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Crowd Celebrates GMCG's 10th Anniversary

More than 160 people gathered at Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Center, on the north face of Green Mountain in Effingham to celebrate the Green Mountain Conservation Group's 10th anniversary. The crowd included volunteers, contributors to the GMCG newsletter, past and current board members, early funders; biologists, water resource specialists and other scientists who have provided important data and insights for GMCG's educational programs and advocacy; new friends, municipal officials and state representatives. All enjoyed wonderful food prepared by Lakeview chef Chris and his staff. GMCG would like to thank Lakeview owners Tony Merka and Carolyn McDermot as well as manager David Armstrong for hosting this special event.

"The night's festivities were a tribute to the amazing power of grassroots work that brought a few dedicated folks together to create GMCG," said Duane Dale GMCG president. "Over the past ten years, GMCG has become a leading organization in the Ossipee Watershed for natural resource conservation through education, research, advocacy and land conservation. Hats off to our amazing staff, Executive Director Blair Folts and Program Director Tara Schroeder, for giving us so much to celebrate!"

GMCG members unanimously approved the slate of officers and town representatives. (See page 2) Retiring board members David Little, Steven Gaal, Nat Scrimshaw and



Owl expert Denver Holt gave a lively presentation of his research as guests were treated to Lakeview's hospitality and creative food presentation.

Emelyn Albert were recognized and founding board member Dan Stepanauskas was also honored for his ten years on the Board. The Highwatch Community Awards went to Scott Aspinall, Chele Miller and Catherine Callahan for their exceptional work with GMCG in 2007.

Featured speaker Denver Holt, wildlife biologist and founder of the Owl Research Institute in Montana, gave an engaging presentation about research on Snowy Owls in the Arctic. He described owl behavior and habitat, as well as concerns about the effect of climate change on ecosystems.

GMCG would also like to extend a thank you to the following for their generous support in 2007: GMCG members, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the Department of Environmental Services, Patagonia, the NH Lakes Association, the Davis Foundation, NRCS, and several anonymous family foundations.

Salvage Yard forum brings parties together

Thirty people, including salvage yard operators, town officials, students and Ossipee Watershed residents, participated in a forum about automobile salvage yards held on March 17th in Chocorua. Presentations were by Pamela Hoyt-Denison of the NH DES Green Yards Program, Diana Morgan of the NH DES Drinking Water Protection Program, Representative Peter Schmidt, Chairman of the HB 54 Commission for Auto Recycling, and Brian Winslow of NH DES & Turnpike Auto Parts. Attendees were given a wide breadth of information and great tools to take back to their towns and businesses.

The forum was helpful in getting some questions answered, information to key individuals, and discussion going amongst those working to bring salvage yards into compliance with best management practices (BMPs) to better protect the area's water resources. Yard operator Brian Winslow shared his story of how his yard has gone from an "F" to an "A+", moving towards BMP compliance and eventually, Green Yard certification. Explaining that operators themselves are most at risk from potential contamination of water supplies, Winslow showed how he cleaned up his yard, involving the removal of 78,000 tires amongst other measures.

Please contact 539-1859 for forum materials and speaker information.

The Watershed News

The Watershed News is a quarterly publication of the Green Mountain Conservation Group, a non-profit, 501(c) 3, charitable organization established in 1997 and dedicated to the preservation of the natural resources in the Ossipee Watershed. The towns of Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, Sandwich and Tamworth make up the boundaries of the Ossipee Watershed. This watershed includes one of the largest and deepest stratified drift aquifers in New Hampshire. It covers 47 square miles and receives drainage from a 330 square mile area. It is a critically important resource for existing and future community water supplies.

GMCG's purpose is twofold:

1. To provide an organizational structure for a coalition of citizens and local officials interested in identifying sensitive areas within the Watershed in need of protection;
2. To offer public educational events about conservation issues and possible solutions regarding the preservation of unique natural resources.

Through research, education, advocacy and land conservation we strive to promote an awareness and appreciation of our watershed's natural resources and encourage a commitment to protect them.

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Watershed community rallies for Huntress House but we need your support!

The Watershed community has been very enthusiastic and supportive of GMCG's home, Huntress House. Folks have come forward with generous donations of cash, paint, cabinets, labor and other materials to help improve the building and get it ready for its grand opening this spring.

