

# The Kahshe Krier



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**Winter 2019**

## President's Report

"Baby its Cold outside" Happy New Year, Kahshe Lakers. The recent good, solid cold weather will help support some safe fun winter activities like snowmobiling, skiing and snowshoeing. I love the winter season and each year I am amazed how peaceful the lake is this time of year and at the same time how much wildlife is around.



As you know, the KLRA was engaged in this year's election process in the town. We partnered with other Lake associations helping to align candidates across the Wards to ensure we have a new Council committed to putting the environment first and to becoming a more fiscally responsible and transparent town governance team. While we are encouraged by the outcome, the KLRA and other associations will be monitoring and holding them accountable to their commitments. We, the KLRA, have a large influence in the town whose actions directly impact us from the Taxes we pay to the Services and Infrastructure provided. Your vote counts, as such I would like to give a *shout-out* and congratulations to our two new councillors, Steven Klinck (Ward 3) + Terry Pilger (Ward 4).

On a fun note, we are going to support the **ICE-OUT Contest** (50/50 draw) this winter. Please stay tuned on the **Kahshe Lake Cam** to see the boat. Enter your predictions on our web site: [kahshelake.ca](http://kahshelake.ca). It looks as if the ice will be thick this year, so my prediction is that the boat will float in the Mid-April timeframe.

Your KLRA team board remains active during this time to help plan and drive the peak-season activities. We have a great team and are really starting to gel. If you want to be more engaged in our events and KLRA activities please reach out.

HAVE A GREAT WINTER AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AFTER ICE-OUT.

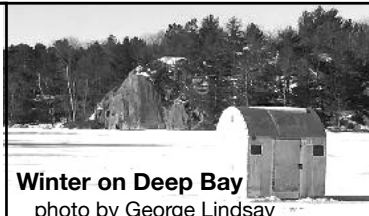
*Steve Wild* President, KLRA

**The Kahshe Boutique needs volunteers!** Do you want to help KLRA in our mission to make the lake a better place? Do you have a bit of an entrepreneurial spirit in you? Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you like to have fun? **Well, we want you to help with:**

1. **Sales:** Help us with sales at the boutique during lake events. We will gladly train you.
2. **Organization:** We are looking for someone (or a couple) who would be willing to organize the boutique events over the summer: keeping inventory, ensuring that everything and everyone is in place for boutique events, keeping sales records, managing cash, and promoting the boutique. Help is available and our current organizers would be more than pleased to show you how it is done.

Contact **John Kuropatwa** at [jaykay2118@gmail.com](mailto:jaykay2118@gmail.com) or speak with any member of the KLRA board.

**The last time I looked, back in October, there were no cottages between my cottage and the cliff opposite!  
Or is that an ice-fishing hut?**



Winter on Deep Bay  
photo by George Lindsay

**My daughters used to jump off that cliff when they were young and foolish. They called it "Big Momma."  
Do you have names for your favourite jumping rock or cliff?  
Let me know at [keithonkashshe@bell.net](mailto:keithonkashshe@bell.net)**

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## Kahshe Lake Cottage Architecture - Part Two(b)

by Rob Abbott

**Between the Wars** 1918-1939

*(continued from the Summer 2018 issue)*

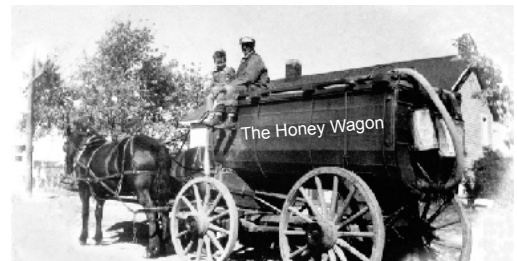
Wherever possible, building materials were sourced locally, or salvaged. Structural lumber was rough-sawn, full dimensional (i.e. a 2x4 measured 2" by 4") except for the main beams and perhaps the roof rafters which might be logs or timbers flat on only one or two sides. The trees on the lot might have been turned into lumber by a small sawmill set up on site. Local sawmills made milled pine siding and panelling, the popular and economical choice for the interior and exterior. Even hardware may have come from a nearby foundry or been salvaged from an old building. Mortared rocks formed the foundations and the fireplace, if there was one. If not, a simple stove oil heater or wood stove provided the heating. Construction materials often arrived by horse and sleigh in winter as this was the easiest way to move large heavy loads given the conditions of the roads, or if you weren't on the road, across the lake.



