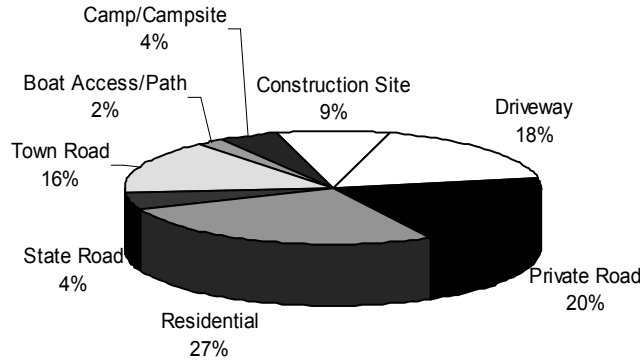
- ① **"Technical Knowledge to Fix the Site"** describes the degree of technical expertise needed to address the problem. **Low-tech** level requires little or no specific technical assistance. **Medium-tech** level should be visited by a technical expert. **High-tech** level requires a professionally engineered design.
- ② **"Impact"** was assigned by considering factors such as the size of disturbed area, slope, soil type, amount of soil that is eroding, proximity to water or buffer, and size of buffer. **Low-impact** eroding sites are those with limited soil transport off-site. **Medium-impact** sites are those where sediment is transported off-site, but the erosion does not reach a high magnitude. **High-impact** sites are large sites with significant erosion that flows directly into a stream or the lake.
- ③ **"Cost to Fix the Site,"** including estimates for labor and materials. **Low-cost** sites were estimated to cost less than \$500 to fix. **Medium-cost** sites were estimated to cost between \$500 to \$2,500 to fix. **High-cost** sites were estimated to cost above \$2,500 to fix.

*The first survey of the Duckpuddle Pond watershed was done in April of 1995 and identified 55 non-point source pollution (NPS) sites, of which 75% were road-related sites. Based on those survey findings, KLSWCD conducted NPS abatement projects at 6 priority road sites and 1 agricultural site.*



*Duckpuddle Pond's watershed, or all the land that drains to the pond, totals 8.5 square miles (shown in light gray).*

### Sites by Land Use



*Documenting a site.*

### Specific Findings:

- Most of the problems were found on residential properties and private roads.
- About 13% of the problems may be causing a significant impact to the pond.
- Most sites can be fixed with low to moderate labor and materials cost. In fact, only 6 of the 45 sites were rated with a high cost to fix.

Almost all of the sites identified in the survey are significant to one degree or another. It also is important to note that the cumulative effect of many low- and medium-impact sites can exceed that of any one high-impact site.

### The Next Step

Steering Committee members plan to hand-deliver a letter summarizing the survey results to each of the 28 landowners of the medium- and high-impact sites. The purposes of this individual contact with the landowners are to make them aware of the survey and findings, encourage their voluntary involvement to address the polluted runoff site found on their property, and offer references and resources to assist. It is entirely up to the individual landowner as to what, if anything, is done to mitigate the site.

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For more information on the survey report, contact Kathy Ward at KLSWCD at (207) 273-2005 x101 or [kathy.ward@me.nacdnet.net](mailto:kathy.ward@me.nacdnet.net).

*The Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District works cooperatively with landowners to protect natural resources. Their overall mission is to provide assistance in conservation of land and water resources for the community through proactive efforts, actions and education.*

### Acknowledgments

PWA volunteers, especially the "PWA Duckpuddle Ponders," were key to the success of the survey. Scott Barber, Joe and Carol Cirigliano, Bill Hallett, Hugh and Rachel McGinness, Charlie and Fran Pichette served on the Steering Committee for the project. They, along with Barbara Boardman, Bob Beckwith, Louise Dunlap, Rudy Graf, Tracy Harkins, and Kenneth Stewart, assisted with surveying the watershed to collect the data. PWA's Executive Director, Donna Minnis, also served on the Steering Committee and helped conduct the survey.

PWA extends appreciation to the Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District for spearheading this project and to the Maine DEP for its vital technical assistance and leadership.

