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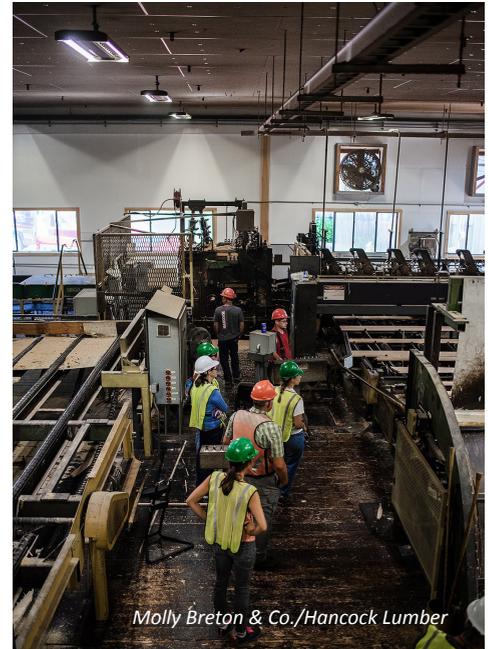
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## 2022 Forests of Maine Teachers' Tours

This year we hosted two tours, engaging 34 educators from preschool through high school and non-formal educators who work with all ages. The first tour, held from July 12 to 15, was based in Carrabassett Valley and featured a tour of the Stratton Lumber Mill, an active harvest and drone demonstration on Weyerhaeuser land, and a tour of different silvicultural treatments on Seven Islands Land

Company managed land. The second tour, held July 26 to 29, was based in Bethel and featured a tour of Hancock Lumber's Bethel Sawmill, a harvest at Chadbourne Tree Farm, and wildlife management at Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.

All centered around a Project Learning Tree professional development workshop for educators, each tour featured a comprehensive program highlighting forest landowners, foresters, loggers, and primary and secondary forest product producers. Specific topics highlighted throughout each tour included forest-based careers, forest certification, and conservation in Maine's woods.

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# Maine **TREE** Foundation

TIMBER RESEARCH & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

**Mission:** The Maine TREE Foundation Educates and advocates for the sustainable use of the forest and the ecological, economic, and social health of Maine's forest community.

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## A Message from the Board President

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of OverSTORY. Thanks for being a supporter of Maine TREE and for recognizing the importance of timber research and educating teachers, students, and forestry professionals about the importance of Maine's forest products resource.

We rely on your support to help with our programs and to help foster a deeper knowledge and appreciation for working forests. Your support directly impacts teachers who attend our Forests of Maine Teachers tours, and the students they work with. It helps Certified Logging Professionals understand the importance of safety as well as best management practices in the field to increase productivity, but also to protect our natural resources. It helps to recognize the good stewardship of Tree Farmers, and your support allows our passionate and energetic staff to creatively approach new opportunities, like carbon offsets.

As we approach the end of the year and you are considering financial contributions to groups that are near and dear to your interests, I hope you will join me in making a financial contribution to Maine TREE. We have both exciting and challenging times ahead. Your financial contribution will have a direct impact in helping to shape the future of Maine's working forests.

Sincerely,

Ethan Bessey, President  
Board of Directors

## Welcome Message from the Executive Director



As I write my first address as Maine TREE's Executive Director, I feel an immense appreciation for all past, present, and future contributors to our mission. For over 30 years, a dedicated group of professionals, from classroom teachers and nonformal educators to natural resource professionals, have played

a critical role in expanding forest-based education efforts in Maine.

It is essential to introduce Maine students to forests in their community and their role in providing benefits to the state's environment and economy. We can introduce students and teachers to important forest concepts and forest-based careers by utilizing our environmental education programs, including Maine Project Learning Tree (PLT), Forests of Maine Teachers' Tours, and Forest Ecology Research Network (FERN). Additionally, the Certified Logging Professional (CLP), Maine Tree Farm, and Holt Research Forest allow us to engage broader audiences. Beyond raising awareness of career opportunities, these programs introduce the concepts of sustainable forest management and stewardship and build support among the general public for forest sector professionals.

While we have a clear vision for the future, we require consistent financial support from companies and individuals like you. Your support will help us grow our staff and volunteer capacity to bring our programs to your community.

Consider joining me as a financial contributor to Maine TREE or volunteer for one of our many programs. Together, we can ensure that the public understands and values the benefits Maine's forests provide.