To date, GMCG has raised \$3,500 towards the restoration of this building. We need to raise a total of \$10,000 and we need your help! GMCG is very excited to have a home where we can conduct place-based educational events as well as training for the water quality programs.

Won't you please consider a donation to this special project? Thank you!



Alex Klotz working at Huntress House
 Special thanks to Bill and Alex Klotz for their hard work all winter!

OWC assists Sandwich in natural resource planning

On February 16th the Sandwich Planning Board held a retreat to discuss the topic of outdoor lighting. Representatives of the Historic District Commission and the Sandwich Energy Committee were in attendance, and Bud Martin the Planning Board Chair invited two representatives of the Ossipee Watershed Coalition (OWC) to participate. The goal was to gain an understanding of outdoor lighting impacts and what planning and mitigation can protect the dark skies within Sandwich. Steve Whitman of Jeffery Taylor & Associates coordinated the discussion, and Bob Gillette, a member of the Ossipee Planning Board and OWC, was the key speaker. Bob is the author of the "Dark Skies" chapter of the Ossipee Watershed Natural Resources Guide. This chapter and the Guide are available on the GMCG website (<http://www.gmcg.org/gmcg.php?id=160>).

Bob made an impressive presentation on the scope of the issue and had examples of the design and technologies available to help avoid light 'pollution'. Light pollution can be noticeably reduced and controlled with the right planning and that awareness is a big factor. Bob also discussed sample site planning terminology that could be used as guidance for local planning and zoning boards.

John Shipman, OWC Chair, discussed the Natural Resources Guide and its purpose to help

municipal officials understand the science of our natural resources so that they can make informed planning decisions. John stressed that as the six towns within our watershed grow (projected to be an increase of 38% by 2025), having guidance and ordinances in place is vital to preserve the dark skies and all the natural resources that we cherish and are an important part of the local economy.

As a result of this retreat, the Planning Board is planning another retreat on Saturday, April 5th at the Benz Community Center, which will also include the Conservation Commission and Historical Society in Sandwich. Other Watershed towns are invited to attend this presentation on 'dark skies' and to hear about the broader framework that the OWC is addressing. It will also offer an opportunity for the planning board and conservation commission members from the other five towns (Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee and Tamworth) to meet each other and potentially share issues and ideas.

For questions, please contact the Sandwich Planning Board Chairman, Bud Martin at 284-6560, or the OWC Chair, John Shipman. 539-5799.

BY SUSAN LEE

Considering the amount of snow on the ground in Madison in the middle of March, it seems impossible that spring is just around the corner. But, the New Hampshire Bird list serve (NH.Birds @lists.unh.edu) is starting to report early spring migrants such as red-winged blackbirds, killdeer, hooded mergansers, common grackle, ring-necked duck and turkey vultures. The first warblers will not be far behind!

Identification of spring birds in their bright fresh breeding plumage is usually much easier than trying to figure out those same birds in drab, worn, confusing fall feathers. The editors of *Bird Watcher's Digest* have created a list of the rules for bird identification, to make it easier to determine just what bird is migrating through your yard this spring or stopping off at your feeders. Here, is the abbreviated list:

1. Watch the bird, not the bird book. As Roger Tory Peterson, the father of modern bird watching, used to say, "Birds have wings, and tend to use them". Take time to really see the bird before you look in the book. Study the bird's field marks and behavior. The book will be there long after the bird has flown away.
2. Get a general impression of the bird's shape and size. What the experts call "jizz". It helps to become really familiar with a reference bird, say a robin or a blue jay. Then compare the bird you are

trying to identify with your reference bird. Is it larger or smaller, with longer legs, longer or shorter bill? Remember that closer birds will look larger, and birds that are farther away will look smaller. Is the bill long and curved, or short and stout? Is the head rounded, flat or with a crest?

3. Check out overall color. Is the bird mostly yellow or mostly red? Again remember that time of day, the angle of the sun and whether the bird is in the shade can affect how we perceive color. Seasonal molt and individual color variation in birds can be misleading. Don't rely too heavily on color alone to identify most birds.
4. Look at the bird in an organized way. Start at the top and work down and back. Look at the crown, then the breast and then the tail. Especially with spring warblers, almost all of them can be identified by the pattern on the face. Of course that assumes the bird holds still long enough for you to get a good look at the face! Look for eye lines (are they white or dark?, above or through the eye?), eye rings (round, oblong, complete or broken?), and cheek patches. Warblers fall into two categories: those with wing-bars and those without. Is the chest streaked or clear? Does the color go part way down the chest or breast, or all the way to the undertail? Don't forget to check the tail itself. Are there white or yellow spots or white outer tail feathers? As you look at the birds, take mental

notes or actually write down what you see. Then compare your bird to those in a good field guide.

