



# TODDY POND ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## OUR MISSION

*We believe that we have a responsibility to protect Toddy Pond and its watershed so that we and future generations may enjoy its beauty and the recreational opportunities it provides. Our objective is to protect the air, water, soil, plant and animal life of the watershed and to preserve its economic, ecological and aesthetic value by encouraging responsible land and water use.*

## President's Message

Donna Foster

If you don't usually receive this newsletter, greetings from the Toddy Pond Association!

We're sending this issue to all residents of our watershed as part of the educational outreach for the Toddy Pond Watershed Restoration Project, which has been underway for two years now, funded in part by the U.S. EPA through a grant administered by Maine DEP and the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District.

You were probably contacted in the first phase of this project with a request to allow your property to be surveyed by volunteers to identify non-point source (NPS) pollution within the watershed. As a result of that survey, you may later have been contacted about funding available for remediation projects on residential property. The remediation phase is now coming to an end (see the article on page 2).

Whether we live on or off the pond, we're connected by the miraculous substance that flows over (and under) our lands and supports so much life, beauty, and pleasure, but can also carry pollution. Preserving the quality of our soil and water is important to all of us.

In the next pages you'll find information related specifically to these concerns, but also news you may find of interest and a general celebration of the many lives of Toddy Pond. I hope that if you find something of interest you will chat about it with a neighbor – who may already be a member of TPA (see the list on page 7) – and that if you'd like more information or have questions or concerns you will call me (Donna Foster), at 207-667-1319, or send me an email at [contact@toddypond.org](mailto:contact@toddypond.org).

But first, I'd like to invite you to a BBQ ...

## Save the Date –

### TPA Hail to Summer BBQ

The Fifth Annual Toddy Pond Association Hail to Summer BBQ is set for June 28th, 4:00–7:00 at the Balsam Cove Campground. We're all looking forward to catching up with

#### June 28 — TPA Hail to Summer BBQ

Balsam Cove Campground pavilion, 4:00–7:00 (food served around 5:00)

#### July 18 — Toddy Pond Loon Count, 7:00–7:30am

#### July 31 — IPP Introductory Workshop

Ellsworth City Hall

#### August 1 — IPP Field Workshop, Branch Lake

#### August 2 — Melinda Ann

Rte. 1 boat landing, see article below for times

#### August 11 — TPA Annual Potluck and Meeting

Blue Hill Consolidated School, dinner at 6:00, followed by meeting

#### August 22 — Maine Lakes Association Annual Event

Sebago Lake. For information, go to [www.mainelakessociety.org](http://www.mainelakessociety.org)

neighbors and friends after this long winter, and looking forward to meeting some new folks as well. All residents of the watershed and their families are invited.

TPA will provide chicken and soft drinks and you're encouraged to bring your favorite dish to share.

Back by popular demand: the 50/50 raffle. You may be the next winner (last year's winner walked away happy)! And the new embroidered Toddy Pond polo shirts will be returning along with hats, T-shirts, key rings and other great gift items.

The Balsam Cove Campground is under new management, so many thanks to **Ruth** and **Justin Thatcher** for allowing us to use this beautiful space.

Please RSVP with the number in your party to [contact@toddypond.org](mailto:contact@toddypond.org) or 207-667-1319.

## Ice-Out 2015

Although the winter of 2014-2015 may seem like a (happily) distant memory now, ice-out occurred on April 21. In 2014 ice-out was April 15.

Hoping you all enjoy the summer.

# Toddy Pond Watershed Restoration Project Continues

Megan Facciolo

## Grant Funds to Beautify Your Property Still Available, but Not for Long

If there is dirty water in front of your camp when it rains, you might have an erosion issue. We can help with these issues to benefit your property and the health of Toddy Pond. Road associations are also eligible for grant funds to improve private roads and fix erosion problems.

But time is running short! **Projects using grant funds must be completed by September 15.**

For more information, please call the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District at 667-8863, or visit the website, [www.hancockcountyswdc.org](http://www.hancockcountyswdc.org).

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## What is Threatening Toddy Pond Water Quality?

