



# BAPTISTE LAKE ASSOCIATION

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### *BLA Event Dates To Remember*

Sunday, May 20 – **Spring Opening Event**, Birch Cliff Lodge, 5:00-7:00 pm

Friday, June 22, Saturday June 23, **Boat Wash Stations** provided at 2 boat launches, sponsored by the Bancroft Stewardship Council

Saturday, June 23, **Poop Talk and Aliens**, 9:00-12:00 noon, Hastings Highlands Centre, Maynooth. A presentation about Septic System Health and Aquatic Invasive Species.

Saturday, July 14, **Naturalist Day**, Sunrise Lodge, 10 a.m. Canoe and Kayak trip to McGarry Flats

Sunday August 5, **Golf Day**, Bancroft Ridge 10:00 am, BBQ lunch \$35/person. Call 613-332-GOLF

Saturday, August 11, **Annual General Meeting**, Birch Cliff Lodge, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Sunday, September 2 – **Corn Roast**, Camp Ponacka, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY WALLY MCCOLL

Winter at Baptiste is beautifully captured in Ketha Newman's painting, *Shadows and Snowshoes*. Pure, tranquil with the invitation for adventure.

As I am writing this article, winter still has a grip but is past its "best before date". I wish everyone a big welcome back to Baptiste. With warmer weather on the way I expect many are anxious to get the cottage open, unwrap the boats and check out the barbecue. I am. The Spring opening event at Birch Cliff Lodge is always a welcome social event, a time to get reacquainted and look to plans for the summer.

Over the winter our Directors have been active in more than snowshoeing, skiing, warm fires and great social evenings. Indeed we have continued our active communication and work-



*Ketha Newman painting Shadows and Snowshoes.*

ing relationship with Hastings Highlands looking to good stewardship practices for development and Bylaws for the lake.

We have targeted the design and development of our website to make it more enjoyable, intuitive and effective. Our webmaster must be congratulated for his patience, skills and understanding in fielding a myriad of ideas and requests. You will appreciate all his hard work.

Each year our association has a dual focus, to promote programs for environmental stewardship and to foster a social atmosphere for our summer enjoyment making the stewardship tasks fun. I am able to verify this fun part. Our website is targeting these two functions. Including the Facebook entry, we hope the site invites posting, invitations and discussions for members to get together and share interests. Groups for hiking, kayaking, wild life, photography, butterflies, loons, turtles, you name it, could post events, meetings and times here. Personally I might suggest a small kayak group to quietly investigate interesting bays inlets wetland channels, and especially the pretty, and hard to find, Hound Creek where it tumbles into Puppy Bay. One of some 40 inlet streams that we sample for water temperature.

This butterfly is a Canadian Tiger Swallow-

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tail on a Preston Lilac.

In last Fall's News Letter, I introduced the concept of BLA Citizen Science. Although the term Citizen Science is becoming a popular buzz word to tag many forms of interest or volunteer work, the BLA initiative follows science norms: using defined procedures, data base logging and reporting. For a detailed description of Citizen Science see the new digital publication "A FOCA Guide to Citizen Science at the Lake" <foca.on.ca> in the FOCA AGM and Spring Seminar document. The guide is easy reading, descriptive and contains 5 Chapters. No 1. Is titled "Why Monitor Your Waterbody." The guide describes usage and importance of implementing database logging of our lake measurements for classification, trend analysis and the ability to upload our information to FOCA and the resource related agencies: MBRF, FOAH, MOE.

The Citizen Science term is new to the BLA, the science concept is not. Our Lake Plan under the heading "Future Monitoring Needs" notes that we have been collecting water quality data for over 30 years. The recommendation is: "Continued participation in the MOE Lake Partner Program and the creation of a water quality data base will enable the collection of data and the establishment of long term trends in water quality."

Now we have the improved website capacity for digital file storage, developing data based logging procedures, analysis and reports in upward compatible format. All we need are the volunteers to aid in making it happen. (You knew I would get to this hook).

Many of us with combined skills will find a special satisfaction in contributing to our lake stewardship and enjoying the social benefits. Contact a director. Small contributions are important.

To conclude I wish all the best summer. Explore and appreciate the beauty of Baptiste. If you part of a group recording or photographing nature, wetland habitats, streams or physical characteristics, these records too can be stored and referenced as part of a growing Science section on our website.

My congratulations to all the volunteers and Directors who have contributed to our successful lake association. Looking to the future from a perspective of some 60 years experience.

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BY MARLIN HORST  
DIRECTOR OF FOCA AND PAST PRESIDENT OF  
THE BAPTISTE LAKE ASSOCIATION

As you know I stepped down as President of the Baptiste Lake Association (BLA) in August of 2017. I enjoyed my years as President immensely but felt it was time for someone else to take over. I continue to sit as a director of the BLA and will continue to do so for a while yet (unless of course someone is chomping at the bit to be a director in which case I will step down to make way!).

I have now been a director of FOCA (the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations – of which the BLA is a member) for 2 years. FOCA directors are elected for a term of 3 years which can be renewed once (for a total period of 6 years as a director).

The mission of FOCA is to protect thriving and sustainable waterfronts across Ontario. Much more information about FOCA can be found on its website at [foca.on.ca](http://foca.on.ca). Please go to the website for interesting information regarding waterfront living and timely articles and explanations of some of the issues surrounding waterfront living in Ontario today. The website has lots of interesting information on a great deal of topics. Please note that you can contact the office of FOCA to get a log in for the website which gives you access to members only areas. You can also sign up for monthly newsletters from FOCA which have articles on a number of topics. Also note that the BLA website puts a link on to the latest FOCA newsletter on a regular basis.

FOCA strives to be the preeminent voice of waterfront property owners in Ontario. FOCA is often able to have access to Cabinet ministers and senior officials in various provincial and federal ministries that simply are not available to one local lake association. Together we are stronger. FOCA has a staff of 3 and half (one person is part time) and are an excellent source for information and advice when issues arise. While it may be the first time a particular issue has arisen on one lake

it is likely that the same or similar issue has arisen before on other lakes in the Province and FOCA will hopefully be able to provide guidance.

In addition to my duties as a director of FOCA, as of April 11, 2018 I have been elected by the directors of FOCA to be President. It appears I finally received the coveted position of Past President with the BLA only to find myself as President of FOCA. I look forward to working with the executive and lake associations across the Province to ensure safe and enjoyable waterfront living for generations to come. FOCA has been modernizing its processes and governance over the last several years and I hope to be able to continue that going forward. FOCA has a very dedicated staff and excellent volunteers who will, I am sure, make my new role that much easier.

