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EDITOR'S NOTE

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those of you who were not present at the AGM in July, two Krier-related items occurred.

At the end of the meeting, I announced that I would be stepping down as Editor-in-Chief of the Krier after the September 2021 issue, or sooner if someone was willing to take over this position before then.

My first issue was back in the Spring of 2009, 10 very enjoyable and rewarding years ago. I have truly appreciated getting to know and meet many of you, either face-to-face, via e-mail or over the phone, informing you of upcoming events and interesting developments around the lake and in Muskoka generally, and being involved in almost all the activities sponsored by the KLRA. The hectic two-week scramble three times a year leading up to each issue has been well worth it. I hope you feel the same way.

Within minutes of making the announcement about stepping down, Lauren A. Koenig, who had just been named KLRA 2019 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, volunteered again, this time to ease my burden by taking care of the layout for all future editions of the newsletter.

Since this is a major time consumer when it comes to producing the Krier, I was and am delighted to welcome Lauren as Design Editor. I hope you like the exciting new look. Let Lauren know how much you appreciate her efforts – lakoenig@gmail.com.

One of Lauren's first suggestions was that the Krier become totally paper-free, i.e. digital-only, as soon as possible. The KLRA Board is unanimous in agreeing with this environmentally friendly step and has decided that no further hard-copy Kriers will be available once current memberships expire. We will continue to honour memberships which have opted to pay for hard copies.

Also, don't forget – your letters, photos, and suggestions are always welcome.



Happy Fall,

Keith Price

Keith Price
Editor-In-Chief

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LETTER FROM THE NEW KLRA PRESIDENT



As your new president, I witnessed another wonderful summer on Kahshe. The hugely popular Houseys Rapids Picnic kicked off the summer season of KLRA events and was followed by the FleaFest, the Kermit Long Annual Kids' Fishing Derby and the final event, the Kahshe Lake Regatta at Nagaya Beach, was a great success.

I had the privilege this summer to attend a town meeting with the mayor and other lake associations to discuss our lakes, as well as our issues and concerns for the lakes and our communities. From this meeting, two surveys were produced. If you would take time to visit our website (kahshelake.ca) and complete two online surveys (or click the links below) one about the town budget and the other about garbage collection, it would be much appreciated.

Lastly, the 'Love Your Lake' project was completed for each property and once the written reports are completed, they will be sent to individual property owners.

Have a happy and healthy fall season!



Sincerely,

Marg Taylor

**Marg Taylor
President, KLRA**

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Links for your convenience:

- [Budget Survey](#)
- [Waste Management Survey](#)

KAHSHE LAKE COTTAGE ARCHITECTURE - PART IV

By: Rob Abbott, KLRA Conservation Committee

In the last issue we looked at the post WWII years of cottages. This issue will dive into the coming of age of the baby boomers.



Pearson's Gotta Brand New Flag, Mid 1960s to 1980s.

Around the time we were all singing Bobby Gimby's version of our national anthem, there was a general optimism in the country and many were looking for their own place to stand and grow. Socially, many mothers were working so those families were using the cottage mainly during weekends and holidays. Those mothers that could spend the entire summer at the cottage would have a car available to get supplies or go to the Muskoka Drive-In. Just about every cottage had two motorboats: a big one with an electric start, probably fiberglass, and a smaller aluminum utility with a single-digit horsepower outboard.

We start to see cottages built, not just for purpose or economy, but with a bit of intended style. Waterfront properties were starting to increase in price, like everything else, but there were new lots opening up all the time. We see chalet inspired A-frames, great fenestrated Panabodes and Viceroy homes, salt boxes, flat roofs, reverse sloped picture windows, split levels and 1 1/2 stories; it wasn't one typical style, but it was clear that people were willing to pay a premium for something other than a builder's box by the shore.

Materials continued to evolve; structural lumber had gotten even smaller (a 2x4 was now 1 1/2" x 3 1/2"). Particleboard, flakeboard, and drywall started to replace plywood, and laminated wood beams from BC replaced hewn hemlock logs. Nails were no longer "Common," but instead spiraled "Ardox" nails. Full septic systems with tile beds were required and there might even be a second bathroom. Enclosed concrete block foundations started to appear, the bedrock not lending itself to a full basement, more of a crawl/critter space. **(cont.)**

Though not required by the building code, you might as well insulate and extend the season. Ready Kilowatt was encouraging us to 'Live Better Electrically' (and those new nuclear plants were going to make electricity too cheap to bother metering), so there was baseboard electric heat. Heck, you could now go up to the cottage a couple of times over the winter and roar around the lake on your new Sno-Cruiser.

Those new frame-less slider windows: bypassing tempered glass sliders, let in light (air, rain and mosquitoes). Glass was cheap enough (except for those tempered frame-less ones as many found out later) that most forego shutters. Flooring options were: sheet vinyl, 12-inch tiles, or broadloom (sculpted, patterned or maybe even shag). Furnishings, with perhaps a few exceptions, continued to be cast-off from home. Strikes, an oil embargo, and double digit inflation, had all failed to dampen the desire for a piece of the shore.

**The Viceroy cottage featured above is currently for sale. If interested, please contact Elaine Smith at: 705.345.7380.*



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HYDRO SWEEP, AQUA THRUSTERS, MUCK DISSOLVERS OF GREAT CONCERN TO MUSKOKA WATERSHED COUNCIL

By: Keith Price, KLRA Editor-in-Chief

A recent posting on the Kahshe Lake Community Facebook page about a water pump that cleans up your shoreline has prompted summary of a letter from Muskoka Watershed Council in response to a request for information from Gravenhurst Councillor Steven Klinck.



In Ontario, land under water is Crown Land and managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) under the Public Lands Act. As such, there are rules and regulations concerning what you can and cannot do to the land below water.

In Muskoka, it is illegal to remove native vegetation from the water without a permit (link to rules listed below). Removing invasive plant species does not require a work permit if you follow the rules (link to rules listed below). These rules include the stipulation that you are only allowed to use mechanical devices (e.g., rake, cutter bar) or your hands to remove plants, and that you do not dredge the bed of the waterbody.

