



# LAKE PLEASANT-SACANDAGA ASSOCIATION



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings. I hope you have enjoyed the cool fall weather this year as much as I have. After a wet summer, it was nice to have blue skies on so many nice days in September and October.

The Lake Pleasant – Sacandaga Association (LPSA) continued its work this summer on a wide variety of programs to help keep our lakes healthy and enjoyable. Our main concern is invasive plants and animals that we want to keep out of our lakes. The best way to manage invasive species is PREVENTION, because after an invasive species gets established in a new environment, it is very difficult to eradicate it. Our front line of defense against new invasive species entering our lakes is inspection and washing of boats and sports equipment entering our lakes. The next line of defense is annual inspection of our shorelines to catch any new invasive species before they become well established.

An important step toward PREVENTION is AWARENESS, and the best way to achieve AWARENESS is through EDUCATION. For many years, LPSA has hosted an information booth at the weekly Farmer's Market in Speculator, to help raise awareness of the invasive species that threaten lakes in the Adirondacks. Our website ([LPSA-NY.org](http://LPSA-NY.org)) contains resource information about invasive plants and animals that threaten our waterways and forests. Last month, we began a series of informative email messages to our members to share additional information about pesky invasive species. Watch for additional messages in the coming months.

To help LPSA convey this educational information to more people, we would like to increase the number of people who are LPSA members. When a person joins LPSA, they get added to our email distribution list, so they will receive our newsletters and emails with educational information about invasive species, and updates on our organization's programs to address these threats. To increase our audience, we launched a new membership campaign this summer. We set up an information table at Charlie Johns Store, and invited people to join our lake association, to help protect the health of lakes in our area. That campaign was productive, and resulted in a number of new members joining LPSA. We plan to continue that in the future.

If you are a new member who joined this year (or in recent years), Welcome. Thank you for your interest and your support. Whether you are a new member or a long-time member, I would like to ask for your help in getting more people to join our organization. We have kept our membership fees low, to make it easy for people to become a member. Please encourage your family members, friends, and neighbors to join, if they are not already members. We would appreciate your assistance in getting our educational message distributed to more people.

Once again, Thank You for your ongoing support in achieving our organization's mission to keep our lakes healthy, for everyone's enjoyment. Remember, the *economic* health of our community is dependent upon the *ecological* health of our lakes.



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## WINNERS OF CONTEST AT LAKE PLEASANT SCHOOL

By Charlie Ascher

The winners of the tenth annual contest sponsored by the Lake Pleasant Sacandaga Association (LPSA) at the Lake Pleasant School were announced at the school's awards ceremony held the morning of June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each of the students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade worked on research projects concerning invasive weeds and the effects of their introduction into our lakes. The students worked either by themselves or in pairs. Usually, the projects are coordinated with a field trip sponsored by LPSA but we were unable to schedule one this year due to the Covid pandemic. Last year's contest was cancelled completely. The students' projects were presented for review using advanced computer techniques and smart board technology. Finalists were chosen by a panel of school staff members. The finalists subsequently presented

their projects to a review panel of LPSA representatives, who selected the rankings of the winners.

Each winner received a framed certificate from LPSA, along with a gift card as a reward for their accomplishments. Most importantly, all participants acquired a tremendous wealth of knowledge on a subject that affects all of us who love and utilize our lakes and waterways.



Pictured from Left to Right  
Front Row Amelia Germain, Kierstan Bly, Korrine Bly,  
Chloe Swift and Alex Vogel  
Back Row Charlie Ascher, LPSA School Program  
Coordinator

All finalists did an excellent job with their presentations, which made the job of the review panel very difficult. The results below confirm that in most cases it was almost impossible to rank the various presentations. The contest winners, as chosen from the finalists are as follows:

**First Place:** Alex Vogel

**Second Place Tie:** Chloe Swift and Korrine Bly

**Third Place Tie:** Kierstan Bly and Amelia Germain



Additional information about LPSA is available on our website [LPSA-ny.org](http://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](mailto:LPSA.ADK@gmail.com)