Sincerely,

Logan Johnson,  
Executive Director

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## Remembering Sherry Huber



The state of Maine and the forest products community lost a giant with the passing of Sherry Huber on June 4, 2022. For over 20 years, as Maine TREE's Executive Director, Sherry was instrumental in growing the organization to what it is today, including developing the annual Forests of Maine Teachers' Tours.

Beyond Maine TREE, Sherry was involved with numerous conservation-minded organizations, serving as a board member for the Forest Society of Maine, Maine Audubon, Natural Resources Council of Maine, and the Maine Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

"Sherry was an incredible leader and was able to make things happen seemingly by sheer will and through her vast network of friends and colleagues," shared Maine TREE Board President Ethan Bessey. He continued, "As executive director of the Maine TREE Foundation, Sherry was a champion of forest-based education in the state and successfully helped to create a home for forest products related groups that needed organization and support. Her leadership and vision are the legacy we strive to continue at the Maine TREE Foundation, and she will be greatly missed by those who had the privilege to know her and to work with her."

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# Forest-based Education & Project Learning Tree



## Maine PLT Steering Committee

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*Maine TREE Director of Education, Lena Ives, presents Anita Smith the Inaugural Anita Smith Stewardship Award.*

## Maine Project Learning Tree Stewardship Award Renamed Anita Smith Stewardship Award

With a small gathering of colleagues and friends, Anita Smith, retiring Project Learning Tree Coordinator, received the newly renamed Anita Smith Stewardship Award from Maine Project Learning Tree (PLT). The award was renamed to honor Anita's decades of dedication to outdoor, forest-based, and PLT education across the state of Maine. The award will be presented annually to those who have contributed significantly to the mission of Maine PLT and its goals of increased awareness of the forest, its dynamic ecological systems, and the human dimensions of forest resource management.

Over the course of her career, Anita has worked extensively with other educators and classrooms throughout the state of Maine to share techniques, resources, and curricula to make outdoor, forest-based education more accessible. Anita also received the National PLT Outstanding Educator Award at the National conference in 2003 and has continued to exemplify all the award represents. We in Maine are proud to have Anita's name on the list of national teacher exemplars.

Barry Burgason, a previous Maine PLT Steering Committee Chair and long-time PLT facilitator shared, "during my

almost four decades with Maine PLT, Anita Smith has been one of the most dedicated disciples and administrators of the program. Teacher Anita used PLT lessons and the forest on an almost daily basis, and she spread the gospel to her fellow teachers and administrators. During her long tenure as a member of the PLT steering committee, including many years as chair, she has put more volunteer time and effort into running and maintaining the quality of Maine PLT than anyone I know."

Anita's efforts in establishing, managing, and growing the China School Forest allowed the 50-acre forest with 20 different outdoor classrooms to become integral in incorporating outdoor and place-based environmental learning in the China School System and with the local community.

Elaine Philbrook, a China Schools educator who collaborated with Anita to create the China Schools Forest, remarked that Anita has an "abundance of knowledge and an unmatched passion for nature which she has shared with enthusiasm and endless hours with children and adults throughout the state of Maine and beyond. She may be moving away, but she will always be with us, young

and older, for instilling that ‘sense of wonder’ in us for the natural world.”

Maine PLT and the environmental education community are sending Anita endless gratitude for all her creativity and dedication over the years and wish her the best in her relocation to the forests of Tennessee.

Christine Anderson-Moorhouse, a former Maine PLT Coordinator, concluded, “The true sign of [Anita’s] enduring success, it seems to me, is the way that her legacy will continue on in these programs despite her own “moving on.” Anita has always taken the time to collaborate broadly and to share her work with others such that the programs can remain strong and continue long into the future.”



*Left to right: Tyler Reynolds (logger), Anita Smith, Elaine Philbrook, and Harold Burnett (forester) pose for a picture at the China School Forest Tree Farm sign.*

## Window to the Woods

### A Virtual Professional Development Opportunity for Educators

Window to the Woods is a two-part, six-session course on understanding Maine’s forest communities. This series provides classroom teachers and informal educators with a way to earn professional development contact hours from the comfort of their classroom, home, or office.

The program aims to provide participants with a strong understanding of Maine’s forests, encourage them to share what they learn with students in their classroom, and utilize the available resources with students.

