



From the Forest

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Quote of the Month

"Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books."

- Sir John Lubbock

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New Web Site Goes Live

We're excited to announce that we've gone live with a new Web site. The new site has more content than the original and is intended to be a better place for announcing information and encouraging more interaction.

President Lindsay Coyle said, "The original site was great while we were forming and creating an Internet presence. Now is the time to take our site to a higher level."

Andrew Garozzo, a Computer Science major studying at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH was an invaluable resource. He assisted by tutoring us in the use of the tools required to create and maintain the site.

"I can't say enough about Andrew's willingness to help," Lindsay said. "Having someone with the knowledge, skill

and talent to donate their time means we can present a sophisticated, customized site to the world."

Web sites are not only a necessary business tool, but also an inexpensive, efficient way of conveying news and information to the public.

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They also showcase chosen aspects of Woodland Stewards as progress is made in a number of areas including wildlife habitat management, hiking trail maintenance and other cooperative projects.

"We've already had the opportunity to post announcements about our cooperative roadside clean-up project and up-

coming volunteer opportunities," Lindsay said.

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Please visit our new site often, as content will be changing on a regular basis.

For news and updates, the Home page has a scrolling window with announcements.

Be sure to check the Calendar page for all upcoming events.

The FAQ page has also been updated, so it's an improved resource for questions about land protection methods.

To see the site, go to:

www.woodlandstewards.org.



Send Us Your Nature Photos!

A new effort to encourage more interaction with our Web site visitors is aimed at showcasing your artistic eye.

Every month, we'll change the banner image on our site using one of your photographs.

We'll also dedicate an entire page to your picture with a

write-up about it.

Vice President Kathy Coyle said it's a way to encourage involvement and show off the talents of people who may otherwise not have the means to show off their work on the World Wide Web.

"As the Woodland Stewards community grows, our friends and members can display

their work on our site," Kathy said.

To submit your photo, please e-mail it to:

info@woodlandstewards.org.

To see this month's photo, visit:

www.woodlandstewards.org



Roadside Clean-Up with Mount Hope Grange

The clean-up effort also builds a sense of pride and ownership in the well-being of town.

Saturday April 25 was a gorgeous day full of warmth and sunshine.

The first truly stunning day of 2009 in the North Country brought with it a great cooperative effort between the Mount Hope Grange and Woodland Stewards. Together, these two organizations took to the roads of Landaff, NH and picked up trash that collected along the culverts throughout the winter.

Teams consisting of those on foot and those in vehicles cleared a number of miles of road in town.

The event was coordinated by Richard Bronson, a long-time resident of Landaff and Worthy Master of the Mount Hope Grange.

Woodland Stewards President Lindsay Coyle and Richard had discussed the opportunity to cooperate in this endeavor in the fall of 2008.

“Richard and I first spoke about this while on the Explore Your Town hike we had in South Landaff,” Lindsay said.

“Richard suggested that once the snow melts, the time is right to do some cleaning up.”

Not only does cleaning trash benefit the beauty of the town, it is also good for the environment. Trash accumulates in culverts through which run-off feeds local streams and rivers.

The clean-up effort also builds a sense of pride and ownership in the well-being of town.

“Along the way, we met up with a few folks who thanked us for our work,” Lindsay said. “It was rather heart-warming to know that people care about these efforts.”

Richard provided buckets, bags and safety vests from the State of New Hampshire. Personal vehicles were used to drop off and pick up those

who were collecting the trash.

Pat Webb, Kathy Coyle and Don Brown made up one team working on Pearl Lake Road. Lindsay Coyle, Marilyn Booth and Rachel Booth worked on Center Hill Road, Gale Chandler Road and Mill Brook Road.

Richard coordinated and hauled the bags of trash away once the work ended.

Many thanks to Richard for all his efforts and to those who took time out of their day to help.

Lindsay said, “It’s great when people share the same ideals. It’s great to get together and improve your environment. This was a terrific example of how we care for nature.”



Trail Work Training Begins

“Trail work is pretty rewarding. It’s a chance to get outside, enjoy the forest, help fellow hikers and care for nature.”

On Saturday May 16, 2009, the National Forest Service is hosting a trail work training day.

