

BOW Volunteer Sherry Labonte

What motivates Fish and Game volunteer Sherry Labonte? Seeing the smiles of accomplishment from women who have caught their first fish, learned to light a fire without matches, or blasted a clay pigeon out of the air with a shotgun! Labonte shares the extraordinary enthusiasm of women, young and old, for learning outdoor skills through New Hampshire's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (NHBOW) program. She especially appreciates how the program helps participants see their own potential in a whole new way.

As NHBOW's volunteer webmaster, Labonte plays a key role in getting the word out about program offerings, including the fall weekend, the winter workshop and the annual line-up of "Beyond BOW" skill-building classes. Lending her talents as an information technology expert, Labonte constructed the website at nhbow.com. She regularly updates information and publishes photos throughout the year. She also takes photos, helps instruct the NHBOW Nature Photography class and volunteers at the fall workshop.

"The website is the main place people learn about the program and sign up for classes," said NHBOW Program



Volunteer Sherry Labonte (right) is pictured with former BOW Coordinator Tina Davenport, who retired in April.

Coordinator Tina Davenport of N.H. Fish and Game. "Sherry is incredibly responsive about making all the frequent updates we need. Her specialized volunteer skills make a big difference for the program."

The BOW program would not be what it is without dozens of volunteers like Sherry freely giving of their time and enthusiasm, according to Davenport: "From our skilled instructors to dedicated committee members who work behind the scenes, these volunteers are the heart and soul of New Hampshire's BOW program."

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