

Interview with Newest Members

What brought you to Maine, and to Falmouth in particular?

Living in Maine has always been the dream for me and my wife. The stars aligned last year for both of our careers, and we were able to make the move with our daughter Caroline, who was four months old when we moved. We chose to live in Falmouth because of the community and proximity to the outdoors.



Tim Powell and Jane Phelan with their daughter at the FLT's Movie in the Park.

What do you like most about this community?

People in Falmouth are incredibly friendly and welcoming. We have met so many wonderful people here just by walking around our neighborhood. People here are also very active and are grateful for the beautiful ocean and trails we have right in town. We are excited that our daughter will grow up here!

What is your favorite place to walk or wander on our open spaces in Falmouth?

Our favorite spots are the ones we can access with a short walk from our house: The trails in Underwood Park and the Falmouth Nature Preserve, and of course the beach at Town Landing.

Why is land conservation important to you at the local level?

Falmouth, like all cities and towns, will continue to change. Growth and development can be a good thing if it is done strategically and without losing sight

of the beauty that drew us all here in the first place. As Falmouth changes and the world around it changes, I want to support efforts to preserve land in town and to ensure public access to some of our most important resources so they can be enjoyed by all and for many generations to come.

What made you join the land trust - why did you do so and why is it important to you and your family?

Since we moved to Falmouth we have been eager to get involved - both in the community generally and in land conservation efforts in town. We first discovered the FLT when we brought our daughter to the movie night in Underwood Park. We learned about the organization and the extensive public and conservation land right in our town. We joined the Land Trust on the spot! We have participated in all the events that we have been able to, including the movie night in Underwood Park, a trail run in Blackstrap Preserve, and the Harvest Moon Fest. We look forward to many more...



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Update From the Executive Director



Did you know that Land Trusts have protected over 56-million acres of land across the United States? Together these organizations are a powerful force for land conservation, recreation, and the future of natural resources. As part of that larger movement, the Falmouth Land Trust (FLT) has permanently protected 50 parcels of land in Falmouth totaling about 1,500 acres. As a small organization, we've done this without a lot of fanfare. Two years ago, we decided to ask our community how we were doing via an online survey. After carefully reviewing hundreds of responses, we learned that we were operating too humbly for our own good. Our constituents told us we needed to raise our profile and find new ways to engage with them. **We heard you loud and clear!** For the past two years, our small staff and dedicated board members have been working hard to be more visible in the community and articulate our mission across town—offering free public programs, monthly guided hikes, and experiential learning for over 800 public school children.

Another way to raise our profile has been to re-establish a membership program. A robust member group backing our organization provides a critical voice for our mission and demonstrates that there is a constituency supporting our work. Membership isn't intended to be a big funding tool for us (although the dues support the costs of community programming); it is much more than that. FLT membership is about demonstrably connecting and aligning our community to our work. **The Falmouth Land Trust is a community organization working to conserve land for the benefit of all. If you believe this is good for our community, and our common future, please become a member today and show your support to others with the unique membership sticker!** Like the Land Trust movement writ large, collectively we are a powerful force for conservation and together we can make great things happen.

Jennifer Grimm
Executive Director



LOCAL ARTIST CREATES ORIGINAL MEMBER STICKER.



Thanks to local artist, Sara Gray, Falmouth Land Trust members will have a beautiful and unique membership sticker this year. Sara volunteered to create this art for FLT based on one of her favorite properties. "I feel extremely grateful to have access to the Falmouth Land Trust trails. Between my husband and myself we have spent years walking and running on these trails covering hundreds of miles, (probably thousands) between us. My husband is an ultra marathoner and I am a lover of nature and spend at least 5 days/week walking my dog on several of the properties."

As for inspiration for the sticker, Sara noted that "one of my favorite places is the Hadlock trail system where this painting is from." We should note that Hadlock is a Town property where FLT has a conservation easement that permanently protects it from future development.

As Sara noted, **"I supported the land trust because with the rapid growth and development of our area, conservation of public space is extremely important. I feel honored to do my small part by donating this painting to help the conservation efforts in Falmouth."**

Her original painting, which she has also donated to FLT, will be auctioned off at our Hurrigan Valley Farm Fest this fall. In the future, FLT hopes to continue the tradition of having local artists create our membership stickers. **Thank You For Giving Back To Our Community In This Way, Sara** and starting a wonderful tradition. For more of Sara's stunning art, please visit www.saragrayart.com



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MOVIE IN THE PARK

June 14th, Underwood Park

POLLINATOR CELEBRATION

September 7th, Tidewater Gardens

FARM FEST

September 19th, Hurricane Valley Farm

Falmouth Land Trust's mission is to preserve and care for fields, forests, farms, and shorelines, in the Town of Falmouth, while maintaining the historical character and nurturing an enduring stewardship and enjoyment of the land.

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A Falmouth Land Trust newsletter to the community Spring 2019



February Snowshoe Hike

SHAPING THE FUTURE: JUNIOR NATURALISTS & YOUTH LEADERS TEAM UP WITH FALMOUTH LAND TRUST

This winter and spring FLT has been expanding its programming in the community and the school. Our goal is to talk about our mission, introduce people to our properties, and to develop a stewardship ethic in our young people. This work is a lot of fun and very rewarding. Above you can see the brave people who came out to our 3rd annual snowshoe trek. Despite cold winds and a dearth of snow we had over 40 people show up for the event which built a sense of community and camaraderie given the challenging



Students at FES talking about stewardship with Kate Nicoll

weather conditions. This April our outreach coordinator, Kate Nicoll, spent a few weeks at the Falmouth Elementary School talking about stewardship and the things we can all do to support a healthy planet here in Falmouth. She also continues to offer recess walks as a way for the younger children to get into nature and have some quiet moments in their day. This May we've had ongoing outings with our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and hosted eight high school seniors who are working to complete their community service hours to graduate. They've done everything from painting the doors of the barn to holding fundraisers and installing handmade benches.



HS Seniors clear trails as part of their service week.

LAND CONSERVATION UPDATE: NEW PRESERVE CONSTRUCTED

We were delighted to tell you about our newest property, the Historic Morrill Farm, in our fall newsletter. As an update, FLT closed on the property in mid-December (the land was donated to the Land Trust by the Stillings who still own part of the property and wanted to protect the 28 acres of fields and forests in perpetuity.) This spring FLT's teams of staff and volunteers have been conducting inventories and bird surveys as we think about the best management system that will allow people to enjoy this magical spot, but also supports and stewards wildlife and ecology of the site. The property is currently a "preserve under construction." FLT recently received an Ed Meadows Conservation Fund grant from the Maine Community Foundation for signage on the property. Ed Meadows led the Conservation Commission in Maine. He played a key role in millions of acres of land conservation by partnering with local land trusts. We are honored to be a recipient of a grant bearing his name and look forward to introducing the public to the property later in the year.



Sami Wolf, FLT Stewardship Coordinator on a birding mission.

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