The use of water agitators such as the HydroSweep system does not distinguish between native and invasive plants - they all go, and for that, you need a permit (see para. 2 above). Moreover, agitators create turbidity and sediment in the water which could smother spawning areas impacting eggs that may be present and disturbing the bottom of any waterbody stirs up contaminants, including cadmium, mercury, lead, excess phosphorus, and others such as pesticides and PCBs.

Removing vegetation may seem like a good idea if you want to make the water "weed" free in front of your cottage. **(cont.)**

However, aquatic weeds:

- help buffer shorelines from the action of waves and wakes thus helping to reduce erosion;
- provide habitat and spawning areas for fish and other aquatic organisms in our waterways;
- help remove excess phosphorus and other contaminants from the water.

Increased levels of phosphorus in our waters could contribute to toxic algal blooms which would mean no swimming or even entering the water, no fishing and no drinking of the water, even if it is filtered and treated, until the bloom has completely run its course. Do we really want a weed free area in front of our cottage if it leads to repeated algal blooms which would severely affect our enjoyment of our waterfront? (See link below for details about problems regarding turbidity.)

Rather than altering our waterfront by pulling aquatic plants, it would be far more appropriate for shoreline property owners to be proactive by addressing the causes of the growth of aquatic vegetation. Efforts to prevent excess nutrients in the soil from reaching the lake would be beneficial and can be done a number of ways including:

- reducing or eliminating lawn areas;
- never using fertilizers;
- establishing deeper buffers of indigenous shrubs along the shoreline to filter out excess nutrients from the soil before they reach the water.

The KLRA appreciates the time and effort the Muskoka Watershed Council has expended in bringing to our attention the legal implications and undesirable ecological impacts of these and any other devices designed to eradicate aquatic vegetation on shoreline properties. Based on this information, the KLRA strongly urges all waterfront owners to carefully consider these legal and ecological impacts before any "cleaning up" of their waterfront.

Links for your convenience:

- Remove invasive aquatic plants
- Remove native aquatic plants
- Why is turbidity important?

MOUNTAIN BIKING ON KAHSHE LAKE

By: David Barker, KLRA Conservation Committee



Well, maybe not on Kahshe Lake, but certainly near Kahshe Lake. Perhaps many of us don't know this, but we have a world-class mountain biking centre within 20-45 minutes of almost everyone on Kahshe Lake. It's called Buckwallow Cycling Centre, and is located beside the KOA campground on Reay Road, on the north-east edge of Gravenhurst, just off Doe Lake Road and Hwy 11.

The Centre features about 20 kilometers of single track and about 13 kilometers of double track meandering through the woods of Muskoka. The 22 trails, bearing names such as "Moose Mayhem," "Missing Link" and "Hoof Hearted," range from single hoofers which are smooth and flowing and can be ridden by beginners and kids, all the way to several six hoofers, a challenge even for the most experienced riders.

Owner Mike McLaughlin and his team, Charlotte, Clara, Carolyn, Mark, and Graham, bring a friendly relaxed atmosphere to the Centre, which became operational in 2000, and has hosted 12 Ontario Cup races with some of the top men and women riders in Canada competing. Every Thursday evening there is a local race for anyone who would like to take on such a challenge, followed by pizza and soda pop. A final awards night and barbeque takes place at the end of the local racing season.

The cost is \$12 for the day, or you can buy a season pass for \$80. There are bike and helmet rentals available onsite supplied by Ecclestone Cycle in Bracebridge (best to call ahead if you need a rental).

The Buckwallow Cycling Centre is low-tech (no website, but lots of Facebook traffic), and the best way to connect is to call Mike McLaughlin at 705.687.8858. The Centre is operational from May 1 to October 31 and is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to dusk.

While life on the lake is fun and relaxing, we sometimes need to experience something a little different. A morning, afternoon, or a day at Buckwallow is a great way to enjoy friends, get some exercise, ride a mountain bike, and experience some of the best mountain bike trails anywhere in Ontario.

Hope to see you on the trails!



LET THERE BE DRAGONS

By: Allyn Abbott, Muskoka Conservancy

If you love fish and hate mosquitoes, there are good reasons to leave as much of your shoreline as natural as possible. It's important for the health of the lake but also for the species that rely on the shoreline.

Mosquitoes don't breed in lakes like Kahshe; they reproduce in small calm ponds and puddles. But one of their fiercest predators, dragonflies, reproduce along the shoreline of Kahshe Lake, but they need native vegetation along the shoreline. Dragonflies lay their eggs on the vegetation near the water's edge, in vegetation floating on the water surface and, for some species, in the mud along shoreline. The larval stage of dragonflies eat other insects in the water and it can take several months, or as long as several years before they crawl up an emergent plant near the water's edge and emerge as adults. Dragonflies are voracious predators of smaller flying insects, such as mosquitoes, black flies and deer flies, eating as much as twenty percent of their weight per day. Foster as much natural vegetation along your shoreline and help out these insect heroes.

Kahshe Lake is also home to a number of fish species, including Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike, Muskellunge, and Lake Whitefish. Kahshe Lake is one of only a few Ontario Lakes that has Grass Pickerel, a species at risk. Some of the reasons Grass Pickerel have declined is because of loss of aquatic vegetation, shoreline modifications, alteration of natural flow regimes and decreased water clarity. Leave the shoreline as natural as possible and we will continue to have a great lake for our fish.

Links for your convenience:

- [Grass Pickerel](#)

2019 OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

By: John Kuropatwa, KLRA Board Member



Lauren A. Koenig and Past President, Steve Wild, at the Annual 2019 AGM.

