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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KAN CHHATWAL

If you're not a member of the BLA, you may be wondering why you're holding a complimentary copy of this newsletter. Continuing with past decisions during the development of the Lake Plan we continue to believe that it is appropriate to advise all Baptiste Lake property owners and other stakeholders regarding the activities of the Baptiste Lake Association. Please enjoy this informative newsletter. We hope that it will be a transformative and valuable experience.

Currently a significant number of Baptiste Lake residents are members of the BLA and we are extending an open hand to non-members to come on board. The BLA continues to be active in activities to



Kids on the Dock by Peter Brown

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enhance the ecology of the watershed and the enjoyment of our Baptiste Lake experience.

Another winter has come and gone with our thoughts turning to the sweet smell of spring and the initial foray to the cottage on the shores of Baptiste Lake. Questions and visions abound; will things remain the same? are the docks still there? how's the old oak tree? how's the septic system? are

the loons back? how's the lake? We await the answers with excitement and perhaps some trepidation.

Concomitant with the above questions, it is notable that a primary concern and recommendation of the "Baptiste Lake Plan" relates to and demands water quality protection and enhancement. This has led to specific implementation strategies and actions to achieve the stated goals. The implementation process has begun as you will note in the LP Implementation Report within this copy of the Newsletter.

To create some context it is appropriate to cite some facts respecting freshwater:

- Only 2.5% of the world's total water supply is freshwater. If the world's total water supply fit into a bucket then only a teaspoonful would be drinkable

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- 25% of the world's freshwater is found in Canada
- Canada's Boreal Forest, the world's largest intact forest and on-land carbon storehouse, contains more unfrozen freshwater than any other ecosystem in the world
- Baptiste Lake is contiguous with the southern edge of part of Canada's Boreal Forest
- The average Canadian uses 350 litres of freshwater/day vs 10 litres/day by those in the developing world
- The average person produces 35 kg. of feces/year and 500 litres of urine/year

We know that freshwater represents the lifeblood of all living organisms and reflects the main reason for our attachment to our waterfront properties. The degradation of the quality of our air and water would create an untenable environment for all species, including humans.

It is evident that threats to water quality come mostly from human density and activity. It is imperative that each of us recognizes a moral responsibility and obligation to be careful, vigilant and active stewards of this precious resource that has been entrusted to us by our descendants. If we squander this gift there is no doubt that we will be reviled by future generations. As Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians has stated; "Water is a human right and a public trust".

As a result we need to individually ask ourselves:

- What can I do to protect/enhance water quality? What personal activities may be adversely impacting the quality of the water in the Baptiste watershed?
- What can I do to mitigate these effects?
- What stewardship actions can I take that are proactive in nature and design?

- Where do I find the information to assist me to achieve these goals?

It is to this end that BLA, on your behalf, has:

- Initiated Lakeplan implementation
- Initiated a shoreline advisor program
- Promoted and advised about shoreline preservation and rehabilitation
- Advocated re: land use policy and decisions
- Initiated a stream assessment program

Obviously there are many more things to come.

However individual stewardship activities will have a significant impact on water quality protection and it all begins at home.

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GREETINGS FROM HASTINGS HIGHLANDS

LORRAINE FELL

Everyone is enjoying the new Town Hall. Having all departments under one roof contributes to a more cohesive working arrangement, with better communication and efficiency. As a result of an Organizational Review of township operations last fall, we are implementing suggested changes for overall greater efficiencies in some departments.

The new Council is getting up to speed. Budget meetings will begin on Mar.29th. HH is one of the more fortunate municipalities in the County, in that we are starting the new term in a plus position—with a profit of about \$70,000. from 2010. No new major projects are planned; we intend to stay with our long term plan for equipment purchases. The emphasis this term will be on economic development.

