

Orono Bog Boardwalk Annual Report 2013

On Tuesday, October 29, 2013 the Orono Bog Boardwalk closed the gate on another successful season of serving as the premier nature destination for those living in the greater Bangor area. This year we closed 1 month early because of the removal of the first 105 sections, 2 interpretive stations, and 1 wheelchair turnaround by the Maine Conservation Corps (see details below under Boardwalk Reconstruction). This marked the end of our 11th season. On May 1st, Maine State Representatives Ryan Tipping-Spitz (Orono) and Aaron Frey (Bangor) were our honorary season openers. Ryan Tipping-Spitz gave a well-received talk on the importance of community and volunteering, with a focus on the Boardwalk. Twenty-two people attended our opening this year. Thanks to Andy Reeve, we again have fairly accurate figures on the number of visits to the Boardwalk. We had 27,094 (+- 500) visits from May 1st to October 29th (see **Appendix 1**). This brings the total number of visits to (very) approximately 280,000 since opening in June of 2003. In the sections below we provide detailed information about publicity and events attended, docents and student intern, guided group walks, nature walks, maintenance, Boardwalk finances, the capital campaign, Boardwalk reconstruction, and the Friends group. We feel fortunate to have a core group of volunteers that have stayed active over the years and a number of new volunteers who joined us this year. However, we realize that as with any volunteer-run organization, it is important to increase our volunteer base. Our two prime goals for the coming year – to recruit, train, and retain of volunteers and to continue to raise funds for the replacement of the Boardwalk with long-lasting composite material.

As Director, I would like to thank the many individuals who have volunteered their time this past year. I would like to thank the group leaders and Management Team: Joan Martin (scheduling and volunteer coordinator); Phil Locke, maintenance coordinator; John Maddaus and Kourtney Collum, guided tours coordinators; the Capital Campaign Committee (Judy Round, Justin Poland, Jerry Longcore, Wendall Tremblay, Ron Davis and Jim Bird); Jerry Longcore, Orono Land Trust representative to the Management Team and endowment fund raising coordinator; Mark Anderson, University of Maine representative to the Management Team; and Tracy Willette, City of Bangor representative to the Management Team. I would like to thank all of the docents and guides who have contributed greatly to the operation and mission of the Boardwalk. A complete list of these dedicated volunteers can be found in **Appendix 2** at this end of this report. This year we again calculated the total number of hours our volunteers worked at or for the Boardwalk. Volunteers donated a minimum 3,930 hours of work. Using the figure of \$17.03/hour as a benchmark value for a volunteer hour in Maine (as reported by Independent Sector (http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time), we will be able to report \$66,927.90 of in-kind support when completing grant proposals.

Our year at the Boardwalk was very successful in many ways, as can be seen in the sections below.

Publicity, Events Sponsored or Attended, and Other Activities:

For the fourth consecutive year all incoming first year students at the University of Maine were required to volunteer time at area non-profit organizations. Twenty-two University of Maine incoming students plus 2 student supervisors worked at the Boardwalk for 2.5 hours on Saturday, August 31st. The students did an excellent job trimming vegetation away from the Boardwalk and making sure that shims were properly placed and that individual Boardwalk sections were aligned. They also removed built-up pine needles and leaves from between section boards.

Boardwalk volunteers held their 10th annual Orono Bog Boardwalk Yard Sale on June 15th. Forty-two (42) volunteers helped set up and staff the yard sale throughout the weekend and the result was over \$6,000 raised for our Boardwalk campaign account. This was the second most we have raised at our yard sale (last year \$7,200) See **Appendix 3** for a complete report of the yard. Thanks to all!

Mark Anderson has served as the University of Maine Representative to the Orono Bog Boardwalk management committee the past two years. Mark has decided to leave this position as of December 31st. We thank Mark for all his help and energy as we move forward with a number of Boardwalk issues. As of January 29th we are waiting for Dean Edward Ashworth (UM College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture) to appoint a replacement for Mark.

For the past several years Boardwalk volunteers have participated in the AlphaOne Information Fair, this year held at the Brewer Auditorium on May 18th. This is a great opportunity to showcase the Boardwalk to the area's disabled community and others. Jim Bird set up and took down our informational table and Boardwalk volunteers Judy Round, Joan Martin, and Phyllis Leeman staffed it throughout the day. Several people stopped by to learn about the Boardwalk and tell us how much they enjoy wheelchair access to a northern peatbog.

The Orono Bog Boardwalk had an informational table at this year's Hope Festival in April at the University of Maine Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Volunteers spoke with a number of attendees about the Boardwalk and sold Boardwalk merchandize. Our informational table was set up by John Pickering and staffed by John, Steve McKay, and Kourtney Collum. Kourtney took down the display. Thanks all.

Boardwalk volunteers (Jim Bird and Jerry Longcore) also staffed an informational and merchandise sale table at the annual Orono Festival Days on Saturday, September 7th. This was the 11th time the Boardwalk has been represented at the Orono Festival Days. We were able to talk about the Boardwalk with scores of people that stopped by our booth. We made over \$700 selling our t-shirts and Boardwalk hats. We also received some contributions.

