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Dedicated to the protection of Natural Areas in Prince Edward Island since 1979

150th Issue: Marking Milestones

We're nearing the end of a challenging but highly productive 2020 for natural land securement! Five properties are due to close by the end of December.

In the midst of restrictions on the freedoms we have come to take for granted, Islanders have turned to nature for help with their physical and mental well-being. Our Island feels like a safe place and many Islanders are appreciating their backyard in new ways.

In recognizing the need for natural spaces to benefit our mental and physical health, we hope Islanders can reflect on the monumental task ahead in stewarding our properties on PEI successfully. Simply put, the act of securing natural spaces is only the beginning of the story. Fundrais-

ing for long-term stewardship on these imminent acquisitions is the greatest challenge—looking ahead.

As hopeful stories unfold about the properties in the coming months, We welcome donations big and small to help us on our stewardship mission.

Please take the time to observe for yourself the sheer amount of work that goes into stewardship of our existing natural areas on **page 10** and in our recently launched **Impact Report** (details below).

Lewes Secured!

The parcel of old growth forest land in Lewes - we have recently been appealing for donations to muster the last \$15,000 - has now been secured. Thanks to a majority contribution by



the MapleCross fund and additional generous donations from Jason Aspin & 25 Islanders, INT was able to secure the Lewes property. This beautiful 109-acre property contains old growth upland hardwood Maritime Acadian – Wapane'kati forest, now rare in Prince Edward Island and the Maritimes as a whole.

Thank you so much for all of those who supported us on this journey to protect this incredible natural space.

Announcing INT's First Ever Impact Report

Island Nature Trust is excited to launch its first ever Impact Report!

2019-2020 was a remarkable year for reaching our land acquisition goals. The report is a chance to review the 956 acres of Natural Area we acquired last year, in addition to the important conservation work carried out across our numerous stewardship programs. The conser-

vation efforts presented simply would not have been possible without your support!

The report is available to download via our website or let us know if you would like a hard copy mailed to you by contacting admin@islandnaturetrust.ca

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Lewes woodlands

Old growth greets a new dawn



general. Mature eastern hemlock, white pine, sugar maple, American beech and yellow birch are present as a mix, in pockets that provide tremendous value as a seed source for younger forests and as service areas for local communities. These areas provide habitat for native pollinators (critical for nearby blueberry and other crops), insect-eating species at risk (like endangered bats and threatened olive-sided flycatcher), contributions of rain and snowmelt to groundwater reservoirs (for clean drinking water), and moderation of temperature and wind patterns (protecting against erosion and drought).



This land was owned since the 1950's by a family that cared for and used the woodland. It lies near other protected areas owned by INT (in Culloden, Belle River and Caledonia), the Province and private landowners. Despite

If you have had occasion to look at a satellite image of the Island lately, you might have noted the lack of big blocks of green. A 'patchwork quilt' metaphor is often used to describe the landscape mix of field and forest that dominates rural PEI. What is spoken of less often are the few areas where large blocks of contiguous forest remain relatively intact. One of those blocks lies between Iona and Murray River and holds some of the oldest forest we have left. In that block sits Island Nature Trust's latest land purchase: the 109-acre MapleCross Hardwoods Natural Area.

Large blocks of contiguous forest are important for many species, including the two-footed kind. A number of our most vulnerable migratory songbirds seek out core forest far from edges and the predators those edges with more open landscapes invite. Fewer edges also limit the vulnerability of the forest canopy to wind and the whole floral community to invasive weeds, insects and wind-borne fungal diseases.

Forests in the Belle River – Lewes area contain remnants of old growth woodlands that are rare in the province and the Maritimes in



A satellite image of PEI reveals a 'patchwork quilt' of discrete parcels of land —denoting a lack of contiguous forest in the Island.

