

**Androscoggin Greenway  
Community Forest Purchase**  
*Jason C. Libby, Board member,  
former Board President*

In almost a quarter century, ALT has become the region's leader in conserving and stewarding important natural assets. Beginning when a group of community members came together to save over 1900 acres of land on the Androscoggin River threatened by development, that conserved area has grown to nearly 2,600 acres and is now known as the Androscoggin Riverlands State Park in Turner and Leeds.

Since then, ALT has served as an advocate for recreation, farming and working forests as well as healthy and vibrant communities. With more than 5,000 acres of land conserved, we continue to meet our commitment in protecting significant and sensitive lands, wildlife habitat, scenic vistas and watersheds within our service areas.

We again have an opportunity to make another great impact in the region by purchasing nearly 1,300 acres of community forest along the Androscoggin River in Jay and Canton. At a project cost of more than \$600,000, we have sought funding for from a number of sources. The Land for Maine's Future program has committed to invest \$259,185, Verso Paper has committed to a bargain sale to make the land more affordable, and we have raised over \$201,515 through private sources, including foundations, to date.

We are very close to have final conditions from Verso Paper for the sale of this land and look forward to raising awareness of what it will take to complete this project for the communities of Jay, Canton and Livermore Falls.

To paraphrase Theodore Roosevelt, America's conservation president, the best decision is to do something but the worst decision is to do nothing at all. We will be looking to the community for support as we begin the process of stewarding, expanding access and maintaining trails on this incredible, soon to be public resource. With your help, we will once again make history on the Androscoggin.

Our opportunity is great and so is the reward.



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*Fall 2013*

**Summer 2013 Statistics**

- 2.5 miles of new riverfront trail secured in Jay/Livermore Falls
- 23 fish caught by youth at the "Learn to fish" sessions in July
- 31 bags of trash collected at the Annual River Clean Up in June
- 47 ATV riders enjoyed the Whistlestop Trail on National Trails Day, June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 52 boats counted on the water at sunrise on Saturday of the Balloon Festival
- 83 attended the record breaking Paddle After Hours on Sept 5 in L/A
- 101 competitors in the Chief Worumbo River Race, July 14th
- 156 employees who participated in Trail Work Days with P&G Tambrands
- 899 miles walked by the LA Trails Volunteer Trail Stewards between June and August
- 1,783 pages in the voluntary Accreditation Application submitted in September



Steve Fuller  
**L.L.Bean**

***Androscoggin Land Trust Annual Meeting***

***November 19, Hilton Garden Inn, 5:30 reception; 6:00 meeting***

***Keynote Speaker: Steve Fuller, LL Bean***

Steve Fuller is the Senior Vice President / Chief Marketing Officer for L.L. Bean. In this role, he oversees all marketing functions for the company including advertising, customer planning, e-commerce, advertising, database segmentation, operations (printing, paper, forecasting) as well as L.L. Bean's Multi-Channel strategic initiatives.

Steve is from Livermore Falls and received his undergraduate degree from Bates College. He has an MBA from Boston College and attended Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program. He is a member of L.L. Bean's Board of Directors and serves as a Trustee at Bates College.

**New Board members:  
Jeanelle Demers &  
Elwood (Woody) Trask**



**Jeanelle Demers**, a native of Lewiston/Auburn, has a B.A. in Studio Art from the University of Vermont, is a portrait artist, and is employed as the Administrative Coordinator at Baxter Brewing Company, a local craft brewery

that is committed to green practices and environmental sustainability. Also an active member of the fitness community, she coaches CrossFit, and participates in many local events including road, obstacle, and trail races. Jeanelle treasures the opportunity to connect with nature in any way possible, such as gardening, hiking, running, and being on the water.

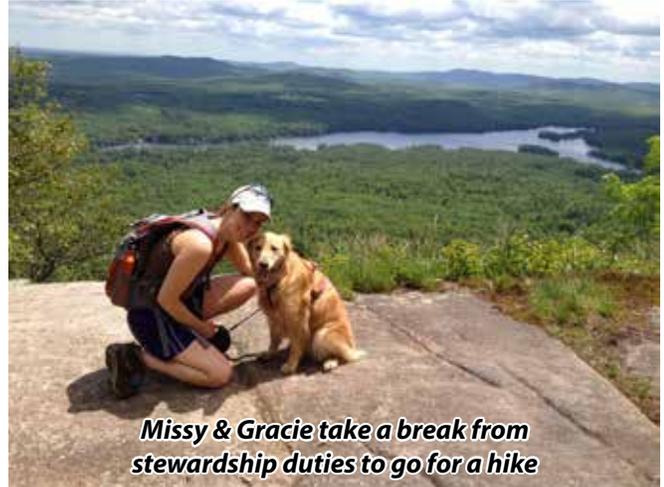


**Elwood (Woody) Trask**, earned his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Tufts University after graduating from Bates, and recently retired after 35 years of textile product design and