If any of you have any ideas of what FOCA should be doing going forward or if you would like to volunteer in any way please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to assisting (and hopefully improving) Ontario waterfront living over the next few years.

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# TIGHTEN YOUR NUTS!!

BY PAUL COLEMAN

A chain saw is the most dangerous hand tool at your cottage! My buddy tried to clear a trail through small undergrowth without his chaps... The blade kicked back and sent him to hospital. The average chain saw mishap requires 110 stitches... so now how do you feel Mr. weekend warrior?

Personally, I pulled out "old Betsy", started her up and went into the woods. The blade was dull from last years' "hit the gravel" oops. So I replaced the chain and off again to work. Within minutes the blade wobbled, the chain came loose and whoa STOP! One nut had fallen off into the snow and the other was about to fall... How did this happen?

I was shaken. So I went on the internet and did some research. First I read that golfer Greg Norman almost lost a hand to a chain saw accident. Golfing with 2 hands is tough enough, how about 1!!

Here is what I learned. Have your chain saw properly serviced by a professional. Note that Rick Allison has just retired so let me know who else to call. What should you protect? Head, eyes, ears, arms, hands, legs, ankles and feet. Don't use running shoes like my father in law who trimmed his big toe nail with the chain!

Get rid of any helmet with a dent or crack. Just like a hockey helmet, don't let the structural integrity be compromised.

I also got rid of the wired face shield that suffered rust damage over the winter. Always wear eye protection, shields, glasses, goggles. Interesting point about ear plugs is to crunch them up into a tight ball, pull back your ear, ram them in (gently) and let them expand within the ear cavity. I always shoved them in and wondered why they kept falling out... live and learn.



Paul Coleman modeling our Baptiste Lake jacket.

Next, invest in chaps! My buddy has them, did not use them for brush trimming and paid the price. Open wound, oil and grease, wood chips,

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stitches, infection and recovery time... Never let your guard slip. Chaps must fit properly and cover the top of your boot. They will jam the fly wheel and prevent the chain from penetrating the leg. Always wear steel toed protective boots.

Stuff I never knew or cared about must be considered. The chain brake, throttle interlock, anti-vibration locks, air filters and spark plugs.

Remember to have the correct tension on the chain. Check it after it cools. Remember to wear gloves as there are hundreds of sharp cutting edges on the chain. If the chain is too tight, the machine runs slower, wears out faster and will break down. If too loose, it comes off the bar... Not good.

Always lubricate the chain. A dull chain is outright dangerous. When you hit a nail or the ground, your chain is done for. If you feel the pressure in your arms, it means that you are doing the work instead of the saw. (Or that you are out of shape!) You can also feel the unit heating up, the saw cut is no longer in a straight line and the wood chips become dark as they burn. Another tip, always wrap your thumb around the handles... I always do as a habit but those who don't found that the saw can slip out of your grip.

Oh, another cool feature is to watch the hot dog chain saw guy use the "drop saw start". He flings the saw downward with 1 hand while pulling the chord with the other. It looks great until the blade hits his leg. Not good #2.

Finally, the most important warning is to avoid the "kick back". This happens when the tip of the blade catches a branch or directly hits the wood that you are cutting and flings back at you. It takes 3/10's of a second to hit you. It takes 3/4's

of a second for you to react... the damage is done before you blink! So when you can't see the blade in fallen tree, keep your body to the side of the direct cut and beware of the kick back danger.

In summary, here is what you should consider:

- do your cutting when you are fresh and alert
- clear the cutting zone of any loose obstacles
- establish a good footing and good balance for every cut
- never cut over your shoulders
- watch the tree top to ensure it will not break off when you are cutting below
- work on the upside of a fallen log so it will not roll on you
- use a plastic wedge to prevent pinching
- cut with the lower part of the bar, pivoting off the dogs, and maintaining proper speed
- keep your body off to the side and let the saw do the work

Lastly, never tell your wife to stand where the "X" is that you marked in the ground.... She won't think that is funny... just saying

Ok, so there's my thoughts. Tell me your experiences so we can share with others



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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

BY VIVIAN BLOOM

Greetings to All, hope you are looking forward to a beautiful Spring and Summer. As I write this today, the 15th of April, we have had in Maynooth, four inches of new snow and now two hours of freezing drizzle! This leaves us all looking forward to a beautiful and a very busy summer. Hastings Highlands is changing rapidly, and the hamlet of Maynooth is one good example. Many new shops are open, eateries for a lunch or snack as you wander the street, our famous Maynooth Market will welcome all again this year from May until October. I look forward to visiting many of the Lake Association Meetings that are held from early summer to September.

I would like to point out a few days of specific information that various committees and staff are working on. Please check our Municipal and Library pages for new information as these lists are changing steadily !

- Hastings Highlands Septic System and Invasive Species Information Day Titled: "Poop Talk & Aliens", Saturday, June 23, 2018, Emond Hall in Hastings Highlands Centre

- 2018 Hastings Highlands Municipal Hazardous & Special Waste Days/Textile Drop Off, Saturday July 21, 2018, Saturday, October 13, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- 2018 Community Reusable Goods Days, Saturday July 21, 2018, Saturday, October 13, 2018

- Hastings Highlands 3rd Annual Stewardship Day, Wednesday, August 1, 2018, Emond Hall in Hastings Highlands Centre, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Our Library is in the process of adding some wonderful new programs for children and our teen community, as well as the regular adult programs such as Bridge, Scrabble, Fitness classes, Quilting and Knitting groups, although not all of these may carry into summer. Again, the Library Website will keep you up to date on all current activities !

I would ask that anyone interested at all in "local history" please visit the Facebook Page, "Friends of Maynooth and Hastings Highlands". Read the posts, enjoy the many historic photos, and please feel free to share your Baptiste Lake stories and photos with all. It encompasses all areas as well up to Algonquin, the neighbouring county fringes and will provide many hours of entertainment and sharing of our heritage.

As all are aware, this is a Municipal Election in Ontario, and I would urge everyone to go to Voter Look Up.ca to make sure you are on the ballot if you are legal to cast your vote from anywhere in the world you happen to be this year! As it is MPAC and not the municipality who manages our voter and taxation lists of addresses, please check that all of your information is correct, you will need you will need a tax bill information to go online to check and correct if needed. To take of a deceased person, you need to contact MPAC directly. For more information please contact the Clerks Department by phone 613-338-2811 ext. 277 or election@hastingshighlands.ca

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## MEETING SAM BAPTISTE

BY LORRAINE FELL



*Sam Baptiste and the Hunter Boys.*

Your last Newsletter was most interesting, and I believe one of the largest and best yet. As a long-time resident on Baptiste Lake, it sparked great memories of the past for me.

