

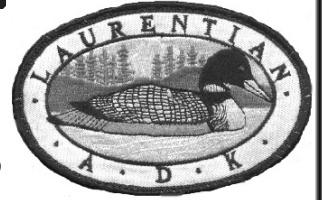


North Wind

The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

St. Lawrence & Ottawa River Valley Region

Jan. - Mar. 2017



Boreas Ponds

The Adirondack Park Agency recently completed a series of meetings around the state to receive comments about the proposed Boreas Ponds land classifications. The APA's 4 proposals range from Alternative 1, which calls for just under 50% Wilderness and would allow motorized access to and around the ponds, to Alternative 4, which calls for about 72% Wilderness and would keep motor vehicles a mile south of the ponds.

I attended the November 29 meeting at Canton Central School, along with about 150 other people. The meeting was cordial, the speakers polite, and the audience respectful. Almost 50 people gave oral comments for the record; I was able to stay for the first 25. By my informal count, the comments were more or less evenly divided between requests for wilderness and requests for snowmobile access. Speakers ranged in age from college students to seasoned retirees. There were both wilderness advocates and snowmobilers at the older end of the spectrum, but the young people tended to be on the wilderness end of the scale.

Alternative 4 was the preferred choice for perhaps half of the wilderness advocates. The other half argued that, at 72% wilderness, Alternative 4 did not go far enough. They asked the APA to classify the entire Boreas Ponds Tract as Wilderness. Their reasons fell into two main areas. First, an increasing number of people want to experience wilderness while the number of wild places for them to visit is, if anything, shrinking. Second, many Adirondack wildlife species, both large and small, thrive better in areas less visited by humans and machines, and the APA's first responsibility is to the land and wildlife.

Advocates for snowmobile use pointed out that when snowmobiles are operated on frozen surfaces, particularly hardened roads such as the existing gravel roads in the Boreas Ponds Tract, their environmental impact is minimal. They also mentioned that the existing roads could be incorporated into a community connector between Newcomb and North Hudson. Most favored Alternative 1.

Of the speakers I heard, only one talked about bicycle use in the Boreas Ponds. He noted that both road bikes and mountain bikes are increasing in popularity in the Adirondacks and that their environmental impact when ridden on existing gravel roads is minimal. Bicycles cannot be used in areas classified as Wilderness, so accommodating mountain bikes would require a Wild Forest classification for part of the area.

The issue of handicapped access to and around the ponds was raised, but nobody said anything specific about whether and how this should be accommodated.

Nobody mentioned the possible use of ATVs.

John Omohundro, Outgoing VP for Conservation, and I have submitted comments on the Boreas Ponds classification to the APA. We attempted to find a balance between both able-bodied and mobility-impaired people's desire to experience wilderness and wildlife's desire to be left alone. We asked for more wilderness than Alternative 4, but not 100% wilderness. This would allow visitors to drive to one mile from the Ponds while providing wilderness protection for most of the tract, including all of the Boreas River.

The APA is expected to reach a decision in 2017. That will not be the end of the story, however. Once one of the land classification alternatives is approved, the Department of Environmental Conservation will then begin to develop a Unit Management Plan for the area. The UMP will determine the location of trails and campsites in Wilderness areas and the location of roads, parking areas, and other facilities in the Wild Forest areas. It will also determine what types of vehicles - cars, snowmobiles, ATVs, bicycles - will be permitted on which roads in the Wild Forest. You will again have the opportunity to influence the fate of this beautiful part of the Adirondacks.

David Katz

Chair

Tom Wheeler

My wife and I made a trip down to Long Island this past weekend. On the way we had our first bout with lake effect and on the way back through the mountains we encountered roads lightly covered with snow. For those of us who live in the north country, neither caused any concern. I would much rather have those conditions than the constant dense traffic we encountered as we neared the densely populated southeastern part of our state.

On Long Island most comments about where we live focused on how we survive the winter. We do more than survive- we thrive. I like to think that for our Laurentian ADKers the winter is one of the favorite seasons. There are numerous opportunities for skiing, snowshoeing, and other outdoor activities. In the densely populated areas of the state the opportunities for quality outdoor winter activities are much diminished.