5. Really top birders can identify birds without seeing them, based solely on a bird's song or even its chip note. It takes a good ear and lots of practice, but even those of us who are tone deaf can learn mnemonics for bird songs. The white-throated sparrow says, "Old Sam Peabody, Peabody, Peabody". "Please, please, pleased to me meet'cha" is the call of the chestnut-sided warbler. Listen for the "Witchity, witchity, witchity witch" of the common yellow-throat.
6. There are incredible photo and audio resources for birders on the internet. Check out the Cornell Lab of Ornithology website: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu>. For \$40 a year you can subscribe to the Birds of North America on line. (<http://bna.birds.cornell.edu/bna>).
7. Most of all, spend time watching and listening to birds in different habitats. During May various nature and conservation groups in the Watershed offer free or low cost morning bird walks. The Tamworth Conservation Commission and Tin Mountain both offer public walks.

Susan Lee is an avid birder and longtime resident of the Ossipee Watershed. Share bird sightings or comments with her by email: leegull1@earthlink.net.

Wildlife workshops planned for Watershed towns

The New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan has been receiving considerable attention in the Ossipee Watershed, and a number of workshops and presentations in 2008 will continue to highlight science and conservation strategies specific to the Ossipee Watershed and its wildlife.

The Effingham Conservation Commission and Dr. Rick Van de Poll completed the first six months of the Effingham Wildlife Action Plan project. This project is funded by the New Hampshire Moose Plate program and is being coordinated with the Fish & Game

Department, amongst other agencies. This project's goals and findings will be discussed on **June 9th at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Municipal Offices in Effingham.**

On **Thursday, March 27th**, GMCG, NH Fish & Game and all six Watershed town conservation commissions will host the "**Wildlife Action Plan Workshop for the Ossipee Watershed**" at the **Remick Museum in Tamworth from 7-9 p.m.** At this workshop, NH Fish & Game staff, Dr. Van de Poll and GIS professionals will provide information to landowners, town officials, and others about how to apply the New

Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan in the Watershed. Participants will use the NH Wildlife Action Plan to identify actions to conserve wildlife locally, and interpret information about the location of critical habitats from GIS maps. Please call 539-1859 to register for this workshop.

Another workshop on wildlife will be held **July 19th at Camp Calumet** when the public is invited to hear **Ben Kilham** speak about black bear conservation in the state. This special presentation and NH Coverts Roundtable Dinner are sponsored by White Mountain Survey Co. and Camp Marist.

Conservation Conversations

Editor's Note: *Conservation Conversations is intended to provide a forum for the conservation commissions in the six towns of the Ossipee Watershed to share news of their activities and an opportunity to find creative solutions regarding watershed issues.*

Think Locally; Act Watershed.

Effingham

Dr. Rick Van de Poll recently gave a progress report of the Effingham Wildlife Action Plan (EWAP) project. This project is funded by the NH Moose Plate program, and is being coordinated with NH Fish & Game, amongst other agencies. Initial findings identified discrepancies between WAP and EWAP. For example, while WAP designated 7,494 acres as a high quality habitat, the EWAP project has determined it to be 11,811 acres. The mid-project presentation is on June 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the town offices.

The two-year wetland inventory project for the town (also funded by Moose Plate program) will produce two town wetlands maps on tax map overlays, printed courtesy of The Nature Conservancy. The planning board did not accept the updated Wetlands Ordinance amongst those zoning amendments that are being presented to the town in its 2008 warrant articles.

The Earth Day celebration is on April 19th with a road-side litter clean up at 8 a.m. and lunch at noon at Effingham Fire Station #2.

Madison

Bob Craycraft of UNH Extension's Lay Lake Water Quality Monitoring program was invited to speak to the community regarding issues raised about water quality in Silver Lake and Cooks Pond. Mr. Craycraft presented testing results which indicated that both bodies of water were very clean and healthy.

The planning board has made some changes that it presented to voters on March 11th that focus growth in established areas and slow down development in more rural areas of town.

