



Tickets for *Paint for Preservation - Wet Paint Auction* Sunday, July 9th, Are Going Fast!

Get your tickets [here](#) or call our office at 207-767-6054. You don't want to miss this premiere art auction and gala celebrating the most beautiful places in Cape Elizabeth.

Thirty highly accomplished artists will be painting outdoors - *en plein air* - at designated locations throughout Cape Elizabeth, from July 7th through July 9th. Watch CELT's website and Facebook page, and *The Cape Courier*, for maps showing the artist locations.



Artist Judy Taylor. Photo by Bob Harrison.

The newly painted pieces will then be sold at a live auction and catered reception on Sunday evening, July 9th (4-7:30 p.m.), at a stunning venue overlooking Richmond Island. In addition, to allow more people to bring home wonderful artwork, Mystery Boxes containing smaller works by Paint for Preservation artists will be available for \$250. Cape Elizabeth's own Brett Cary is putting together a delectable array of appetizers featuring locally-sourced foods, and saxophone quartet Cul de Sax will provide live music for the 400 guests.

Paint for Preservation is CELT's biggest fundraiser of the year. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a beautiful evening celebrating both human and natural artistry! **Reserve your tickets** today. See you there!

Sunday is Father's Day! Need a Gift?

Looking for that perfect last-minute gift? How about CELT's map of Cape Elizabeth trails? And a great water bottle to go with it? We have both flat posters and folded maps to take along on Dad's hikes - perfect for a family outing. They're only \$5 each; the water bottles are \$20.

Stop by our office, 9-4 Monday through Friday, to pick up the goods. If you give us a call, we can mail the folded map at no additional



charge. (Mailing the poster and water bottle would require shipping and handling charges.) We will also have maps and water bottles for sale at our booth at Family Fun Day at Fort Williams this coming Saturday.

Or, if you're an online shopper, you can still support CELT. When shopping for other gifts on Amazon, designate CELT to receive a donation! Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) for more

details.



Goodbye Linden! Education Coordinator Position Open

Over the past 12 years the CELT Education Committee has established itself as a partner with Cape Elizabeth Schools, developing and implementing many programs that are now established standards within the yearly curriculum.

For the past two school years, Linden Rayton, CELT's Education Coordinator, has continued the tradition of offering fun and educational programming to students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linden, as she and her family will be moving to New Hampshire later in the summer. Linden has been an exceptional coordinator of the numerous educational offerings. She has brought creativity, vision, dedication and enthusiasm to expand the already successful programs in the schools and offer new programming for the Cape Elizabeth Community.

The Education Coordinator position, a part-time, grant-funded position at CELT, will be re-filled this summer. The position description is available on [our website](#). If you know anyone who would be interested in this opportunity please let them know about it!

Thank you, and thank you Linden! - Cindy Krum



Linden working her magic in the classroom!

It Was a Good Spring for Environmental Education

Spring is our busiest season for education programs. Throughout April, May and June we helped 346 Pond Cove Elementary students get outside and appreciate their local environment! This is thanks to a lot of hard work from teachers, parent chaperones, and especially the devoted Education Volunteers who led many of these programs. This spring eleven folks donated their time and talent to ensuring our students could explore and be inspired by the nature around them. Thank you, everyone!



Some highlights from our spring programs:

- During the 4th grade field trip to Robinson Woods, students delighted in holding spotted salamander egg masses and used polarized glasses to look for more masses in the nearby vernal pool.
- While doing our 2nd grade experiments (you may have seen the garbage bags on trees outside CELT's

office), students got practical experience in using a ruler and an iPad for scientific purposes. (Both were equally challenging!)

- When "dipnetting" in the Robinson Woods pond, 3rd graders caught all sorts of things, including a baby Painted Turtle, a small fish, and a tadpole.

It was a good spring for environmental education, even with all the cold and rain!

Seeking Gardeners to Help with School Project

Did you know that Pond Cove Elementary School has several raised-bed gardens? Maybe your children planted seedlings, harvested and made salsa, or dug up and donated potatoes to Judy's Pantry. This wonderful program was started in 2008 by CELT volunteer Beth Owens as part of a school-wide effort to "green the schools." Beth, along with husband Tony Owens and a few great assistant gardeners, have continued the program throughout the last nine years as a collaboration between CELT and the school.



After such a great tenure, Beth is stepping down as the Garden Project manager. We have been blessed to have such a wonderful volunteer and deeply appreciate all she has done. Thank you Beth!