We produced a new Boardwalk hat this year. Working with Advertising Specialists of Bangor and its co-owner Stefani Berkey, we fashioned a hat depicting a Black Bear based on a painting by our former student intern Sue Priest. We had 72 hats made and had sold a number of them by the time the Boardwalk closed in October. We thank Stefani Berkey for working with us and for her company's monetary donation to the Boardwalk. This year's hat was a little disappointing because of the proportions of the Black Bear. For next year's hat we will request that we receive a sample hat before ordering. This is our 5th hat in as many years: Leopard Frog, Pitcher Plant, Muskeg Darner, Canada Warbler, and now Black Bear. Next year's hat is still undecided.

As in previous years, Orono potter Lee Cummings made us some beautiful pottery to sell at the Boardwalk. This year she made us 15 Boardwalk Mugs. Lee donated these mugs to us and we sold all of them. In 2014 we will again have mugs. Thanks for your generosity, Lee!

This year we held out a number of interesting and valuable items from the Boardwalk yard sale for our (now) annual Potluck/Silent Auction. Boardwalk volunteers held this event on Saturday, October 19th at the Birch Street School /Senior Center in Orono. We received more than 50 additional donations from the Bangor/Orono/University of Maine community members and businesses. Over sixty people attended the event. Boardwalk volunteer Al Larsen framed some of his wonderful photographs using old deck boards. Al brought 9 framed photographs and we sold 8 of them! We were a little disappointed with the turnout at this year's potluck/silent auction but there were just so many events in the area that weekend that it is understandable. We made over \$1,800 for the Boardwalk capital campaign. Thanks to all who help set up and take down. It was truly a community event.

For the 7th year, Boardwalk volunteers (Jerry Longcore and Jim Bird) staffed a table at the University of Maine Page Farm and Home Museum Holiday Shoppe. This is a great opportunity to talk with visitors about the Boardwalk. We were able to make approximately \$200 for the Boardwalk capital campaign account through the sale of Boardwalk merchandise and contributions. Al Larsen again framed some of his photographs using old deck boards. Jessica Wade made some wonderful pendants, pins, and ear rings encasing wood and lichens from used deck boards. We sold almost all. We thank Patricia Henner, Director of the Page Farm and Home Museum, for hosting this annual event and look forward to next year's Holiday Shoppe.

Jim Bird was an invited speaker for two organizations this year: The Orono-Old Town Kiwanis meeting on October 1st and the Penobscot County Retired Educators Association on October 17th. Both talks went well and donations were received from both groups.

Docents and Student Intern:

Docents are volunteers who daily open and close the Boardwalk gate, greet visitors, inform users of Boardwalk rules, maintain the appearance of the cabin and Boardwalk, answer visitors' questions about bog natural history, sell boardwalk t-shirts, hats, and other items, provide local area information and insight, and generally oversee the day-to-day workings of the Boardwalk. Without these volunteers, a visit to the Boardwalk would be a much less satisfying experience. A complete list of Boardwalk docents can be found in **Appendix 2**. We were very fortunate to have Joan Martin again as our docent calendar scheduler this year. This year our student intern was Erin Simoneau, an undergraduate forestry student. Erin worked from May to the end of August. She did a good job and we thank her for her work.

Guided Group Walks (contributed by John Maddaus):

This year, there were 36 guided tours, of which 28 were led by boardwalk volunteer guides and 8 were led by group organizers. A total of 985 people participated in guided tours, of whom 864 participants were on tours led by boardwalk guides, and 121 on tours led by group organizers. Among the 28 tours led by boardwalk guides, 18 were K-12 school groups, 3 were scouting groups, and 7 were adult organizations. In all, 14 individuals led boardwalk tours at least once, with a total of 74 tour groups led by boardwalk guides. Of the 8 tours led by group organizers, 6 were university classes, 1 was a scouting group, and 1 was a birding group. June was the most popular month for tours (9), followed by May (8), September (7), July (5), October (4), April (2), and August (1). The April tours were two college classes; the instructor was given special permission to lead the tours before the boardwalk officially opened.

A few accounts will convey some of the flavor of the tours. First, we received the following "thank you" message from Gateway Senior Center in Orono for a tour led by Donna Dwyer on Saturday, September 21:

"Thank you to both of you, Kourtney and John. Our Bog walk this morning was absolutely delightful and wonderfully educational. Donna Dwyer did a superb job, making the bog come alive--literally--we came across a nest of many garter snakes. The little ones were incredibly curious about us, stretching up on the boardwalk to get a better look. Mama was huge and left a skin that was at least two feet long. My count of under ten [participants] was a bit short sighted as we had 11, but Donna handled the "crowd" very well. Again, many thanks for arranging it all for us. And if you had anything to do with the weather, thanks for that too. :) Emily"

And finally, on a rainy Tuesday (June 11), a student from Etna-Dixmont School gave the ultimate compliment to Phyllis Leeman:

“And I thought video games were fun!”

Go, Phyllis! And many thanks to all of our tour guides who made a walk on the boardwalk, even on a rainy day, more fun than a video game!

Special thanks to Kourtney Collum, who continued to arrange tour guides for all the walks I scheduled with group organizers, even after moving to Portland.