**Learn more, access resources, and register at:**

**[meplt.org/wttw](https://meplt.org/wttw)**

#### Program Details:

- Cost: FREE
- Each session is from 3 to 4:30 pm on scheduled dates
- Earn up to 1.5 contact hours for each session
- Receive an electronic version of *PLT’s Explore Your Environment Activity Guide (must attend session)*

#### Fall Schedule:

- October 11, 2022 – Forest Biology and Ecology (recording available)
- November 15, 2022- Forest Management
- December 13, 2022 – Maine’s Wood Products

**Spring Schedule:** TBA

## Become a Project Learning Tree Green Mentor

Project Learning Tree's Green Mentor program connects mentees (age 18-26) and natural resource professionals (with 5+ years of experience) as a mentors.

The US Green Mentor cohort will run from February 2023–July 2023 and requires just a few hours of your time a month. Mentee-mentor pairs work virtually on goals to challenge and help each other grow, expand their networks, build confidence and soft skills, and gain new perspectives.

#### What does PLT’s Green Mentor program do?

1. We match young adults with established forest and conservation professionals with an industry-leading algorithm based on personalities, goals, interests, and more to ensure that our mentor-mentee pairs build successful, productive, and trusting relationships.

2. We help nurture mentorship relationships with communication tips, networking advice, and problem-solving tools.
3. We deliver skill-building webinars and resources for mentees to become career ready on topics like resume building, elevator pitches, and professional presence.
4. We provide a framework for mentees to explore green career pathways and plan their career development with their mentor.

Questions? Contact [lana@mainetree.org](mailto:lana@mainetree.org)

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## Carrabassett Valley Region Teachers' Tour



*(Left) Participants pose for a group photo at Stratton Lumber. (Top right) During a lunch stop, Ted Wright of the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands talks to the teachers about forest certification and the Master Logger program at Cathedral Pines in Eustis. (Bottom right) Seven Islands Forester Pete Johnson describes different silviculture treatments to participants in Rangeley.*



Ethan Bessey

**Participants learned the basics of log scaling at Stratton**

Our first Forests of Maine Teachers' Tour of 2022 began on July 12 at the Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel. Seventeen educators from throughout Maine joined us for an immersive four-day tour led by Maine TREE's Executive Director Logan Johnson, Director of Education Lena Ives, and Project Learning Tree (PLT) Facilitator Lindsay Strout. We spent the first afternoon diving into outdoor and environmental education through activities in PLT's Explore Your Environment Activity Guide, exploring the forests abutting Sugarloaf's ski slopes, and discovering firsthand that the more you look at an ecosystem, the more you see.

For two days, our participants loaded on the bus to explore various aspects of Maine's Forest ecology, economy, and communities. The first tour stop was at Stratton Lumber, where the educators got a full tour of how a tree transforms from a trunk to multiple pieces of lumber fit to frame the buildings we occupy each day. Within the mill, we saw the technological advances in this aspect of the forest product sector. Many teachers remarked that their tech-savvy students would be excited to learn that forestry-based jobs could use their skills and interests in engineering. We headed next door from Stratton's lumber mill to ReEnergy, a bioenergy facility that uses forest byproducts, like green wood chips and other unusable scrap lumber, to produce renewable energy. We also visited a specialty product manufacturer in Carrabassett Valley, where Winterstick Snowboards is reducing the amount of waste in snowboard manufacturing by using sustainably sourced wood products.



**(Left) Weyerhaeuser Forester Patricia Quinn describes forest management and operations in Eustis. (Right) Weyerhaeuser Forester Cullen Uttermark demonstrates how UAV/Drones help foresters assess harvests**

Over two days of touring different aspects of Maine’s forest product sector, we visited two land management organizations to see different approaches to forest stewardship. We first stopped at a Weyerhaeuser property in Eustis to visit an ongoing harvest, the machinery, professionals working on the harvest, and the tools and concepts used to make land management decisions. The educators saw a feller buncher, processor, and forwarder in action while a forester used a UAV/drone to monitor the harvest progress aerially. At a property managed by Seven Islands Land Company, forester Pete Johnson walked us through different forest stands where harvesting occurred using different silviculture methods to meet specific objectives. On a short walk, we compared what a forest looks like 30 years after a partial harvest, ten years after a thinning, and a forest not tended for decades since a previous clearing.