Specifically, PWA thanks the technical staff who led the survey teams: Chris Dunn and Rob Stenger of MCC AmeriCorps; Amanda R. Downer (KLSWCD); and Kristin Feindel, Wendy Garland and Norm Marcotte of the Maine DEP. PWA also thanks Amanda Downer, Kathy Ward, and Kristin Feindel for preparing the report.

Funding for this project, in part, was provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. Section 319 grants are administered by the Maine DEP in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

*Since July 2008*

*in memory of*

**Karl Berger**, from William and Marie Sabin

**Floyd Clement**, from Mike and Jane Trefren

**Karl Papendick**, from The Bada Bargain Flea Market

Jonathan Miller

Toni Benner

Maureen Barr

Daniel Van Wert

James and Karen Rowley

Ellen and Mark Kogan

Robert and Emilie Harting

"Karl's friends"

**William & Wilma Watkins**, from Mike and Jane Trefren

*in honor of*

**Donna Minnis**, from Kate Ireland

## History of the *PWA Ponders*

The *PWA Ponders* gatherings began in June 2003 with the *PWA Biscay Ponders*. Facilitated by 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 prevention, boating regulations, invasive plants, and best camp practices, which spurred the creation of "Ponders Packets." PWA provides these informational packets free-of-charge to property owners and landlords (for themselves and their guests). Participants in the initial *Ponders* 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 *PWA Pemaquid Ponders* began. In 2006, the

*PWA McCurdy Ponders* and *PWA Duckpuddle Ponders* met for the first time. Then, in 2008, the *PWA Paradise Ponders* began. Each *Ponders* group meets once a year in the summer at the pond-side home of a PWA member who volunteers to serve as host. Each gathering is scheduled for a date and time convenient to the host.

Two weeks before a *Ponders* gathering, PWA mails postcard invitations to everyone in its database who lives adjacent to the respective pond or has asked to be on the *Ponders* list.

PWA also submits a press

release announcing the event. In addition, hosts are given the opportunity to locally distribute leaflets inviting anyone with a potential concern about the respective pond to attend, particularly those who are not yet reached by the PWA mailing list.

The gatherings are fairly informal and flow at their own pace. They usually last for about 2 hours and typically start with attendees enjoying a potluck meal or refreshments and spending time getting acquainted.

Then the group comes together for a brief overview of PWA and the roles PWA plays in protecting the pond and watershed. After the PWA stage is set, the rest of the time at the gathering is spent in an informal group discussion of pond-related questions, ideas, concerns, and joys with the PWA Executive Director, Board President, and/or other Board representatives. Getting to know neighbors and sharing information about water quality, responsible stewardship, sustainable development,

and conservation easements have been some of the great benefits of these gatherings.

If you are interested in hosting a *PWA Ponders* gathering, or if you would like to make sure that you are on PWA's list of *Ponders*, please contact the PWA office at (207) 563-2196 or [info@pemaquidwatershed.org](mailto:info@pemaquidwatershed.org).



*PWA Director, Mary Berger (center), shares information with attendees of the 2008 PWA McCurdy Ponders gathering hosted by Steve Foote (right) and Jonathan Pelletier.*

### **2009 PWA Ponders Dates**

*(Rain or Shine)*

- ◆ McCurdy – Ed and Carol Knapp  
Wed. June 17, 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Duckpuddle – Donna Gronros  
Sun. Aug. 2, 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Pemaquid – Chris and Diane Hayes  
Wed. Aug. 5, 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Paradise – Ken and Barb Williams  
Sun. Aug. 9, 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Biscay – Kent and Dotty Booher  
Sun. Aug. 16, 3:00 p.m.