The 109-acre MapleCross Hardwood Natural Area fronts on the Honourable J Angus Maclean Road and contains headwater sections of the Valleyfield River. The Valleyfield is one of three rivers that make up the Three Rivers Canadian Heritage River complex (along with Montague and Brudenell Rivers), recognized for their importance to early settlers of PEI. The back of the property contains old growth upland and riparian hardwood forest with a diverse mix of hemlock, sugar maple, red spruce, yellow birch and beech, in an outstanding example of the original Maritime Acadian or Wapane'kati Forest that once covered most of PEI, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

that network, the risk of fragmentation remains, and that big block of green continues to shrink. Working to steward contiguous forest for decades to come will of necessity be a shared effort. We are grateful for all Islanders who take a long view in stewarding their forests sustainably.



Megan Harris
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Hardwood forests are important roosting & breeding sites for native bats.



Delicious blueberries growing along the edge of the forest.

What is riparian forest and why is it important to wildlife?

A riparian forest or riparian woodland is a forested or wooded area of land adjacent to a body of water such as a river, stream, pond, lake, marshland, estuary, canal, sink or reservoir.

Riparian areas provide critical habitat for many types of wildlife, because of their diverse and productive plant communities, complex structure, and close proximity to water. The wildlife may be permanent residents of the riparian area or occasional visitors that use the area for food, water, or temporary shelter.



Olive-sided flycatchers have large home territories in riparian forest habitat and the headwater stream (pictured above) that runs through the property is the perfect habitat for this barrel-chested bird.



Megan gazes upward at the majestic closed canopy of old growth riparian forest.



Old sugar maple bark with many layers for bats and flying squirrels.



Yellow birch



Top to bottom: Striped or goosefoot maple, red maple and sugar maple.



An open canopy near the stream and a sapsucker's exploration of a conifer's trunk



Jack of All Trades—Master of All

Searching for a new voice for conservation

The executive director of a non-profit organization wears many hats. To be effective, an executive director needs to wear them all equally well. At any given moment, they change hats according to the immediate needs of the organization.

Since INT was founded in 1979 the Trust has seen five Executive Directors take the helm. Each of them helped shape the Trust in profound ways and cemented the integrity of an organization that requires consistently strong leadership to ensure that land and species conservation flourishes on the Island. INT staff, the board and our incredible volunteers can build on the Trust's robust foundation thanks to their impact.

Our current Executive Director Megan Harris is the quintessential personification of the 'many hats' archetype. Megan marries an incredible proficiency at multi-tasking with a passionate and deep knowledge of conservation. Megan's collaborative mentality and drive to build alliances has seen her coordinate the acquisition of 26 properties since she started the role in 2015. That is exactly one third of all lands secured since INT's formation. To better face the challenges ahead, Megan is stepping down as Executive Director and will move into a strategic role focused on acquisition and stewardship. The Trust is beginning the search for a new voice for conservation, a position that will now emphasize organizational growth and development. That person will have huge boots to fill!

As we surpass the 40-year mark of the Trust's founding with over 5200 acres of natural area already protected, our acquisitions have ramped up significantly in the last twelve months in search of that golden 7% target. To give you an idea of the mission ahead, Megan helps us look back to see forward by exploring the achievements of our - 'jack of all trades and master of all' - past leaders.

INT's Legacy of Leadership



Diane Griffin 1984-1995

Diane's friends and colleagues collaborated to form the Trust back in 1979 when she was Natural Areas Coordinator for the Province of Alberta. Notable achievements during her tenure included the launch of the Hon. J. Angus MacLean Natural Areas Award and getting the sand dunes and wetlands at Greenwich added to the PEI National Park.

