



# BAPTISTE LAKE ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARLIN HORST

This is my first message to you as President of the Baptiste Lake Association. I was elected by the board at the directors meeting held immediately following the AGM in August. As this is written we have enjoyed a wonderful summer, if a somewhat wet spring, and look forward to a fantastic fall. The BLA and its members and friends have enjoyed several activities, both old and new, to keep in touch and meet new members.



Every Season has a special beauty by Kathy Schachtman

keeping the organization going we also had a wonderful “shortened” presentation by Katherine Irwin on what it means to be a cold

water trout lake and why it is important to maintain the natural habitat of our lake. We also said goodbye to Joan Brent as a director of the BLA. Joan has been a tireless volunteer to the BLA for many years and we will miss her, although hope to see her around from time to time. We welcomed three new members to the Board this year, Mary Milne,

The BLA held its traditional “Welcome Back”

get together at Camp Ponacka on the May long weekend and those in attendance had a wonderful time playing shortened versions of scrabble and other games and activities. Thank you to Don Bocking and Anne Morawetz for their generosity in allowing us the use of the dining hall at the Camp. Our AGM in early August was well attended and in addition to the m u n d a n e requirements of

Shelley Pickard and David Robertson.

This summer marked the first year that the BLA held a music festival. The day in late July was fantastically hot and humid. We had a great turn out of members and friends on the lawn and the waters in front of Country Fare. The festival showcased the large number of musical artists in the area. In addition to music there was art, food and a silent auction. Many people enjoyed the entertainment from their boats. A special thank you to George and Susan at Country Fare for providing the venue and also to Mike and Ineke Moxam for all of their hard work in organizing the event.

This year our traditional Labour Day weekend corn roast at Birch Cliff Lodge became a Pig and Corn Roast. Although the skies threatened rain several times throughout the day the evening weather was great and a huge crowd of hungry people arrived. The lines for food and beer and

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wine were so long that they became intertwined and guests were forced to choose between hunger and thirst. I am told that the food was fantastic. A big thank you to the Oliver and Kuda families and the chefs from Peter Oliver's restaurants for organizing such a wonderful event. Thanks as well to David Milne and Birch Cliff Lodge for the use of their facilities.

In addition to social activities the BLA continues to work towards implementing the Lake Plan. David Hawkes has been tireless in organizing this as Lake Plan Coordinator. I would simply like to add that the Lake Plan is not something that we created and now sits on a shelf gathering dust. We must continue to build on and improve the Lake Plan to ensure that the objectives of the residents, both permanent and seasonal, as set out in the Lake Plan are achieved and protected. This can only be achieved by volunteers and if David calls upon you I would hope that you would answer the call and do your bit to help with Lake Plan implementation. If you would like to help, in no matter how small a way, I would encourage to you contact David and let him know that you are willing to volunteer. It may be trite to say but it is true, many hands make light work.

Over the winter and into next summer we plan to update the website. I would encourage you to make it a habit to click on the website from time to time to see what is happening. Feel free to post on the discussion board or respond to posts that are already there. We hope that the website will become one of our primary means of communication. In addition if you have not provided us with your e-mail address please do so as this is one of the most effective ways to

communicate in the modern world. Be assured that we use e-mail addresses only for the purposes of the BLA and we do not inundate you with messages. Send your e-mail to newsletter@baptistlake.org along with your cottage address. Finally if you are not a member I would encourage you to become a member. The cost is minimal (\$25 per year or 3 years for \$60) and benefits are so much more.

If you have any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other member of the board. This is your association.



Joan Brent Retirement



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# GREETINGS FROM HASTINGS HIGHLANDS

LORRAINE FELL

**T**his summer proved to be one of the best summers on record, and I hope everyone took time to enjoy it. This fall Council is occupied with two important projects: **Septage**, and how best to dispose of it, and the preparation of a **Secondary Plan for the Bird's Creek area**. The two are interconnected. Under Provincial Policy guidelines (PPS), future growth and development in HH will depend on having a treatment system to safely dispose of septage from your septic or holding tanks. (the time-frame for allowing septage spread on the fields is limited)

Bird's Creek is currently designated a Rural Hamlet. It is a natural area for expansion of commercial and residential development. However, the Province requires a Secondary Plan for community growth to occur, so that this area can be re-designated as an Urban Hamlet. Without an Urban designation, development/growth in Bird's Creek will be limited. Both these projects are time-consuming, with many obstacles to overcome in the process.

After looking at various methods of treating septage, we have chosen the Dewatering Trenches System developed by the Ministry of Environment (MOE): "Dewatering systems have been in use in Northern Ontario since 1970. Due to the lack of spreading sites, and or the lack of sewage treatment plants with capacity to treat hauled sewage in some areas of the Province, it was necessary to develop a method of treating hauled sewage that was **economical, effective and practical.**" Sewage treatment plants are not only very expensive, the residue sludge still has to be trucked and spread 'somewhere.' Whereas the trench system seems especially suited to rural municipalities, since over 1000 of these systems are now operating in Ontario. Thus, we are in the process of choosing an appropriate site that will comply with all MOE criteria for a Certificate of Approval to operate this system.

According to MOE: "Dewatering trenches are in

essence exfiltration systems. They act as a controlled contact area for surface infiltration. The purpose is to slowly introduce the liquid portion to the soil so that the soil bacteria can effectively treat the liquids in the aerated zone." (For more info on this topic, please see "To Whom it May Concern in HH" on our Web site. Further details received from MOE on the system/operation will also be on the Web site shortly.)

Two new employees have been hired: Jake Krupa as Transportation Manager to replace Wayne Olmstead who retired, and Dave Robb, as Waste and Facilities Manager to look after the Landfill sites, Community Facilities, Parks & Rec. and manage the new Septage Waste System.

Road reconstruction in the budget this year was approved for the North Baptiste Lake Rd.—from the Landfill to Hwy. 62. Reconstruction has commenced; the road will be left to settle this winter, with paving to be completed next spring. Residents who drive up to the lake this winter are reminded not to park in areas designated for snow-plough turning, as it makes life difficult for our men driving the plough!

Mayor Emond has received 3 responses to his request for people with a business background to sit on an Economic Advisory Committee. Meetings will only be held in season to allow summer residents to take part if they wish. Interested residents should send a brief resume of their background to Hastings Highlands c/o Mayor Emond.

As always, Gregg Roberts and I remain available to assist you by email to Hastings Highlands Office or by phone at home. Greg: 613-332- 4422 or Lorraine: 613-332-4815

## *What do you call a group of loons?*

asylum cry loomery water dance

A "raft" is a larger gathering i.e. when they assemble just before migrating. They are deemed to be "rafting".





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## ANNUAL BAPTISTE LAKE ASSOCIATION CLOSING EVENT SEPTEMBER 3, 2011 – BIRCH CLIFF LODGE

**T**raditionally the BLA closes the summer with a corn roast, hot dogs and pop. Last year (2010) was no exception. Unfortunately, the day was cold and damp and only a small group braved the weather to attend. A conversation ensued where it was decided that some new ideas were needed to put some spice into this annual event and to attract a larger share of our members. The Oliver and Kuda families volunteered to tackle this and hence the idea of the Pig Roast was born.



Boaters arrive at Birch Cliff Lodge

To encourage attendance the Board and others worked very hard to ensure that everyone was aware of this event. Posters were put up at various locations, emails and letters were sent, and word was spread through neighbours and friends. When Saturday, September 3rd arrived the sun was shining and warm and, although forecasted, the rain held off. Was it the weather, the publicity, or the thought of succulent roast pork that brought all the people to gather on the lawn of Birch Cliff Lodge? Attendance expectations were surpassed and the area quickly filled with people.

Attendees were given name tags and children were invited to participate in a scavenger hunt and bingo. There were displays set up for shoreline naturalization and for the shoreline shrub program. Lineups quickly formed to fill

plates and glasses (a liquor license had been obtained for the event and beer and wine were available). Pork, salads, corn, buns, corn bread and other goodies were gobbled up.

While people were lining up for food, BLA President Marlin Horst



President Marlin Horst

welcomed the crowd, thanked the Oliver and Kuda families for organizing the event, and expressed his appreciation to David Milne and Birch Cliff Lodge for hosting.

Peter Oliver then addressed the huge crowd and



Peter Oliver

expressed his gratitude to those who had helped him organize the event. He also talked at length about shoreline revitalization and naturalization. He explained that when he first purchased his property he created a luxury lawn which stretched from the cottage down to the very edge of the water. Fertilizers made the grass look luxuriant, truly a treat for eyes. However luxury lawns and lakes do not mix well, as fertilizers are killers and vegetation buffers, if

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Signing up for memberships and fundraising

possible at least 15 meters wide, are the best thing for the lakes. He has since transformed his shoreline and is now hoping to educate as many other shoreline owners to do the same thing. He and a group of volunteers are aiming to make Baptiste Lake "The Healthiest Lake in Ontario.

Quite a tall order!

David Hawkes spoke about the implementation of the Lake Plan. Drafting the Lake Plan was only step one. Now is the time to put into action the recommendations contained in the Lake Plan. Volunteers are needed.

Hats off again to the Oliver and Kuda families, David Milne and Birch Cliff Lodge and those of you who made a donation to help cover the costs. This day will remain in our memories for quite some time!



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## Shoreline Shrub Planting Program

BY PAULINE HAWKES

**T**he BLA wants Baptiste Lake to be the healthiest lake in Ontario. We are providing easy and affordable access to a Shoreline Shrub Planting Program for 2012. Shrub bundles provide indigenous species for naturalizing shorelines. Advantages include keeping the soil from being silted out into the lake, thus reducing clarity, and denying geese access to the property, reducing goose excrement in Baptiste Lake. The planting of Upland Shrubs beyond the shoreline is an extra gain on naturalising and saving the shoreline.

The Bancroft Area Stewardship Council and the Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association facilitate the acquisition of over 15,000 of these shoreline plants each year. The cost is subsidized through donations and contributions from forest industry partners. The planting of native shrubs along the shoreline is critical to the rehabilitation of the Baptiste Lake shoreline. Baptiste Lakeshore residents are encouraged to take full advantage of this generously funded program, which is supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

### Shoreline Bundles:

Alternate and Red Osier Dogwood, American Elderberry, Nannyberry, American High Bush Cranberry.

### Upland Bundles:

Sumac, Hawthorne, Black Chokecherry, Juneberry, Service berry, Pin-cherry

### SHRUBS:

- \$25 .00 per bundle
- 25 native plants per bundle in each of the upland or shoreline bundles

- mixture of listed species in each of the Shoreline or Upland bundles
- shrubs are bare root stock, generally 12” – 24” in height, species are labelled, and bundles are packaged for ease of transportation.

**Orders** need to be in by December 15, 2011 at the latest. Please e-mail pauline.hawkes@bell.net with your request, or call 1-613-216-2182 (Ottawa). We are planning delivery to Baptiste Lake for the Saturday morning, May 19, 2012, at Birch Cliff Lodge between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Payment will be required at time of pick-up and cheques should be made payable to the “Bancroft Area Stewardship Council”. Please provide an e-mail address so that we can supply updates regarding pick-up.



### The BLA welcomes the following new members!

Ron Ballantyne, Marina Road  
Graham and Beverly Brown, Wykes Road  
Mike and Beth Potter, McAllister Road  
Charles Oliver, North Baptiste Lake Road  
Gavin and Derek Crabb, Irwin Lane  
Bill Lennox and Linda Jones, Irwin Lane  
Robert and Clara Oliver, Irwin Lane  
Gary and Lynda Ladner, Irwin Lane  
Christopher and Shannon Fabricius, North Shore  
Barry Mees and Janet Baillie, North Shore  
Phil Netusil, South Baptiste Lake Road  
Rob and Laura Yelenich, North Shore



# BLA LAKE PLAN UPDATE

DAVID HAWKES, CHAIR

**T**he Lake Plan implementation is being launched over a three-year period. Activities began in the spring and summer of 2011, with a workshop with the mayor and council members of Hastings Highlands Municipality held on June 29th. Its theme was “Working Together for Mutual Benefit”. The Council is very supportive of our efforts, and undertook to work with us on matters of mutual concern.

The Lake Plan involves almost 50 individual projects, divided into five areas: (1) the Lake; (2) the Shoreline; (3) the Viewscape and Watershed; (4) the Built Environment; and (5) Community Action. From discussions during the stakeholders' meetings leading to the Lake Plan, and from reaction at our AGMs, it is apparent that some issues are of high priority at the moment – water quality and shoreline restoration are two such issues, so we started there. John Jared and Frank Hicks are taking on a project that looks at monitoring water quality to measure the health of the lake over time. Bob and Bryn Weese are analyzing the impact, both environmental and economic, of fishing derbies on the lake. Burt Clarke is looking into the possibility of establishing speed limits for boats in narrow waterways. Peter Oliver is undertaking a project to provide public education on shoreline preservation and restoration. Pauline Hawkes is developing a shoreline shrubs planting program, in co-operation with the local Stewardship Council. A “Shoreline Advisor” program is

underway. Chris Chhatwal is leading a project to inventory and water-test streams flowing into Baptiste Lake.

Some projects are underway in other areas as well. Byron Kellar is investigating the lack of public amenities in the community, such as a beach, a community centre, and a public toilet. Wally McColl is looking into the possibility of developing a nautical map of Baptiste Lake.

In 2012 we will focus on the built environment and the viewscape/watershed, while continuing our activities in other areas. It is our objective to make Baptiste Lake the healthiest lake in Ontario. It is important to pare this work down to “bite-sized” pieces, so that no individual is asked to do too much. We need your help in order to achieve this. You can review the Lake Plan on our website to see what activities you might be interested in.

I would be pleased to hear from you if you have an interest in helping – each person has their own special interest in the lake. I can be reached in Ottawa at 613-216-2182 (cottage 613-332-4736) and on email at [david.c.hawkes@bell.net](mailto:david.c.hawkes@bell.net), and my mailing address is 7 Nautica Private, Ottawa K2H 1E5. I look forward to your cooperation and support.

## Water levels 2011 Adrian Hill

April	Avg.
May	+5 in
June	+1 in
July	Avg.
August	-3 in



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## MUSIC FESTIVAL

SUBMITTED BY MIKE MOXAM

The first annual, Baptiste Lake Music Festival was held on the Lawn of Country Fare in the Village of Baptiste on Saturday, July 23, 2011. The weather was beautiful - sunny and 33 degrees with a breeze coming in off the lake. Sue and George Poulton generously offered up their



Music Festival Lawn

Baptiste Lake Marina, Barry Bowers Custom Builder, Hospice North Hastings, Guitar Nuts, Pepin's No-Frills, Bancroft Home Hardware, The Old Tin Shed, Wilson's Tim-Br-Mart, McCaskie TV & Stereo, Bancroft Sport & Marine and The Bancroft Times. We would in particular like to thank George and Sue Poulton of Country Fare. Not only did they offer up their property and provide all of the power for the event, they donated \$400 to the Baptiste Lake Association at the conclusion of the Festival. A very generous gesture. We would also like to thank the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw who donated half their winnings back to the B L A . Finally we would like to thank all of the BLA volunteers and family members who generously donated so much of their time to make the day a success.

We will see you all again at the Baptiste Lake Music Festival, Saturday, July 21, 2012

property at Country Fare and it was a fabulous location. The central stage saw a steady flow of local musical talent throughout the day while people enjoyed from the lawn and from the water. The Artisan Village offered many attractions including face painting enjoyed by many of the children attending.

It was a great day of music, a wonderful day by the lake and a perfect way of connecting the Baptiste Lake community to the community at large.

We would like to thank our sponsors for this year's event; The Baptiste Lake Association,





## FALL/ WINTER COMMUNITY EVENTS

**North of 7 Film Fest-** Tickets available at the door and for the week prior to the show at Ashlies' Books, Hospice, Ink N'Things, Posies & Zihua. Call 613-332-8014 to reserve tickets. All proceeds benefit Hospice.

Nov 8 - Potiche- Housewife is forced to take over the family business....

Dec 13 - The First Grader - True story - 84 yr. old man with no education goes to school.

**Rhyme Time for Kids-** Hastings Highlands Public Library Wednesday 10:30 - 11:30 am for kids 0-3 and their Caregivers. Rhymes and Songs, Stories and Fingerplays and running around in the gym.....

**Bancroft Public Library Kids Group** -Every Saturday, 10:30 am to Noon.

**Bancroft Art & Craft Guild Christmas Show and Sale,** Nov 12, 613-338-5431

**Bancroft Santa Claus Parade-** Downtown Bancroft, Dec 3, 2:30 pm (613-332-4372)

**6th Annual Kritter Kringle Sale & Dog Show** - Maynooth Community Center - Dec 10, 11-4 Benefits Hart Animal relief (613-338-3333)

**8th Annual Brighten the Night Parade** - Dec 10, 5 pm, Maynooth (613-338-2080)

**New Year's Eve Dance**

Bancroft Legion (613-332-3250)

Maynooth ANAF (613-338-2343)

### Block Captains

How would you like to become a little more involved at the Lake? Meet new people? We are looking for interested parties who may not have time to sit on the Executive but would like to help. May we suggest giving serious consideration to becoming a Block Captain?

A Block Captain's responsibilities are to introduce the BLA to property owners, record/update record of property owners when necessary, arrange welcome packages, and encourage membership and participation in the BLA. Each Block Captain will be assigned an area (jointly agreed) and will be provided with necessary information and materials.

If interested, please contact Shelley Pickard, Membership Chair via email at [shelley.pickard@rogers.com](mailto:shelley.pickard@rogers.com) or by phone - home 905-848-1973 / lake 613-332-5256.

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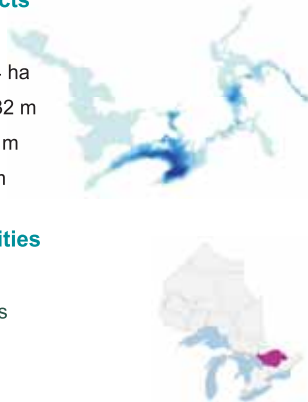
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## Ministry of Natural Resources Monitoring in 2011

### Broad-scale Monitoring Bulletin BAPTISTE LAKE – ZONE 15

#### Baptiste Lake Facts

County: Hastings  
Surface Area: 2154 ha  
Maximum Depth: 32 m  
Average Depth: 4.7 m  
Water Clarity: 4.6 m



#### Monitoring Activities

-  Fish netting
-  Fish contaminants
-  Zooplankton
-  Water chemistry
-  Bathymetry
-  Water temperature/dissolved oxygen
-  Invasive Species

#### Netting Summary

Netting dates: August 2 – 11, 2011  
Netting days: 6  
Number of net sets: 38  
Number of fish species caught: 14

#### Fish Netting Results

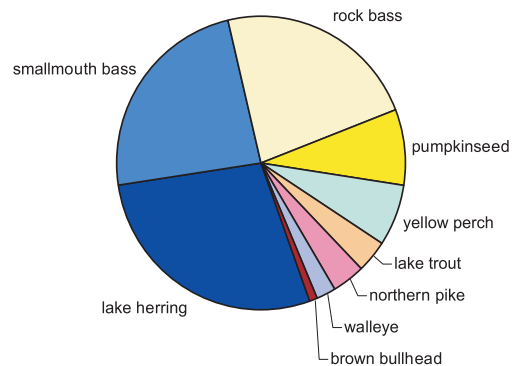
Fish populations were surveyed using large and small mesh nets to provide information on fish species present and their characteristics, such as growth, age and abundance. The catch data below show that 9 species (from a total of 135 fish) were surveyed in large mesh nets. Additional fish species that were caught in small mesh nets are black crappie, bluegill, common shiner, golden shiner and largemouth bass.

Fish species	Total Catch %	Maximum Length cm	Minimum Length cm	Average Length cm
lake herring	28	29.0	18.0	24.8
smallmouth bass				
rock bass	24	48.6	21.0	32.3
pumpkinseed	8	24.5	13.9	19.7
yellow perch	7	22.5	14.9	17.8
lake trout	4	69.0	50.8	59.8
northern pike	4	89.5	34.8	57.8
walleye	2	58.3	27.3	45.5
brown				
bullhead	1	26.7	26.7	26.7

#### About the Program

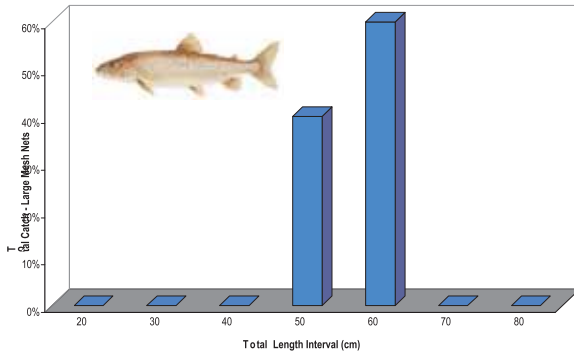
The Broad-scale Monitoring Program provides information for managing our fisheries effectively. This bulletin provides a snapshot of the recent monitoring activities and netting results. Netting is conducted using large and small mesh nets. Large mesh nets contribute information about fish species and small mesh nets describe the fish community. To learn more about this sampling program read [Broad-scale Monitoring Program: Monitoring the Health of Ontario Inland Lakes](#) or visit [ontario.ca/fishing](http://ontario.ca/fishing).

#### Proportion of Fish Caught in Large Mesh Nets

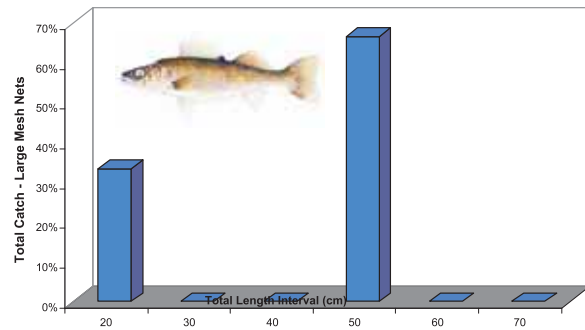


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**Length Distribution of Lake Trout**



**Length Distribution of Walleye**



The size of lake trout ranged from 51 to 69 cm (from a total of 5 fish) and the size of walleye ranged from 27 to 58 cm (from a total of 3 fish).

**Water Chemistry and Temperature**

Water samples were collected in May 2011 and sent to the Ministry of Environment for analysis. Water temperature, oxygen levels and water transparency were measured in August 2011. Baptiste Lake is considered a cold-water lake that can support cold and cool-water fish species such as lake trout, walleye, and lake herring.

**Invasive Species**

Invasive species were monitored using plankton nets and observations made by field crews. Historically, there have been no reported occurrences of invasive species in Baptiste Lake. Samples are currently being processed to determine if any new invasive species were detected through this sampling program. Any species new to Ontario or an invasive species that is a new record for a waterbody is reported to the Invading Species Hotline [www.invadingspecies.com](http://www.invadingspecies.com).

**Fish Contaminants**

Levels of contaminants in fish flesh (e.g. mercury, PCB's, mirex, organochlorine pesticides and other organic chemicals) will be reported in the *Guide to Eating Sport Fishing in Ontario* or visit [ontario.ca/fishguide](http://ontario.ca/fishguide).

For more information please contact Ministry of Natural Resources at 1-800-667-1940, send an email to [mnr.nric.mnr@ontario.ca](mailto:mnr.nric.mnr@ontario.ca) or visit [ontario.ca/fishing](http://ontario.ca/fishing). 20 to 30 cm, 30 cm = 30 to 40 cm, etc.

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## BANCROFT TRAIN STATION & MINERAL MUSEUM

**F**or over a year, a group of community members have been working together to develop plans and raise funds towards the restoration and rebuilding of one of our community's most important landmarks, the Bancroft Railway Station. Now, Operation "All Aboard" is moving full steam ahead! In celebration of Bancroft's 150th anniversary, the Bancroft Sesquicentennial Heritage Project is breathing new life into the Station.

In addition to being a major lumbering centre at the turn of the century, the Bancroft area was known for its many mines and minerals that were extracted from the area - the Childs Mine, Irondale, Coe Hill, Tory Hill, the Bessemer Mine, Baptiste Lake, and many other sites. Built in 1900, the "Old Station" played a significant role in the history of Bancroft and North Hastings until the railway was closed in 1975. From the south, the Central Ontario Railway made its way north from Prince Edward County to Bancroft and beyond to Maynooth, Lake St. Peter and Wallace. The Irondale Bancroft and Ottawa Railway connected

Bancroft with Kinmount, Ontario. In a bid to exploit the expected mineral wealth of the Haliburton Highlands, it went through some of the roughest geography of Central Ontario.

Since the station closed in 1975, it has been the home of the much acclaimed Bancroft Mineral Museum, with its world-renowned mineral collection, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Art Gallery of Bancroft. When the Station was finally condemned five years ago, it was a loss to the entire community.

Plans for the new building were originally designed by local designers Larry Haight of Compudraft, and later, Pat Marcotte of Havencraft Homes. Architect Christopher Tworowski has done the final drawings. The building has been lifted off of the original, rotting

foundation, excavation has been done, and it now sits on stilts high above the ground, waiting for a new ICF foundation. The main 2- storey section of the Station will be restored, the freight shed and residence at the back removed and the shed

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An expectant crowd awaits the arrival of the first Central Ontario Railway train at Bancroft station. The first COR train reached Bancroft in November 1900.

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rebuilt. There will be a full basement under the entire building and it will be universally accessible for everyone in the community to enjoy. The new facility will provide a much needed new home for the Bancroft Mineral Museum, Regional Tourist Information Centre, Chamber of Commerce and a Mineral Education/community space in the lower level. The facility will open in the spring of 2012.

More than \$600,000 has already been raised towards the project, including \$345,000 from the Canadian Heritage Fund, cash donations and donations of labour. The land and building have been donated by the Town of Bancroft. Another \$300,000 is needed to achieve something of which we can all be proud. Donations of cash, labour and materials are welcome. As well, old-fashioned Work Bees will be organized at various stages of construction and volunteers are welcome. The first one, in July, saw several experienced local contractors joining with other community members to dismantle the baggage shed, with a great lunch provided by the Committee. Another is planned soon to lay the footing forms and get the cement flowing!

If you can contribute in any way, please contact Chris Drost, Project Coordinator, at 613-332-0347, the Chamber of Commerce at 613-332-1513, or Don Koppin General Contractor, Project Manager, at 613-332-0777.

Donations for acquisitions, furnishings and operations for the Mineral museum can be sent directly to "Bancroft Gem & Mineral Club", Box 1749, Bancroft, ON K0L1C0. Contact Wendy & Frank Melanson, 613-332-1032, wfmelanson@sympatico.ca



The Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa motive power was typical of many backwoods railways of Ontario. Second-hand 4-4-0 locomotives, typically ex-Grand Trunk power, was the order of the day with the occasional new locomotive. IB&O #1 was of ex-Grand Trunk stock, although very little is known about its antecedents. It was nicknamed the "Mary Ann" as a tribute by it's first engineer, Samuel Edward Hancock, to his wife.

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## VIEWPOINT

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In my opinion, few things in life are better than this: sitting on your front deck looking out onto the water, feeling the warmth of the sun and hearing a gentle breeze rustling through the trees. Now that's a great day at the cottage.

Great cottage views are not always 'born'—sometimes they must be created or nurtured. Trees often create that “special place” feeling, but they can also obstruct our scenic views.

As a certified arborist\* I talk to a lot of shoreline owners about site lines and vistas. People want the sunlight and the view, but they don't want to create an unnatural look by “stripping” the bottom limbs or one whole side of a tree. Many cottage owners don't realize that there are options other than tree removal. Sometimes a good prune by a trained hand is all that is required.

Site line pruning is a technique used by arborists to capture specific desired views while minimizing and/or eliminating the negative effects of whole tree removal. By leaving trees standing, many benefits are retained: shade and privacy, habitat for animals, wind and snow block, energy savings, aesthetic and increased property value. Imaging keep all that, plus gaining a view!

In my experience the key to a great site line pruning is good communication between the arborist and the client. Specific desired views should be discussed. (“Is a view of the island achievable?”) Goals should be set and agreed upon by all involved. I always tell my clients that subtle and natural solutions always look the best. For example, reduce the length of a limb instead of removing it completely. When done expertly, site line pruning is almost invisible; you see the view, not the cuts.

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### MEET THE NEW DIRECTORS

#### *David Robertson*

I have lived on the lake for 65 years, although I am only 64. My mother was pregnant with me and we climbed Blueberry Island the summer before I was born; hence the age discrepancy. I was involved with the association several years ago as the water-tester. Being a permanent resident here on the lake, I felt I might have something to offer the association in terms of maintaining water quality, influencing the appropriate development of future cottages/homes and **most of all**, doing all in our power and influence with Hastings Highlands to keep our exorbitant tax rates at a reasonable level.

#### *Mary Milne*

Both my mother's and father's parents came to the lake in the 1940's. My mother's parents built on land they'd fallen in love with after going on a picnic. My father helped my grandfather build a log cabin when he was a boy, later building his own cabin nearby which is now our family cottage. I've been coming to Baptiste Lake summers and holidays since I was born and many of my happiest times are from here. I'm a songwriter and I currently live part time in Toronto but, as often as I can, I come up to Baptiste Lake to write and work on recording projects (and tap maple trees!) I'm looking forward to being on the BLA board and the opportunity to contribute to the preservation and celebration of this lake that we all love.

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In my experience, the best results come from site line pruning with the clients on site to direct and monitor progress. If the site line is from the deck, I would have them sit on the deck (I know it's a tough job but someone's got to do it) while I work. From there, they can confirm when the desired view is created.



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#### *Shelley Pickard*

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and his nephews started building a small cabin with logs that they pulled out of the lake. This building is now used as a shed and holds many memories.

I have been proud to share our cottage and the lake with many friends over the years. Our motto has always been "the more the merrier". I absolutely love the peacefulness and tranquility of the lake. The swimming, water sports, hikes, wildlife, gorgeous sunsets and multitudes of stars provide me with a never ending supply of subjects for my interest in photography. I plan to convert our cottage into a home and look forward to many more seasons at Baptiste.

Some final tips: As with any tree issue, make sure you use a qualified, certified arborist with the proper insurance coverage. Remember, bad tree care, even if done with good intentions, still leads to negative results. Bring in a professional, and open up your vistas. When the work is done, all that's left is to sit back and enjoy the view!

\* *What's an arborist? A professional in the cultivation, health, management and study of trees, shrubs and other perennial woody plants.*



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The Kuder family, whose home is in Pennsylvania, has a long history on Baptiste, initially vacationing at Birch Cliff Lodge. As their family matured John and Diann bought a cottage near the old Sam Baptiste property. John purchased the Skiff Craft in 1997 for use on Baptiste and named her *Entre Amis* (between friends) reflecting his passion for Canada, his friends and his extensive travels to most provinces.

The Skiff Craft boat company has a complimentary Canadian connection as described on their website: [www.skiffcraft.com](http://www.skiffcraft.com). "Skiff Craft was founded in 1904 as the Henry Boat Company near Peterborough, Ontario, by two Canadian boat builders — Victor and Stanley Henry. They created their reputation by building quality wooden boats able to withstand the harsh waters of Canada's lakes and rivers. In 1959, the company relocated to Plain City, Ohio, and was renamed Skiff Craft. There, veteran craftsmen of local Amish and Mennonite communities, custom build each exceptional Skiff Craft boat using their time-honored woodworking skills".

**Entre Amis** has been in indoor storage for the last five years. The BLA is now selling her as a

fund raiser for our association. Those who are interested can see her at Birch Cliff Lodge near the reaction hall. Our asking price is \$6500 including the trailer.

The Kuder family has expressed a hope that *Entre Amis* would continue to find a home here at Baptiste. BLA members will receive a 20% discount to encourage that possibility.

Information sheets are available at the lodge or by contacting Wally McColl at (613) 332-5364, or email [Wallace.McColl@bancroftmail.com](mailto:Wallace.McColl@bancroftmail.com). For more photos and specifications visit the BLA website [www.baptistelake.org](http://www.baptistelake.org).

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Membership fees collected are used to cover expenses necessary to support our goals. Please note that memberships expire on our fiscal year end, March 31st. Fees are \$25/ year, or \$60 / 3 years. Please tear out this form and send it in with a cheque made out to "Baptiste Lake Association", Box 877, Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Postal Code/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Waterfront? Yes / No      Water Access Only? Yes / No  
 e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_