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THE PISCATAQUOG WATERSHED ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION

TO CONSERVE THE NATURAL AND SCENIC ENVIRONMENT OF THE PISCATAQUOG RIVER WATERSHED AND PROTECT THE PURITY OF ITS WATERS.

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Tuthill family members display plaques commemorating the dedication of the Preserve. Pat Nelson created the plaques using photos she took of major features on the property.

From left, Susan Frankenstein (wife of Andy Tuthill), Alan Tuthill, John Tuthill, and William Tuthill



Trail guide, Ken Lombard, reviews the variety of habitats that make the preserve so important to wildlife.



Rob Gregg, Verna Elliot, William Tuthill, Jed Callen, John Tuthill, and Alan Tuthill cut the ribbon at the dedication.

TUTHILL WOODLANDS PRESERVE

Mother Nature cooperated beautifully on

February 14 when the PWA held a dedication ceremony and sponsored several snowshoe hikes to celebrate the protection of the 200-acre Tuthill Woodlands Preserve. Over the course of the day, about 75 people attended events on the land. The day began with a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting. Three of Nora Tuthill's sons attended and the fourth was represented by his wife. Dedication speakers included Jed Callen, PWA President, Margaret Watkins, PWA Executive Director, Ken Lombard, New Boston Open Space Committee Chair, and Robb Gregg, who gave a history of early Gregg settlers on this land.

After the dedication and again in the afternoon, snowshoers, skiers, and hikers broke into smaller groups and set off with PWA Keeping Track guides to explore the many treasures on the land – from the historic cellar holes of previous residents to signs of wildlife that inhabit the land today. Groups saw evidence of moose, deer, fisher, coyote, and others, including several kill sites of turkey and partridge. One group encountered a very live porcupine. As one of the last visitors departed, she reflected the thoughts of many who helped to make this preserve a reality: "I could have spent the entire day out here. To think that I can bring my grandchildren back here in 20 years and not have it be a housing development – that makes it all worthwhile."

After the hikes, most participants stopped by the nearby home of Lyn and Ken Lombard for hot chocolate, sandwiches, and sweet valentine treats. Thanks to Lyn for organizing this feast, with additional gastronomic contributions from Paula Bellemore, Kim DiPietro, Joel and Cindy Stave, and Margaret Watkins.

If you missed the snowshoe hike, you can still enjoy this property. The Preserve is open to the public, and PWA intern Emily Hague is exploring additional trail possibilities. If you are interested in a trail building workshop, please contact the PWA office. Emily also is cataloging the biodiversity of the property. This information will be used for land management.



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Awareness (PLAC) Lyn Lombard Hannah Proctor Keeping Track Coordinator Barbara Thomson

Years of Change & Continuity

by Margaret Watkins, PWA Executive Director

Looking Back, Looking 2003 has been a year Ahead

2003 has been a year marked by change and smooth transitions.

We said goodbye to retiring long-time board members Cheryl Christner and Graham Pendlebury and welcomed Diane Beland, Amy Doherty, and Chris Conroy. Paula Bellemore replaced Laurie Terwilliger as Administrative Director, and I came on board as the PWA's first Executive Director. PWA committees and programs include

other new faces – and many more familiar faces. We are very happy and fortunate to have both!

Throughout the year, a display of entries in the 2002 photo contest rotated among town libraries, and permanent displays promoting membership in the PWA were put up in watershed towns. Activities for members and friends included a vernal pool workshop, the first whip-poor-will survey, a hike at Ferrin Pond, and a new members party. Lois Wicklow and Gordon Russell helped students in Greenfield and Francestown raise and release Atlantic Salmon fry into the Piscataquog River.

Financially, the PWA finished up the year with a record number of Annual Fund contributors (109) contributing record amounts (an average gift of \$110). The \$12,000 Annual Fund goal was met! Thank you to all who contributed!

Membership is also at an all-time high of 352 – again thanks to PWA members, who hosted parties for prospective members in Francestown and Weare.

2004 promises more change, and more of the same. In 2002 and 2003 operating expenses exceeded income. Both immediate and long-term financial stability are a focus for the Board, the Development Committee, and staff. Several new approaches to meeting the PWA's growing need for operating support are under development,



growing need for operating support are under development, even as we continue to rely on PWA members for membership and Annual Fund support.