Many guest speakers joined us throughout the tour to share stories. On our first night, Kosi Ifeji, a recent graduate of Bangor High School and a member of the Nature Based Education Consortium Climate Education Advocacy workgroup, shared their work to help pass Maine’s Climate Education Bill. At our first lunch stop on day two,

Ted Wright, Executive Director of The Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands, described his work with Forest Stewardship Council and Master Logger Certification. Mike St. Peter, the Certified Logging Professional program administrator, joined the group at the Weyerhaeuser stop to discuss logger safety, training, and education. We also stopped by the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust office, where Executive Director David Miller and Natural Resource Specialist Jason Latham led a discussion around conservation, forest stewardship, and school and land trust collaboration. The tour also featured a stop at the Maine Forestry Museum in Rangeley to explore Maine’s logging past.

On the tour’s final morning, PLT Facilitator Lindsay Strout shared ways to nature journal personally and with students of all ages, creating many outdoor and internal exploration opportunities. Finally, we closed the week by collaborating on which standards-aligned lessons would pair best with each tour site. We also used this time to provide space for educators to introduce or expand upon topics like ecosystem succession, the forest products we use daily, and career opportunities.



**(Left) Kosi Ifeji, Nature Based Education Consortium Climate Education Advocacy workgroup member and recent Bangor High School graduate, shared their work to help pass Maine’s Climate Education Bill. (Center) David Miller and Jason Latham of Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust share how land trusts can support teachers. (Right) Rob Lu of Winter Stick Sports and West Mountain Ski Company discusses how the companies use wood materials to reduce waste in the snowboard and ski manufacturing process.**

## Bethel Region Teachers' Tour



Molly Breton & Co./Hancock Lumber



***(Left) Participants at Hancock Lumber. (Top right) Participants learn about conservation and forest management planning at Chadbourne Tree Farm in Bethel from LandVest forester David Degruttola. (Bottom right) Maine Forest Service Director and State Forester Patty Cormier speaks to the group about their role in protecting Maine's forests and how they can support teachers.***

We hosted sixteen educators on our second 2022 Forests of Maine Teachers' Tour in the Bethel region during the final week of July. These educators joined Maine TREE staff and volunteers for an immersive tour of Maine's forests with the primary objective of providing them with tools and resources to use forest-based activities in the classroom.

The teachers arrived at the Bethel Inn on Tuesday, July 26, and participated in a Project Learning Tree (PLT) workshop. During the workshop, we focused on using PLT's Explore Your Environment Activity Guide and Green Jobs: Exploring Green Careers Guide with students and how to adapt activities for different ages and audiences. After dinner, our evening guest speaker, Lindsay Strout, a science teacher at Sanford High School and PLT Facilitator, shared simple methods for incorporating nature journaling into any class.

On Wednesday morning, we made our first tour stop at Hancock Lumber in Bethel, where we learned how they turn white pine logs harvested from local forests into lumber products. Much of the discussion focused on various career pathways and opportunities local mills provide. In the afternoon, we visited Chadbourne Tree Farm, a property recently acquired by The Conservation Fund, where we learned about how forest conservation works in Maine. While visiting the property, we learned about forest management decision-making from the LandVest forester responsible for developing the property's forest management and harvest plans. Other professionals

joined the group throughout the day to present on specific topics. Maine Forest Service District Forester Mike Richard joined the group for the day and shared tree identification skills with the participants. In addition, the group received a directional felling demonstration from Certified Logging Professional safety instructor Mike St. Peter. After dinner, Jake Metzler, Director of Forestland Conservation at the Forest Society of Maine (FSM), spoke on how FSM works with private landowners to conserve forest land, career opportunities at land trusts, and ways land trusts can be a resource for local schools.



***Mike St. Peter, a safety instructor for the Certified Logging Professional program, demonstrates chainsaw safety.***

Our Thursday tour stops included Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, an active mechanical harvest operation, and a maple syrup operation. At Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, we learned how they promote habitat for different species throughout the forest by implementing specific harvesting techniques based on desired outcomes from old forest conditions to early successional habitat. Next, we stopped for lunch on the shores of Umbagog Lake, where Maine Forest Service Director and State Forester Patty Cormier shared the Maine Forest Service's current priorities and how they can be a resource for educators. After lunch, we visited a site poised for a stream crossing upgrade and a mechanical harvest operation. Here the teachers learned about the different types of

machinery and product sorts. For our final tour stop, we visited Sap Hound Maple Company, where we learned about the process of making maple syrup starting before putting a tap in the tree to the final product.

The final morning of the tour featured a forestry measurement activity led by retired Maine Forest Service biometrician Ken Laustsen and an overview of the Forest Ecology Research Network (FERN). The educators tested many methods to measure tree diameter and height during the activity. As we concluded, we saved space for everyone to share the moments of the tour that were most impactful and additional strategies for implementing forest-based educational activities in the classroom.



***(Top left) Jake Metzler of the Forest Society of Maine spoke on conservation efforts in Maine. (Top center) Participants share ideas about how to adapt PLT activities for different age groups. (Top right) A Hancock Lumber employee demonstrates how technology helps them sort logs entering the mill. (Bottom left) US Fish & Wildlife Service Wildlife Biologist Sean Flint discusses how a harvest enhanced habitat for older forest conditions at Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. (Bottom right) Nate St. Saviour of Sap Hound Maple Company describes the maple syrup-making process.***



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*Mike St. Peter Receiving Abby Holman Public Service Award from Don Tardie.*

## Mike St. Peter Receives Abby Holman Public Service Award

Mike St. Peter, the primary safety instructor for Maine TREE’s Certified Logging Professional program, received the Maine Forest Products Council Abby Holman Public Service Award on Monday, September 19, 2022, at the Council’s annual meeting. The award is presented to an individual for outstanding service and demonstrated passion, loyalty, and dedication to Maine’s forest products industry and community.

Don Tardie presented the award to Mike for developing and delivering a quality safety training program (Certified Logging Professionals). “It was an honor to present Mike St. Peter with the Abby Holman Public Service Award for the work he has done to develop the curriculum for and grow the Certified Logging Safety Program (CLP),” said Don Tardie. “Mike’s leadership and passion for safety, coupled with assembling a very competent and professional team, has saved countless lives and prevented much pain and family suffering in our industry. Because of Mike’s hard work, CLP has become a generational training program by certifying over 6,800 loggers in Maine alone. The curriculum he developed has also been taught in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Vermont and New

Brunswick, and it has been recognized at the state and national levels.”

“All of us at Maine TREE are proud of Mike and all he has accomplished throughout his career, which spans more than 30 years with the CLP program,” said Logan Johnson, Maine TREE’s Executive Director. “His passion and dedication are unmatched, and because of his work, we’ve seen a demonstrated improvement in logger safety. Please join us in congratulating Mike for receiving this significant award.”

### SAVE THE DATE!

### CLP Annual Banquet

Friday, December 2, 2022

Jeff’s Catering, Brewer, Maine

5 pm - Social Hour -- 6 pm - Buffet style Dinner  
7 pm Speakers & Awards

Join us for this event for the entire family. We'll celebrate this year's CLP graduates group and the 2020, 2021, and 2022 Loggers of the Year!

## Carmel Arborist & Logger Wins 2022 Game of Logging Competition

The 27th Game of Logging competition (GOL) was held in Greenville, Maine, on August 13th, as part of Forest Heritage Days. The huge crowd under sunny skies cheered the competitors on through the 11 events, with the winner decided with the final precision tree felling event.

Tyler McIntosh, CLP arborist/Logger/forester from Carmel, came in first with a total of 283 points, winning \$1,000.00 first prize. Tyler wears many hats in the industry, owning McIntosh Tree Services and as a forester with the Bureau of Parks & Lands. 2nd place winner, logger Jeremy Grignon from Dixfield, with 277 points, took home a chainsaw, and John Grignon, a logger from Dixfield, with 267 points, received safety gear.

Tyler will qualify for the national GOL final next spring, usually held in Pennsylvania. In addition, the 2021 winner Steve Pinkham of Rumford and 2019 winner Andrew Marquis of St Agatha qualify to attend as well, as their national event was canceled due to COVID.

The raffle earned \$750, benefiting The Children's Miracle Network – Log-A-Load for Kids. The winner of the chainsaw-carved bear was Bob Myer of Sebec, ME, and the winner of the chainsaw was Zak Rouisse of Westminster, MA.



*2022 Game of Logging Winner Tyler McIntosh receiving the prize for winning the competition.*

## Accepting Nominations for Loggers of the Year!

We are accepting nominations for our 2022 CLP Loggers of the Year program. This year we will select three winners for the Mechanical, Conventional, and Contractor/Supervisor categories.

Each nomination must include two reference, one of which must be a landowner, and a description of the nominee's qualification, with attention to their safety, business practices, resource protection and community activity.

**Nominations are due by November 15, 2022. Visit [CLPloggers.com](http://CLPloggers.com) to download the nomination form.**



*2022 Game of Logging Audience*

### Upcoming Recertification Schedule

#### Virtual (English)

- Friday, November 11 - 12:30 - 3:30 pm
- Friday, December 9 - 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

#### Initial Certification Schedule

**Skowhegan - November 7, 8, 9 & 10**

Learn more and register at  
[CLPloggers.com/certification](http://CLPloggers.com/certification)

# Maine Tree Farm Program News



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## 2022 Forestry Field Day

*By Jennifer Hicks, Maine Woodland Owners*

Maine Woodland Owners, Maine Tree Farm, along with Vince and Kathi Seiwert, hosted Forestry Field Day on Saturday, September 10th, at the Seiwert's property, Bombadil Tree Farm in Ashland. The couple, who were awarded the 2022 Maine Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, welcomed close to 200 people to their woodlot. Participants represented a mix of Aroostook County residents and those from much further away in the state, as well as experienced woodland owners and folks new to forest management.

Morton Moesswilde with Maine Forest Service was one of many organizations who provided information displays during the Forestry Field Day. Photo Courtesy of Jenn Hicks, Maine Woodland Owners

The weekend kicked off with a woodmill tour on Friday, September 9th, at Maine Woods Company in Portage Lake, with approximately 25 attendees. On Saturday, people started arriving at Bombadil at 8:00 am which allowed time for them to visit exhibits in the Education Tent and enjoy Amish-made donuts and coffee. The day officially opened



*Vince Seiwert, 2022 Forestry Field Day Host and Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year welcomes attendees with Maine Woodland Owners Executive Director, Tom Doak. (Photo Courtesy of Jenn Hicks, Maine Woodland Owners)*

with a welcome from Tom Doak, Maine Woodland Owners Executive Director, and Vince providing an overview of Bombadil Tree Farm, and the day's plan.

Field tours were offered both in the morning and after lunch to showcase the property's broad range of activity. Seven Islands Land Company forester Ashlee Boughton lead groups through Bombadil's old growth forest; Certified Wildlife Biologist, Joe Wiley, and Chuck Hulsey, Wildlife Resource Supervisor of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife discussed forest management that benefit wildlife; and Jesse Saunders, a former Irving Woodland's forester, lead tours through areas of regeneration. University of Maine Fort Kent forestry students staffed "Stop and Talks" to direct visitors to points of interest, including vernal pools, plantations of larch, and regeneration plantings with Norway spruce.

University of Maine Ft. Kent Applied Forest Management students provided information about interesting property features at Stop and Talk stations.

Lunch was an event in itself, as the Seiwert's friends from Georgia prepared for the crowd a southern-style low country boil, with a spicy mixture of shrimp, corn, onions, and potatoes. Additionally, the event was planned so it would produce as little trash as possible and all attendees were given reusable beverage bottles and cutlery, as well as, paper plates and cups that later became fuel for a celebratory bonfire. After the event was over, only 15 pounds of trash was taken to the local dump. During the lunchtime program, Doak handed out door prizes and Randy Lagasse, chair of the Maine Tree Farm committee, presented to Vince and Kathi a certificate for a Stihl chainsaw and protective kit in honor of their achievement.



**University of Maine Ft. Kent Applied Forest Management students provided information about interesting property features at Stop and Talk stations. (Photo Courtesy of Jenn Hicks, Maine Woodland Owners)**

Vince recognized individuals who influenced his forest management efforts and gave special thanks to Chester Gage, a good friend and, among other things, a long-time Maine state forester in Aroostook County. Patty Cormier, Director of Maine Forest Service, presented Gage's family a certificate of recognition for his contribution to forestry in northern Maine (he had passed away in 2021). Overall, this was a highly successful day of learning for everyone in attendance and offered an interesting perspective of a well managed forest in one of the most northern parts of Maine.

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**Vince & Kathi Seiwert. (Photo Courtesy of Jenn Hicks, Maine Woodland Owners)**

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# Updates from the Forest

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*Marin Harnett (left) and Jack McCann (right)*

## Holt Research Forest Summer Technician Recap

**By Marin Harnett and Jack McCann,  
 2022 Holt Research Forest Summer Technicians**

We thoroughly enjoyed our time together working at the Holt Research Forest this summer! Despite the warm weather, we continued many of the long-term projects, completed our independent research, and experience the beauty that is a Maine summer. Our time here allowed us to develop new skills both in and out of the field, such as sampling techniques for various field methods and experience conducting and writing our own independent research. The independence of this position, along with the guidance provided by Maine TREE’s team of Logan, Lena, and Kelly, gave us newfound confidence with fieldwork and renewed our passion for conservation and research.

We continued much of the research done at Holt Research Forest, such as seed abundance counts, regeneration surveys, and timber inventory. For seed abundance, we collected over 260 seed traps and counted the abundance of all seeds within the traps. This data helps monitor and predict species abundance across the forest. The regeneration surveys help monitor the sapling health and abundance at specific locations throughout the study area.



*Holt Research Forest Summer Technicians (left) describe their process for collecting regeneration data to Downeast Magazine reporter Peter Smith.*

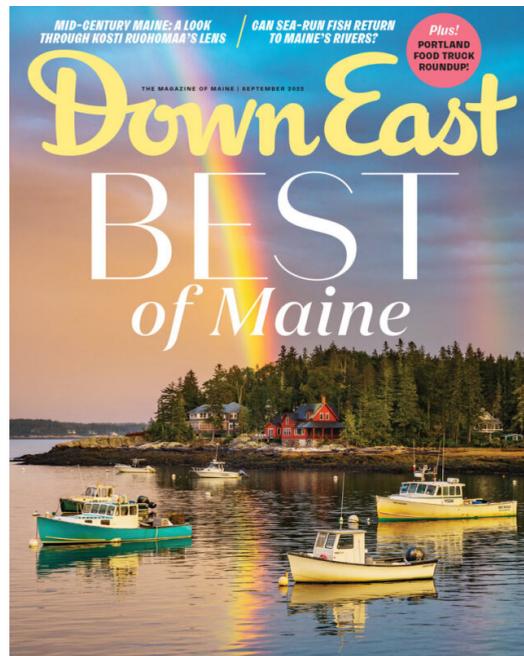
These surveys are done in 4m<sup>2</sup> intervals for new saplings and at 200m<sup>2</sup> intervals for older saplings. Lastly, the timber inventory provides an exact count of the mature trees in the forest along with their size and condition. This took up most of our time, and we collected timber inventory data in 33% of the research blocks resulting in over 7,000 trees being counted and measured across the study area.

When we weren't out in the field, we worked on our independent projects. This experience allowed us to create a specific research question to answer surrounding how timber harvests affect various parts of an ecosystem. We used the large amounts of data collected at Holt Research Forest and collected our own data to conduct our research. Jack looked at how a timber harvest affected white-footed mouse abundance, specifically if the abundance of logs at a trapping site significantly affected capture rates. Marin conducted a study of the abundance of ovenbirds in the study area following timber harvest compared to pre-harvest data to determine how the recent harvest has impacted ovenbird populations in the forest. Our time at Holt Research Forest helped prepare us for our future in the field, and we enjoyed learning and growing our skills throughout the summer!



**Mike Parisio of Maine Forest Service Forest Health inspects an oak for signs of insects and disease.**

## Holt Research Forest Featured in Downeast Magazine!



In the September Edition of Down East Magazine, look for an article titled **"For 40 Years, This Maine Forest Has Been One Elaborate Experiment."** We were delighted to host reporter Peter Andrey Smith and Photographer Dave Waddell at Holt Research Forest to share about the research at the property. We hope to use the multiple decades' worth of data to help inform landowners in Maine's oak-pine forests on forest management options for their woodlands.

**Read the article:**

<https://tinyurl.com/HoltResearchForest-DownEast>



**Fall foliage on display at Holt Research Forest along the shore of Sewall Pond in October.**

## 2023 Maine TREE Calendar

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