Ossipee

The "Window on the Ossipee Mountains" project on Route 16 is close to being completed. This has been the focus of the Ossipee Conservation Commission for many months. The Commission wishes to thank people across the community for their support, from local businesses and grants from The Little Family Foundation and the Fields Pond Foundation, in addition to contributions from members of GMCG who responded very positively to the recent fundraising request. A spring closing on the property is anticipated. The Commission will continue raising funds through 2008 to see the project through to completion. The Commission has also been busy gearing up for the Lake Host Program to staff the landing at Pequawket Trail. There is very strong community support for this program, and the Commission is fortunate Nick Paquette will return as point person.

Tamworth

Bryan Berling provided competent and dedicated leadership for the TCC as chairman of the commission. Brian graciously volunteered to accept the chairmanship, and fellow commissioners are pleased that he will remain a full member of the board. The TCC also takes comfort knowing it has the capable leadership of its Vice Chair, Ned Beecher.

The TCC continues to work on language for a potential 12 acre conservation easement along the Mill Brook. National Trails Day, is on June 7th and will be a day of trail work for commissioners and invites and welcomes members of the community to join them. Five TCC members will also be joining GMCG and Fish and Game at the Wildlife Action Plan workshop being held at Remick Museum on March 27, 7-9 p.m. Finally, the TCC has provided the opportunity for Susan Ticehurst, Administrative Assistant, to attend the N.H. Land Use Workshop on March 24, 9-3:30.

Dietary choices can conserve water

BY JIM PITTMAN

Imagine if you never shut off the faucet on your kitchen sink. Running constantly, you use it occasionally, letting the rest go down the drain. Thousands of gallons of water are needlessly wasted daily.

While this story seems absurd, the relationship between food choices and water consumption as practiced in the western world bears an uncomfortable similarity. Not only is the system wasteful, but the waste itself is largely invisible to you, the end customer. But that is starting to change.

The problem stems from an agricultural model that invests nearly every resource in producing food from animals. This machine consumes 16 times as much energy and material resources as it produces in the end product. Just in terms of water, raising a pound of beef consumes 2,500 gallons. By comparison, a pound of high protein soybeans requires 240 gallons, wheat 108 gallons, and potatoes even less. The basic flaw is that instead of eating the soybeans, wheat and potatoes directly, 80 percent of them are fed to animals as feed. In the end, we receive a small fraction of our

nutritional investment. If you bought a loaf of bread, ate one slice, and threw the rest away, you would have an equivalent system.

No civilization has had the means to sustain such waste until the modern time. Through the evolution of high consumption technologies, like factory farms and feedlots, and the entrenchment of tax subsidies hidden in our labyrinthine agricultural legislation, the staggering environmental and financial costs have been kept hidden. While special interests have profited from this shell game for some time, the magnitude of the problem is no longer going unnoticed. Leading environmental organizations recognize animal agriculture as perhaps the leading cause of natural resource damage.

Ultimately, the supply of land, water, and energy required for this approach to food production will not be enough. There is no way that a world of six billion people can get cheap burgers – we would need several more earths to meet the demand.

It is important to consider the benefits of eating lower on the food chain as we head into the 21st century.

Jim Pitman is a WQM volunteer for GMCG.

Watershed Water Quality Monitoring

Notes from Upstream

Annual training for RIVERS is April 12th

The annual RIVERS program training date is set for Saturday, **April 12th, 1-4 p.m. at the Huntress House property in Effingham**. Training is open to anyone interested in participating in the program, which involves testing local rivers and streams from mid April through mid October. Volunteers adopt a site in their town and test that site for different water quality parameters early one morning, every other week. The hands-on training will teach new volunteers how to take water samples for lab analysis at UNH, and collect field data. Returning volunteers are encouraged to join in and refresh their skills as well. Many sites are in need of new volunteers, so please encourage others to join the program in your town and help give back to your community. This program is a great opportunity to learn about water quality, participate in a community service project, and help contribute to a better understanding of water quality conditions across the Watershed.

Local volunteers are of course a major reason why GMCG is able to carry out the many water monitoring programs that it oversees, in collaboration with UNH, NH DES, EPA and DEP. Watershed communities also support this program through donations from towns to defray lab analysis costs, staff time, equipment and

supplies, which cost over \$20,000 for the organization each year. At its final meeting on March 6th, the Rotary Club of Ossipee Valley generously donated \$1,000 which will be used for water quality monitoring equipment and supplies. This contribution will help ensure regular testing from April to October at 35 sites on rivers and lakes in Ossipee, Madison, Freedom, Sandwich, Effingham and Tamworth. Thank you, Rotarians, on behalf of the 30+ volunteers who use the testing equipment the Club has helped to fund. Your donation benefits everyone in the Ossipee Watershed.

