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*'Frosty Falls' Taylor Pond, Mt Vernon, Me - Cover Photo by Karen Kurkjian*



*Clyde & Dorothy Waugh  
Photo Courtesy of Libby Harville*

## Dorothy Waugh

*The "Egg Lady"* Feature story by —  
Doris Ripley Anderman

This summer it will be 60 years since our family, the Ripleys, first turned down a dirt road marked only with the sign, "Camp Fisher Waugh". We parked beside Dorothy and Clyde Waugh's cabin to get to what we now refer to as "Harvey's", the camp of Harvey and Harriet Mousley.

To us, "Maine" was and still is a synonym for Flying Pond and the surrounding communities. It is a Brigadoon for our family. It conjures up memories of Mrs. Lord's Post Office and General Store, penny candy, walks to the spring with gallon glass jugs, Lew's and ... Dorothy Waugh.

In a time when we were raised to refer to our elders as "Mr. and Mrs.", we called Dorothy, "Dorothy Waugh". Maybe it was the cadence of the name or the fact that it was not a last name we were familiar with, or perhaps it was that as children, she was a very tall, somewhat imposing woman. This was not because of any actions on her part, but probably the rules set down by our parents, not to go on the Waugh's property or bother them or their renters. The truth is, I never remember seeing her when

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## The Dorothy Waugh Story *continued*

she was not smiling.

Clyde and Dorothy primarily came to the camp to maintain it. Clyde would mow, while Dorothy cleaned in preparation for the next set of renters. Once a year, on July 4th, they sat down by the lake, and had a picnic. Sitting by the water, enjoying a sour apple pie, Dorothy may have reminisced about the times when her grandparents owned that property and the land that the Mousley's and all the camps to their right sat on.

Dorothy Waugh lived her whole life in the house by the old Post Office. She will forever be remembered as "The Egg Lady". We were "from away" and were in awe that if you went to the second side door, and when Dorothy was not in the egg room, you could just leave your money and take your eggs. The sound of all those chickens was magical, well, at least to me. Apparently, they were not something that Clyde was endeared to. Dorothy told him that if he could find some other way to make money, she would deal with the chickens. So Clyde found the cottage that still sits on Waugh Road, up on Townhouse Road and had it pulled down on logs to the lake. Clyde rented to summer people and Dorothy dealt with the chickens. She sold them locally and also took orders from people as far as Farmington, when she was doing her weekly banking.

One of Dorothy's many activities was writing a weekly column for the Kennebec Journal, the Lewiston Sun, and the Franklin Journal. Dorothy was the social media, back before Facebook. A trip to get eggs ended up with a mention of your vacation in her column. She has been described as a "people person" and anyone who knew her can attest to that. She was devoted to the people of her community and supported them with her actions and deeds. Her activities were numerous, including membership in the Flying Pond Association, the Mill Stream Grange and attendance at both the Vienna Baptist and the North Vienna United Methodist Church.

When Dorothy died in May of 2003, she surprised the town by leaving a large trust that divided the income between six organizations. People were further amazed after an estate



*Waugh Home Near Vienna Post Office  
- Photo by Nancy Hemphill*

auction in February 2004 sold many treasured items from the house, including a rare, stenciled bed cloth that sold for over \$200,000.

But this is not how Dorothy would want to be remembered, or should be. She was a caring woman with a strong work ethic. As the "Resolutions for Respect," written by the Grange after Dorothy's death, states, "Dorothy never liked to spend money on herself, she and Clyde were very generous with others including individuals, the town and Mill Stream Grange when money was needed to purchase the present building." This fact was epitomized when Dorothy was Town Treasurer. She held that position for thirty years and during that time, on many occasions, lent her own money to the town so they wouldn't have to take out a TAN (tax anticipatory note). This was Dorothy Waugh, always caring for others. One story, that I think epitomizes her, was told to me by Libby Harville, "Even though she had saved so much money, you would never know it. In fact, when the bank told her she had a million dollars, she told them to recalculate it, they were wrong!"

Well, they weren't wrong and the town is blessed for it. As the resolution from the Grange states, "She will be irreplaceable." In a word that says Maine to every one of us, which I think I first heard uttered from Dorothy Waugh's lips, "A-yuh!"

