

# The Kahshe Krier



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## Winter 2018



Dec 6, 7:40 am



Dec 7, 7:25 am

From one day to the next...  
**December mornings on Kahshe**  
Photos by Glenn Osborn



Dec 9, 8:54 am



Dec 11, 8:11 am



John Kuropatwa



Donna Sutherland



Nancy Howchin

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## President's Message, Winter 2018

**On behalf of the KLRA board, and myself, Happy New Year!**

As 2018 begins, we are looking forward to planning new initiatives and looking at ways to continue building our strong community of Kahshe Lakers.

Planning is ongoing for the return of some of our favourite events, including the Annual Summer Regatta at Nagaya Beach, the Housey's Rapids Picnic and, of course, the Kids' Fishing Derby.

The annual Ice-Out contest is set to begin next month. Watch our Facebook page, Twitter and website for details.

Our current "Refer a Friend" membership drive is underway. Tell a friend about the KLRA and you both receive a \$10 KLRA Boutique gift certificate when they join. This is a great opportunity to introduce new cottagers to our community. Membership forms and details can be found on the website.

If you haven't already checked out the live webcam feed, be sure to. A link can be found on our Facebook page and website.

Interested in volunteering, have an idea or a concern? Let us know at: [info@kahshelake.ca](mailto:info@kahshelake.ca).

Thank you,

*Steve Wild*



## Don't forget to enter the 2018 Kahshe Photo Contest

Start taking pictures at Kahshe NOW, and send us your 3 best. We will have a panel of professional photographers study them closely for their originality of content and photographic characteristics. Get the kids taking pictures for Kids Eye View. We display all the photos on the web site and as prints on the day we announce the winners, and all entries will be eligible for inclusion in the **2019 Kahshe Kalendar**.

**Some Guidelines:** The contest period runs from the end of the last contest, until 4:00 pm on July 31, 2018.

We need fall and winter photos for the calendar.

Each entrant can submit up to 3 photos - one in each category, all in one category or any combination. Visit the website [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca) for contest rules and for the list of categories, as well as to check previous photos and winners for ideas.

Send your entries by e-mail in jpeg format to: [photocontest@kahshelake.ca](mailto:photocontest@kahshelake.ca)

In the e-mail give the full name of the photographer, his or her age, if 12 or under, the category of each photo, and a telephone number for notification of special prizes. Receipt of the photos will be confirmed.

Prizes and certificates of participation will be awarded.

**Please note:** Your entry into this contest indicates your willingness to allow the web site to display your photos and the KLRA to include them as illustrations in the **2019 Kahshe Kalendar**.

### Winning photos from 2017

Sheila Fiala



Bruce Gibson



Leo Lefebvre



Ellie Bourke



Louise Jones



**NEW  
CONTEST**

# Where in the World is .....? by Keith Price

Winter-haters, take heart! The end is nigh!

Winter will end, and there are places that are warmer than Kahshe in January!

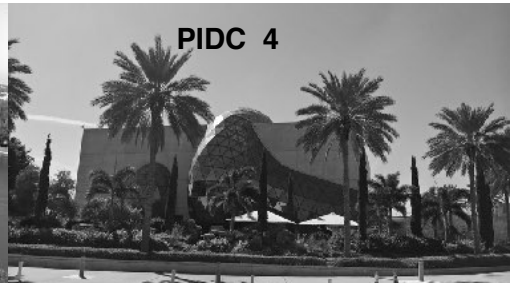
I know that many of you **love** the winter and all the winter activities that Canadians have taken to in order to justify living in the Great White North — skiing, tobogganing, skating, curling, hockey, ice-fishing, et al. But there are many, like my wife, Anne, who do not like to get any closer to winter than a picture on a calendar or Christmas card. If you are one of these, this **Photo ID Contest (PIDC)** is for you. Below and scattered throughout the newsletter are 13 pictures of **not-Kahshe** in the **not-winter**. Identify as many of them as you possibly can in as much detail as possible (building or landscape feature, town/city/province, and country) and you could win a **Gift Certificate** for the **Kahshe Boutique**. Send your best guesses to [keithonkahshe@bell.net](mailto:keithonkahshe@bell.net) by midnight on June 30 (by which time the weather will be a lot warmer!). The winners, the names of the photographers and the locations will be announced at the **AGM on July 8th**, on the **KLRA website** ( [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca) ) after the AGM, and in the **September Krier**. **Good luck**, Example: This is an easy one. Now try out the rest.



