



LAKE PLEASANT-SACANDAGA ASSOCIATION



Volume 24-Issue 2

NEWSLETTER FALL 2022



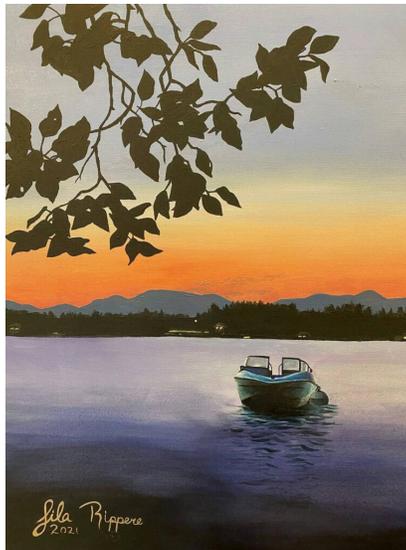
Email: LPSA.ADK@gmail.com

Website: www.lpsa-ny.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dan Wilt

As the 2022 summer comes to an end, I think we can all agree that it was an exceptional season as far as the weather is concerned, and as we enter the fall season, we can look forward to cool evenings and warm days to enjoy our lakes which means if you're using your watercraft in other waterbodies, it's still very important to clean, dry, and inspect our watercrafts for invasive plants. It's everyone's responsibility to make sure we keep invasives out of our lakes. The reality of invasive plants being in close proximity to our lakes means we must be even more vigilant.



I'd like to personally thank Tom Rippere and all our Board Members for serving on the LPSA Board. Without all your help, input, and efforts we could be facing a tragic situation in regards to recreational use of our lakes, our economy, property values both property on the lakes and off the lakes, and a very important eco-

system. As we're all aware, native trout in our lakes became almost extinct due to acid rain. Because of many people and groups like Lake Associations such as LPSA, the problem was addressed, and corrective action was taken. Lo and behold, our lakes are becoming less acidic and the populations of native trout are increasing, so let's keep up the good work and be proactive.

As I write this message, LPSA is preparing to monitor the waters of Sacandaga Lake in the early fall. A special thanks to Board Members: Peter Tobiessen, Jim Olsen, and Brian Greene

from APIPP whose mission is to protect the Adirondacks region from the negative impacts of invasive species. APIPP is a program of the Nature Conservancy. Brian is no stranger to LPSA as he recently instructed our lake Monitors on what to look for and how to handle invasive species. Brian also attended our spring luncheon to

(Continued on page 2)

Editor: *Tom Rippere*

Design & Production: *Belinda Germain*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Continued*

By Dan Wilt

(Continued from page 1)

speak to the membership and friends about protecting our lakes. *Knowledge is what LPSA is about.* The more we know, the more we are prepared to handle the task of keeping our lakes pristine.

While we're on the subject of knowledge, I'd like to thank Charlie Ascher and his Education Committee. Working with the Lake Pleasant School, this Committee is teaching our younger generation about Invasives with hopes that they will carry on the legacy of LPSA. Recently, while having a conversation with a seventh-grade student, the subject of invasive plants came up while on a trip away from home because they stopped at a lake almost completely covered with weed growth. They knew immediately this is a problem they learned about from LPSA. His last comment on this was *"I'm glad I didn't bring my fish pole!"*

Membership, Thanks to 1st Vice President, Rich

Armstrong and his Committee, we are currently on a major membership drive which has already increased membership by 79, not to mention the business membership drive which has picked up 15 new business memberships to date. Stay in touch as these numbers will be increasing in the near future as this membership drive is still underway. Not only does membership fund LPSA, but also keeps our membership up to date on what LPSA does, and keeps everyone informed on important topics related to our lakes.

We have other members who deserve special recognition which I will do in my next message so lastly, we would encourage any member who would like to be involved on any of our committees to please contact us. We know you have special skills that would be beneficial to our mission on protecting our lakes, and encourage you to share them with us.



