

The Clary Lake Clarion

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The Newsletter of the Clary Lake Association

Summer 2011/2012

The Year In Review

The past couple of years have been challenging ones for me personally and I honestly can't say that Association business has been first and foremost in my mind but then things have also been pretty quiet on Clary Lake so I've been able to get away with it! Just the same, I had intended to send out a couple of newsletters this past year, I never did find the time or energy to actually sit down and do it. I did manage to get married this past winter and I'm happy to say that for both Margaret and me, life is looking better now than it has for quite a while. It is on that optimistic note that I get ready to turn the office of President of the Association over to someone else, on the one hand grateful to have finally come to the end of my term and on the other, a little reluctant to admit that there is more to do, and that I could have done a better job. That said, I look forward to continuing my involvement in the Association as a member, and as a board member. Thank you all for your support and understanding over the past 4 years.

Respectfully, George Fergusson Outgoing President

Water Quality Monitoring

Jack Holland has been keeping on top of the water quality monitoring initiative and is very happy with the YSI Pro 20 digital dissolved oxygen meter the association purchased last year. Maine's Voluntary Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) is the longest standing citizen lake monitoring program in the U.S., as well as one of the largest, with more than 1,000 active volunteers monitoring more than 500 lakes statewide. I'm pleased that the Clary Lake Association continues to participate in this valuable service. Here are a couple of links you might find of interest:

<http://mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org/>

<http://www.lakesofmaine.org/>

<http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/lake.htm>

I've asked Jack to speak briefly at the upcoming annual meeting about this program.

2011-2012 Dues are Due

Included in this newsletter is a membership renewal form which you can fill out and mail or preferably bring it to the annual meeting! As usual, contributions in addition to the regular membership

fee are tax deductible, and greatly appreciated. There is no change to the membership fee this year, still \$25.00 per family with one vote.

Loon Report

The 28th official Audubon Loon count will take place Sat., the 17th of July from 7:00 AM to 7:30 AM. Bob and Arolyn Antognoni will be participating in the count with Mary and Ernie Shaw. Arolyn will present a report at the annual meeting. Last year, Mary Shaw took part in the Audubon Productivity Loon Count which began in June and continued until Sept. 30th. This count covers the many phases of a loon's life span and monitors loons on a daily and weekly basis. I'm hoping that Arolyn will also be able to discuss this initiative at the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting Notice

The CLA Annual Meeting will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, 6 August 2011 at the home of George and Margaret Fergusson, 326 Jefferson Rd., on the south side of Clary Lake in Whitefield. The Fergusson home is located 1.5 miles east on Route 126 from the North Whitefield Superette, just before you get to the Jefferson town line. Parking at the house will be reserved for older folks (you know who you are) and there is plenty of parking available next door and across the road (there will be signs). There is also room for a few boats at the Fergusson dock for those of you who want to take the scenic coastal route. Please bring folding chairs!! George and Margaret's phone # is 549-5991. Please call if you have any questions.

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This years meeting will include the traditional pot luck supper. Last year's "pies" theme was a great success.



Cardinal Flowers, photo by George Fergusson

Sticking with the “theme” theme, this year's theme is “salads.” Bring out your salads! Technically almost anything can qualify as a salad so use your imagination. Refreshments will be provided.

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At a recent meeting of your Board of Directors, it was decided that the addition of a new “fun” dimension to our annual meeting would have a positive impact on our gathering and the community at large. Towards that end we are inviting members, their friends and neighbors to bring examples of their creativity for display...whatever form that



might take. We know of many and imagine there are many more talented people who live among us...writers, painters, sculptors, horticulturists, herbalists, farmers, animal husbands, woodcarvers, sewers and knitters, cuisine specialists, musicians, etc., etc.! So we are asking you to feel free to “show off your stuff”! There will be a few tables available and you are encouraged to bring your own display apparatus. We are also hoping to have some live entertainment from a few local musicians.. to perform for a short time after our business meeting as we mix, mingle, and munch!

It is our hope that this year's annual meeting will help serve to emphasize and encourage the new phase of revitalization that is taking place in our community, keeping us continually growing... healthy and thinking locally, with vibrancy and sustainability. Thank you for your support with this effort!

Dam Update

There is little to report on the dam. Its status is unchanged as far as I know- I have not been in touch with the owners for a few years now and I don't know what if anything they have planned in the way of repairs. The dam certainly is leaking like a sieve and at the time of this writing, the penstock appears to be only about 2/3 closed; this may be as closed as it will go. In any case, this is unfortunate as this summer is shaping up to be a dry one and the water level is already quite low as those of you with beaches or docks are well aware.

Clary Lake Sweatshirts!



Sweatshirts with this beautiful stitched design are still available. Cost to members is \$15 and \$20 for non-members. These can be picked up at Linda Gallion's house or ordered by sending your check or money order and \$5 for shipping and handling to: Clary Lake Association, P.O. Box 127 Whitefield ME 04353. They'll also be on display and available for purchase at the annual meeting.

Final Thoughts

This newsletter, the Clary Lake Clarion, takes it's name from a small newspaper that my father ran back in the early 1930s. My father was the editor, Paul and Ruth Macdonald were reporters, and John Robert was the delivery boy. I only heard about this newspaper as a child. Recently, while cleaning out the attic of the Fergusson farm house I came across the 1st and 2nd editions of the Clary Lake Clarion containing all the news that was fit to print in July 1931 complete with photographs! They'll be on display at the annual meeting. Hope to see you there!

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The Clary Lake Association is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving, protecting, and enhancing the natural beauty and quality of Clary Lake and it's watershed. Membership in the Association is open to all Clary Lake shore owners and people who have lawful access to the lake (which is just about anyone) and costs \$25 per year.

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2011/2012 Membership Dues: \$25.00

Voluntary Contribution: _____

Total Amount enclosed: _____

Membership year: 2007 Annual Meeting to 2008 Annual Meeting.

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