Eiffel Tower  
Paris  
France



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PIDC 4



PIDC 5



PIDC 6



PIDC 7

## Referring a friend is a great idea! Talk a friend into joining the KLRA

and you both get a \$10 Gift Certificate to spend at the Kahshe Boutique

See full details by clicking on the links below:

KLRA website: ( [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca) )

Facebook: ( [@kahshelakera](https://www.facebook.com/@kahshelakera) )

Twitter: ( [@KahsheLakeRA](https://www.twitter.com/@KahsheLakeRA) )

And don't forget to enter our

## 3RD ANNUAL ICE-OUT CONTEST.

Guess the date and time when the boat floats and you could win one of several prizes.

Watch for full details and contest rules in your e-mails, and on our **website**, on our **Facebook** page and on **Twitter**.

See [Links](#) above.

Contest will begin in March.

### Randy Craig Receives the 2017 Outstanding Volunteer Award

A very popular program of KLRA is the recognition of a deserving volunteer. In 2017 a very happy Randy Craig was the recipient of the **5th Annual KLRA Outstanding Volunteer Award.**

The award consists of three components: a certificate, a place in our website’s virtual Hall of Fame; and a canoe paddle that has been inscribed with the recipient’s name.

Randy has been a very active cottager for many years, contributing to life on Kahshe Lake as a fundraiser, as a photographer and as an inspiration for cottagers to safeguard the environment and the quality of life on Kahshe. He spearheaded the very successful photo contest, participates in judging the submissions and was instrumental in having Kahshe on the cover of the National Geographic Magazine.



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Randy created the beautiful Kahshe Lake photo plaques that were an elegant fundraiser for the Rock Marker initiative. He has won a Muskoka Award for renovating his cottage and property while respecting its heritage. He participates in the Ice Out contest – new last year and expanded this year – which raises funds to support our annual Regatta, and he initiated and operated another rock marker fund raiser in 2017 by offering aerial pictures of people’s cottages. Randy is not only an ideas person, full of energy, he is a talented enthusiast who gets the job done. His love of the lake is seen in all that he does.

Randy was an excellent choice to receive this award as witnessed by the outpouring of applause and accolades at the award ceremony. Thank you, Randy, for all that you do to make and keep Kahshe Lake a wonderful place.

*John Kuropatwa*

### Who Will Be This Year’s Outstanding Volunteer?

There are many wonderful people on Kahshe who willingly give their time and skill to help make Kahshe Lake the marvellous place that we have come to cherish and enjoy. Each year, the KLRA recognizes one such individual with the **Outstanding Volunteer Award.**

You are part of the process. If you know someone who should be considered, why not take a moment to nominate him/her? More information can be found on our website [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca).

**Deadline for nominations is May 31, 2018**



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## *The Kahshe Boutique*

will again operate at all **KLRA events** and other activities on the lake.

Be sure to visit us and show your support.

## What's on at the Lake and in Gravenhurst in 2018!



### 84<sup>th</sup> Season of Summer Theatre in Muskoka!

Fill your Summer with laughter with these wildly funny productions coming to Gravenhurst for Summer 2018.



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June 12 - July 13  
 July 18 - August 24  
 September 11 - 28

Souvenir  
 The World Goes 'Round  
 Greater Tuna

Don't miss a single moment by picking up a Summer Season Flex Pack, a subscription that includes one ticket to each of the 3 summer theatre productions, plus your choice of one of the Opera House produced summer concerts.

That's 4 great shows for one great price of \$120! A savings of \$10 per show!

