



NEWSLETTER SPRING/SUMMER 2020



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Lyn Van Druff

LAKE PLEASANT-SACANDAGA
ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the Beginning of Summer 2020!

An unusual summer to be sure, but I'm confident that with careful measures, we can still enjoy the beauty of our beloved Adirondacks. LPSA has been working over the winter on several fronts to advance the agenda of protecting our lakes and beautifying our town.

We continue to have Lake Stewards at both Moffitt Beach ramp on Sacandaga and at the Pavilion ramp on Lake Pleasant. Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) will be providing stewards Thursday through Monday this year. LPSA is working on adding stewards for Tuesday and Wednesday.

The DECON free Boat Wash is located on the northbound lane of Rt. 30 just before Speculator. Please use the Free Boat Wash on your personal craft, and encourage all guests to stop with their craft on their way into town. This is an added layer of protection for our lakes.

We will be distributing newly developed info cards and refrigerator magnets to help in the mitigation the 'Nutrient Loading' that is taking place in our lakes and causing a significant growth in unwanted weeds.

Our JUNE Luncheon has been CANCELED due to COVID-19. We will however, have the information that was to be presented by Caitlin Stewart on the ways we can plant buffers on our properties to protect lakes, streams, and rivers, against damaging road and lawn

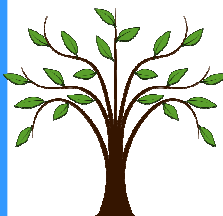
runoff. We will be sending an email blast when that presentation is available.

Lastly, as many of our members travel to Speculator/ Lake Pleasant this summer, we ask that you give special attention to the needs of the community. Hamilton County has been extremely fortunate to have been relatively free from the devastation of COVID-19. We want to be sure that continues to be the case. Please remember that Hamilton County has a very high percentage of residents over 65, the most vulnerable population for severe complications. We have very limited healthcare services and Not One pharmacy in the county! So, with that understanding, we ask that when you come to town:

- 1) Bring at least 14 days of food, medicine, and household materials
- 2) During those first 14 days, please don't go into town stores, PO, Bank, etc.
- 3) Limit your interaction with neighbors using "social distancing" and wear a mask.

If we take this extra care in the beginning, we stand a good chance of not, unknowingly, bringing any viruses with us and therefore giving everyone a healthy and happy summer.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you this summer. Hopefully we will be able to have our August luncheon and Annual Meeting. We will keep you informed. Stay Safe and Enjoy Life!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Treasurer:

We are looking for a member who has an accounting background who would be willing to serve as our Treasurer. If interested, please contact Lyn Van Druff @ LynLPSA@gmail.com or text to 610-299-1391.

Farmers Market:

We are in need of volunteers to staff our table at the Farmers Market on Thursdays. We will be setting up for 4-5 weeks, July 9 through beginning of August. If you (and maybe a friend) would be willing to take one Thursday, please let me know. We have an Info Board, materials for people to take, and specimens showing some of the invasive aquatics. It's a wonderful way to show people what we are working on and how they can help. Please contact me at JNTOBY3@yahoo.com.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES by Tom Rippere

Each summer, LPSA plans a luncheon in June and a luncheon in August, plus a tour of a historic site in the area. This summer, we have CANCELLED the JUNE luncheon, because of concerns about COVID-19. No decision has been made yet whether to cancel the August luncheon and the historic tour. Future information will be communicated to LPSA members via email.

LAKE SHORE MONITORING By Tom Rippere

What can you do to help protect the health of lakes in the Adirondacks? You can volunteer to spend a few hours of your time this summer in your canoe or kayak patrolling the shoreline of your lake to look for aquatic invasive species. If you are willing to help with this important annual project, please send an email to Jim Olsen at jamesrolsen@msn.com. Jim conducts a training session at the start of each summer, to train volunteers for this activity.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BOARD MEMBERS

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ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS, CHECKS & LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS:

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FARMERS MARKET by Jon Tobiessen

Each summer, LPSA maintains a booth at the Farmer's Market offering information about invasive species and LPSA. If the Market is running this summer, we hope to continue this tradition. Anyone willing to sit at the table to answer questions and distribute literature one or

more times during the summer please contact me at JNTOBY3@yahoo.com.