In 1955, I was first introduced to Baptiste Lake on the May holiday weekend. As a new bride I joined the Fell family on their annual trip to open the cottage for the season--on what is now named Fell Rd.

As a young man in 1902, our Grandfather Lorne Reid and his family moved to Bancroft to open the E.L. Reid Woolen Mill. After Lorne married Susan Farnham from Bancroft, the couple had 5 children in their home just off Sherbourne St. in Bancroft. A few years later the Reid's decided to build one of the first cottages on Baptiste Lake, on what is now Fell Rd. (just around the corner from the Village of Baptiste.)

Their eldest daughter Margaret met Max Fell at Queen's University. After they married, they lived in Ottawa, but since Margaret had spent every summer of her youth on the lake, she and Max decided to build their own cottage at the other end of Fell Rd. With their children Tom,

Jim and Janet the family spent every summer at Baptiste.

In 1955, I married their son Tom. We lived in Montreal at the time, so my first trip to Baptiste Lake was on the long weekend in May that year. We drove to Ottawa first, then accompanied the Fells' for the trip to Baptiste. Years later, we acquired Grandpa Lorne's cottage, where we all enjoyed cottage life for many years thereafter. Now with Fell's living at either end of the road, Herschel Twsp. named the road Fell Rd.

The original Fell cottage at the far end of the road was located on a point with water on both sides, almost straight across from Sam Baptiste's home. The family named the cottage 'Fell's Point of View,' a double entendre which seemed appropriate--since each of us had one--of our own!

As a city girl from Montreal, I vividly recall my first visit to the Fell cottage in 1955. The sun was just setting. The road then didn't go all the way to the cottage, and we had to carry all our bags and 'stuff' through dense dark bush to reach the cottage. The door was opened and gas lights turned on. (electricity came later.) In the dim light I walked through the kitchen and sat down in the living room.

Suddenly, the front door opened and I was shocked to see a tall man wearing a brown felt hat over long gray hair. He entered the room carrying a huge fish in one hand. He nodded to me, as he walked straight through to the kitchen. I followed, to see him slap the big fish down on the kitchen table!

The family all laughed, and my mother-in-

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law turned to me to say: "This is Sam Baptiste. He lives just across the lake. It's sort of a ritual every year when we open the cottage: Sam watches for the car lights coming along the road, then paddles his canoe across the lake to welcome us back, usually with a fish like this big one!"

Margaret then rummaged through our groceries to find the meat roast she had brought for Sam in return. Drinks were poured, and we all sat down to catch up on the news over the winter at Baptiste.

Sam and his son Jack were frequent visitors during the summer. Max had purchased the land for their cottage from Sam, and he and Max became fishing buddies, always taking a few 'toddlies' to go. Max recalled the story of he and Sam out fishing one evening, when Sam suddenly fell out of the boat! He said Sam went straight down in the water, and he couldn't see him. It was quite dark by then, but the moon was almost full.

Suddenly in the moonlight Max caught a glimmer of a mass of grayish hair floating on top of the water, grabbed for it, and hauled Sam back into the boat. Sam nodded and chuckled at this story, slapping his knee, saying, "Ho, ho, by golly, now you bet! It was his favourite expression.

After my daughter Karen was born, she was sitting in a high-chair one day when Sam came over for a visit, telling us stories, always ending with his favourite expression. All of a sudden Karen started to mimic Sam with a pretty good rendition that had us all doubled over laughing, including Sam.

After my 3 children were born, we acquired Grandpa Lorne's cottage, and spent every summer, Thanksgiving and Christmas at the lake. By then, we had moved from Montreal to Toronto, and finally to Bancroft where Tom bought Bancroft Sport & Marine. Alas, times do change. Tom Fell and I parted.

However, life did hold a silver lining for me. I met Norm Maxwell. Norm operated the Ford Dealership in Bancroft--and he and I enjoyed a wonderful life of love and laughter over 25 years together. When I lamented that I no longer had a cottage on the lake, Norm replied, "Well, let's start

in the Village, and see what's for sale; 'someone' must have died!" So we drove up and down the side roads from the Village. Suddenly, we spotted a 'For Sale' sign on a cottage on Marina Rd.

Of course, being a Bancroft native, Norm was familiar with Baptiste. He said, "I know the builder; it's well-built and I can do something with this one." So we bought it, later renovating it to a permanent home. I'll never forget Norm raising the cottage inch by inch on either side; then watching him drive his tractor underneath the building to remove over 8 feet of sand for a basement, while the cottage teetered above him!

"Those were the days, my friend, we thought they'd never end, we'd live and laugh forever and a day..."

Still, today I am happy to say I have now lived 62 years on Baptiste Lake. Your excellent Spring Newsletter sparked me to recall my own treasured memories of this special place. Hopefully, it may prompt others to share their own special memories of life on beautiful Baptiste.



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## HISTORY OF ST MATTHEW'S UNITED CHURCH ON BAPTISTE LAKE

BY PAUL COLEMAN WITH EXCERPTS FROM THE WRITINGS OF MARGUERITE M. MCCOLL



*St Matthew's United Church*

In the early days of Baptiste Village, the Church, School and Post office were all located up on the hill. The people living along the shore were called "squatters". Interesting term huh? Oh to have a relative who purchased this land two generations ago!

The 1st Church was built in 1920 on property donated by Mr. Neil Bowen. In fact, one of the current Sutherland cottages is built on the old church foundation. Names prominent in the construction of the Church are Redman, Mercer, Kelly, Baptiste, Bowen, Hinds, Sutherland, Robbins, Hartwick, Brinklow, Reynolds, Hunter, Vance, Bailey, Jennings and LaVallee.

The first Minister was Matthew Wilson and thus the name... St. Matthew's. The 1st women's group was called "The Ladies' Aid" and Sunday School was held in the Edenswald Cottage.

As more people settled along the shore, the Village gradually built up and the Post office was moved to Grants Store operated by Mabel (Poff) Grant. Gradually the tourist industry grew and cottages, lodges and camps sprang up. The Church location was poor to meet the needs of this growing community as the yard was good for horse and buggy but not for modern day

cars. The church had to be moved to its present location, on land donated by Hiram Grant.

