



## Summer Happenings

The June meeting had record attendance. More than 80 people heard a presentation by Whole Oceans.

The Loon Count, coordinated by Dorothy Hamory, counted 19 adult loons and no chicks, but it was a FOGGY day. Ted and Sue Van Leer hosted the gathering; next year's host will be Mollie Heron.

The July 4th boat parade, initiated several years ago by the Inglis family, was the best ever. The Wardwells were winners by declaration, and they are already planning next year's decorations.

Orland River Day 2018 was a great day for outreach for ALA. Lots of folks stopped by our booth to learn about the effects of soil erosion in our extensive watershed and our Invasive Plant Patrol work. Several expressed interest in joining the association and members dropped by to visit. Appreciation to Michele Inglis and son Scott & granddaughter Kate, Tad Van Leer, Pam Grindle and John Greenman for their assistance.



## August 7 Picnic & Meeting

46 people attended the picnic and membership meeting at the Alamoosook Lakeside Inn. Landon Fake, the new director of Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust was a special guest. Elections were held and Pete Walton and Charles Dodge were elected to the Board of Directors to fill the places of Michele Inglis and Shirley Pierce. Thanks to Shirley and Michele for their years of service. It was decided to plan future meetings on a given day of the month, to help with planning. Meetings will be the 4th Tuesday in June and 3rd Tuesday in August (June 25 and August 20, 2019).

right: IPP volunteer Mary Murray checks underwater with equipment provided by the grant from Ram Island Conservation.





## Calling All Alamoosook Artists!

We would like to print a set of note cards featuring our area. Anyone who would like to contribute may email images to

[anne@alamoosooklakeassociation.org](mailto:anne@alamoosooklakeassociation.org)



Loons by Pete Walton, Mouse Island by Deborah Bigelow, cardinal flowers by Anne Davis

The IPP team “Alamoosook All Clear” is up and paddling, coordinated by Katie Greenman. 14 volunteers have already begun surveying aquatic plants with equipment and identification resources provided with funding from the Ram Island Conservation Fund of the Maine Community Foundation.

A suspicious plant discovered by Charleyne Gilbert was confirmed to be an anomaly of a native elodea by the Hancock County Rapid Response Team who tested their efficiency for the first time on Alamoosook. Bill Helprin of the Somes-Meynell Wildlife Sanctuary brought his intern and a well-equipped boat. Mark Whiting provided some expert plant id instruction to volunteers, Katie, Charleyne, Martha, Mim and Chip who guided us through rocky areas in his boat. Catherine Fox surveyed shoreline on either side of the CBNFH boat launch for the two hours we were exploring the north west side. With news of new invasive species being discovered in other Maine lakes it’s good we’ve begun this important work on Alamoosook.





Below: some photos of the HCRR team and Somes-Meynell Wildlife Sanctuary responding to the suspicious aquatic plant found. Though it was unusual, they reassured us it was not an invasive alien. Thanks everyone!