## Thank you to the PWA Ponders Hosts

### Biscay Ponders

2003 (four meetings the first year):  
 Kelly (Caroline) Howe  
 Karl & Mary Berger  
 Russ & Gloria Canterbury  
 Preston Kelly & Eleanor Kinney  
 2006 Bill & Mary Bausch  
 2007 Matthew & Laurie Hanly  
 2008 Cyndy & Jon Fairbanks  
 2009 Kent & Dotty Booher

### Pemaquid Ponders

2005 Gerry & Gail Clark  
 2006 & 2007 Bob & Martha Naismith  
 2008 John & Jan Faulstich  
 2009 Christopher & Diane Hayes

### McCurdy Ponders

2006 Parker & Sue Renelt  
 2007 Mac & Stevie Rogers  
 2008 Steve Foote & Jonathan  
 Pelletier  
 2009 Ed & Carol Knapp

### Duckpuddle Ponders

2006 & 2007 Eric & Gail Thompson  
 2008 Tracy Harkins & Scott Barber  
 2009 Donna Gronros

### Paradise Ponders

2008 Lee Parsons  
 2009 Ken & Barb Williams

# COURTESY BOAT INSPECTION

## Protect your pond from Invaders

Courtesy boat inspectors require no previous experience, only a willingness to spend time at your boat launch, talk with pond-goers, and take a close look at what is going into your pond.



There will be a training at the Nobleboro Town Hall, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

All are welcome to come, pre-registration is not mandatory.

**With the CBI program, you choose your time commitment**

Contact PWA for more details  
 (207) 563-2196 or [pwalearn@pemaquidwatershed.org](mailto:pwalearn@pemaquidwatershed.org)

(Right) Gail and Gerry Clark practice the boat inspection process at the annual training session.



Because it is illegal to transport any plant on a boat or gear, volunteer inspectors do **not** have to be able to identify specific plants. You just need to enjoy visiting with boaters and be able to spot 'hitchhiking' vegetation. It's easy and fun to be an "inspector" ...**COME GIVE IT A TRY!**

### TESTIMONY OF A CBI...

Gail & I view CBI as an education opportunity. Most are aware of the invasive plant threat to Maine lakes and are anxious to do their part to preserve our lakes for fishing, boating, and swimming. CBI is fun, and you meet lots of neighbors and nice people.  
 -Gerry Clark

# Butterfly Garden

PWA is excited to announce that we will be proceeding with a garden at Pemaquid Beach Park this year!

Although the original, wonderfully grand idea for a *Four Winds Garden* that was proposed last year did not manifest for a number of practical reasons, the seed that was planted with the *Four Winds* idea has in fact grown into a project consistent with the original vision.

With enthusiastic support by the Bristol Parks and Recreation Commission, PWA will be taking over the management of an existing flower bed next to the concession stand at the Park and expanding and transforming it into a Butterfly Garden. As you may recall, one of the four plantings that were envisioned as part of *Four Winds* was a butterfly garden.

Photo by Mark Ward



A Red Admiral.

An array of native flowers that bloom at different times will be selected in order to provide butterfly habitat from spring through autumn. We look forward to a beautiful garden at the beach gracefully swarming with monarchs, swallowtails, admirals, and more!

PWA sincerely thanks Liz Kellett who originally proposed the idea for *Four Winds Garden*. Her visionary thinking and passion for the impor-

tance of a garden at Pemaquid Beach Park created the momentum that led to this Butterfly Garden. PWA also thanks the Bristol Parks and Recreation Commission for their continued partnership on environmental education projects at the Park.

To volunteer to help design, plant, or maintain the Butterfly Garden, or to help with the creation of the educational display that we will place near the garden, contact Cyndy Fairbanks at (207) 563-2043 or [sprucehillfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:sprucehillfarm@yahoo.com).

Perhaps you have seen the newspaper articles this winter reporting on the 2008 census of loons conducted by the Maine Audubon Society. Whether you saw the *Kennebec Journal* article (January 20, 2009) or the one in *Lincoln County News* (January 22, 2009), the



## Loons in the Watershed

word is out that Maine's adult loon population has rebounded after two years of declining numbers. That's a lovely way to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Audubon Loon Count, but it's not the whole story. While the number of adults counted showed an increase, the number of chicks counted fell to 184 from the 422 counted just the year before. That's scary, to say the least. What's really going on?

The Maine Audubon Society began the annual loon census in 1983. Fewer loons were counted then, but there were fewer volunteers counting the loons. Last year's count involved a record number of counters. That may account in part for the higher count of adults, but what about the decreased number of chicks?