> The participation by so many members and nonmembers at the dedication of the Tuthill

Woodlands Preserve suggests a high level of interest in opportunities to explore new natural places in the watershed – or to celebrate conservation successes. We hope to provide opportunities for both in 2004! Development pressures on land are creating new opportunities for conservation, and we have a

number of projects underway, as indicated in the Open Space Committee report. By October, the PWA's Living Legacy Conservation Plan will be completed. This plan, with maps and text, will help identify key



areas for proactive conservation. The Keeping Track data, which we hope to digitize this year, the whip-poor-will survey, and other research activities will add to this basic plan and help refine it over time.

Old road leading into Tuthill Woodlands Preserve. Photograph by Pat Nelson.

I also anticipate additional ground-

work to be laid for the Lake Horace Marsh restoration project in Weare, expansion of the website, and...well, probably spaghetti for the Annual Meeting in October. Your questions, ideas, comments, and help are always welcome. As ever, thank you for your support of the PWA.

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Open Space Committee

Graham Pendlebury 487-2636

2003 Highlights

- Completed Alicia Walker easement on 114 acres in Weare.
- Completed fundraising for and purchase of the 200-acre Tuthill Woodlands Preserve in New Boston.
- Accepted our first executory interest easement on 82 acres in Francestown.
- Revised the easement model.
- · Initiated several land conservation projects.
- Monitored PWA-easement properties with help from 25 volunteers.

2004 Plans

- Complete land conservation projects currently underway.
- Work with conservation commissions, Francestown Land Conservation, Inc., and others on land conservation projects of mutual interest.
- Complete PWA's strategic land conservation plan.
- Draft or revise forms and policies, as necessary.

Tuthill Woodlands Preserve by Pat Nelson

All ages enjoy the Piscataquog River by Diana Sterling

Water Quality Committee

Amy Doherty 487-5253

2003 Highlights

- Purchased monitoring equipment.
- Trained 20 volunteers.
- Collected monthly water quality data from 27 sites

through summer and fall, including water temperature, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, $pH, \mbox{ and } \mbox{ specific conductance}.$

- Collected continuous temperature data at 31 sites using three PWA temperature loggers, plus others loaned by Normandeau Associates and NH Fish & Game.
- Reported data to State Volunteer River Assessment Program (see http://www.des.state.nh.us).

2004 Plans

- Create a Water Quality Committee to provide technical guidance and oversight. (*Done!*)
- Develop a strategic plan for the water quality monitoring program.
- Engage new volunteers in monitoring by conducting a training on April 18. (See back cover for details.)
- Explore additional monitoring opportunities, such as continuous sampling and biomonitoring.

Purple Loosestrife Awareness Committee (PLAC)

Lyn Lombard 487-5114

2003 Highlights

- Beetles were raised and released to loosestrife infested areas. Unfortunately, 2003 was a poor year for reproduction statewide.
- Lyn Lombard and Hannah Proctor put together a Purple Loosestrife Road Show that they presented to the Goffstown Garden Club and to 5th graders at Great Brook School in Antrim. It was gratifying to learn that teachers at GBS are teaching children about invasives, and to recognize how much the PWA can inspire both children and adults.

2004 Plans

• Directly release *Galerucella* sp. beetles to large areas of purple loosestrife infestation.



• Continue monitoring existing sites where beetles have been released.

- Make more presentations to community organizations. (*Call now for bookings.*)
- Expand our focus to include more invasive species, based on the State's new list of prohibited species.

Native Jack in the Pulpit by Floyd Guyette

Otter tracks in snow by Joel Stave

Keeping Track

Barbara Thomson Gordon Russell 487-2994

2003 Highlights

27 trackers monitored 5 transects on a total of 18 outings.

We found sign of all our target

species – bear, bobcat, fisher, otter, mink, and moose – plus many others, including white-tailed deer, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, great blue heron, snowshoe hare, porcupine, long-tailed weasel, coyote, and fox (both red and gray).

2004 Plans

We hope to experiment with new field data logging techniques. Using high-tech equipment that the Russell Foundation donated for the Tuthill survey project, we will evaluate the CyberTracker.org software that Bushmen use to record their wildlife finds. The software runs on a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) hand-held computer, connected together with a Geographic Positioning System (GPS) receiver. We hope that this or similar equipment can one day enable us to create and maintain valuable permanent records for both conservation easement and wildlife habitat monitoring.

THANKS TO OUR MANY SUPPORTERS!

The PWA values the generosity and support of its members and donors. At this time, we especially thank those who contributed to the 2003 Annual Fund and in other ways.

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Dave Moffat swings from a grapevine during a Keeping Track outing. Photograph by Joel Stave

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> Piscataquog River watershed Photograph by Jerry King

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Lisa Ferro

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\$10	Student/Senior
\$20	Individual

□ \$30 Family

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED HELP IN PROTECTING THE WATERSHED!