This is the seventh year for the KLRA Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award, which is designed to recognize extraordinary people in the Kahshe Lake and Bass Lake areas whose volunteer efforts have contributed to the well-being of their community and fellow community members. Nominees contribute to the life of Kahshe Lake; protecting the lake and its surroundings, promoting community good will, promoting safe practices on and around the lake, fostering communication and make a significant investment of his/her time and talent for the Kahshe Lake community. This award is always presented at the annual KLRA meeting.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce that this year's recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer Award is Lauren Koenig," says past President Steve Wild. "Lauren has more than exemplified the word 'volunteer.' She has set up the Kahshe Lake Community Facebook page and monitors it through all seasons of the year, making sure people can communicate all year round in an atmosphere of pleasure and friendship. On this page they are able to check-in with neighbours, check the conditions of the lake and exchange information. Lauren also ran two web-based fundraising campaigns (which to date have raised \$14,000) and used the funds to support the KLRA rock marker program. This is very much appreciated."

Lauren dedicated the award to her 95-yr-old grandma, Verna Lee Koenig and late grandfather, Rev. Russell W. Koenig Sr., who is a pioneer for the Koenig family on Kahshe Lake's Boyd Island. "Every little bit counts, ignorance is not bliss, that isn't that something Kahshe has," says Lauren. "If you have a mouth and an opinion, you can help. I am going to do my best to get some younger blood involved so those retired, can finally enjoy it."

The award consists of three components: a certificate from the KLRA, commemorating this honour; a place in our website's virtual Hall of Fame; and a special plaque, representative of all the wonderful things our lake has to offer - a canoe paddle that has been inscribed with the recipient's name. *Please email: volunteeraward@kahshelake.ca for your 2020 nominations.*

PAST NOMINEES:

2018 - Dave Purdon

2017 - Randy Craig

2016 - Alex Milburn

2015 - Eleanor MacLean

2014 - Clare Henderson

2013 - George Lindsay



KAHSHE BOUTIQUE

By: John Kuropatwa, KLRA Board Member

It's been a fabulous year for the KLRA boutique. We are pleased with the strong level of support that our friends and customers have shown us which has led to a record-breaking year for sales; 100% of the profit goes to support the work of the KLRA.

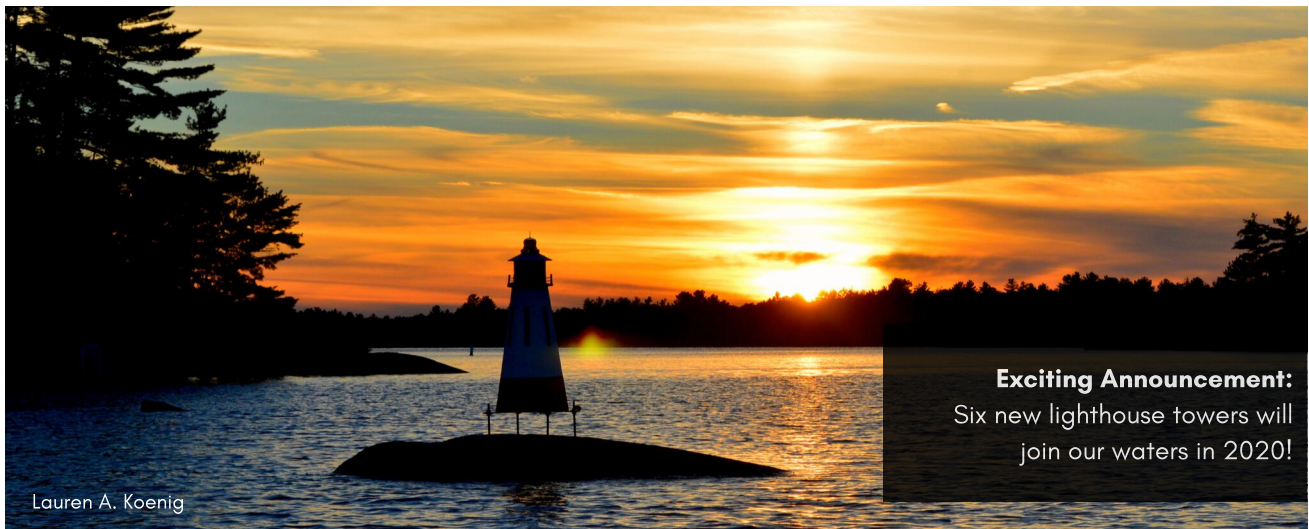
We were present at six lake events and got the chance to meet old friends and make many new ones. Our boutique is run by our incredible group of volunteers. Our customers praised the new items and designs and we now have regular customers who come back each year to buy our new merchandise. A few items that were particularly popular were the stone wash t-shirts, full-zip hoodies, premium ball caps, our new design coffee mugs and note cards which feature images taken around Kahshe.

As the winter season approaches, why not simplify gift giving and turn to our website boutique? It's a great place to order Kahshe Lake gift items and have them mailed directly to your friends and family.

We are delighted that our request for help in managing the boutique has met with success. Over the winter, we will be transitioning the responsibility of the boutique to a new manager. Details will be shared as they become available. This promises to be a smooth process and you will see most of the same happy faces when you come to the boutique next year.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

By: Marnie Cryderman, Rock Marker Committee



Lauren A. Koenig

Exciting Announcement:

Six new lighthouse towers will join our waters in 2020!

If you see anyone walking around Kahshe with a really cool hoodie or Kahshe swag, or spot a "Points Of Interest" map at someone's cottage, know they supported the fundraisers spearheaded by Lauren A. Koenig that raised \$12,000 in the summer of 2018, and \$2,000 in the summer of 2015.

Four thousand dollars has already been deployed for a new floating raft at Nagaya Beach (installed July 2019 - thanks to Jesse and Jason Mirlocca) and for four lighthouse towers which were added near Grey Owl, Hens and Chicks and two in the south end (installed summer 2017 - thanks to Michael Bradley and Craig Hunter).