Since Woodland Stewards adopted Tunnel Brook Trail, the next step is to become versed in how to properly perform the required work.

Training is not mandatory for anyone who volunteers their time, but it is recommended to get first-hand instruction.

If you would like to volunteer to help maintain Tunnel Brook Trail, you can either attend the Forest Service training, or we’ll train you on the trail itself

once work days are scheduled.

The training will take place on East Pond Trail, off Tripoli Road in Campton, NH.

The day will consist of identifying job hazards, then introduce the tools used in maintenance activities.

Then, we’ll work on clearing drainage bars and finish up with brush clearing.

Bring boots, long pants, bug spray, lunch and water. Tools will be provided by the Forest Service.

“We’re pretty eager to begin

trail work,” said Vice President Kathy Coyle.

When the idea was discussed late last year, the enthusiasm grew quickly.

“Trail work is pretty rewarding,” said Lindsay Coyle. “It’s a chance to get outside, enjoy the forest, help fellow hikers and care for nature.”

To volunteer, please contact Lindsay Coyle at:

info@woodlandstewards.org or call him at:

603-838-6560.



Get Out and Shoot!

Photography is not only an art and a science, but it's also one of the most lasting ways we have to preserve our memories.

Have you ever done something or been someplace without your camera, only to regret it later?

The little things in life are worth remembering and preserving, too. Take your camera along every time you go out for a hike, drive past that nice view you enjoy every day or even on your way to work,

lest you pass up an opportunity to capture an image of a pretty sunrise, mist settling in a valley or a beautiful deer crossing the road.

With the advent of digital cameras, shooting has never been less expensive because you no longer have to pay photo processing costs.

Sharing pictures is also easier to do because you can e-mail them to friends and family.

If you have your own Web site, you can post them for the

world to see.

So why not shoot not only the big events, but also the little, routine things you take for granted? Who knows... you may wind up with a once-in-a-lifetime picture.

And if you want to submit a nature photo to us, we'll consider featuring it as our Photo of the Month on our Web site.

See this month's photo by going to:

www.woodlandstewards.org



How to take action

- Get a camera
- Shoot
- Shoot
- Shoot
- Shoot some more
- Submit your favorites for our Photo of the Month

Birkenstock, Merrell, Fleece and Flannel

To Tree or Not to Tree... That is the Question

In the tug-of-war of competing interests, someone is going to find themselves on the outside looking in. So far in the fight between environmental groups and the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF), the Sierra Club and the Center for Biological Diversity are the ones peering in through the window.

In 2005, the WMNF published a comprehensive management plan for forest use. The plan was reviewed by environmental groups, the government and was commented on by the public. Part of that plan specified where and how logging would be permitted. Specifically, one area in the forest would allow limited logging in about 1,000 acres.

The environmentalist groups went to court to block the logging action, arguing that these areas should be left untouched and allowing logging would set a dangerous national precedent. The courts and other conservation groups believe that a responsible timber harvesting plan is not just good for the forest and those who call it home, but for the larger economy.

These issues are still active court cases. As a result, the total logging completed in 2008 was less than what was specified in the forest management plan. In the most recent ruling, the court has sided with the WMNF, so the appeals process continues.

There are differences between conservation groups. Some are considered radical with agendas that see issues as black and white and believe that any impact on certain land areas should not be allowed. Others are more moderate and understand that sustainable conservation practices like responsible logging not only contribute to forest health, but the health of the economy.

Woodland Stewards' mission is to conserve land so it can support a number of things, including responsible timber harvesting because these practices — when well-managed — ensure healthy forests, thriving wildlife and create a wonderful outdoor environment for everyone.

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Our Mission

Woodland Stewards is dedicated to the conservation of open land in the Grafton, Coos and Carroll county areas of New Hampshire. Through the acquisition of land areas and conservation easements, we maintain valuable landscapes for wildlife, hiking, hunting, fishing, skiing, snowshoeing, nature observation and responsible forestry.

We believe there is a profound difference between caring *about* nature and caring *for* nature.

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Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 PM

Location to be determined

Trail Work Training

Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM

East Pond Trail, Campton, NH