To contact Tom Rippere, LPSA President, you can send email to [TomLPSA@yahoo.com](mailto:TomLPSA@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

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# LAKE STEWARDS INSPECT VISITING BOATS

By Tom Rippere

New York State provides funding each year for Lake Stewards, who help protect Adirondack lakes from invasive species. The Lake Steward program is administered by the Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI), at Paul Smith's college, in the Adirondacks. Lake Stewards provide boaters with free boat inspections, to look for any invasive plants or animals that may be on boats, trailers, or sports equipment. The AWI employees also provide free boat washes at decontamination (DECON) stations throughout the Adirondacks, to wash any boats that may be carrying aquatic invasive species.

AWI employs close to 150 seasonal workers, who inspect and wash boats. Locally, Lake Stewards inspect boats at boat ramps at the Moffitt Beach Campground on Sacandaga Lake, and at the Speculator Pavilion on Lake

Pleasant. AWI provides stewards who operate the DECON station on Route 30, just south of Speculator.

These AWI employees are only on site five days per week. This summer, the Town of Lake Pleasant and LPSA provided funding to hire additional part-time Lake Stewards to monitor the ramps at Moffitt Beach and the Speculator Pavilion two days per week, so these sites would be monitored seven days per week. Also, we placed a Lake Steward at Lake Pleasant Marine, to inspect boats there on weekends, when many visiting boaters launch at that ramp.



**Moffitt Beach Boat Ramp**

Camp-of-the-Woods partners closely with LPSA, and they have their own staff members inspect all visiting boats that are launched into Lake Pleasant at their ramp.

The following numbers show how many boats were inspected this summer at boat ramps in the Town of Lake Pleasant:

Moffitt Beach	1724 boats inspected
Speculator Pavilion	1657 boats inspected
Lake Pleasant Marine	114 boats inspected
Camp-of-the-Woods	111 boats inspected
Route 30 DECON	154 boats inspected; 119 boats decontaminated

Aquatic invasive species were identified on ten of the boats that were cleaned at the DECON station. Collectively, these boats & trailers were carrying curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, water chestnut, and zebra mussels. Without the funding for this program and the diligent attention of the Lake Stewards, these invasive species might have been introduced into our local lakes. The numbers from this summer's inspections show the importance of this program.



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

By Mitzi Fox

Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Huber Fund! This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Kathryn Coolidge Huber Fund in memory Kathy Huber. This Fund is a vital portion of the Lake Pleasant - Sacandaga Foundation resources available to protect our Lakes for the future. This fund was created to provide a source of available funds if we discover an invasive plant in our lakes which requires a rapid response for elimination or remediation.

A great moment to help the Huber Fund grow dramatically. John Huber continues to offer to double all contributions to the Fund ensuring

that the Fund will grow twice as fast. Please help us to celebrate this milestone and mail a contribution to the Lake Pleasant-Sacandaga Foundation, with a note on the check "Huber Fund", to Lake Pleasant-Sacandaga Foundation, P.O. Box 383, Wells, NY 12190-0383.

We thank the many members and friends of our Association that love and care for our Lakes and have invested in the future health of the Lakes by donating to the Foundation. Thank you all for continuing to work with us and supporting our work in this important area.



## LPSA MEETINGS & SOCIAL EVENTS

At our June luncheon this year, our guest speaker was Caitlin Stewart, who is the District Manager for Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District. She shared information about steps that property owners can take to reduce the flow of nutrients and pollution from their property into lakes and streams. Information from her presentation is available on the LPSA website: "[Love Your Lake with Shoreline Buffers](#)" and "[Protect Your Lake with Rain Gardens](#)".