The greatest threat to water quality in Toddy Pond, which is the same for all Maine lakes, is polluted runoff. During and after storms, soil and nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen wash into the lake from the surrounding landscape via ditches, streams and overland flow.



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In an undeveloped forested watershed, stormwater runoff is slowed and filtered by trees, shrubs and other vegetation. It then filters through the soil and soaks into the uneven forest floor. In a developed watershed, stormwater velocity increases

on impervious surfaces like rooftops, compacted soil, gravel camp roads and pavement, and does not always receive the filtering treatment the forest once provided.

The nutrients in stormwater runoff can be bad news for lakes. Phosphorus, a nutrient that is common on land, is a primary food for all plants, including algae. In natural conditions, the scarcity of phosphorus in a lake limits algae growth. However, when a lake receives extra phosphorus from the watershed, algae growth increases dramatically.

Sometimes this growth causes choking algae blooms but more often it results in small, insidious changes in water quality that, over time, damage the ecology, aesthetics, and economy of lakes. Phosphorus is difficult to measure directly as it occurs in nonpoint source pollution. However, phosphorus is found attached to soil particles, and by documenting soil erosion in the watershed, we can gain an understanding of sources of phosphorus to the lake. Other sources of phosphorus may include agricultural runoff, fertilizers (on agricultural land and on residential lawn areas), and sewage.

## What Makes a Good Buffer?

Regular lawn grasses are not good buffer plants. First, they are relatively impervious—water will flow over the top of grasses, and not soak into the ground. Second, grasses do not fill in completely, and there is opportunity for bare soil patches to contribute sediment to runoff. Additionally, many people over-fertilize grasses, and the fertilizer that makes the grass green may do the same for your lake!



It is important to note that buffers of shrubs and trees do a much more effective job than bare ground or grass at keeping stormwater pollution from entering the lake.

The best buffer is one with five parts—trees, shrubs, understory, groundcover, and a “duff” layer of decomposing organic matter. Trees help break the erosive energy of falling raindrops, shrubs and an understory have extensive root systems to hold the soil, and a groundcover along with a duff layer will act as a sponge and filter the stormwater. Deep shrub and tree roots also help hold the shoreline in place.

Buffers can be installed inexpensively. You can either stop mowing and raking to the water’s edge and let plants grow up naturally, or you can plant the area with native trees and

shrubs. Before doing any planting along the shoreline, always first check with your local Code Enforcement Officer to determine if any permits are needed from the town or state.

## Meeting with the New Owners of the Toddy Pond Dam

Chris Dadian

At a few minutes before 2:00 on May 26, **Katie Greenman**, president of the Alamoosook Lake Association, and I drove up to the main gate of the Bucksport Mill. As we walked around the barrier to the guardhouse we were met by a thunderous silence. Surrounded by the massive remains of the mill – not yet ruins – one’s mind plays tricks: conveyors groan, log trucks rumble, high voltage hums, smokestacks belch and roar, turbines whine, paper machines sing. But the only “real” sound was the creak of a wheelbarrow being pushed by a solitary groundskeeper, tending a walkway of the once mighty mill. The neat brick administration building to which we were escorted would make a perfect set for a zombie epic.

We had come to meet the new management. Our purpose was not to present petitions or demands, or to act as a delegation representing property owners. We were simply hoping to re-open a channel of communication that had been lost with the departure at the end of March of **Jim Brooks**, who had been environmental manager for Verso and remained briefly for the transition to ownership by AIM.

We were to meet with **Cintya Bailey**, an employee of CAMS, a firm hired by AIM to manage the power generation facility. Cintya, as Regulatory Compliance Manager, has supervisory responsibility for the water supply system that includes the dams on Toddy Pond and Alamoosook, and the pumping station that can send water from the Narramissic just below Alamoosook through a 36-inch pipeline to Silver Lake, two-and-a-half miles away.

We’d been told that **Wes Shute** would also be there. Wes operated both dams for Verso, making daily visits to monitor water levels and adjust the flow gates as necessary, and is well known to us as an expert technician and a fine fellow.