*Special thanks to Doris Ripley Anderman for writing this edition's feature article. Do you have something to share? We would love to publish your stories, too! Please let us know if you are interested!*

## Greetings from wintery Maine! From FPIA President's Desk

As I type this quick note it is cold and miserable here in Mount Vernon. Frankly, I am not even thinking about our beautiful pond and my old camp on Russ Point. But thanks to Cindy, Diane and Nancy, who have a LOT of energy and a bit more time than I do, we are keeping an ongoing focus on the concerns of FPIA and our lovely pond. We will have another newsletter going out before the annual meeting, and are always looking for interesting tidbits of information to pass along. Some of the things the board will be considering prior to July will be:

- Filling one or more board vacancies;
- Looking at having 30Mile River Watershed take over our water quality monitoring, to provide a more public and consistent set of data, along with other adjacent lakes that they do now;

• Looking for a new treasurer as Barbara is retiring this year. Thank you, Barbara for your long tenure in that role!!

I'd also like to remind folks who have not supported the FPIA with dues contributions, you can do so from the comfort of your home. There is a link here to securely do so: <https://fpia.weebly.com/>

Oh, and one sad note: George Smith passed away the other day after a multi-year struggle with ALS. I know that many of you know George either personally or via his editorials and columns in the KJ. George was an ardent supporter of our local lakes and woods. His obit is located here: <https://www.pressherald.com/2021/02/14/obituarygeorge-a-smith/>

*See you in the spring, Paul Crockett*

## Overflowing Dam

Dean Sciaraffa, our resident dam expert, commented:

"I used to think this was a bad thing for our dam, but it is actually less aggravating to our most serious problem. As we all remember, the leak we had in 2015 was caused by water forcing its way under the dam. When the water is low the differential between the upstream and downstream water elevation is at its greatest, which creates more pressure, forcing water under the dam. When the water flow is high, like we see in this picture, the differential is small and there is less pressure forcing water under the dam. So our dam is actually getting a little rest."



*'Dam' December 2, 2020 - Photo by Alice Olson*



*- Photos by Luke Olson*

## Winter's Onslaught

A Nor'Easter on December 5 dumped heavy, wet snow on Mt. Vernon and Vienna. The snow was accompanied by strong winds that blew down trees and branches, causing widespread damage and power outages. Central Maine Power reported that more than 230,000 of its customers in Maine were affected by the storm, some going without power for 5 days.

## Resources For Healthy Lands & Lakes — A Five Part Series

Kennebec Land Trust, 30 Mile River, 7 Lakes Alliance, Maine Lakes and Lake Stewards of Maine

### Kennebec Land Trust

Part One — feature by *Nancy Hemphill*

“ *The KLT works cooperatively with landowners and communities to conserve the forests, shorelands, fields, and wildlife that define central Maine. KLT protects lands permanently, offers opportunities for people to learn about and enjoy the natural world, and works to support sustainable forestry and farming.* ”

(KLT's Mission Statement)



*'Sunset From Vienna Mountain' Flying Pond & Parker Pond are in the distant view – Photo by Karen Kurkjian*

KLT currently protects over 40 properties comprising more than 412,000 acres, mostly in Kennebec County, and is in the process of acquiring another tract in the Winthrop area. Four conservation areas in Mt. Vernon and Vienna offer hiking trails and access to wetlands and streams. Some of the other properties are noted for wildlife, mountain views, boating or camping access, or historic interest. One is even a designated “green” burial ground. Group hikes, paddles, snowshoe outings, birdwatching, photography and painting classes, other educational events and childrens’ programming have been offered in pre-pandemic times. For more information, or to check out their new properties and trail map, go to: [tklt.org](http://tklt.org).

## Are You Interested In Being LakeSmart? *FPIA is interested in hearing from you!*

LakeSmart is a free, voluntary program sponsored by Maine Lakes in association with lake and pond associations. FPIA would like to join this important initiative. LakeSmart provides education, rewards, and suggestions to shorefront owners helping them manage their property to maintain the quality of the water in our pond. Trained volunteers will work with you to perform property assessments and make suggestions to help you with the process. It is voluntary, there is no obligation. If your site scores well, you will be given the coveted “Lake Smart Award”. Award signs for the waterfront and in your yard/drive will show others that you are a good steward of our lake. It will also help others to see what it looks like to be LakeSmart.