Some counters say that the return of bald eagles, while celebrated for the sake of the eagles, is bad news for loon chicks and for the long-range prospect for our adult loon population. Eagles have been spotted harassing parent loons until they tire, then the eagles swoop down on the vulnerable chicks.

Turtles are known to go after loon eggs in the nests. Flooding of loon nests caused by heavy rain also may have had an effect in recent years. Increased boat traffic likely has had an impact as well. We can't control the weather or the natural behavior of eagles or turtles, but we can stay clear of possible loon nesting sites and urge others to do the same.

Seven ponds in the Pemaquid River watershed are among those surveyed in the statewide count. In our watershed, the numbers in recent years remain virtually unchanged.

The 2008 count for our ponds was:

Biscay	1 adult
Boyd	2 adults, 1 chick
Duckpuddle	3 adults
Little	2 adults
McCurdy	1 adult
Paradise	3 adults
Pemaquid	15 adults, 1 chick

That's a total of 27 adults and 2 chicks. Three years ago, 28 adults and 2 chicks were counted.

How does the count work? Each year, the third Saturday of July is set aside for the count, and it always

takes place from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. that day. The 2009 count is slated for July 18, which happens to be the same day as PWA's Annual Meeting.

Counters volunteer to survey their pond -- usually the one on which they live or have a boat, kayak, or canoe -- and then report the results. Each counter is equipped with a map of the

pond on which the counter marks time and location of sightings and whether an adult or chick has been seen. If a loon is sighted while in flight, that is also recorded. Lincoln County is divided into two regions, one for Damariscotta Lake and one for the other ponds in the county, including those in our watershed.

*For loon count results by region, see [www.maineaudubon.org](http://www.maineaudubon.org)*

As one might suspect, most of the counters for the ponds in our watershed are PWA members, including Jan and John Faulstich who serve as coordinators for the region. For more information or to volunteer to help with the count, email Jan and John at [janjohn@waltzingcat.com](mailto:janjohn@waltzingcat.com) or call (207) 563-5578 after May 15. Those who have participated over the years are most enthusiastic about the project and have developed a real love for "their" loons. Come join us!

*This July 18<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to come count loons in the morning and then attend PWA's Annual Meeting in the evening!*

## Flap in the Breeze with the New PWA Burgee



Show your PWA style with an 8"x12" swallowtail burgee suitable for small motorboats, sailboats and kayaks or for just putting on a wall in your den or porch or on a flagpole in your garden. The base of the burgee is forest green, with our green and white PWA loon logo on a white circle and PWA initials in white, silk screened on both sides.

It is made of 400 Denier nylon, finished with a white header and two brass grommets, UV inhibitor to prevent fading, polyurethane coating to protect and seal the threads and separate binding applied to the edges to increase longevity. The burgees can be purchased from the PWA office for \$21.00 each (includes sales tax). PWA thanks Peter Lawrence for spearheading the addition of this wonderful new item to PWA's offerings.

# Creating Summer Camp Memories: The Hauschka Scholarship Fund

Every child deserves wonderful outdoor camp experiences. In that spirit, nine years ago, PWA established the Hauschka Scholarship Fund in honor of the family that spearheaded the organization's grassroots origins. Ted and Elsa Hauschka were the primary founders of the Biscay Pond Association in 1966, which became PWA in 1973. Their namesake scholarship fund continues their legacy and dedication to sharing the wonders of, teaching respect for and educating our youth about the natural world around us and serves as a lasting reminder of the important contributions the Hauschkas made towards preserving the natural beauty of our region.

So far, PWA has distributed \$15,860 in scholarships to 102 children to attend summer camp, including Tanglewood 4-H Camp in Lincolnville, Morris Farm Day Camp in Wiscasset, Wavus-By-Day in Jefferson, and PWA's own *Watershed Kids Nature Day Camp* in Damariscotta.

**Please help us help make these dreams a reality by making a donation to the Hauschka Scholarship Fund.**

*Donations are tax-deductible & may be made online via [www.networkforgood.org](http://www.networkforgood.org) or via check payable to PWA sent to PO Box 552, Damariscotta, ME 04543.*

**THANK YOU!**



*When curiosity, learning, and fun converge at PWA's Watershed Kids Nature Day Camp, the memories created can last a lifetime.*

*Please help inspire a child with a contribution to the Hauschka Scholarship Fund.*



An Exploration Adventure through the Pemaquid River Watershed!