In 1942, led by Minister N.R. Flower, the Church was pulled down and rebuilt with as many reused boards and nails as at all possible. Art Nicoll was appointed Chairman of the building Committee and the ladies of the church commenced fund raising activities to finance the "new" structure. Hmmm the ladies did the financing..... just saying.

Apart from one carpenter and one stone

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mason, the church was entirely built by free labour from all denominations: Roman Catholics, Anglicans and United. The windows, floors, pulpit and chairs, wainscoting, pulpit railings, box stove, furnace and bell were all from the old building. It is said that the bell was taken from the first railway engine (The Old Mary Anne) of the I.B. & O Railroad!

The organ was donated by Clealan Blakely, the communion table and collection plates by Mrs. Sifton in memory of her son Frank, the fine oil painting by George Miller of Buffalo, the front door by Mr. Whitney Martin, the silver Baptismal bowl and bread plate by Mrs. Whiteman of Pennsylvania, and the Hymn Board by Fred Renals. The pews were all hand made by Lorne Davy and paid for by each family.

Today, there is a good road leading to the Church but that was not always the case. At one

time the Minister parked his car below Tripp's Hill in the spring and was transported by army truck to and from the church. Usually the whole congregation rode along with him on the return trip with Art Nicoll at the wheel.

Like all things, times change. The congregation has dwindled and services are held only in the summer. Sunday School had 50 members, now it is no longer. Mrs. Summers was organist for 35 years, Edith Nicoll was secretary Treasurer for 45 years! And we have trouble attracting new members and volunteers to the BLA.

In the words of the late Marguerite M. McColl "God has been very kind in many ways to the people who live around this beautiful lake and it is to be hoped that the few dedicated families who still remain here will keep this church operating for many years to come. To All dedicated members over the years we say "Thanks" and "God Bless You".

## VISUAL ART ON BAPTISTE

Formally a resident of the lake and a well-known name in the art circles of Hastings Highlands, Nancy Brookes enjoys pleine aire painting during the seasons on the lake. She has been successful in depicting cottages, iconic buildings and landscapes of the marshes, streams and back roads of the area, with that she has built a collection of Baptiste Lake landscapes. Her pleasing loose style allows the eye to complete the scene. Her gallery, Old Peterson Road Gallery in Maynooth is open year round or call for an appointment.



*United Church Baptiste Village by Nancy Brookes.*

# THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE WARMING ON THE FISHERIES OF BAPTISTE LAKE

By FRANK HICKS



*Loon Protection by John Coleman.*

One of today's more controversial subjects is the issue of climate warming. There are believers and deniers, however if climate models are to be believed, Southern Ontario, by the latter part of this century, will experience the types of hot summers that presently occur only in Windsor and Essex County of southwestern Ontario. Already average annual temperatures in Ontario have increased by as much as 1.4C since 1948. What will the impact of a warmer, drier climate be on the aquatic ecosystem of the area? Projected climate change in this area is expected to favour expansion of fish species with warm-water requirements, and place stress on the cool water species. How this will occur and the ability of fish species to adapt to climate warming has been the subject of a number of studies.

To examine the impact of warming temperatures, we need to look at long term, trend-through-time data sets and use this information in experimental management projects and computer modelling. One such study carried out by Dr. John Casselman, a research scientist with MNR, is pertinent to Baptiste Lake. In reviewing long term netting data and lake water temperatures

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in Eastern Lake Ontario, he demonstrated a strong correlation between year-class strength (success in survival of fishes hatched in a year) and relative abundance of smallmouth bass to July–August water temperatures. As a result of his analysis, a 1°C increase in water temperature will increase year-class strength almost 2.5 fold, and a 2°C increase, 6 fold. (Casselman et al., 2002). Smallmouth bass in this area are at or near the northern limit of their range and their year class strength is variable due to cold temperature and variability in weather, particularly in the spring during spawning. If, as climate models predict, water temperatures begin to warm, year class strength will be enhanced and the abundance of smallmouth bass will increase. Unfortunately, this high rate of increasing year class strength with increasing water temperature also applies to other centrarchids such as rock bass, pumpkinseed, and black crappie. Already, these species are prevalent in Baptiste Lake and increasing temperatures will only exacerbate the problem with invasive species such as these.

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While smallmouth bass and other warm water species may be the winners in a global warming scenario, cool water and cold water species may be the losers. An analysis of data for northern pike from the Bay of Quinte, a cool water species, showed that year class strength was also associated with July – August temperatures. An increase of 1°C in temperature would decrease year-class strength 2.4 fold, and a 2°C increase would result in a 17.9 fold decrease (Casselman 2007). Baptiste Lake enjoys a strong northern pike population that may be under stress in years to come. Similarly, another cool water species, walleye, recently introduced into Baptiste Lake, are struggling to become established and warming lake temperatures may restrict their distribution in the long term.

Lake trout are the canary in the mine. They are long lived fish that require cold, clean, well-oxygenated water for survival. Their preferred temperature is 15C which they achieve by seeking out cold water below the thermocline during the summer. Warming water temperature may drive the thermocline deeper and reduce their optimum available habitat. On the other hand it may extend the open water period which may increase productivity. Lake trout in Baptiste Lake are not abundant, however, they are very common in deep water lakes in the area, as well as Algonquin Park and a concern for anglers and managers alike. If lake trout decline in these lakes, it could also point out other fish under stress, such as cisco and lake whitefish.

Fisheries managers aware of impending changes due to climate warming may look for trade-offs in providing fishing opportunities. A

reduction in habitat does not necessarily mean regional extinction. Lake trout, brook trout and other cold water species, often exploited at maximum sustainable yields will need stringent controls to protect these resources. Anglers may have to travel further afield to fish for these species. Alternate fish species such as smallmouth bass that benefit from warming trends have the potential to fill the void.



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# WHAT'S LURKING IN YOUR COTTAGE?

BY PAUL COLEMAN

Hey, I'm a guy, and I can't believe I am actually writing this!

My good buddy, Brent Foley from Oshawa, (who just sold our house and now we live full time on Baptiste) has tried to make me more aware of what Anne handles automatically. So I guess this is a message to the "boys" on the Lake.

Germs hide in many spaces and it would be nice if we all did our part to help our better halves. So here goes:

- Cutting Boards. Bacteria, molds and yeast love this hot bed. So put them in the dishwasher once in a while or use soapy water to clean them up well. Another trick is to use full strength white vinegar followed up by wiping with hydrogen peroxide. Then rub it down with a fresh lemon. How many times have you found mouse dodo in the morning? Just saying.