See **Appendix 4** for a complete list of guided walks and **Appendix 5** for a list of active guides this year. (Note added: John Pickering conducted a training session for guides, both new and old, prior to the Boardwalk opening.)

Nature Walks:

Every year we arrange for a variety of “by reservation-only” nature walks led by experts in particular areas. In March or early April, potential leaders are contacted to see if they would like to lead a nature walk related to their area of interest or expertise. We scheduled very few walks this year because of uncertainty about when the Boardwalk would close due to reconstruction. See **Appendix 6** for a list of our nature walks, leaders, and number of attendees for 2013.

Maintenance, Construction, Replacements (contributed by Phil Locke):

The Maintenance Group was kept busy this season. They replaced an estimated 300 rotting deck boards and also repaired hand rails, toe rails, and benches. They also had to replace some of the rotting under-structure here and there along the boardwalk. Most of the carpentry work and leveling was done by Phil Locke, Al Larson, Jim Bird, Jerry Longcore, Steve McKay, and Karl Hill. Fred Kircheis scraped and repainting benches and picnic tables; he also made a trip to Parker Brothers Lumber in Bradford in October to pick up a big supply of hemlock boards for repairs. The Maine Conservation Corps then replaced 400 deck boards in the space of a few days, thus giving us a head start on the 2014 season. Other volunteers trimmed back vegetation that was impinging on the boardwalk and kept the boardwalk (mostly) swept clear of fallen leaves and coniferous needles. Weekly cleaning of the outhouse was shared by 8 different volunteers, most notably Jen Beek who cleaned it 12 different times. There was no reported vandalism this season.

Note added by Jim Bird: A group of Boardwalk volunteers (Phil Locke, Karl Hill, Steve McKay, Jerry Longcore, Ron Davis, Al Larson, Jim Bird) met on November 15th to discuss the Boardwalk reconstruction. Concern was expressed about the safety of the Boardwalk in 2014 and beyond. We will replace all supports on the first 16 sections over winter with either cedar or tamarack. We will start by replacing sections 18-30 with the newly constructed sections and see how it goes. It is possible that we may have to do

more work here but will wait and see if the new sections are stable. We will continue to replace deck boards on sections 106-509 and build some new sections (deck boards only) using either cedar or tamarack as we continue to raise funds for total replacement. Jerry has contacted American Concrete about making a concrete form to replace the wood at the start of the Boardwalk (the first section rests on 4x4 hemlock which has rotted). This will be done before the new sections are installed.

Financial Information: Fund-raising (contributed by Jerry Longcore)

The Operating Fund began the fiscal year with equity of \$13,374.38. The Operating Budget is based on the current University of Maine 2013 fiscal year, which extended from July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013. During this period income was \$2,445.38 and expenses were \$5,158.01. Money pipe cash donations equaled \$2,114.61 (does NOT include the over \$700.00+ from Festival Day sales and sales of approximately \$200 at Page Museum) and donations for T-shirts and other products equaled \$1,304.62 (and does NOT include Festival Day and Page Museum sales) for a total income from these sources of \$3,519.23 plus the Festival Day and Page Museum sales, which is less than last year. Temporary investment income was \$15.21. Expenses were for Student Intern Wages (\$225.93), Postage & Shipping (\$12.25), Supplies and Materials (\$4,257.02), and Telephone and Website (\$438.12). The high cost of supplies and materials reflects a worsening condition of the boardwalk.

Endowment Fund income for the FY-2013 is unknown but likely less than \$1,000, which reflects the switch to focus on raising money for the Campaign Fund fund-raising to reconstruct the boardwalk. The total fund principal as of June 30, 2013 was \$176,573, which is still short of our \$200,000 goal. The Fair Market Value of the Endowment Fund at the end of June 2013 was \$180,843. End-of-year value for December is not available. A total for the Capital Campaign will not be available from the U of M Foundation until February 2014. Approximately \$223,000 was raised to fund Phase I of the composite sections on aluminum bases. Obtaining several grants helped reach the goal.

Boardwalk Reconstruction Campaign Committee:

The Capital Campaign Committee was re-organized this year. We do not have a chair but Jim Bird facilitates meetings. Members are Wendall Tremblay, Jerry Longcore, Ron Davis (has resigned from the committee), Judy Round, Jim Bird, and Justin Poland. The committee has been meeting regularly this year.

This year we finalized our case statement and they were printed by the UM Printing Services. Thanks to Carol Nichols for layout and design of our case statement. Judy Round took the case statement and created a shortened version (2 pages) that is perfect for handing out to people and including in letters. At present we have the following members on our capital campaign advisory committee: Mark Anderson, Judy Round, Robert Wagner, Robert Strong, Judy Horan, George Jacobson, and new member in 2013

Brad Ryder. The capital campaign committee continues to go over lists of names of potential donors. We have also compiled a list of area service groups.

In 2014, we hope to recruit more Boardwalk volunteers for the task of going out and talking with potential donors. Our former campaign consultant, Judy Collier, gave a workshop on how to approach potential donors but it was not well attended.