We were, however, surprised to be introduced to **Jeff McGlin**, vice president for development of AIM, and **Richard Lizotte**, general manager of the power generation facility, both of whom stayed with Cintya and Wes to respond to our questions. Here are the highlights of our discussion:

- AIM has adopted the Lake Level Management Plan, and stated publicly that the level management regime described in the plan will not change. (An article on the LLM plan appeared in the Fall 2011 issue of this newsletter, and has been posted on [toddypond.org](http://toddypond.org).)
- Wes Shute will continue to operate the dams and will be a primary contact, informing us of extraordinary maintenance or other operating events that could affect water levels.
- Cintya Bailey will also be available as a primary contact. If we have questions or concerns we can get in touch with Wes or Cintya.
- AIM currently plans to demolish the former papermaking facility and redevelop the site over a rough timeframe of

about two years, and does not expect another change of ownership within that timeframe.

- The power generation plant, now a separate entity from the mill also owned by AIM, provides power to CMP when there is a demand. Because of the current low price for electricity, the biomass-driven turbine is not being used.
- Under current conditions (including operation of the power generation facility) the native water supply to Silver Lake is sufficient and self-sustaining, so water is not being withdrawn from the Narramissic to supplement. Pumping would resume only if Silver Lake’s water level diminished drastically (e.g. due to extended severe drought).

As we walked back to the main gate Cintya explained to us how the huge conveyors 40 or 50 feet over our heads and extending several hundred feet in length carried large chunks of wood for pulping. She used the present tense.

## All Aboard the *Melinda Ann*!

Donna Foster

*Maine Lakes Society’s floating scientific classroom sails from the Orland boat landing August 2*

With help from Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District’s **Megan Facciolo**, we have been able to secure the *Melinda Ann* for the day on August 2. The Toddy Pond Association is turning the Orland boat landing into the center of activities for a daylong celebration of our beautiful pond.

The main attraction, the *Melinda Ann*, is a 30-foot floating classroom. During the hour-and-a-half trip, lake educator **Phil Mulville** captains the boat, teaching kids (and adults) about the natural processes at work that make Toddy Pond a dynamic living system. You will also learn about ways to help and maintain its beauty and integrity.



This will be a fun and educational day on the water. Three trips will be scheduled throughout the day, but space on the *Melinda Ann* is limited to 14 passengers per trip, so reservations are strongly suggested. This is a hands-on experience and will be terrific for kids and adults to raise awareness, increase their appreciation, and deepen their knowledge of how our lake works. Get to know Toddy Pond like never before!

Back on shore, from 9:00 to 3:00 information tables and working exhibits will continue the learning experience about the pond's resources, beauty and also the threats to it's future. This is a very special opportunity that you won't want to miss.

For general information about the *Melinda Ann*, go to <http://mainelakesociety.org>. To make reservations for the boat trip, please email [contact@toddypond.org](mailto:contact@toddypond.org), or call 207-667-1319.

**Launch Times:** 9:30, 11:30, and 1:30. Passengers should be at the landing 30 minutes before launch.

**Tickets:** There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person. Tickets will be sold at the boat landing the day of the event. However, reservations are strongly suggested. The trips could fill fast, so please be prepared to give your first time choice plus an alternate.

\*Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

\*\*Children under 10 need to bring their own life jacket/personal floatation device.

## TPA Gains 501(c)3 Status

Chris Dadian

In April TPA's application for federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code was approved. This was the successful culmination of a process initiated by the TPA board of directors over a year ago, beginning with a major revision of the association's bylaws, followed by registration with the State of Maine as a non-profit corporation, and finally the application to IRS.

The Toddy Pond Association does not have substantial income that would be subject to tax, but the exemption from federal income tax was only one of the benefits considered by the board in undertaking this laborious process. Perhaps most important, a separate section of the IRC (Section 170) makes donations, bequests, and similar gifts to a 501(c)3 organization – which is classified as a public charity – deductible by the donor from taxable income on federal returns. Most states also allow the deduction. This deductibility should encourage more and larger donations (membership dues are also deductible), since some of the amount donated will effectively be refunded to the donor in the form of reduced taxes.

