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***June 14, 2019***
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*Otter Creek Fun Run & Celebration*

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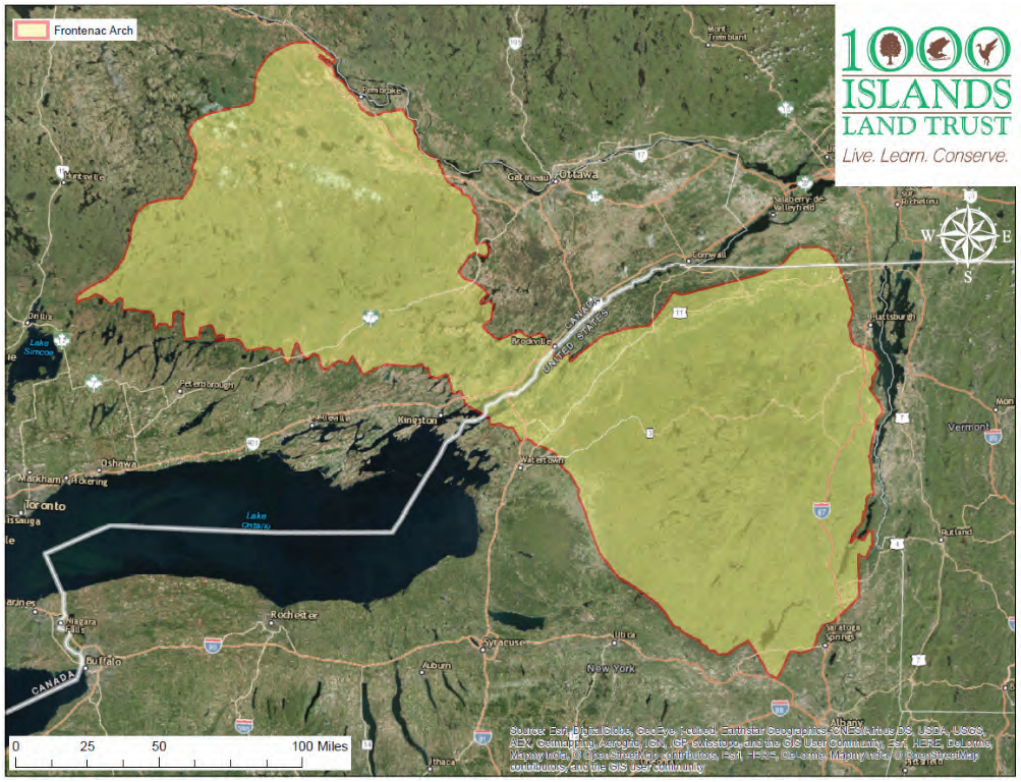
## *A Conservation Bridge between Two Havens:*
# The A2A Corridor




*by Spencer Busler, Assistant Director*

Not far below the flowing waters and rocky soils of the St. Lawrence River Valley lies an ancient hourglass. Within this hourglass flows not the sands of time, but the quiet and consistent movement of wildlife, people, and their genetic diversities.

Stretching northwest from the peaks of the Adirondack Park in New York to the rugged boreal terrain of the Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, a granite ridge protrudes from the earth in the general shape of an hourglass. This expansive, densely vegetated ridge is known as the Frontenac Axis (or Frontenac Arch), and can be somewhat challenging to conceptualize while at ground level.

However, the Arch's deep green forest blocks can be easily observed from far above the earth's surface with the aid of satellite imagery. In fact, the bird's eye view may be the very best way to visualize this resource, which has stayed relatively obscure to the many folks who work, live and play in the 1000 Islands and St. Lawrence River Valley region.

Once covered by a sheet of ice

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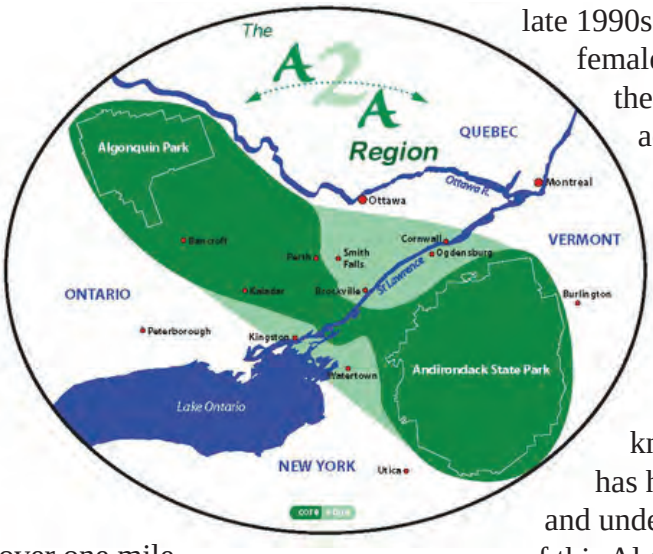



over one mile thick, the St. Lawrence River Valley's underlying bedrock was resistant to the erosion of the glacial retreat about 13,000 years ago. Today the region is defined by rolling forests, meandering streams, vibrant wetlands and stunning outcrops.

We owe a great deal of appreciation for the landforms and ecosystems left behind to these receding glaciers. Their presence not only serves as one of the most important wildlife migration corridors on the continent, but they create two of the most fantastic natural settings that we know of: Lake Ontario and the 1000 Islands. In short, the topography and islands of the Frontenac Arch act as an enormous natural dam, holding back the deep water that is Lake Ontario.

Because of its general remoteness and inaccessibility, the majority of the rocky Frontenac landscape has remained substantially intact and undeveloped. For this reason, the region's fauna regularly traverse the arch as they travel between the two great parks. Interestingly, in the late 1990s, researchers tracked a female moose as it travelled from the heart of the Adirondacks across the Frontenac Arch, crossing the St. Lawrence River through the 1000 Islands, across TILT's Crooked Creek Preserve, and into the remote Algonquin Provincial Park. This moose came to be known as Alice, and her story has helped bring awareness to and understanding of the existence of this Algonquin to Adirondack (A2A) wildlife corridor. Alice, among other charismatic creatures, has become the totem, justification and impetus of the Algonquin to Adirondack Collaborative.

Despite the relatively healthy and resilient condition of this region's natural environment, there are several forces threatening the integrity of the A2A. At both the global and local scales, climate change has had detectable effects on our natural environment. In general, the Adirondacks are experiencing warmer and more erratic weather patterns. This is resulting in the northward shift of several species' ranges that depend on the cold winters of the Adirondack Mountains. These range shifts aren't likely to cease, as

*A moose, obviously not Alice, in Algonquin Park, photo by Mark Scarlett*

it's estimated that the climate in the Adirondack Park will resemble that of modern day West Virginia by the end of the century. As the moose, martens, and countless others seek cooler, wetter refuge to the north, they'll require safe passage through an intact highway: the A2A corridor.