Jim Bird and Jerry Longcore continue to prepare grant proposals. We currently have grant proposals out to L.L. Bean (\$25,000) and the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation (\$130,000). In 2013 we received word that we received the following grants: Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation (\$20,000), The Quimby Family Foundation (\$20,000), the Betterment Fund (\$40,000 - \$20,000 in 2013 and \$20,000 in 2014), The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation (\$5,000), Orono-Old Town Kiwanis (\$700), and Reality of Maine (\$500). We also received several gifts from individual donors ranging from \$20 to \$10,000. Our proposal to the Maine Community Foundation for \$10,000 was rejected as was our proposal for \$250,000 to the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation. Our \$2,000 proposal to Darden Restaurants – Olive Garden and Longhorn Steakhouse) was also rejected. The rejection of the Darden proposal was unexpected because we were asked by the manager of Longhorn Steakhouse to submit a proposal. We will continue our proposal writing in the coming months.

On May 7, 2013 we (Jerry Longcore, Wendall Tremblay, Jim Bird) were invited to the University of Maine Fund Raising Partners meeting at UM Heritage House to give a presentation on the Boardwalk and our capital campaign. Jim Bird gave the presentation. It went very well. One result of this meeting is a meeting with Pat Cummings (UM Development Office) about identifying individuals with capacity to support us. Judy Round, Jerry Longcore, and Jim Bird will be attending the meeting.

The Rock and Art Shop, Central Street, Bangor contacted Jim Bird about hosting a benefit art silent auction of art inspired by the Boardwalk. Members of the campaign committee were at the art opening on the evening of April 25th. Jim Bird gave a short presentation about the Boardwalk and the need to reconstruct the Boardwalk. Ten+ artists contributed 25 works of art for the show and auction. We received a check from the Rock & Art Shop for \$840. Note that this is the first Bangor business that has held a fund raiser for us and we expressed our appreciation to the owner of the Rock and Art Shop.

At the end of May we had a very good article in the BDN about the Boardwalk and our campaign for reconstruction by BDN reporter Aislinn Sarnacki.

We have discussed the idea of a second kiosk at the beginning of the Boardwalk. This new kiosk will be devoted to acknowledging donors who have given money in support of the capital campaign. Judy Round and Ron Davis looked into various name

configurations of honoring our donors based on how the University of Maine Foundation recognizes their donors. The cost was very high so we will go with a poster-type sign as we now have at the kiosk. We hope to have this kiosk in place near the current kiosk by June 2014.

Judy Round noted that it would be very good to have a sign placed near section 105 (Orono, Bangor town line) when the new sections are in place. This sign would inform visitors about the campaign to replace the Boardwalk and encourage them to action in support of it. We hope to have the sign in place when we open for our 12th year.

We are confident that when the new sections are in place, our thousands of visitors and supporters will help us keep the Orono Bog Boardwalk open and free for the foreseeable future.

Boardwalk/University Connection:

Dean Edward Ashworth, College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture, University of Maine, contacted Janet Waldron, UM Vice President for Administration and Finance to set up a meeting to discuss the University of Maine's relationship with the Orono Bog Boardwalk. On July 3, 2012 members of the Boardwalk Management Team along with Dean Ashworth and Ron Davis meet with VP Waldron and UM facilities representatives. The result of the meeting was that VP Waldron appointed Mark Anderson to lead a group that will make recommendations for updating our Memorandum of Understanding with a specific focus on addressing Boardwalk ownership and liability issues.

As of January 2014 there has been no work done on the Memorandum of Understanding or on Boardwalk ownership and liability issues. Note that the fact that no work has been done on this is not a reflection on Mark. The Management Committee, once it is fully staffed, will revisit this important issue during 2014.

Boardwalk Reconstruction:

Working with University of Maine facilities staff we prepared bid documents for the reconstruction of the Boardwalk. The following volunteers were involved in bid preparations: Jim Bird, Ron Davis, Jerry Longcore, Mark Anderson, and Justin Poland. We decided to put the first 105 sections + 2 interpretive stations and 1 wheelchair turnaround out for bid. Bids were open in May and the cost exceeded what we could afford, with the low bid over \$300,000. After discussing options with UM facilities, we rejected all bids and went out for bid a second time but only for product and not labor. After discussion of various aspects of the Boardwalk sections including legs and section and float attaching mechanisms we settled on a price of \$223,600. The contract was signed and we engaged the Maine Conservation Corps (MCC) to remove the first 105 sections, 2 interpretive stations, and 1 wheelchair turnaround for a cost of \$7,000. We had hoped that we would have the newly reconstructed sections from Great Northern Docks when the MCC was working with us but this did not work out.