**Summer 2009**

"Explorers" July 6 - 10 Ages 6 - 9  
 "Naturalists" July 13 - 17 Ages 10 - 12  
**8:30 am - 3:00 pm Daily**  
**\$175 per 5-day Session**



## Registration Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of July 2009: \_\_\_\_\_

"Explorers" (Ages 6-9) / "Naturalists" (Ages 10-12)

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per 5-day session is \$175.  
*Financial assistance is available.*

**⇒ Pre-registration is required by May 1, 2009:**

Please complete this registration form and mail it to Pemaquid Watershed Association PO Box 552, Damariscotta, ME 04543 along with a **non-refundable** deposit of \$90.

*A camper information packet will be mailed to you once registration and deposit are received.*

⇒ The remainder of the tuition (\$85) is required by June 30, 2009.

⇒ FMI, contact PWA at 207-563-2196 or [pwalearn@pemaquidwatershed.org](mailto:pwalearn@pemaquidwatershed.org)

**LOCATION:** Camp will be held at the Doyle Preserve in Damariscotta on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Thursday, campers will spend the day at the Rachel Carson Salt Pond Preserve in New Harbor.

*This camp program and other activities at the Doyle Preserve are available in part thanks to*  
 Sponsor of the Doyle Preserve as part of PWA's Adopt-a-Trail Program.

# Volunteer Spotlight



B.J. Frederick

**Name:** Barbara J. Frederick (aka "B.J.")

**Age:** 75

**Occupation:** Retired Educator

**How long have you lived in Damariscotta:** since 1983

**Where did you grow up:** Medford, MA

**How long have you volunteered with PWA?** 1½ years

- **Programs you most often volunteer for:** Clerical – Office Work – Mailings, and I take care of putting all the PWA newspaper articles into a scrapbook.
- **First PWA program you volunteered at & memories of that experience:** The 2007 Fall Coastal Cleanup at Pemaquid Point. It was a beautiful fall day and the monarch butterflies had just hatched. I remember walking head-down along the sunlit road, searching for trash, and seeing the shadows of countless butterflies above our heads. Of course, we would have to stop, look up, and admire them before getting back to work. It was a memorable day.
- **Hobbies/Interests:** Since 2001, Coastal Senior College has been my most time-consuming "job." I was a founding member and, for many years, served as Chair of the Curriculum Committee. I have met

many wonderful people and have found CSC is an excellent fit for me. In recruiting volunteers, I tell them "many hands make light work." I think I have applied this philosophy to PWA. I do a little now and then, knowing that many others are doing so much more.

- **What keeps you coming back each year to PWA as a member and volunteer?**

This may sound corny, but in a small way, I feel needed at PWA. When I was busy elsewhere for several months, I found that Donna had "saved" the newspaper clippings for me to add to the scrapbook. I now know that is my "special job," and it brings me back on a regular basis. I began at PWA in order to fulfill my *Midcoast Stewards* volunteer requirement. I continue because I have a job to do!



## Volunteer This Year!

**NATURE CENTER...** Looking for a way to share your skills this summer? Follow the river down to the sea. Beachcombers Rest Nature Center at Pemaquid Beach is making plans for the 2009 season. This unique facility has been one of the main educational programs of PWA, reaching out to youth and adults each summer since 2003. It is a collaboration between PWA and the Town of Bristol, which provides the facility and maintenance.

Weekly events include workshops and a Touch Tank. We plan to be open July 5 through all of August. To keep its doors open, however, volunteers are needed. We will need help to welcome visitors to the nature center, organize the Native American Recognition Celebration, oversee the touch tank or help judge sand sculptures at a Beachscapes contest. If interested, we will be pleased to offer brief training to acquaint you with the nature center. Imagine spending just 3 hours or more at BRNC then grabbing a book and beach chair to relax at Pemaquid Beach. FMI, contact Joan Lyford, BRNC Co-Director, at (207) 677-2795.