Algae blooms, fish kills, cloudy water, loss of spawning habitat to fish can all be a result of stormwater runoff. Over time, the impact to our pond can be devastating. “To be LakeSmart means that the homeowners have received the education and techniques, and are using natural landscaping strategies to protect their lake. LakeSmart landscaping mimics nature’s rich mosaic of plants, shrubs, winding paths, and shady trees—so it looks great, enhances privacy, and works hard to protect property values, wildlife habitat, water quality, recreational opportunities and the vitality of local economies.

If each homeowner does a little, the sum of many small actions adds up to a lot of lake protection. And being LakeSmart is the place to start!” Credit: [www.lakes.me/lakesmart](http://www.lakes.me/lakesmart)

For more information and/or participating in LakeSmart contact Cindy at [flyingpond@gmail.com](mailto:flyingpond@gmail.com).

## Myth-Busting The Hibernation Tale — by Andrea Spatig

When recalling how animals hibernate, my mind wanders back to an elementary school classroom where the teacher described a bear eating a huge meal to take a 3-month long slumber. I pictured the bear with a pillow, blanket, and perhaps some Sleepy Time tea in their dark den, settling in for the world's longest uninterrupted nap. When spring comes, I thought the bear may hear the birds chirping and feel the warm sun break through the darkness of its cave signaling it was time to wake up. Growing up, I had accepted this story of the hibernating bear as fact and would imagine the animals of Flying Pond going through the same winter hibernation ritual.



'Power Nap' - Illustration by Diane Araps

In reality, hibernation just refers to animals lowering their body temperatures and slowing their metabolism over a long period of time, usually in the winter. As it turns out, that nap-time story of the hibernating bear was nothing more than a fantasy. In Maine, only three animals are considered true hibernators: little brown bats, groundhogs and meadow jumping mice. These furry creatures undergo some major physiological changes to survive the icy cold. For example: groundhogs lower their body temperature to 38 degrees fahrenheit, their heart beats only 4 times a minute, and they only take 10 breaths per hour.

As humans living in 2021, our hibernating season has lasted almost a year. Although, it wasn't the cold that kept us inside - it was Covid-19. With the new availability of vaccines across the world, I feel that same warm sunbeam I'd imagined the bear felt, permeating into *our* dark dens, inviting us out into the world to reunite with friends and family after a long, cold, hibernation.

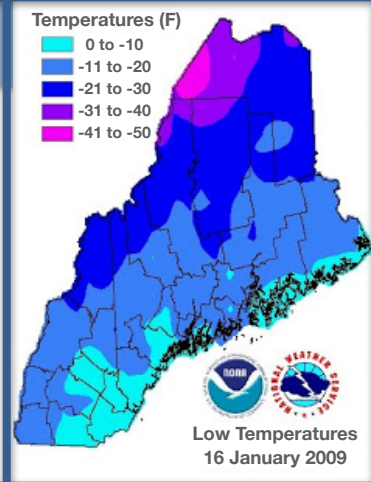
[mainewoodlandowners.org/articles/only-three-maine-mammals-hibernate-full-time](http://mainewoodlandowners.org/articles/only-three-maine-mammals-hibernate-full-time)

### Did You Know? In January 2009 ...

#### Maine Hit A Record Low Temperature

On the morning of January 16, as New England was under the grip of an arctic blast, an all-time low temperature of  $-50^{\circ}$  Fahrenheit was recorded for Maine. It was recorded at 7:30 a.m. EST at a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) stream gauge on the Big Black River near Depot Mountain in northwestern Aroostook County. The previous record,  $-48^{\circ}$  Fahrenheit, was set in Van Buren, Maine almost 84 years earlier, on January 19, 1925.

<http://capitalclimate.blogspot.com/2009/02/new-maine-all-time-record-low.html>



## From The FPIA Newsletter Editors...

We would like to thank all of our writers & photographers who participated with this winter newsletter & special edition! The spring newsletter is scheduled to come out at May end we would love to hear from you! Please send photos with captions to [diane@artillusstudio.com](mailto:diane@artillusstudio.com) & stories/announcements to [flyingpond@gmail.com](mailto:flyingpond@gmail.com). — Diane Araps, Nancy Hemphill & Cindy Ripley