Compounding this climatic issue is the fact that the narrowest point of the Frontenac Axis intersects with the most populous stretch of the 1000 Islands. This is an area with substantial risk of development and fragmentation, which could ultimately become a migration barrier if left unchecked. The conservation of the diverse natural habitats in the 1000 Islands region of the A2A corridor is a primary pillar of TILT's mission, and when contemplated at the A2A scale its importance shines through.

Over the last several years, TILT has fully recognized the landscape-scale importance of the A2A migration corridor. TILT and several other regional conservation partners are diligently working to safeguard this wildlife highway for the plants and animals that live, breed, feed or migrate here.

*Fox crossing the ice in Clayton*

*The A2A Collaborative, based in Lansdowne, Ontario, "connects lands and people across the Algonquin to Adirondacks region, a critical corridor for ecological integrity and resilience." www.A2ACollaborative.org*

TILT is currently in the process of permanently conserving nearly 500 acres across two adjoining parcels within the bottleneck of the US Frontenac Arch. These projects build upon existing forest preserves, helping piece together a conservation bridge from the Adirondacks to the St. Lawrence for our friends of foot and feather. After all, what better way to express our gratitude and appreciation for these natural wonders than to provide them with perpetual protection!

*Payne Lake lies in the A2A corridor. TILT conserves 500 acres adjacent to the lake.*

## Tributes

October 16, 2018 - April 25, 2019

***In memory of Christopher Acker***
Richard & Elizabeth Wright

***In memory of Barbara Babowicz***
Rodney Babowicz

***In memory of Stanley Bach***
Linda Bach

***In honor of Louise Birkhead***
Gus & Susan Birkhead

***In memory of Dorothy Cosselman***
Robert & Tori Cosselman

***In memory of Robert O. Cox***
Ted & Kathy Drum

***In honor of Rebecca Dahl***
Gerard Dahl
Linda Dahl

***In memory of Robert Dodenhoff***
Susan & Howard Charbonneau

***In memory of Charles Heath***
Kristy Carey

***In memory of Bill Danforth***
Irene & Gerald Orvis
Bob & Lori Oster
Jake Tibbles & Alicia Dewey

***In memory of Sissy Danforth***
Dave & Caroline Munro

***In memory of John Eustance***
Nancy Eustance

***In memory of Pearl Fisk***
Daniel Fisk

***In memory of Dick Fulton***
Michael Fulton

***In memory of Phil Gedney***
Michael & Billie Jo Radecke

***In memory of Hunter Grimes***
Martha Grimes

***In memory of Andrew & Betty Hayduke***
Mike & Irene Tibbles
Jake Tibbles & Alicia Dewey

***In memory of Patti Hendler***
Jim Hendler

***In memory of Zell & Jim Kerr***
Meg Kerr & Bob Vanderslice

***In memory of Richard Macsherry***
Craig & Kathy Handschuh
Jake Tibbles & Alicia Dewey

***In honor of Carol & Dick Munro***
William & Lynn Fox

***In memory of John Murray***
Jean Murray

***In memory of Fred J Myers***
Thomas Myers

***In memory of Donald & Joan Nickason***
Constance Peters

# Message from the President

At the end of 2018, TILT closed on 1,150 acres of conservation land in the 1000 Islands. These properties included wetlands that provide spawning areas for our fish populations, grasslands that provide habitat for many of our bird species, forest lands and pristine shorelines that make this place so special. Additionally, we accomplished our goal of achieving a new major milestone for TILT and can now celebrate the preservation of over 10,000 acres across our service area!

To highlight a few of the other significant accomplishments during the year, together we:

- Completed a three year strategic plan that will drive TILT's mission through 2021
- Established the Development Committee and appointed our first Director of Development
- Secured grant funding across the organization totaling $733,000
- Delivered a high level of land stewardship across all of our Signature Preserves
- Continued to execute on the Zenda Farms sustainability plan; planted two acre vineyard for the production of Zenda wine, and Zenda Cheese is currently aging in the refurbished Creamery
- Established two new Ad Hoc committees, the Grindstone Preserve Advisory Committee and Friends of Wellesley Island, to further engage volunteers and promote TILT initiatives.

We celebrate the passion for land conservation demonstrated by the world-class team at TILT that worked so hard to make this all happen. And we enter 2019 with the same level of excitement and have established ambitious plans for another outstanding year.

*Mike Phelps, TILT President*

We celebrate and thank all of you, our loyal and dedicated members who faithfully turn up for all of our events and who have helped TILT in achieving the targeted goal for the *Conserving the Place We Love*, Mission Support Campaign of $3.7 Million! What a remarkable group of supporters we have.

We also celebrate the life and legacy of our dear friend, Ken Deedy. The Kenneth Deedy Environmental Internship Fund, created as one of Ken's final wishes, will help to promote a whole new generation of conservationists, continuing the legacy he established for land conservation in the 1000 Islands. Three conservation organizations that work along the River, TILT, Save The River, and the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center will share an intern during the summer season, supporting their various conservation efforts, and providing the intern with invaluable real world work experience. To date, contributions to the fund have reached $137,045.

With warm regards,

*Mike Phelps, President*

# A Familiar Face Comes to TILT

*Kate Breheny, a regular participant in the Tern Grid installation each year, has joined TILT's staff. Photo by Steve Sturtz*

Kate Breheny joined the TILT team this January as the organization's new Membership Coordinator. In this role, Kate will be the key liaison between the Land Trust and its 750 plus members. She will also be responsible for the coordination of the administrative matters for the organization, assisting with outreach and communications activities, and fielding and directing questions about TILT's land conservation work.

Kate brings over fifteen years of experience coordinating and implementing environmental stewardship and education programs within the Golden Gate National Parks in San Francisco, CA and here along the St. Lawrence River.

During her time in San Francisco, she led education and volunteer programs at the Presidio Native Plant Nursery and oversaw the removal of invasive plants and the out-planting of native species in sensitive habitat areas with the Park Stewardship Program.

Most recently as Save The River's Program Manager, she managed the organization's wide range of community programs including its In the Schools and associated On the Water education programs, and the Riverkeeper Volunteer Monitoring, Common Tern Monitoring, Beach Watch and Shoal Marking Programs.

Kate also gained valuable fundraising experience as liason to the Macsherry Library Society, and event and exhibit coordination experience while working at the Thousand Islands Arts Center. "Kate's extensive experience in the environmental field, combined with a natural passion for sharing her love for the River with others, made her a perfect fit for the position," said Jake Tibbles, Executive Director.