- Kitchen Sponges. Molds are common,

worse case E.Coli and Salmonella! Throw out the old ones every couple of weeks and throw them in the microwave for 2 minutes once in a while.

- Kitchen Counter. We all throw "stuff" on the counter right? Keys, bags, phones, mail etc. You get the point, keep it clean, wipe it down with soapy water and keep it fresh.

- Coffee Maker. It sits in the dark, it is damp and we never think about cleaning it do we boys. So fill it up with 4 cups of white vinegar, let it sit for an hour. Start it up, let the vinegar run through and then follow up with a couple of cycles of water to flush it out.

- The kitchen drain and sink. After you run the vinegar through the coffee maker, hold on to it. Shake up a cut of baking soda, put it down the drain and then pour the vinegar on top.

- Door handles, fridge, cupboards, stove etc... disinfect daily with wipe downs.

- Toothbrush holder... This is Anne's favorite, NOT. Put them in the dishwasher, what! Never heard of that before. Or wash in hot soapy water to discourage mold, yeast and bugs to spread.

- Diaper pails and garbage baskets. Keep them clean and fresh... Hot water or disinfectant wipes.

- Finally, the pet dishes! Protect your pet from getting sick from spoiled food, bugs and mice.

There, a new me! I re wrote it so now I had better practice it. To those who are in charge of the home hygiene, if you have any further ideas, please let me know... because Anne would love me to add to the list.

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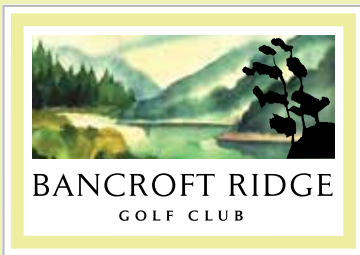
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# 2018 SPRING WEB PAGE UPDATES

INTERVIEW WITH ERIC HOOEY THE BLA WEBMASTER

Hey sports fans and Techies alike! We had a great response from you to make the BLA Website more user friendly, easier to use on all types of platforms (cell phones, computers etc) and more fun to browse.

So, President Wally called a meeting of the Directors and led the charge to implement the changes that you suggested. I was chosen to attend because I am hopeless with computers and just read Websites for Dummies. Anne is a former High School Librarian and well versed in most computer issues. Eric Hooey is a trained professional who lived and breathed this stuff in a past life. So here goes, I asked the questions and Eric talked the talk.

PC: Hey Eric, what sort of feedback did you get from the BLA members?

Eric: Most people use hand held devices to get all of their information these days. The current website does not meet their visual needs because it was written in 2012 and was targeted at a desktop computer with at least a 1024 by 768 display. As you know, since then cell phones and tablets have become the preferred method by which people access the world wide web. The popularity of the small screen necessitated changes to make the website more current given today's evolving technology.

PC: So Adrian Hill talked you into getting on board as a Director a few years ago. When you looked at the website what surprised you?

Eric: I found 5 different technologies that were used to create the website. One of them, I



Our three web masters take a break from updating the BLA website. Note Anne and Eric sporting their new Baptiste Lake jackets from the Maynooth General Store and Wally modeling his cool sweatshirt from Birch Cliff Lodge.

had never heard of even though I have been in the software Engineering business for 35 years.

PC: wow, I can't imagine! How did you get started?

Eric: I made a number of bug fixes and enhancements so I now have a reasonable understanding of all of the technologies employed and the internal structure of the website code. Thank heavens for Dr Google, who helped to answer some of my questions. The Board also considered hiring a 3rd party to address their concerns, however I accepted the challenge to learn the system and make the necessary changes myself.

PC: Cool, can you fix the black fly "bug" problem? What was your first challenge?

Eric: The most significant change was to adapt

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the presentation of the website content to a small screen. Basically this means detecting the width in pixels of the target display and formatting the content appropriately. Desktop users will notice very little change when this feature is released in early May along with a growing list of enhancements. On tablets and cell phones, the content will be a single column rather than 2 columns side by side and the content will expand or shrink to fill the available space. Previously the sizes of elements tended to be fixed rather than variable.

PC: So if I understand it, since there is only one column on a phone, the advertising section will fall below it rather than beside it as it is on the desktop, right?

Eric: Yep, the horizontal menu system which was locked into a 1024 pixel wide or wider screen, switches to a vertical orientation.

PC: So what about any cool visual change?

Eric: The Environment Canada current weather for Bancroft section, which was fixed

in the upper right hand corner is moved to the advertising section and presented as the first advertisement to visually improve the presentation on both desktop and mobile systems. The technical term for these changes was to make a "Responsive Website". I spent most of my time learning the system and testing things out. The trick was to find the right code at the right place.

PC: Yea, I get that, you are the "Web Master". By comparison I am a "Bass Master" who tries to find the fish at the right time and right place.

PC: So what did Wally ask you to concentrate on?

Eric: We are currently focusing on a reorganization of content presentation, an update to our mission statement and an increased emphasis on Citizen Science.

In general, we will be adding more pictures to make the content more visually appealing and making hyperlinks more user friendly.

PC: Thanks Eric, we all thank you for your tireless efforts to make our Website more user friendly.

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# INVASIVE SPECIES

BY PAUL COLEMAN

Wally and I attended a special meeting in Bancroft about invasive species, both plant and fish. Although the purpose was to address the Zebra Mussel prevention in Clark Lake (the drinking reservoir for Bancroft's water supply), other areas of concern arose:



Zebra Mussels glued to boat bottom on Wollaston Lake

- Wollaston Lake has zebra mussels... this boat was cleanly launched this summer, now look at it!
- Buckhorn Lake used to be a haven for Walleye, now they seem to be quite scarce.
- Pigeon Lake has a “rice” problem. What we don’t want is Eurasian Water-milfoil in Baptiste.
- Round Goby’s are a small fat minnow, that multiply like rabbits, wipe out Bass in no time by surrounding the bass’s nest, eats the eggs and larvae as the bass tries to fend off hundreds of attacks. They will kill any surviving minnows, they eat like piranhas

An invasive fish can “out muscle” the local species. They have few predators that will attack them. They are very adaptable, reproduce quickly and out compete the local fish for food and habitat.

An Invasive plant can be free floating or floating and rooted in the sediment, rooted and underwater or partly under water and partly above the water’s surface. They are a growing environmental and economic threat to our wetlands and waterways. They grow so quickly and densely that they challenge our enjoyment of boating, swimming and fishing. They crowd out our native plants. While some folks say “So what, it is just a plant!” their devastating impact inhibits water flows. Oxygen levels can also be depleted over winter when the plants decompose. This is extremely devastating for our native fish species.