development for a range of industries involved in the use of recycled plastics. He is the volunteer water quality monitor for Taylor Pond, where he will be involving Bates students to encourage their research of water quality year-round. His support of youth and education includes 12 years of active leadership with Head Start. Woody also sings with the Androscoggin Chorale. As a firm believer in the power of education and ‘on the land’ experiences as part of learning, Woody endorses the notion that land be allowed to remain in a state where nature can flourish and also be enjoyed by the community - that it is a resource and a respite.

**LA Trails Volunteer Trail Steward:  
Personal Reflection  
by Missy Bilodeau, Steward & Trainer**

Rooted maple trees inspire me; the fact that these big tall trees stand through wind and rain and storms gives me strength. The brilliance of the many birds’ songs entertains me and reminds me of the coming



**Missy & Gracie take a break from stewardship duties to go for a hike**

and going of seasons. The steadiness of nature to be there: living, growing and dying and doing it with grace.

I volunteer for the Androscoggin Land Trust because of my love of nature. I believe it is necessary that we conserve and care for and protect what makes our community so special. During my lifetime in Auburn-Lewiston, I have watched many farmlands and green spaces disappear to be replaced by box stores and tar. I am not opposed to growth. But I am for progression with concern and thoughtfulness of maintaining a balance of between nature and economy.

As a trail Steward for ALT, I have committed time to walk my path and keep it clean and safe. This commitment gives back to the land and community, as well, it also gets me out walking and gives me time in the fresh air. Being a steward for the land trust gives me an important, organized way to help in the company of those with the heart and hands to do the same.

***Volunteer Land & Trail Stewards meet informally every third Thursday of the month at the ALT offices, 86 Main Street, Auburn; Suite 201. People interested in volunteering are welcome to come to these meeting for information about training and getting involved. To learn more, email Mike Auger at [mauger@androscogginlandtrust.org](mailto:mauger@androscogginlandtrust.org)***

## **ALT's role in connecting youth to nature: future stewardship and environmental education** *by Summer Intern, Megan Howes (McGill University, 2015)*

In July, the Boys and Girls Club of Auburn spent a beautiful morning at Little Andy Park fishing by the river. The same afternoon, a group from the Tree Street Youth program came to the same spot to try their hand at casting lines. The groups were joined by ALT's executive director, Jonathan LaBonte and Emily McCabe from Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

The day was a great success for both groups. The kids loved spending time by the water, even if they hadn't had many bites. For some, it was their first time fishing, and they were 'hooked'.

Before they left, they all picked up trash along the riverbank to leave it cleaner than they had found it. Partnerships between ALT and community programs that connect youth to nature promote values of stewardship while teaching life lessons for engaged citizenship in future adults.



**Tree Street leader, Tony, assists Halima in removing a fish from the hook**

### **Development Matters** *by Kathy Young*

My first summer on the Androscoggin River – there were so many opportunities to paddle, watch balloons, fish and explore. Moving to this new community and being able to meet supporters and friends out on the river has been a privilege during my first six months on the job. Talking with business contacts has taken a lot of my



time; I like to meet personally with prospective partners so that I can understand who they are and how their company or business operates locally, regionally or nationally.

This year our connections with large employers have resulted in work party days and group paddles through their wellness programs. Having these unique experiences can be life-changing for the individual. I've seen people truly open up to the thrill of paddling, the delight of a nature trail and the awe of seeing the same place from a new perspective.

If your company has an interest in participating with ALT through the wellness or HR program; please give me a call. All four seasons offer opportunities on our conserved land for team building, work projects, nature discovery and personal development. Together, we can offer opportunities to participate; feel good and do good.

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“For the work we do, in conserving land, in advancing conservation, access, education, and recreation opportunities along our Androscoggin Greenway —our volunteers and members are essential. If you love the Androscoggin River and appreciate ALT’s accomplishments, join us! There is so much more important, enduring work to do.”

**Judy Marden**  
Board President

