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FOCUS PRESERVE FOR 2015

Granite Island Preserve

The land that we call Granite Island today has had many names. We don't know what the earliest residents called it, but the stone tools that are occasionally found along the shore tell us they were here. In Vinalhaven's early days as a town, it was known as Barton's Island, and, as you might guess, people with this family name lived there, and still live there.

Soon after the end of the Civil War, the demand for granite paving and building stones in the cities along the east coast would change the face of Penobscot Bay forever. Dallas Anthony's great-grandfather owned property on Barton's Island that was mostly granite; in 1869 he sold a sizeable parcel to the "Booth Brothers Hurricane Island Granite Company," and the stone-cutting began in earnest soon afterward. As time went on and the operation became more ambitious, all of the trees on Barton's Island were removed—and it became, quite literally, "Granite Island." Along with Vinalhaven's many other quarries, it supplied thousands of tons of cobblestones and architectural granite to cities up and down the East Coast.

The granite boom would end abruptly. With the advent of new paving materials like macadam and concrete in the early twentieth century, the stone-cutters were soon all out of work, and that piece of land passed to new owners. In 2008, thanks to a bargain sale from the Strawson Family Trust, it finally became VLT's Granite Island Preserve.

Today, the most striking evidence of its

mining history is an old quarry site that we call "The Amphitheater." You'll see this on your left soon after starting down the Granite Island Trail, but as you hike around this preserve, you quickly realize that the stone cutting was going on just about everywhere. A pile of cobblestones here, a boulder wear-



VLT's Granite Island Preserve, with the Basin in background and Lower Basin Falls visible at bottom right. Photo by Kerry Hardy.

ing a telltale "zipper" of drill holes there, and maybe for the sharpest eyes, a rusting iron tool left in a pile of grout. These are all there to be seen, but only after you've first learned to see beyond the luxuriant mantle of moss growing over everything on this preserve.

The moss is everywhere here, lying like a green blanket over the ground and the ledges. It consumes fallen trees and converts them to desperately needed soil, and it even starts up the trunks of trees still living. It softens the hard edges left by generations of stonecutters and erases the scars

that their machinery left on the land. It's hard to see how the moss can make a living here, on its simple diet of granite, fog, and shade, but on this preserve, it doesn't just live, it prospers. It can only do this because of the shelter provided by trees, and that is really where this story begins. It's told by Fred Strawson, part of the family that sold VLT the property that would become Granite Island Preserve:

My dad Stanton Moore Strawson was very fortunate that he was allowed to take a month off every summer. We had an older house out at the end of Granite Island. In 1937 when we arrived we were greeted with a sight of complete devastation: every tree had been cut. Dad said he hoped this would never happen again, and if he could do something about it he would. That winter he made a trip to the granite company's headquarters and made them a very small offer; small because neither he nor anyone else had any money. The company officials just laughed and sent him home. However, a month later they contacted Dad and said they were going through bankruptcy and would sell Dad the land. Dad bought a bag of white pine seed, and walked all over the property planting seed. Not one survived.

It seems that Mother Nature wanted to grow spruces, not pines, on Granite Island, and over the following decades a forest came back all on its own—and in typically generous fashion, the Strawsons shared it with others:

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President's Message

The melting snow, towering woodcocks, emerging crocuses, and returning osprey all signal a perfect opportunity to announce a new season in VLT's life—the appointment of Linnell Mather as our new Executive Director! The entire board is delighted that after many, many years of absolutely indispensable service, often behind the scenes, Linnell has accepted our entreaty to assume the role she has held as interim since mid-January. We are remarkably lucky to have such an able, insightful, and passionate person to lead the land trust.

The past several years were an intense period of growth and activity for VLT, marked by our successful capital campaign, a number of significant and complex land projects, and the herculean task of gaining accreditation through the national commission process. Linnell was there every step of the way and is the perfect person to lead VLT as we focus our attention on maintaining our high standard of fiscal and administrative oversight, building our environmental education program for the island's youth, and making our properties welcoming to a broad range of people.