At our August luncheon and Annual Meeting, committee chairs presented information on LPSA programs that help protect the health of our lakes. You can view the meeting presentation on our [LPSA-NY.org](#) website, in the "Members Only" section. To access the information, click on the "Member's Area" box in the upper right corner of the Home page. If you have not already set up a password for yourself, you will be prompted to do this. Your password will be linked to your email address in the LPSA records. If you have provided more than one email address to LPSA, and you have trouble logging in, try again with your other email address. The log-in will work with only one of your email addresses. After you have logged-in, click on "Membership" in the menu bar at the top of the screen. A drop-down menu will display all the web pages you can view in the Members Only area, including the Annual Meeting presentation.

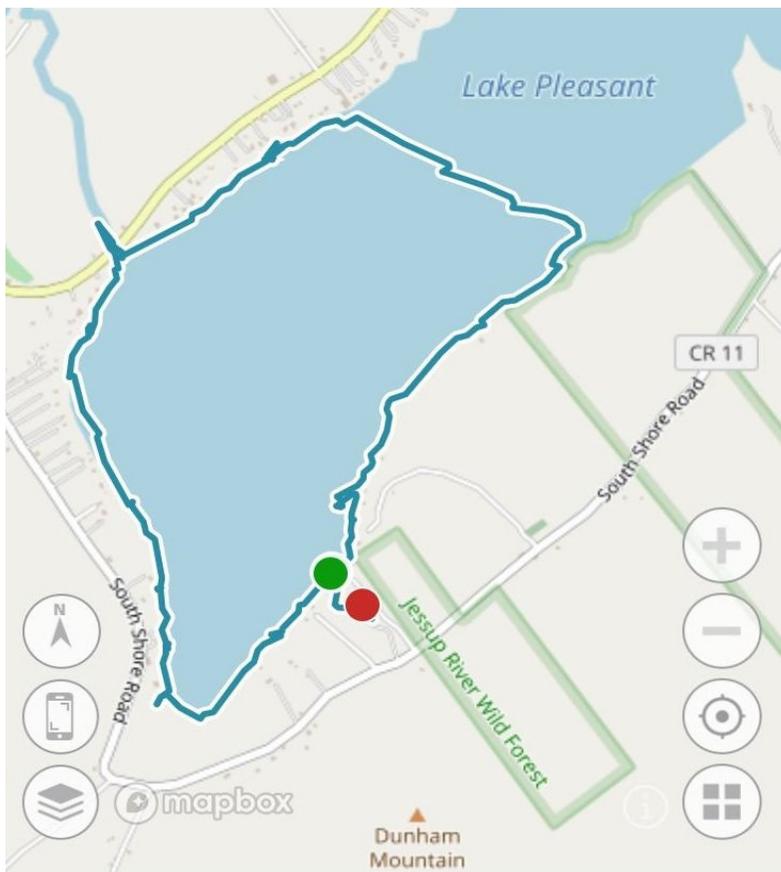
In past years, we have hosted Historic Tours of local historic sites. These events have been planned and coordinated by Peggy LaFontaine, who passed away this August. We appreciate all the work that Peggy did to make these adventures successful, and we hope someone else will volunteer to continue this activity. We are also seeking a volunteer to plan and organize "Social Outings", such as a visit to a local artist's studio, a hike to a local waterfall, or a scenic boat ride. Please contact Tom Rippere at [TomLPSA@yahoo.com](mailto:TomLPSA@yahoo.com) if you would like to help.



## LAKE SHORE MONITORING

By Jim Olsen & Tom Rippere

This summer, LPSA members continued to volunteer their time to help patrol our shoreline in their canoes and kayaks, looking for invasive aquatic plant species. This year, for the first time, some volunteers used software applications (“apps”) on their cell phones to track their route, and record which sections of shoreline they covered. If you are willing to help with lake shore monitoring, please send an email to Jim Olsen at [jamesrolsen@msn.com](mailto:jamesrolsen@msn.com). Jim conducts a training session at the start of each summer, to train volunteers for this activity.