In addition, 501(c)3 status makes TPA eligible for lower postal rates, which will save the association money on mailings like this newsletter.

The IRS considers our exempt status to be retroactive to October 14, 2014, the date of our registration as a Maine non-profit, so donations made on and after that date are deductible (deductions for donations made in 2014 can still be claimed on a 2015 federal return). The association will begin sending letters acknowledging donations – including those dating back to last October – in the coming weeks. If you do not receive an acknowledgment within a few weeks of making a donation, please contact the association's treasurer, Charlie Pizzarello, at 207-667-8895.

Copies of the new Toddy Pond Association bylaws, which represent a substantial revision of those adopted early in the association's history, can be downloaded at [toddypond.org](http://toddypond.org). If you have questions or comments, please contact Chris Dadian, at 469-0234 or at [toddy@mail@toddypond.org](mailto:toddy@mail@toddypond.org).

## We Want YOU!

Barbara Leaf

Summer is right around the corner and so many of us are excited to enjoy the many delights that Toddy Pond has to offer. That enjoyment carries a collective responsibility to keep our lake free of invasive aquatic plants. While we have been fortunate so far we cannot afford to be complacent. Infestations of the variable leaf milfoil plant have been identified in lakes as close as Winthrop, Belgrade, and Gardner. The hydrilla plant has been found as close as Damariscotta. Your first thought may be that those lakes are still quite far from Toddy but they are certainly close enough for fishermen to travel and take part in local and very popular fishing tournaments.

My husband and I have spent the last 40+ years in Vermont and have witnessed dramatic changes to Lake Champlain and Lake Bomoseen. The milfoil was so thick at my friend's Bomoseen cottage that we had to motor out to the deep section of the lake to avoid milfoil weeds from wrapping around our legs while swimming. Over the years, the Bomoseen Lake Association has tried multiple management techniques from draining the lake to harvesting the milfoil but it keeps coming back. This year they have an unusual amount of milfoil and they do not anticipate their new ECO harvester will be able to keep up with the demand to cut the dense milfoil matting at all the waterfront property. In addition to milfoil and algae bloom, Lake Champlain has zebra mussels, which are razor sharp and can cut feet easily if you are not wearing water shoes while wading along the shore.

While it is too late for so many New England lakes that are battling infestations, we have the opportunity to keep these invasives at bay. It is very clear that prevention is infinitely less expensive and less painful than management efforts after the infestation has taken hold. In recent years, the principal goal of the Toddy Pond Association has been to keep invasive aquatic plants out of our lake. The primary efforts in support of this goal are:

- 1) *Courtesy Boat Inspections* (CBI) for boats entering the lake at the East Orland boat landing;
- 2) *Invasive Plant Patrol* (IPP) monitoring to check shoreline and shallow water for invasive plant species
- 3) *Water Quality Monitoring* to measure the effects of algae-producing nutrients such as phosphorous in runoff from the surrounding watershed.

Water quality monitoring requires special training and equipment, and is performed monthly from late spring through early fall by one or two certified inspectors. At present we have full volunteer coverage for this effort.

Invasive Plant Patrol also requires some training, which can be acquired at one of the workshops conducted every year by the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, or less formally "on the job" from one of our own certified inspectors. Patrollers make one inspection tour each season of a lake sector – usually including the shoreline of their own property. A tour typically takes two or three hours and paperwork another half hour. Getting to know the plants that inhabit your aquatic neighborhood is fun and rewarding, and the inspection is best done on a calm, sunny day – just when you want an excuse to be on the water! **Bob LeVine** has a dedicated crew of patrol-

lers covering most sectors on each of the ponds, but some sectors are very large and covered by just one person, who must inspect and steer his or her boat at the same time. More volunteer patrollers would allow working in pairs, which would make the task much more effective, and enjoyable.

Our Courtesy Boat Inspection efforts have been in place for a number of years now, literally the front line of defense against aquatic invasion. **Phil Tardif** has done a wonderful job of organizing both paid and volunteer staff to maintain a CBI presence at the public boat landing in East Orland.