PWA Financial Statement for Year 2003

INCOME

604,893.90

Balance Sheet as of 12/31/02

ASSETS	10.000
Checking/Savings	10,360.98
Sallada Fund	2,766.72
Easement Monitoring Fund	27,566.67
Forever Wild Easements Endown	nent 5,682.89
Unrestricted Endowment	11,107.60
Investments ¹	266,182.57
Petty Cash	100.00
Real Estate ²	300,129.00
Office Equipment	623.51
Total Assets	615,491.94
LIABILITIES	
Grant/Project Obligations	10,081.56
Payroll Liabilities	516.48

Total Liabilities	10,598.04
Payroll Liabilities	516.48
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Total Net Assets

Footnotes:

- 1) By Board vote, \$50,000 of investment funds has been allocated to the Easement Monitoring Fund.
- 2) Tuthill Woodlands included at current use land value. Appraisal with easement considered is pending.



Profit & Loss Statement: 1/1/03 to 12/31/03

EXPENSES

INCOME		EXPENSES	THE R. LEWIS
Membership Dues	10,245.00	Annual Fund	1,482.49
Annual Fund ¹	9,857.50	Annual Meeting	641.73
Corporate Matching Funds	504.50	Staff Mileage Reimbursement	115.91
Gifts in Memory of Marion Russel	l 550.00	Bank Fees/Service Charges	63.55
Contributions Income		Books & Maps	317.69
Abijah Bridge Project	300.00	Contributions/Dues/Subscriptions	s 715.00
Newsletter	500.00	Education/Training	570.00
Purple Loosestrife	50.00	Film & Development	126.66
Tuthill Woodlands Preserve	26,353.32	PWA Hats	490.00
Unrestricted	1,510.00	Insurance	2,030.00
Grants		Interest Paid	29.95
Living Legacy	162.00	Land Protection ¹	914.30
NH Charitable Foundation ²	10,000.00	Licenses, Permits, State Report	225.00
NH Conservation	1,100.24	Miscellaneous	479.11
License Plate		New Members Party	98.14
NH DES 319 Streambank Restoration	547.00	Membership Drive	1,321.39
Sales	441.99	Newsletter	1,831.78
Annual Meeting	759.83	Office Expenses	4,885.63
		Outreach Displays	1,277.12
Total Income	62,881.38	Payroll Expenses	27,340.83
Footnotes:		Printing & Reproduction	115.36
 Annual Fund goal of \$12,000 met in 2004. 		Professional Fees	1,292.00
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Environmental Fund and the Manchester Re		Abijah Bridge	300.00
Community Foundation.	0	Tuthill Project	26,353.32
		Property Taxes	142.33
		Purple Loosestrife Committee	194.97
		Water Quality Monitoring	2,251.66
		Total Expenses	75,605.92
M. Cr		Net Ordinary Income (12,724.54)
Stone wall at Tuthill Woodlands Preserve		Footnotes:	

1) Includes recording fees, Wasserman appraisal, related costs.

PWA Feedback Form

Let us hear from you - anytime! Please share your news and ideas with PWA. You can write to us at the address on the reverse or email us at contactpwa@yahoo.com.

- l'd like to join a Keeping Track team.
- I'd like to help the Purple Loosestrife Awareness Committee (PLAC).
- Please send PWA brochures for my neighbors and friends. How many do you need? ____
- I want to support the PWA in other ways (for example, lead a walk, blaze a trail, write an article, provide publicity, write a grant, do research, raise funds, volunteer to aid school programs, host a local information meeting, etc.).

PLEASE SPECIFY YOUR INTERESTS:

I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT:

 \Box Ways to protect my land. **Remembering the PWA in my will.** A Making a major contribution to the PWA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. YOU ARE THE PWA!

Colored Lives by Gordon Russell

Recently, my daily life is one constant balancing act of walking along a coded tightrope of four colors. I tiptoe along through orange days, sometimes red days, and

I struggle to keep my focus on the natural truths and beauty that give my life in this watershed pleasure and meaning. Any day now I expect our graphic-happy weather reporters to assign codes of color to days when, conceivably, the sky might fall.

YOU ARE

INVITED!



Six crows just flew by. Their looping, erratic air dance spelled nothing but sheer freedom and carefreeness. Those birds were black. They were silhouetted against the whiteness of Great Meadow's roof of snow. A signal was shared among those six, simultaneously. Left wings dropped and each bird spiraled downward and bounced to a stop on the frozen surface. They became black specks on a field of white. My brain smiled with the contrast.

