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LOON CALL 2012

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Louise Mantha

2012 is the LBLA's 80th anniversary! We are proud of our Association's longevity and its accomplishments over the years. Our lake is in good shape and we are still focused on preservation and networking amongst all who enjoy Lower Beverley Lake.

This year we also celebrate the **bicentennial of the War of 1812**, a military conflict fought between the forces of the USA and those of the British Empire. Those days are long gone and here on the lake we celebrate

harmony between citizens from both sides of the border.

The Frontenac Arch Biosphere celebrates 10 years of existence in 2012. Lower Beverley Lake sits proudly in the middle of the Biosphere. We are members of the FAB Network and receive support from many of its member organizations.

We have a lot to celebrate this year so read on to find out how you can join in!

Message from the Co-Presidents

It has been our pleasure to serve you this year. We hope that you enjoyed last summer's dedication of the eagle platform near Blue Heron Point and have seen the plaque erected in honour of Charles Broley.

Our annual clean-up day & our picnic attracted many of you and we hope that even more will join in the fun this year.

We lost Earl Patric in September, a long-serving Director at large. In his memory, many of you sent a generous donation to the LBLA and we thank you sincerely.

In this our 80th year of operation, we give thanks to all who laboured over the years to preserve our gorgeous lake!

We are both past Presidents who stepped in for this one year because no one else came forward. We have paved the way! It is your turn to come forward...Volunteer now!

Consult your 2012 LBLA calendar on the back page and join in the activities!

Have a safe, healthy and happy summer!

Lily Faust & Louise Mantha

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA!



To celebrate the LBLA's 80th anniversary and the harmony existing between Canadians and Americans who reside around our lake., the Township of Leeds and



Township of
Leeds and the
Thousand Islands

the 1,000 Islands has graciously awarded the LBLA a grant to pro-

duce a great fireworks display on
Saturday June 30
at Kendricks Park
at 10pm

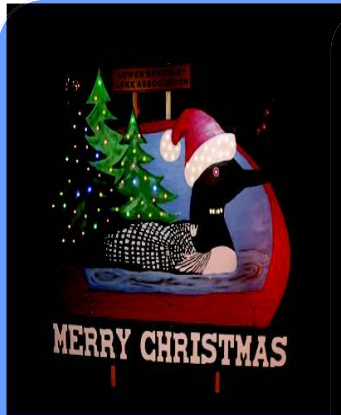
See the fireworks from your boat.
Or better yet,

join us at 9pm for a

candle-lit friendship circle,
followed by a rousing **sing-along.**

Bring song sheets, folding chairs,
bug repellent. Watch the fire-
works with friends!

LBLA IMAGE SHINES



LBLA Christmas 2011 exhibit

CELEBRATE THE SEASONS

The LBLA exhibit for the Delta Township Park's "Celebrate the Seasons" was very well received in December.

This annual show of lights is attracting more visitors every year. 100,000 lights; wagon rides; hot chocolate and fresh donuts and cookies; church suppers...All of this makes the park an enjoyable place to be in spite of the winter cold.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped build the LBLA exhibit: Lily & Bob Faust, Gino Gianandrea, Jane Griggs, Joan Hubbard, Louise Mantha, Dann Michols, Fred & Sharon Olivo.

DELTA FAIR PARADE

In 2011 the LBLA once again took the honours at the Delta Fair parade. We won first prize for best representation of the theme "the '70's" .

We thank all of you who demonstrated that being 70 doesn't mean sitting in a rocking chair!



CLEAN UP THE LAKE DAY

On July 28th, 25 volunteers turned out to collect trash around the lake and in the village of Delta. We're encouraged that garbage has decreased from previous years. After trash collection and recycling, volunteers were treated to a well-deserved pizza lunch.

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken!

~James Dent



Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.