*Kate Breheny and her husband Brian.*

"As a member of this great community it is an honor to be joining the team at TILT. I am especially excited to draw upon my past experiences to help the organization grow and assist with providing opportunities for its members to find personal connections with the vast diversity of conserved lands," said Kate Breheny.

## *Tributes - cont.*

***In memory of Ruth Mead Packer***
Donald & Barbara James

***In memory of Joan Perconti***
Michael Cooke

***In honor of the River***
Sally Crews

***In memory of Mary Ellen Rogers***
James Barden

***In honor of Gary & Vera Rushmer***
Elizabeth Tolla

***In honor of Joan & in memory of Fred Rueckert***
Bill & Fleur Rueckert

***In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Simmons***
James & Cindy Kennedy

***In memory of David K. Smith***
Patricia Adams
Builder's Kitchens
Joan Flint
Mary & Ted Mascott
Jake Tibbles & Alicia Dewey

***In memory of Riggs Smith***
Nan Smith

***In memory of George B. Swick***
Lois Swick

***In memory of Bob Toole***
John & Sandy Kinsella

***In memory of J. Wyatt Uhlein***
Bruce & June Boggs
Mary Ellen Comer
David Cox
Molly Cutler
Rosie & Richard Furniss
Carol Hills
Anne Lantz & Andy Greenfield
Gretchen Norqual
Janet Taylor
Jake Tibbles & Alicia Dewey
David Tohir

***In memory of Aaron Vogel***
Charlann Tranella

***In memory of Ted Weisberg***
Larry & Karin Rappaport

***In honor of Richard Withington***
Nancy Del Borgo

# Protecting Where the Land Meets the River

## *Wetlands Conservation and the Thousand Islands Land Trust*

*by Alaina Young, Education & Outreach Coordinator*
*This article originally appeared in Clear Waters, the official publication of the New York Water Environment Association*

While most land trusts focus on protecting trees and forests, our geographic location puts us in the unique position of stewarding lands fundamentally linked to the freshwater system of the St. Lawrence River. The 1000 Islands consists of a mosaic of habitats supporting a great diversity of wildlife, from forests and aquatic systems, to coastal wetlands and grasslands.

The impact we have on the land here on the US side of the border affects not only us, but the country we can see even from our office on the other side of the beautiful expanse of river. And with over 4 million people in the US and Canada relying on the St. Lawrence for drinking water, it is critical that conservation organizations work together to protect this vital freshwater source.

The 1000 Islands are also located at the center of the Frontenac Arch, a geological ridge which connects the Canadian boreal forest to the forests of the Adirondacks and Appalachian Mountains. Also referred to as the Algonquin to Adirondack (A2A) Corridor, this landform serves as a natural migration route across the Great Lakes system. The 1000 Islands region is the point where these forest systems meet, an area of unparalleled biodiversity.

*Coastal wetlands provide key ecosystem services, including flood mitigation and water filtration.*
*Photo of Crooked Creek by Alex MacLean, Landslides Aerial Photography.*

Part of the Atlantic Flyway, the St. Lawrence is a migratory bird hotspot, and over 400 species of birds have been identified. But, the region faces many problems as a result of development and human impact, including the proliferation of invasive species, pollution, and habitat fragmentation. Primarily, development threatens to shift the balance of the River ecosystem.

Coastal wetlands provide countless ecosystem services, from water filtration and flood mitigation, to slowing runoff and preserving water quality. Development of land upstream from these important wildlife habitats can threaten the integrity of the system altogether, throwing off the delicate balance of plants, animals, microbes, and sediment that makes these services possible. Without wetlands, we would not have fish to catch, birds to watch, even waters to paddle. Wetlands serve as vital nursery areas and spawning grounds for commercially important fish species, like Muskellunge and Northern Pike, on which the tourism of the 1000 Islands region relies heavily.

## Safeguarding biodiversity

In June of 2017, TILT purchased over 300 acres of wetlands and forest in Goose Bay, adjacent to TILT's Crooked Creek Preserve, from Berne and Kate Broudy, members of the Weisberg family who have stewarded the land for more than 50 years and have consistently prioritized conservation. The Broudy Property is deemed a Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat due to its ecosystem rarity, species vulnerability, and irreplacability. It is the home of New York State Threatened and Endangered Species like the Blanding's Turtle, Pug Nose Shiner, Common Tern, Black Tern, and Northern Harrier, as well as more common species like Northern Pike, Whitetail Deer, and Painted Turtle.

*By protecting wetlands, TILT protects one of the most important and sensitive landscapes in all of the Thousand Islands, and the natural and human systems that rely on these wetlands can thrive.*

Coastal wetlands like those at Goose Bay act as water filters, slowing down runoff. They buffer pollution to prevent it from entering tributaries and eventually the St. Lawrence River, threatening a vital source of fresh water for both sides of the River. Conserving this property strengthens the viability of this system, and ensures that water quality and diverse wildlife habitats in the region are protected for future generations.

*Golden-wing Warbler male, artwork by Bob McNamara, The Art of Wilderness*

## Protecting migratory birds

In August of 2017, TILT was awarded $211,800 of grant funding from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (US-FWS) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for habitat protection in the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes watershed.

Permanently protecting over 250 acres of forests, wetlands, and riparian habitat, the funding enabled a fee-owned acquisition of a 180 acre tract on the Indian River in Rossie, NY as well as the implementation and management of two limited development conservation easements on remaining unprotected lands on Picton Island, totaling approximately 49 acres and 4,200 linear feet of shoreline. Eighty percent of US threatened and endangered bird species rely on wetlands for breeding, nesting, shelter, social interactions, and rearing young, for either part of or the duration of their life cycle.

## Combating invasive cattails

The Otter Creek Wetland Restoration Project began in 2018 with funding through the US-FWS Fish Enhancement, Mitigation, and Research Fund. Once a diverse and important habitat, a hybrid cattail species *Typha x glauca* invaded the Creek and outcompeted native aquatic plants. *Typha x glauca* diminishes the functionality of wetlands and disrupts the key hydrological processes necessary for the ecosystem services they provide. This project was designed to restore open water habitat for Northern Pike, waterfowl, shorebirds, and other riverine wildlife.

The restoration of Otter Creek involved excavat-

Restored pothole wetlands in Barnett Creek on Wellesley Island, this spring. Lake of the Isles is in the distance.

ing two pools, or potholes, in these dense mats, and digging channels to provide connectivity to the main creek branch. The excavated cattail material was then piled as habitat mounds that support native biota.