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## LPSA ECOLOGY PARTNERS

By Tom Rippere

Our local ecology-focused organization, Lake Pleasant–Sacandaga Association, works to protect lakes in the Town of Lake Pleasant. We are just one part of a large web of similar organizations throughout the Adirondacks and throughout New York State who are fighting the same battle on different fronts.

We work very closely with the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program ([APIPP](#)), which is funded by New York State, and administered by the Adirondack Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, an international organization. The Adirondack region APIPP is a part of a statewide program named Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management ([PRISM](#)). The PRISM program divides New York State into eight regions, with a separate management program for each region.

PRISM works in parallel with the New York Invasive Species Research Institute ([NYISRI](#)), which is a part of Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York. NYISRI is a member of the Northeast Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change ([RISCC](#)) Management Network.

Another valuable partner and source of information is Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District. Both [HCSWCD](#) and [APIPP](#) provide literature we use at our information booth at the Farmer's Market, and they provide support when someone finds a suspicious plant or animal that might be an invasive species. As explained at our June luncheon, HCSWCD also provides free consultations with lakeshore property owners to recommend actions they can take to help reduce the flow of pollution and nutrients from their property into the lake.

Another partner is the New York State Federation of Lake Associations, which is a coalition of lake associations dedicated to the protection and restoration of New York lakes. Among other activities, [NYS-FOLA](#) administers the [CSLAP](#) lake water testing program, which is funded by New York State.

LPSA is also a member of [Adirondack Lakes Alliance](#), which provides a forum for lake and river associations to share information and resources, and to make recommendations to appropriate state, county, and local agencies regarding environmental and ecological issues.

Our local organization is very fortunate to have access to information and resources through all of these other organizations. It would be very difficult for us to accomplish all that we do without the educational information and staff support that we receive from experts outside of our own organization.

**CLEAN YOUR BOAT!**  
**PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES**



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# BOATING SAFETY

By Tom Rippere

New York State has boating safety laws to protect people on boats and others who might be affected by the actions of boaters. For your reference, here are a few of the New York laws that apply to safe boating. We should all keep these rules in mind when we are on the water. Also, please ask your guests and visitors to comply with these state regulations:

- Boat speed is limited to 5 mph within 100 feet of the shore, a dock, raft, or anchored boat. This speed limit also applies to Personal Watercraft (PWCs, or “jet skies”)
- A Personal Flotation Device (PFD, or life jacket) is required for each person on a boat, including canoes, kayaks, and rowboats
- Children under 12 years of age must **wear** a PFD while on a boat
- PFDs must be **worn** by each person on a PWC or towed behind the PWC
- An on-board observer at least 10 years of age is required when towing a person.
- Anyone being towed by a boat or PWC must wear a PFD. This includes water skiers, wake boarders, and those riding on an inflatable device (“tube”)
- The number of people on the boat or PWC plus the number being towed may not exceed the maximum rating for the vessel. This is an important rule for PWCs towing riders.
- All PWC operators must pass a boating safety course, and carry a certificate on board
- By January 1, 2025, ALL operators of boats and PWCs must have a Boating Safety Certificate

We would hate to see a recreational boater get hurt because someone failed to follow boating laws and safe boating practices. Hence if you see unsafe boating practices, we encourage you to report it to the Hamilton County Sheriff’s office, at 518-548-3113. We want to keep our lakes safe for everyone.

Additional information is available at:

<http://nyboatingsafety.com/boaterlegalrequirements.html>

[http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub\\_things\\_to\\_do/facilities/marinas/pdf/new\\_york\\_state\\_boaters\\_guide.pdf](http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_things_to_do/facilities/marinas/pdf/new_york_state_boaters_guide.pdf)



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Lake Pleasant NY  
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Bearhurst Drive Speculator, NY

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### Oxbow Lake Motel

2105 State Route 8  
Lake Pleasant NY 12108  
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Elizabeth Gillespie 518-548-7361  
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**IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO JOIN, PLEASE GIVE THEM THIS APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP:** Make checks payable to: LPSA

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**Sacandaga River above Route 8 Bridge**

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