



Monadnock Chapter Trout Unlimited

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President's Message

The year draws to a close, soon it will snow and we will have to read books to get our fix of trout. As luck would have it we will be raffling off a few books, along with some other items at the **Holiday meeting on**



December 18th – bring a few cookies or a snack (we will provide Hot Cider) – and come down and talk fish and fishing for a while. We will also be passing around pictures of the past year's fishing exploits – bring pictures, stories, and a little imagination.

This year has been a good one for Monadnock Trout Unlimited, with familiar projects alongside an addition or two. We continue to provide funds and volunteer hours to support the **Salmon-in-the-Classroom project**, with five schools in Keene and the Harrisville/Marlboro extension program. Through last winter we had speakers at our **monthly meetings** along with coffee and a **fly swap and raffle**. The **fly tying class** was again a success, and will return in January of 2009. In the spring we had a **banquet**, did some **float stocking** and had our **annual camp-out** on the Sugar River. We carried on into summer with **monthly field meetings**, and sponsored a student at the Great Bay TU Chapter's **Trout Camp** in northern NH. This fall we initiated an MTU matching grant for \$1,000 of member contributions for the **Willard Pond Fund** to buy the last

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Holiday Party Slated for December 18th

In what is slowly but surely becoming a holiday tradition, right up there with eating too much turkey and spending too much money the day after Thanksgiving, Monadnock Trout Unlimited is once again hosting the ever popular "Holiday Party." Known for its bucket raffles, fellowship, and fine dining, the party promises to be a grand success this year.

Tal Gregory is looking for some assistance with food and activities. If you can bring some cookies, cheese and crackers, or the ever popular Swedish meatballs, please give Tal a call.

Do it now. His number is 352-8673.



Seth Farmer displays a prize from last year's party. Rumor has it that one or both of the above will be attending the party in 2008.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15, 2008 Willard Pond Fundraiser Deadline, have your money in by today to qualify for matching funds! See page 4.

December 18, 2008 MTU General Meeting, Dublin Library. Come join us for the Holiday Party. Food and fun start at 6:30, informal fly tying at 5:30.

January 6, 2008 Fly Tying Classes, Keene Rec Center. Beginner and Advanced, \$75 per six week session. Call George 352-7858.

January 16-18, 2008, Fly Fishing Show, Marlborough, MA. See website for updates.

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The newsletter of Chapter 333 of Trout Unlimited is published monthly during the off-season, and more or less as needed during the summer. Submissions in any form are highly encouraged. Please send stories, photos, suggestions, or hot fishing tips to the Secretary.

The Monadnock Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dublin Library. All facets of trout fishing and habitat preservation are discussed, and anyone with an interest in fish or fishing is welcome. Check the website for the latest calendar.

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remaining piece of shoreline on that wonderful preserve. I'm glad to say that we raised over \$1,000, and so sent NH Audubon a check for \$2,000 with more to come at the time of this writing. This was thanks in large part to the efforts of Cheryl Burrows, who called many of our members to describe this project and solicit donations. Thanks Cheryl!

Also this fall we kicked off our 2009 fundraiser, the 2nd MTU 20/20. Tickets are \$20, and there are two \$20 winners for 19 weeks, with two final drawings, one for \$500 and one for \$1000. This was very successful for the chapter in 2007, and so we are going to try again so we can continue to fund all of the community projects we are involved with: Salmon-in-the-classroom, Trout Camp, Willard Pond, and the **Peterborough Kid's Derby**.

You may have noticed that we are not producing the newsletter every month. This is because we are trying to save limited resources for other kinds of work. We will continue to publish two or three newsletters a year. For listings of upcoming events, meeting dates and articles, please visit our website www.monadnocktu.org. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Over all things are going well for Monadnock Trout Unlimited. We are reaching out into the community and making a difference, and having some fun while we are at it. The only thing I would ask of you is: come to a meeting and get involved. There is a lot still to do to foster the health of our local rivers, streams and lakes. And lots of opportunities to get kids (and adults) involved in enjoying and maintaining them.