We will be working with the county over the next two years to develop a Secondary Plan for the Bird's Creek area that will eventually become part of the County Official Plan. This is necessary exercise will provide the planning tools needed for future development. It will coincide with our new Trenching System to dispose of septage—also a necessity for further development in HH. Plans for the System have been in the works for some time, and we expect MOE's final approval shortly. Cost of the System will be paid from Gas Tax funds transferred from the Federal Government.

As promised, Mayor Emond plans to start an Economic Advisory Committee, residents in

the community who have knowledge and investment contacts to help attract new business to our township. This committee will meet during spring to fall months, so that part-time residents can participate. Anyone interested can

send a note to the Office c/o Mayor Emond. There will be a selection process, since it is felt a small committee might work together more effectively.

We are expanding our Web Site with a new look—to serve you better, with timely information. Recently, the Planning Committee revised the Policy for

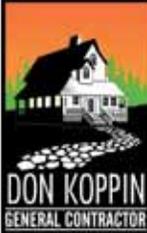
the Sale of Lakeshore property, and that will be on the Web Site. The Planning Committee meets each month after the Committee of Adjustments—check the Web for dates and time.

Besides the many activities already taking place in the new Library and in the gym, the very successful Madawaska Cup snowmobile races drew a large crowd this winter at Bird's Creek. We are hoping it will become an annual event. Your B.C. Community Center has plans for new walking trails, and many other interesting activities at the new playground park, as well as regular baseball and soccer games for all ages. Check out the increased activities at the Loggers' Field, including the Rocky Hills Horse Club. The Sat. Market day in Maynooth is growing to expand the success of last year.

With spring in the air, there is a hum of optimism that HH is moving forward. We look forward to a long, hot summer on the lake. For questions or comments, call me at 613-332-4815, or Gregg Roberts at 613-332-4422.



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A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT...PADDLING THE YORK RIVER

CLIVE EMERY - TRIPS & TRAILS ADVENTURE OUTFITTING

Originating in the southern extension of Algonquin Park, The York River flows south through Benoit, Elephant and Baptiste Lake through Bancroft and further south to Egan Chutes, Kings Marsh and empties into Conroy's Marsh. Here The York, The Little Mississippi and The Madawaska River culminate forming a very extensive paddlers paradise.

During the second half of the 19th Century the river was used to transport logs out of the forested areas surrounding it's watershed to The St. Laurence River. Now parts of The York River in the Egan Chute area south of Bancroft have been turned into a Provincial Waterway Park.

From a paddlers perspective The York River Watershed lends itself to a variety of wilderness paddling adventures that vary in duration from half a day paddle to a trip lasting several weeks. Due to the many roads that cross over or run near by The York River this makes it easy to plan a trip to suit all abilities in terms or duration.

The York River is mostly flat water paddling with a variety of portages that range from 100m to 600m. The good news is there is certainly a lot more paddling than carrying and the portages are well separated with the exception of Egan Chutes. Here you will find three portages close together, Egan Chutes 600m Middle Chutes 200m and lastly Farm Chutes 400m with a short paddle in between. This is a great spot for

photos as the rapids are spectacular. There are hiking opportunities either side of the Chutes approximately 5 km in distance.

Below Egan Chutes The York does a weird and wonderful thing, it actually changes direction and

begins to flow north towards Kings Marsh and Conroy Marsh. Conroy's Marsh is a provincially significant Wetland area that is 24km squared in size. This is a spectacular location for paddlers to explore. The Marsh is home to an abundance of wildlife, fish and aquatic vegetation. It is common to see deer, moose, beaver, otter and the odd black bear

along with the ever popular Great Blue Heron and Loons. Fishing is outstanding so bring your rod for Pike, Bass and Perch.

On the west shore of the marsh is the abandoned Craigmont Corundum Mine which is an excellent place for a good hiking adventure. The mine once supported the mill and refinery of the largest corundum mine in the world and the largest crushing mill in North America. The road sparkles in the afternoon sun with traces of mica from the tailings from the refinery which once processed 200 tons a day. To the north is the town of Combermere, and to the East is the raging white water of The Madawaska River, populated by white water kayakers all season long, this flows into The Ottawa River and eventually The St. Lawrence.