"It was a long and costly battle for the Nature Trust to fend off a proposed time-share and golf course development, and then to win political support for national protection of this valuable natural location." - *Senator Diane Griffin*



Kate MacQuarrie 1995-2003

Kate started with the Trust in 1991, just after university, as a landowner contact technician. She went on to coordinate some of the group's programs before being hired as ED in 1995. During this time Kate launched the Trust's Endowment Program and doubled land holdings to 2600 acres:

"Land protection is a long-term commitment which is hard to do on year-to-year funding. Money in the Endowment is kept invested, and some of the interest can be used to support the Trust's work. Over time, it will become a secure source of funding while other sources are variable." - *Kate MacQuarrie*



Bruce Smith 2003-2006

Bruce oversaw the expansion of youth education. Presentations by staff were made in schools and public venues, which included participation in field trips to learn about the environment. The foundation of these curricula has continued to evolve in delivering robust outreach to Island youth today (See page 6)

Bruce reflects on the challenges of securing program funds while seeking the right staff to implement conservation projects: "There was a dilemma. If I applied for many projects and was successful, could staff be found to carry out the project. It was a difficult balance between the uncertainty of funding and the assurance of employment for staff."



Jackie Waddell 2006-2015

Jackie remembers fondly working for the Trust for two decades before taking on the ED role in 2006. She started contacting landowners of Scenic Heritage Roads way back in 1986 where she got to know some of the "finest Islanders and the back roads from tip to tip."

Jackie coordinated important acquisitions in DeRoche Pond and Charnwood—"two areas that, while vastly different from a biological perspective, presented challenges that, once overcome, created a baseline of land acquisition ethics that reassured future landowners dealing with the Trust." - *Jackie Waddell*

Megan Harris Executive Director 2015-2020

Megan, the gains in land securement have been remarkable during your time at the Trust. When you started your tenure what infrastructure was evident thanks to the leadership of your predecessors?

"It was a steep early learning curve for someone who had a background in ecology but no depth of understanding about the many legal, financial and emotional facets of land transfers. Thankfully, our relationships with the many partners INT needs to navigate the business of land – lawyers, appraisers, surveyors, planners – had already been built on a strong foundation of integrity and trust. It didn't feel like I was on my own at all!"

Can you highlight any initiatives pioneered by past ED's during their tenures that proved decisive?

"INT's programs to engage volunteers in the work of species and land conservation are critical to the work of the organization. For decades, volunteers have quietly helped staff deliver stewardship programs for our most vulnerable species and important protected lands. These folks are our cheering squad and they are absolutely priceless. I can't imagine how different the role of ED would have been in their absence."

What have you learned about your predecessor's work ethics, their motivations, successes, and challenges faced?

"They all deserve medals. This is not a job for the faint of heart."

Do you think you share a common skillset or philosophy with your predecessors?

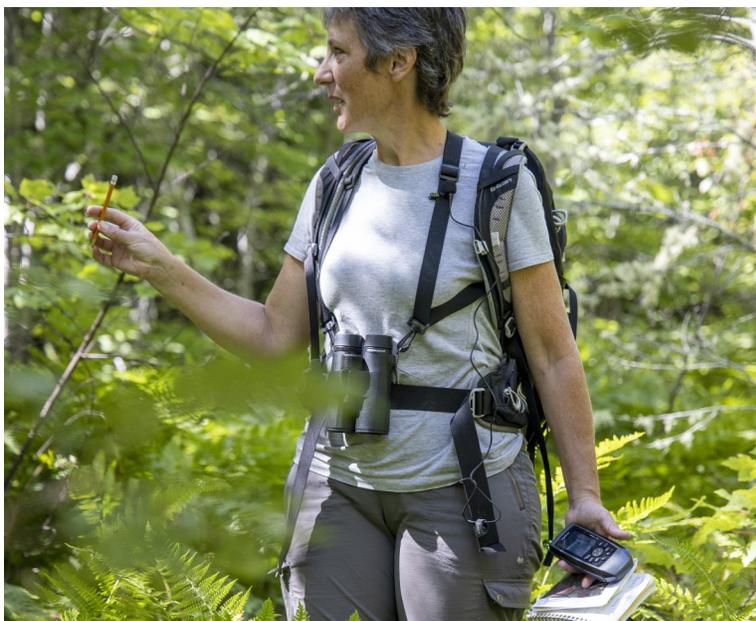
"I think that all the Trust's EDs to date have been passionate about the natural world and have worked towards the vision of a day when humans are in balance with their environment. We take too much and give back too little as a society and a species. To do this job, you have to hope that we haven't left it too late to make some fundamental changes to how we interact with the land."