**SPECIAL 2009 CELEBRATION 'TASK FORCES'...** Do you like to cook or throw parties?

- Recognition Dinner for Preserve and Easement Donors
- Celebration of the Transfer of Bass Rock Preserve to PWA
- Celebration of the Transfer of the La Verna Preserve to PWA



**FROM HOME...** PWA FaceBook Page Manager

**OTHER...** Geocaching enthusiasts to assist in setting up Geocache Adventures on PWA trails.

*If you are a member of PWA,  
here is your chance  
to become an active volunteer,  
but you need not be a member  
to volunteer!*

# NEW!

## Wish List "Catalog"

Support PWA by 'buying' an item from their wish list!

### Office/Equipment Needs:

- Swingline® LightTouch™ Heavy-Duty Stapler: \$75.99
- Duracell AA/AAA 15-Minute Charger Kit: \$47.99
- Amplivox Mity-Meg Plus 25 Watt Megaphone: \$169.99  
(for Rubber Ducky Race, Summer Camp, and other events)
- Handy Backup 6.0 software: \$62.49 (to facilitate automatic backup of the data on the office computers)
- QuickBooks Pro 2009: \$159.95 (We have a \$40 coupon!)  
(to update our accounting software)
- GiftWorks 2008 Premium Upgrade: \$399.00 (to bring the membership database software on the Executive Director's computer up-to-date)
- GiftWorks 2008 Premium: \$699.00 (to add a new site license so another office worker can work on the membership database)
- Targus Notebook Wireless Presenter: \$49.99 (to make our public presentations more professional; this gadget enable remote advance of PowerPoint presentations, and it is also a laser pointer)
- Staples 15-Sheet Cross Cut Paper Shredder: \$109.99 (with rebate)
- Molding (53 linear ft): \$78.44 (for ease of hanging art at our art exhibits)
- Fellowes Saturn SL125 Laminating Machine: \$179.99 (for educational displays and PWA membership cards)
- Fellowes 5 Mil, Letter Size Laminating Pouches (100 pack): \$47.99

### Outreach Services:

- 1 classroom visit: \$50.00
- 1 *Watershed Kids Nature Day Camp* scholarship: \$175

### Other:

- 5 square of either 3-tab or architectural asphalt shingles for Osborn Finch Cabin: \$125.00
- Three *L.L. Bean* Discovery Binoculars, 8x25: \$49.95 (for use at our summer day camp)
- Six Ammo Cases (.30 or .50 cal.): \$14.95 each (for use in a geocaching event or GPS course)

All you need to do is send a check in the amount of the item to PWA at PO Box 552, Damariscotta, ME 04543, and note in the check memo what you are "buying" for PWA.

Have you wanted to help PWA with their Wish List but just haven't had what they've been looking for?

Well, now fulfilling a PWA Wish is easier than ever!

Instead of donating the actual item, you can now donate its value so PWA can acquire it!

Partial contributions are welcome!



**SUMMER CAMP...**PWA needs volunteers to help with our summer camp. We lead two 5-day sessions of camp: July 6-10 for 6- to 9-year olds and July 13-17 for 10- to 12-year olds. Camp runs daily from 8:30-3:00, with 4 days in Damariscotta and 1 day in New Harbor.

- **Camp Assistant:** PWA seeks an adult who can commit to volunteering for one or both week-long sessions and help with lessons, activities and hikes. Ideally, this person would be willing and able to be present every day that the camp session meets. Modest stipend available. Application includes a standard background check.
  - **Counselor-in-Training:** PWA is looking for two responsible young people who enjoy the outdoors and would like to get some camp counselor training. The ideal candidate for the Explorers camp (July 6-10) would be at least 11 years old, and for the Naturalists camp (July 13-17) would be at least 14 years old.
- If you are interested in volunteering with camp in any fashion, please contact Luke Lunt, Camp Director and PWA AmeriCorps Member, at (207) 563-2196 or [pwalearn@pemaquidwatershed.org](mailto:pwalearn@pemaquidwatershed.org).



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- Steward \$50
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- Conservation Partner \$1000
- Business Steward \$50
- Business Patron \$100

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