We closed the Boardwalk for the season on October 29th. The MCC started to work on October 30th and finished on November 4th. There was much work to do prior to the MCC starting work. Jerry Longcore and Jim Bird marked over 350 deck boards for replacement between sections 106 and 509. We order the 1x4x8 rough sawn hemlock from Parker Brothers Lumber in Bradford, ME and Fred Kircheis picked it up and delivered it to the cabin area. The generator and chop saw housed in Ron and Lee Davis's basement were retrieved by Jim and Jerry and brought to the cabin. Jerry cut the lumber into 1x4x4 pieces. It was important to have a Boardwalk volunteer with the MCC while they were on site. The following volunteered to be at the Boardwalk during 1 or more days: Mark Anderson, Jim Allen, Al Larson, Steve McKay, Ron Davis, Jerry

Longcore, and Jim Bird. The MCC was able to replace all marked deck boards as well as several railings during the first 3 days of work. Jim Bird worked along side the MCC for these 3 days. The MCC then started to remove the sections. As each section was coming off the Boardwalk on the specially designed carts that Ron Davis had made for the original construction of the Boardwalk, a Boardwalk volunteer checked it for rot, especially the center board. Those found to be rotten and beyond repair were moved to a discard site near the outhouse. Surprisingly we found that 55 of the first 105 sections could be rehabilitated and we saved them.

Because the bid process got a slow start, Steve Merriam (Great Northern Docks) was unable to deliver any of the new sections while the MCC was on site. The new sections were delivered (12/18-20) and are now on site opposite the outhouse. Jim and/or Jerry were present during delivery. Many of the pieces are chained together and Bryan Wells ordered “under surveillance” signs as well as put up two night-time video camera. Jerry and Jim helped Bryan put up the signs and cameras. Jerry took photographs of the new sections and gave them to the Bangor Police department, informing them of their presence (and value) in the City Forest.

We have much to do before we open 2014!

Boardwalk User Survey:

In 2004 and 2010 Boardwalk volunteers conducted a user survey of Boardwalk visitors. Once the newly reconstructed Boardwalk is in place we will conduct another survey. This survey will be the same one used as in 2004 and 2010; however additional questions will be asked concerning the reconstructed Boardwalk.

Webpage:

The new webpage is completed thanks to the efforts of Mark Anderson and Barbara Harrity, Publications Editor and Technology Specialist, UM Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture. We hope to have it up before we open for 2014.

Orono Bog Boardwalk Friends Group (contributed by John Pickering and Al Larson)

This past year marks the second full year of the Orono Bog Boardwalk Friends Group. At the end of December, 2013 we had 24 individual/family memberships. There were 19 non-renewals, many from out of the immediate Bangor area. Several follow-up mailings were sent to those who did not respond to the first request for renewal. In March a newsletter was sent to all members. It contained information about the Boardwalk Capital Campaign, Skunk Cabbage, the Boardwalk Yard Sale, and the upcoming “Bog Preview Gathering.” Some of the funds raised through membership are being used to pay for 2500 laminated bookmarks that are now available for fundraising as well as given

as a souvenir to people who take guided tours. No meetings were held of the Orono Bog Boardwalk Friends Group during this year. Members have not expressed an interest in a formal organization with regular meetings.

Boardwalk Camera:

Thanks to Boardwalk volunteer Bryan Wells, our Boardwalk night-time video camera functioned much of the season.

Boardwalk Vandalism:

We had no incidences of vandalism this year.

Kelley Hill Quarry:

We received word that a quarry was proposed on Kelley Road overlooking the Boardwalk. Ron Davis and Al Larson attended a public meeting held by the Orono Town Planning Board about the proposal. Jim Bird received many calls and e-mails from concerned citizens about the issue. On August 5th, Jim Bird wrote a letter to the Orono Town Planning Board expressing concerns about blasting noise and dust generation. This letter, considered part of public testimony, was also provided to local radio T.V., and print news media who requested comments from Jim. Many Orono residents attended a meeting of the planning board on October 16th to express concerns. Ron was one of several community members who spoke about the negative effects of a quarry near the Orono Bog and the Boardwalk. On December 4, 2013, Thornton Construction, Inc. (the company that was going to do the quarrying) wrote a letter to the Orono Town Planning Committee saying they were withdrawing their application for a site plan review.

Conclusion:

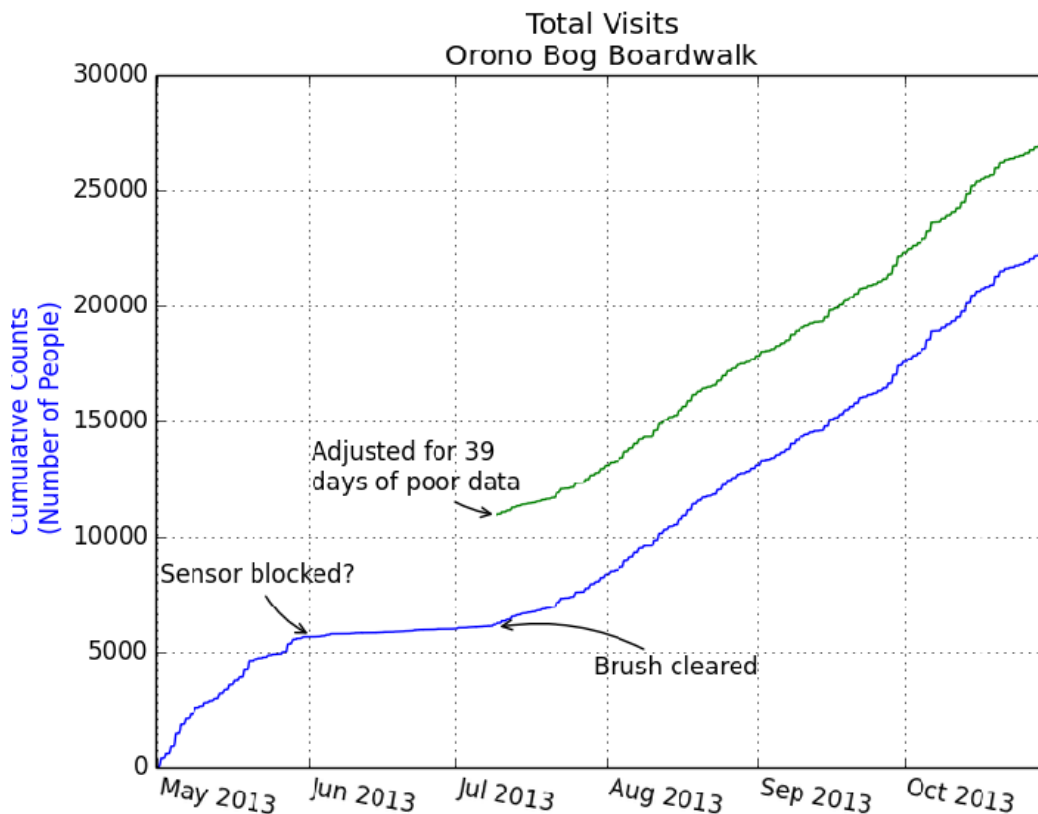
We have accomplished much this year. I look forward to our next season as we install the first 105 reconstructed Boardwalk sections, expand our volunteer base, increase our educational outreach to area schools and other groups, and raise funds for Boardwalk reconstruction. Please note that I have tried to include all that we have accomplished this year. If I have missed something or neglected to mention a volunteer, please let me know.

Thank you all!

Jim Bird
Orono Bog Boardwalk Director
1/29/2014

Appendix 1: Boardwalk Counter Data – 2013

We again had our electric-eye counter thanks to Andy Reeve. One problem this year was that for 39 days in June and the first part of July, vegetation grew up and blocked the counter. We finally figured out why we had such low number when the counter was checked and we trimmed back the vegetation and kept it trimmed for the rest of the season. Andy feels that the adjusted plot in green (top line) is a good reflection (+- 500) on actual number of visits.



Appendix 2: Orono Bog Boardwalk Organizational Chart

Orono Bog Boardwalk----Organizational Chart of Working Groups, Volunteer Staff and Advisory Committee, 25 NOV 2013	
	<u>Working Group or Advisory Committee Members (X)</u>

<u>Directorate</u> (Management Committee = Director + organizational representatives)	<u>Fund-Raising / Public Relations / Capital Campaign</u>	<u>Maintenance / Construction / Replacements</u>	<u>Nature Walks / Speakers Bureau / Res. Permits</u>	<u>Guided Group Nature Walks</u>	<u>Docent Scheduler / Student Intern</u>	<u>Advisory Committee / Other</u>
Jim Bird, Director University of Maine Office: 581-1697 Jim.bird@umit.maine.edu	X Cap Campaign Speakers Bureau, Guide, Docent	X	Nature Walk Organizer			X ex-officio
Tracy Willette, City of Bangor Phone: 992-4490 Tracy.willette@Bangormaine.gov	X	X				
Mark Anderson, University of Maine Office: 581-3198 mark.Anderson@umit.maine.edu	X Cap Campaign					
Jerry Longcore, Orono Land Trust Home: 866-3104 injlongcore@myfairpoint.net	Leader, Endow. Fund Cap Campaign		Walk Leader, Speakers Bureau	Guide		
<u>Committee Members</u>						
Aaron, Jacob						
Barry, Jean					Docent	
Bird, Jim	X	X	Walk Leader		Docent	
Bird, Mary			Walk Leader			
Brogunier, Hope		X			Docent	
Burns, Kathy		X			Docent	
Carter, Daryl		X			Docent	

Carter, Kay		X		Guide	Docent	
Collum, Kourtney		X		Guide		
Conlon, Karen				Guide ?		
Cummings, Lee						Makes pottery
Davis, Ron	X, Cap Campaign	X	Walk Leader	Guide	Docent	
Davis, Lee					Docent	
Diebold, Christina					Docent	
Dwyer, Donna					Docent	
Ellis, Jerry		X				
Emerson, Carrie					Docent	
Forbes, Calvin		X			Docent	
Franklin, Sonia					Docent	
Friedman, Barbara					Docent	
Hill, Karl		X				
Hinds, James			Walk Leader			
Hinds, Pat			Walk Leader			
Jones, Kris					Docent	
Kingman, Sarah					Docent	
Kircheis, Fred		X has trailer				
Lamb, Ron		X				
Larson, Al 947-3513 aronal@hotmail.com				Guide	Docent	
Larson, Nancy					Docent	
Ledwith, Jerry		X			Docent	
Leeman, Phyllis				Guide	Docent,	
Locke, Phil 942-5471 philhelenbangor@yahoo.com	Cap Campaign	Leader		Guide	Docent	
Longcore, Joyce					Docent	
Longcore, Jerry	Cap Campaign		Walk Leader	Guide	Docent	

