Bridging Historic Preservation, Conservation, Recreation and the Arts

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Maine Preservation promotes and preserves historic places, buildings, downtowns and neighborhoods, strengthening the cultural and economic vitality of Maine communities.

- Field Service Program
- Summer Fellows Program
- Tax Credit Program
- Easements Program
- Protect & Sell Program
- Maine Steeples Fund, a joint project with Maine Community Foundation and an anonymous donor
- Annual Most Endangered Historic Places List
- Maine Preservation Honor Awards: November 7th!
- Member & Education Events: Old House Forum & Annual Meeting (Spring); the annual Gala (Fall)
- Statewide & National Advocacy
Robbins-Anderson Property, South Thomaston
Bernard Langlais Sculpture Preserve, Cushing
A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

In 2013, the Colby College Museum of Art received Bernard Langlais’ River Road property as part of a bequest from the artist’s widow, Helen Friend Langlais. To ensure the site be maintained for future generations, the Kohler Foundation took over the monumental task of conserving Langlais’ outdoor sculptures and more than 3,000 individual works of art and renovation of the home and barn under the guidance of Maine Preservation. Many of the works of art were distributed to over 60 public institutions, primarily in Maine.

In 2015, the property and remaining sculptures were transferred to the Georges River Land Trust for long-term care and stewardship. Through this unique collaboration, Bernard Langlais’ extraordinary contribution to the landscape he called home is one that can now be enjoyed by Maine residents and visitors to the state.

ABOUT THE PARTNERS

Kohler Foundation, Inc.

Kohler Foundation, located in Kohler, Wisconsin, and established in 1948, has long supported the arts and education. The Foundation’s work encompasses art preservation, grants, scholarships, performing arts series, and management of the Vandenwast Versailles, a historic home in the Village of Kohler. The Kohler Foundation has preserved major art environments across the country, including the Garden of Eden in Lucas, Ohio and Paragon in Beaufort, Ga. For more information visit www.kohlerfoundation.org.

Georges River Land Trust

Organized in a non-profit in 1987 and now the stewardship of the Langlais Sculpture Preserve, the Georges River Land Trust actively conserves the ecosystems and traditional heritage of the Georges River watershed region through permanent land protection, stewardship, education, and outdoor experiences. The Land Trust works with landowners and communities to protect wildlife habitat, farms, forests, wetlands, and the St. George River to enrich the quality of life today and for future generations. For more information, call (207) 944-5196 or visit www.georgesriver.org.

Maine Preservation

Maine Preservation, founded in 1972, works statewide to promote and preserve historic buildings and neighborhoods, cultivating an appreciation of Maine’s historic places to strengthen the state’s economic and cultural vitality. Maine Preservation administers a technical assistance program, a revolving loan fund, preservation easements, and technical assistance. Maine Preservation provides guidance and leadership on the renovation of the Langlais home and barns. For more information visit www.mainepreservation.org.

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The Three Bears and the Billy Wolfs greet you and introduce Xenia Tuton
Questions?

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Thank You!