The Lighthouse Project continues and six new solar powered lighthouse towers will join Kahshe Lake in the Spring of 2020, which will not only help guide boaters, but snowmobilers too. The new towers will be located in the following areas:

- west end of Hens and Chicks
- east end of Hens and Chicks
- most easternly part of the lake (heading towards Bass Lake)
- Grants Bay
- east of Chief Island
- south end

Remember, cottagers are asked to email Marnie at: klockmarkers@gmail.com if you notice that a rock marker or lighthouse tower is missing or damaged. Let's all make sure we do our part to keep Kahshe safe during all seasons!

58TH ANNUAL HOUSEYS RAPIDS PICNIC

By: Gord Robinson, former KLRA Board Member

July 20th dawned hot and muggy for the 2019 edition of this classic party. The grounds crew did a fantastic job of preparing the park and beach. Picnickers began arriving early and the numbers swelled to a record for the event - over 100 smiling faces by the end of the day. The new cardboard boat design race was a definite highlight with six teams toiling furiously for the limited one-hour building phase. Nicholas Motyl led the 'Intrepid Pilots' through the course to claim victory. He was ably assisted by Kyle Ryan. A team from Riley Lake captured the first beach ball volleyball competition and David and Laura Dunn won the 'Cathy Dunphy Broken Horseshoe' trophy in a hotly contested tournament. The men prevailed over the women in the mammoth tug-o-war, proving that superior strategy can beat pure strength.



Save the date:
7.18.20!



2019 WINNERS:

EGG & SPOON 1

Tessa - 1st
Savanah - 2nd
Ananola - 3rd

EGG & SPOON 2

Maya Penner - 1st
Carrson DeRomana - 2nd
Christopher Penner - 3rd

HULA HOOP

Taylor Denton - 1st
Jannica Hwang - 2nd
Maya Penner - 3rd

3 LEGGED OVER 6

Paige & Addie - 1st
Taylor & Ava - 2nd
Graydon & Sebastian - 3rd

3 LEGGED UNDER 6

Peighton & Kayla - 1st
Savannah & Tessa - 2nd
Parker & Kent - 3rd

3 LEGGED W/PARENTS

Sebastian & Sarah - 1st
Paige & Marla - 2nd

WATER BALLOON

Reija & Xavier - 1st
Carrson & Jill - 2nd
Savannah & Lorelei - 3rd

BB VOLLEYBALL

Paige, Addie, Taylor, Eva - 1st

Yet another fabulous lucky draw ended the day and sent everyone home smiling. Thanks to all those who contributed prizes.

Once again the superb picnic committee worked together to provide a fantastic day of memories for the picnickers. Many thanks to our corporate sponsors; Cottage Life Magazine, Muskoka Meats, Gravenhurst Opera House, Muskoka Steamships, Muskoka Sea Flea, Gerrity Corrugated Paper Products Ltd and Green Line Hose and Fittings. Thanks also to the Town of Gravenhurst for their support and extra equipment.

11TH ANNUAL KERMIT LONG KIDS' FISHING DERBY



By: Ken Long, Kahshe Lake Resident

Saturday, July 27th was the day of another Fishing Derby for kids on Kahshe Lake. From 9 am to 3 pm fish of all sizes, from three inches to 24 inches, were measured at Denne's Dock. Every child's first fish entered won a toonie. Winners were determined by length for each of 11 categories of fish. First place won a trophy, second place won seven dollars and third place won five dollars. There was a category for those kids 13 through 15, with a trophy for first.

Thanks to all those who participated, and also to those who helped to make it possible: Karen and Ken Long, Toivo and Sandra Madras, Sophia Selva, Katie Long, KC Long, Julia Powell, Erin Powell and Nick Arnott.

ROCK BASS

- Justin Selva - 8 1/2in
- Brenna Galraith - 7 5/8in
- Leah Shakowski - 7 3/8in

PERCH

- Marcus Irwin - 6 5/8in
- Marcus Irwin - 6in
- Gavin Irwin & Erin Kelly - 5 1/4 in

SMALLMOUTH BASS

- Ashley Wayland -15 3/4in
- Addyson Haining - 14 3/4in
- Ashley Wayland - 13 5/8in

LARGEMOUTH BASS

- Trystin Boyd - 17 5/8in
- Addyson Haining - 6 7/8in
- Hillary Haining - 16 3/8in



Darcy Lake

BLUEGILL/SUNFISH

- Landon Cameron - 8 1/8in
- Jackson Long - 7 7/8in
- Hillary Irwin - 7 1/2in

TINIEST FISH

- Erin Kelly - 3 1/8in

PIKE

- Justin Selva - 24 1/4in
- Brandon Wayland - 13 1/4in

WALLEYE

- Leah Shatkowski - 19in
- Natalie Long - 17 3/8in
- Jackson Long - 14 1/4in

SPECIAL

- Hillary Haining - Pike bitten fish
- Natalie Long - Clorox bottles & rope
- Ashley Wayland - Clam

13-15 YEAR OLDS

- Owen Davies - 24 1/8in



THE MAGIC OF YESTERDAY HAS RETURNED

By: Chris Taylor, Muskoka Seaflea & Kahshe Lake Resident

At one point during the day I was waist-deep in the water looking back at the shore and realized that this Fleafest was the biggest ever! I know we always tout that our latest event was the “best ever” but when I looked over at the chaos of small hydros vying for a parking space I knew something special was happening! “Holy Seaflea Batman,”... we had so many boats at Fleafest 2019 there was no room to put them all!

The previous week, Rockhaven's Dennis Ring went into organizational mode and magically transformed the area with a major clean-up. This year saw the addition of new attractions and displays as well as visitors from as far away as Texas. Malcolm Black from Kids and Classics Boats demonstrated the new Tohatsu 9.9 HP outboards, Rob Abbott represented the Antique Outboard Motor Club with another great display of vintage kickers and the highlight of the event was the “Mini Tugboat” rides offered by Jeff Glanfield from the Niagara Falls region. Pet Valu Gravenhurst sponsored our first-ever “Dogs With Fleas” race won by Cathan DeForest and her fuzzy boating companion “Kiwi.”