Lund, Jennifer			Walk Leader			
Maddaus, John 866-4339 John_maddaus@umit.maine.edu	Cap Campaign			Co-Leader, Guide		
Markson, Paul		X	Walk Leader		Docent	
Martin, Joan 942-5309 jmartin@maine.edu	Cap Campaign				Schedule s docents	
McKay, Steve					Docent	
Nagy, Edwin		X				
Norton, Libby					Docent	
Olsen, Brian			Walk Leader			
Pickering, John 866-2606 John_pickering@umit.maine.edu				Guide	X	
Poland, Justin 942-2807	Cap Campaign				Docent	
Reeve, Andy			Walk Leader	Guide	Counter tender	
Round, Judith 581-5100 round@maine.edu	X					
Scaccia, Matthew		X				
Scholten, Jody	X				Docent	
Schwintzer, Christa			Walk Leader			
Simoneau, Erin					Student Intern	
Smith, Genevieve		X		Guide	Docent	
Spinney, Diane					Docent	
Tremblay, Wendall 866-4531 wendalltre@aol.com	Cap Campaign	X		Guide	Docent	
Wells, Pam						
Wells, Bryan bwells@oakleafs.com		X				Security Cameras
Trudy Tremblay campaign						

Lola Bullion	<u>Docent</u>					
Jen Beek Adrienne Leppold		X				

Appendix 3: 2013 Yard Sale

10th annual Orono Bog Boardwalk Yard sale – 2013

The 10th annual Boardwalk yard sale was a huge success thanks to five factors: 1) the weather was perfect both days of the sale; 2) the publicity for the sale equaled last years’ which was the best we have ever had; 3) we had the highest number of volunteers ever helping with both the sale and “the aftermath” - 45 volunteers contributing 384 person hours; 4) we had an astounding number of donations; 5) the customers just kept on coming. Because of all this, we made over \$6,000 – our 2nd highest total in 10 years!

Donations started early and by April of 2013, we’d gotten a good number of drop-offs and donations. Fast forward to mid-May and we were getting 5 drop-offs a week. Jerry and Jim picked up a number of donations in May including 2 truck loads from a University of Maine professor moving out of state. By the first week in June, we were receiving donations every day. In the week before the sale we were up to five or ten drop-offs a day. Thanks to our behind-the-scenes publicity volunteer Lynn DeGrenier, the yard sale was announced on radio and television community bulletin boards. Lynn also provided us with a drop-off point in Orono for yard sale donations and actively collected donations from many people.

The day before the sale, Jerry and I made several more pickups. Along with Steve McKay and his wife we made two trips to Lynn’s house to pick up scores of items that had been collected. Working with Al and Nancy Larsen, Paul Markson, and Steve McKay we picked up all of the donations that had been stored in our Kelly Road storage shed. (Note: Lynn DeGrenier arranged the 3 month donation of a 10x10 storage unit from Kelly Road Shelf Storage.) We (Jim, Jerry, and Al Larson) also had to pick up the 35 eight-foot tables we’d rented, and it still wasn’t enough! Rocky Robichaud set up his 20x20 tent in the front yard for us – something he’s done for us every year of the sale. On Friday evening, Jerry and I made our last pick-up. By 8pm the night before the sale, our garage, attic, driveway, dining room, living room, mud room, and front hall were overflowing with yard sale items.

Saturday, June 16th:

Mary and I along with Ron Lamb were out putting up the tables at 4:15 am, and we had more than 10 volunteers by 5:00. Our first customer arrived roughly an hour later. He had

to wait awhile, because as we did last year we were strictly observing the no-sales-until-8-am rule. By opening time, at least 70 people lined the sidewalk in front of our home. When the “go” was given and volunteer Sharon Fitzgerald dropped the rope keeping people from the sale items, it was a mad rush to the sale items. This was the second year that we opted to have a treasure table, where we displayed the items that we felt were valuable enough to fetch high prices. Judy Round and her daughter Kim Round staffed this table. We set up our clothes tables up and down the driveway – there was not enough room for the 25 trash bags worth of clothes that had been donated. We had tools, household items, toys, books, furniture (at least 25 chairs including 6 rockers), sports equipment (including many pairs of skis), bicycles, and lawn and garden equipment. What was really amazing about the sale is that we had very few items for sale over \$80 (1 or 2 items). When we stopped selling at 5pm, we still had a number of volunteers on hand (and more stopped by) to move the items back up the driveway and cover the tables with tarps. Holding with tradition, a few of us stuck around to gather inside and count the money. The final tally for Saturday was over \$5,500 .

Sunday, June 17th:

This time we started around 9:30am and called it quits at 3:00pm. In those 5.5 hours, we made another \$600. A typical take for Sunday is \$200. With 15 volunteers gathered at the sale by 3:00pm, cleanup was done by 5:00pm. Almost all of the leftover items were donated to local organizations. Al and Nancy Larson and Steve McKay made trips to Goodwill. Jerry Longcore did as well. Molly MacLean took the many bags of clothing to the Orono Thrift Shop. Mary and I made another trip to Goodwill following the yard sale and inventoried items for Habitat for Humanity Restore. To donate to Habitat for Humanity, people are required to email a list of items being donated which must then be approved by the Restore. All items were accepted and picked up by the last week in June. Chris Luthin, Orono High School teacher and drama coach stopped by and took several items of clothing for use by the drama department.

