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## More Than the Sum of Its Parts

**This is a place to discover** the difference between shore crab and green, red oak and white, salt hay and cordgrass, alewife and blueback, weather and climate, evidence and intuition. It's a place to discover science and art, nature and culture, history and fate.

Moreover, this place is about people. Those who mow the lawn, catch the fish, greet the visitors, paint the house, teach the kids, plow the walks, pay the bills, calm the brides, train the planners, write the papers, and patrol the trails. Together and apart, these volunteers, interns, newcomers, and old hands all work in common, inspired by their love of a place.

*On Goat Island off Cape Porpoise, reached by kayak during our annual spring outing, we stop for a group shot. From front to back and left to right: Nancy Viehmann and Susan Bickford; Tracy Kay, Annie Cox, and Eileen Willard; Brenda Rudnick, Nik Charov, John Speight, and Scott Rocray; Amelie Jensen, Jacob Aman, Kristen Grant, Jeremy Miller, Karen Stathoplos, Tin Smith, Paul Dest, and Scott Richardson.*

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A newsletter for members of  
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## upfront

### New Floating Dock Installed

Our platform on the Little River has seen a major upgrade. Not only is it sturdier and safer, it also has good seating and an easy-launch feature for kayak tours of the estuary. The boardwalk leading to the floating dock has been fully rebuilt. It has a slightly smaller footprint, passes more sunlight to the marsh surface, and is lighter for easier deployment and storage.

### “Life Estate” Progress

The long-reserved properties adjacent to public areas of the Laudholm campus have received a lot of quiet attention this year. Before the areas see any new use, the buildings and property need to be cleared, cleaned, and made safe. Slow and steady is our mantra.

### Conserving More Energy

We installed a new high-efficiency boiler in the ecology center, upgraded wiring in the single-unit Alheim residence, and are replacing conventional lighting fixtures with LED units as part of our energy-saving activities.

### Surveys Document Migratory Fish

Spring surveys of fish communities in coastal rivers revealed populations of rainbow smelt, alewives, blueback herring, and sea lamprey, along with the occasional sea-run brook trout, returning to spawn in the freshwater reaches of several local rivers. The research team was encouraged by their findings, since there was little prior evidence that the species occurred at study sites. It's a promising sign for the recovery of migratory fish subsequent to recent restoration efforts.

### People News

**Tin Smith** received a Lifetime Environmental Merit Award from the U.S. Environmental



Protection Agency, New England office.

The ceremony took place in Faneuil Hall, Boston. Tin, the Wells Reserve's stewardship coordinator, was nominated by Great Works Regional Land Trust. "It was a humbling experience to stand upon the stage at Faneuil Hall and be with so many others from across New England being recognized for their dedication to the environment," Tin said.

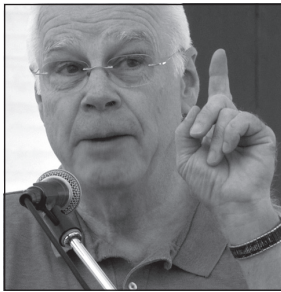
**Chris Feurt** led a 4-hour workshop, "Communicating Watershed Ecosystem Services Using Collaborative Learning and Mental Models," at the American Water Works Association Sustainable Water Management Conference, held in Rhode Island in March.

**Kate Reichert**, former education associate, has moved to Washington, D.C., where she has begun a graduate program in museum education at George Washington University.

**Sue Bickford** has earned a master of science in environmental studies with a concentration in resource conservation and management. Her capstone project was developing a reserve system roadmap for the use of unmanned aerial systems (drones).

**Richard Clark** concluded 13 years representing the Town of Wells on the Reserve Management Authority. Wells Selectman **Karl Ekstedt** has stepped into the role.

## nik's notebook: It's the People



*"My joy in [creating the Wells Reserve] is in people. There are the faces of children I have seen discovering and learning in an exciting way. There is the knowledge that I have been a part of something that will make a difference for future generations. But most of all there are the people..."*

Mort Mather, Laudholm Trust president, autumn 1989

### In another Clinton election, many years ago,

a top advisor to then-candidate Bill said, "It's the economy, stupid."

Even if you find presidential campaigns profoundly irritating, there's something to be said about the simplicity of their messages and their getting-down-to-the-rootiness of it all.

The Wells Reserve at Laudholm is a historic and beautiful place, an important place, a center for coastal science and education and conservation. But it will never be anything without its people – the staff, volunteers, members and supporters who continue the reserve's mission year after year, with the best intents and the friendliest smiles.

In this issue of our semi-annual *Watermark* newsletter, we take a closer look at some of the familiar and new faces that light up this place. We manage natural resources here. Our most important one? "It's the people." We're grateful for them all, and we hope to see you here, too, in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Laudholm Trust president Nik Charov, summer 2016

*Read more from Nik at [wellsreserve.org/twoworlds](http://wellsreserve.org/twoworlds)*

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The Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve is one of 28 reserve sites throughout the country. All reserves require local funding to match federal grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Wells Reserve is the only reserve that receives its match from a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Each year, Laudholm Trust contributes private funds and in-kind services to support Wells Reserve operations and capital improvements.

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education / environmental learning

The National Estuarine Research Reserve System is a network of protected areas established for long-term research, education, and stewardship. This partnership program between NOAA and the coastal states protects more than one million acres of estuarine land and water, providing essential habitat for wildlife; offering educational opportunities for students, teachers, and the public; and serving as a system of living laboratories for scientists.

**The 28 Sites in the NERR System**

ACE Basin, South Carolina  
 Apalachicola, Florida  
 Chesapeake Bay, Maryland  
 Chesapeake Bay, Virginia  
 Delaware, Delaware  
 Elkhorn Slough, California  
 Guana Tolomato Matanzas, Florida  
 Grand Bay, Mississippi

**Great Bay, New Hampshire**

Hudson River, New York  
 Jacques Cousteau, New Jersey  
 Jobos Bay, Puerto Rico  
 Kachemak Bay, Alaska  
 Lake Superior, Wisconsin  
 Mission–Aransas, Texas

**Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island**

North Carolina, North Carolina  
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 Old Woman Creek, Ohio  
 Padilla Bay, Washington  
 Rookery Bay, Florida  
 San Francisco Bay, California  
 Sapelo Island, Georgia  
 South Slough, Oregon  
 Tijuana River, California

**Waquoit Bay, Massachusetts**

Weeks Bay, Alabama

**Wells, Maine**

**The National Estuarine Research Reserve Association**

is a nonprofit organization established to promote and advance the NERR System. NERRA works with Congress, NOAA, and public and private partners to increase support for research, monitoring, education, and stewardship within the reserves.

## Teachers Collect Ideas for New Student Projects

Suzanne Kahn



*Leaders and participants in the 2016 TOTE workshop in Wells were Morgan Hardwick-Witman from Smithfield, Rhode Island; Suzanne Kahn, education director; Kai Bicknell from Portland, Maine; Deborah Wasyluk from Orlando, Florida; Lisa Pagano from Hampton, New Hampshire; Caryn Beiter, education assistant; Dave Grant from Highlands, New Jersey; Dana Hadley from Harmony, Pennsylvania; Renee Mackay from West Springfield, Massachusetts; Molly Cleveland from Rye, New Hampshire; Erin Drennan Doiron and Mercedes Warren from Wolfeboro, New Hampshire; and Linda Hoffman from Warren, Maine.*

**This summer, we welcomed 11 enthusiastic educators** to “Investigating a Changing Environment,” our fifth Teachers on the Estuary workshop. Over 4 learning-rich days, they heard dynamic speakers and immersed themselves in a range of activities to gain tools for teaching their students about sea level rise, blue carbon, water quality, climate change, and salt marsh ecology.

Teachers took an ecological tour by kayaking on the Little River estuary, learned how to measure vegetation on the salt marsh using standard research methods, and explored how sea level rise might affect the endangered piping plover at Laudholm Beach.

Each teacher, as a requirement of attending the free workshop, promised to apply their newfound knowledge in a student-driven project measuring environmental change over time. We’ll report on their projects during the coming school year at [wellsreserve.org/tote](http://wellsreserve.org/tote).

“Fun and totally useful information with lots of take-away ideas and resources,” one teacher wrote. “The amount of planning and thought that went in was clearly evident.”

TOTE workshops were offered at each of the four New England research reserves this summer, thanks to a joint proposal submitted to the NERRS Science Collaborative.

*This work was sponsored by the National Estuarine Research Reserve System Science Collaborative, which supports collaborative research that addresses coastal management problems important to the reserves. The Science Collaborative is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and managed by the University of Michigan Water Center.*

## June Ficker, Ever Enlightening

Paul Dest



In my 27 years of involvement with the Wells Reserve at Laudholm — as a member since 1989, as a volunteer in the 1990s, and as director since 2001 — I have had the joy of meeting some wonderful people who share a commitment to protecting and learning about the natural world. June Ficker was extraordinary among them.

I first met June in 1990 when she was giving a lecture on her favorite topic, birds and their ecology, to a large group of people in the Visitor Center (this was before there was a Mather Auditorium in the barn). I remember her deep knowledge of the topic, but also her enthusiasm and her shining blue eyes, a color that seemed to grow more brilliant when she delivered a particularly appealing fact. From that moment on, our paths would continuously cross in my various stages of involvement here. When I took the position as director, I began to see June once or twice a week from May through November when she held her regular bird banding sessions — songbirds in the summer, saw-whet owls in the fall. It was during this time that I developed a friendship with, and a deep respect for, June.

What made June so memorable was not just her knowledge, but her enthusiasm for it. She loved to discover new things about birds and ecology. And she delighted in the fact that there was always more to learn; knowledge was a never-ending quest. But just as important as acquiring knowledge, June loved to impart what she knew to others. She did it with a special passion that was deeply sincere. I often wonder how many hundreds, if not thousands, of people developed their life-long attachment to the natural world through participating in one of June's weekly bird banding sessions under the copper beech tree.

In 2015, we recognized June for her 25-plus years of devotion to birds and their ecology and to educating others. We held a special "June Ficker Day" where many of her friends and colleagues celebrated all that she had done for conservation and education. And we gave her the news that we had dedicated a trail in her honor. Today, along the trail where she spent so many autumn evenings disentangling owls from her mist nets, there is a plaque that carries her name. I often walk the Saw-whet Owl Trail, stopping to recall memories of an extraordinary conservation colleague and friend.



### *A New Era*

*After the loss of the irreplaceable June Ficker, we were cautious about seeking another bird banding permittee to take on the reserve as a research site. But June's collaborator from the Maine Medical Center Research Institute, Chuck Lubelczyk, found a solid candidate at the Biodiversity Research Institute. Chuck connected with Patrick Keenan, BRI's outreach director, who agreed to lead the effort.*

*Patrick is a Colby College graduate with a master's degree from the University of Wyoming, where he studied red crossbills. Since returning to Maine in 2007, he has worked as a wildlife biologist and educator.*

*This summer, Patrick and Chuck brought assistants from their own institutes while welcoming back long-standing volunteers from York County Audubon and the Wells Reserve community. The long-term bird banding program continues.*



*At the annual Volunteer Reception party, held a bit early this year on July 7, reserve director Paul Dest recited his poem dedicated to “the light of Laudholm,” our retiring coordinator of volunteers, Nancy Viehmann. Then he unveiled a new “Viehmann’s Way” trail sign, a marker to tell visitors of Nancy’s many years of service and love for Laudholm Beach.*

## After Many Years, Joining the Volunteers

*Nancy Viehmann*

I loved every minute of our early summer Volunteer Party and seeing so many of you. Thank you all for your amazingly kind and generous sentiments and gifts. The gift certificates, Paul’s poem, the memory book, and the “Viehmann’s Way” sign to the beach (wow!) — I treasure them all. Thank you, thank you!

The Wells Reserve is not a place one leaves. It is too special. This is a place where a strong community of committed staff and volunteers work, a place where we have opportunities to continually learn, a place to experience nature at its finest, a place to savor and to enjoy.

Each morning of my 16-plus years working here, I couldn’t help thinking, “What a wonderful way to spend my day!” Each day, I was enriched by my relationships with our staff, our volunteers, our members, and our visitors. And though I have now retired as a staff member, I have truly not left. I am simply joining the ranks of our volunteers.

I am thrilled that Lynne Benoit-Vachon has taken over the reins as volunteer and visitor services coordinator. She will carve her own niche, and I am confident she will enjoy her developing relationships with everyone as you will enjoy getting to know her.

See you at the crafts festival!

## Serendipity and a Good Sense of Direction

Even when you sense you're headed in the right direction, a little assurance can go a long way. That's how Lynne Benoit-Vachon started her path toward becoming the reserve's new Volunteer and Visitor Services Coordinator.

While en route to the reserve for an Easter walk with her family, Lynne, as navigator, pulled out her smartphone to boost her husband's confidence they were on the right track. After confirming the directions at [wellsreserve.org](http://wellsreserve.org), she "poked around" the website and discovered a perfect-match job announcement.

Lynne thought, "I love being outside. I've worked with volunteers. And I've been here before — I *like* the Wells Reserve. This sounds great!"

By the first day of summer, she was headed down Laudholm Farm Road again, this time on her way to work.

"I feel really lucky. Once in a while it comes over me in a wave. Everyone's been so encouraging and welcoming."

Lynne enjoys the infectious enthusiasm of volunteers and mirrors it in her daily interactions. Her first couple of months getting to know the place and its people have been "thrilling and challenging," she says. Now she is bearing down on one of the most demanding months on our calendar: September, with its back-to-back, volunteer-fueled festivals.

"Volunteers are so crucial to the Wells Reserve, both it's being here and what it does. I've learned a lot about my job from them. And they're fun!"

"Some people have said, 'I think you're doing a great job,' which is great because I wasn't really sure. I knew I was doing my job in a functional way, but being new..."

Rest assured, Lynne. You're navigating just fine.



## volunteerneeds

### Trail Stewards and Rangers

Wells Reserve **Trail Stewards** adopt part of a trail to maintain during the growing season. They clip back invasive plants and other foliage regularly. **Rangers** walk the trails on weekends and holidays from spring to fall, providing assistance to visitors and monitoring trails.

### Parking Attendants

Until Columbus Day, our friendly **greeters** welcome visitors, accept and record admission fees, and share information about activities.

### Maintenance Volunteers

Mowing, building, fixing, trimming, painting, good company, and good humor are in store. John Speight, facility manager, welcomes anyone **willing to work** 1 to 3 mornings a week.

### Marketing

What's your interest in marketing or member cultivation? Do you enjoy working within the business community? **Help people discover** the Wells Reserve and all that happens here.

### Special Events

You can be involved in 2017 **event planning** or help out on the day of a festival. We can find you a job you will enjoy. If you already have volunteered at any event, we will be calling you again!

### Talk with Lynne

**Call 207-646-1555 ext 118**

Whatever your talent — ease with people, ability in a trade, comfort with technology, or great penmanship — we can find a place for you!

Get *The Volunteer Outlook* in your inbox. Lynne's email newsletter is your place to receive news about the Wells Reserve at Laudholm's vibrant volunteer community. Go to [wellsreserve.org/signup](http://wellsreserve.org/signup).



**Caryn Beiter** started in May as the reserve's interpretive programs coordinator. She manages school groups and kit rentals and assists with other activities in the education program.

Caryn came to Maine from northern California, where she was working as an environmental science field educator with NatureBridge, a National Park Service partner.

Caryn has also worked at Acadia National Park, Newfound Harbor Marine Institute (Florida), and the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company. She has a degree in marine and freshwater biology from the University of New Hampshire.

## Now's the Time: Investing in Education's Potential

"Mom, if you enjoy the place that much, give them some money now so you can see THEM enjoy it."

And so, encouraged by her [wise] adult children, long-time volunteer and friend of the reserve Mary Anne Hawkins of Kennebunk wrote a check for \$10,000 to Laudholm Trust's Endeavor Fund. In so doing, Mary Anne strengthened an endowment that is dedicated to supporting the Wells Reserve's annual environmental education programs.

Mary Anne, one of the original docents in 1990, said "I've always been interested in education. Now's the time to do it." We're so glad she did. This year, the income from Mary Anne's gift has already been invested in a compound microscope with stage and slides for the Microscopic Marvels program; ten thermometers for school programs, kayak tours, and camps; and other materials for the teaching laboratory and Tree Trunk kits.

After more than a quarter century contributing in so many ways, Mary Anne has ensured that her giving will continue long into the future of the Wells Reserve at Laudholm.



*Mary Anne Hawkins receives an embrace from Nancy Viehmann after receiving the 2013 Lily Rice Kendall Volunteer Spirit Award, presented for demonstrating uncommon grace, wit, and affability on behalf of our organization and in the community at large.*

### Join the Docent Program

Call Caryn at 646-1555 ext 110 or email [caryn@wellsnerr.org](mailto:caryn@wellsnerr.org)

Fall training prepares new and returning docents to lead school programs. Advance your knowledge and skills and give students a great learning experience. Please register ahead.

**Introduction and Skills Session** (9/12 9:30am–12:30pm) — Learn about field trip programs and revisit what it's like to be a kid so you'll know how to tailor interpretive techniques for each visiting group.

**Exploring Estuaries** (9/13 9am–1pm) — For grades 3–5. Students explore the reserve trails, making connections between habitats, wildlife, and people.

**Wild Friends in Wild Places** (9/14 9:30am–12:30am) — For grades K–2. A Center for Wildlife presentation with live animals combined with time on the trails to learn about native wildlife.

**Microscopic Marvels** (9/15 9am–1pm) — For grades 6–12. Our most technical school program introduces students to scientific investigation, water quality testing, and the world of plankton.



## Lobster Expert Lands at Wells Reserve

Around the Gulf of Maine, we're inclined to think of lobster as a particular animal, one big-clawed crustacean with an outsize role in coastal culture and economy. Around here, that bug is a star, but the "lobster" appellation captures lots more than *Homarus americanus*.



It's true that there are only two major types of clawed lobsters, "ours" and a similar one in Europe, but the world's seas hold scores of spiny and slipper lobsters, too. Now, the reserve has welcomed aboard a scientist whose study of lobsters stretches across families and back more than two decades. Dr. Jason Goldstein stepped in as the reserve's new research director in July.

Jason is no stranger to the National Estuarine Research Reserve System; he participated in its graduate research fellowship program while earning his doctorate at the University of New Hampshire in 2012. "That program forced me to learn estuarine science," he remembers with admiration. "Coupling estuaries and lobsters was a really perfect combination for me."

From New Hampshire, Jason went to Israel on a Fulbright post-doctoral fellowship. In the Levant, he investigated a creature very different from a Maine lobster: the Mediterranean slipper lobster. He says, "They look like cockroaches. They have no spines, no claws," Jason holds his thumb and forefinger comfortably apart, "and they're small." Jason says his 18-month Fulbright was "one of the best things I ever did."

Stateside again for the past couple of years, Jason's been teaching in Connecticut and at York County Community College, further building expertise that he will extend in his role here.

"I really like to look for subtle things," Jason says. "The reserve system has major programs like Sentinel Sites and the System-wide Monitoring Program. How can we complement that big data? We need to ask the right questions... to discover background changes in the estuary."

Some of Jason's questions will be pursued through technology. "I'm really interested in tagging and telemetry. We're in an age where the technology is becoming miniaturized enough... that you can put something on an animal and ask it, 'Where did you go? What did you do? What conditions did you experience?'"

In an age of warmer and more acid seas, polling shellfish may be one of the best ways to measure how precipitously the environment is changing. For now, Jason says, Maine waters are "still okay for lobsters," but he's seeking hints that will predict what will happen in the long term.

*Ask Dr. Jason Goldstein your lobster questions on September 19, when he's the subject of our next "Meet the Scientists" program in the Maine Coastal Ecology Center research lab.*

*Plan to return for a don't-miss lunch 'n' learn on November 30, when Jason will recount his experience studying marine biodiversity in the eastern Mediterranean Sea.*



*Stained glass lobster spotted at 2012 Laudholm Nature Crafts Festival. Come on up to see what shellfish appear at the 29th annual show, happening the weekend after Labor Day.*

## New Members

Mary Allhiser	Lydia Dennett	Jane Jacobs	Liz Morgan	Barry Ryan
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## Celebratory Gifts

Robert Butler

Lois Dennett at Christmas

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address to the York County  
Master Gardeners

Joan M. Monahon on her 90th  
birthday

Elizabeth Smith

Paul and Sally Wells

## Business Members

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Gifts received November 2015 through July 2016

# autumn programs & events

Keep the Wells Reserve at Laudholm in mind for your fall discoveries. Along with our own programs and events, we host offerings from UMaine Extension Master Gardener Volunteers (MG), York County Audubon (YCA), and the Touching Earth EcoArt Collaborative (EcoArt). Many programs require advance registration, so please check our website for details: [wellsreserve.org/calendar](http://wellsreserve.org/calendar).

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| M 9/12 9a Docent Training: Intro and Skills Session                        | W 9/28 12p A New Zealand Adventure  | M 10/24 12p Through-hiking the Pacific Crest Trail               |
| M 9/12 9a Connecting with Place (EcoArt)<br>ecoartcollaborative1@gmail.com | Th 9/29 9a Kayaking the Webhannet Estuary   | F 10/28 4p Bird Seed Sale Orders Due                             |
| W 9/14 6p Environmental Change in the High Arctic                          | F 9/30 6:30p Night Hike   | Sa 10/29 10a Mindful Hike  |
| Th 9/15 6p Garlic Growing (MG) 207-324-2814                                | Sa 10/1 9a Digital Landscape Photography  | Sa 11/5 6p Night Hike  |
| F 9/16 9a Kayaking the Little River Estuary                                | T 10/4 12p Kayaking on the Little River Estuary                                     | T 11/15 10:30a Story Hour –<br>A House for Hermit Crab           |
| F 9/16 11a Hawk Watch Picnic Lunch   | Th 10/6 5p Cut Plus Four (Yankee Woodlot)   | T 11/15 7p The Outlook in Augusta:<br>A Legislative Update (YCA) |
| Su 9/18 2p Tabitha Littlefield: A Life<br>with the Abenaki                 | Su 10/9 10a Fall Foliage Walk   | Sa 11/19 10a Cranberry Hike                                      |
| M 9/19 1p Meet Research Director Jason Goldstein                           | M 10/10 11a Laudholm's Early Days   | W 11/30 12p Brave New Sea: Marine Biodiversity in<br>the Levant  |
| T 9/20 10:30a Story Hour –<br>Downeast in the Ocean                        | Sa 10/15 3p Treasures of the Tidepools  | T 12/6 5p Annual Members' Meeting                                |
| T 9/20 7p Myths and Truths about Bats (YCA)                                | Su 10/16 6p Hunter's Moon Hike  | Th 12/8 12p Is Kelp the New Kale?                                |
| W 9/21 1p Kayaking the Little River Estuary                                | T 10/18 10:30a Story Hour – Vulture Verses  | Sa 12/17 2p Celebrate the Winter Solstice                        |
| W 9/21 6p Seed Saving (MG) 207-324-2814                                    | T 10/18 7p Lake Baikal – Beautiful Birds, Bad Beer,<br>and Buddhist Babushkas (YCA) |  |
| Sa 9/24 10a Punkinfiddle & National Estuaries Day                          | Sa 10/22 10a In Search of Wildflowers, Fruits<br>and Winter Weeds                   |  |

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