How do you succeed at multitasking so proficiently and what superpowers will the new ED need to have?

"I don't multitask. I focus really intensely in short bursts and then move on to the next task. The new ED will have the superpower of BALANCE."

What experience will you cherish the most working as ED at INT?

"The fantastic conversations with so many incredibly interesting people enrich the work of ED. But, I hope I won't be leaving those behind and even have more time for them!"



Megan inspects a prospective acquisition in Caledonia

Tell us about your new role and the direction the Trust is taking by looking for an individual with fundraising and development capabilities?

"INT is growing and it is time the operational structure adjusted to accommodate that growth. The ED has always managed the business side of the organization in addition to land securement. It is time to separate those two elements out and dedicate the capacity of an individual to each one. The new ED will focus their energy on operating the organization as a strong, well-resourced non-profit with the capacity to continue raising the bar in land and species conservation in PEI. It is time to have someone with a head for business at the helm instead of a biologist!"

What are your hopes and dreams about the future of the Island Nature Trust?

"I would love to see INT lead land stewardship in PEI, demonstrating how we can live sustainably in this finite space, helping others to walk lightly on the land and develop the same love and appreciation for what the natural world gives us every day."

Are you or someone you know interested in applying for the role of **Executive Director, Operations and Development** at Island Nature Trust?

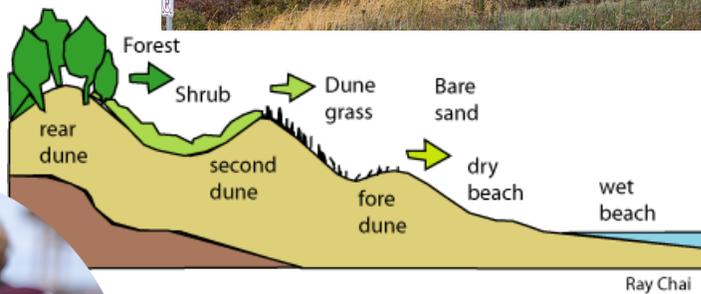
Applications must include a cover letter highlighting the applicant's particular suitability for the position as well as a current curriculum vitae addressed to the Selection Committee, Island Nature Trust at careers@intboard.ca or by post to P.O. Box 265, Charlottetown, PE. C1A 7K4. Applications must be received no later than **December 31, 2020**.

[MORE INFO & APPLY](#)

Beach Dune Ecosystems Workshops

Youth engagement blossoms in the face of COVID-19 challenges

In the Fall of 2020 as students returned to a very different classroom atmosphere across PEI, grade 7 teachers leaped at the opportunity to get students outside learning in an important Island landscape – the beach. INT staff along with north shore watershed group partners delivered the field experience and in-class components of our Beach-Dune Ecosystem Program to ten classes from five junior high schools across the Island. Our knowledgeable team engaged the keen minds of grade 7 youth to teach them about the fragility of PEI’s beach ecosystems.



human use was emphasised in the classroom and on the beach. Students learned that by correcting negative habits today we can ensure that beach-dune ecosystems flourish tomorrow.

With the onset of COVID, our ability to deliver this education program faced additional challenges. However, INT and partners were determined to forge ahead with a safe experience founded on important messages of sustainability on our shores.

The field trips took place at beaches close to participating schools, including Miminegash, Cavendish and Naufrage. We chose beaches that provided many teaching points and that would be familiar to the students. Their favourite outdoor spaces might now be viewed in a new and dynamic light.

Four practical activities were introduced to students on important elements of the beach dune ecosystem.

The field component of this program delivers an immersive, citizen-science experience using the wild ecosystems in these students’ neighbourhoods. During the half-day field trips students learned:

- How beaches and dunes are formed and what wildlife inhabit this dynamic system.
- What the food web looks like, from macro-invertebrates in the sand and wrack line, to raptors circling overhead.
- How the integrity of the dune is dependent on native vegetation and what happens when it isn’t present because of our actions.