Performances are Tuesday through Saturday, matinees & evenings.

To purchase a Flex Pack, click on this link —> [Purchase Summer Season Flex Pack](#)

For more information go to [www.gravenhurst.ca](http://www.gravenhurst.ca), -> Discover Us -> Opera House

### KLRA Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ice-Out Contest	March 2018	More details on the Website, Twitter and Facebook	
Annual General Meeting	Sunday July 8	10:00 - 12:00	to be determined
Housey's Rapids Picnic	Saturday July 21	1:00 - 5:00	Bass Lake Park
Kids' Fishing Derby	Saturday July 28	9:00 - 3:00 Trophies 3:30	Denne's Dock
KLRA Regatta	Saturday August 11	10:00 - 2:00	Nagaya Beach

### Other Kahshe Events

The Kahshe Craft Show      Sunday Aug 5th      10:00 - 3:00      Rockhaven

**Read Judy Ring's appeal for volunteers on page 7.**

Several local events take place on the lake such as the **Deep Bay Corn Roast** and the **Oak Road Barbecue**.

If you would like your event mentioned in the Krier, let me know! Better still, write me a report! [keithonkahshe@bell.net](mailto:keithonkahshe@bell.net)

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And for those of you who spend the winter or parts thereof up at the lake, check out the offerings of

### The Ryde Community Centre

Weekly activities:

- **Bid Euchre** – Every Wednesday at the RCC from 1 pm.
- **VON SMART Exercise Program** - Every Monday & Wednesday starting at 9:30 am.
- **Tai Chi and Qigong** – Thursdays – 10:30 – 11:30 am - \$2

### Is Your Membership Up to Date?

Your time may be up!. Memberships to the KLRA run from the calendar year of January 1 to December 31, so many of you may have received a membership renewal notice for the KLRA. recently. Please take a minute to renew with us. Go to [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca), click on your profile and check out the membership deals. We recommend the money-saving three-year option. Do it now. We want you back and there's no better way to show your Kahshe love than by supporting the KLRA's work for the whole community.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mary (Lindner) Ashbury 1921-2017**

Mary passed away peacefully at the age of 96 in Peterborough after a brief illness on October 27, 2017. There wasn't a summer in her life that she didn't spend at least some time at Kahshe Lake from 1922 including the summer of 2017. Her grandfather purchased Erin Island (renamed by the family as Algonac) in 1907. Mary spent time each summer at the cottage initially with her brothers and cousins on Algonac. Mary would recount stories of rowing back and forth to Algonac from Mrs. Klueys', now Rockhaven Inn, before the introduction of outboard motors. In 1946, she married Ivan Ashbury and introduced him to Kahshe Lake. Ivan and Mary soon built a cabin (which eventually expanded as their family grew) on the northern tip of Lindhill Island. It was just across the channel from Algonac. In the 1950's, Gordon Hill arrived during the week to bring ice for the icebox before propane and eventually electricity arrived on the island. Mary stayed with their children, Ted and Trish, at the cottage from July 1<sup>st</sup> to Labour Day every summer, sleeping with a baseball bat under her bed to ward off "varmints" so that the kids could spend the summer swimming, water skiing, and eventually working at Rockhaven Inn. Ivan would join them when he could on weekends and on holidays. Trips to Dennes' to get groceries and the "Toronto Star" were a daily adventure.



Mary's happiest moments were spent at Kahshe with Ivan, her children, and eventually, her grandchildren. It was her favourite place in the world. She spent her time at Kahshe developing her passion for art and crafts – painting innumerable landscapes of the Lake, creating traditional hooked rugs and making tile tables among the other crafts that populated the cottage. She and Ivan loved to renovate and build indoor and outdoor creations that made the cottage unique. In the 1970's, they moved from Lindhill Island back to Algonac and put their talents to use renovating the old cottage. Mary and Ivan enjoyed their friendships at Kahshe, particularly the group that started the Sunday morning church services held at Rockhaven Inn. The Lake has lost one of its "old stones" but she won't be forgotten.