The potholes created by this project are depressional wetlands that serve to attract migratory waterfowl, help to mitigate flooding by slowing and storing floodwaters, and recharge groundwater supplies by slowing infiltration of water. This project serves as a great example of converting an invaded, unproductive ecosystem back to its former state of biodiversity and functionality.

## *Partnering for the environment*

In 2018, TILT, along with other local environmental organizations, was granted a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant to protect and improve 2,698 acres of critical waterfowl, shorebird, and upland bird habitat within the 1000 Islands region. A total of $1M was awarded to TILT and conservation partners Ducks Unlimited, Indian River Lakes Conservancy, and the St. Lawrence Land Trust, which will jointly match this funding with $2.3M.

TILT's share of the grant funding is $573,000, which will be used to protect 1,125 acres of land. This funding will help with the implementation of Picton Island Conservation Easements Phases III and IV, an easement on Grindstone Island, and the protection of over 900 acres within the A2A Corridor. This includes 500 acres of wetlands adjacent to Payne Lake and Pulpit Rock State Forest, and the restoration and enhancement of 25 acres of emergent wetlands on Blind Bay in Hammond.

Blind Bay is a vital spawning habitat and key nursery area for Muskellunge, an iconic St. Lawrence River species. Muskellunge were in notable decline due to lack of proper scientific management of the population, and since 2005, the spread of viral hemorrhagic septicemia. Community responses and new management strategies are now bringing this population towards recovery, and protecting habitat such as Blind Bay is key to this endeavor.

This joint conservation project will allow for collaboration and ensure that best management practices are being used to restore and protect important wetland habitat throughout the 1000 Islands.

Wetland restoration and protection are vital in TILT's mission of conserving the 1000 Islands region for present and future generations. Wetlands lessen the impacts of flooding, provide us with clean water, and rear the fish and game that we pursue. By protecting wetlands, the Land Trust protects one of the most important and sensitive landscapes in all of the 1000 Islands, and the natural and human systems that rely on these wetlands can thrive. TILT will complete and continue to monitor these restoration projects, and search for more opportunities to work with conservation partners and our local communities to protect vital habitat in the place we love, the 1000 Islands region.

*Recent Acquisitions:*

# 10,000 Acres Conserved

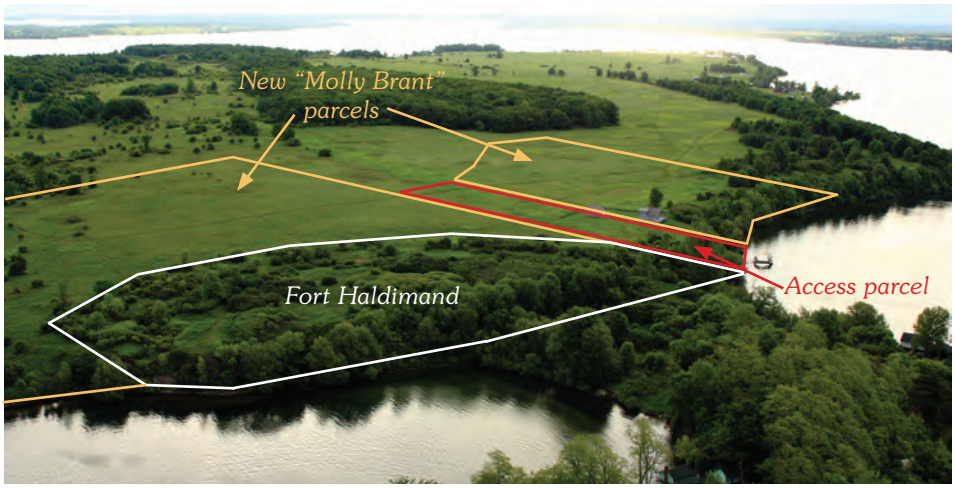
Conservation projects in 2018 took TILT's land portfolio past the 10,000 acre mark. Several of these acquisitions are adjacent to existing conservation land, expanding contiguous areas for wildlife habitat.

As an expansion of S. Gerald Ingerson Preserve, the **Fitzgerald parcel** was acquired in July to allow TILT to extend the Sissy Danforth Rivergate Trail into the Village of Clayton. The 6-acre lot will soon host a parking area and 1,000 feet of new trail leading to the historic trestle bridge over Black Creek. TILT hopes to begin work on the parking area and trail extension this summer.

A substantial private donation allowed TILT to acquire two separate parcels, **a total of 33.8 acres, on Carleton Island adjacent to TILT's Fort Haldimand Preserve**. Purportedly the site of Molly Brant's quarters during the American Revolution, the acquisition protects against the potential loss of any historical resources on the property.

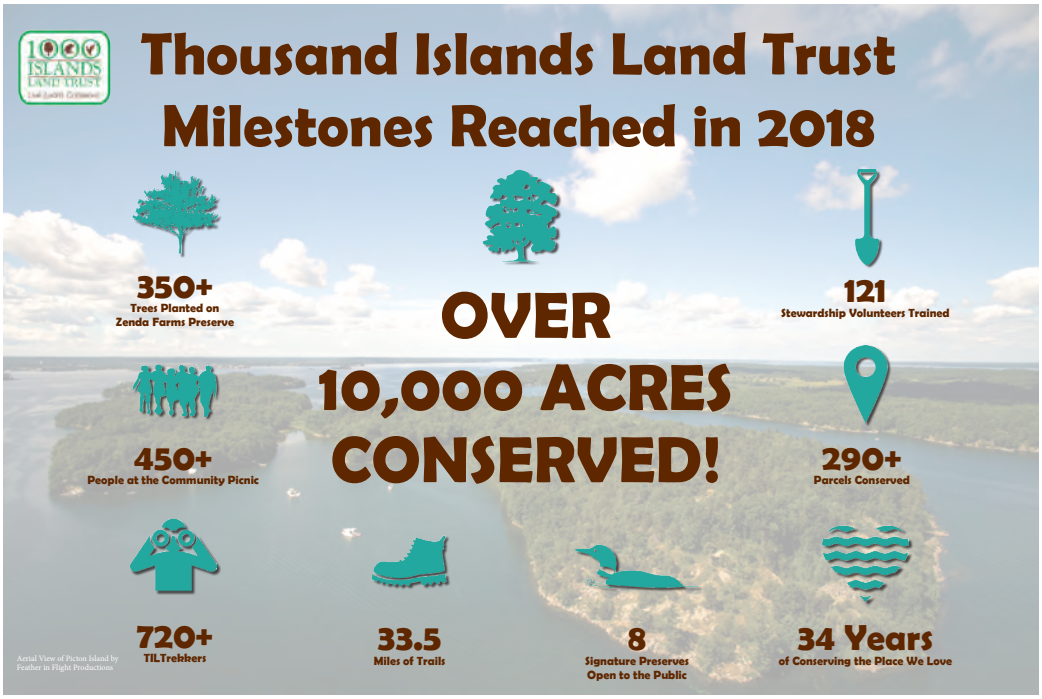
Also adjacent to TILT's Fort Haldimand Preserve on Carleton, **another parcel** will provide the only reasonable water access to the Fort. Its acquisition will effectively create a conserved buffer around Fort Haldimand, protecting any historical values on/around the site.