Our coveted “Fleafest People’s Choice Award” went to 10-year-old Rylynn Amendola and her beautiful 10’ Mini Most Seaflea. Other winners during the day walked away with amazing gift baskets donated by the Candy Shoppe. The KLRA tent and BBQ kept the hordes of visitors

informed and well-fed and our “Build Your Model Seaflea” tent was buzzing with kids designing and painting their own wooden boats. With nearly 60 seafleas on and buzzing around the water, this turned out to be our greatest Fleafest ever!

Set your calendar for the next bi-annual event: Saturday, July 24, 2021! Click [here](#) for the 2019 Fleafest photo gallery.





KAHSHE COUNTRY CRAFT SHOW ONCE AGAIN 'GIVING BACK'

By: Judy Ring, Owner Rockhaven

In the early eighties, Lois Ogle, the show's founder, started the show as a way to showcase the talent of her daughter, Nancy Gray Ogle. Add in some more local talent and an annual show was born. Lois always wanted this show to be a non-profit show and to give to different organizations that needed a boost with their fundraising. For the last two years, Sharon McKenzie and Dianne Nicholson have been looking after the vendors' portion of the show and they are doing a great job.

Sunday, August 4th was a gorgeous day for this outdoor event. The vendors were at their best and there was a steady stream of visitors throughout the five-hour show. We were very lucky to have some of Gravenhurst's finest firefighters manning the food booth for us. A big "Thank you" to our donors every year, Shelby's Chip Wagon (sausages), Muskoka Springs (water), Terry's Independent Grocers (condiments), and Gravenhurst Giant Tiger (hot dogs and buns).

This year the Kahshe Country Crafts Show raised \$3,000 for the Gravenhurst YMCA and the Gravenhurst Firefighter Association. Each will receive \$1,500.

To date, the Kahshe Country Crafts Show has raised and donated over \$100,000 throughout the Muskoka community. We cannot thank our many repeat donors enough, Kahshe Barge Services, Gravenhurst Canadian Tire, Robinson Haulage, Woodmill of Muskoka, Chamberlain Timbermart, April Gadsby of Chestnut Park Real Estate, Gravenhurst Home Hardware, Sontag's Bird Feeders - Adam Sontag, and the Gravenhurst YMCA. We cannot forget all the wonderful donations that come from our many vendors. All of the donations, money or items for the silent

auction and prizes, help raise our total donations throughout the years.

Thanks again to Judy Henderson for organizing an outstanding book sale and bake sale. Judy's contribution is invaluable year after year.

We would very much like to recruit more volunteers for whatever time and job(s) that they can commit to. The show is a good opportunity for high school students to work some of their volunteer hours.

A group of interested people is planning to get together after this Labour Day for a brainstorming session to improve, expand, and/or add changes to the show. *If this interests you, please contact us at rockhaven@bellnet.ca.*



**Contact:
rockhaven@bellnet.ca
to volunteer for the
2020 Craft Show!**





Janet Carver
First Place, Life on Kahshe

2019 KAHSHE PHOTO CONTEST

By: Clare Henderson, KLRA Website

The 2019 Kahshe Photo Contest results provided a real crowd pleaser at the Craft Show.

This year we received 127 wonderful entries which provided 16 winners in five categories. The judges, Randy Craig and Bruce Gibson, were impressed with the quality of the entries, which were from children as young as six, to talented adults of all ages.

Just because Kahshe Lake is easy on the eye, doesn't mean the judges go easy. "When choosing winning photos we look for basic yet strong photo elements, but the key is that the entry should clearly be part of the Kahshe experience. Whether it's landscape, life or wildlife, other Kahshe Lakers should be able to relate and feel connected to the photograph and Kahshe," says Randy Craig.

All first place winners are featured here; please visit the website to see all entries and other category winners.

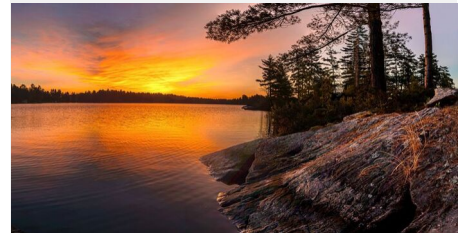
Don't put your cameras away. Submissions for next year's contest are NOW open! *Get snapping and email your entries to: photocontest@kahshelake.ca.*



Chris Miller
First Place, Wildlife



Anna Vurma
First Place, Kids Eye View



Ron Pearson
First Place, Landscape



Xenia Guivernau
First Place, Kids On Kahshe



15TH ANNUAL KLRA REGATTA



By: Maureen Smithers, KLRA Social Media

Nagaya Beach was hopping with music, laughter and cheering on August 10th as the Annual KLRA Regatta once again proved to be Kahshe's hot spot!

A highlight of this year's event was an amazing sandcastle competition with families and teams building creations that included sharks, Hogwarts and mermaids.

The cardboard boat building competition saw a large number of participants with imaginative boat designs and a mix of floatability. Bravo to everyone who took part.