The message that beach dune ecology is dependent on respectful and knowledgeable

1. A back-dune walk gave students the opportunity to observe bird species and other wildlife that take advantage of the shelter provided by the dune. The activity is connected to the principle of dune succession where sequences of plants occupy different zones within dune systems.

2. Another activity taught students about the organisms that are present at the high tide line. Also known as the wrack line, the marine material in this zone is an important base for the beach food web. An interactive scavenger hunt accompanied the activity



3. The students also had the chance to look for invertebrates in the sand using sieves (pictured above) to separate the marine life from the sand particles.

Above: A bristle worm found by a student



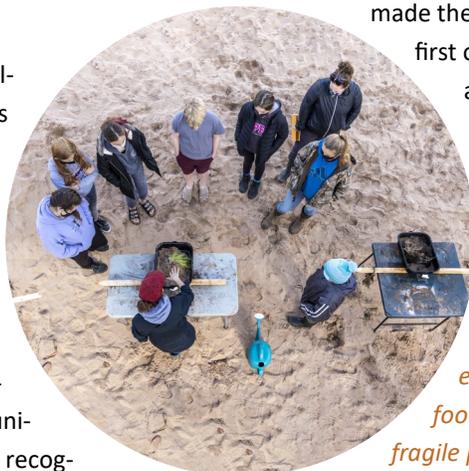
The selection of INT wrack line ID guides

4. And finally, a weathering and erosion station (pictured below left & centre) allowed students to build and test four examples of mini beaches. They observed how water,



sand, vegetation and cobble combine to influence stability of a dune during simulated extreme weather events.

It has been a uniquely challenging last twelve months for the INT team during COVID-19. Limitations on social freedoms and the potential negative effects on mental health have affirmed the importance of consistent delivery of outreach opportunities for youth. All ages are recognising just how important it is to connect



with the natural world on a regular basis. Introducing youth to these dynamic systems in-person creates positive memories during a less-than-positive year. Grade 7 English Teacher Helen Smith-MacPhail from Gulf Shore school felt similarly.

“With the reality of COVID-19 now it’s become very important for people to get back to Nature and for students to experience getting out of the classroom and being outside. We know we should get them outside as much as possible. It is great for their all to-gether learning - that’s an important piece of what we’ve been able to do today.”

Emily, a student from Gulf Shore School, made the point that this was her first opportunity to learn about PEI’s vulnerable coastline first-hand:

“I’ll be telling my parents tonight about how important the dunes are for wildlife and how erosion and people’s footsteps can ruin these fragile places”

Experiential learning is powerful because knowledge is recalled episodically – reiterating the importance of learning by engaging with the five senses. Emily’s teacher, Helen sums this sentiment up nicely:

“Anytime you can get out of the classroom and actually get the kids doing experiential learning, that’s what they’re going to remember about their Grade 7, 8 and 9 experience”.



A student creates a mock-up beach dune

INT greatly appreciates the contributions of coordinators from the following watershed groups: Dawn from Tignish, Danny from Roseville, Elton from West Point and John from Cascumpec. Four Island Nature Trust staff led the program activities with at least two teachers present for each class. The total number of students involved was just under 220.

This project would not have been possible without dedicated funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Community Nominated Priority Place Initiative (CNPP) and the Wildlife Conservation Fund.

EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS IN-REVIEW

We didn't let COVID-19 completely disrupt the delivery of some summer events. Popular activities from last year such as the Walk to St Peter's Island was once again on this year's agenda—turning out to be another 'wild' success. It was a windy day, but we still had an eager attendance for our annual walk to St. Peter's Island with INT members. Everyone toughed it out and remained in good spirits, despite the less than ideal conditions. We were fortunate to have local geologist Andy Henry accompany us to share knowledge with the group. There were many interesting finds! Fossils such as Calamites – an extinct genus of horsetails, and Walchia – a genus of ancient conifers. Other finds included Goethites – a mineral commonly found in soil, formed through the weathering of other iron-rich minerals, as well as old pieces of iron and copper rigging from ships.



