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FAMILY FUN TO HIGHLIGHT LAST DAY OF LAND TRUST'S FARMERS' MARKET NOVEMBER 1

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What's faster? A carrot or a cabbage. Can a pumpkin outrace a parsnip? Any bets on a potato versus a beet? And who will become the lucky owner of arguably the most coveted kayak in Maine history?

All of this—and more—can be discovered November 1, the last day of the 15th season of the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust Farmers' Market at Crystal Spring Farm.

“The Land Trust prides itself on creating as many public benefits as possible through its land conservation projects,” said Executive Director Angela Twitchell. “And sometimes that benefit is simply good old-fashioned fun!”

Family fun will be the theme from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday November 1 at Crystal Spring Farm on Pleasant Hill Road in Brunswick. Throughout the morning varied offerings will include face painting, a market scavenger hunt, wool felting and nature stories. In an innovative twist, the Trust is staging a vegetable car building and racing event where participants fix wooden wheels to an array of vegetables, and send them careening down the “veggie ramp.” At 11 am, judges will cut into the entries for the second annual Apple Pie Contest.

The culminating event of the busy morning will be announcing the winner of a 17-foot cedar strip kayak. The stunning creation of functional art is the product of 800 hours of work by committed Land Trust supporters Martin Wilk and Kerford Marchant, neighbors in Brunswick. This is the third vessel the pair has contributed to the Land Trust for raffle. The drawing for the kayak will be held at 11 am. Raffle tickets can still be purchased at the market on November 1 until the time of the drawing and they can be purchased through October 31st online at www.btl.org/kayak.

The beautiful kayak has attracted attention at the Market and at various locations around town over the past six months. This interest enabled representatives of the Land Trust to engage new members and support for the final public stage of a \$7 million capital campaign begun in 2011. The Land Trust is turning to the community to raise the final \$1 million of the Campaign for Brunswick-Topsham, which will support ambitious land conservation goals and stewardship.

For information about contributing to the Campaign for Brunswick-Topsham and BTLT operations go to btl.org or call 729-7694. The Land Trust was formed in 1985, and since then has conserved some 2,200 acres of important natural areas.