Tal

Outreach Projects Gain Momentum

Several events took place over the last year to help Monadnock TU improve its image in the community, which in turn allows it to better carry out its mission. As a finale to last winter's Fly Swap, members decided to forgo the swap part, and donate the flies to Casting for Recovery. The flies were placed in chapter-donated fly boxes, and sent off to be used during one of the group's weekend retreats. See the Fly Tying page on the website for details, and the thank you letter.

In early summer, Tal Gregory, Mike Elkavitch, and Jim Sullivan presented TU at the Men's Health day at Hamshaw Lumber. They demonstrated fly casting, tying, and answered questions about MTU.

In September, Larry Antonuk, Tim McMahan, Jim Holley, and Cheryl Burrows attend the Eastern States Exposition, in Springfield, MA, for two days of fly tying demos and Wooley Bugger instruction for the kids.

All great examples of what it takes to get the message out!



What's Going On???



Cheryl Burrows gets talked into a purchase at the Spring Tackle Swap



Tal Gregory releases this nice rainbow during the Annual Campout on the Sugar River.



A small contingent explored the Westfield River in Mass.



Larry Antonuk caught this nice brown on the South Branch of the Ashuelot, on Rt. 12 in Keene.



Tim McDaniel, ex-MTU president, had to go all the way to Lake Erie to catch this fine specimen.



The Willard Pond Field Meeting was well attended.



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natural environment
for wildlife...*



Willard 6/25/07

and for people.



Willard 6/27/08

Elsa Tudor dePierrefeu established the Audubon sanctuary at Willard Pond in 1967. Elsa lost her husband to World War I. Her vision of sanctuary was strong — and it included wildlife. “For peace among all beings,” reads the commemoration rock at sanctuary entrance. Further land donations by her family, and land conservation initiatives of the Harris Center and N.H. Audubon, have expanded Elsa’s sanctuary to 1,400 acres.

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WILLARD POND *Forever Wild* PROJECT

To conserve the last unprotected property on Willard Pond through the purchase of 45 acres with more than 1,000 feet of shoreline frontage:

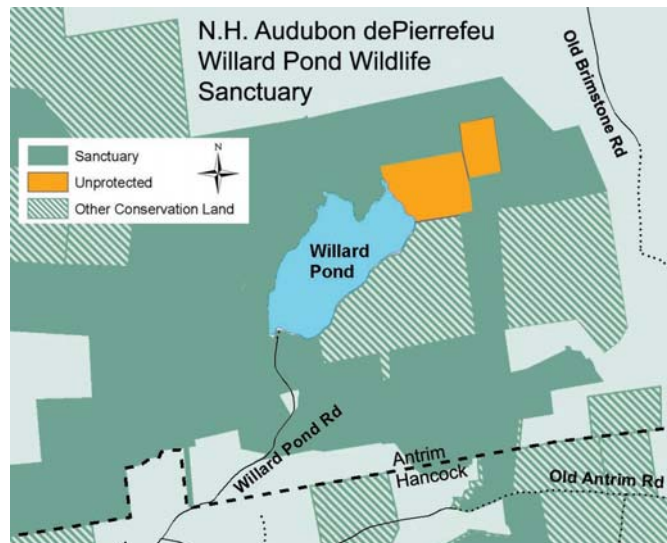
Fundraising goal: \$85,000

Purchase deadline: January, 2009

Early pledges from N.H. Audubon Board and
dePierrefeu Family: \$31,000

For wildlife, the 1,400-acre N.H. Audubon dePierrefeu Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in Antrim and Hancock helps form a continuum of conserved land that provides important habitat and migration corridors.

For people, the Sanctuary offers wilderness trails, water access and vistas that include the rarity of a pristine, undeveloped shoreline. For many, it’s where we bring visitors for an introduction to the wonders of the Monadnock Region.



Please help complete the Sanctuary!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to **NHAudubon Willard Pond Campaign**

\$ _____ Mail to N.H. Audubon, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 03301

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

I wish this donation to be anonymous

Please spread word of this project to those who value the uniqueness of Willard Pond.

For further information, contact Francie Von Mertens, 603.924.6550.

Double Your Money! Send your check made out to *Trout Unlimited, Monadnock Chapter*, and write “*Willard Pond Fund*” in the memo line. Send to P.O. Box 452, Marlborough, NH, 03455, and MTU will match funds up to the first \$1000!