Bordering TILT's 2017 Broudy acquisition on Goose Bay, the 28.7-acre **Weisberg parcel** was purchased in late 2018. The property boasts rolling forested habitat adjacent to the north Goose Bay wetland complex. The property also features substantial undeveloped road frontage along Route 12.




In December, Jim Tague graciously donated **Toothpick Island** to TILT. This 0.26-acre undeveloped island in Chippewa Bay offers breeding and loafing habitat for seabirds and shorebirds that inhabit the St. Lawrence. This property will be added to TILT's expanding portfolio of conserved rocks and shoals.

Also in December, TILT was able to secure a Water Quality grant and which made it possible to purchase the 64-acre **Rusho property** on Grindstone. Situated between Delaney Bay and TILT's Rusho Farm Preserve, the new Rusho property's forested riparian habitat and marsh fringes will serve as a sanctuary for the Island's wildlife in perpetuity.



# The River Rat of the Bird World
# *Belted Kingfisher*

*by Gerry Smith, Consulting Ornithologist*

Its striking colors and loud rattling call make this species hard to miss as it flies along our shorelines. The only member of its tribe found throughout North America, this uncommon, but widely distributed bird occurs wherever suitable habitat exists. And as its name indicates, it feeds mostly on small and medium sized fish procured by shallow water dives.

We usually see them and hear their loud rattle call as they fly above the water's surface or perch on an overhanging branch. Rarely found far from water, this species is a consummate "river rat" of the bird world.

Spring migrant kingfishers usually arrive in the North Country in late March and early April. Males often precede females by a week or two, making their presence known by loud arguments as they compete for prime breeding space. Loud rattle calls abound as two to three engage in vigorous chases, swooping and diving on each other, above the water's surface. This spring jousting determines territorial ownership rights, but occasional loud vigorous disputes re-emerge throughout the breeding season. After females arrive and pairing occurs, mates settle down to raise the next generation.

Critical resources necessary for reproductive success include an adequate supply of suitable sized finned prey, a site for a nest burrow and shoreline perches to hunt from. The pair will dig a nest hole in a shoreline bank, preferably under an overhang, that is deep enough to protect the five to seven eggs. Eggs are incubated mostly by the female, and hatching occurs in a little over three weeks.

A constantly hungry brood will keep both parents very busy feeding the three to four young that usually survive. Fledging from the burrow after about

photo by Martin Zonnenberg

a month, these youngsters are wonderfully comical in appearance. They have a decidedly unkempt look about them, with their outsized heads and bills that seem too large for their bodies. Their often ruffled crests and awkward perching and flight style appear very funny to us. The young are fed by their parents for about another month before being totally on their own.

Adults and young usually begin dispersing by mid-August with southbound migration starting by the end of the month. Most have left our area by late October. A few may attempt to overwinter here each year with variable success. In mild winters some of these lingering individuals survive, while most are sorted out of the gene pool by harsh winters. Our region is currently at the northern edge of the species' normal winter range which extends south to Panama and the Caribbean. Come March most of our breeders will leave their winter haunts headed north to enliven North Country shorelines for another summer.

# 2019 Raffle Features Belted Kingfisher

Raffle Tickets Enclosed!

Hand-carved by Glenn Sweet, this wonderful sculpture stands 17" tall and features a Belted Kingfisher standing guard over his likely dinner, a tasty perch.

Raffle tickets are available for $5 each, or five for $20, and are available at the TILT office and at various TILT events. The drawing will be held at the Otter Creek Fun Run & Celebration on September 21. You don't need to be present to win.

Proceeds from the raffle will support conservation of shoreline and wetland habitat preferred by Kingfishers and waterfowl. These intersections between land and water also have a direct impact on water quality, and their protection ensures that the mighty St. Lawrence will remain clean and healthy.

# TILT Applies for Renewal of Accreditation

TILT is excited to announce that it will be applying for renewal of accreditation this fall, as the organization wraps up its 10th year as an accredited land trust. The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. For TILT, being an accredited land trust represents many years of hard work and dedication, representing an ongoing commitment to conserving the natural places we all love within the greater 1000 Islands region.

As a part of the renewal process, the Land Trust Accreditation Commission invites and accepts signed, written public comments which address how the organization meets / complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on TILT's application will be accepted until December 31st, 2019.

# New Video Highlights Zenda Farms Preserve

*by Rebecca Dahl, Zenda Farms Program Director*

The ongoing progress at Zenda Farms continues to garner public interest from many different perspectives. With a multitude of lenses to view Zenda with—from the unique architecture of the barns, the history of the Farm, the conserved wildlife habitats, our various programs, and the revival of agricultural activity, it can be pretty tough to sum all that Zenda Farms truly is in one fell swoop.

Thankfully in the modern era we have the tools to do this artfully.

From Spring 2018 through Fall 2018, TILT worked with Gananoque-based media business, LTRCorp, to develop a video showcasing Zenda Farms' "fascinating history and equally exciting future." Interweaving personal accounts from community members with close ties to Zenda Farms throughout the ages, the story begins with the establishment of the 'Zenda Estate' and moves through the development of this state-of-the-art dairy farm—its agricultural legacy and the cultural imprint it has made on Clayton.

Continuing into present day, the video shares accounts from some of Zenda's biggest fans and showcases the plethora of activities that take place at Zenda Farms, from our KidsTreks to the infamous Community Picnic, and includes an inside look at the Zenda Community Garden and the new agricultural activity with our partners Coyote Moon Vineyards and Homestead Heritage Cheese, developing Zenda Farms® Red Wine and Zenda Farms® Organic Cheese.

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We continue to be so grateful for those who treasure and support Zenda, including our video interviewees (Charlene Greene, Bob Kittle, Ralph Downey, and Tara Clark), Doug McLellan and LTRCorp for their generous support throughout the making of the video, and the Land Trust Alliance's New York State Conservation Partnership Program who provided funding for the production.

The video is featured on our website now, be sure to check it out and be inspired!

## *TILT Blog:*
# Common Ground

Growing up in the 1000 Islands instilled strength in my heart that was - and still is - fueled by my surroundings. The River, its islands and land that surround it, provide a peace like no other, and we need to protect it. I stand by this, have for a long time and am grateful for these values that have led me to where I am today.