Now we're looking for a few volunteers to replace her and form a Pond Cove Garden Committee. If you enjoy working with children and love gardening, this could be a good fit for you. It's a year-long effort, with classroom visits in the early spring, planting in the late spring, coordinating summer watering, harvesting in the fall, and putting the beds to rest for the winter. It's a wonderful way to connect kids to soil, seeds, food for themselves and food for the wider community. Training and other support is provided. If you're

interested in learning more details, please [contact Tara Bucci](#). Thank you!

Naturalist's Corner: The World of Bug Repellents

As someone who has always been more prone to bug bites than others around me, I care a lot about bug repellent. Here is a short review of the active ingredients in bug repellents you might be inclined to buy this summer:

- **DEET**. Developed by the U.S. Army in 1946 and widely used as an insecticide starting in 1953. There are long-running controversies regarding exactly how DEET repels insects, as well as its safety for humans and wildlife. One [2009 study](#) found that when combined with carbamates and organophosphates (two other common pesticides), DEET had a toxic effect on mammalian nervous systems. For kids, concentrations lower than 30% are recommended.
- **Picaridin**. This synthetic compound was developed in Europe in the 1980s and has been available in the US since 2005. [Consumer Reports](#) currently names this as their highest-recommended insect repellent. It was developed as a safer alternative to DEET; there is no evidence of harm from this chemical.
- **Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus**. This is a chemically-synthesized version of lemon eucalyptus oil, so it's considered a natural compound. It was also top-rated in that [Consumer Reports](#) study.
- **IR3535**. This is another plant-based compound developed in Europe. It has been used there for decades and there has been no evidence of harm to humans or the environment.
- **Permethrin**. Permethrin is a synthetic that acts like a natural extract from chrysanthemums. It is for use on clothing only and is the compound found in some clothing lines. It does not harm or irritate skin, but offers no benefits if applied to skin. It is believed to not accumulate in the environment and can kill ticks that linger on treated fabric.



The medical community does not recommend putting insect repellent on infants younger than 2 months. Make sure you apply your repellent according to the directions on the container; its effectiveness is based on those directions. There are many essential oils that can be used as bug repellents (rosemary, citronella, lemongrass) and lots of DIY online recipes. They are effective, but often only for 30 minutes.

Choose your armor, then get outside and enjoy the weather!

- Linden Rayton, CELT Education

Coordinator



Black swallowwort (*Cynanchum louiseae*) is a common invasive in Maine

Learn More About Invasive Species Management this July

Invasive plant species management is an important topic for CELT and probably for many of you as you tend to your own yards this summer.

To learn more about invasive plants in Maine, stop by the Thomas Memorial Library (lower level) during the month of July when CELT Stewardship Committee member Andrea Southworth will have an exhibition of artwork and information on invasive plant species, created by her Maine College of Art and Southern Maine Community College students.

Land is My... Video Contest

With summer (finally!) in the air, it's the perfect time to get out and enjoy the incredible lands here in Cape Elizabeth and surrounding towns. How do you connect with the land? Do you play on it? Make your living from it? Explore it?

We invite you to share your appreciation of and connection to the land with us by shooting a video and entering it in the Land Trust Alliance, [Land Is My... Video Contest](#).

Videos should be short, no more than two minutes, and illustrate how you connect with the land and how that makes your life better. You could win \$500, \$1,000 or \$2,000, plus the chance to designate the land trust of your choice (CELT!) to receive \$10,000!

Here's an [easy-to-use tutorial on how to make a video](#). Submission of videos doesn't begin until September, so you can spend the next few months planning and filming your video about what land means to you.



Photo by Martha Agan.

From Our Executive Director...

Please Welcome Summer Stewardship Intern Aidan Black

Thanks to a grant provided by Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Aidan Black has joined the CELT staff for the summer; he'll work with us through August 18th! Aidan started June 12th with a week-long training on Mount Desert Island held by MCHT for all of their sponsored interns.

In May, Aidan completed his junior semester abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark where he focused on sustainable development. At the end of the summer, he'll return to Colby College to complete his senior year with a major in Environmental Policy. Aidan was an intern for the Greater Lovell Land Trust in Lovell, Maine last summer. His experience there varied from creating trails to working on a management plan for a new property. Stewardship Committee members and myself will work closely with Aidan to complete some

important stewardship initiatives. We are so happy that he's joining our team!



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