So what can we do about the spread of these Invasive plants?” We must learn to identify these plant species so we don’t inadvertently spread

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them. We need to clean our boats and trailers and any other equipment used for recreation. Remember to remove all bits of plants, animals and mud before taking boats to another lake. We should also dispose of the stuff we remove into the garbage, not into the compost or gardens as seeds may spread.”

The Lake Baptiste Association (BLA) is working with experts to help identify invasive plants on our lake. They have contacted the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) for their assistance. On June 22 and June 23 the Bancroft Stewardship Council is organizing a “Clean Drain Dry” information program at 2 of our boat launches. They will have boat wash stations and educational materials for the start of this years’ bass season... They need volunteers to help out and make it a fun and interesting day.

Our BLA volunteers are also conducting other tests to record algae content, sediment changes, overall water quality and any findings of

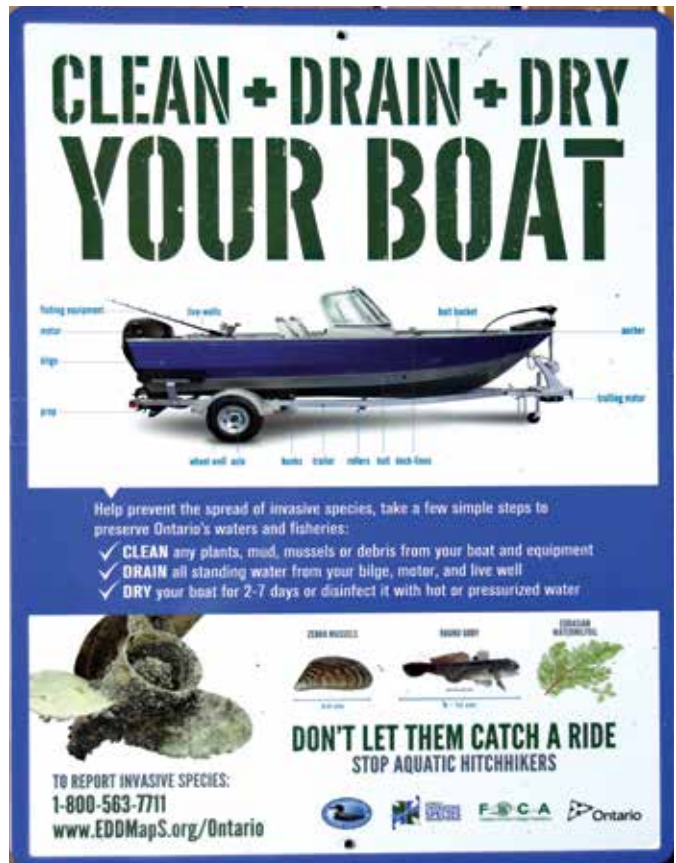


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invasive species. The data will be compared with previously documented information looking for abnormal change. Education and Information sharing are the keys to protecting our water quality and to implement, when necessary, any immediate corrective action to maintain the delicate balance of nature. This ties in with President Wally's concept of promoting Citizen Science.



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Rick Allison in Birds Creek has retired. Rick took care of all sorts of machinery repairs and maintenance. If you know of folks who do this type of business, let us know so we can share with others on the Lake. Bancroft Sport and Marine will be our Husqvarna Dealer and Birds Creek Farm Supply will sell the Wallenstein wood splitters.

Citizen Science has become the latest buzzword. What is it, what does it mean, how does it affect you? Ask your kids, they are way above the game and can teach us a lot. Really though, learn more, track what is happening around your cottage with bugs, amphibians, water fowl, vegetation and noticeable environmental changes of any kind. Here’s a clue.... Read President Wally’s updates.

To remind you of the Annual General Meetings and the Corn Roast, we will place road signs the week before as we encourage more involvement in your Lake activities.

How about a BLA Golf Tournament? I am in, are you? Look for details herein.

Your board members, past and current wonder

how we are doing with the Lake Plan. What is the Lake Plan? Please go the BLA website and check it out. Then reflect on your personal love of the Lake and let us know your thoughts. Thank you ahead of time.

The Maynooth Facebook updates are amazing. It seems like the whole Town is a follower. More and more folks are digging up old photos and sharing them. Mayor Bloom is tireless in updating the site and sets an example to follow. Let’s do the same with the BLA and share more communications.

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BY PAUL COLEMAN

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If you need extra canoes or kayaks I suggest you give Clive a call at Trips and Trails in Bancroft. He suggests that you go to his web site ([www.tripsandtrails.ca](http://www.tripsandtrails.ca)) for rates and information. Also, book early because rentals are limited and folks are booking now for the summer.

Check also with Carolyn at Baptiste Marina to see if she has rentals available that day.

So this is where you come in. We need a few



Photo by Anne Coleman



Sunrise Cove painting by Anne Coleman

pontoon boats or other water crafts to ride along with us to provide drinks or encouragement, to take pictures or to provide just good old fun along the route.

Any volunteers to help with the BBQ? Sponsorships? Safety gear, hats, t-shirts for the kids etc.

How about some of the trained professionals from Ponaka to join in? Maybe we will be fortunate to have Master Canoe Maker Will Ruch speak to us about the art of canoe making. Maybe the OFAH personnel can join us and Turtle Champion Kelly Wallace and or many other special guests that you can invite and offer Naturalist Theme advice.

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## COTTAGE RENTALS

BY PAUL COLEMAN

We have been in the cottage rental business for years. We have great guests now. We have had bad ones before. There is a lot of trust in renting your property and expecting folks to respect the home, the furnishings and the surroundings. At the last AGM we heard some horror stories about too many guests showing up and creating havoc. Quite often a cottage is rented with a set number of guests allowed, however it is typical for young folks to try and defer costs by inviting more of their friends. We have all heard of this and I think that it is now more prevalent as AIRbnb and other on line platforms simplify the rental process. So as unsuspecting owners and disturbed neighbours we have a growing problem.

Coincidentally the "New to the cottage" guest might need more instruction, more hand holding and simple instructions to deal with septic, mice, ants, mosquitoes, snakes, wasps etc. We do want to pave the way for a great vacation, meet reasonable expectations and keep our neighbours happy.

So we went to FOCA and found a nice article provided by CottageLINK rental management.

Here are some hints from the article:

- Before the kids hit the beach, take some time to show everyone around and give them some pointers about the layout of the property and

inside workings of the cottage and the mysteries of cottage plumbing.

- Be kind to your neighbours and inform them of what precautions you have taken to limit the number of guests and what contact number they can call if noise levels exceed the norm.

- Inform the guests about night time noise bylaws, fire bans, fireworks and Chinese lantern restrictions. Outdoor music must be kept to a minimum, 'cause we ain't in the city no more, right?

- Pets can be a problem with barking due to a new environment, searching out the new territory and straying onto the neighbours property... who may also have older or smaller pets.

- New guests may assume that they can park their boats and vehicles anywhere and may encroach on the neighbours land. Beware of septic tank locations and lines as this could destroy your system... not good.

- A big problem is garbage... What a way to attract bears, raccoons, mice, birds and my dog, by throwing out meal left overs. Guests don't think twice about this because there is so much vegetation.

- From a safety perspective, point out the potential danger spots if the kids want to play hide and seek. Point out rocks in the water, good safe water practices, boating rules and regulations. Too often we give the newbie's too much credit for knowing stuff... like the dude who started a fire in the fireplace with wet logs, no kindling and no idea... Go figure!

Not a bad summary, you may have other points. I would be interested in how you handled your issues.

Bottom line, use Cottage etiquette, respect nature and the neighbours. Live Life.

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# ON THE ROAD TO TURTLE AWARENESS...

By KELLY WALLACE



Photo by Kelly Wallace

Last year about this time, I remember being on cloud nine because the Ministry Of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) had announced on March 31, 2017 that the long standing snapping turtle hunt was officially terminated. I like so many other Ontarians after years of petitioning had long awaited this decision. It was this news that catapulted me into my next quest to help turtles and so it was the next day I set out with the objective to get turtle awareness road signs installed along various stretch's of road I considered to be high-risk road mortality locations in the Bancroft area. I had wanted to pursue this matter sooner but with the majority of the turtles in the area being snapping turtles and painted turtles and neither being designated at risk an application for road signs was unlikely to be approved. I reluctantly waited until there was a change and the terminating of the snapping turtle hunt was the change I had been waiting for.

After a succession of meetings, e-mails and phone calls that lasted for several months and then working in conjunction with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) I began gathering data during July 2017 to substantiate concerns regarding road mortality hot spots. It was then that I realized more data would be needed so I reached out to the community via notices in the local Bancroft newspapers asking people to get in touch to report their turtle sightings. Bancroft

Moose 97.7 FM got in touch to do an interview which was especially helpful getting word out.

I was initially contacted by concerned people in the Bancroft area reporting snapping turtle and painted turtle sightings. Soon after I began to hear from members of the Baptiste Lake Association, including Shelley Pickard and Hastings Highlands residents reporting snapping turtle and painted turtle sightings. Shelley offered to place my notice on the BLA website which I gladly accepted.

A young woman named Katrina Lam that was spending time at a relatives cottage in the Baptiste Lake area e-mailed me after seeing the notice on the BLA website. She let me know about a dead turtle she had sadly seen while walking along South Baptiste Lake Road the day before. She wasn't sure of the species but from the description I thought the turtle might be a species

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designated at risk so I drove to the location she supplied and searched the area extensively.

Living in Bancroft I wasn't as familiar with the precise road mortality hot spots in Hastings Highlands. I never did find the unidentified turtle but it was Katrina getting in touch that prompted me to scout around the Baptiste Lake area and make note of the lakes, ponds and many wetland features most certainly associated with turtle activity, so thank you Katrina. During the weeks that followed I continued to hear from BLA members reporting snapping turtle and painted turtle sightings. It became obvious that concerns about the turtle activity in the Hastings Highlands area were very similar to that of the Bancroft area.

A particular concern brought to my attention by BLA members was regarding road works carried out during turtle nesting season along South Baptiste Lake Road and the causeway. Turtles were observed nesting with little consideration being given to them by workers and nests destroyed as a result of this. The question of why road works was scheduled in that area at that time knowing it was turtle nesting season upset many people. If residents see similar situations this turtle season I would recommend getting in touch with Municipality of Hastings Highlands. Workers engaged in road works are meant to be mindful of turtles in the vicinity they are working. It is hoped future road works can be scheduled taking nesting season into account.

Although, I set out to obtain turtle awareness road signs for the Bancroft area, helping the turtles in the Hastings Highlands became part of the plan. As a well-timed notice in the local newspapers placed by the Municipality of Hastings Highlands Grant Committee caught my eye. It invited members of the community to submit suggestions for projects for which grant funding for the Municipality should be sought. On August 25, 2017 I submitted a letter outlining suggestions that funding be sought for turtle mitigation measures that included turtle awareness road signs. On September 16, 2017 I received word from the Committee Chair informing me that they would be attempting to

get the required funding and assistance for road signs.

On October 2nd all data collected for the Bancroft area was submitted to the MTO to be accessed and verified. Shortly after as requested I forwarded the data collected for the Hastings Highlands area to the Grant Committee.

On March 22, 2018 I received an e-mail from the MTO informing me that after reviewing the data submitted for the Bancroft area an additional six turtle awareness road signs were to be installed along highway 62 between Highway 7 and 28. Insert happy dance! Following this I got in touch with the Municipality of Hastings Highlands Grant Committee on March 28th to inquire about the status of road signs for the Hastings Highlands area. I was informed that MNR had told them that they would get back to them about road signs late April or early May. So, it is very much hoped there will soon be good news to share about some turtle awareness road signs that will be installed in the Hastings Highlands area prior to turtle nesting season.

Just to let you know on Saturday June 2nd & 30th I will be set-up at the Maynooth Farmers' Market in the Old Community Centre parking lot from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. So be sure to swing by the Think Turtle Conservation Initiative table. I will be there to answer questions you may have about helping turtles and let you know about the resources available to do so. I look forward to seeing you there.



Photo by Kelly Wallace



# VISUAL ART ON BAPTISTE

BY ANNE COLEMAN

We've had a white, frozen palette around the lake for several months and it is exciting to think about fresh colour and life. Several of our artists, who have residence around Baptiste Lake have been creating new beautiful works.

Nancy McKinnon has graciously shared a sneak peek at new work she completed while travelling in southern Alabama this winter. Her herons may even be en route to our area but if they are



*Heron by McKinnon*

smart, they will stay where it is warm for now. Nancy's works are well known for their brilliant, vibrant colours depicting forests, wild life, water scenes illuminated with amazing light. Her interest in art has been life-long taking different forms but Nancy concentrates now on acrylics or oil on large canvas. She resides near Camp Ponaka and her studio, Rockwood Studios, will be open during the Studio Tour.



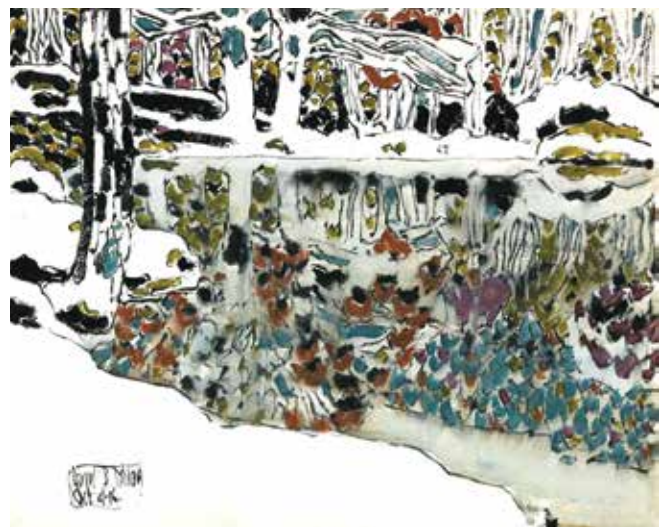
*Istead's Birches*

Karen Istead, glass and stained glass artist, lives along the Golden Shores of Baptiste Lake, off the South Baptiste Road. Her art is shimmering, using unique fused and stained glass techniques to capture light moving on the water, through the trees and clouds. Karen's kayaking brings her close to these movements of nature and she, then, is able to translate these landscapes into beautiful works. That the name of her place of residence on our beautiful lake reflects her work is very fun, Golden Shores. She will be participating in the Studio Tour, September 22, 23 and 29, 30, 2018 and is preparing many new pieces to share with those who seek unique works to remind themselves of their own memories of the lake.

Karen looks forward to her retirement from nursing which will allow her time to tackle a mountain of collected glass bottles in her backyard. She is also excited to see friends and visitors during the Studio Tour, many of whom come each year to find more creative ideas in her studio.

David B. Milne, internationally acclaimed artist is the artistic voice for Baptiste Lake. His works were recently showcased in London, England at the London's Dulwich Picture Gallery eliciting much exciting commentary

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David Milne, "Bishop's Pond (Reflections)," 1916. (National Gallery of Canada; photo courtesy NGC ©Estate of David Milne)

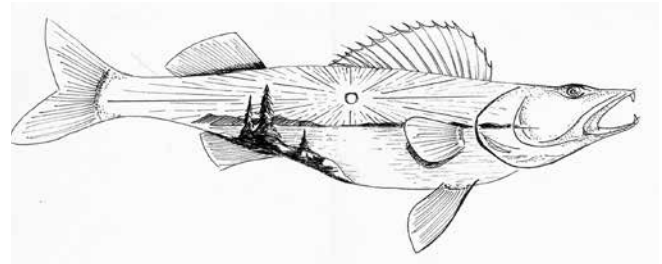
on his unique style. He is a force in Canadian Art. Milne's work is a continued inspiration for Canadian artists. The light and dark in his works speak volumes to the changes occurring in a landscape while the artist is developing his piece.

His works will be exhibited in Kleinberg at the McMichael Art Gallery from October 5, 2018 to January 14, 2019. This exhibition will document an artistic career that spanned the first half of the 20th century, bringing together more than ninety works in oil and watercolour, never-before-exhibited photographs and drawings by the artist, and memorabilia collected by Milne during his time in Europe as an official war artist.

"This is a modern artist for the ages, and one of Canada's best kept secrets." Sarah Milroy, co-curator of the exhibition.

How exciting that our own Lake Baptiste was his chosen destination for solitude and creativity in his latter years.

John Coleman came to Baptiste Lake in 1977 as a baby and returns each year with the family for great visits in all seasons. He knows the lake well as a fisherman, rock climber, down hill skier and always as an artist. He is now a sports psychologist for the para olympic Canadian Ski Team and resides in Sooke, British Columbia but the memories of Baptiste are vivid and being translated into a unique style of ink drawings which have a West Coast influence. *Loon Protection* and *Life in a Fish* are a few samples of his work and more can be seen on his Instagram account, "coleman, john".



*Life in a Fish* by John Coleman.

He makes the trip across Canada each year to be renewed and inspired by Baptiste.

In 2012, Nancy Brookes took on a student, Anne Coleman, retired high school teacher who was looking to achieve a life-long goal: painting in water colours. Anne has taken subsequent courses through the Haliburton School of Arts, with instructors such as Gary Chapman, Shelley Beach, Art Cunanan and has also worked with David Greaves. Many others have given support in this short span of time including the Bancroft Art Gallery through the juried show, Ketha Newman, Diana Gurley, plus now her work is on display at the Memories Tea Room in Maynooth as well as Ashlie's Book Store in Bancroft. Anne enjoys the constant challenge of translating the abstract of nature into a two-dimensional format. As a resident of Lake Baptiste, she has the opportunity of closely studying the moods of this beautiful setting.

Winter has been reluctant to loosen its grip but we know that the palette will soon become colourful and lively, presenting new subject choices for our creative artists. The Bancroft Studio Tour is your opportunity to see first hand these choices.



*Musky Bay* by Nancy Brookes



*Lavalley Bay* by Anne Coleman

# GO GREEN AND SAVE \$

BY JOANNE BARR AND PAUL COLEMAN

Here's A Creative Thought, Let's consider Buying in Bulk through the BLA and saving \$\$\$\$

Ok, not interested? Go back to the dock and relax. Interested? Read on.

Anne and I have contracted our Superior Propane rate for as long as we have had the cottage. Is it possible to buy a "pool" of propane at an even better price? Yes. By networking we have met Joanne Barr, Superior Propane Energy Sales Representative, who has served other Lake Associations with substantial savings to its members.

This summer Joanne is offering to partner with the BLA to maximize our potential buying power options. Here are some of the details that are relevant to the program:

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- The fixed price is renewed annually with a "locked in" price per litre all year long.
- Joanne will purchase a pool of propane for our Exclusive BLA Group. The more who sign up, the better the discounted fixed rate will be. Keep in mind that the price cannot be established until Joanne has a minimum 10 registered home owners.
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To be fair to Joanne, a 1000 litre usage per year should be a condition of this program.

Connect with Joanne at 613-849-7480, or [joanne\\_barr@superiorpropane.com](mailto:joanne_barr@superiorpropane.com) to discuss, review, commit and register if this program is right for you.



*Sunrise on Baptiste Lake.*

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