In chapter news our newly elected officers attended the most recent Executive committee meeting. Randy Saumier, our new vice chair for membership, will bring energy and ideas to that position. His goal (and ours) is to provide new members with the information and encouragement they need to fully participate in our chapter activities. David Katz, our new Conservation Chair, has been working with John Omohundro and will be a vigorous advocate on our behalf. Our new treasurer is Marie Fernandez de Alaiza who is from Cuba. Our Executive Committee has a truly international flavor with citizens from Canada, the USA, and now Cuba.

The board has approved funding for a portable tool shed to shelter our ever growing collection of tools used in our various trail projects. The cost of this is to be reimbursed through RRAC thanks to the efforts of John Omohundro.

Marianne Hebert has put together an outstanding winter schedule which presents opportunities our members to get out and experience the beauty of being outdoors in the winter. The activities are vigorous enough so that you will be warm as you ski or snowshoe through the snow laden trees and along ice-covered ponds and streams. At the end of the day you will feel invigorated — and no doubt hungry.

Jeanna Matthew has put together an excellent schedule of programs for the winter indoor-outdoor series. She has also extensively advertised the Camp Colby scholarships we offer. There are tight deadlines because of the recent policies of DEC.

I hope to see you out in the woods this winter or on a Sunday evening presentation.



Sunburst: Gatineau Park, Quebec. Photo by Art Boni. Contest winner in the category: Artistic.

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Conservation

John Omohundro

Busy busy - This year has seen a flurry of unit management plans in our region that called for chapter comment. One pleasant outcome of my work on these for the chapter has been learning more about the state land parcels in our area. Brasher, Pleasant Lake, Whiskey Flats... some parcels are interesting places where chapter members should visit and then plan to lead an outing.

Grass River/Tooley Pond UMP - David Katz, the incoming VP for Conservation, and I have attended hearings and sent a lengthy letter to NYDEC praising the plan, encouraging preservation of the wildlife and minimization of roads, and suggesting some features for hikers and cyclists. The Grass River state parcels and the two large easement areas in this package have long been popular areas for our chapter.

Boreas Ponds classification by APA - David attended the hearing in Canton and we have drafted a letter to the APA recommending much of the land in this parcel be designated Wilderness, minimizing motor access except by the handicapped and for emergencies. This has been the position of the ADK at the club level, also.

Valedictory - With this report, I hand off the baton to my successor. David has been working with me for a few months already and is on top of things. Give him your full support..

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Whiteface from Norman Ridge Road. Photo: Art Boni. Contest winner in the category: Landscape



Trail work day 2016 - South Colton. Nate and Nick build a control dam. Photo by: John Barron

OUTINGS

Jan. - Mar. 2017

Marianne Hebert

Sun. Jan. 1 - New Year Day Potluck - New Year's day Outing and Potluck at the Spencer's in Canton, 545 Pink Schoolhouse Road (off the Canton Russell road about 4 miles South of Canton). Some Options: If we're lucky and have snow, there is skiing at the Best Western Golf course, or the Kip trail. Also snowshoeing or hiking or skiing (a little tougher than golf course skiing) on the Spencer's property trails. Plan to eat about 2:30. Contact Ann Spencer (315) 379-1383.

Sat. Jan. 7 - ADK Winterfest 2017 - Heart Lake Program Center, Adirondak Loj, Lake Placid, 10 AM to 8 PM. A family-friendly winter event. Details: <https://www.adk.org/play/snow-sports-information/winterfest/>

Wed. Jan. 11 - Deer Pond Loop Ski - This 7.3 mile loop provides 4 miles of flat land with 3 miles of hills. We'll see Deer Pond, Mosquito Pond, and some Norway spruce that Bernhard Fernow, the nation's first professional forester, planted in 1900. Intermediate skiing ability needed for the hills. If conditions require us to snowshoe, anticipate a 4.5 hour walk. A shared trip between Laurentian and North Woods chapters. Members only. John Omohundro. 315-244-9131.

Sun. Jan. 15 - Intro to Snow Shoeing. ADK will be partnering with Potsdam Recreation to teach the basics of snowshoeing! Potsdam Recreation has purchased snowshoes for adults and children. We will learn how to put them on, get comfortable using them behind the Pine Street Arena, and then venture off to the trails behind Clarkson to try them out. Adults and children welcome. 0-1 mile. Easy. Level 1. Please call before coming so we can make sure there are snowshoes for you! Rose Rivezzi (315) 265-8117.