The data collected through the program is located on the GMCG website (www.gmcg.org), and can be viewed by clicking on the various sites tested across the Watershed. The data is used by NH DES in their surface water assessments as they report to EPA every other year to list impaired surface waters as required by the Clean Water Act. The data is also available on the NH DES Environmental Monitoring Database (EMD), which has data on surface waters from across the state. GMCG staff are currently entering data and editing the report on data collected over the past six years. These reports will be given to towns this spring, along with the 2006 and 2007 biomonitoring reports.

Notes from Downstream

Managing Saco River is challenging

BY DENNIS FINN

The Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) recently participated in a workshop about management problems on the upper Saco River and come up with a course of action for solutions. A variety of stakeholders attended, in an effort to get input and to tap into the experience of people who work, live and play along the river.

Department of Conservation staff, canoe liveries, campground owners, municipalities, riverfront owners, conservation groups and law enforcement gathered to discuss the issues. It's clear that there is a problem with over one hundred thousand users each summer served by a limited number of facilities. Equally important, there is a minimum amount of money available to provide oversight and guidance on the river. These two factors together provide the setting for resource degradation, potential criminal behavior, and most definitely, a poor recreational experience.

After my last newsletter article for GMCG, I received a

number of emails and calls indicating that the problem is not restricted to the Saco River here in Maine. The Bearcamp and the Ossipee rivers in New Hampshire and Maine are also at risk. The SRCC is moving forward with an initiative to come up with solutions. It isn't clear at this time where it will go, and there are a number of factors that seem to be holding on for status quo.

These rivers, like our mountains, forests and aquifers, are our most valuable resources. We cannot sit idly by and watch our valued resources and our quality of life squandered, ruined and abused. It is my hope that by the next GMCG newsletter, I will have positive news to report. Staff of SRCC believe that it may be a long struggle, and may even prove to be a tough fight. We also believe that it is a fight worth making.

Dennis Finn is Executive Director at the Saco River Corridor Commission in Cornish, Maine. SRCC is made up of 20 towns from Fryeburg to Saco, Maine. GMCG has been partnering with SRCC since 2001.

Cartoonist Tim White uses humor to tackle tough issues

BY ALEX KLOTZ

GMCG Cartoonist Tim White isn't ready to quit his day job. Not to start a revolution at least. Well, not just yet. For Tim, words are ammunition, pictures are bombs and explosions are ideas. In the world of cartooning, words, pictures and ideas have the ability to turn a sensitive subject into a laughing matter, build bridges between opposing camps and simply point out perceived wrongs in the hope that individuals will be inspired to make them right. Ammunition, bombs and explosions rarely have this range of real world effectiveness.

Through cartooning, Tim creates a laboratory to test ideas, to analyze their properties and finally a medium in which to present his findings. As he will tell you, this is no easy process. Being an artist requires the ability to accept criticism from others while never hesitating to dish a healthy dose of it to yourself. Go to the home of any artist and you will be sure to find the respective sign, 'a work in progress' tacked to the door. Out back and dependant on the personality, hidden from view, a dumpster full of refuse.

Tim however rarely lets being an artist reach that level of intensity. For him cartooning is both a hobby and a labor of love. He creates cartoons to enrich the lives of himself and those around him. His humor tackles issues that surround the local community, GMCG and the environment at large; issues that interest him. Over the years, he has volunteered his unique and



Artist and water quality monitoring volunteer, Tim White packs down equipment to sample the Pine River

local talent to bring humor to the back page of the GMCG newsletter.

GMCG would like to thank Tim for ten years of great cartoon contributions. We would also like to congratulate him on a recent national recognition. The Union of Concerned Scientists Scientific Integrity Council picked and published his cartoon in their 2008 annual calendar. The theme of this years contest was "Political Interference in Science". The cartoon was one of twelve chosen from the hundreds of entries narrowed down by the Union of Concerned Scientists and a panel of celebrity cartoonists including Garry Trudeau, the Pulitzer Prize winning creator of the syndicated cartoon *Doonesbury* and Tom Toles, Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist for the *Washington Post*, among others. Congratulations again Tim, from everyone at GMCG!

