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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21ST 5 to 7pm
The Dockside Grill, Falmouth



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See you on November 21st!



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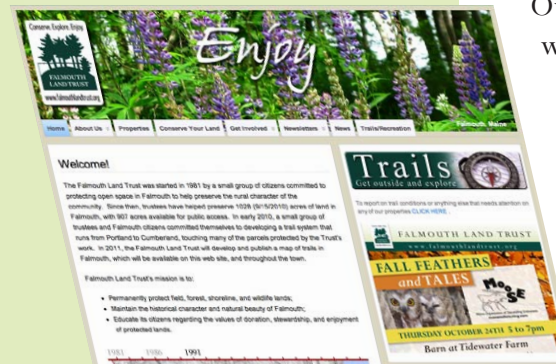


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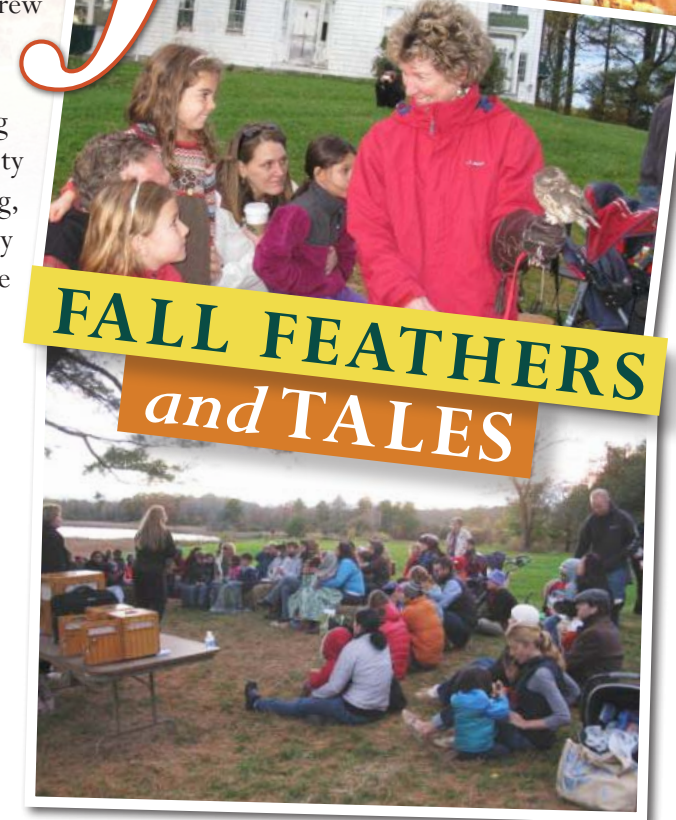


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Kids flocked to "Fall Feathers and Tales" event
by Mila Plavsic

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On October 24th, the Falmouth Land Trust drew a record crowd as 150 kids and parents gathered at Tidewater Farm for a free evening of live birds, great stories, and tasty treats. With Halloween approaching, the time was right for some spooky stories. Susan Dries, of the Maine Organization of Storytelling Enthusiasts (MOOSE), enthralled the crowd with tales about mysterious happenings, nocturnal adventures, and stories about owls, the birds who hunt in darkness.



FALL FEATHERS and TALES

The stars of the night were the owls themselves. From the tiny Northern Saw-whet owl to the imposing Great Horned Owl, the kids were treated to an up-close and personal visit with these magnificent raptors. The small owls prey mainly on mice while the bigger owls will go after bigger mammals, including skunks! Wind Over Wings, led by Hope Douglas, cares for birds that are unable to survive in the wild; many have overcome extraordinary obstacles in their lives. Some of the birds featured during the program came to Wind Over Wings after being hit by cars and were given a new lease on life.

In addition to the owls, the kids met a raven, a favorite character in many stories about the supernatural. Ravens are intelligent birds that can solve problems and use tools – they are considered to be as smart as a three-

year-old child. The birds and the stories blended together to make a memorable night. Despite the chill in the air, a good time was had by all and the Land Trust looks forward to doing more events for kids and families.