Sat. Jan. 14-Mon. Jan 16. Winter Teen Adventure This three-day, two-night winter adventure is for teens ages 14 to 17. Participants will experience staying in a heated yurt while hiking high peaks and learning the skills to become a proficient winter hiker. Cost: \$199 (members receive 10% discount); includes instruction, transportation during the course, all meals, and use of group equipment. Contact 518-523-3441 or programs@adk.org.

Mon. Jan. 16th - Red Sandstone Trail (Martin Luther King Day) - (joint outing with the Black River and the Northville Lake Placid Chapters) - Felicia Neahr and Marie Steinbeck: There will be two groups for this hike. Felicia will begin at the south entrance with her group, for a 7 mile RT hike of the Red Sandstone Trail, meeting Marie's group at the northern entrance. Marie's group will begin later in the

Foot travel

Difficulty Level	Feet of ascent	miles
5. Very strenuous	over 1500	10+
4. Strenuous	1000-1500	8-10
3. Moderate	500-1000	5-8
2. Fairly easy	to 499	3-5
1. Easy	level mostly	1-3

Cycling

Leaders should specify mileage, elevation, and surface.

Check for additions, deletions and changes on our chapter website, www.adklaurentian.org

Please contact the leaders at least a day before the trip.

Car pooling makes sense, as does sharing the cost of gas.

day and start at the northern entrance for a 3 mile RT hike. This trail follows the Raquette River between Hannawa Falls and Potsdam. The entire hike is a level 3, moderate, while the shorter section is a level 1-2. Contact Felicia Neahr (518) 321-4956 or felicia.neahr@gmail.com

Sat. Jan. 21 - Saranac Six - St. Regis Mountain This hike is approximately 6.6 miles RT with rewarding views and a recently restored fire tower at the summit. 1266' elevation gain. Level 3-4. Contact Felicia Neahr (518) 321-4956 or felicia.neahr@gmail.com

Sat. Jan. 28 - Heaven Hill Farm (Lake Placid) - Beginning cross country ski (or snow shoe depending on conditions). We will select from 1-4 miles of loop trails, depending on the will of the group. Mostly flat. Level 1-2. Kids welcome. Contact Marianne Hebert (315) 265-0756 or hebertm@potsdam.edu.

Sun. Jan. 29 - Intro to Snow Shoeing. See description under Jan. 15

Fri. Jan. 27 - Sun, Jan. 29 ADK Tug Hill Winter Outing Mad River Club, Lacona, NY: Details: <https://www.adk.org/play/snow-sports-information/winter-outing/>

Fri. Jan. 27 - Sun, Jan. 29. Young Member Winter Adventure - Spend two nights in a heated yurt and explore the High Peaks Region with other young adults ages 21-40. Cost: \$125 (members receive 10% discount); includes instruction, transportation to trailhead during the course if necessary, all meals, and use of group equipment. Contact: 518-523-3441 OR programs@adk.org.

Sat. Feb. 4 - Snowshoe Trip to Lilypad and Long Ponds - We'll snowshoe on the Goldmine Road south of Parishville, then take the trail to scenic Lilypad Pond and on to Long Pond for lunch. 5 miles round-trip, elevation gain 200 feet. Level 3. Moderate. Contact Tom Ortmeyer at 315-265-8219 or tortmeyer@gmail.com

Sat. Feb 11: Coney Mountain Snowshoe (Tupper Triad) - Coney is a lovely mountain south of Tupper Lake with an

open rocky summit and great views of the lake. Coney is a good beginner's mountain if you are new to snowshoeing. Level 2, fairly easy (2.2 mile RT, 523 ft elevation gain). Contact Blair Madore (315) 261-0751 or email madorebf@potdam.edu.