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 Dan Wilt, LPSA President, you can send email to dan@wiltindustries.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.



BOAT RAMP STEWARDS PROTECT OUR LAKES

By Tom Rippere

Each summer, a team of more than 100 Lake Stewards inspect boats at launch ramps in the Adirondacks to ensure that invasive plants and animals do not get introduced into our lakes.



Adirondack Park. AWI stewards also operate boat wash stations at a number of locations to provide free boat wash service for boats and trailers to remove any invasive species. Also, Camp-of-the-Woods assigns members of their staff to inspect all boats being launched at their boat ramp.

Funding for this activity is provided by New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The program is administered by the Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) at Paul Smith's College, in the

To supplement the efforts of those workers, the Town of Lake Pleasant and

LPSA provide additional funding to hire part-time Lake Stewards to monitor local boat ramps on days when the AWI employees are not on-duty.

This summer, Darcy Foutch and Bob Hogan helped provide important monitoring of

boats being launched at Moffitt Beach, Speculator Pavilion, and Lake Pleasant Marine. Collectively, the Lake Stewards at these locations in our local area inspected over 2,000 boats. Membership fees and donations from LPSA members provide the funding for our Lake Stewards. Thank You for your support!



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 25 - Spring Brunch

Sunday, August 27 - Summer Picnic and Annual Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING & SUMMER LUNCHEON

By Tom Rippere

Thirty-four LPSA members attended our Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon at Oak Mountain on August 28. Each committee leader presented information on their activities over the past year, to keep members informed about the many programs and projects managed by our organization. The PowerPoint slide presentation with this information is now available on our website, under "News & Announcements".

Mitzi Fox, Vice-President of Gifting, presented a plaque to John Huber to thank him for his many years of support for our organization. Ten years ago,



John created the Kathryn Coolidge Huber Memorial Fund in honor of his late wife, to provide funds to help keep our lakes healthy and free of invasive weeds. Since that time, John has continued to match all contributions made to that fund. The fund was created to provide a cash reserve, so that if an invasive plant is discovered in our lakes in the future, funds will be readily available to allow a quick response to address the problem. LPSA is very appreciative of John's commitment to support this fund to help

keep our lakes clean and healthy.



INVASIVE PLANT TRAINING SEMINAR

By Tom Rippere

The Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD) co-sponsored a training seminar on August 6 to help people learn how to identify a number of invasive plants that pose a threat to lakes in the Adirondacks.

Brian Greene, APIPP's Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, shared information on a number of invasive plants that threaten the health of our lakes, and he showed how to look for these plants in the water.



APIPP provides training and support to lake associations and individual volunteers throughout the Adirondack Park to fight against invasive plants and animals. We were very fortunate to have this training presented here in our area this summer, at the Speculator Pavilion. Sixteen people attended the training session, including six LPSA members.

Also, we were very fortunate to have Brian Greene as our guest speaker at our June luncheon, where he provided similar invasive species information to our members.



REMEMBER TO USE LOCAL FIREWOOD WHEN CAMPING

Reprinted from DEC Newsletter, August 3, 2022

Many people like to take firewood from their homes before traveling to a campsite. Invasive pests like the [emerald ash borer](#) or [Asian long-horned beetle](#) often hitch a ride to new areas in untreated firewood. As a result, transport of untreated firewood across the state has caused outbreaks of these damaging pests.

Since 2009, New York State has regulated the movement of firewood to keep the spread of invasives down. If you choose to use untreated firewood, it must have been grown in New York and cannot be moved more than 50 miles from where it was grown or its source. Producers of firewood for sale are allowed to declare their business as the source provided the wood was grown within 50 miles of

their business, and they must maintain documentation.

Those moving untreated firewood for their own use must fill out a [Self-Issued Certificate of Origin](#) (PDF).

