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Welcome!

With grant applications due near the longest (and sometimes most beautiful) day of the year, I have been inspired to paraphrase the 19th century New England poet James Russell Lowell:

And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then if ever come perfect days.
June twenty four, grant requests due at noon;
Applicants hope their hard work pays!

We welcome summer intern Ben Haley. Ben is working toward a Master's Degree in Historic Preservation at the University of Vermont, the same program that trained Historic Resource Specialist Jenna Lapachinski. Ben will be making stewardship visits to historic grant recipient sites, updating historic resource project records and generally assisting with many aspects of the historic resource side of the program.

I hope you enjoy the rare days of June!

Dijit Taylor
LCHIP Executive Director

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LCHIP Spotlights

Powder Major's Farm & Forest in Madbury, Durham and Lee

Buoyed by a \$380,000 LCHIP grant in 2015, the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests is well on its way to creating a new forest reservation in Madbury, Durham and Lee. The land, which lies within a Source Water Protection Area, will help protect drinking water supplies, working forest lands and important wildlife habitat. It will also provide opportunities for public recreation in this rapidly developing area of the State. The land has some interesting stories to share as well.



Powder Major Farm Hayfield
Photo by Jerry Monkman

Both Native American and Revolutionary War history are represented on the land. In the late 1600s it was the planting ground for Native American Chief Moharimet and still includes the Council Rock around which various tribes gathered and where Chief Moharimet met with early European settlers. The property's name is derived from Major John Demeritt who became known as the Powder Major because he stored gun powder (captured in New Castle in December 1774 during the first conflict between the colonists and English) in his barn that was later used by the Continental Army at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Whitten Woods, Ashland

In the Lakes Region, Reuben Whitten is a local legend. In 1816, following the largest volcanic eruption in recorded history, the northern hemisphere experienced the "year without a summer." Locally, snow or killing frost was recorded during every month of the year. Crops failed in the cold and starvation loomed. Reuben Whitten's higher elevation, south-facing fields allowed him to grow wheat, potatoes and apples. Whitten's willingness to share his crops with neighbors helped to save lives and livestock through this difficult time.



View of Squam Lake from Whitten Woods

A \$50,000 LCHIP grant in 2015 is helping the Squam Lakes Conservation Society to protect the land that supported Whitten's generosity. The 414-acre parcel is located just a mile from the center of Town and not far from Reuben's gravestone. It contains Peavey Hill, one of its highest peaks, along with extensive woods roads that will be converted to a universal (fully-accessible) trail network, the first of its kind in the Lakes Region, providing access to impressive views of the Squam Lakes and the Pemigewasset River Valley.

Star Island, Rye

The Oceanic Hotel on Star Island is a link to the 19th century Grand Hotel Era at the Isles of Shoals. The current hotel was cobbled together from buildings left after an 1873 fire destroyed the original Hotel. The long wooden veranda constructed to link them together has become a hallmark of the site. Today, the Oceanic Hotel welcomes 21st century visitors to Star Island and provides a glimpse back to a long lost era.



Oceanic Hotel, Star Island

Harsh weather conditions on the Isles of Shoals provide unique challenges to the preservation of the valuable resources on Star Island. The staff is constantly tasked with balancing best preservation practices with creative solutions to ensure that the Oceanic continues to welcome guests for years to come. In 2015, the Star Island Corporation was awarded a \$100,000 LCHIP grant to continue the rehabilitation of the exterior of the Oceanic Hotel. Work includes window restoration and the replacement of existing siding, repairs to framing, sheathing, trim and cornice, as well as work on the porch's foundation, framing, railings and roof. To learn more about Star Island [Click here](#)

LCHIP Road Trip

WHEN: June 25, 2016 10:00 a.m. -- noon

WHO: The Nature Conservancy, NH Chapter

WHERE: [Manchester Cedar Swamp Preserve](#), Countryside Boulevard Manchester, NH



Photo by Eric Aldrich.

Each year, Americans everywhere celebrate Independence Day by lighting up the night sky with fireworks. But Mother Nature has her own burst of bright color to share. You can see pops of colors and patterns in the wildflowers, plants and natural world around us, if you know where to look.

Join the NH Chapter of The Nature Conservancy on Saturday, June 25 for a chance to get up close and personal with Mother Nature's best known firework: the giant rhododendron in bloom. The two-hour journey will take you off-trail at the Manchester Cedar Swamp, a 640-acre urban preserve, which was conserved with assistance from a \$75,000 LCHIP grant in 2001. [Learn more](#)

2016 LCHIP Grant Recipients

Acworth Horse Sheds	Lancaster - Main Street Stewardship Project
Ashland - Whitten Woods	Lempster - Miner Memorial Library
Barrington - Stonehouse Pond Forest	Lyndeborough - Rose Mountain
Berlin - St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts	Madbury - Powder Major's Farm & Forest
Danbury - South Danbury Church	Milan Community Forest
Derry - First Parish Church	Milton Free Public Library
Dunbarton - Stone Farm	Milton - Plummer Homestead
E. Kingston - Monahan Farm	Moultonborough - Castle in the Clouds
Enfield - Smith Pond & Shaker Forest	Orford - Mason Pond
Francestown - The Beehive	Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church
Goffstown - Black Brook Preserve	Portsmouth - Richard Jackson House
Hampton - 1723 James House	Portsmouth - Wentworth-Gardner House
Hooksett - Clay Pond	Rye - Oceanic Hotel
Hooksett Town Hall	Stratham - Lane Homestead
Keene - United Church of Christ	Walpole - Vose Farm
Kensington - Bodwell Farm	Windham Presbyterian Church



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