

Damariscotta River Association – Board of Trustees Biographies

Dick Clime, President



In the early nineties, Dick was involved with the start of the DRA effort to monitor water quality on the Damariscotta River. As an oyster farmer on the River, he realized that water quality and land conservation of shoreline areas were inseparable. Dick served previously on the Board in the late 1990's to bring a voice to that issue.

Dick's former career, owning and managing a successful oyster farm, ended with the sale of the business in January 2008. He was hired by Coastal Enterprises Inc. to administer the state sponsored Working Waterfront Access Pilot Program that seeks to protect commercial fisheries access properties from Kittery to Eastport by placing restrictive covenants on their future use... essentially the same strategy as placing easements on unique conservation properties.

Prior to joining CEI, he helped found and served on the Board of the Maine Aquaculture [Trade] Association and the Maine Aquaculture Innovation [R&D] Center of the University of Maine. At one time or another he has joined the Advisory Boards of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation, the Maine Sea Grant Program, and the Northeast Regional [USDA] Aquaculture Center.

After graduating from Cornell University in 1970 with a Bachelors Degree in Biology, and a three year service in the Peace Corps in South America, Dick moved to Maine to enroll in a Masters level Oceanography curriculum. He received the Masters degree in 1976, and a year later settled into married life with his wife, Sonia. He and Sonia live in Bristol and have two children, both of whom finished college and are pursuing their own careers.

Christine Preston, Vice President



Christine Preston is an outdoor enthusiast and began her love affair with Maine at canoe camp in the Rangeley Lakes region while she was in her teens. After graduating from Boston University, she moved to the Southwest and settled in Santa Fe, New Mexico. With a large format camera, she traveled the historic Camino Real from Mexico City to Santa Fe, documenting the trail as it looked four hundred years after it's inception. Together with her husband Douglas Preston, she published "The Royal Road" to coincide with the 400th anniversary of the trail. They live in Round Pond, Maine and have three children.

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Holly Emmons, Secretary



After summering in South Bristol since 1960, Holly retired to her home on Seal Cove in 2005. Since retirement she has worked in a flower shop, a garden center, and as an estate gardener. Currently she is a volunteer at the DRA and at a local Alzheimer's facility.

Holly received her B.A. in Biology from Mt. Holyoke and a Master's from the University of New Hampshire. She was a Professor of Plant Science at the State University of New York in Cobleskill for 30 years teaching a variety of horticulture classes. Her work in habitat restoration for the federally endangered Karner Blue Butterfly spanned 15 years; another lengthy project involved the propagation of hundreds of federally listed Hart's Tongue ferns for reintroduction into western New York. In 2001 Holly's plant propagation work was recognized with a stewardship award from The Nature Conservancy.

Holly and her husband Bob enjoy gardening and boating. They have one son who lives in Damariscotta.

Bruce Lutsk, Treasurer



Bruce Lutsk and his wife Jane, a Thomaston native, moved to Newcastle in 2005 following his retirement from the practice of law. Bruce was first introduced to the beauty of Maine during his four years as a student at Bowdoin College. He did not return to the State until the early 1990s when he became a Trustee of the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School in Rockland. In fact, it is through Outward Bound that he and Jane met on Hurricane Island in Penobscot Bay.

Following his graduation from Bowdoin, Bruce continued his education, receiving a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Harvard University, a Ph.D from Duke University and a law degree from the University of Connecticut. He served as a Signal Corps Officer in the U.S. Army for two years and was stationed in Korea and at the Pentagon.

Bruce moved to Connecticut in 1970, where he taught at the University of Hartford for four years and served as Assistant Director of the University's National Teacher Corps Program. He began his law career in 1974 and practiced with the Hartford firm of Reid and Riege for over 30 years, retiring in 2005. Bruce is currently a Managing Director of Curtis Island Partners, a retirement consulting firm headquartered in Camden.

Between them, Jane and Bruce have four children and three grandchildren. Bruce has a long history of service to non-profit organizations and is excited about his work with the DRA.

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Tom Arter



Tom Arter is a freelance natural history and commercial photographer. His photographs have appeared in numerous publications including: *Country Journal*, *Nature Conservancy News*, *New Hampshire Profiles*, *Downeast Magazine*, *Canoe Magazine*, *Maine Boats and Harbors*, *Cruising World and Sail Magazine*. He has lectured on photography and birds both in local schools and throughout New England.