Soon your favorite trails and vistas will be clear of the snow and deep puddles I recently encountered on a walk through the woods. All that water recharging our aquifer and flowing into the bay is a sure sign that spring is here. Please join us on our upcoming Walks and Talks series. And let us know where the trails need attention as we recover from a lengthy and dramatic winter. Or if you would be interested in becoming a Trail Steward, stop by the office and learn more.

Linnell's new position is a great reminder of how fortunate we are to have such talented and dedicated staff and volunteers. We are also grateful to you—our fellow members—for all your support and loyalty.

-Jonathan M. Labaree, President

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Granite Island Preserve

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As the trees gradually came back on our Basin property, Dad said anyone who needs firewood is welcome, but please only take trees that have fallen over. Because of this our land got to be known as "the Strawson Woodlot!"



Photo: Rich Knox

Fred Strawson's recollections continue for eight handwritten pages, and tell stories of life on Granite Island and Vinalhaven "back in the day"—livestock on the ferry, Saturday night dances at the Grange Hall on Granite Island, and recreational swimming by people of all ages:

One day Mrs. Perkins, the wife of Judge Perkins, invited our family for a swim at the (Basin) Falls. It was mid-July and a rising half-tide. She said "Watch this!" and jumped in the water and was swept through the Falls. As she was 65 at the time, this was quite a feat. Since then we have always enjoyed swimming the Falls. As I am over 80 years old now, I plan to set a new record this summer or next as the oldest to swim through the Falls.

Fred ended his recollections with a heartfelt thank you from his family to VLT, "for taking it over and preserving it for years to come as a place of history and beauty." This transfer of ownership was made possible in part by a contribution from the Land for Maine's Future fund. Located squarely between the Upper and Lower Basin Falls, the Granite Island Preserve is one of the key pieces in the larger conservation effort towards "whole place" protection of the Basin, and is one of the many properties jointly managed here by VLT and Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

These are the building blocks that land trusts everywhere rest upon: stories of private citizens practicing random acts of kindness and beauty towards the land. Stanton Strawson saw a place that he loved being ravaged, and did the only thing he could to save and restore it. His family supported his vision, and preserved this property's forests and wildlife, for seventy years before conditions were right for a land trust to step in to help. Taking care of it for the next seventy years, and beyond, is now up to us.

It's important to remember stories like these, and to tell them to new generations of Vinalhaven's "conservation tribe"—for we are indeed a tribe, with our own origin stories, sacred places, and culture heroes. The collective efforts of visionaries like Stanton Strawson, working to save places like Granite Island, are our legacy. To preserve and celebrate these stories makes us more human, and strengthens our bond to the place where we live—and our commitment to preserve it for our children.

-Kerry Hardy, Stewardship Coordinator

Explore Granite Island Preserve with Us

In order to get to know Granite Island Preserve better, we've scheduled a series of informal walks throughout summer and fall. Each will focus on a different aspect of what this mossy gem has to offer. Mark your calendar and plan to join us on June 27 (with Lucy McCarthy leading), July 25 (with Janet Gohres leading), August 16, September 12 (with Kirk Gentalen leading a mushroom walk), and October 10. Please check our website calendar for updates on each walk's focus.

A Message from Linnell Mather

I was very pleased and honored when the Board of Directors asked me to become VLT's third Executive Director.

Twenty years ago Lucy McCarthy, then a board member of VLT, later its first paid staff member and then first Executive Director, approached me to ask if I would be willing to assist VLT with some bookkeeping challenges. All that I knew about VLT was what I had read in the *Wind* as several forward-looking individuals and families organized to save some of the special areas of Vinalhaven from development. It was late in 1994, and the organization was fundraising to purchase Roberts Island, a 13-acre seabird nesting island off the shores of Vinalhaven. VLT had applied for and been granted a Challenge Grant by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that would match every \$3 raised by VLT with an additional \$2, but the recordkeeping and reporting involved was somewhat demanding; the board thought of me.