Paddling down the York River by Clive Emery



ALPHABET SOUP

For cottagers faced with the many acronyms referencing Ontario agencies, ministries and programs that regulate the development and use of property, land and waterfront, impact the cost of energy, and provide law enforcement, here are a few of the more common ones, the agencies and what they do.

FOCA - Federation of Cottager's Associations. The focus is to play a role in ensuring a healthy future for waterfront Ontario. With support of the member associations FOCA supports a healthy and sustainable environment, fair property taxation, effective land use planning and safe boating programs.

MNR - Ministry of Natural Resources - responsible for: fish and wildlife management; lands and water management (for Ontario Crown Lands); forest management; Ontario parks; fire, flood and drought protection; and geographic information. Within this mandate the Ministry

operates with the authority of the Lands and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA), a legislative tool specific for the safe management of dams and waterways.

ME - Ministry of Energy - responsible for the development of safe, reliable, secure and environmentally sustainable energy supply including the energy policy for the Independent Electrical Systems Operator (IESO), the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and the Ontario Power Authority (OPA). The Ministry represents the Ontario Government as the share holder of Hydro One and the Ontario Power Generation (OPG), wholly government owned.

OPP - Ontario Provincial Police – The vision: Safe communities – A secure Ontario. The force is responsible for policy duties at the provincial and municipal levels for law enforcement, crime prevention and public protection. Responsibility for traffic safety on roadways, waterways and trails is included within these duties.

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BANCROFT'S OROGENOUS ZONES

BY NATHAN A. SCHACHTMAN

Baptiste Lake is nestled in the heart of the Grenville Province, one of the three Ontario geological provinces that make up the Canadian Shield. The igneous rocks were formed by active volcanic activity, which injected molten rock into the ancient sediments. The heat and pressure of the volcanic and tectonic activity further altered the native rock into gneisses and marbles. The beauty and tranquility of Lake Baptiste and its surrounding region might well mislead the casual observer about the ancient turmoil that created the unique geologic region that has come to be known as the Mineral Capital of Canada.

The geological maps of the area around Lake Baptiste help tell the region's remarkable geological history. Small amounts of uranium included within zircons crystals, scattered throughout the local rocks, provide a time stamp for this history. Starting about 1.3 billion years ago, geological events led to the formation of rocks of astonishing diversity: marble, quartzite, amphibolite, granite, diorite, gabbro, schists, gneiss, and syenite. Complex folding of rocks, under pressure, left a diverse landscape that can change dramatically within short distances. Glacial erosion removed younger sedimentary rock to reveal the ancient geologic province well preserved and accessible.

Some of the granitic intrusions, protected from surface conditions, cooled slowly. Normally, when granite solidifies near the earth's surface, the individual mineral grains in granite are only 2 or 3 millimeters across. When molten granite

cools slowly, the result is known as pegmatite, in which the individual mineral crystals are measured in centimeters, and sometimes even in meters. Pegmatites are known to produce some of the great museum-quality specimens of their constituent minerals, as well as rarer minerals. Within 20 kilometers or so of the shores of Lake Baptiste, there are over a dozen pegmatites, some of which are known around the world for their mineral specimens.

Other interesting formations include marbles that were created by the heat and pressure of nearby volcanic intrusions. Often the marbles contain well-formed crystals of minerals that resulted from the infusion of gases and liquids mobilized by the intrusion. Another common geological environment, favorable for attractive mineral crystals, is the calcite vein-dike. A vein of calcite in gneiss or other local rock was created under circumstances that allowed minerals from the host rock to melt and recrystallize in the calcite. Because calcite (calcium carbonate) dissolves slowly in mildly acidic soil and ground water, some of these dikes can be found with attractive crystals of feldspar, mica, apatite, and titanite, in degrading calcite or floating in soil that has replaced the calcite.