Tom has taught nature photography at the University of New Hampshire, The Audubon Society of New Hampshire, and the Round Top Center for the Arts in Damariscotta.

Tom has worked as a contract photographer for several non-profit organizations in Maine and has produced work for organizations including: The Nature Conservancy, The Audubon Society of New Hampshire, The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, The Darling Marine Center of the University of Maine, The Damariscotta River Association and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Maine.

Tom is a past President of The Damariscotta River Association and served on the board for 9 years. He currently serves as the Chairman of the education committee. Tom also served on the board of Maine Audubon for 3 years.

Tom is an avid bird watcher and has taught ornithology at the University of New Hampshire. He is past president of the Seacoast Chapter of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire. He has led birding trips for New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine and Midcoast Audubons. He was also employed as the staff naturalist at the Audubon Society of New Hampshire.

Tom has a master's degree from Michigan State University and a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and Colorado State University.

Tom grew up on a farm outside Cleveland Ohio and has been interacting with the natural world ever since childhood. Tom enjoys working and learning with Children and adults exploring the natural world. He can often be found with a guitar or fiddle in his hands jamming with friends.

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Rebecca Brown



Becky's family roots go back centuries in Maine, and although she was brought up in Massachusetts, educated at Northfield School and Wellesley College, and spent her young adulthood in California, Nairobi, Kenya and Washington, D.C. raising her two daughters, when the chance came to come back to Maine, there was not a moment's hesitation! She came back in 1981 and helped her retired parents run an oyster farm. She also took the Shelter Institute course to learn how to build houses from the foundation up, and spent five summers rebuilding 7 cottages on property owned by her family. In 1983, while directing a children's choir and being a soloist with the adult choir, the director, who was a real estate broker, convinced her to get her license, and the rest is history. Becky became very involved in the community, being a founding member of both the Damariscotta River Association and the Round Top Center for the Arts, and working as an EMT on the Newcastle/Damariscotta Ambulance Service. She even spent several seasons lobstering, spending some very peaceful time on the Damariscotta River. Time for all of these things became shorter and shorter as her real estate business grew, and in 2004 she sold \$16 million. "Mid-Coast Maine is just a super place to live and work. It's beautiful, friendly, rich in history and wonderfully supportive of the arts. This is a thriving year-round community. I wouldn't live anywhere else!"

William Coyne



Bill Coyne is retired and lives with his wife, Ellen, in Newcastle, Maine. He worked for the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA from the late 1960's until retirement in 2007. Bill was born and raised in western Pennsylvania and is a graduate of the University of Toledo. He, also, serves on the Board of Directors for Skidompha Public Library. Bill and Ellen have two grown sons.

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Susan Dale



My thirty-plus year career includes leadership positions in customer service, human resources and retail management, mostly in outdoor-related businesses. After several years learning human resources and retail at Hannaford Bros, I turned to the outdoors at L.L. Bean for 17 years, Maine Sport Outfitters and, locally, Cottage Garden Center. I currently manage human resources and community affairs for the Cheney Companies Financial Group. I also work independently consulting in human resource management and customer service.

Happiest outdoors, I enjoy hiking, climbing, sailing, kayaking and skiing with my husband, Jonathan McKane, our three sons and their families. Gardening is another love – rewarding to actually feed people something I grew.

I've served on several boards and councils including Junior Achievement and the Miles Hospital Performance Improvement Council. Topping the list for fun and fulfillment was my experience as a volunteer instructor for Maine Handicapped Skiing for a number of years.

I'm grateful for the many miles I've walked and skied on DRA trails. My devotion to anything outdoors drives my desire to contribute to its preservation – now and for the generations that follow us.

Peter Drum



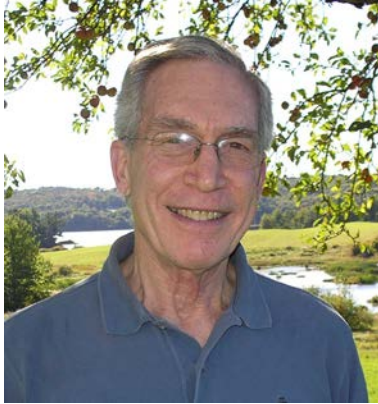
I grew up in Newcastle and Damariscotta and am the son of Jim & Glenda Drum of Drum & Drum Real Estate. After attending GSB and Lincoln Academy, I left Maine to attend Connecticut College. After college, I lived in Washington, D.C. where I worked for a major international law firm, for the House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, and then finally served as the Maine Political Director for the Gore Presidential Campaign in 2000. After the 2000 election cycle, I attended and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Unlike most of my class mates who took jobs in New York and D.C., my wife and I chose to return to my hometown to raise a family and start a law practice. In 2008, my brother-in-law Patrick Parson and I started Parson & Drum Attorneys in Damariscotta. We represent a large range of clients in a variety of matters including civil litigation, real estate, municipal law, and public law and policy.

