

## **Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2017 Accomplishments**

### **Media**

Print: (Over 12), Archaeology, Kennebec dredging, Presumpscot River CWA, Education, Speaker Series, the Bay, Outings, etc.

### **Volunteers**

Approximately 4009 volunteer hours (501 days)  
150 volunteers

### **Membership**

442 households  
Speaker Series – (336 people)  
Outside 2017 (Paddle Series, Walks, etc.) – 130 people.  
Newsletters – 4

### **Grants**

\$10,000- Staffing  
\$3,400- Dresden Falls Archaeology-Ground Penetrating Radar Survey

### **Outreach Presentations**

Maine Maritime Museum Cruises & Paddles (80 participants)

### **Education**

Two Bay Days (363) students, 10 schools)  
School Visits (69 visits, 1180 students, 43 teachers, 12 schools)  
Non-School Visits (450 people): library summer series and science night  
Web site updates

### **Conservation and Stewardship**

Complete 46 acre easement  
Additional easements in progress  
Continuous landowner outreach  
Ongoing stewardship activities  
Control two phragmites stands in Bowdoinham  
Monitor all easement & fee properties

### **Research**

Water Quality Monitoring – 18 sites  
Carp Tracking Study Completed  
Thwings Pt. Archaeology Dig  
Dresden Falls Ground Penetrating Radar Survey  
Begin 10-year Vegetation and Land Use Update process

### **Advocacy (postings, letters, testimony, etc.)**

Submit Lower Androscoggin Upgrade Proposal  
Lawsuit-GMO Atlantic salmon  
Healthy Rivers/Healthy Gulf promoting safe fish passage  
Smart Meters  
Posting Fish Consumption Advisories  
Presumpscot R. CWA-FERC & agency comments

#### **Primary Partners**

Friends of Casco Bay  
The Archaeological Conservancy  
Kennebec Reborn  
Avian Haven  
Maine Coalition to Stop Smart Meters  
Bowdoin College Environmental Studies  
Bowdoin College Arctic Studies Center  
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Maine Maritime Museum  
Department of Marine Resources  
Bowdoinham Public Library  
Maine Land Trust Network  
Friends of Sebago Lake  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Patagonia Outlet, Freeport  
Chops Point School  
Piti Theatre Co.  
Curtis Memorial Library