**Irene Barker (1928-2017)**

Keith and Irene have savoured their beautiful view of Kahshe Lake from the cottage on Sam Cook Road since 1970. They spent summers with their four children (David, Karen, Janice, Andrew) enjoying outdoor activities, water sports, and fishing. As the family grew to include fourteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren, they acquired the adjacent cottage property (1990) where Irene found Kahshe Lake to be the perfect place to connect with family. She always had a basket of yarn to crochet into an afghan, and plenty of ice cream to dish out when Keith blew the mid-afternoon whistle. One of Irene's favourite cottage outings was a long, slow pontoon boat ride around Kahshe's many bays and islands.



### The Kahshe Craft Show



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Hi everyone. It's that time again for us to start planning the 2018 Kahshe Country Crafts Show & Sale. Mark your calendar for **Sunday August 5th, 10 am – 3 pm**. As of 2017, this show has raised over \$96,000 for many local not-for-profit organizations. This year the **Gravenhurst Fire Department** will receive the full amount raised. The last time we gave the total amount to the fire department was in 1999 and we raised \$5000. This allowed them to buy suits for ice rescue.

**Sharon McKenzie** (a long time vendor) is organizing the vendors' participation this year. Because of this, there is a lot more interest being generated.

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If you would like to volunteer for any part of the show, please let us know. Some people were disappointed that the bake sale was dropped last year. Every year the bake sale had been losing donations and volunteers. If you would like to revive the bake sale, we will help you get started.

Volunteers and donations are always welcomed and appreciated. Please contact us for more information at

[judyryng@bellnet.ca](mailto:judyryng@bellnet.ca) or [rockhaven@bellnet.ca](mailto:rockhaven@bellnet.ca) .

### Winter Cottaging, by Nancy Howchin

#### Fond memories of winter visits to our NKLR cottage in the late 80's and early 90's

Of course no ploughing would have been done before our arrival, so our family of four would face a five foot snowbank blocking the driveway. After trudging in, and transporting all our supplies and two dachshunds on an antique wooden toboggan, dad would fire up the giant wood stove which threw out a lot of heat but needed a constant supply of wood. Many a melted boot or jacket resulted from placing them too close. At the time, we were lucky enough to have an outhouse up the hill, and a sink, even in summer. For water, my mom brought snow-filled buckets inside to melt for washing dishes and cleaning. Our great luxury was a styrofoam rescue ring placed over the outhouse toilet seat to reduce the cold. Our family would cross-country ski, build an ice rink, toboggan, and have outdoor fires. Great times! There is one story when my sister's family spent a winter weekend at my grandmother's lake-access cottage. They awoke one Sunday morning to find the entire lake was a slippery, frozen ice rink! After improvising ice shoes with old bits of wood and nails, they made the four mile trek back across the lake, although it would have been faster on skates.



I love the idea of cottagers visiting in winter. We can have all the comforts in summer, but winter strips it down to the bare bones. It will quickly teach you new skills and a better understanding of the Muskoka northern climate. It's amazing to think about the expertise that Canada's First Nations needed to survive: hunting, gathering, storing, and of course, staying warm!

If you're feeling brave enough to start a new winter tradition, here is a short list of essential supplies. Enjoy!

- |                 |                             |                     |                |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| lots of buckets | large antique wood toboggan | electric blanket    | warm moccasins |
| small heaters   | flash light (+ batteries)   | strong plastic bags |                |

#### PIDC 13

#### From the Editor

Again, I have to ask you to keep submitting articles, photographs, and comments for inclusion in the Krier. I know many of you have stories like Nancy Howchin's article above. They are interesting stories that we all love to read, so, please, take a few minutes to write down your story and submit it to me for inclusion in the next Krier..... or the one after that. It might even make it into the "Healing Waters of Kahshe". Hope you have fun trying to figure out where the warm places are. Enjoy what is left of the winter and we'll see you in the spring.



Keith Price

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