My folks are avid conservationists and really fostered in both my sister and I a deep concern for the environment. In addition to the DRA, I am a founder and policy director of the Midcoast Green Collaborative and was part of the team, led by Jenny Mayer and Eleanor Kinney, known as “Our Town” which stopped a Wal-Mart from being established in Damariscotta, Newcastle, Edgecomb, and Nobleboro. I continue to work on sustainability and global warming issues with a variety of National and Maine-based non-profits including Coastal Commons, MGWAC (Maine Global Warming Action Coalition), Alliance for Renewable Energy.

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I am the lucky husband of Becky Drum and we are the proud parents of wonderful twin girls. Most weekends during the warmer months we hike one of the many conservation properties in this area, but our favorite is Dodge Point!

Matthew Filler



I moved here from CT ten years ago. I spent my professional career in the Agra-Products business in sales and marketing. My initial introduction to the DRA was taking the Stewards Course after which I joined Tidewater Watch at the DRA and headed up that group for five years. I am currently the head of the Stewards Committee and still active with TWW. I am active with the Damariscotta Historical Society and was past President of the group. I am also involved as a docent at the Pemaquid Lighthouse, an active volunteer at the Carpenters Boat Shop, and volunteer as a math and reading tutor with a third grade class at Great Salt Bay School. My wife Karen and I live in Walpole and have 4 grown sons and 10 grandchildren.

Joseph Guttentag



Joe is a retired lawyer whose practice involved international business matters. He was in private practice primarily in Washington DC where he served in the US Treasury during the Johnson and Clinton Presidencies, but also lived and worked in Tokyo for four years. Prior to starting his legal career he served as a Captain in the US Air Force and was graduated from the University of Michigan and the Harvard Law School.

Active volunteer service includes Board positions on the American Society of International Law and the Levine School of Music where he also is an investment advisor and takes piano lessons. He is a member of the Advisory Committee of the DC Math for America program devoted to providing highly skilled math teachers for the DC school system. When he finds time he serves as a docent for tours of the Treasury Department Building and provides consulting services, most recently in Tbilisi for the Finance Ministry of Georgia.

He and his wife Merna have spent nearly 40 years in South Bristol during the summers and are long time members of the DRA and the River Council. When Carlisle (or Big Huckleberry) Island was donated to the DRA a few years ago, their family, including three adult children and eight grandchildren, volunteered to be the stewards of this beautiful spot just opposite their house. While residing in South Bristol, Joe has been active in the Christmas Cove Improvement Association, the Thompson Ice House Preservation effort, and the Carpenter's Boat Shop where he participates in some of the courses.

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Robert Hunold



Rob has been trying to put down roots in Maine his whole life. Summers spent on Sebago Lake in Raymond, Maine as a child set the stage for a passion of everything Maine. Undergraduate college time in Arizona followed by careers as an Aerospace Engineer, Naval Aviator, Graduate Student and Family Physician finally yielded an opportunity to move to Nobleboro, Maine in 2005. Rob and his family purchased a 238 year old farm in Nobleboro (sight unseen) and he quickly set up practice at Miles Memorial Hospital. Their farm's location on Oyster Creek and witness to unbridled development seen while living in Arizona has led to a growing interest in land conservation and protection. It's all about being outdoors in the Hunold household with triathlons, kayaking, farming or snowboarding frequently on the day's agenda. An amazing farm, wonderful neighbors and an opportunity to serve the community as a Family Doc has certainly led to "living the dream" (as Rob would say).

Emily MacKenzie



Emily Mott-Smith MacKenzie retired with her husband to South Bristol in 2000. Her family has summered on Rutherford Island since 1911, when her grandparents expanded a one-room cottage they bought there that year. That cottage still stands next to her present home, built in 1987 in anticipation of a Maine retirement.