Over the past twenty years, I've been involved in every step of VLT's maturation. We've expanded from two very part-time employees working out of the back room of Lucy's house to three employees (two full-time equivalent) serving our community from an attractive year-round office in Skoog Park. Our program offerings have gone from two or three walks a season to a full series of over thirty events on the calendar for this summer, covering lobsters at the bottom of the sea to the top of Tip Toe Mountain, and almost everything in between. We continue to be a presence in the school, finding ways to connect young people with nature and to educate the next generation of conservation leaders, and are actively exploring ways to expand our environmental education programs, both in and out of the school day. In 2012, VLT was one of the first four land trusts in Maine—and by far the smallest—to achieve accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission; we are now undertaking the prelimi-

nary steps needed to apply for our five-year reaccreditation. Our 25th Anniversary Campaign, which wrapped up at the end of 2013, ensured the permanent protection of the Tip Toe Mountain Preserve for the community of people who cherish that scramble to the top and the wonderful view, as well as raising funds that will better allow VLT to steward all the land in our care.

I've shared these twenty years with some very inspiring leaders: dedicated and hard working board and staff members at both VLT and our conservation partners, many of whom are still actively involved with VLT and conservation. I look forward to bringing what I have learned from them into my role as Executive Director. And I look forward to seeing and hearing from you: VLT is a membership organization; your voice is important.

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Please join us for a walk or two (or more!) this summer or contact us for information on volunteering (everything from mailings to trail work). If you have children, grandchildren, or young guests visiting, sign them up for VLT's

summer camp. We invite you to attend Annual Meeting in late July, where board and staff will be available to answer questions and share your love of the special places of Vinalhaven. More information about all of these offerings can be found in this edition of the newsletter. Please read on!

Linnell Mather



Photo: Kerry Hardy



Lot for Sale

When VLT purchased the Strawson property, now called the Granite Island Preserve, a pristine 42-acre section of land along the Basin was protected in perpetuity. As with any conservation effort, securing funds for stewardship was key. To that end, a 2.33-acre parcel was sectioned off to sell in order to provide for ongoing stewardship responsibilities such as planning and creating trails, cleaning up storm damage, maintaining parking areas and signage, and making an annual payment to the town in lieu of taxes.

The land includes a spectacular granite hilltop, undoubtedly the highest point on the original parcel. Vinalhaven Land Trust is selling the lot, which includes 98 feet of water frontage on Dyers Harbor and southern views of the harbor and Dyers Island. This is an ideal location for water access and building a dock. With a soil test for a three-bedroom home, there is plenty of room for a residence and outbuilding. Your privacy is ensured by the conserved land on your border to the north and west. The lot is easily accessible for a driveway and has 350+ feet of road frontage. For more information, contact Kris Davidson, Broker, Davidson Realty at 863-2200 or Info@Davidson-Realty.com.

Island Explorers Ready for Summer

We're gearing up for our third year of Island Explorers, VLT's popular day camp that focuses on nature exploration and fun. We'll explore habitats and play lots of games to reinforce concepts we're learning. We provide safe, hands-on outdoor learning experiences, and give island kids and off-island kids the chance to make new friends. We meet at the Vinalhaven School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and at Lane's Island to explore the marine environment there (weather permitting). The final week is Island Adventurers, for 8-10 year old students, and campers go a little farther afield. New this year: July 28-30 will be Farm and Garden Camp, exploring working island farms and seeing farm animals! The cost is \$30/session for Vinalhaven School students and \$60/session for children who attend a different school. Below is a tentative schedule. We try to schedule around SCAMP (the school's summer program) and swimming lessons. Please watch the Wind or check our website for updates, or call the office at 863-2543 to confirm dates.

July 7-9, 9am-noon, 5-7 year-olds
July 21-23, 9am-noon. 5-7 year-olds
July 28-30, 9am-noon, 5-7 year-olds
Aug. 4-6, 9am-noon, 8-10 year-olds

BEST WISHES AND THANKS

Tribute to Tuck

The Board of Vinalhaven Land Trust would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Tuck Godfrey for four years of hard work and dedication as our Executive Director. During Tuck's tenure, we completed our 25th Anniversary Campaign and protected Big Tip Toe Mountain, among other accomplishments. The Board accepted Tuck's resignation in January with sadness and best wishes.