# FLYING POND SPRING SKY WATCH

*Lights Off, Heads Up & Binoculars out!* — by Diane Araps

**Supermoon - Not An Official Name** In 1979 an astrologer, Richard Nolle first coined the term 'supermoon', defined as 'a new or a full moon that occurs when the moon is at or near (within 90% of) its closest approach to Earth in its orbit'. A supermoon labeled by one source may not be considered by another as there are no official rules as to how close the moon must be to qualify. [timeanddate.com/astronomy/moon/super-full-moon.html](http://timeanddate.com/astronomy/moon/super-full-moon.html)

**March 5: Jupiter & Mercury Encounter** Prior to daybreak the celestial saga continues! Set your sights on the Southeast horizon to catch our largest and smallest planet in conjunction. Jupiter will posture low right of Mercury for this fleeting moment in space. [space.com/39231-top-skywatching-events-this-year.html](http://space.com/39231-top-skywatching-events-this-year.html)

**March 9 & 10: Quadruple Formation** Check out the celestial cluster in the southeastern morning sky. Mercury, Jupiter, and Saturn will present themselves in alignment while the moon huddles up to them! All will be easy to see with the naked eye. Through binoculars you will be able to sight Jupiter's four large moons. [nationalgeographic.com/science/article/ten-spectacular-stargazing-events-to-watch-in-2021](http://nationalgeographic.com/science/article/ten-spectacular-stargazing-events-to-watch-in-2021)

**March 28: Full Worm Moon** This moon will rise at 7:02pm in the Eastern sky. It should be noted that some sources are citing this as a supermoon and others are not. Super or not it will be spectacular. This is the last full moon of the winter season and gets its name from this time of year when the earthworms emerge from their winter dormancy inviting birds to feed thereby signifying spring's most welcome arrival. [almanac.com/content/full-moon-march.html](http://almanac.com/content/full-moon-march.html)

**April 26: Super Pink Moon** This moon will rise at 7:13pm in the Eastern sky. April's full moon is named after the pink flowers, phlox, that bloom in the early spring signaling warm weather is on the way. Also called the Paschal Moon as it determines on which date Easter will land. [timeanddate.com/astronomy/moon/full-moon-names.html](http://timeanddate.com/astronomy/moon/full-moon-names.html)

**May 26: Super Flower Blood Moon Eclipse** This moon will rise at 8:50pm in the Southeastern sky. May's full moon is named for the flowers blooming in full swing of spring. Blood moon refers to the color of the moon during total eclipse. Unfortunately from Flying Pond we will not witness this event as the partial eclipse will begin as the moon sets. [nationalgeographic.com/science/article/ten-spectacular-stargazing-events-to-watch-in-2021](http://nationalgeographic.com/science/article/ten-spectacular-stargazing-events-to-watch-in-2021)

**Moonrise & Moonset Calculator:** [almanac.com/astronomy/moon-rise-and-set/zipcode/04352/2021](http://almanac.com/astronomy/moon-rise-and-set/zipcode/04352/2021)



*'Sunset over Parker Pond' – Photo by Karen Kurkjian*



*'Ice Fishing by Moonlite' a frosty -8 degrees  
– Photo by Chad Dwelley*

**Meet Our New Neighbors — Hello Flying Pond!** I want to take a moment to thank all of our new neighbors for the warm welcome we Huot's have received since we became a part of the community! We look forward to making years of memories here, as we are a family of four who loves outdoor activity, summer and winter. It goes without saying that everyone is looking for respite these days, so thank goodness for Flying Pond! Whenever the boys' hockey schedule allows, we find ourselves relaxing by the fire, ice fishing and skating. Hope to meet you all this summer, I'll be the one paddling around with a smile on my face! — Lori Huot



*Charlie Huot Ice Fishing*



*Charlie Huot Plays Ice Hockey with Friend Jake*



*Tristan hauling his travel hockey gear down to the pond to skate – Photo by Lori Huot*

*“It’s been the best winter for playing in the snow and out on the ice that I can remember in 10 years.” — Tom Ward*



*‘Skating Rink on Minnehonk’  
– Photos by Tom Ward*



**The FPIA board** would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest FPIA members. Thank you & we look forward to meeting all of you. An additional thanks goes out to our faithful "longer term" members as it has been an unusual & difficult year. We appreciate your continued support!

# A FLYING POND WINTER REWIND

*Time flies & we grow older but we are always young on Flying Pond!*



1997 Doug, Maggie & Vera Bryant  
*'Flying Pond skiing near Lloyd's Landing'*



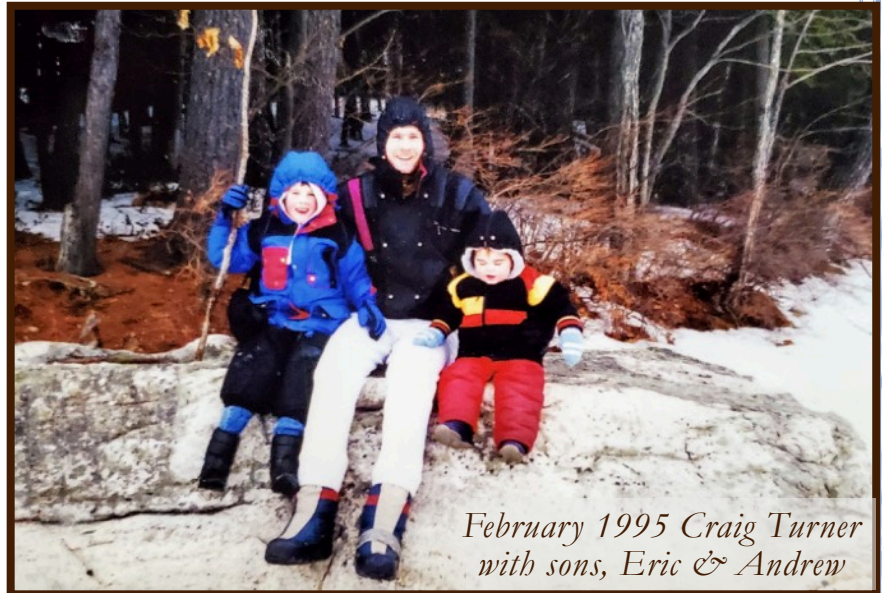
November Snow in Early 80s with  
Marion Roe at TeeNee Camp



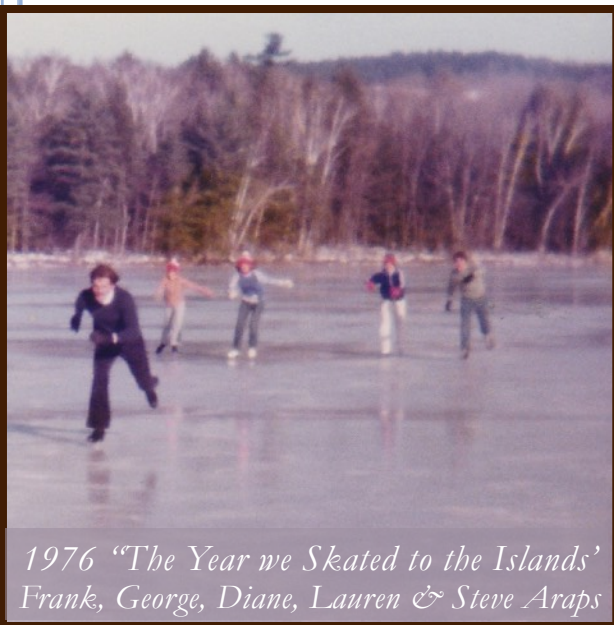
1978 Norm & Marilyn Erickson with  
Sam & Marilyn Lloyd in cross country gear!



1992 Liz & Sarah  
Lenhart trying to Skate



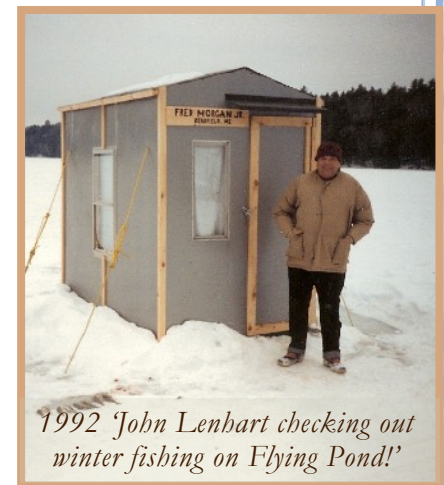
February 1995 Craig Turner  
with sons, Eric & Andrew



1976 "The Year we Skated to the Islands"  
Frank, George, Diane, Lauren & Steve Araps



1968 Bill & Regina Robertson



1992 John Lenhart checking out  
winter fishing on Flying Pond!