Sun. Feb. 12 – Intro to Snow Shoeing. See description under Jan. 15

Sat Feb. 18 - Skiing to Janack's Landing. Easy, almost level, 8.5 mile RT ski from Wanakena to a lean-to beside an arm of Cranberry Lake. Level 3. Optional snack afterward at the Pine Cone. Contact John Barron, (613) 828-2296 or johnbarron@sympatico.ca

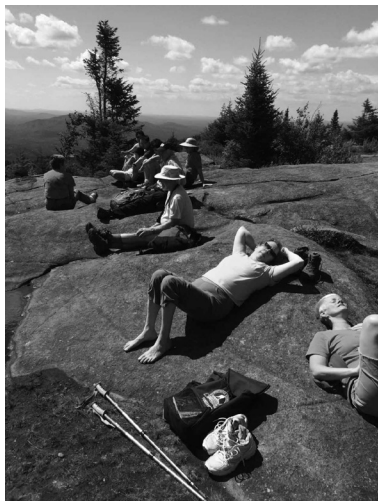
Sat. Feb. 25 - Saranac Six - Scarface - This hike is 6.8 miles RT with a 1480' ascent. Level 4. While there isn't a summit view, this trail wanders through the forest and past several brooks, making it a beautiful winter hike. Contact Felicia Neahr (518) 321-4956 or felicia.neahr@gmail.com

March 5th: Saranac Six - Baker Baker Mountain is the shortest climb of the Saranac 6ers. This trip is approximately 1.8 miles RT with 884' ascent. Level 3. Contact Felicia Neahr (518) 321-4956 or felicia.neahr@gmail.com

Sat Mar. 11 - Snowshoeing to Trombley Landing. 3.5 miles RT to a lean-to beside the Raquette River near Tupper Lake. Small hills but little change in elevation. Beginners and children welcome. Level 2. Contact John Barron, (613) 828-2296 or johnbarron@sympatico.ca

Sat. Mar. 18 – Southville State Forest (ski, snow shoe or hike depending on conditions). We will explore the River Hill trail loop and enjoy the views of the St. Regis River. Beginners and children welcome. 2.5 miles RT, one short hill ~100 ft elevation gain. Level 1-2. Contact Marianne Hebert (315) 265-0756 or hebertm@potdam.edu.

Sat. Mar. 25 - Snowshoe at the Indian Creek Nature Center. We will plan to hike the Upland trail which leads through a very interesting and sometimes dense woodland. 3 miles RT. Easy. Level 1. Contact Tom Wheeler at 315-386-2482.



Naptime on St. Regis Mt. Photo by Marianne Hebert. Winner in category: People

Director

Tom Ortmeier

The New York Constitutional Convention and Article 14 Forever Wild

How many of you have thought ahead to the November 2017 elections? In New York, voters will vote on whether or not to authorize a constitutional convention at this election—this is something that happens every 20 years. Chance are very good we will be hearing a lot about this convention over the next 11 months—there are many groups who favor a convention, and many others who oppose it. Issues include good government, public pensions, unfunded mandates, gay marriage and gun control are just a few of the topics that could be addressed. We will no doubt hear from both sides.

The question soon comes to mind—what are the potential impacts on the Adirondack Mountains? Actually, an earlier convention led to the vote that approved what is now Article 14 in 1894, providing constitutional protection that the lands of the state constituting the forest preserve shall be forever kept as wild forest lands. This unique constitutional protection in New York grants the highest level of protection for wilderness in the United States.

So that's a good thing, right? I think Laurentian Chapter members as a whole feel that this protection is good. The next question is, does that imply that we should favor the constitutional convention to be voted on next November?

Not necessarily. Is there an upside for the Adirondacks? The constitutional protection of our wilderness and wild forest lands does not need improvement. Is there a downside? I think the answer is "yes". While it is not likely that this clause would be eliminated, there would no doubt be advocates to modify it. The recent discussions on the DEC's Grasse River Unit Management Plan and the Adirondack Park Agency's classification of the Boreas Ponds Tract show significant differences of opinions on how our state forest preserve lands should be managed.

Should the Adirondack Mountain Club take a position on the Constitutional Convention Issue? The ADK Board of Directors will consider this question at the March meeting. I seek comments from our members on this issue, so that I can best represent the Laurentian Chapter in this vote.



Call for Outing Leaders

The Chapter is always looking for volunteers to help lead outings. If you have ideas about hikes, bikes or paddles you would like to lead, we can help bring you up to speed with trip leaders dos-and-don'ts and administrative logistics. Contact: Marianne Hebert hebertm@potsgdam.edu for more info.

ADK Laurentian Backtracks – Oct. - Dec. 2016

Sat, Sep 17: Paddling, South Creek (Middle Saranac Lake access) to Ampersand Bay (Lower Saranac Lake) – CANCELLED.