~John Lubbock

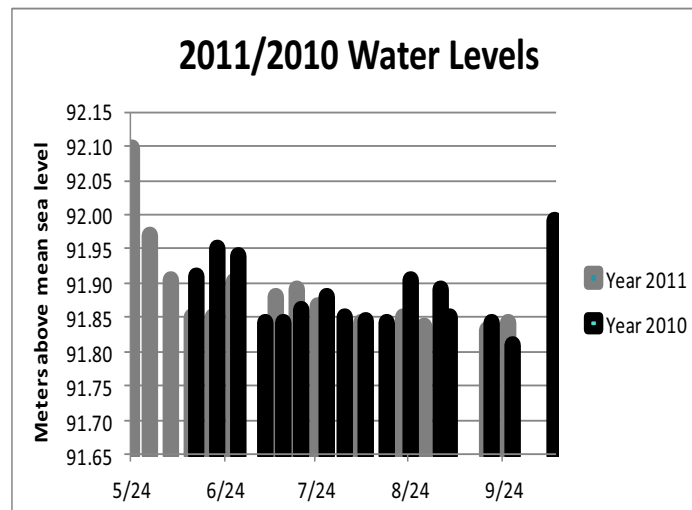
Lake Management Plan

General Summary of Findings of the survey conducted in the summer of 2011 regarding the binders on shoreline management distributed to Lower Beverley Lake residents.

Responses were overall quite positive and respondents were:

- Excited about the program (100% had read the material: 85% had read all or most of the material; 15% had read some)
- Learning from the materials (96% were more knowledgeable)
- Applying what they've learned (93% found the materials useful)
- Taking action (51% are more likely to take action as a result): e.g.
 - 5% intend to leave a section of lawn un-mowed near the shoreline to create a buffer
 - 13% intend to install a rain barrel
 - 13% intend to pump out their septic system
 - 16% intend to plant native trees/ shrubs along shore to create a buffer

Respondents called for more checking of septic and holding tanks on islands, increased enforcement of building or zoning codes and enhanced lobbying to lower unreasonable waterfront property taxes.



Water quality

Water quality data for 2011 was not available at time of printing. It will be posted on the LBLA web site for you to review: www.lbla.net

We encourage you to explore our revamped web site. There you can find in a paper written by the late Earl Patric an interesting chronology of our lake's water quality over time. It describes the human influence on lake water quality and underlines how we are all responsible for the state of our lake. Please continue to act as wise stewards of our beautiful environment!

Known to many folks in the Delta area as "the Crick", Upper Beverley Lake holds some mystery to locals, some of whom even believe the lake dries up in the summer! In fact, while shallow, Upper Beverley Lake (serving as the mill pond for the Old Stone Mill) is in fact 4 miles long and its water level is controlled by the Ministry of Natural Resources dam at Delta. Originally two smaller lakes fed by the Plum Hollow Creek, the dam in Delta raised the water by about 3 metres (10 feet), creating a single lake. The maximum depth of the lake is 7 metres (23 feet) with an average depth of 2.5 m (8 feet). Shallow and long, riddled with islands, emergent vegetation and wild rice means that the lake still has 77% of its shoreline intact and as such is a *provincially significant wetland* complex. The streams (Plum Hollow Creek and Soperton Creek) that feed the Upper Lake and adjacent Lower Beverley Lake form the headwaters of the Gananogue River watershed, which drains south to the St Lawrence River.

The Upper is home to many

fish species including the typical "sunfish community" of largemouth bass, bluegills, pumpkinseeds and rock bass as well as yellow perch and northern pike. One also finds ducks, herons, ospreys, and loons as well as typical near shore wildlife such as frogs, turtles, muskrats and beavers. The big news in the last 3 years has been the first new Bald Eagle nest north of the St Lawrence River in years! The young pair successfully fledged two young in 2009, had a failed nest in 2010 but fledged two more young in 2011!



Fishing on Upper Beverley Lake

The Leeds Community Pasture Association and the Leeds-Grenville Stewardship Council

are working together to improve the riparian habitat along Soperton Creek and adjacent wetlands which drain into Upper Beverley Lake. Preserving water quality is a priority and the installation of fencing to exclude cattle from the streams and the installation of stream crossings and solar watering systems will have a positive effect on the water quality of both Beverley Lakes over time.