Of course, before there were naturalists and mineral collectors, there were hard rock miners. The region around Lake Baptiste has a long history of mining for several valuable resources. Mining companies worked mines and quarries in our region for feldspar, quartz, and nepheline,

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“For a stone, when it is examined, will be found a mountain in miniature.

— John Ruskin, *Modern Painters*, vol. 4, at 311 (London 1873).

for the glass and porcelain industry. Corundum (sapphire) and garnet were rarely of gem quality, but were sought after for abrasives. Iron ore, graphite, talc deposits occasionally produced commercially significant quantities of these industrially important minerals. A few of the pegmatites were known for beryl, a beryllium-containing mineral, as well as rare-earth element minerals, which became important strategic and industrial commodities in the 1950s.

Starting as early as the 1920s, miners glowed with interest in the Bancroft-area mines because of their uranium-containing minerals. After World War II, by 1948, with a uranium rush under way, Bancroft was front and center, as Canada became the dominant supplier of uranium to the world market. Some of the local uranium prospects, such as the Madawaska and the Bicroft Mines, were briefly commercially viable producers of uranium ore, until they were out produced by the mines of the Blind River-Elliot Lake region. Recently, the threat of \$150/barrel oil fueled investor interest in revisiting the uranium reserves of the Bancroft area. Whether this interest survives the image of the blast at the Fukushima nuclear power plant remains to be seen.

Economic interest in Bancroft's mineral wealth has waxed and waned, but professional and amateur mineral collectors are not likely to lose their interest in the extraordinary, diverse mineral assemblages found here. Several dozen mineral species are found in the Bancroft area, and some of them are best known from the area. A few of the minerals are unique to the Bancroft area.

Growing up with an interest in mineralogy, I frequently came across textbook photographs of beautiful specimens, labeled as coming from places like Bancroft, Tory Hill, and Renfrew. I had forgotten these locality names until my sons, Ben and Justin, lobbied me to take them mineral collecting, back in 1990. An advertisement for the Gemboree caught my attention and fixed our destination. The boys were 8 and 6. That road trip became the basis for our family's annual pilgrimage to Bancroft, and ultimately to our purchasing a home on the shores of Lake Baptiste. Mineral collecting was our fortuitous introduction to this wonderful place.

There are many resources to learn about the mineral wealth of the area around Lake Baptiste. The Province's Mines and Minerals Division website: www.gov.on.ca/MNDM/MINES/mmdhpge.htm is worth investigating. Ann Sabina's *Rocks and Minerals for the Collector: Bancroft - Parry Sound and Southern Ontario* (1986) is a wonderful resource, although it needs to be updated. Perhaps better for the beginner is *The Bancroft Chamber of Commerce's field collecting guide*, which is available at the Chamber's offices. The best way to learn about mineral collecting and local resources, however, is to join the local mineral club. Frank Melanson, at wfmelanson@sympatico.ca, is the contact for the Bancroft Gem and Mineral Society.

There may be more glamorous destinations for mineral collectors than Bancroft. For instance, the mountains of Afghanistan offer some of the best gem pegmatites, but Bancroft generally offers friendlier people, milder weather, and greater political stability. We are glad we came.

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BAPTISTE LAKE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY DAVID HAWKES

The Baptiste Lake Plan Implementation Committee was launched at the August 2010 Annual General Meeting. With the assistance of the BLA Board over the winter, I prepared an action plan for a committee of lake residents – both permanent and seasonal – to begin implementing the recommendations of the Baptiste Lake Plan next spring and summer. This work to take up to five years, and be ongoing for the long term.