If you would like to read more about this recognition and see Tim's award-winning cartoon visit the Union of Concerned Scientists website:

http://www.ucsusa.org/scientific_integrity/science_idol/science-idol-finalist-bios.html.

Alex Klotz, a UNH graduate, is from Effingham and is GMCG's spring intern for the Ossipee Watershed Source Water Protection Project.

Aquifer Steering Committee forms to protect drinking water

Many people are aware that the Ossipee Watershed is home to the state's largest stratified drift aquifer, a critically important source of drinking water for local residents. Towns have voiced concerns about how to effectively protect drinking water resources, both quality and quantity, as water is shared across town boundaries. The degradation of the Ossipee River Aquifer by failing or antiquated septic systems, salvage yards, illegal dumping, roadways, and other sources of pollution are all major concerns.

In response to these concerns, GMCG sought and was awarded a Local Source Water Protection grant to implement the Ossipee Watershed Source Water Protection Project with local communities using the Department of Environmental Services (DES) guidelines for groundwater protection. In 2008, GMCG is working with local towns, businesses and DES, UNH, American Groundwater Trust, and Ossipee Watershed Coalition to map and survey potential contamination sources (PCSs) to the aquifer and help initiate an ongoing monitoring program to prevent pollution

of drinking water supplies.

In recent months, GMCG and DES staff, town officials, and local residents have been working to update the PCS inventory and plan educational events and materials to engage the community at large about this project and best management practices for PCSs. The Aquifer Protection Steering Committee formally organized, two BMP training sessions have been held with NH DES staff, and public presentations about the project and one particular type of PCS (auto salvage yards) have been organized. The Steering Committee seeks more representation from Watershed towns. Please contact (603) 539-1859 if you are interested in participating in drinking water protection efforts.

Finally, GMCG welcomes Mia Akaogi, a University of Vermont graduate student who has chosen to work on the project this year for her program in ecological planning. Anyone interested in hosting Mia over the summer months can contact (603) 539-1859 as she is in need of housing.

Spring Calendar

Thursday, March 27th: Wildlife Action Plan Workshop for the Ossipee Watershed.

New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game, wetlands scientists and GIS professionals will provide information to landowners, town officials and others about how to put the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan to work in local communities. Participants will learn to identify wildlife species of concern and the habitats they need to survive, use the NH Wildlife Action Plan to identify actions to conserve wildlife locally, and interpret information about the location of critical habitats from GIS maps. This program will be held at the Remick Museum in Tamworth from 7-9 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, Tamworth and Sandwich Conservation Commissions. Please call 539-1859 to register.

Monday, April 28th: Climate Change Forum. Students and the general public are invited to participate in a Climate Change Forum on Monday, April 28th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Kennett High School Auditorium.

Presentations from experts around the state will focus on the science as well as economic and social aspects of the climate change phenomenon, including local and regional challenges and solutions. Speakers from local and regional organizations and state agencies will provide presentations on New Hampshire's Climate Change Action Plan, information and science related to their field of expertise, and will also answer audience questions. Call 539-1859 for more information. Hosted by the Green Mountain Conservation Group, Eagle Academy and Timberland, Inc.

Tuesday, April 29th: Open Space & Conservation Easement Workshop. Learn about the many benefits of open space planning for your estate and town. The Ossipee Conservation Commission will co-sponsor this workshop where UNH Cooperative Extension, SPACE and GMCG staff will explain the tax incentives, ecological, personal and long-term benefits of saving open spaces. Participants will learn about current use issues and updates, the conservation easement process, local land trust options and answers to commonly asked questions. Guest speakers include Dave Babson, Vice Chair of SPACE, Phil Auger, UNH Cooperative Extension Educator, Wendy Scribner, UNH Cooperative Extension Forester, and Peter Pohl, GMCG Land Trust Committee. Please call 539-1859 to register.

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July 19th
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EVERY PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND EACH PERSON SHOULD TRY.

*Yearning for light defines the winter
pilgrimage.*

*Seekers of that long, lasting
glimpse of rose colored sky
lean forward in treks
across the white expanse.*

*In midst of drifts
that threaten to swallow
the length of me
and leave no trace,
March afternoon rays warm
and awaken each lone soul.*

*Above the icy river
Eagle turns in silhouette
first west, then eastward
To follow waters flow
Toward open sea.*

**Katie McCarthy
3-10-08**