Unfortunately, we have neither the funds nor enough volunteers to adequately cover all the boating activity. We believe increased coverage is mandatory and that is only possible if more people would volunteer their time. I have volunteered for the past two summers and found that boaters are usually more than willing to get their boats inspected and understand the need to do so. A quick visit to the boat landing while one of the paid inspectors was there provided the necessary orientation and then I was good to go. It was very rewarding to know that I was doing my part in keeping the lake as pristine as ever.

Please consider volunteering a few hours this summer to Plant Patrol or Courtesy Boat Inspections – many people enjoy doing both! Just let me know (802-734-4102), or contact any board member to let them know you are willing join up.

## **Toddy Pond Loon Count**

Steve Antell

I am very much looking forward to this summer's loon count, which will be held on July 18, and hoping that everyone who has helped in the past will continue to do so.

Whether a long time loon counter or someone new to the process, please let me know (802-985-2756) if you are interested in helping.

## **Invasive Plant Patrol**

Bob LeVine

The Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) Introductory Workshop will be in Ellsworth City Hall on Friday, July 31.

The IPP Field Workshop for Hancock County will be on Branch Lake on Saturday, August 1.

I strongly recommend anyone who is interested in helping with the TP survey for invasive plants and has never taken one of these workshops to do so this year. I especially recommend the Field Workshop on Branch Lake. If you are unable to do it, you can still participate in this year's survey; we'll show you how to do it, with pictures and personal instruction!

## **Courtesy Boat Inspections**

Lucy Leaf

Using data from the boat inspection reports sent in, I was able to glean information that will help us determine the best way to use our inspectors. While it is important to check both incoming and outgoing boats for plant fragments, it seems that with limited resources, the priority for the health of our lake should be the incoming boats.

With this in mind, I analyzed the data for incoming boats as separate from all inspections done. The total of incoming

boats inspected in 2014 was 569. For May and June, inspections were done only on the weekends, including 4 days over Memorial Weekend. These were productive days, averaging 11.6 boats/day. In July, the figure was lower, and in August it was lower yet. Overall average was 8.4 boats/ day.

In July and August, however, we were inspecting every day except rainy days. The averages are lower in these two months due to the much lower volume of boats during mid-week. Weekends and holidays produced more than double the number of boats to inspect versus mid-week. This makes a very good case for increasing the weekend hours, even if we must skip coverage in mid-week.

Our biggest inspection day was Sunday, June 29. We inspected 26 incoming boats on that day. Five inspection days showed over 20 boats, all weekend days or holidays. There is no doubt that weather makes a difference in the number of boats launched, and all we can do about that is to invite inspectors to leave early or forgo a working day if the weather is bad. So far, they have been willing to do this. Out of 68 inspection days, 32 days produced 5 boats or less for inspection (47%). And on two slow days in August, volunteers sat at the landing for six hours to see zero incoming boats. Thanks anyway, it's all important

In 2014, volunteers and paid inspectors usually worked six hours, from 10 AM to 4 PM, whether a weekend or a weekday. Some days started earlier or later, depending on conditions. That is what this data is based on (the most productive hours from 12 PM to 2 PM), but one Saturday in July, a volunteer pitched in with a paid worker to provide ten hours of coverage beginning at 8 AM. We bagged 27 incoming boats that day.

Where were all these boats before they launched into Toddy? Forty percent (40%) of boaters indicated Toddy Pond as the last lake visited. Yes, we do have a steady stream of repeat local visitors. Other lakes and rivers were 31%. Many boats came out of storage, a number came out of salt water, and about 3% came from areas I considered "suspect". Those are the boats we inspect very carefully.

Another large category of boats are the ones that leave the lake during inspection hours, but were not inspected going in. We had 177 of these boats. They are most likely boats that launched earlier than our inspections began, the bulk being early morning fisherman. A few probably launched on a different day or from a different launch site. This indicates to me that we are missing a lot of boats. Moreover, they may be the boats most likely to travel from lake to lake, therefore representing the biggest threat to our lake for spreading invasive plants and organisms. In 2015, we may be asking volunteers and paid inspectors to cover those early hours, especially on weekends, since 64% of boats in this category fell on weekends and holidays.