There are some 120 "properties" on Upper Beverley many of which do not have a building on them and there are three dense clusters of cottages on Annie's Shore, Gifford's Point and in Delta. There are few permanent residents, the majority of which live in Delta. Loose cottage organizations at Annie's Shore and Gifford's Point share a common objective of road maintenance. The Annie's Shore collaborative has an annual meeting and a potluck dinner in August but there is no overall cottage association as there is on Lower Beverley. In 2009 a collaborative project of the Adirondack to Algonquin (A2A) Association, Centre for Sustainable Watersheds and

Leeds-Grenville Stewardship Council conducted fish surveys and provided shoreline assessments for the 120 properties. The purpose of shoreline assessment work is to encourage folks to maintain or improve their shorelines to protect and enhance the water quality. Again, this work if undertaken could also benefit the Lower lake.

With such direct connections between the two lakes it would make sense for property owners to work together. It would be great if more folks from the Upper joined the Lower Beverley Lake Association and who knows some day there may be a Beverley Lakes Association???

YOUR CIVIC DUTY

Every year LBLA members generously donate to the local fire departments. Below is a photo of some LBLA Directors bestowing a cheque of \$1,670.00 to the Rideau Lakes Fire Department as your 2011 contribution. Since 1994 you have given over \$20,000 to the local fire departments. We wish to thank you for your generosity and your civic-mindedness!

Leeds Community Pasture Association...restoration work affects our lake

The Leeds Community Pasture Association (LCPA) owns and manages one of 11 Community pastures in Ontario, located near Soperton. Up to 25 local farmers graze their cattle at the Pasture in the summer. The property is bisected by Soperton Creek and its adjoining wetlands, which form part of the *headwaters of the Beverley Lakes* and Gananogue River watershed. Sections of the shoreline habitat in the Community Pasture are accessible by cattle and have been degraded, resulting in increased nutrient and soil inputs to the stream, wetlands and downstream lakes and loss of wildlife habitat and connectivity.

The Community Pasture Board and the Leeds-Grenville Stewardship Council (LGSC) are working together to restore this shoreline area. The objectives

are to restore fish and wildlife habitat and to reduce excessive nutrient supply to prevent further enrichment and loss of oxygen. In 2010 an Environmental Management Plan was completed & identified four years of stream and wetland restoration projects on the property.



The first two years of the Plan were completed as planned in 2010 and 2011. With the support of Environment Canada, Wildlife Habitat Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Re-

sources the LGSC and LCPA completed the installation of over four kilometers (4050 meters) of cattle exclusion fencing along Soperton Creek, the installation of three water crossings and a solar watering system for cattle. With the support of Trees Ontario, 3,000 trees and shrubs were planted along the stream banks in 2011 by LGSC volunteers and 87 local students.

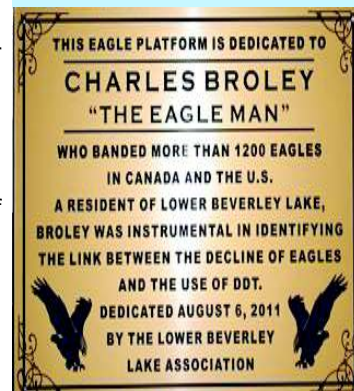
Pending funding, 2012 calls for the installation of another 1900 meters of cattle-exclusion fencing along the creek & adjacent lowland hardwood/cedar swamp, installation of a second solar cattle-watering system, & planting of 1600 trees/shrubs by students.

Martin Streit, Stewardship Coordinator, Leeds-Grenville Stewardship Council



Sharon Findlay (Firefighters Association Secretary Treasurer), Betty Penstone, Lily Faust, Sharon and Fred Olivo

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June 30 9 pm Candle-lit Friendship circle & sing-along
10 pm Fire-works at Kendricks Park



July 11 6:30 pm Annual General Meeting at Delta Fair Hall - Refreshments served

July 28 2 pm Delta Fair Parade: theme of cartoons - We need volunteers!

August 2 10 am Clean-up Day meet at Delta Creek boat ramp - Pizza served



August 4 10 to 2 Dock sale around the lake. Tie balloons to your dock.
Send your entry to www.lbla.net & be on the electronic dock sale map!

August 11 3pm Annual LBLA Picnic at Kendrick's Park on 1812 theme;
hot dogs, corn on the cob, 80th anniversary birthday cake.
Baked beans contest: bring yours! Kayak race!