Amy Palmer gives kids from the Perspectives After School program a closer look at nature out on Granite Island Preserve. Photo by Susan Raven.

Third Thursday Volunteer Work Parties

Join us this summer for a work party! On the Third Thursday of each month, we will gather loppers, pruners, saws, rakes, and trail markers for several hours of work on trails and signage at one of VLT's many preserves. Experience is welcome but not necessary, and you can bring your own tools or ask us to provide them for you. For more information, just give us a call at 863-2543.

Save the Dates: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, and September 17.

ANOTHER GREAT SEASON AHEAD

Walks and Talks

The Walks and Talks Committee has a very busy and interesting season planned. Having started in April, we've already had programs about woodcocks and warblers.

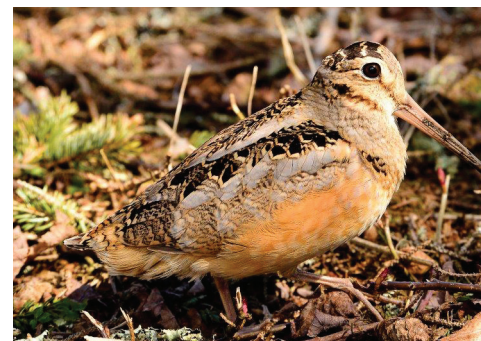
Highlights this summer, among our 35+ scheduled events, will be presentations about the lobster industry, aquaculture, infrared photography, the geology of Tip Toe Mountain Preserve, exploring Otter Pond, and tracking owls and otters with Kirk Gentalen of MCHT.

We look forward to Phil Crossman's talk on the history of the Wind, hosted in partnership with Vinalhaven Historical Society. We will have weekly bird walks, two wildflower walks and a flower pressing workshop, book talks, and five monthly walks on the trails at Granite Island Preserve focusing on various aspects of this property including tree identification, mushrooms, history, and other surprises.

This is just a partial list of our events. Please follow us on Facebook, check our website or the Community Calendar, and see the Wind and our beautiful posters displayed around town for more details about each event.

We hope to see you this season for adventure, beauty, education, and exploration! Meet new people, see new sights, and enjoy the Nature of Vinalhaven.

-Jim Boone, Walks & Talks Committee



A woodcock, close up—one of our favorite harbingers of spring. Photo: Karen Oakes, Island View Photography.

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Volunteer Recognition

Is it a cliché to call our volunteers the life's blood of VLT? Not when they are such a vital part of the daily and ongoing function of the organization. From our committed and hardworking board of directors to valuable committee members to the team that monitors VLT's conservation easements and fee-owned properties to the varying group of cheerful envelope stuffers, and many, many other volunteers and tasks...we value your talents, your time, and the energy you bring to all the work you do on behalf of VLT.

If you are someone who wants to get involved with VLT, whether on an ongoing basis (like adopting a favorite trail, becoming a monitor, serving on a committee, writing thank you notes) or an occasional day (like helping with a mailing, providing finger foods or hauling supplies for Annual Meeting, printing and folding trail brochures, or hosting a Walks speaker who wants to stay overnight), we welcome your help. Do you have any special talents you'd like to share? We welcome your ideas.

We'd like to thank these people who have helped in so many ways through the late fall and winter. If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please know we value your involvement!

Basin Clean-up: Many thanks to Merry Boone, Elaine Crossman, Stevie Kaimmer, Kelly Richards, Carol Thompson, Lawrence Wadsworth, and to the many board and staff members who showed up on a glorious Sunday morning to help gather trash along the Basin. And we thank the crew at the landfill for accepting the trash without charge.