Sponsors for the event included Ace Hardware, Rainbow Toys, Winfield Children's House, Pine Grove School, The Book Review, Peak Dental, Lots for Tots, General Store for Pets, and Maine Orthodontics. Refreshments were donated by the European Bakery, Hannaford and Shaws. The Falmouth Land Trust is grateful for the support of these local businesses!

Letter from the President: *Jed Harris*



Over 150 kids and their parents braved a brisk fall night to join FLT for our first *Fall Feathers and Tales* event. It was a great night that featured several rescued owls and ravens from *Wind Over Wings* incorporated with a few entertaining stories by the talented Susan Dries of *Maine Organization of Storytelling Enthusiasts (MOOSE)*. Seeing our largest crowd ever at this event speaks volumes about the increasing profile the Trust is assuming in Falmouth. My deepest thanks to our Board, our incredible Executive Director and numerous community sponsors that made this evening such a tremendous success.

Looking back Fall Feathers and Tales is the crowning “feather” in what has been a very active year; allow me to offer some 2013 highlights:

- Highly successful first year with our Summer Ranger program. Thanks to a generous grant from Bangor Savings Bank we had two phenomenal college students join us for 7 weeks working outside improving our trails, leading walks and teaching school age kids how to geocache
- Our first Harvest Moon event drew over 100 people to Tidewater Farm on a beautiful full moon night to listen to sounds of Tony Boffa band and enjoy local foods and good company
- Four new easement properties that offer important connections to already conserved land
- A newly printed Parks and Public Lands map featuring all the open space, parks and trails available for public use in Falmouth.
- Thanks to the generosity of the Davis Conservation Foundation and Chase Excavating, FLT was able to completely redesign and remake the first 800 feet at the entrance to the white trail on our jewel property Blackstrap Hill Preserve.
- Last but not least—we hope you can join us at Docksider Grill on Thursday November 21st from 5 to 7pm as we host our fourth annual raffle. This year in addition to our fabulous raffle items we’ve added an entertaining silent auction component. This is our single largest fund raiser and we hope to see you at Docksider Grill enjoying a fun evening and supporting the Trust.

Finally, this is a largely volunteer organization that relies on community financial support to host these great events, to further our educational efforts about Falmouth’s open space parcels and to take part in continuing our critical role in protecting additional properties for future generations. Thank you for your generous financial support of the Trust.

Jed Harris

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Update from Bob Shafto, *Woods Road Community Forest*

Although owned by the town since 1987, the 140-acre conservation parcel on Woods Road that was set aside during the construction of The Woodlands Club has been largely inaccessible by the public.

All that changed this summer. The Falmouth Conservation Corps, with funding from the Recreational Trails Program, has built nearly three miles of trails within the property and east over private land to the town-owned Deer Ridge conservation area.

This unique open space property is now known as the Woods Road Community Forest. It is the oldest forest in Falmouth, and one of the oldest in southern Maine, with many trees 80 to 120 years of age. The visitor will find an open forest populated with large hemlock,

white pine and red oak trees. While not yet a late successional forest (over 150 years old), it is well on its way. The management plan for the property calls for most of it to be managed as “forever wild” forest, while still maintaining it as a deer yard as mandated by the DEP order which originally created it.

To access the property, look for the parking area on Woods Road, just north of The Woodlands Club entrance. A kiosk with trail map is located just inside the forest. The trails are mostly flat, easily traversed and excellent for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Happy hiking!



Harvest Moon, September 19th was a beautiful night for our first annual Harvest Moon event at Tidewater Farm. Friends enjoyed live music by Tony Boffa Band, delicious food from local food trucks and a spectacular full moon rising over Casco Bay



White trail improvements at Blackstrap Hill Preserve-Thanks to a generous grant from Davis Conservation Foundation and support from Chase Excavating and FLT supporters we were able to significantly improve our entrance to Blackstrap Hill Preserve! Come on out and enjoy this jewel property!

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