For more details call me at 518-399-1889 now or 518-548-4198 during the summer. If 'social distancing' still applies, helping to set up and take down the display will be another option. ---
Jon Tobiessen, Table Chair

LPSA WEBSITE & ON-LINE PAYMENTS By Tom Rippere

LPSA introduced a new, updated, website last year. If you have not seen it, please take a look at LPSA-NY.org. The website contains much information about our Association and our projects & programs. There is also a library of information on Aquatic Invasive Species and Terrestrial Invasive Species, plus links to DEC and APA websites which contain a wealth of information. There is a "Members Only" section which allows members to view an on-line membership directory. The first time you log into the Members Only section, you will be asked to set up a password for yourself.

Members can now pay their renewal membership fees either by check or on-line, using either a credit card or a PayPal account. New members can enroll on-line (or by mail) and pay by check, credit card, or PayPal.

Please take some time to browse our website to explore all the information there.

CONTACT US

Additional information about LPSA is available on our website LPSA-ny.org

Please send all membership payment checks, luncheon reservations and other similar correspondence to LPSA, P.O. Box 383, Wells, NY 12190-0383. You can contact us at LPSA.ADK@gmail.com

To contact Lyn Van Druff, LPSA President, you can send email to LynLPSA@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Like and Follow us on Face Book @LPSA2016. You can see pictures of various seasons, add your own pictures, or read about upcoming events and projects in the LAKE PLEASANT / SACANDAGA area.

LAKE MAPPING PROJECT

By Bill Thielking

Concerns about native aquatic plant growth in Lake Pleasant in the past two years have been brought before the LPSA board. Although anecdotal, there seemed to be enough reports to warrant a study - something which might develop data so that if remediation became required at some time in the future, we would have baseline data as a starting point for discussions and action planning. Peter Tobiesen and several board members started a conventional assessment using observation of weed beds from surface craft with GPS location mapping. A map was prepared using this data. This effort may be ongoing to improve it in summer months to come.

A bit of further research indicated a company offering a system for mapping weed beds called BioBase. It turned out that DEC and APIPP were currently using it to map invasive aquatic plant beds in Adirondack lakes. Several board members attended an annual seminar at Paul Smith's College where APIPP's Ms. Erin Vennie-Vollrath made a presentation on how the software and equipment system worked and the maps it produced. We became interested.

The BioBase software displays three different views of the lake data, including a view of the density of subsurface weeds. Pricing is based on lake surface area. Lake Pleasant would cost about \$1997 for a complete single year mapping license. There were several pricing options, including one allowing unrestricted access for a single year at \$2700. We applied for a free trial license, which allowed limited views of the lake data. Ms. Vennie-Vollrath volunteered to help us with a loan of APIPP's equipment, plus training on its operation. Lowrance "fish finder" sonar equipment, a

memory card, and battery power are required for data gathering. Pricing for a portable transducer is in the range of \$600 to \$800. If LPSA decides to proceed with additional BioBase mapping, it would require access to the BioBase web page (\$1997 per year), plus C-Map software. A subscription to C-Map is required at about \$200/month, so the project would not be cheap.

Erin Vennie-Vollrath came to Lake Pleasant with gear for a training run on the lake. Mark Donecker volunteered his pontoon boat and his time. He attached the equipment to his pontoon boat and patiently made 10 runs around Lake Pleasant in ever decreasing circles, attempting to map weed beds from shoreline to about 16 feet maximum depth. Data was recorded on a memory chip and subsequently downloaded to the BioBase web page. Charlie Ascher managed this task, which was nontrivial.

Weed beds appear in differing colors on the map, indicating depth. There is no indication of taxonomy (what type of plant is present). Other users of this system at other lakes have sampled their weed beds using throw rakes or divers to indicate weed types on their maps. As we have no invasive plants in Lake Pleasant and are only interested in native pond weed populations, identification was not attempted. Discussions on whether to proceed with BioBase and/or the simpler conventional mapping techniques are ongoing. Research on techniques for limiting weed beds will be ongoing this summer as well. Many thanks to Ms. Vennie-Vollrath at APIPP for training and equipment loan and to Mark Donecker and Charlie Ascher for the mapping runs and enabling the downloads.

SAVE THE DATE

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Because of concerns about COVID-19, we suggest you call your library to see if the hours have changed or if you can make an appointment or just request items for pick up only.

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Mailing Address _____

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