Sat, Sep 24: Tooley Pond Bike and Hike – A warm, sunny day and a terrific turnout make for a perfect Fall outing. We started at the Copper Rock Falls and cycled our way down the Tooley pond road. Highlights included Rainbow Falls (always spectacular), and Twin Falls where the island was easily accessible due to the low water levels—we got a close up view of the large falls. A quick stop at Sinclair Falls, followed by a lingering lunch at Basford Falls rounded out the trip. Participants: Jeanna Matthews (TL), Marianne Hebert (TL), Tom Ortmeyer, Fred LaChance, Duncan Cutter, Annegret Staiger, Terri Person, Bill Lynch, Mill Mueller, Kimberly LaShomb, John LaShomb, Rowena Miller, Marie Steinbeck, Doreen Hanson, J. Steinbeck, Ray Spahn, Cynthia Stewart.

Sat, Oct 1: Lows Ridge Hike - Eileen and Tom Wheeler. Four of us (Marianne Hebert, John Barthelme, and Tom and Eileen Wheeler (TL's)) hiked the Upper Dam trail to Low's Ridge and up to this rocky crest. The views from the summit displayed the Bog River surrounded by forests in peak autumn foliage. The Upper Dam trail displayed extensive wetlands intermixed with mature forest. We stopped at Hitchins Pond where we observed loons and bald eagles.

Sat. Oct 8 - Lyon Mountain – It was a mild and partly sunny day as we drove to Lyon Mountain. The hike up the trail was pleasant but got increasingly cold and cloudy as we approached the summit which was totally socked in and had no views. However, from the summit, we took a side excursion to the southern overlook though a lovely mossy piney forest for a much deserved lunch break. Participants: Jane Subramanian, Randy Saumier, Marianne Hebert TL.

Sat Oct. 22 Stone Valley Trail Work - Steady rain throughout the weekend didn't prevent a large turnout of students and trail maintenance advisors from accomplishing their objectives. One crew restored and improved an access trail to the rock climbing site in Snow Bowl State Forest, while the other continued constructing the trail reroute below High Terrace in Stone Valley. The reroute is a very labor inten-

Compiled by Marianne Hebert

sive bench cut that goes along the steep slope next to the river rather than climbing the several sets of stairs along High Terrace. The new section of trail provides up close views of the river that hikers have not had access to in the past. Additionally, an 8' x 12' storage shed was constructed which will now hold the trail tools that were formerly stored in Omohundro's Barn. Participants: Mark Simon (TL) trail maintainer John Omohundro, and 29 assistants.

Sun, Oct. 23 – Red Sandstone Trail Work -It was a cool day after many wet days but a bit of sunshine brightened our spirits. Joan, Danielle, Bob and Albert trimmed brush, cleared branches and noted trouble spots on the Sugar Island trails. Amy-Marie led her teammates (with a little help from Albert and I) to repair a series of bog bridges on Sugar Island. This was part of a credit bearing project for Amy-Marie's class with instructor Mark Simon in the Wilderness Education program. It was a very successful venture for all! Special thanks to Danielle Jerry, who as a landowner, was able to give us access through the gate to deliver materials to Sugar Island. Participants: Joan Trivilino of Hannawa; Danielle Jerry and Bob Platte of Potsdam; and Albert Petrosky of Potsdam; Amy-Marie Malik, Lare'n Amster, Victoria Doody, and Shelby Kuba of SUNY Potsdam Women's Rugby Team.

Sat. Nov. 5 - Map and Compass Class - Bill Lynch, Randy Saumier, John Omohundro (TL). Bayside cemetery proved to be a fine place for this. We practiced spotting some features in the landscape and plotting them on the map to determine what we were seeing. Conversely, we then selected some bearings between features on our map and then oriented ourselves as if we were going to walk to them. For our final exam: we traced a big equilateral triangle on a bush-whack, attempting to return right to our starting point.

Sat. Nov 12 - Azure Mountain "Hike and Dine" - CANCELLED

Sat. Nov. 12 - EAP Leadership Workshop - Wilderness Education students took part in the SUNY Potsdam SGA/Venture Outdoors - ADK Laurentian Chapter Educational Affiliate Program (EAP) Leadership Clinic. The morning was spent indoors on campus going over trip planning, publicity, and preparation. In the afternoon there was a practice hike at Higley Flow State Park in which participants took turns being leader and solving problems on the trail. Of interest was a discrepancy in labelling between the park map and the signs on the trail, which our leaders unravelled skillfully. These people are now qualified leaders in the EAP and the regular chapter and ADK outings. Presenters: Marianne Hebert and John Barron, student presenter Nick Grippe, Participants: John (Jack) Rendon, Sean Kelly, Julia Biondi, Elisa Drazek, Miranda Bell, Nelson Torres, and Abbey Chmileski.