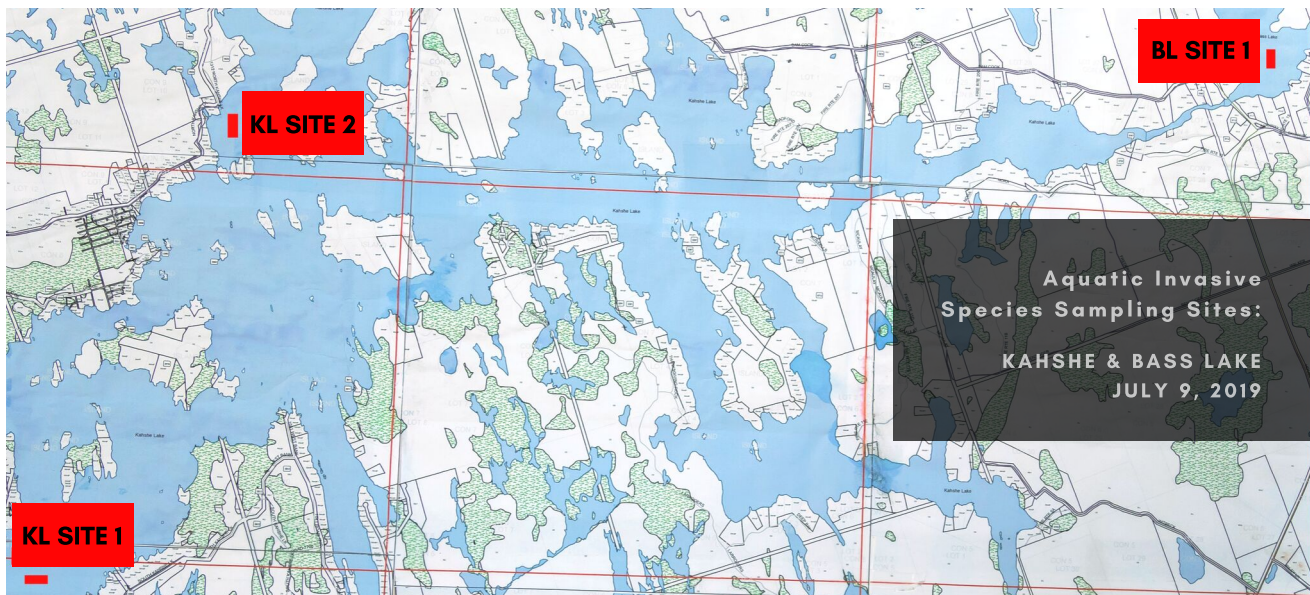
Of course the hula hoop, balloon toss and three-legged race were as popular as always.

The signature tug-of-war was won by the boys who really came together to beat the girls team for the first time in four years, well done guys!

Shout out to all the volunteers who make the Regatta such a great KLRA event. From our high-school volunteers to the set-up crew to the Arts, sandcastle and boat competition judges to the "ribbon ladies" to the BBQ team (thanks Tyler and Hayley for feeding us) to our amazing emcee Alison; it really is the volunteers who make this annual KLRA event so much fun.

Official thanks to Dave at Muskoka Meats who once again donated all the sausages and hotdogs. If you haven't been into the store on Hwy. 11, make a point to check it out and say thanks!

Plans are beginning to be sketched for next year's event. If you'd like to be involved (there are lots of volunteer opportunities), drop Alison (next year's co-ordinator) a note at: info@kahshelake.ca.



INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES SAMPLING KAHSHE AND BASS LAKES

By: Ron Pearson, Kahshe and Bass Lake Steward

In 2017, the KLRA applied for and was awarded a small grant from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) to carry out aquatic invasive species sampling of Kahshe Lake. The results of that investigation, including six sampling locations on Kahshe, were summarized in a report that can be found on the KLRA website. The analysis results were all negative for the presence of zebra mussels and spiny water fleas. Although the laboratory did not report on the presence of fresh water jellyfish, the author found no visual evidence of these organisms during the sampling program.

In 2019, the Province of Ontario cut the funding for this program. However, a group of concerned Lake Stewards across Haliburton and Muskoka responded to this funding cut and a decision was made to keep the program alive via funding from their own lake associations, with sampling kits provided by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Association. The KLRA Conservation Committee donated just over \$100 to support the sampling and analysis of three sites.

The sampling, conducted on July 9, 2019, included two locations in Kahshe and one in Bass Lake (see figure above). The equipment used was submerged in hot water prior to sampling (to ensure that no organisms from other lakes are accidentally introduced via the shared

equipment) and the samples being collected by hauling the net through the water for 7m at a depth of approximately 2-3m, after which organisms trapped in the net are bottled and preserved in rubbing alcohol.

The laboratory results have now been received and both Kahshe and Bass Lakes have again been found free of zebra mussel veligers (larvae), spiny water fleas and freshwater jellyfish. As both Kahshe Lake samples were adjacent to boat launching ramps, this provides a reasonable level of certainty that these organisms have not yet been introduced via the launching of contaminated boats or fishing gear from other lakes.

As soon as the results from the other lakes sampled in 2019 have been plotted, we will have a much better idea as to how extensive the spread of these organisms has been in Muskoka.

OAK ROAD COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION 2019 BBQ

By: Marg Taylor, KLRA President



The Oak Road Cottagers' Association held its annual end of summer BBQ at the Oak Road Park on Saturday, August 31st. There were well over 65 'Oak Roadies' including family and friends in attendance and the burgers, hot dogs and sausages were grilled to perfection by our two seasoned grill pros. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the pot luck table and to those who helped with the set up, purchase of the food and for the clean-up of the park afterwards.



Save the
date:
9.6.20!

Chris Miller

JAKE THE SNAKE FROM KAHSHE LAKE

By: Maria Lyon, Kahshe Lake Resident

If you've ever happened to hear really loud music on Kahshe Lake sometime around Labor Day, then not only have you heard of The Counter Family, but you've actually heard us!

Four generations and one hundred years later, we are still here at Kahshe Lake and we are not going anywhere, anytime soon and neither is Jakestock. What actually is Jakestock you ask? Well, you have to attend to really know what it is, but what I can tell you is how it all started.

Way back, my mother, Pam Lyon, and her three brothers would often reminisce about the Labour Day Weiner Roast at Nagaya Beach from when they were kids. With nostalgia as a motivator, my Uncle Jake (or as he often referred to himself as "Jake the snake from Kahshe Lake") and his two musician buddies, Ray Parsons Jr., and

Steve Raeburn decided to throw their own summer-end concert. They wanted to create an evening with live music to help make new memories for the younger generation at Kahshe Lake. So, in good ol' Uncle Jake fashion, he volunteered his deck and "Jakestock" was officially born!