I've always found it perplexing what your mind decides to remember vividly. When I think of my experiences in reference to nature and how I arrived at today, like any valid reflection, a few memories reveal themselves. Though life is incredibly complex, it is truly rich when our eyes and mind are wide open to the beauty around us.

*One of my son's first words was "outside." And I knew I was doing something right.*

I recall floating about in the shallow waters at the foot of Carleton Island one sunny August day. A school of perch swam right up to me and I floated, trying not to move. We soaked up this moment together, moving gracefully back and forth with the pull of the waves, while sun rays pierced the water and danced about us. As I write this in April, the River is shedding its last bits of ice and I long for that August day again.

My appreciation for nature was not born that day but is weaved into my being from childhood. I attribute my love and dedication to the environment to my grandparents sending me outside to play every day…, my extended family taking me out in the boat, on camping and fishing trips…, to zoos…, my 6th grade science teacher taking my class outside to learn about the wetlands that bordered our school… and that big beautiful River and all it gives us - including that day with my perch comrades.

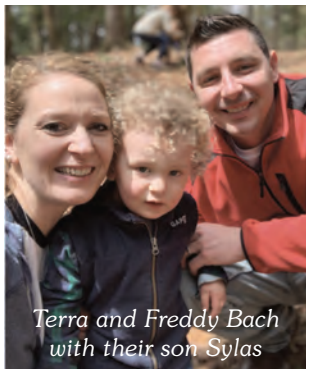
I have lived in different places in the world, the farthest being South Korea. I have been to South America, Europe and more - well traveled and always aching to see more of our world firsthand. I have found beauty in the landscape and culture everywhere I've traveled. So many places simply have to be seen to be understood - and so does the 1000 Islands and its St. Lawrence River.

Why is all of this so important? For me it's about knowing we are just a part of this earth and that it is ours to steward. I feel we must impart this wisdom to our future generations. This place, the earth, is a gift and we must take care of it so that our children and children's children will care for it with profound respect and dedication to conservation. I have never felt so accomplished as the moment when my one-year-old said the word "outside." It was one of his first five words - at that moment I knew I was doing something right and quite beautiful. We truly don't have to do much, just take our kids outside and provide them with opportunities to enjoy the experience and love the outdoors. And together we can do this.

I look forward to serving you as the Director of Development & Communications and am forever grateful for this opportunity. Together we will make a difference for future generations and hopefully touch the hearts and minds of many. Let's help create those coveted vivid memories of this place we call home to cherish during our lifetimes and beyond.

Terra

Terra Bach



*Terra and Freddy Bach with their son Sylas*

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*Dawn on the Grindstone Island Nature Trail, photo © Chris Murray*

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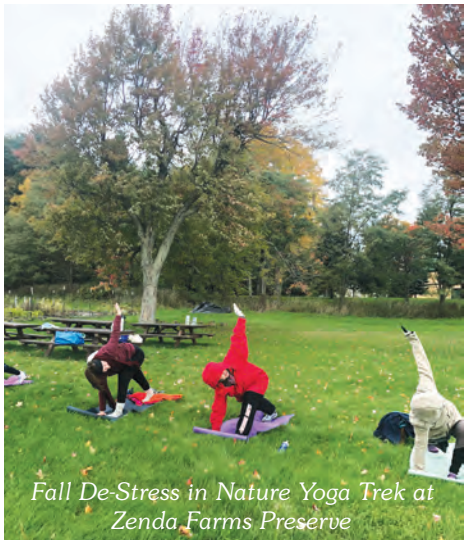

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Susan Shelato Ogdensburg
Pat & Dory Sheldon Wellesley Island
Shurfine Market* Clayton
Gerry Smith* Adams, NY
Ken & Mary Smith Macedon
Nan Smith Fishers Landing
Sarah Ellen Smith Clayton
Jeanne Roy Snow Alexandria Bay
Glenn Snyder Alexandria Bay
South Jefferson Wine & Liquor* Adams
Carol & Frank Spencer
Les & Sandra Squire
St. Lawrence Pottery* Clayton
St. Lawrence Spirits* Clayton
Don & Kate Stevenson Wellesley Island
Ann Storandt Clayton
Wayne & Lana Storie Chippewa Bay
Susan Stuard
Matt Sullivan Murray Isle
Sun Shack* Clayton
Timothy & Melody Sweet Grenell Island
Gwen Stockwell Taylor Grindstone Island
Janet Taylor
John Tennity & Teresa Burnap
Mike & Irene Tibbles Butterfield Lake
Bob & Dorothy Topping Maple Island
Michael & Temple Touchette Indian Point
Treasure Island* Alexandria Bay
Bob Tuke Thousand Island Park
Deborah Ullrich
Thomas & Mary Vary Hilton, NY
Merritt Vaughan Princess Charlotte Island
Jamison Vincent Marietta, GA
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Dennis Weller & Cheryl Roe Clayton
Jonathan & Heather White Watertown
Susie Wood & David Duff Owatonna Island
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1000 Islands Ready Mix* LaFargeville
Carol Adler Morristown
Liz Aldridge Lazy Acres
David & Janet Amyot Chippewa Bay
Bowie & Susan Arnot Summerland
John & Lori Arnot Clayton
Rhea Arnot & Helmut Jenkner Wellesley Island
Arsenal Wine & Liquor* Watertown
S. Graham Atkinson
William & Christine Atkinson Grenell Island
William Atkinson Carleton Island
Rodney Babowicz Dillon Point
Linda Bach Cape Vincent
Coley & Susan Baker Oak Point
Dennis & Sarah Baldwin Clayton
Anne Barros Dexter
Jamison Barry
Gretchen & Bill Bartosch
Eliza Bates Uncle Ad's Island
Paige Benigno Locust, NJ
Nicole Berry Chaumont
Kim Bigelow Iwo Eden
Edward & Margaret Blackmer Oak Point
Sarah Bockus & Wes Martin Three Ledges
Bonnie Bolus Iroquois Island
Paul Bousquet & Holly Powers Three Ledges
Michael & Sandy Boyden Cape Vincent
Kelly & Brian Boyer Clayton
Nancy Boynton Watertown
Ken & Melody Brabant Clayton
Cathy Bredin
Kathy Bristol Cape Vincent
Bruce & Elaine Brooks Grindstone Island
Don & Janice Brown Black Lake
Larry & Judy Brown Clayton
Tom & Pat Brown Cape Vincent
Martine Burat & Anthony Malavenda
Shannon & Kevin Burke
Harriet Burris Alexandria Bay
Janet & Jon Burrows Clayton
William & Linda Bush Manlius, NY
Meg Caddick Linda Island
Marcia Calabrese Pullman Island
Tom & Beverly Campany Clayton
Ralph Caputo Clayton
Kristy Carey
John & Kathy Carnegie Grindstone Island
Calvin & Pat Carter Washington Island
Cheri Carter Clayton
Cheryl & Ed Carvill Goose Bay
Alison Cassidy
Connie Cavallario Alexandria Bay
Robert & Leigh Charron Westminster Park
Elaine & Stephan Chase Grindstone Island
Robert & Lila Chatfield
Howard Cheney & Lynn Rancourt Clayton
Roy & Nancy Cheney Fishers Landing
Bill & Pat Childs Bridgeview Island
Clayton Country Club* Clayton
Clayton Food Co-op* Clayton
Annie Mazur Clayton
Mary Ellen Comer
John & Melinda Comstock Alexandria Bay
Anne & Brian Connors
Michael Cooke Rochester
Gregory & Martha Coon Redwood
John Cooper Governor's Island
Nicole Cornaire Clayton
Robert & Tori Cosselman Alexandria Bay
Claire Cox Florida
David Cox
Andrew Dahl Brooklyn
Anne Dahl Doylestown, PA
Annemarie & Joseph Dahl Cresskill, NJ
Gerard Dahl Farrmerville, LA
Linda Dahl Brooklyn
Patricia & Frank Dahl Helmetta, NJ
Jerry & Viki Dano
Steve Daub Galway, NY
Terry & Bonnie Davenport Grindstone Island
Jim & Edith Davison Grindstone Island
Barbara Deedy Grindstone Island
Nancy Del Borgo Cape Vincent
Maryann Delaney Clayton
Helen DeThomas Cape Vincent
Harper Dewey-Tibbles LaFargeville
Claudia & Patrick DiJoseph
Leigh & Chris Dillenback Clayton
Charlie DiSalvo & Kathleen Kennedy
Arthur & Ella Dawn Doherty Clayton
Jim & Donna Donegan Alexandria Bay
Kevin & Theresa Donovan Long Island
Katie & Lou DuBon Grenell Island
Barbara Duling Crystal Lake
Juliana Eames Cape Vincent
Gerry & Deb Eddy Westminster Park