Sat. Dec. 3 - Cooper Marsh Conservation Area - Cool, cloudy, breezy weather a little above freezing and dry

ground with no snow led to ideal conditions for a late fall tour of this artificially created wetland a short distance east of Cornwall. Some very light frozen precipitation was starting as we neared the end where we entertained ourselves by feeding a couple of handfuls of trail mix to the chickadees. We returned to Cornwall for a late lunch of exotic burgers. Participants: Marianne Hebert, Jean Giblin, Niall Barron, TL John Barron.

Announcing the 2017 Laurentian Chapter Photo Contest

The Laurentian Chapter is pleased to announce its 2017 Photo Contest. Please submit photos to contest organizer Tom Ortmeier. Digital submissions are preferred. Submissions should be sent by email to tortm-eye@gmail.com. Photos must be taken between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017 for this year's contest. Photos submitted from chapter outings are also automatically entered. Photos should be on topics of interest to the Adirondack Mountain Club and Laurentian chapter. Preference will be given to photos taken in and near the Adirondack Mountains and the Saint Lawrence and Ottawa River Valleys plus photos taken at ADK events. Photos from Laurentian Chapter members are excepted, as are photos from non-members that are taken on chapter outings.

Since its beginning, the photo contest entries have become the archive of chapter activities and outings. The full set of entries is shown at the Fall Potluck, and are always a favorite of the evening.

2016 Laurentian Chapter Photo Contest Winners

The 2016 Laurentian chapter photo contest award winners were recognized at the chapter's annual meeting November 13. The Grand Prize Winning photographer was Jeanna Matthews, for her photo "Frosty Morning Fog on the St. Lawrence at -11F." Award winning photos were also recognized in six categories. Category winners were:

- Landscape: Whiteface from Norman Ridge Road, Art Boni
- Nature: Getting Ready for Migration, Alison Charles
- Action: Stone Valley Controlled Release Day, Jeanna Matthews
- Artistic: Sunburst Gatineau Park Quebec, Art Boni
- People: St. Regis Mountain August 2016, John Barron



Cooper Marsh Conservation Area. Photo by: Jean Giblin

Education

Jeanna Matthews

Outdoors/Indoors for 2017

Sunday Jan 20, 7 pm, Potsdam Civic Center Community Room

Three weeks living in an Albatross colony on Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. Danielle Jerry

In December 2014, I volunteered to count albatross nests on Midway Atoll NWR with about 20 others. It was an other worldly experience and I quickly learned to avoid stepping on Laysan and Black-footed albatrosses nesting virtually everywhere. (Although I did collide with one on my bicycle in an empty huge parking lot with it running to launch itself under my tire) Albatrosses have fascinating life histories including an amazing love of dance. I will share some of my pictures, videos and stories.

Sunday Feb.19, 7 pm, Potsdam Civic Center Community Room

Cloud forest birding in Montane Ecuador. Tom Wheeler

Ecuador, a country only twice the size of New York, has more than 1600 identified species of birds including over 130 species of hummingbird. Located near the equator, the capital Quito is located at 9350 feet elevation near the Pichincha volcano in a plateau between the two cordilleras of the Andes Mountains which pass through the country. Quito's historic center is a Unesco world heritage cultural site. We will present pictures and experiences from birding the cloud forests of Ecuador and include scenes of Quito.

Sunday Mar.12, 7 pm, Potsdam Civic Center Community Room

"Conservation in Protected Areas: From Central Africa to the North Country". Jessica Rogers

Protected areas in the Congo forest in Central Africa have been called upon to do the same things as conservation easements in the North Country: protect our land and its uses for now and the future. Jessica Rogers studied protected areas in Gabon and expanded her research to all of the forested protected areas of Central Africa. Join us for a discussion of the state of protected areas in Central Africa and around the world, and what we can do in our own backyard.



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Vice Chair, Outings: Marianne Hebert

Vice Chair, Membership: Randy Saumier

Treasurer: Marie Fernandez de Alaiza