In the early years, people thought it was a private party so they stood roadside or sat in their boats in front of Nagaya Beach to listen to the local bands playing, not knowing that the entire community was invited. Jakestock grew and continued for four more years, but suddenly, in 2008, we lost Uncle Jake. That year's event became a memorial for him and we thought that was the last of our yearly party. As we have just celebrated our 15th Annual Jakestock, we couldn't have been more wrong. We are proof that time flies when you are having fun!

Jakestock is hard to explain unless you've attended one. At the peak of the night, somewhere around 11 pm, the musicians can look out into the crowd and see upwards of four hundred people; young, old, residents and visitors enjoying the ambiance provided by the lights, lanterns, and the epic bonfire, and not to mention the great music, which helps pack the dance floor.

My little sister Lizzie Lyon has assumed the role of musical director and rockstar headliner, my Uncle Ross cooks dinner for all the volunteers and my mom runs the rest of the show (with her



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willing and able neighbours: Larry Gabovick, Donna Chilvers, Ross Gillanders, and Marilyn Tuero). As for my role... well, I have the most important one: I keep the dance floor game strong!

Jakestock is a free event, but in order to keep things operational, we rely on raffle ticket and merchandise sales (which always tend to sell out). We contemplated hanging up our skates this year, but so many who came out this past Jakestock reminded us of how much the community loves our annual celebration, and since Kahshe Lake brings my family so much joy, we love to give back to the amazing Kahshe community.

So, we are excited to say, see you next year, Sunday, September 6th, 2020, where you can 'count' on us to give you another epic and unique party in Jake's memory. As Uncle Jake would say, "Jakestock Lives."





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COTTAGE CROISSANT BITES

A RECIPE BY ALISON SMITHERS-RYAN

TOOLS:

- baking sheet
- aluminium foil
- paper towel
- chef's knife
- butting board
- medium pan
- rolling pin
- spatula
- 2 large muffin tins (6 cups in each)

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 pice package butter croissants
- 1 small yellow onion
- 1 dozen eggs
- 1 package of chives
- 1 package of thick cut bacon, maple smoked, for extra flavour
- salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS:

Servings: 12

Preheat oven to 375°F, start the recipe when oven is up to temperature.

Cook Bacon

- Line a baking sheet with foil.
- Cut bacon strips in half, then arrange on a foil-lined baking sheet.
- Bake on the middle rack of the oven, until no longer pink and almost crispy, 10-12 min. (We are "par-cooking" the bacon, this makes it easier to add into the cups. You don't want overly crispy bacon, or this technique would be more difficult. The bacon will continue cooking when baking the assembled egg cups.)
- When bacon is done, transfer to a paper-towel lined plate and gently pat dry to remove excess fat. (Keep any access fat from the baking sheet for another cottage creation. Bacon fat is great for cooking crispy eggs!)

Cook Onions

- While the bacon cooks, peel and small dice onion.
- Thinly slice chives.
- Heat a medium pan over medium heat.
- When hot, add 2 tsp oil, then onions.
- Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, 3-4 min.
- Remove pan from heat and set aside until assemblage.

Prep Croissants

- When onions are done, cut each croissant in half, for a total of 12 smaller pieces.
- Using a rolling pin, roll each half piece, until as thin as possible, with no tears. (The thinner the better, this will allow you to add them into the cups easier. Be careful not to create holes in the pieces.)

Assemble & Bake Cups

- Spray muffin tins with cooking oil. (If desired, you can use some of the reserved bacon fat. Remember a little goes a long way!)
- Place croissant halves into each cup and press into the edges. Make sure to create a space for the remaining ingredients.
- Add 1-2 bacon slices into each cup, then carefully crack in an egg.
- Top with some onions and season with salt and pepper.
- Bake on the middle and bottom racks of the oven, rotating the baking sheets halfway through cooking, until egg whites are cooked through and the yolks are still runny, 10-12 min.

Serve

- When eggs are cooked, carefully run a spatula (or butter knife) around the edges to release from the muffin tin in one piece.
- Divide the cottage croissant bites between plates. Sprinkle over chives.
- Serve with hot sauce and ketchup, and enjoy while sitting on the dock drinking your morning coffee!

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The family cottage on Kahshe Lake has been my happy summer place since childhood and has given me so much to remember; crossing the swamp near Dennes Marina on logs, portaging into Three-Mile Lake; swimming; skiing; working at Wigwam Lodge. I'm lucky to have spent so much time here and happily, so have my children, and now grandchildren. Kahshe is a fabulous lake. I joined the board 10 years ago, and as your new President, I urge you to enjoy this lake and help the KLRA keep it healthy and safe for all.

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I was introduced to Kahshe lake by dear friends 25 years ago. They said, "buy" a water access cottage so we can see more of each other. So, 18 years ago I purchased a small 50s cottage in Deep Bay that offers gorgeous sunsets and named it "Aloha." Since then, I have met so many people who are so generous with their time to help make Kahshe a safe and enjoyable place to make lifetime memories. It is a pleasure to work with so many KLRA volunteers, I do whatever I can to help and I plan to do more.

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Even though I grew up in Montreal, I have been a life long Kahshe Laker; apart of the KLRA board for over 10 years. I have had various roles from the Regatta, Beach Committee to President. My cottage is one of the Kahshe Lake's classics, the 110-yr-old "Twin Cottage," and has been in my family for over 90 years. I have taken stewardship of our cottage to preserve for future generations. I work in the Hi-Tech industry and split my time between Dallas, Toronto, and Muskoka and I am a passionate sailor.

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My family has been on the lake since the 1920s and I currently have a cottage in Grant's Bay. I have been on the KLRA board for three years and have been secretary for the last two years. My love of Kahshe Lake spans four generations and I believe it is important for us to do what we can to keep the lake beautiful.

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Anne and I first came to Kahshe in 1978, bought a piece of land at the very eastern end of Deep Bay in 1980 and began building in 1981. I became involved with the Houseys Rapids Lake Residents' Association, and served as Secretary and then President for several years before the Association merged with the KLRA. I became a member of the KLRA, joining the Board in 2004 and became Editor in 2009. I ran the Houseys Rapids Picnic for almost 20 years until 2017. Anne and I are both retired high school French teachers and are new grandparents to two granddaughters.