Unbelievably, we still have more than 20 boxes of books and household items that we were never even able to put out in the sale, as well as several pieces of furniture. This by way of saying that we’ve already got a good start for next year! Over the past 10 years the Boardwalk yard sale has raised over \$40,000 for our operations account, the endowment fund, and/or the capital campaign. By its tenth year, the yard sale has become a true community event. At the end of these summaries I always say, “let’s surpass what we made this year at our next yard sale.” This was to be our last yard sale for a while but because we have so many unsold items we will have one more yard sale in June 2014.

Jim Bird

January 20, 2014

Yard Sale Committee: Jim & Mary Bird, Jerry Longcore, Lynn DeGrenier

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2013 Yard Sale volunteers – Thank You!

Jim & Mary Bird	Jerry & Joyce Longcore	Adrienne Leppold	Becky VanBeneden
Lynn DeGrenier	Nancy Michaud	Rocky Robichaud	Christina Diebold
Daryle Carter	John Pickering	Ron Lamb	
Steve McKay	Genevieve Smith	Wendall & Trudy Tremblay	Glen Koehler
Molly MacLean	Al & Nancy Larson	Jen Lund	Paul Markson
Jean Barry	Stom Ohno & Sue Erich	Norah Bird	Will St. Peter
Jim Bulteel & Melissa Burch	Peter Altmann Lauren Hain	Judy Round	Phil & Helen Locke
Genevieve Smith	Rissa Moore	Ron & Meg Logan	Gregory Innis
Carol & Al Evans	John & Katie Greenman	Sharon Fitzgerald	

Appendix 4: Guided walks 2012

Date	Group	Number Attending	Grade/Age
April 24?	UMA BIO 310	19+2	College
April 25?	UMA BIO 310	18+2	College
May 2	Girl Scout Troop 1121 Orono	12+4	Grade 2-5

May 8	Deer Isle Stonington Elementary School	25+6	Kindergarten
May 15	North Star Christian School, Hermon	8+2	Grades 7-12
May 16	Airline Community School, Aurora	11+4	Grades K-2
May 17	Ridge View Central School, Dexter	66+4	Grade 8
May 19	Girl Scout Troop 1122, E. Corinth	23+6	Grades K-5
May 24 (rescheduled to 5/29)	Brooksville Elementary School and Penobscot Community School	25+?	Grades 3-4
May 28	Bangor Christian School	25+6	Grade 7
June 4	McGraw Elementary School, Hampden	50+19	Grade 2
June 6	McGraw Elementary School, Hampden	75+3	Grade 2
June 8	LL Bean Employee Outing	18	Adults

June 10	Center Drive School, Orrington	46+23	Grade 3
June 11	Etna-Dixmont School RSU 19	48+10	Grades 3 & 5
June 13	Gateway Senior Center, Orono	7	Seniors
June 17	Enfield Station School, SAU 31	44+10	Kindergarten
June 24	Sunbury Village	12+?	Seniors
June 26	Augusta Nature Club	13	Seniors
July 15	OHS International	4	Adults
July 19	Acadian International Program/ UM Partnership	12	Adults
July 24	Governor Baxter Day bird walk	2+2	Grade 4
July 24	James F. Doughty School Summer Reading Program	8+2	Grades 6-8
July 30	Girl Scout Troop 1293, Levant	11+6	Ages 6-12
August 15	Hampden Garden Club	12	Adults
September 16	UMA-Bangor BIO class	1-+1	College

September 16	UM SFR 434 Rec site planning	20+1	College
September 17	UMA-Bangor BIO class	10+	College
September 18	Orono Middle School	50+9	Grade 7
September 21	Gateway Senior Center, Bangor	11	Seniors
September 24	UM class EES 117	20+1	College
September 30	Deer Isle Stonington	26+1	Kindergarten
October 2	James Doughty School, Bangor	4+3	Kindergarten
October 5	Cub Scout, Pack 428, Pittsfield	12+11	Ages 6-7
October 15	Bangor Christian School	13+2	Grade 11
October 15	All Saints Catholic School, Bangor	50+5	Grades 4 & 7
Note – Boardwalk closed at end of October for reconstruction			

Phyllis Leeman	Kourtney Collum	Ron Davis	Erin Simoneau
Donna Dwyer	Al Larson	Phil Locke	Jerry Longcore
John Maddaus	John Pickering	Claire Westervelt	Andy Reeve
Wendall Tremblay		Derek Brockman	

Appendix 6: Nature Walks 2013

Date	Title	# Attending	Leaders
May 4	Early Migrant Mayhem	12	Brian Olsen
May 11	Short Distant Migrants	12	Bill Glanz & Bob Milardo
June 8	Bog Knit in Public Day	10	Mary Bird
July 13	Insects of the Bog	6	Jennifer Lund