



CRABTREE NECK  
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Spring Newsletter 2019

## Why Do We Care

This is my last President's message, for after 14 years of running Crabtree Neck Land Trust (CNLT), I am stepping down in August. It has been a wonderful experience and while reflecting on the work that we have accomplished at CNLT over this time; thinking about the long, volunteer hours that the board has devoted to running this organization and the hard work by many people to conserve and steward over 400 acres around the Crabtree Neck Peninsula, the thought came to me, "Why do we care?". Why do all of these good people put in so much time, money, and effort for land conservation?

I cannot truly speak for others but I know why I care. I care because ever since my husband brought me to this area 30 years ago, I fell in love. I was taken by the open vistas across fields to the sky beyond; the beautiful views across Frenchman Bay to the mountains of Acadia; the unbroken swaths of forest land where patches of moss grow, hinting of a magical, unknown world; the feeling of peace and serenity which still envelopes me every time I set foot out of my home and walk along the dirt roads or through the woods. Listening to the cry of a loon, spotting an eagle fly overhead, hearing of bears in the woods near my home, seeing stars twinkling in the night sky unobstructed by city lights, all of this brings me great joy and reinforces the deep belief I hold that man is only one part of the equation, that we share this earth with other living beings, and as the stronger, yet not always wiser species, it is incumbent upon us to help provide and protect habitat for these other species so they may continue to coexist with us.

Yet it is not just for the animals that I care; it is also for the people I have met in Hancock, some who are 'new transplants' like me, and some whose connections here span generations. All of these people share a love of place for this area, one as deeply ferocious and intense as my own and yet unique to each of them. It is for these people who live here, walk the woods, fish in the waters, gaze at the open lands, who pick blueberries in the fields, and for their children, my children, and generations to come that I care. I am stepping down as head of this organization yet I will continue fighting for the animals and the people, to save the untouched places of Crabtree Neck that make this place majestic, and in so doing, insure that future generations may all get to know the beauty, splendor, awe, and serenity of the area. To all of you who have supported CNLT over these last 14 years, whether by conserving your land, donating to our organization, or volunteering to help, I am deeply grateful for your trust and support. We are moving forward ever stronger because of you and the hard work of the CNLT board members; all of you daring to care deeply. I hope you will continue your support and I look forward to seeing you on the journey.

~ Judy Adelman

## Bluebird Paradise at the Community Garden



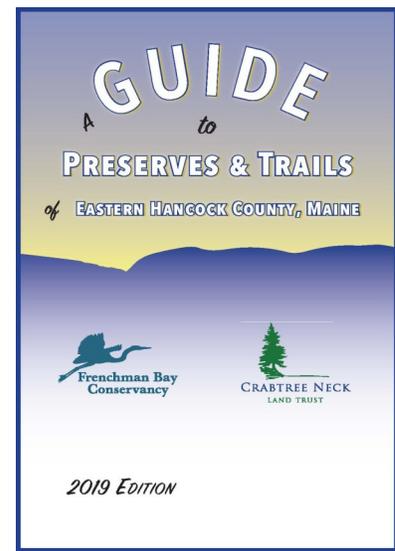
Due to pesticides, competition from non-native birds, and loss of habitat in Maine, the bluebird population suffered greatly in the 1990s. The Downeast Audubon Society has been working to remedy this situation and with its Bluebird Trail of almost 300 nesting boxes, their numbers are rebounding! CNLT was happy to learn that the open field behind the Community Garden is ideal habitat for bluebirds to come together and nest, and one of these nesting boxes is currently located behind the Community Garden and is being monitored by a Hancock resident and gardener. Since the box was erected in 2017, 11 fledglings have hatched successfully. Another gardener will erect and monitor a second box this summer. If you are interested in this project and would like to be trained to monitor fledglings and be responsible for a nest, we have room for 4 more boxes.

For more information about the program: and how to monitor the nests contact the Audubon at: <http://www.downeastaudubon.org/p/conservation.html>

If you would like to erect and monitor a box contact Josh Ferris at: [joshatg@gmail.com](mailto:joshatg@gmail.com)

## New Trail Guide Available

Start the Presses! CNLT has been working with FBC to create a hiking guide to local trails. The guide will include all of the trails on CNLT's preserves, as well as FBC's trails in the area. A map and description will be provided for each preserve making the booklet a handy reference for all your favorite hikes - and maybe a few new ones! The guide highlights our success in preserving local lands and providing recreation opportunities that are near at hand. Where Acadia National Park draws visitors for extended hikes, these local trails allow residents and visitors to integrate nature into their daily lives. Have you ever regretted an hour spent on a quiet trail? The guides are expected to be available in late May. We will have them available around Hancock, or to get a copy contact Josh Ferris at [joshatg@gmail.com](mailto:joshatg@gmail.com).



## CNLT Upping its Technology

CNLT is renovating its website. The new site should be ready later this summer. Meanwhile...

- Visit CNLT on Facebook at: [Crabtree Neck Land Trust](#)
- Check us out on Instagram at: [@crabtreeneckland](#)
- Keep an eye out for our new website launch at: [www.crabtreenecklandtrust.org](http://www.crabtreenecklandtrust.org)

## Rail Trail Events

- At 8 am on February 2, 2019, a small number of hardy souls braved the single-digit cold to enjoy an interpretive walk, sponsored jointly by Frenchman Bay Conservancy (FBC) and Crabtree Neck Land Trust (CNLT). The walk was a bit more than a mile on CNLT's Old Pond Railway Trail, and led by Diana McKeage, professional naturalist and wildlife educator, who provided several informative interludes along the way. At the end of the walk, much needed hot cocoa was served. After that, it did seem a bit warmer!
- For a springtime walking experience, join FBC and CNLT on May 25th at 9:30am for a birding walk on Old Pond Railway Trail with Fred Yost.



Ice on OPYB, February 2, 2019

To register for this walk contact Austin Schuver at the FBC offices, 207-422-2328.

## CNLT Events

- **Sam Ball Trail slated to open this summer: Saturday, July 6th, at 9am.** Walk starts from the Community Gardens off of East Side Rd.. Parking available at the Community Gardens parking area. For more information contact Renata Moise at 266-1229.
- **FBC Grand Re-Opening:** CNLT will be hosting a kid's Art Project Table at FBC's celebration of the Tidal Falls Preserve Grand Re-Opening event on **July 8th at 4pm.**
- **CNLT Family Walk and BYO Picnic down Carters Beach Road: Thursday August 1st at 12:00** We will meet at the Boat House and walk, bike and golf cart down Carter's Beach Road. CNLT will provide some drinks and cookies.
- **East Trail with Ice Pond Loop:** Hike the newest trail on the Ice Pond Preserve, **Monday August 19th, 9:00am.** For parking information check out our Facebook page at: [Crabtree Neck Land Trust](#)



## Get Involved

- Interested in learning more about our Community Gardens? Contact Renata Moise at: 266-1229.
- Want to volunteer with CNLT, help make and maintain trails or help in other ways? Call Josh Ferris at 207-266-4669.



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Crabtree Neck Land Trust (CNLT) is a small, locally based, volunteer land conservation organization focused on conserving land in and around Crabtree Neck in Hancock, ME. Our mission is to preserve land that provides essential wildlife habitat, scenic view sheds, and open spaces, and to work with the community and other conservation organizations to build strong connections with the land.

As an all volunteer land trust, we work with private land owners that wish to explore ways to ensure that their property's scenic and ecological character is permanently protected.



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