Emily holds a BA degree in American Literature from Brown University and an MS in counseling from the University of Connecticut. For many years she was a high school counselor in Connecticut. During that time she was active in a number of organizations but her primary focus centered on the Connecticut School Counselors Association, where she served as president. While in Connecticut, she participated in and then bought a Jacki Sorenson Aerobic Dance franchise, which she continues to offer here in South Bristol. She is also active in the Coastal Senior College where she chairs the curriculum committee and has frequently acted as a facilitator for courses dealing with areas of local interest. She has been an active member of the DRA for many years and served as its volunteer coordinator for nearly three years.

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Edward Seidel



Edward first developed his interest in marine biology as a child tidepooling in Trenton, Maine, with his grandmother, one of the first female scientists at Woods Hole. He went on to earn his BS in biology and art at Middlebury College. Following college, he worked for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines developing alternate livelihoods for dynamite and cyanide fisherman. One of the more successful projects involved a partnership with Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream to develop seaweed farms in remote coastal villages (seaweed is a component used in the manufacture of ice cream). He went on to earn a MS at Moss Landing Marine Labs in California studying adaptations of deep sea animals to high hydrostatic pressure. While working on his thesis, he was approached by the Monterey Bay Aquarium to help develop the world's first major exhibit of living deep sea animals. Using ROVs (remotely operated vehicles) for collections and specially designed LSS (Life Support Systems), he was able to display over 30 specimens from the deep sea for the first time to the public.

Ed, along with some of his colleagues from the Monterey Bay Aquarium, is a principal at Tenji, Inc., that company that designs living exhibits for labs, museums, and public aquariums. He lives with his wife and two sons in Damariscotta, Maine.

Tenley Seiders



Tenley Seiders is the owner and chief designer of Lobster Designs, a jewelry and floral artistry company based in South Bristol, specializing in utilizing local resources and showcasing innovative designs. Prior to her full-time commitment to her company and, most importantly her new family (seventeen-month-old son Edward and husband John), Tenley was active in the world of environmental education. Tenley worked for Lincoln Academy, Newcastle, Maine as a long term substitute Biology teacher, covering the first two trimesters of the 2008-2009 school year. Prior to her time at LA, she served as the Maine Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Environmental Educator for the Pemaquid Watershed Association for two terms of service. Notable actions during her time at PWA, Tenley designed and developed a series of lesson plans to accompany the Clean Water education poster developed and published by The Chewonki Foundation.

Tenley earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Kenyon College, Ohio, in Marine Environment, Economics and Politics. Her thesis explored fisheries management practices in Maine both from the natural biological “bottom-up” model as well as the “top-down” model of regulation and examined the important role lobstermen play in leading regulatory policy. While at Kenyon, Tenley volunteered at the college’s Brown Family Environmental Center, both in their nature education programs and as Editor in Chief of the BFEC newsletter in 2003. Originally from Pasadena, California, Tenley spent many of her childhood summers in South Bristol. Her passion for the environment was born while working for the Audubon Society on Hog Island in Bremen. After her

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graduation from Kenyon College in 2003, she moved to Philadelphia for two years and thrived as the wedding coordinator and floral designer at the city's premier design studios.

Tenley brings her artistic thinking, training in environmental education and her skills in marketing and fundraising to the DRA. She is excited to join the Board and looks forward to putting her energies to use in efforts to conserve and promote the beauty of the Damariscotta River.

Priscilla Ulin



Polly came to the Midcoast in 1947 when her parents, looking for a “wilderness” experience for the family, purchased an undeveloped piece of land on the river in South Bristol: Plummer Point. From surplus WWII army tents to cabins and eventually a year-round house with electricity and running water, the summer home evolved. Most of that land is now owned by the Damariscotta River Association as the Plummer Point Preserve.

With a BA in zoology from Mount Holyoke College, Polly continued on to Yale University for a master's degree in nursing, which led to a career in international public health. She holds a Ph.D. in sociology, which she has applied to research in maternal and child health, family planning, and HIV/AIDS in several countries of Africa as well as in Haiti. She worked for Family Health International, headquartered in Durham, NC, and taught at the Universities of Massachusetts and North Carolina.

Polly and her husband, Dick, now live permanently in Damariscotta on a tidal cove where they watch nesting eagles and follow birdlife on the river as the seasons change. Polly has been a member of the DRA since its origin as a land trust. She is now an easement monitor and land steward, serves on Stewardship and Lands Committees, and coordinates the front-desk volunteer program. Their children and grandchildren are frequent summer visitors to the Plummer Point home and occasional volunteers at the DRA.