

2001 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Conservation and Stewardship

- 475 acres protected
- Choice View Farm campaign completed (Dresden) - multiple partners and grants
- Two properties on Pork Point (Bowdoinham) - partner with Nature Conservancy
- Palmer Meadow Pond (Pittston/Dresden/Alna)
- Two conservation easements (Pittston/Dresden; Bowdoinham)

Research

- Water Quality Monitoring
- Sediment Data - initial results published
- Boat Survey
- Watershed Nutrient Flow (UNH)
- On going work with Mussels Project and planning for Currents Study

Advocacy

- Jet Ski Posters and Handouts
- Began outreach to area towns on sprawl; data from Sewall Report
- Provisional water quality test results to the DEP

- Overboard discharge elimination work
- Cooperative Efforts with Maine Toxics Action Coalition: Fish Consumption Advisories, West Nile Virus, Mercury Amalgam, Pesticides
- Comments/Testimony: SAPPI relicensing; Marinas (Richmond, Bowdoinham); Citizens Referendum; Salmon/Aquaculture problems; Route 1 Corridor; National Energy Policy/Clean Air/ ANWR

Education

- Spring and Fall Bay Days (500 students)
- Merrymeeting Bay Curriculum development
- Resource Directory updated and distributed

Membership

- 300 members
- Speaker Series
- Paddle Series
- Clean Up
- Newsletters
- Web Site Updates
- Trek to the Sea co-sponsor

AWARDS

Several of those intimately involved with FOMB's achievements received recognition in 2001 for their environmental work. Receiving two of the three EPA Merit Awards given to individuals in Maine were Karin Tilberg and Ed Friedman. Karin, a member of our Conservation and Stewardship committee and former Board member was recognized for her land conservation work as Maine Director of the Northern Forest Alliance, a coalition of approximately 40 groups working to protect our northern forests. Ed, our Chair, received the award for his leadership of FOMB, pushing our use of innovative techniques like caged bivalve monitoring to solve real problems, and for his work on toxics statewide with the Maine Toxics Action Coalition. Our Vice-Chair, Andy Cutko, is an ecologist for the Maine Natural Areas Program at the Department of Conservation (DOC). Andy received the DOC Employee of the Year award for his outstanding work on the Green Certification of logging practices and for his constant work on rare plants and habitats in the state. Congratulations to all three of you and thanks for sharing your skills and enthusiasm with FOMB.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 13 **SPEAKER SERIES: THE POPHAM COLONY. BUD WARREN, MARINE HISTORIAN.**
Beam Classroom, Visual Arts Center, Bowdoin College, Brunswick. 7:00pm

APRIL 10 **SPEAKER SERIES: NUTRIENT FLOW IN THE MERRYMEETING BAY WATERSHED.**
Ted Loder, Chris Hunt, University of New Hampshire. Beam Classroom, Visual Arts Center, Bowdoin College, Brunswick. 7:00pm

MAY 8 **SPEAKER SERIES: LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF THE BAY. GARY LAWLESS, POET.**
Bridge Academy, Dresden. 7:00pm

MAY 14. **BAY DAY AT CHOP POINT SCHOOL, WOOLWICH.**
Hundreds of elementary school students get up close and personal with the Bay. Contact Whit at 666-3376 if you'd like to volunteer.

MAY 18. **MERRYMEETING BAY CLEANUP!**
Saturday at 11:00pm to catch the low tide. Site to be determined after the ice clears out from the shore. Call Whit at 666-3376 if you'd like to volunteer. Bring gloves and mud boots!
Rain date 5/19.