The blue of the jay, the reds of the fox and squirrel, the purple of the finch, the dab of rusty-pink of the Tufted Titmouse; ah, nature's colors come with no strings attached. Solace, peace, beauty, memory, story, one is free to apply any interpretation. They are simply there begging to be appreciated.

The Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) is working with Goffstown and the Friends of the Greenway to sponsor a design charrette for a proposed Rail Trail. Local residents and community

stakeholders will brainstorm with design professionals to develop a vision for the recreational trail.

Several breakout sessions will focus on specific topics including Community Connections & Assets, Livable/Walkable Village, and Trail Design Standards. The ideas and comments will be incorporated into a summary report for the Town. All interested parties are invited to attend.

> May 15, 8:00am - 3:30pm Villa Augustina School, 208 South Mast Road, Goffstown

For more information call **Jan Falcone (Goffstown) at 623-9657** or **Ron Johnson (Manchester) at 624-6565 Ext. 302**



Barred Owl Photograph by Pat Nelson

DAYS OF OUR LIVES - AN OWL SAGA -

What happened to Ward? Will June move into her new house with a new mate?

Stay tuned to see what happens next in the ongoing saga of a pair of breeding barred owls in eastern Massachusetts. For the last six years, their family life has been recorded in nearly daily photo and journal entries at **www.owlcam.com**. There are even sound clips of their various vocalizations. Late winter is owl mating season and owls begin laying eggs in late March or early April. No one knows what 2004 will bring, but you can have a front row seat. While you're waiting, check out the "reruns" from past years. This is **REAL** reality TV!



Frog basking in the sun. Photograph by Cindy Stave

New Edition of Water Pollution Prevention Guide

A new edition of a free guide is now available to help New Hampshire citizens, businesses, volunteers, and town officials learn more about the causes of water pollution, how people can help improve New Hampshire's water quality, and what laws protect our waters. The guide focuses on the sources and control of polluted runoff from the land.

Copies of the new 64-page edition of **Best Management Practice to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution: A Guide for Citizens and Town Officials** are available at the PWA office or by contacting Barbara McMillan, DES Watershed Outreach Coordinator at **603-271-7889** or **bmcmillan@des.state.nh.us**.



Photograph by Randy Parker

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RED STRIPE ON YOUR MAILING LABEL?

It's time to renew your membership! Please use the form on page 3.

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TRAINING SESSION: Water Quality Monitoring Sunday, April 18, 3-5 pm

Meet at the PWA office Trainers: John Magee & Molly Stark

If you are interested in participating in the PWA's 2004 volunteer water quality monitoring program, join us for a few enjoyable hours on the river learning to use the water monitoring equipment. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Welcome to **Our New Members!**

Lyndeborough
New Boston
New Boston
New Boston
Manchester
Rowley, MA
New Boston
Weare
New Boston
Dunbarton
Francestown

All new members will be entered into a raffle for a night at the Greenfield Inn.



Old cellar hole at Tuthill Woodlands Preserve. Photograph by Pat Nelson

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Len & Meredeth Allen*	Francestown
Donna Arnold	Goffstown
Diane & Alan Beland	Weare
Montague & Meeta Brown	Weare
J.Willcox & Natale Brown**	Concord
John & Meredith Bunting	New Boston
Thomas Burke	Deering
David & Laurette Carroll	Warner
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David Connard	Francestown
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Yvonne Gomes	New Boston
Charles & Mary Louise Gould	New Boston
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Eugene Kelly & Brenda Lind	New Boston
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Peter Kostecki	Francestown
Ken & Lyn Lombard*	New Boston
Pam & Eric Lorimer*	Peterborough
Diane & Thomas Manson**	New Boston
Walter A. & Bonita Morse	Hillsboro
Marjorie Burgess Murphy	New Boston

Member Renewals Since Last Newsletter

Janet Nixon*	New Boston
Donald & Ruth Normandeau*	Goffstown
Lee Nyquist & Leslie Nixon	New Boston
Charles & Veda O'Neill*	Francestown
Heidi & John Palmer*	New Boston
Roland Pendlebury	Westford, MA
Keith Robinson & Lauren Warner	Deering
Virginia Rogers	State College, PA
Judith Russell**	Goffstown
William & Carol Russell	Francestown
Jeremy & Carolynne Shinn	Weare
David & Jillian Smith	New Boston
Mildred St. Pierre	Concord
Joseph Trimbur	New Boston
Burr & Sarah Tupper	New Boston
Margaret Watkins	Dunbarton

* denotes extra contribution ** denotes contribution of \$100 or more



Snowshoers in the Tuthill Woodlands Preserve. Photograph by Cindy Stave