The Lake Plan is organized into five sections: (1) lake, (2) shoreline, (3) watershed, (4) built environment, and (5) community. The implementation committee is organized along similar lines. From discussions during the stakeholders' meetings leading to the Lake Plan, and from reaction at our AGMs, some issues are of high priority at the moment, including water quality and shoreline. Residents of Baptiste Lake should consider whether to establish a permanent water testing facility on the lake, and what is required to do so. We should also consider developing an awards program for model shoreline restoration.

I shall be contacting lake residents who signed up to be volunteers for the Lake Plan implementation, as well as others who can assist in this work. I would be pleased to hear from you if you have an interest in helping to implement the Lake Plan – each person has their own special interest in the lake.

We are planning a launch of the 2011 Lake Plan Action Program at a public workshop planned for the early summer. I look forward to your cooperation and support.

If you wish to participate,

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ADVISORY - OPENINGS IN LAKES

It has become evident that there are property owners who have installed bubblers and other devices in order to minimize damage to their docks and boathouses because of ice build up on the lake.

The general discussion revolves around safety issues related to this activity. These devices have the capability of creating open water and thin ice for a considerable distance from the intended area of treatment.

It is recognized that the owner is responsible under the Criminal Code of Canada for any danger resulting from creating open water. As a result due diligence is warranted to protect the public using the ice surface for activities such as walking, snowmobiling, skating etc. This could include signs, fencing, lighting etc.

We provide the following for the information of our members:

The Criminal Code of Canada Section 263.1

Duty to safeguard openings in ice

263. (1) Every one who makes or causes to be made an opening in ice that is open to or frequented by the public is under a legal duty to guard it in a manner that is adequate to prevent persons from falling in by accident and is adequate to warn them that the opening exists.

Offences

(3) Every one who fails to perform a duty imposed by subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of

(a) manslaughter, if the death of any person results therefrom;

(b) an offence under section 269, if bodily harm to any person results therefrom; or

(c) an offence punishable on summary conviction.

R.S., c. C-34, s. 242; 1980-81-82-83, c. 125, s. 18.



BLA EVENTS 2011

May 22... Welcome Back Party
Camp Ponacka...7-9 pm
DESSERTS-COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

July 23... 1st BLA Music Festival
at Country Fare grounds from Noon to 9 pm
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August 6...AGM at Birch Cliff Lodge
10-12 am- Current Issues
and a presentation by Kathy Irwin, MNR
Biologist: "The importance of Protecting
Lake Trout"

Sept 3...Corn Roast...
Birch Cliff Lodge...5-7pm

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THANK YOU DAGMAR!

A note of appreciation to Dagmar Gontard-Zelinkova for the many hours of hard work as Chairman of Membership. She was responsible for the development and maintenance of the database of Lake residents. Although she is stepping down as Chair, to be replaced by Shelley Pickard, she will continue as a Board Member, contributing her valuable knowledge of our lake and its surrounding communities.

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through the centre. All donations are weighed, and a volume amount is extrapolated from the weight. Three, diverted volume extends the life of existing dumps, often for years. Four, reuse cuts down on the amount of leaching and other dump problems, which are billed to the communities, as well as the costs of associated with maintaining a dump after it closes. There are no tipping fees at ReUse Centres, even for acceptable commercial waste, like 1/2 rolls of insulation or clean stud limber, useable pieces of plywood. Reuse is a better way to move the things you don't need along to someone who does. It's an easy way for you to help save the environment and the beauty of the area.



ReUse is always looking for volunteers. People are needed to help run the store, as well as to serve as teachers and mentors for their many outreach projects. Call if you would like to get involved.

The ReUse is phase one of the ReUse-GreenTEC project. GreenTEC is dedicated to creating connections between members of the communities it serves. Shopping here helps build community capacity for better futures. For more information, speak to Velma Watters.

ReUse is also one of the most interesting and fun places to look for things you did or didn't know you needed. From baby toys to kitchen cabinets to yard tools, whatever you are looking for, it's a great way to spend a rainy afternoon!

For information on all kinds of recycling, refer to the Bell phone book Green pages.