Treated firewood, which has been heated to a core temperature of 160° F for 75 minutes and labeled as "New York Approved Heat-treated Firewood/ Pest Free," can be moved without restrictions. DEC has an [interactive](#)

[map](#) that shows if the firewood's source and its destination are within 50 miles.



Violation of firewood regulations can result in fines, penalties, and the potential destruction of beloved trees and habitats. The safest way to enjoy a campfire and protect New York forests is to buy and burn local firewood at your destination.



MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

This year, three of our current board members retired from their positions with LPSA, and three new Directors were elected at our Annual Meeting to replace them. We thank all of our past Directors for their time, energy, and ideas that they have contributed to our organization: Ron Uva, Jon Tobiessen, and Chari Smith. We owe a very special "Thank You" to Chari Smith, who has been an active member of the Board of Directors for over ten years. Among her many contributions to LPSA, she has been coordinating our wonderful luncheon gatherings for many years, ensuring that those events always run smoothly. We wish all the best to those Directors who are leaving us this year, and we welcome our new Directors:

Scott MacMillin

Scott is a recently retired hydrogeologist. During his career, he addressed the investigation, monitoring, and remediation of contaminated sites with an emphasis on groundwater occurrence, flow, and quality. He frequently engaged with other environmental professionals to address impacts on surface water, ecological receptors (fauna/flora), and air. He has a BS in geology with a minor in biology and graduate work in hydrogeology.



Scott has been a member of LPSA since buying a home in the area in 2015, and he serves as a lake monitor on Oxbow Lake. He is very interested in leveraging his technical abilities with his love of the outdoors and the Adirondacks in order to learn more about lake systems and their protection. In particular, he is passionate about protection of our lakes from non-native invasives and also biochemical impacts from road salt and septic systems. Scott has become engaged in working with our lake ecology committee. His skills in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) can aid LPSA in future projects to map our lakes and the weed patches in those lakes.

Craig Pedersen

Craig's career background is in Finance, with experience and strengths as a Treasurer and working with audits. He has served as the Director of Information Technology (IT). His family has a place on the north shore of Lake Pleasant.



Craig states that he was "basically born on Lake Pleasant", knows every square inch of it, loves the lake, and wants to "preserve its beauty and its current pristine nature...or even make it better". He is interested in learning more about LPSA, and learning how he can contribute to help the organization achieve its objectives.

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS Continued

Sharon Salter

Sharon's family has a camp, Cub's Cove, on Lake Pleasant. She is retired from public education, specifically working pre-K through 12+ in special education as a teacher and administrator.

Sharon's mother, Mary Finkle, has been a long-time avid supporter of LPSA, and is a past Director of LPSA, as was her father. She says both of her parents instilled the importance of taking care of the Adirondacks and our special part of the Park. Sharon has expressed her interest in helping out with educational programs, especially for school-aged children and teens.



Sharon adds:

Whenever I arrive at Cub's Cove, I feel as if I have come home. While home is truly with my family, the Adirondacks, Speculator, Lake Pleasant, and specifically Cub's Cove are the "place" I feel most at "home". My parents met and worked together at Camp Agaming, and I have been blessed with coming to the Speculator/Lake Pleasant region my entire life. I worked as a life guard at Moffitt Beach for three summers, and sang at Melody Lodge on Saturday nights when George and Sue first opened Melody Lodge - I've been around! (-;



Board of Directors

Dan Wilt - President

Rich Armstrong - 1st Vice President

Tom Rippere -Vice President - Gifting

Mark Donecker - Treasurer

Kim Lewis - Secretary

Charlie Ascher

Mitzi Fox

Bob Hogan

Scott MacMillin

Kathy O'Connell

James Olsen

Craig Pedersen

Sharon Salter

Lyn Van Druff

Betsy Bain - Lake Pleasant Supervisor

Jeanette Barrett - Speculator Mayor

Jim Hammond - Camp of the Woods President

Peter Tobiessen - Lake Ecologist

AN ANIMAL-EATING PLANT IN OUR LAKES!