Committee Members: Many members of our year-round and seasonal community serve on our committees alongside board members and staff. We'd like to thank Susie Lawrence (Development), Ed Hoyt, Charlie Lowrey, and Hugh Martin (Investment), Sue L'Africain and

Kelly Richards (Annual Meeting), Lucy Quimby (Easements & Acquisitions), Penelope Lord and Javier Peñalosa (Management Plan), Emily Cohn (Environmental Education), and Merry Boone, Beth Gilford, Janet Gohres, Pam Johnson, Lucy McCarthy, Gabe McPhail, Rick Morgan, Arlene Rodenbeck, Sally Wylie, Christine and Len Yannielli (Walks & Talks).

Donation of services: Many thanks to Addison Ames Jr.

and Danny Ames for chainsaw work on the Granite Island sale lot, Andrew Quinlan Pest Control, Nevins Bartolomeo and Young C. Fan for technical support, Mike Bunker and Fox Islands Electric Co-op for assistance cutting down a tree on the Granite Island Preserve, Phil Crossman for emergency plowing, Stevie Kaimmer for file review and organizing, Lucy McCarthy for file review and technical expertise, and MCHT for technical advice and support for so many aspects of our work.

Donations to the office at Skoog Park: We thank the ARC for brochure racks and office supplies, Munch Grogan for an office chair and other office supplies, and Susan Raven, for bird identification guides and bird song cassettes for our resource library.

Holiday treats for staff: A tasty thank you to Penelope and Fritz Lord.

Mailings of appeals and newsletters: We're grateful to Alison Angel, Dory Bayer, Jeanne Bineau-Ames, Amy Calkins, Dave Calkins, Georgeanne Davis, Kay Giffin, Stevie Kaimmer, Anna Poe, and Carol Thompson.

Mainland odd jobs: Thanks to our "ferry fairies," Fred Granger and Angie Olson.

Monitoring Team: A big thank you to Kirk

Gentalen, Stevie Kaimmer, Charlie Lowrey, Lucy McCarthy, Herb Parsons, Anna Poe, and Susie Rodriguez.

Newsletter Help: Many thanks to Amy Palmer and Vannesa Henneke for articles, Kirk Gentalen, Rich Knox, Karen Oakes/Island View Photography, Amy Palmer, and Susan Raven for photos, and Alison Angel and Carol Thompson for proofreading.

Weekly office help: We thank Penelope Lord.

Finally, we salute Carol Petillo for her years of committed service: as a board member who brought her thoughtful

approach to policy drafting and review, who proofread many newsletters over the years with a careful eye, and who always said YES when there was a mailing to get out the door. Farewell, dear friend of VLT!

Below: Our annual VLT/MCHT spring ritual, the Basin Clean-Up. Board members and volunteers gathered on a glorious Sunday morning to clean up trash along the Basin. We happily noticed that there seemed to be less trash this year than in years past.



VLT volunteer Rick Morgan finishing work on a waterbar to control erosion on the trail to Fox Rocks. Photo by Kerry Hardy.



Membership Renewal

It's been a long hard winter on the island, but now there's more sunlight and wildlife, and buds are beginning to promise spring. All of this is a reminder that it's time to renew your membership in Vinalhaven Land Trust.

VLT is a membership organization. By continuing to be a member, you continue to affirm that the work we do is important to you—that you, too, value and support our efforts to promote the conservation and appreciation of our island's significant plant and wildlife habitat, our water resources, and scenic or historic spaces.

You should have recently received your membership renewal letter from VLT, and if you haven't already done so, please take a moment to respond with your donation as soon as possible—or you may use the coupon on the back of this newsletter or donate from our website, www.vinalhavenlandtrust.org.

No matter how you do it, VLT is grateful for your continued support.

This reminder was written in 2009 by Carol Petillo, who served on our board from 2007-2010. She was always one of the first to volunteer to help with a mailing, and often proofread the newsletter for us. Like so much of Carol's work, this short piece stands the test of time and we reprint it here. Carol passed away this spring; all of us at VLT will miss her wonderful smile, great intelligence, and generous spirit.