HASTING HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

PENNY ANDERSON



The Children's Corner

It has been an exciting time for patrons, board members and library staff since our new facility opened last August. We have a warm and inviting space and plenty of room to add to our library collection plus the bonus of our Program Room which has been a

welcome addition.

Ongoing programs at the library include Family and Adult Literacy, Seniors Programming, Intergenerational Celebrations and Kids' Programs over March break, Summer Holidays and After School. In addition, each week there are class visits from Maynooth Public School, Reading Circle in co-operation with the Metis Nation of Ontario and Rhyme Time for Toddlers and their parents.

This year there is a focus on our book collection and over 700 titles have been added since our new facility opened. The library membership has also grown by over 300 to almost 1400

patrons. Other resources include 10 public access computers, laptops to lend for in-library use, high speed internet service and Drop In Internet Help every Thursday from 1-3 PM.

After an external audit of the operations and its facilities in December 2010 we are an Accredited Ontario Public Library which donates high provincial standards of service, administration and infrastructure.



Activities Center

Please come and acquaint yourself with our new facility. There is a lot happening in both the library and the large multi purpose room. There is no problem getting a library card if you

pay taxes to the municipality. Others are charged a small fee. We have 2 Baptiste Lake residents on our Library Board – Shirley Hogarth and I. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or concerns.



Computer Center

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QUINTE NORTH HASTINGS HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

MARK BONOKOSKI

I may be wrong but I suspect none of us have had no contact with the triage at our local hospital.

Summer, in particular, offers a myriad of scenarios that often end up with a trip to the hospital's emergency ward that run from cuts and concussions, burns to broken bones, and even to the imbedded fish hook or two. Mix in a



cocktail hour, an evening bonfire, some firecrackers, and you get the picture.

And then there's the unexpected heart attacks and trauma

situations that, without the fine work at the Quinte North Hastings Hospital, could have removed the names of a few friends and relatives on the lake from being with us today.

On July 15, the hospital auxiliary is holding another radiothon through the generosity of Moose-FM in an effort to raise the much-needed funds to purchase state-of-the-art

equipment to make the hospital even more capable of helping you — no matter what the emergency. The hospital is one of our comfort factors in cottaging here, living here, and retiring here. And it needs our help.



Perhaps you did not know, but our provincial government commits not a dime towards hospital equipment. It is up to the community, through volunteer organizations such as the hospital auxiliary to raise those vital funds.



In 2010, the community raised \$20,000 through pledges to the radiothon. The year before, \$24,000.

Any donation over \$20 is tax deductible.

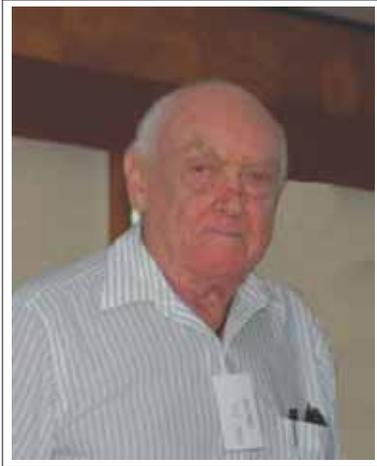
The number to call on July 15 is 613-332-1423. Mark it on your calendar. Be a life saver.

For hospital information, call 613-332-2825.

QHC North Hastings provides care to anyone, in province or out. Fees are based on the level of traige. Physician's fees are extra. They take all forms of payment, including post- incident billing. The hospital staff suggests for serious emergencies that you call an ambulance. You will be taken to the facility most suited to your issues. Remember that summer is a busy time. Wait times for minor emergencies could be long. Bring a sweater and a book, and please be patient.