Cooking and water heating was done on a wood or oil stove which, unfortunately, added more heat to an already hot interior. Sometimes a small addition was added to the back, a "summer kitchen" specifically to house the cook stove and keep the heat out of the cottage. Alternatively, an old stove was just placed outside where cooking could be done among the mosquitoes. If the kitchen had running water, it was usually a hand lift pump drawing water up from the lake or a shallow well. Bedrooms were few and small, just big enough for the bed and the 1 change of clothes each person had for the entire

summer. There may or may not have been ceilings in the room and doors were often just curtains.

If you were in one of these small communities or on one of the few maintained roads, toilet facilities were typically a "honey bucket"; essentially a family chamber pot. For obvious olfactory reasons, this would be located on an outside wall or appended structure. For a fee, the "Honey Man" would come at night and empty the "bucket of honey" in his horse drawn "Honey Wagon". Toilets inside the cottage usually had a door to the outside so the Honey Man could retrieve and return the honey bucket in the middle of the night. Each honey bucket had a clearly marked maximum level marked on it; a fraction of an inch over this level and unless there was a generous tip to go with it, the honey bucket was left unemptied. There are stories of those who had a large crowd or party going from neighbour to neighbour trying to exchange a cup of sugar for a quart of "honey".



Lighting was by oil lamps. Flooring was either tongue-and-groove pine, linoleum, or an old threadbare area rug brought from home.

The limitations of cars and roads at the time and later a major economic depression meant the growth of cottages was relatively slow over this era.

*In the next issue we'll explore the **Post-WWII Years** (1946-mid-60's) when babies and cottages were "baby" booming.*

*If any of you have stories or pictures that could be used to illustrate the cottages of the 50's and 60's, please send them, with dates and pertinent information, to [keithonkahshe@bell.net](mailto:keithonkahshe@bell.net) by May 5th.*

*Thank you. Ed.*

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Just click on the address and you will automatically be directed there. Enjoy!

# IN MEMORIAM

## Larry George Boyd 1941 - 2018

Larry passed away peacefully in his 78th year at Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital on November 29th, 2018.

Larry Boyd called Kahshe Lake home. He spent his childhood living on South Kahshe Lake road. His first job as a young lad was working at the Kahshe Lake Hotel as a chore boy for his uncle Art Sopher. Later he became a licensed fishing guide for the Hotel. When the Kahshe Lake Hotel burned, Larry worked with his uncle as a carpenter in the rebuilding of the Kahshe Lake Resort.

In the fall of 1965, Larry married and their first apartment was unit number 1 at the Resort. The following spring he and his wife, Nancy, built a honeymoon cottage where they spent six months a year. The cottage was located in what they named Tranquility Bay, since they were the only ones living there. The property from the Bay, and all of the property across from Hens and Chicks and up to the beginning of Deep Bay, was owned by Larry's grandfather. This was the first of many cottages Larry and Nancy built and owned on the lake.



Meanwhile Larry's father, Cliff, was building an extension of South Kahshe Lake Road for Bill and Hilda Mylks and Larry was assisting him. In the early 70's, Larry began building branches to properties along the shores of Grants Bay. He and Nancy owned several lots at the end of Grants Bay and Larry knew the road would be a great asset and that has proven to be true. From the 70's to the 90's Larry worked as a blasting foreman for Majestic Wiley Pipelines. During breaks in the Pipeline work schedule, Larry, Nancy and their children, Steve, Stephanie and Glen, would come back to their beloved Kahshe Lake.