By Peter Tobiessen

I was trained as a botanist, so I am always interested in learning about, and telling others about, carnivorous plants (plants that eat animals). Sort of the revenge of the Plant Kingdom over its oppressors, the animals. We have one in our lakes with the inelegant name of Bladderwort (or *Utricularia* if you want to impress your friends). It has feathery leaves and is often mistaken by our lake monitors for the invasive milfoil (see photo).

Whereas milfoil has four feather-like leaves coming from the stem at a given point, *Utricularia* has a much more complex leaf arrangement. However, the most important characteristic separating the two is that *Utricularia* has abundant small oval "pouches" scattered throughout the bushy stem. These pouches are really animal traps with quite a complex structure:



There is an opening at one end of the trap with multiple hair-like structures and the body is an empty pod shaped like a bean. At rest the trap's shape is something like a balloon with squished-in sides. When a small aquatic animal comes close to the trap's "mouth," the shape of the trap changes so that the sides expand outward, thus increasing the volume inside. This creates an inward flow of water that brings the animal into the trap where it is digested. Studies

have shown that the nutrients from the animal are later found within the tissues of the *Utricularia*. Fortunately, even our little toe is way too big to fit into these traps, so we're safe from these ferocious botanical predators.



LAKE PLEASANT SCHOOL PROGRAM

By Charlie Ascher

The winners of the eleventh 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 14th. Each of the students in the 7th and 8th grade classes taught by Ryan Marshall were asked to develop a presentation that explained the dangers of invasive land plants, insects, and animals to the Adirondack Park Region. Students researched the ways in which these invasives were introduced, how they might be identified, what impacts they make on ecosystems and ultimately the economy of our region, how they may be removed or managed and the costs

for such remediation programs. The presentations were excellent.

Out of the entire 7th and 8th grade class, five students were chosen to present to a panel of LPSA representatives which selected the rankings of the winners. Each winner received a framed certificate from LPSA and a gift card but, most importantly, all students involved gained a wealth of knowledge about the threats to our environment and local economy should invasive species



Pictured: Kim Lewis, Jacob Blanchard, Cheyanne Stuart, Chase Brooks, Zoey Martz, Hunter Passmore, Rich Armstrong

take hold in the Adirondacks. We are proud to announce this year's recipients of the 11th Annual LPSA Invasive Species Contest: First place: Jacob Blanchard, Second place: Hunter Passmore, Third place: Zoey Martz, Honorable mention: Chase Brooks and Cheyanne Stuart. Congratulations to all!



We value your input! Please contact any member of the Board of Directors with suggestions to help make our organization and this newsletter a better one!

ECOLOGY FIELD TRIP FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

By Kathy O'Connell

The LPSA Education Committee expanded their offering of programs at the Lake Pleasant Central School this year. Our goal is to provide students with activities that align with LPSA's goals. Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District helped the students in grades 4-6 understand "Erosion Beyond the Classroom". The students visited three sites where erosion, natural and man-made, was evident.



Continued on next page

Library Hours:

Lake Pleasant Public Library: Open - Mon, Wed, & Fri, 1-7 pm, Tue, Thur, Sat, 10-2 518-548-4411
During July and August also open Tue & Thur 10-7 pm 518-548-4411

Virginia Hosley Free Library in Wells: Open: Tues & Thur 6 to 8 pm Sat 10 am to Noon
Mah Jongg Game Night, every Tues 6 to 8 pm. Craft Night, every Thur 6-8 pm 518-924-2220

Piseco Library: Piseco School, Rte 8, Open Mon-Fri 8 am-4pm, whenever the school is open.
518-548-7555

ECOLOGY FIELD TRIP FOR LOCAL STUDENTS Continue

By Kathy O'Connell

The students observed Best Management Practices (BMP) to correct situations including rip rap, coconut blankets and coir logs, and hydroseeding.