Photo: Kerry Hardy

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Penelope Lord

Penelope's story is a series of fortuitous coincidences: they pointed her in the right direction, or else they confirmed her instincts. She and her husband Fritz moved to Vinalhaven just a few years ago, coming here from western Massachusetts, and for Penelope, it was a bit of a full circle. Her great-grandfather was from North Haven, and owned tiny Oak Island off that island's northern tip. Growing up she spent lots of time on Oak Island, which began her lifelong affinity for islands.

Penelope held a variety of jobs during her working life. One was with a native plant landscaper. This field deeply appealed to her, and she immersed herself in learning more, reading widely, including a book by a woman who wrote about the native garden she cultivated at her Maine island summer home. Penelope soon created her own huge native garden. She also developed a late love of drawing and sketching, inspired by a solo camping trip on Oak Island to mark her 70th birthday. She wanted to identify all the plants there, drawing them using "a ratty old box of colored pencils" that she'd brought along. A passion was born.

Penelope wanted to "end her days" in Maine, and a chance glimpse of a picture of Vinalhaven on the internet led them here. She first became involved with VLT through a meeting with former Executive Director Tuck Godfrey at a Friends of the Library meeting. They talked about native

and invasive plant species, and she learned more about VLT's mission to conserve fragile spaces while still making them available to all people in the community. She "admires the thoughtfulness of that approach: conserved, but open to the public. It's a very important aspect."

At VLT, Penelope has helped with appeal mailings, and last year started coming into the office every week. During the summer she printed and folded trail brochures to keep the Skoog Park kiosk well stocked for the public. Through the offseason, she digitized easements and other important documents, bringing her good cheer and efficiency to every task. Penelope also donates her talent in the form of her artwork. We sell her beautiful note cards and calendar of Vinalhaven wildflower drawings at the



Penelope Lord (left) with Executive Director Linnell Mather.

office and at our 4th of July booth, and she gives us the profits from those sales.

This summer you might see Penelope at Skoog Park, and you are just as likely to cross paths with her as she explores the preserves and trails searching for new wild plants to draw.

A neat coda to Penelope's story: soon after moving here she had what she calls "one of those incredible Vinalhaven moments." She came upon the rock and dedication plaque at the trailhead to Granite Island Preserve. And there was the name of that like-minded gardener who had so inspired her: Sara Stein, author of *Noah's Garden*. She took it as confirmation: "This is where I'm meant to be."

-Colleen Conlan, Office Assistant

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars: VLT's Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 24 at 4:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Mark Anderson of The Nature Conservancy's Eastern Division, who serves as their Director of Conservation Science and has worked as an ecologist for over twenty-

seven years. He will speak on Climate, Conservation, and Resiliency—Stories from the Field. Join us under the tent at Skoog Park, enjoy finger foods and beverages, and mingle and chat with other VLT members, board members, and staff. We hope to see you there!



Winter Tracking Adventure

With all the snow this winter, the fifth graders had the chance to do some winter tracking. They had been learning about the four major track patterns that give clues to the animals' identities and wanted to get outside to find tracks for themselves. They identified snowshoe hare and red squirrel tracks. They even found snowshoe hare scat and learned that baby hares eat scat. Not a good idea for people, but it makes for a fun photo and a successful Winter Tracking adventure.

Photo by Amy Palmer

GIVING FOR THE FUTURE

Planned Giving Opportunities

VLT is investing in the future by conserving and stewarding land today so that it is available for everyone tomorrow. One way to secure VLT's future is to make a Planned Gift, often defined as a substantial gift, given as part of a donor's financial or estate planning. There is no better way to continue to make a difference in land conservation years from now. Here are some options:

- A gift in memory of someone or a direct cash gift
- A gift of securities
- A bequest, which can be accomplished by simply adding a codicil (amendment) to your will
- Designating VLT as the beneficiary of an insurance plan, a retirement plan, or a Roth or traditional IRA plan

In planning your gift, you should consult with a financial advisor or attorney to discuss your particular situation. Vinalhaven Land Trust can provide you with a list of potential advisors for you to contact.