Larry brought the first work barge to Kahshe Lake. It made lots of jobs much easier for many — septic beds, building materials, landscaping materials and more could move with ease. Larry sold the Barge business to John Klinck in the late 80's but stayed on to work with John in the building of Larroger Road.

Larry loved the lake. He waterskied and snowmobiled on it. He fished and swam in it. Most of all, he gave back to it so that others would love it as he did.



## Garry Abial "Hap" Leishman 1942 - 2019

Unfortunately I have no contact info for Hap. If any member of Hap's family would like to submit a tribute to Hap, please contact me at [keithonkahshe@bell.net](mailto:keithonkahshe@bell.net). I will be happy to include it in the May issue of the Krier.



## The *Kahshe Boutique*



will again be present at all the major lake events over the summer: **AGM, Picnic, Fleafest, Fishing Derby, Craft Show and Regatta**. Be sure to visit us in order to

renew your membership, ask questions about the lake, meet some of the KLRA volunteers and show your support of KLRA by making a purchase. With 3 new shirt



designs and some exciting new colour combinations, you are sure to find something you can't

resist. But we can only place one order with our suppliers, so be sure to make your choices early. The quick-to-sell-out peaked hats will be back this year as will the popular coffee mugs



and BEvERage mugs. And don't forget the 2020 calendars which will feature the winning photos from the 2018 Photo Contest, nor the two volumes of "The Healing Waters of Kahshe", documenting the history of Kahshe with photos and stories. The "Healing Waters"

can also be obtained by visiting the **On-line Boutique** ([kahshelake.ca](http://kahshelake.ca)) so that you can order

copies and have them mailed to your home.

And remember, only the **Kahshe Boutique** carries the official **KLRA** items and that 100% of the profit is used to support the fine work of our association. We look forward to seeing you at the boutique.

# Don't forget to enter the 2019 Photo Contest

**NOW** is a great time to start taking great **winter** shots of Kahshe, so get snapping. Send us your 3 best photos taken between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019, and we will have a panel of professional photographers study them closely for their originality of content and photographic characteristics.

And get the kids taking pictures for **Kids Eye View**, (see last year's winning entry below by Eric Vurma).

We display all the photos on the web site and as prints on the day we announce the winners, so everyone gets to make their own comments. All entries will be eligible for inclusion in the **2020 Kahshe Kalendar**.

### Some Guidelines:

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

**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 full contest rules and for the list of categories, as well as to check previous photos and winners for ideas.

To submit photos, attach them to an e-mail in jpeg format and send them 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 **2018 Kahshe Kalendar**.

### Winning photos from 2018

Michael Crosby  
First Place  
Wildlife



Stephen Houlden  
First Place  
Kids on Kahshe

Lori Beesley  
First Place  
Landscape



Carole Annan  
First Place  
Life on Kahshe



First place  
Eric Vurma  
Kid's Eye View

To see all the entries, go to [kahshelake.ca](http://kahshelake.ca), click on Events/Photo Contest/2018

## The Kahshe Country Crafts Show and Sale

will be held on Sunday August 4th from 10 am to 3 pm. No recipient has been determined so far.

Sharon McKenzie ([smckenzie5@sympatico.ca](mailto:smckenzie5@sympatico.ca)) and Dianne Nicholson ([dianne26@outlook.com](mailto:dianne26@outlook.com)) are the vendor contacts this year. Both women did an excellent job last year of turning around the show and bringing some new blood into it. Please contact them for any vendor information.

As always, we need more volunteers. Any time you can spare will be welcome; (relief time for others, raffle tickets, announcers, runners, etc., distributing flyers to boats, cars, cottages, local businesses) Student volunteer hours will be honoured.

Books, puzzles and any other fun stuff for the book sale can be dropped off at Rockhaven, May to Oct. - weekends 9 am – 9 pm, July and August – every day 9 am – 9 pm. Baked goods will be sold at the book sale area. The more, the better.

As of 2018, the **Kahshe Country Crafts Show and Sale** has raised and donated over \$100,000.00 to local charities.





# GRAVENHURST WINTER CARNIVAL

## FEBRUARY 14-18, 2019 - 5 DAYS OF FUN!!

### Come and join us!



If you're thinking about coming up to the Cottage on Family Day Weekend this year, you will want to mark your calendars for the 49th **Gravenhurst Winter Carnival — FEBRUARY 14-18, 2019 - 5 DAYS OF FUN!!**. There's something for everyone! With events and activities for the whole family, we promise you a great time! For the kids: Skokie's Pizza Party, Skokie's Birthday Party, nail driving, log sawing, wagon rides, and new this year, Skokie's Funland, and one of the most popular things to do is climb our giant snow pile (though we call it a snow castle).



Looking for something with more action? We have it all with our high speed snowmobile radar runs – see how fast a sled can go, snowmobile puddle jumps, a demolition derby and a vintage snowmobile display.



Or maybe more adult themed activities are what you had in mind... Check out the arm wrestling, wing eating contest, lip-sync competition, or the carnival dance with a live band and bar. Feed your mind and spirit with the Ignite Gravenhurst Speaker series, historic wagon tour, and the Gravenhurst Archives presentation on ice harvesting.

It's not all just downtown; events are happening all across Gravenhurst including Ryde, Severn Bridge and the Wharf. Be sure to check out the Summerland Store, Ryde Co-Op, Severn Bridge Fairgrounds and the Wharf.

For a list of all events and details go to our website

[www.gravenhurstwintercarnival.com](http://www.gravenhurstwintercarnival.com).

Buttons are required to attend all events and they are still only

**\$5** for adults, **\$3** for kids aged 6 through 12, and **free** for those 5 and under.



Our mascot **Skokie** invites you to check it all out and reminds you that

**"You OTTER join us!"**

**Less than FOUR weeks to go!**

# FLEAFEST 2019

**Saturday, July 27 10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Rockhaven Inn,  
by Christopher Taylor – Muskoka Seaflea**



Come out and join our **Muskoka Seaflea Celebration** at **Rockhaven Inn** this summer! **"Fleafest Nine"** will take place on **Saturday, July 27**, rain or shine. Building on the success of **Fleafest 2017**, we will once again play host to a wide variety of homebuilt craft, both in the water and on land. Kahshe Lake has a long tradition of boat racing with many drivers from those golden years still very much a part of the lake today! **Fleafest** not only pays tribute to these "Kahshe Lake Hot Rod Pioneers" but also celebrates the new generation of young builders and enthusiasts.

### What's a Seaflea eh?

For the uninitiated, the term Seaflea is a generic name given to any number of small boat designs that are generally home-built. The typical seafleas of yesterday were 8 to 12 feet in length and powered by motors from 2.5 hp to 25 hp. Once popular, (long before the advent of personal water craft), they were great family projects and were not only safe to drive, but also the envy of any other boy or girl on the lake who was unlucky enough not to have one.



*(More details in the May Issue. Ed)*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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<b>Old Man Flanagan's Ghost</b> Music with a Celtic heart	Saturday January 26	7:30 pm
<b>Carl Dixon</b> a tour de force of music and stories	Saturday February 9	7:00 pm
<b>Songs and Stories</b> Neil Hutchinson/Sean Cotton	Tuesday February 19	7:00 pm
<b>Grandma Used To Heckle Me</b> Stand up comedy with Jeff Leeson	Saturday February 23	7:30 pm
<b>Donovan Woods</b> Juno and Polaris nominee	Wednesday February 27	7:00 pm
<b>Songs and Stories</b> Sue Wood/Ian Chaplin	Tuesday March 19	7:00 pm
<b>Opry Gold</b> Hits of the Kings and Queens of Country Music	Saturday March 30	7:30 pm
<b>Luke McMaster</b> Motown and Soul	Saturday April 27	8:00 pm
<b>The Carpenters</b> The hit songs from the 70's by Karen and Richard Carpenter	Saturday May 4	8:00 pm
<b>Menopause - The Musical</b> Las Vegas – 2016 Entertainer Of The Year	Friday June 7	8:00 pm
<b>Harvest - a comedy</b>	June 26 - July 19	Tu, We, Th 2:30 pm We, Th, Fr, Sa 8:00 pm
<b>Dean and Jerry</b> What might have been!	July 24 - August 16	Tu, We, Th 2:30 pm We, Th, Fr, Sa 8:00 pm
<b>Kalamazoo - a comedy</b>	September 11 - 27	Tu, We, Th 2:30 pm We, Th, Fr, Sa 8:00 pm
<b>Billy Joel and the Pianomen</b> Elton John, Jerry Lee Lewis, Liberace, Fats Domino, Floyd Kramer, Burton Cummings	Friday October 25	8:00 pm
<b>Take It Easy</b> The Story of the Eagles	Saturday November 23	8:00 pm

## KLRA Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Ice Out Contest	Winter 2019	More details on the Website,	Twitter and Facebook
Annual General Meeting	Sunday July 7th	10:00	tbd
Housey's Rapids Picnic	Saturday July 20th	1:00 - 5:00	Bass Lake Park
Kids' Fishing Derby	Saturday July 27th	9:00 - 3:00 Trophies 3:30	Denne's Dock
FleaFest 2019	Saturday July 27th	10:00 - 4:00	Rockhaven
KLRA Regatta	Saturday August 11th	10:00 - 2:00	Nagaya Beach
Ice Out Contest	2020	Details in January 2020 Krier	

## Other Kashes Events

The Kashes Craft Show	Sunday Aug 4th	10:00 - 3:00	Rockhaven
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Read Judy Ring's appeal for volunteers on page 4.

Deadline for submissions to the May Krier is

**Monday May the 6th**

### Letter to the Editor

First of all, thank you for doing such a great job as editor of the Kahshe Krier. I look forward to reading it every time it comes out.

I don't know if you can print this letter of appreciation for the kind and generous people of Kahshe Lake.

We have a cottage on Boyd Island at 21KL12. And we do not use Facebook!

This past August, our boat filled up with water and would have sunk if not for the generosity of 2 people, total strangers, who kindly bailed as much of the water as possible and put an appeal on facebook to alert us or anyone who recognized the address, to our problem. Marty Stephenson and Jackie Keeling are 2 complete strangers that I still have not been able to get in touch with to say a big "Thank you!". Marty posted the incident on facebook. Another person, Jonathan Schlenker, who saw the message on Facebook decided to post the ad on another Kahshe Lake Facebook site which then was picked up by Nick Swerla of Boyd

Island. Nick thought he recognized our cottage and went to a great deal of trouble to phone Ted Anderton who then phoned his mother, Helen to get our phone number and alert us of the problem. He managed to reach me on my cell and I was able to then contact Paul at Denne's Marina who came to the rescue and picked up our boat which fortunately had not sunk thanks to the kindness of total strangers on Kahshe Lake. The boat is now safe in storage till next summer.

My husband and I want to express our gratitude and we want to say how fortunate we are to be part of the Kahshe Lake community, so kind and so caring. We feel very privileged and fortunate to be part of this family of neighbours.

Thank you, thank you very much, Marty, Jackie, Jonathan, Nick, Ted, Helen and Paul and all our wonderful neighbours.

*Marty and Estelle Kosoy*

### Editorial

Thank you to Marty and Estelle for sending this. I love to receive letters to the editor, especially when the writers are so generous in their comments about the Krier, and even more so when the subject is about the wonderful people of Kahshe who go out of their way to help complete strangers. Kahshe truly is a special community.

However, you will notice that the heading above is **Letter to the Editor**, not **Letters**, and in most issues there are **NO** Letters to the Editor. So please write to me about your positive experiences on Kahshe, and if you are aware of a problem that could be improved through an appeal to all cottagers, that, too,

is worth writing to me about. And just a quick word to encourage you to submit **winter** photos of Kahshe to the Photo Contest. The organizers would love to see more of them. Enjoy the rest of the winter. And remember — cottage season is on the way!

*Keith Price*  
Editor



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