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| Tim Favry | |
| Tom Favry | |
| Tom & Dorothy Fitzgerald | Clayton |
| Anna & Jim Forbes | LaFargeville |
| George Forbes | Clayton |
| Chuck & Arlene Franklin | Doylestown, PA |
| Richard Fratta | Thousand Island Park |
| Don & Christine Fredericks | Chippewa Point |
| Don & Lynn Fredericks | Syracuse |
| Freighters* | Clayton |
| Anne & Randall Frick | Blackstone Bay |
| Karen Gallo | Clayton |
| Art Gamble | Clayton |
| Bud & Ann Garlock | Alexandria Bay |
| Emery Gasparek | Isle LaMott |
| Clarence Giles | Clayton |
| Dan & Barb Gold | Clayton |
| Sev & Carol Gonnella | Alexandria Bay |
| Thomas & Debra Graff | |
| Mindy Grandjean | |
| Lyle & Barbara Green | Clayton |
| Charlene Greene & Ron Colin | Clayton |
| Bob & Kathleen Grose | Cape Vincent |
| Kathy Halsey | Birch Island |
| Alan Handschuh | Plessis |
| Craig & Kathy Handschuh | Redwood |
| Herschel Handschuh | Redwood |
| Sharon Harris-Ewing | |
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| Ken Hartman | Redwood |
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| Donald & Barbara James | Chippewa Bay |
| Penny Joel | Grindstone Island |

*Naturalist Peter O'Shea leads our annual Signs of Spring Trek on the Macsherry Trail.*

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| John & Susan Johnson | Cape Vincent |
| Pat & Pat Jones | Wellesley Island |
| Pamela & Jim Judson | Fishers Landing |
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| Kassandra Kittle & Colby Mallette | Clayton |
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| James Knap | Manzanita Island |
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| Mike & Sandy LaDue | Cape Vincent |
| LaFargeville Agway* | LaFargeville |
| Jerry & Judy Laffer | Board Island |
| Betty Lamb | Murray Isle |
| Jim LaPlante & Rosanne Weir | Watertown |
| Kate Lavarnway | |
| Rich & Monica LeClerc | Alexandria Bay |
| Dan Leone | Alexandria Bay |
| Claire & Larry Leonhardt | Alexandria Bay |
| Joe & Kathy Leskoske | Wellesley Island |
| Giff & Sue Lewis | Grandview Park |
| Florence Lewis Rice & Leroy Lewis | Clayton |
| Eugene & Arlene Long | Clayton |
| Dale & Kathy Lueck | |
| Eileen Lynn | |
| Ron & Carol MacDonald | Grindstone Island |
| Christy & Gray MacLetchie | Round Island |
| Sue & Jim Mahoney | Chaumont |
| Averell Manes & Angel Brito | Heartsease Island |
| Sidney Manes | Ojibway Island |
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# Volunteering at TILT

*On behalf of TILT, I would like to thank all past volunteers, and warmly welcome all interested supporters, to our newly revitalized volunteer program.*

After moving here in June 2018, the 1000 Islands has quickly become my home. I spend every day with a magnificent view of the River, talking to those who share in admiration of this place we all love. My vision for TILT's volunteer program is to create a space where people can celebrate the natural beauty of this region, and offer their unique set of skills in a relationship that is both beneficial to you as a volunteer and to our organization. I want to cultivate a group of passionate volunteers to help lead TILT in our mission to conserve the place we love, for present and future generations, and I thank you for your interest in joining TILT in this endeavor.

The enthusiasm and passion for TILT exhibited by our incredible volunteers shows, and it is inspiring. With the help of this newly revitalized volunteer program, together we will protect more natural wildlife habitat for generations to come. I am committed to providing you with a volunteer experience that will be productive and fulfilling.

TILT values the contributions of our volunteers as integral to our organization. As you give your time, energy, and effort to the organization, so will we ensure your efforts are supported and appreciated.

I plan to communicate with each volunteer to ensure that your goals, and the goals of TILT, are met. Every single person can make a difference, and I am excited to work with you to determine what valuable contribution you can make to our organization, and to the conservation of the 1000 Islands region.

And don't forget to join TILT at our annual Volunteer Recognition Event on Thursday, August 1st, 2019 so we can celebrate and thank our volunteers over dinner and awards at Deluke's Garden Center at Northern Flow Vineyards.

To join TILT as a volunteer, email volunteer@tilandtrust.org, call 315-686-5345, visit our website, or stop by the office to say hello. I look forward to working with you!