The late John Muir once said, "There must be places for human beings to satisfy their souls." Protecting and stewarding those places is one of the goals of Vinalhaven Land Trust. If you can, please consider helping us meet that goal.

VLT AND MCHT TEAM UP FOR WINTER EXPLORATION

Snowshoe Hike at Tip Toe Mountain Preserve

Mink slides, snowshoe hare trails, an otter den, a multitude of deer tracks, "bubble rocks," a red-tailed hawk in flight, buffleheads, and a brand new trail—what a way to start Valentine's Day! With fresh snow, and more to come, three bundled-up hikers donned their snowshoes and set out on the new Lower Tip Toe Mountain Trail under the expert guidance of Kirk Gentalen.

One of the great things about wintertime on Vinalhaven and snowshoes is that you can go almost anywhere. We followed Kirk up and down and at almost every turn discovered tracks and sights some of us non-veterans had not seen before. To top it off, we were able to cross marshlands covered in ice to get close to objects that would not have been possible on warmer forays into Vinalhaven's stunning surroundings.

One of the finds we called, for lack of a geologist with us to inform, the "bubble rocks." As the three of us were poking around the unusual outcropping, we heard Kirk offer a look at another sight. In a flash he had set up his telescope and as I looked through, there were bufflehead ducks that would

have been pinpoints otherwise. What a treat!

As we hiked back to the car, getting more and more questions answered by Kirk, Vinalhaven's chapter of Snowshoers Anonymous was born. Come join us! It might make you happy when the next snowstorm is predicted. Or, if you're only able to come to Vinalhaven in the summer, at least come on some of the VLT and MCHT walks!

-Vannesa Henneke

Below: Three intrepid souls explore Tip Toe Mountain Preserve on snowshoes on Valentine's Day. Photo by Kirk Gentalen.



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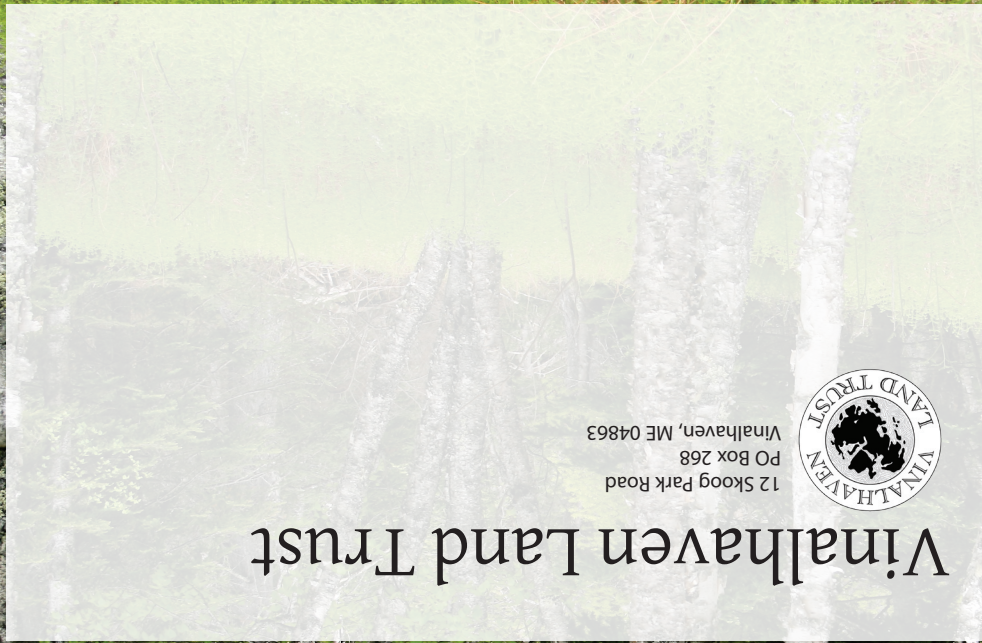
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