Registered fishing tournaments are supposed to do their own inspections and apparently fill out their own paperwork. I inspected 7 outgoing boats on a bass tournament day and saw no other inspection activity going on. Perhaps they have a system not apparent to me, but five of those boats had plant fragments on them that had to be removed. Lots, in fact.

Hopefully, this information will help improve the efficiency of our boat inspections.

## Boat Inspectors Needed

Phil Tardif

Having analyzed our 2014 boat activity, we've determined the need to increase the inspection coverage at the Orland boat launch in 2015. We need volunteers to cover 3 or 6 hour shifts on weekdays during July and August. We also have two-hour early morning shifts that need coverage on weekends. Please consider a donation of your time in the effort to keep Toddy Pond free of invasives. Call me at 469-0784 to schedule a shift. It can be both fun and rewarding!

## Ernie Gelinias

Sarah LeVine

*In December we were saddened to learn of the death of Ernie Gelinias, one of the founders of the Toddy Pond Association.*

In 1992, Ernie Gelinias, who had recently retired from teaching, and his wife Judy bought extensive acreage between Goldstream Brook and Toddy Pond that included a house dating from 1840, just north of the West Surry cemetery on 176. The Gelinias were founding members of the TPA and from the start Ernie was a representative from Upper Toddy (Toddy 3, South Toddy) on our board. Since Judy, who was also a teacher, was still working in Springfield MA, for some years they lived in Surry only in the summer. However, after Judy retired in 2005 they were finally free to leave MA for Downeast, where two of their sons already resided, and deepen their own roots in Surry. After Ernie had served one term on the Surry Board of Selectmen, he and Judy decided to begin spending their winters in Florida; but "Blueberry Ridge Farm," which they had extensively renovated, remained their primary home.

His enthusiasm about our lake and community was infectious. He attended every TPA event, put in plenty of his own sweat equity -- and made sure that others did as well. For example, when, in the waning days of summer 2001, he and Bob Jones initiated the inspection of boats at the East Orland Boat Landing for invasive aquatic plants, he would be down there at sunrise to make sure that volunteers showed up on time, weren't snoozing in their cars, or heaven forbid, eating breakfast up the road at Duffy's.

Most important, Ernie was an inveterately kind and helpful neighbor. He'll be much missed by the TPA membership and especially by those of us who live along the Surry Road.

## Ordway Clifford

Sarah LeVine

At 98+, Ordway Clifford is probably the oldest year-round resident of Toddy Pond. Strictly speaking, she's only with us for 10+ months. Late in June she moves five miles as the crow flies to her summer camp at the north end of Alamoosook, returning after Labor Day. Again, strictly speaking, while her property fronts Toddy Pond, the fine house she built in a blueberry field more than a decade ago is on the Back Ridge Road.

When I visit her at her Alamoosook camp on a hot July afternoon, she is immaculately coifed and dressed and, though she uses a walker and a hearing aid, she is gracious, amusing and altogether on-spot.

She inherited her Toddy property ("something like 205 acres ... it's never been surveyed") from her mother, who inherited it from *her* mother.

"My grandmother was a Hutchins from North Penobscot ... There are hundreds of Hutchins in Maine (including 34 in the Downeast phone book) and they're all my cousins. My grandmother was visiting friends in Lawrence MA when she met my grandfather, Aaron Patterson Ordway, who had been born in Romney, New Hampshire and moved to Lawrence as a small child. She was 18 and the most beautiful girl he'd ever seen. For him, who was in his mid-thirties, it was love at first sight.

"A good many men of the Ordway family served with the Union Army in the Civil War and some of them got to be generals. As for Grandfather, being very young at the time, he served -- with distinction, mind you -- as a drummer boy. After the war and one or two business failures he became rather successful. He manufactured soap for export. It looked pretty much like ordinary soap but it smelled lovely and that's what made it so special. Grandmother, who came from a poor farm family in Maine, had a quite different life once she became Mrs. Aaron Patterson Ordway and moved to New York City. Even so, she remained very attached to her home."