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My wife, Donna Sutherland, and I live full-time on Bell Road directly north of Cherokee Island. Donna has been cottaging on the lake her whole life, when her dad first acquired property in 1938. You may see us paddling outrigger canoes, but no longer as training for Dragon Boat racing (which I've represented Canada at a couple of World Dragon Boat Championships.) I've been a KLRA Board member since 2010.

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I've been a cottager for over 50 years, enjoying life at our cottage on S. Kahshe Lake Rd. which has been in my wife, Joan's family since the '40s. With the arrival of our grandson, there have been five generations of our family at the lake. I joined the board 10 years ago, in order to contribute to the lake community and support the wonderful work done by the KLRA. I have chaired the Communication, Outreach & Membership Committee from its inception. Over the last few years, you may have seen me at the KLRA Boutique. I am enthusiastic about our lake, our cottage and the people I get to meet.

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We bought our Kahshe castle in 2000. I joined the board soon after, having learned that the KLRA did important work (the Lake Plan had just been completed). Through the years I have enjoyed just about every board role, including a stint as president and I have been treasurer since 2013. Being involved in the KLRA has allowed me to meet many people in the Kahshe community I likely would not have known otherwise. Get involved yourself - it's fun and rewarding.

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My husband Keith and I purchased our cottage on Kahshe Lake in 2013 after visiting friends in Grant's Bay. We love having family and friends share this wonderful lake with us, so we regularly have lots of company. Our children enjoy spending time here with their friends as well. The architectural style of our cottage reminds me of my childhood, as it very much resembles my uncle's cottage that he built in the 1970s in Bancroft. I have been on the KLRA since 2018. We plan to spend many more years on Kahshe Lake!

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I was asked to join the KLRA to decide on the feasibility of a lake plan in 2000. Subsequently, I served as secretary for the Lake Plan Committee, the Implementation Committee and the ongoing Conservation Committee. I collected and edited material for the two volumes of 'The Healing Waters of Kahshe Lake,' and currently maintain websites for additional cottage stories and old documents. I started the KLRA website and am currently Webmaster. George Lindsay, Cathy Dunphy and I initiated the Kahshe Photo Contest and I have administered it since 2010. I was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2014.

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Lucy and I came to Kahshe in 1987, to a lot on the southwestern side of Boyd Island where we had a cottage shell built and did the rest ourselves. I have been on the board for approximately 13 years, beginning on and now Chair of the Water Access Committee, which voices the concerns of over 250 water access residents on the lake to the board, to the town, and to anyone else within earshot.

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I first landed at Kahshe over 30 years ago, when my then-boyfriend took me to his friend's cottage. The "Twin Cottages" quickly won my affection and have been an intricate part of my summers (and falls and springs AND winters) since then. I've been volunteering with the KLRA for three years, rebooting the FB page and Twitter accounts and other communication roles. I also took on organizing the Annual KLRA Regatta which is a highlight of my summers. My work world is compromised of editing, writing and working with non-profit organizations. Home is Collingwood and I can often be found snapping photos of "small-town" Ontario or walking the trails of the Blue Mountains.

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I joined KLRA as a director in 2018. Family came to Kahshe Lake in the '20s and purchased land on North Kahshe Lake Road and a lot on the island in Klueys Bay. My husband Steve and I bought the family cottage in 2014 and with our children Ryan and Meghan, are enjoying the time we get to spend together at Kahshe. We are truly thankful for being part of such a wonderful community. Giving back is important to me and the KLRA allows me to contribute to a place I am very passionate about. I like to think that I am carrying on the spirit in which my dad (Ross Moores) was an active KLRA member and lake steward years ago.

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I joined the Board in 2008, and have been a Kahshe Lake aficionado since 1974 B.C. (before cottage) when my future husband, David, and I camped in my parents' tool shed in Deep Bay. South African-born, world-traveling David couldn't understand why sane Canadians would want to travel to the same place every summer weekend. Thirty years later, he was the one who pushed for me to buy the family cottage, indisputably the nastiest, cheapest shack on the lake (now held together by masking tape), and to plough money we don't have into fixing it up. He was egged on by our daughter, Nell, who loves the place as if it were her own, which, stock market notwithstanding, it someday will be.

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Gail and I have been on Kahshe Lake since the mid-1980s and we purchased our own property across from Hilda Island in 1999. After many years of water access, we sold in 2017 and purchased on Oak Road. I joined the Board in 2011, and when the Lake Steward position opened up, I knew this was the job for me, as I could utilize my science education and environmental work experience with the Environment Ministry to preserve and enhance the environmental quality of the Lake. I am also Secretary of the Oak Road Cottagers' Association; a great opportunity to get to know our new neighbours. My love of landscape and wildlife photography has also enabled me to capture and share some of the natural beauty of the lake.

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My grandparents came to Kahshe Lake in 1920 and I have been coming to the lake for approximately 70 years. I joined the KLRA as a Member-at-Large five years ago and volunteer at many of the events. I am now the representative for FOCA. My husband Toivo Madrus and I have helped run the fishing derby with Ken and Karen Long for almost a decade. I volunteer for the Gravenhurst Public Library at the weekly Farmers Market. I have also volunteered at the Salvation Army store and at the antique boat museum in Gravenhurst.

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I've been on Kahshe Lake's north road for forty-two years. After my childhood cottage was sold, my identical twin brother, Jason and I, purchased the cottage next door from said cottage. My wife Jen, and two children Lennon and Mayzie, along with their cousins and grandparents, spend every weekend at Kahshe from Late April until early September. Since Kahshe Lake is all we know, I have volunteered to manage the care of Nagaya Beach. I encourage anyone to reach out to me if they would like to discuss an issue or idea regarding the beach. I look forward to improving Nagaya Beach to be the best yet!

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