Students worked in teams to apply BMPs to piles of loose dirt using a variety of supplies both provided and found in nature. "Rain storms" checked the students' work to see if their land would hold or erode.



The Education Committee was very pleased with the knowledge the students took away from this outing and is planning on more hands-on activities for the younger students to support their understanding of our jobs as stewards.



Support Area Businesses:

The businesses below are those business members who have chosen to display their logo or business card with info. If you are interested, please contact us - email: LPSA.ADK@gmail.com

Red Pines B&B

South Shore Road, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108

Your Adirondack Retreat
Three comfortable guest rooms
on the lake.

Phone: 518-548-5382

Website: www.redpinesbb.com

Email: diane@redpinesbb.com

Speculator Spirits

2883 St Rte 20,
Speculator NY 12164
518-548-7361

Kendal's Beauty Salon

Lake Pleasant NY
518-548-4078
By Appointment Only

Mountain Market

Route 30, PO Box 27
Speculator NY 12164
518-548-4820

Lawrence & Smith, PLLC

2917 State Route 30, PO Box 156
Speculator NY 12164
Phone: 518-548-2771 Fax: 518-548-2447
Website: www.speculatorlawyers.com
Katie Smith, Esq
Email: katie@speculatorlawyers.com

Bearhurst Lakeside Cottages

Bearhurst Drive Speculator, NY
Phone: 978 424 1931
bearhurstcottages@gmail.com
www.bearhurst.com

An Adirondack Great Camp Retreat

Moonlight Bay RV Park

Susan Dodge
Moffitt Beach Rd
Lake Pleasant, NY

C&K Landscaping

2105 State Route 8
Lake Pleasant NY 12108
973-224-3563
mkarr1@verizon.net

Henrietta House

Rob Macchi
2873 State Rte 8
Speculator NY 12164
973-800-0233
Macchi.robert91221@gmail.com

Foley's Lawn Care & Garden

John Foley
PO Box 127
Speculator NY 12164
518-424-1631
Johnfoley1@frontiernet.net

NBT Bank

2966 St Rte 30, PO Box 227
Speculator NY 12164
518-548-7211

**O'Connor Automotive
Sales & Service Inc**

Michael O'Connor
State Route 8, PO BOX 820
Lake Pleasant NY 12108
mpoc211@yahoo.com

Firetower Pizza

Crysti O'Connor & Anna Gossoo
105 Stanyon Park Dr, PO Box 615
Speculator NY 12164
518-548-6937
Firetowerpizzashop@gmail.com

Oxbow Inn LLC

Crysti & Michael O'Connor
1831 State Route 8, PO BOX 820
Lake Pleasant NY 12108
518-548-7551
crysti723@gmail.com

The Inn at Speculator

Michael Nalipi
2828 State Rte 8
Lake Pleasant NY 12108
Ph 518-548-3811
FINE FOOD & COCKTAILS

Adirondack Custom Carpentry

Cathy and Michael Visscher
2527 STATE RTE 8
LAKE PLEASANT NY 12108
518-548-3355

Logan's Bar & Grill

2890 State Rte 8
Speculator NY 12164
518-548-3287

Lake Pleasant Lodge

2839 Route 30, PO BOX 461
Speculator NY 12164
518-548-5253
Email: info@lakepleasantlodge.com
Website: lakepleasantlodge.com
All Season Motel on Lake Pleasant
AC, Roku TV, WiFi,, Microwave, MiniFridge
Larger suites also available
On the snowmobile trail

Timberline Café & Bakery

2869 State Route 30
Speculator NY 12164
518-548-3931
timberline3@yahoo.com

Water's Edge Cottages

William Lehman
1614 State Route 8
Lake Pleasant NY 12108
watersedgecottages@gmail.com