Left: A Calamite fossil was found on the coastline. This ancient plant has been extinct for almost 360 million years .



Left: An example of a Goethite mineral deposit. Goethite often forms through the weathering of other iron-rich minerals, and thus is a common component of soils.



POVERTY BEACH: A total 420 kg of garbage was collected from this beach used by piping plover & other shorebirds. Staff from the Province of PEI provided a boat to help transport all the garbage collected. It took three full boat trips to transport everything from the beach! Fishing gear comprised most of the finds, with over 100 buoys and over 60 large fishing traps recovered along the shoreline. It was noted that rough cocklebur was also found to be common in this area.

ACADIAN MARSHES – PERCIVAL RIVER SALT MARSH NATURAL AREA: It took 4 hours for volunteers and staff to collect 182 kg of garbage, including many plastic items and items related to fishing gear – 146 lobster bands were picked up along the beach! An interesting discovery while walking along the beach was the common occurrence of rough cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*), a plant species that is provincially listed as 'Vulnerable.'

26th Annual
BENNETT BIRDING
 Classic
 Saturday, September 12th



Mike LeClair



Mike LeClair

This year marked the 26th anniversary of the Bennett Birding Classic – a fundraising partnership between Nature PEI and Island Nature Trust to conduct bird migration monitoring counts for early autumn. A total of 106 different species of birds were observed this year between all participating teams, while the highest individual team total was 98 species.

Two teams represented INT in a friendly competition, with Team Blue-footed Boobies observing 41 species and Team Dodo observing 60 species. – A big thank you to the many generous donors, whose contributions have resulted in a total of \$1,901 in pledges to date!

Blue-footed Booby team member, volunteer Mike LeClair, reflected on the success of the day: "As a rookie to the Bennett Birding Classic this year, I could not have been more fortunate than to join the team from the Island Nature Trust. Taking me under their wing, (pun intended), the day was both informative and fun. The stunning views of PEI were only upstaged by the beautiful array of birds that we found in their natural habitat of beaches, forest and wetlands. The INT staff's passion and expertise in their vocation is evident the more you spend time with them. I'm hooked on birds and can't wait until next year's Bennett Birding Classic."



Celebration Of Land

We could not have asked for a better day to celebrate our new 120-acre acquisition in Crown Point. About 30 members of the public joined INT staff in exploring the area on October 4th, with a group taking part in a nature walk along the headland, and another group kayaking around the point.

While enjoying the sunshine, those attending listened to stories about the natural and cultural history of the area – dating back to the time of the Mi'kmaq. Crown Point was known for millennia as Wji'kijek "the place where stumps are found."



LAND STEWARDSHIP: FIELD SEASON IN NUMBERS

How your membership is funding current conservation efforts

What have we been up to this summer and fall? The Land Stewardship Program has had a busy and productive field season - and its not over yet! Here's a brief overview of what's been going on since May:

Trees and shrubs planted for coastal erosion control at the Princetown Grassland Natural Area, Seacow Head Cliffs Natural Area, and the Neuffer Natural Area

322



Trees and shrubs planted as part of forest restoration efforts at the Kildare Forest Natural Area and the Newton Cross Hardwoods Farrell Forested Natural Areas

188



Bags of invasive plant species (including purple loosestrife and white clover) removed from the DeRoche Pond Natural Area and the Charles Dalton Natural Area

40



Sites surveyed for invasive insects (hemlock woolly adelgid and emerald ash borer)

6



Volunteers who came out to various Land Stewardship events this summer, including beach cleanups, plantings, and invasive species removal efforts

40

Pounds of trash removed from the shores of our Acadian Marshes - Percival River Salt Marsh Natural Area

401



New Conservation Guardians added to our network across the island

16



Old culverts removed from streams in our Natural Areas, to help restore the integrity of the waterways

2



Natural Area, Trail Code of Care, and other stewardship signs installed at various Natural Areas throughout PEI

18

Property monitoring reports sent in by Conservation Guardians

30



Autonomous recording units (ARUs) placed in the field to record bird songs and identify species present in various forested areas, in collaboration with the Abegweit Conservation Society

7



Especially large, old trees hugged while doing fieldwork!