Alaina Young

Education and Outreach Coordinator
ayoung@tilandtrust.org

## Where do your interests lie?

- ❒ *Hiking and walking TILT Trails*: Become a Preserve Stewardship Volunteer!
- ❒ *Attending TILT Events*: Volunteer at Zenda Picnic, Summer Gathering, or Otter Creek Fun Run! Sling salads, grill burgers, greet guests, sell merchandise & raffle tickets, help with parking, set-up and take-down.
- ❒ *Getting to know TILT staff*: Help TILT with administrative work! Answer phones, stuff envelopes, and other office needs.
- ❒ *Working with my hands*: Come to a stewardship event! For the Trees, Tern Grid, Stewardship Days...
- ❒ *Spreading the word about TILT in the community*: distribute flyers, fill brochure boxes, attend outreach events.
- ❒ *Sharing my knowledge and skills*: Lead a TILTrek, photograph Preserves, Treks, and Events.
- ❒ *Helping TILT in any way I can*: Donate items or packages for our silent auction, host an event at your home, provide transportation for Treks and Events.

*Volunteers clean up Potters Beach during Fall Stewardship Day*

*Yoga at FosterBlake Preserve*

**Saturday, May 11th, 10am**
**Spring Stewardship Day** - Zenda Farms Preserve
Wear work clothes and be sure to bring gloves. TILT will provide water and lunch.

**Thursday, May 16th, 5:30-7:30pm**
**Intro to eBirding Trek** with Dan Miller - TILT Office
Learn the eBird app on your smart phone & computer.

**Saturday, May 18th, 7am - 10am**
**Warbler Walk Trek** with Dan Miller-Otter Creek Preserve. Learn identification skills and see bird species galore during this month of migration.

**Saturday, June 1st, 10am**
**Short Hike & Yoga Session with River Yoga – Foster Blake Preserve**
An all levels yoga class in sight of the St Lawrence.

**Friday, June 14th, 5:30-7:30pm**
**Community Picnic at Zenda Farms Preserve**
$12 for TILT supporters / $15 general admission (Kids under 12 are free)

**Tuesday, June 18th, 8-9:30pm**
**Moonlight Payne Lake Paddle with IRLC**
Enjoy the serene night sounds of wildlife with our friends from Indian River Lakes Conservancy.

*Zenda Community Picnic*

# 2019 Treks

**Friday, June 21st, 9am**
**Summer Solstice Walking Meditation** - Otter Creek Preserve Nature Trail
A "De-Stress in Nature" workshop ending with quiet contemplation at the Otter Creek overlook.

**Thursday, June 27th, 5:30pm-7:00pm**
**Annual Birkhead Lecture at Zenda Farms Preserve – part of Clarkson Connections Seminar Series**
**John Davis, A2A Collaborative**

**Saturday, June 29th, 9am – 10:30am**
**3rd Annual Mutt Strut in partnership with the Jefferson County SPCA at Zenda Farms Preserve**
$10 pre-registration /$15 day of registration per person

**Monday, July 1st, 10am-2pm**
**Carleton Island Rookery Hike***
An extraordinary adventure to an active heron rookery on Carleton Island with ecologist Michael Parkes.

**Tuesday, July 9th, 10-12pm**
**"Dairy Farm Day" KidsTrek at Homestead Farms** - LaFargeville
A day on an organic dairy farm; meet the farm animals, learn how cheese is made and how to milk a cow.

**Thursday, July 11th, 10-12pm**
**Nature Journaling KidsTrek with TIAC at Otter Creek Preserve**
We partner with the Thousand Islands Arts Center (TIAC) at Otter Creek Preserve for a creative and engaging exploration of nature.

*Mutt Strut at Zenda Farms Preserve*

# & Events

**Saturday, July 20th, 8-9am**
**Annual Loon Census with Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation-** Various Locations (chosen by participants)

**Saturday, July 20th 6-9pm**
**Annual Summer Gathering Fundraiser–**Residence of John and Sally Cardamone - *$100 per person*

**Friday, July 26th, 1-2:30pm**
**Treasure Hunt! Introduction to Geocaching-** Chippewa Bay Preserve
Using GPS, set out in search of caches. This is the perfect family activity for a beautiful summer afternoon.

**Thursday, August 1st, 5pm-7pm**
**Volunteer Recognition Day -** Northern Flow Vineyards. A casual reception for volunteers. Drinks and dinner will be served and our volunteer awards will be presented!

**Friday, August 2nd, 1-3pm**
**Ichthyologist (Fish Scientist) for a Day KidsTrek** with Thousand Islands Biological Station

**Thursday, August 8th, 10am – 1:00pm**
**7th Annual TILTKids Day Camp "Let's Migrate!" at Zenda Farms Preserve**
At TILT's 7th Annual TILTKids Day Camp, the magic of migration will come alive at Zenda Farms Preserve.

**Tuesday, August 13th, 10am-1pm**
**Chippewa Bay Kayak Adventure***–Riverbay Adventure Inn, Chippewa Bay
An exciting paddle in beautiful Chippewa Bay, which is connected to one of the most significant wetlands on the St. Lawrence, TILT's Crooked Creek Preserve.

*Moonlight Kayak Trek on Butterfield Lake*

*Ichthyologist for a Day*

**Thursday, August 15, 5pm-7pm: TILT's Major Donor Appreciation Event** – Grindstone Island Winery. Watch for your invitation.

**Saturday, August 17th, 8:30pm-10pm**
**Zenda Movie Night-** Zenda Farms Preserve
An outdoor movie night you will never forget! Bring your lounge chairs and blankets for a movie under the stars, projected onto the historic Hay Barn at Zenda Farms Preserve.

**Thursday, August 22nd, 9am-11:30am**
**Summer Yoga Session at Potters Beach Preserve-** Potters Beach, Grindstone Island

**Tuesday, August 27th, 8:30am**
**Common Tern Nesting Grid Removal -** Eagle Wing Shoals & Tidd Island

**Saturday, September 14th, 10am**
**Fall Stewardship Day** –Potters Beach Preserve
Help clean-up this popular outdoor recreation destination after another busy summer season.

**Saturday, September 21st, 10am-12pm**
**Otter Creek 5K Family Fun Run and Celebration**
$10 pre-registration, $15 day of event (Kids under 12 are free)

**Sunday, October 6th, 1pm**
**Fall Foliage Hike with HFY Inc.-**Otter Creek Preserve & Nature Trail
The whole family will enjoy a hike in search of vibrant fall foliage on the Otter Creek Nature Trail.

KidsTreks or TILTKids event
* These treks are reserved for TILT Members. Please join today.

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