

# Merrymeeting News

The Newsletter of Friends of Merrymeeting Bay • P.O. Box 233 • Richmond Maine 04357

## SPRING 1996

### *To Preserve, Protect and Improve the Natural Ecosystems of Merrymeeting Bay.*

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay was formed in 1975 for people who care about the Bay's future. FOMB was revitalized in 1991 and incorporated as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Support comes from memberships, tax-deductible donations, and grants.

**Hands Around the Bay** — Education program in area elementary schools

**Water Quality Resource Program** — Data collection, analysis and publication

**Conservation & Stewardship** — Conservation easements and stewardship

**Events** — Family bike-a-thon, Swan Island summer picnic, lectures, field trips, information booth

**1996 Steering Committee**  
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## HANDS AROUND THE BAY



### Exciting New Developments

**H**ANDS AROUND THE BAY assists school projects that focus on Merrymeeting Bay and encourages teachers and students to work with their counterparts in neighboring communities, forming a network of school activities around the entire Bay. The program has received enthusiastic support from teachers and many members of the community.

In June, a directory of participants will list the teachers who have expressed interest in the program, along with a description of their projects. Since we are nearing the end of the school year, the directory will emphasize current activities. In the meantime, we are helping teachers find speakers who can talk about how their present projects relate to Merrymeeting Bay. Such projects deal with a range of topics, from water testing to watersheds and local history, to flora and fauna, map-making, and habitat issues. We are also locating access sites around the Bay that are appropriate for field trips. Teachers have asked us to enhance such field trips by offering ideas for pre-teaching and follow-up activities.

This summer, Molly Northrop, a graduate student at Bard College working as a staff intern at the Quebec-Labrador Foundation in Ipswich, Mass., will be working with us on the project directory and in developing another, more comprehensive, directory to be ready in the fall. The expanded version will list local resource people, access sites on the Bay, field trip ideas, study materials, and other useful information.

The Merrymeeting Bay Internet page for the World Wide Web is moving forward, thanks to Betsy Steen and Jim Moulton. The "Web site" will include information about the Bay, about Hands Around the Bay and FOMB, and be a place where kids from all around the Bay can gather electronically to communicate with one another. Some school systems already have sophisticated networking capabilities, but most are not yet linked to neighboring school systems. (See page 4.)

We have received a grant of \$1,000 from the Maine Community Foundation in support of the program, and donations from individuals and businesses. As we proceed, we will need to do more fund raising. Please let us know if you would like to help with this, or with any other part of the program.

For more information, write to us at P.O. Box 233, Richmond, ME 04357; or call Hands Around the Bay coordinator Ed Friedman in Bowdoinham at 666-3372.

## FOMB WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

### Davis Grant Received for Data Entry and Outreach

**A**FTER TWO YEARS OF PREPARATION, we are finally in a position to get our feet wet, figuratively speaking. Through a combination of grants, fund raising, and the development of an executive staff position (see page 3), we will now proceed with our Water Quality Resources Program. The program will collect and analyze data from existing studies of the Bay and its tributaries, the Kennebec and the Androscoggin. The analysis will indicate the quality of the water that flows through the Bay, and give a clearer picture of what areas need attention, in the form of further study or enhanced environmental protection. The results will be published, and distributed to area towns, state regulatory agencies, researchers, and interested individuals. The program also calls for educational out-

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## LAND TRUST ACTIVITIES EXPANDING

**B**ETSY HAM OF Bowdoinham has been directing our conservation and stewardship program this spring, following up on the work of Esther Lacognata, who, although no longer chair of the conservation committee, will continue to serve on the steering committee.

Betsy is a relatively recent resident of Bowdoinham, having moved to Maine from Vermont last year, where she worked as a planner for the state in the transportation department. Her "Maine credentials" are impeccable, having been born and raised in Rumford. Her husband, Warren "Whit" Whitney, works at DeLorme Mapping in Freeport, and is serving on the steering committee this

year as secretary.

Work on the land trust program has focused on developing a comprehensive and pro-active strategy for acquiring easements to protect the Bay. We have mounted U.S. Geological Survey maps onto two big sheets of foamcore to give us a visual sense of the Bay from Bath and Brunswick to Gardiner and Pittston. We invited Jim Connors of the Kennebec Land Trust, and Pete Noyes of the Damariscotta River Association, to our last meeting to speak about what strategies have been successful in their areas. We have been referring to the 1975 Reed and D'Andrea study of the Bay to help us identify areas of particular importance. We

have been in frequent contact with Maine Coast Heritage Trust and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service about conservation partnerships and easement possibilities.

### Town Representatives Needed for Land Trust Program

To form conservation partnerships with the towns around the Bay, we are looking for local residents who will help us work together. Specifically, we need someone in each town to:

- Obtain information about areas that towns have identified as valuable natural resources. Information on large lots would be useful, too. This would involve talking with the planning board or conservation commission and asking for natural resource maps, comprehensive plans, and/or zoning information.

## WATER QUALITY RESOURCE PROGRAM

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reach about water quality and its impact on the fish and wildlife in Merrymeeting Bay. A slide show is being developed that will be shown at local schools and community events.

Although we will not be testing water ourselves, we will be able to show what is currently being tested by state agencies, and indicate how local volunteer efforts can help. We will also provide teachers and others with information about what is needed in the way of fur-

ther testing, and how water testing results can be used effectively.

Our data analysis will focus primarily on salinity (saltiness), pH (acidity), oxygen levels, temperature, levels of fecal coliform bacteria, and sediment content. We hope to be able to show long-term trends, as well as tidal and seasonal characteristics.

Data will be compiled on pollutants when and if such records are available. Although the waters have been tested occasionally for pollutants, it is our understanding that consistent, long-term testing has not taken place.

### Monitoring for Toxins in Rivers

According to the Natural Resources Council of Maine, until 1994 only 3% of Maine rivers and 0.6% of coastal waters had ever been monitored for toxic chemicals. Since then, the Maine DEP has found toxic chemicals in Maine rivers, but only in the very latest legislative session has the Surface Water Toxic Monitoring Program been awarded full funding. Samples had been taken, but not fully analyzed, under partial funding.

### Sediment Testing

Although many toxins are in sediments in the Kennebec and Androscoggin rivers flow out to sea, some settle in Merrymeeting Bay because of tidal action and geology, i.e., the high ridge that forms The Chops. It is reasonable to assume that heavy metals may be concentrated in the mudflats and sandbars.

In 1991, the University of New Hampshire and Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, in West Boothbay, test-

ed sediment from locations in the Bay and elsewhere, such as Boothbay Harbor and Casco Bay, to determine if such concentrations occur, and if they developed during the industrial era.

It would be impossible to summarize the full report,\* but it does appear that heavy metals occur in Merrymeeting Bay sediments, particularly cadmium at the mouth of Whiskeag Creek; another concentration occurs downstream in the Sasanoa River. While most levels are typical of coastal sediments, a few exceed national averages. Boothbay Harbor showed much higher concentrations of cadmium, copper, and lead. The Kennebec and Sheepscot estuary generally showed higher levels of chromium and nickel.

The report indicates that much of the heavy metals that have accumulated in mid-coastal sediments originated in the Kennebec and Androscoggin watershed.

### Advisory Committee

We are currently looking for people interested in serving on an advisory committee to the Water Quality Resources Program. Anyone interested in water-related issues should call or write as soon as possible.

### Fund Raising Challenge

The Vance Stephenson Challenge at the Annual Meeting to fund the Water Quality Resources Program far exceeded its target, bringing in \$580. Thanks to all!

\*"Spatial and Temporal Aspects of Sedimentary Trace Metal Concentrations in Mid-Coast Maine," *Marine Pollution Bulletin*, Vol. 30, No. 7, pp. 437-444, 1995. □

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- Act as town liaison to the planning board, conservation commission, and selectmen. This might involve attending a meeting once a year to discuss land trust activities and receive input. The representative would become a local contact person should the town require information.

- Help reach out to landowners. This could involve handing out brochures and/or letting us know about landowners who are interested or might be interested in conservation easements.

- Attend FOMB Conservation & Stewardship committee meetings.

We are looking for diplomatic individuals willing to listen and build partnerships, and who have some knowledge of the town and its activities.

If you are interested in being a town representative for the FOMB land trust effort, or would like to recommend someone, please call Betsy Ham, coordinator, at 666-3376.

### Criteria for Accepting Easements

Last fall, the Conservation & Stewardship Committee developed a set of criteria for assessing potential FOMB easements. Every property is different and every landowner has different conservation interests, so criteria are to be seen as tools to help us decide if a potential easement serves the mission of FOMB. These are listed in order of importance, although the committee felt that all had merit. In addition, four negative criteria were identified, factors that would tend to eliminate a property from consideration. Please let us know what you think of the criteria, especially if you think something is missing.

#### **FOMB is interested in holding easements on properties that:**

1. Contain important wildlife habitat and/or known migration routes (as identified

by U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, or other conservation organization);

2. Contain unique or exemplary natural communities or ecosystems;

3. Have extensive undeveloped shoreline;

4. Are in relatively undeveloped, undisturbed condition;

5. Contain significant scenic or aesthetic value that would be diminished by development (scenic views or open space);

6. Provide a buffer to wetland, wildlife habitat, agricultural land, a scenic asset, or currently protected land;

7. Provide public access for education or recreation;

8. Protect ground or surface water (by preventing non-point source pollution);

9. Have archeological, historical, or cultural value;

10. Are next to or in close proximity to currently protected land, public or private;

11. Whose conservation value and vicinity would be diminished by development;

12. Have obvious public support, i.e., are identified in comprehensive town plans or by publicly-accepted conservation agency or group;

13. Have a tradition of, or potential for, human usage that FOMB wishes to encourage; i.e., hiking, nature study, picnicking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, fishing, hunting, swimming, scenic appreciation, or farming.

#### **Does the property have serious detracting (negative) considerations?**

1. Landowner insists on provisions in an easement that would seriously diminish the property's conservation value;

2. Property is or is highly likely to be irreparably contaminated or is already diminished, i.e., eroded;

3. There might be strong public opposition or a public image problem;

4. Stewardship responsibilities, including enforcement of easement provisions, would be unusually expensive or difficult to fulfill, i.e., property is frequently vandalized.

Please write or call if you would like to comment on these criteria. □

## PAID STAFF FOR FOMB?

THE SCOPE and complexity of our programs far exceeds the ability of volunteers to develop and maintain activities over the long term. For several years we have shown that we can start exciting programs, but have had a hard time keeping them afloat. Volunteer coordinators are often drawn away by other commitments; in some instances we have been lucky to find very capable successors, in other cases projects have died or become dormant.

To provide the necessary energy to see programs through, we have been figuring out how to establish the paid position of executive secretary. The steering committee has discussed the issue at several meetings, inviting two speakers to help out. Martin Womer, former executive director of the Coastal Mountains Land Trust in Rockport, and Rupert Neilly, coordinator of the Maine Network of Conservation Land Trusts, based at Maine Coast Heritage Trust, spoke to us about ways to structure such a position, what duties and responsibilities would be incurred, how the position could become self-financed, and how such an executive should continue to work with active volunteers. Many small land trusts in the state, and other non-profit groups, have experienced similar growing pains, so we have been able to draw on a wealth of experience as we consider this option.

Paid staff would work closely with the steering committee and program coordinators in developing activities, managing programs, and mobilizing volunteers. The position would not replace volunteer committees, but help them contribute to the group in ways that are fulfilling, limited, and productive. Assistance to volunteers would range from taking minutes and sending out notices if needed, to finding speakers, facilitating meetings, and writing grant proposals. Staff would also help with fund raising, public relations, and communication functions, such as events, press releases, and the newsletter, and ongoing administrative tasks such as membership maintenance and bank deposits.

Treasurer Vance Stephenson has drawn up a budget proposal that would support the position for six months, to be renewed if fund raising, membership, and program activities generate enough support. We'll keep you posted. □

## COALITION FIGHTS DIOXIN DISCHARGE

FOMB HAS JOINED THE FIGHT to eliminate the discharge of dioxin into Merrymeeting Bay rivers by Maine paper companies. Working with a wide range of other groups in a coalition hosted by the Natural Resources Council of Maine, FOMB hopes to convince mills to convert to totally chlorine-free (TCF) paper-making. TCF would eliminate discharge of dioxin, and many other toxins as well, would reduce corrosion in production facilities, eliminate certain bleaching and recovery steps in the manufacturing

process, saving money in the long run, and improve worker safety.

Governor King supports the elimination of dioxin discharge, and paper companies have verbally agreed to his proposals. Public pressure will need to be maintained by FOMB and others to ensure that these agreements are fulfilled. Buying chlorine-free paper, thereby creating a demand for TCF products, is a positive, market-oriented approach to this issue. Please let us know if you would like to help. □

## SWAN ISLAND REGISTERED AS HISTORIC DISTRICT

SWAN ISLAND, also known as the Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area, and formerly Perkins Plantation, is now registered as an historic district by the federal government. Such designation enables the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, owners and managers of the island, to apply for federal and state grants for maintenance of visitor facilities and restoration of historic buildings. The district was nominated because of its unique combination of cultural assets, including historic buildings (one of which dates from 1763); family cemeteries; agricultural land; rural vernacular landscape; recent, "Euro-American," and possible pre-historic archaeological sites; and conservation lands. Little Swan Island is included in the district. For more information, contact Rusty Dyke, Swan Island Manager, at Maine IF&W (547-4165). □

## SUMMER DIG AT POWNALBOROUGH COURT HOUSE

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS and adults may participate in archaeological digs at Pownalborough Court House in Dresden this summer to help find the site of Fort Shirley (1752-54). Two week-long sessions are available, each costing \$200. Write to Norm Buttrick or Jim Leamon at Archaeology Associates, 1 Freeport Farm, West Street, Freeport, ME 04032; or call 865-6727 evs., 786-6074 days.

For information about a summer dig at Old Fort Western in Augusta, call Jay Adams at the Fort (626-2385). □

## BEAT THE HEAT!

EXPLORE THE EASTERN ARCTIC this summer with MITA/FOMB member and arctic enthusiast Ed Friedman. Ed has travelled and worked extensively in arctic, subarctic, and antarctic regions and has been involved in outdoor education for 25 years. He will lead three Mountain Travel/Sobek trips in August to coastal Greenland and Baffin Island. Travel to the area in a comfortable research vessel, and explore fjords, glaciers, and icebergs on foot and in sea kayaks. Ed is offering a 10% rebate on

the \$4,000 cost to MITA and FOMB members. Please call him for detailed information at 666-3372. □

## MAINE MARITIME CRUISES ON THE BAY

BOAT TRIPS this summer departing from the museum wharf include:

**July 2 - Trip to Richmond**, features the Kennebec River, the Bay, Richmond architecture, and visit to a Russian Orthodox church

**July 27 - Swan Island**, early morning cruise followed by safari-style tour of the island via open truck led by state wildlife biologists.

**July 29 - Historic Bowdoinham**, crosses the Bay, follows winding Cathance River to town landing.

**August 13 - Repeat of Richmond trip.**

**October 12 - Inland Foliage Cruise**, see peak foliage, eagles' nests, stop at Richmond, learn about the ice industry and shipbuilding.

Cost for cruises: \$23 members; \$25 non-members. Departure times differ and reservations are strongly recommended. Call the museum for more information (443-1316). □

## SOURCE TO THE SEA ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER CANOE TREK

CANOEISTS AND KAYAKERS will voyage this summer from the source of the Androscoggin all the way to Fort Popham. Along the way, public events will attract attention to the river and publicize efforts to keep it pollution-free.

Day-trekkers can paddle short sections, and all ages and levels of experience are welcomed. Coordinators will provide maps, itineraries, and shuttles at take-out points. Tours of paper mills, hydro-power dams, and sewage treatment plants will be organized. Potluck meals will be held along the way.

### Merrymeeting Bay Day - June 18

Participants will meet at the Water Street landing in Brunswick, float past the Topsham by-pass construction site and land at Mustard Island for lunch, then paddle up into the Bay to land at Brick Island. After a talk by Ed Friedman, paddlers will cross to Butler Cove in West Bath where a shuttle will return everyone to Brunswick.

For information about the complete trek, call Katherine Groves, Maine DEP, Augusta (287-8125);

To register for the paddle in Merrymeeting Bay, call Julie Isbill, AMC and National Park Service, Brunswick (725-5028), so she can arrange shuttles;

More publicity, with exact itineraries, public events, and tide information will be available in area newspapers and other media as event time draws near.

If you would be interested in helping to organize a **Kennebec River paddle** coinciding with Source to the Sea, call Ed Friedman, Bowdoinham (666-3372), or write to FOMB. □



## MERRYMEETING BAY "WEB SITE"

BETSY STEEN AND JIM MOULTON at Bowdoin Central School are setting up a Merrymeeting Bay "home page" or "site" on the Internet. The site is a computer file that, once it is posted on the World-wide Web, can be opened and read by anyone in the world who has access to the Internet. The initial purpose is to display information for students and teachers involved in the Hands Around the Bay program (see cover article).

At least part of the site would be designed so students could add new information. If a Bay-wide student research program were to be developed, students could enter information as it occurs. Or a file could accept poems, stories, and artwork. When schools are networked to one another next year, students on one side of the Bay will be able to contribute to work initiated on the other side.

The site is similar to any computer document. First, a page appears on the screen. By clicking on certain words or images, or typing keyboard entries, other pages are opened. Each page has further words or images that can be opened, revealing other pages. Each page is like a box, or a drawer or shelf, containing information.

Betsy and Jim have created a series of such pages or boxes or shelves, including:

- A pictorial introduction to the Bay
- Hands Around the Bay communities
- Current Projects around the Bay
- Current issues and challenges
- Natural history
- Cultural history
- How the Bay works (land forms and water currents)
- Art and literature

- Study materials
- Friends of Merrymeeting Bay
- Bibliography
- Associated Links

Although the program is designed for use in elementary schools, a web site can easily be expanded or partitioned. Another part of the site could be devoted to technical data or scientific bulletins, for example.

We welcome your ideas and advice in regard to the Merrymeeting Bay web site. We would like the information to be as accurate, informative, and useful as possible. Please help. Call Betsy Steen (666-3468) or write FOMB. □

### The Androscoggin River

The Androscoggin River runs wild ...  
 With green, blue and brown fish swimming  
 freely, happily in the clear blue water.  
 "Blub, blub, blibbery, blub,"  
 The Anadromous fish says.  
 The wild wind swirls  
 Making short waves crash along the muddy  
 shore.  
 "Blub, blub, blibbery, blub,"  
 The Anadromous fish says.

The water bugs skip and skim  
 on the clear blue surface of the water  
 "Peep, peep, peep,"  
 They seem to say.  
 Listen to the bullfrog!  
 "Croak, croak, crickety, croak!"  
 Look at the blue jay!  
 "Cheep, cheep!"  
 As I listen to these sounds  
 I wish I was a river.  
 Then I would never leave these sounds.  
 — Zachary Labbay  
 Bowdoin Central School  
 Grade 4

## FRIENDS OF MERRYMEETING BAY

### STEERING COMMITTEE – April 1996 - April 1997

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### Hands Around the Bay Coordinators:

Ed Friedman (See above) .....

Pat Maloney (See above) .....

### Special Events Coordinator:

Jean Parker, Hockomock Island, Woolwich 04579 .....

## FOMB STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

**O**UR EFFORT TO expand the Steering Committee has been wildly successful. We have a full slate of 15 members, representing a wide variety of skills and interests (see box above).

The Steering Committee is the board of directors, but will be freed of much of the day-to-day operation of programs, which will fall to the four executive offi-

cers, the program coordinators, and, if approved, the executive secretary. Bi-monthly meetings will discuss proposals referred through the executive committee, but more importantly include ample time for facilitated and creative brainstorming.

We extend our thanks to the members of the Steering Committee of the previous year for their valuable contributions of time, ideas, and energy, and welcome the ten new members. □

## Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, P.O. Box 233, Richmond, Maine 04357

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I enclose \$10.00 to cover membership for one year.

I also enclose  \$15  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$200

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as an additional tax-deductible donation.

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\$5.00 is enclosed. Please mail me a copy of **Conservation Options: A Guide for Maine Landowners.**

\$5.00 is enclosed. Please mail me a copy of **Preserving Family Lands: Essential Tax Strategies for the Landowner.**

**Note:** Write checks payable to FOMB. An additional donation of \$2.00 per order is requested to cover the cost of postage and a padded envelope. Thanks!

## SPRING CLEANING ON THE BAY – May 18

**F**RIENDS OF MERRYMEETING BAY and the Western Rivers section of the Maine Island Trail Association (WRMITA) are co-sponsoring a clean-up of Merrymeeting Bay and the approximately 8-9 islands along this part of the Maine Island Trail. The clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, with a rain date of the following Saturday. Some of the areas to be covered include the Merrymeeting Bay Game Management Area, the Merrymeeting Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Butler Cove, and virtually any shoreline area that attracts trash.

Recovered debris types will be recorded on data forms provided by the Maine State Planning Office, and separated into recyclable and non-recyclable categories.

Recovered materials will be accepted by the towns of Bath and Bowdoinham. At day's end, a pot luck get-together will be held at the Bowdoinham Town Landing.

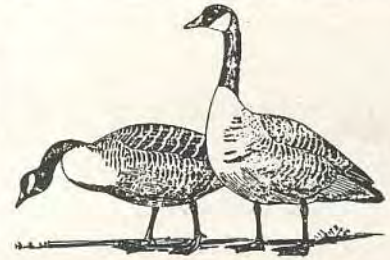
Supporting the clean-up in a variety of ways thus far, besides FOMB and MITA,

are Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS), Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Maine State Planning Office, the City of Bath, the Town of Bowdoinham, America Outdoors, Chewonki Foundation, Dragonworks Kayaks, and County Ambulance. Community and business participation is welcomed. If you would like to help, please contact Clean-up Coordinator Ed Friedman at 666-3372. □

## FOMB SPEAKER SERIES & FIELD TRIPS

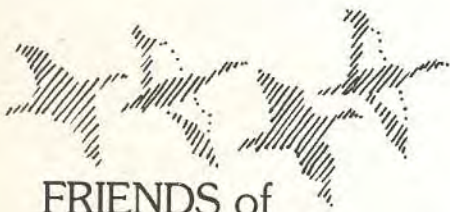
**W**E HAVE BEEN working through the winter and spring on a speaker series on Merrymeeting Bay, and have come up with a good list of topics. Although dates have not been finalized, we want to publicize what we have done so far. We need help with locations and other logistical aspects, so please call.

- **Edwards Dam** – Ron Kreisman (*spoke at our Annual Meeting April 14*)
- **Mud Plants of Merrymeeting Bay** – Barbara Vickery. *Date: August 3, 10 a.m., Bowdoinham Town Landing*



- **Dioxin and Chlorine-Free Paper-making** – Peter Washburn, NRCM
- **Merrymeeting Bay in Words and Images** – reading by Frank Burroughs, slides by Sally Butcher
- **Anadromous Fish of the Kennebec River and Merrymeeting Bay** – Tom Squires, Maine Dept. Marine Resources
- **Watersheds: Making Merrymeeting Bay's New History** – Ed Hawes
- **Gulf of Maine Project, Merrymeeting Bay Focus Area** – Lois Winter, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- **Eel Fishing in the Bay** – Bruce Berry

We are also lining up speakers for archaeology, local history, "communities and ethics," ice harvesting, and a cemetery walk. □



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