Lemon Tree Brewery

2849 St Rte 30
Speculator NY 12164
518-548-7533
Email: admin@lemontreebrewery.com
Website: Lemontreebrewery.com

Oxbow Lake Motel

Chris Wright—Proprietor
1831 State Route 8
Piseco NY 12139
518-548-8603
Www.oxbowlakemotel.com
Oxbowlakemotel@gmail.com
Adirondack Style Rooms & Efficiencies
Private Beach, Kayaks, Canoes, Firepits
Wi-Fi, Laundry, Air Conditioning, TV
Only Boat Launch on Oxbow

The Brown Eyed Susan

Susan Thielking
2894 Route 8
Speculator NY 12164
518-548-4646
A unique gift store of handmade items.
Something for everyone!

Charlie Johns Store

The Four Corners
Speculator NY 12164
Phone: 518-548-7451 Or 888-548-7455
Fax 518-548-6392
Email: info@charliejohns.com
Visit: www.charliejohns.com
Housewares, Camping, Bakery, Outdoors,
Groceries, Bookstore

Sunrise Diner

2880 State Route 30
Speculator NY 12164
518-548-4147
Email: sunrisediner30@gmail.com
We are on Facebook

Deerfoot Lodge

Craig Boronow
State Route 30
Speculator NY 12164
Adirondacks.deerfoot.org

Lake Pleasant Park

Michael Thuman
2726 State Route 8
Lake Pleasant NY 12108
thumann27@msn.com

Your business information could appear in our newsletter. Member businesses are included here for free. They are also listed on our website at www.lpsa-ny.org. Business memberships are \$30. Contact us at LPSA.ADK@gmail.com for more info

Tanner's Outdoor Sports, Inc.

Route 8, PO Box 186 Speculator, NY 12164
tannersoutdoorsports@yahoo.com
Phone: 518-548-7705
Fax: 518-548-7701
A Family Owned & Operated Business
Full Sales & Service, Authorized Dealer of:
Artic Cat, Mercury, Starcraft, Shoremaster, Stihl
Bait, Tackle, Licenses, Propane

Vogel Excavation & Construction

Don Vogel, President
Route 8 PO Box 418
Speculator, NY 12164
Ph: 518-548-5995 Fax: 518-548-7819
Email: voglexc@frontiernet.net
Home Building, Renovations, Septic Systems
Sand & Gravel, Back Hoe, Bulldozing,
Tree Service

Cedarhurst Motor Lodge

Route 30, Speculator NY 12164 518-548-6064
Email us at: cedarhurstlodge@frontiernet.net

Year Around, Family Owned, All Rooms
equipped with bath, AC, heat, microwave,
refrigerator, coffee maker, cable TV & Wi-Fi

Snowmobilers welcome.
Within walking distance of the public beach.

McComb's Oak Hill Farm

Adirondack Maple Syrup
Elm Lake Road, Speculator, NY 12164
Phone: 518-548-6105
Maple syrup and gift baskets
Shipping available
Year round tour of sugar house

Camp of the Woods

106 Downey Ave
Speculator NY 12164
Phone: 518-548-4311

A Christian Family Resort
www.camp-of-the-woods.org

Camp Fowler

152 Pelcher Rd
Lake Pleasant NY 12108
Phone: 518-548-6524
Or Year Round phone: 518-631-6789
Email: campfowler@rca.org

A Christian Children's Camp

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 _____

Hamilton County Location Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP: Make checks payable to: LPSA
Mail checks to: LPSA c/o Belinda Germain, Administrator, PO Box 383, Wells, NY 12190-0383

GIFTING MEMBERSHIPS
____ SPONSOR \$30.00 ____ PATRON \$50.00 ____ BENEFACTOR \$100.00
____ DONOR \$500.00 ____ FRIEND \$1,000

BASIC MEMBERSHIPS
____ INDIVIDUAL \$15.00 ____ FAMILY \$20.00 ____ BUSINESS \$30.00



Lake Pleasant-Sacandaga Association
PO Box 383
Wells NY 12190-0383

MAIL TO: