



NPTrail Chapter News

Stewardship: The Chapter was able to purchase a second chainsaw kit this fall with funds donated by a group of four chapter members who completed an end-to-end "Hike for Mental Health" in September 2017. By partnering with this organization and direct fundraising, eighty percent of these hikers' donations earned went to the non-profit *Hike for Mental Health Organization* to support mental health research, and twenty percent came directly to the Chapter as a donation. \$695 in total came to the Chapter which afforded us a complete kit including a saw and the required safety gear for the operator. Thank you to the participants for their hard work and efforts!

Please join us in congratulations to our newest Certified Chainsaw Operator, Mary Glynn! Mary completed her certification in 2018. If you know of an area on trail that could use some chainsaw work, please reach out to our Stewardship Chair, Bill Celentano at nptstewardship@gmail.com or 607-742-6611 and we would be glad to discuss getting some help there during chainsaw windows.

Our Fall Stewardship Hike on 10/20/18 was a resounding success! We had a record-breaking turnout of ten. Two groups started on Tarbell Hill Rd despite the cold, rain and wind and cleared all the way to the Kelly's Point Lean-tos. One of the groups was able to forge ahead and clear smaller obstructions all the way to Rodney's. Attendees joined us all the way from Central NY, the Capital District, Vermont and Massachusetts. Thank you to all who spent the day with us! Keep your eyes peeled close to Spring for the Spring Stewardship hike date.



As always, Stewardship Patches are available to those who complete a Stewardship hike, or if you cannot attend one are available for a donation of \$25. Please contact Bill Celentano if you would like more information or to donate.

Annual Chapter Meeting in Long Lake 10/21/18: Chapter members gathered in the historic dining room of the Adirondack Hotel in Long Lake for our 2018 Annual Meeting. Our special guest speaker was Region 5 Forester Jonathan DeSantis, who shared information with us about completed projects on the southern side of the trail (Long Lake south) including the rebuilt bridge at Lamphere Brook, repairs and restoration of Spruce lean-tos #1 and #2, a new privy at Carry and the brand new Lean-to at West Stony Creek. It was great to hear about what NYS is working on to improve the trail experiences for everyone!

Please continue to check out our Events Calendar on Nptrail.org for the most up to date information on Chapter Outings and Events. A special thank you to Jim Ormsbee for his work and expertise in improving this feature- if you haven't done so, please give the new and improved calendar a view!

Thank you again for continuing to choose to renew with us and keep Giving Back. If you have any trail news you would like to share, please contact Carla Denn at nptmembers@gmail.com.