Mrs. Aaron Patterson Ordway purchased two farms in North Penobscot as well as the one her granddaughter still owns on North Toddy. After her husband died in 1921, she would come by train from Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, where she lived in the winter, to spend summers at her farm house on the Front Ridge and her camp on a long sandy beach in a cove on First Toddy.

"Though we would visit Grandmother both in California and in Maine where I particularly enjoyed swimming off her beach, in fact we didn't see her all that often because my parents were restless people. Father was a physician, but since he'd retired from practicing medicine at a young age he was free to travel." With a chuckle, Ordway Clifford adds, "I attended at least eight schools and in between schools, I had tutors. I never went to college, first because I couldn't get the hang of geometry and second because I took up tournament tennis pretty seriously. Still, I got an education another way. When in New York we lived two blocks from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and I was always running in to look at pictures and sculpture and so forth."

After she grew up, in addition to her late grandfather's scented soap business, she helped her mother run another profitable venture, namely manufacturing silk umbrellas that segued into parachutes for the Air Force in World War Two. "Father was one hundred per cent in favor of women working. And as it turned out, Mother and I were terrific businesswomen. Though neither of us had been to college, we did just fine!"

How did she end up on Alamoosook? She explains, "In the summer of 1929, we came over from France where we were living at the time and, while visiting my grandmother in Penobscot, my parents decided they wanted their own camp, so they bought land on Alamoosook. They organized the design and construction of a house and went back to France for the winter; and when they arrived here the following June, lo

and behold, their house was ready! I've lived here every summer since except one when my husband and I rented a house on Martha's Vineyard. My daughter, who was a young girl at the time, loved the Vineyard but we preferred Maine ..."

When Mrs. Aaron Patterson Ordway died in the late 1930s, her Orland, Maine property passed to her daughter. "Though my mother sold the North Penobscot farms and the camp on Toddy, she held onto the rest of the property. When she died I inherited it but by then I'd moved to Grosse Point Farms, Michigan with my husband -- he was involved in the automobile industry." After many years in the Midwest, she moved to upstate New York and was well into her eighties when she settled on Back Ridge Road.

"From my house there used to be a road through the woods to the Pond. But you see," she continues mischievously, "because I don't want loggers going in and cutting down my trees while I'm away on Alamoosook, I've let the road go... Now my woods have become a wildlife refuge -- deer, foxes, birds. Who knows what else lives there."

While her daughter, Ordway Sherman, generally stays on Alamoosook with her over the summer, the rest of the year -- aside from the darkest coldest weeks of mid-winter when she goes down to stay with her daughter in New York, she lives alone on the Back Ridge. "I do have help in the daytime, but seven nights in the week I'm on my own."

As for her social life between September and June, "Well, aside from one or two kind neighbors, it's about zero." Then she corrects herself. "But I mustn't forget the Hookers' Club." She explains, "There are six of us, all *single* -- widowed, divorced or never married women, with a wide age spread. No, we aren't street-walkers. We hook rugs. In fact, due to arthritis, I can't hook any more though the others still do. We meet each Tuesday for three hours' hooking and then we go to Macleod's in Bucksport for dinner. No-one's allowed to dominate the conversation... We're careful to let each one have her say ... I couldn't imagine a more congenial group."

## Not a Waterfront Owner?

### Become a Friend of Toddy Pond

The stated mission of the TPA is "to protect Toddy Pond and its watershed so that we and future generations enjoy its beauty and the recreational opportunities it provides." This is the first newsletter to be distributed to all the people living within Toddy's watershed. We believe many people who may not be waterfront owners would still be very interested to be kept abreast of all the issues and the efforts being made to keep the lake and its surroundings as we always remember it.

If you would like to continue getting this newsletter and you are not a current waterfront owner, please consider signing up as a "Friend of Toddy Pond," which costs \$5 per year. You can use the insert to sign up and let us know what kinds of issues are of the greatest concern and whether you have time to help us with our volunteer efforts of boat inspections, plant patrol, water quality and loon counts. We need volunteers and would very much appreciate the participation from our watershed neighbors.

## The Toddy Pond Association, 2014

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