## MaineCF's Southern Midcoast Grantmaking **Committee welcomes four new members**

By Taylor Mace Maine Community Foundation

Jeremy Cluchey of Bowdoinham, Nicole Evans of Bath, Kerry Lupien of Waldoboro, Meg Taft of Alna and Alex Zipparo of Newcastle are the newest members of the Maine Community Foundation's (MaineCF) Southern Midcoast Grantmaking Committee, which serves Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties.

MaineCF's county and regional committees are made up of community members who live or work in the county and serve as local ambassadors for the foundation, sharing their knowledge and providing on-the-ground local leadership for the foundation.

Cluchey is director of public affairs for The Nature Conservancy. Evans is the executive director of United Way of Mid Coast Maine, formerly the executive director of

American Red Cross of Central and Mid Coast Maine and director of development at Midcoast Humane.

Lupien is a mother, part-time farmer with Moose Crossing Garden Center and board president of The Waldo Theatre. Taft is the vice president of equity and impact at Good Shepherd Food Bank and co-founder of Twin Villages Food Bank Farm. Zipparo is a community development officer at the Island Institute and board member of the Maine Food and Beverage Educa-

tion Center. Other committee members include Marie Eosco of Bath; Robert Ives of Pemaquid; Julie Lamy of Nobleboro; Will Neilson of Arrowsic; and Ross Wollen of Newcastle.

The Southern Midcoast Grantmaking Committee's volunteer county advisors review grant pro-

posals for MaineCF's Community Building Grant Program and recommend grant awards from the Lincoln County Fund and Sagadahoc County Fund.

Community Building supports a broad range of projects and organizations across the state, including arts, education, environment, economic development, and human services. In 2023, the Southern Midcoast Committee awarded 15 grants totaling \$121,294. For more information about

MaineCF's county and regional program, visit www.mainecf.org. The Maine Community Foun-

dation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine through strategic giving, community leadership, personalized service, local expertise and strong investments. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.mainecf. org.





## New open burning law in Maine requires permits for larger campfires

#### Fires that exceed 3 feet in height and 3 feet in diameter

To enhance fire safety and prevent wildfires, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) is implementing a new law that mandates burn permits for larger campfires. The law, LD 24, went into effect on Wednesday, Oct. 25 and will impact fires that exceed 3 feet in height and 3 feet in diameter that are not for debris disposal.

"Notably, permits for burning brush and wood debris remain unaffected and are still required under the existing regulations," said DACF, in a news release.

The new law also makes it unlawful for burning outdoors during red flag warning days, according to the release.

Maine residents and visitors planning fires larger than the specified dimensions, often referred to as "bonfires," will be required to obtain burn permits. These permits are available free of charge and can be secured online after 9 a.m.

at maineburnpermit.com. This new regulation aims to mitigate the risk of larger campfires getting out of control and causing wildfires. By requiring permits for this type of fire, the state hopes to ensure fire safety measures are in place, reducing the potential for fire-related emergencies.

Spearheaded by DACF's Maine Forest Service (MFS), Maine Forest Rangers launched an informational campaign to create public awareness about this significant change. An awareness campaign will continue through Spring 2024. The Rangers are actively engaging with communities across the state to educate and inform the public about the new law.

· Rangers have distributed brochures and displayed informative posters at various events, including recent Fire Prevention Week open houses.

- · A poster detailing the law's specifics is available as a downloadable PDF on the DACF Forest Protection Division webpage. • The MFS worked closely with
- InforME (Information Resource of Maine) to update the online burn permit system to accommodate the changes necessitated by LD 24. The MFS is committed to an-

swering any questions and addressing concerns from the public regarding this new law. For additional information and updates regarding the new open burning law in Maine, please follow the Maine Forest Ranger and DACF Facebook pages.





**CONNOR DUBORD** shows a friend how to make a flue from Japanese knotweed. Courtesy of Shannon Parker

# Hearty Roots helps GSB kids make flutes and friendships

#### **By Shannon Parker Hearty Roots**

Hearty Roots offers year-round, outdoor programming. Maine offers its share of foul weather. Last week, Great Salt Bay teens took shelter from the pouring rain to learn flute making with Josh Leatham, Hearty Roots' Outing Club Adventure Mentor, and Tali Gosselin, an Adventure Intern earning field hours as she studies psychology at Johnson and Wales.

GSB School's yurt provided the

perfect indoor/outdoor learning space for the after-school adventure activities. Fall Outing Clubs at Hearty Roots are held at schools throughout Lincoln County, and occur directly after the dismissal bell when kids are invited outside, beyond the natural surroundings of their schoolyard and into nature. Outing Clubs focus on fire building, spoon carving, belonging, flute making, shelter building, yoga, hiking, mindfulness, reflection, and connection to nature.

Looking to get your kiddo off the grid and into their heart? Hearty Roots is offering a Pop-Up Camp on Nov. 9 for kids age 8-11, as well as a Teen Retreat Weekend from Nov. 10-12.

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For more information on Hearty Roots' unique social-emotional approach to wellness and connection to nature, as well as upcoming events, hike on over to heartyroots. org. They can't wait to meet you on the trail, where journeys overlap.

## **Mid-Coast Audubon bird seed** sale fundraiser

Mid-Coast Audubon will be accepting bird seed orders through Nov. 11 to raise funds to support bird conservation and education programming. Seed must be picked up on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at one of two locations: Plants Unlimited, 629 Commercial St. (Route 1) in Rockport, or Lincoln County Publishing, 116 Mills Road, Newcastle. Please specify on your order form where you will pick up your seed.

It's a great time to stock up on seed to keep your birds healthy and happy through the winter. Five varieties will be offered this fall: Black oil sunflower seed 20 pounds for \$20, 40 pounds for \$30; Sunflower meaties (hulled) 25 pounds for \$30, or 50 pounds for \$51; Melody Mix 20 pounds for \$20, 40 pounds for \$30; Thistle (Nyger) 5 pounds for \$15; and Suet blocks, \$3 each.

Orders can be placed either online at https://midcoast-audubon. square.site/ or by mail-in form available at Mid-Coast Audubon's website, https://midcoast.maineaudubon.org/event/fall-bird-seedsale/

According to MCA President, Susan Schubel, "The bird seed sale is an important fundraiser for the

organization as all of our events are offered free to the public. Proceeds from this sale help to provide support for a number of our activities including speaker fees for our public programs, maintenance and repairs of our preserves, funds for our environmental education grants for teachers and birders, and more."

If ordering by mail, send preorder forms to "Seed Sale Sue," 12 Audubon Road, Bremen, ME 04551. For more information, contact Sue by email at sschubel at tidewater.net and put BIRD-SEED in the subject line or call (207) 380-1370.

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