5



We'd like to send out a huge thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, and supporters for all of your help towards meeting our conservation goals!

Funding for INT's invasive species work has been generously provided by the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund.

AGM 2020 Review

INT held its Annual General Meeting in Charlottetown. It was an occasion to thank members and those who donated land and financial support to the Trust, as well as to present the way forward for the Island-led non-profit that has acquired and protected environmentally vulnerable land since 1979. The organization's strategic renewal was also accompanied by the nomination of four new Directors to the board of Island Nature Trust:



Marie-Ann Bowden – During her career at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan, Marie-Ann actively pursued research and teaching in the areas of environmental law, property and water law. Since retiring Professor Emeritus from the College, she has returned to PEI and has joined the Board of the Upton Farmlands Trust and helped secure a new Water Act with her colleagues at the Coalition for the Protection of PEI Waters.

Tyler Coady – Tyler is a Canadian Armed Forces Veteran who has obtained a B.A. Psychology (Honours) at UPEI and an M.A. Military Psychology at Adler University, Chicago. He has several published research articles and has a strong background in behavioural sciences. Combined with work in peer support and crisis negotiations, Tyler helps other veterans reconnect with nature.



Roger E. Coffin – Roger spent 20 years in the private sector as a manager and entrepreneur, followed by a career in the public sector that included business support and aerospace recruitment. Roger has been involved with outdoor organizations mainly in the areas of hunting and fishing. Roger is a life member of Margaree Salmon Association, Miramichi Salmon Association and now Island Nature Trust.

Gordon MacKay – Gordon, who has practiced law since 1980, comes to the Island Nature Trust with extensive personal and professional volunteer experience. He has served as a Commissioner on the Judicial Review Commission (PEI), the Treasurer of the Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island, and President of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. He has also chaired the Red Cross Multi-Sport Relay and the Prince Edward Island United Way Campaign, as well as the Inspire fundraising campaign of the University of Prince Edward Island.



In addition to the naming of new Board members, the Trust also awarded the 2020 Hon. J. Angus MacLean Natural Areas Award to nominee Ms. Jeanne Maki. Ms. Maki has spent her adult life working to safeguard one of PEI's most important and threatened ecosystems: our forests. As a testament to her dedication, she recently designated close to 100 acres of woodlands in the Pinette-Belfast area as protected natural area under the private stewardship option of the *PEI Natural Areas Protection Act*.

Board of Directors

Island Nature Trust is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors of 12 to 16 members. Each member serves up to two 3-year terms. Board members also participate in committees that help guide the work of Island Nature Trust.

Executive:

- June Jenkins Sanderson - *President*
- Jan Matejcek - *Vice President*
- Rob MacKay - *Treasurer*
- Bruce Craig - *Secretary*

Group Representatives:

- Gerald MacDougall - *Nature PEI*
- Keila Miller - *PEI Wildlife Federation*
- Kevin Teather - *UPEI Biology Dept.*

General Directors:

- Mary Acorn
- Patricia Caporaso
- Joyce Dewar
- Stéphane Le Blanc
- Michael Walsh
- Marie-Ann Bowden
- Tyler Coady
- Roger E. Coffin
- Gordon MacKay

Membership Renewal



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Thank you for your support!

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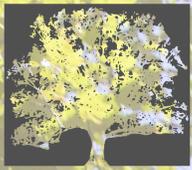
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Who are we...?

Island Nature Trust is a non-profit, membership-driven, private registered charity dedicated to permanent protection of natural areas in Prince Edward Island. We acquire lands through purchase and donation for protection and help private landowners protect their own properties through legislation and promotion of good land management practices. We also protect species-at-risk, restore lands and undertake public nature education.

Donations, new members and volunteers are always welcome.

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