MEMORIUM - NORM JULL

DAGMAR GONTARD-ZELINKOVA



It was 1975 when Norm and Mary Jull first flew over Lake Baptiste. As they came over Baptiste Village, something special caught the pilot's eye. They soon returned to purchase the piece of property with the breathtaking view that would become their home for over 30 years. The house was built as solidly as an engineer as successful as Norm could make it. It included an indoor swimming pool for Mary and a deck to take every advantage of the sunsets. The current owners, Mark and Karen Bonokoski, will be forever grateful to Norm's care and thoughtfulness in design and execution.

Norm retired from engineering in 1995 and moved to the lake full time. He continued his active lifestyle as secretary of the Flying Club of Bancroft, a position he filled for many years. He joined the BLA, and was secretary from 1998 to 2007. He was editor of the newsletter from 2005 to 2010. He convinced me to become Membership Chair and helped me to learn the computer skills necessary for that position. We became fast friends from that beginning.

Norm had an interest in languages. He knew his Latin, and had picked up a fair amount of Spanish on trips to Mexico. Yet it was French which had a special place in his heart. I would forward him articles from Quebec, Europe or Africa and he would send back comments or questions when there was something he did not understand. He wanted to learn more, he wanted to improve his French and it was a constant

challenge for me to keep him satisfied. Even lessons in the most difficult areas of French grammar were exciting to him. It was a challenge to keep his mind busy.

Nothing lasts forever and when the years pile up and the body starts to decline, we all have to slow down. Norm went through that process philosophically. In 2000, after 50 years of marriage, his wife Mary died. His only son left for Australia. The day he stumbled and fell on his dock, he realized that time had come to give up boating. He sold his house on the lake in 2005, and moved to Bancroft. In 2010, failing eyesight and poor health forced him to give up his secretarial job and editor's position. Even then, he looked for something to occupy his time. He applied to be a volunteer at North Hastings Community Care. His health problems prevented him from ever filling that position.

Norm was as passionate about giving back to the community as he was about his family, flying, and English grammar. He said at his retirement that he had volunteered all his life, feeling overpaid by the rewards of working toward common goals with people he admired and respected, some of whom became good friends.

Norm died on January 20, 2011. He was 87.

Sometimes, when I roam in the forest, Lamartine comes to my mind. He was Norm's favourite poet. I hear the trees around me whisper:

*Often on the mountain in the old oak shadow
In the gathering sundown I sit in sorrow
And cast a random look around over the plain
Whose changing face unfolds
below the scenic pane*

Suddenly, I feel my eyelid sting and there's that urge to turn and go home. When I will open the door and step in, there will be a call. I will pick up the phone and will hear: "It's Norm..."







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Show Schedule May - December 2011

May - April 27 to June 26

“29th Annual Juried Photography Exhibition”

Opening Reception Fri., Apr. 29, 7:30 pm

Sponsor: Bancroft Motors

June - June 5 to June 26

“Perceptions”

Opening Reception Fri. Jun 3, 7:30 pm

Sponsors: Ink ‘N Things

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July - June 29 to July 31

“Watercolours by Ketha Newman”

Opening Reception Sat., July 2, 7:30 pm

Sponsors: Gertrude Sorenson

August- August 3 - August 28

“Tactuality” Works by Colette Dionne

Opening Reception Fri. August 5, 7:30 pm

Sponsor: Stephanie Henderson

in memory of Robert C. Henderson

September- August 31 to September 25

“Works by Rocky Green”

Opening Reception Fri. Sept 2, 7:30 pm

Sponsors: Ross & Olwen Therrien

October- September 28 to October 30

“Calder & Ives - A Different Perspective”

Laurie Calder & Paul Ives

29th AGB Anniversary Show

Opening Reception Fri. Sept. 30, 7:30 pm

Sponsor: SurNet Bartlett Insurance



November- November 2 - November 26

“Early Christmas at the AGB

plus artist: Jean Finalyson”

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December - November 3 - December 23

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MEMORIUM- EDITH BLAKELEY-JACKSON



Edith Blakely-Jackson
April 13, 2011

Edith died peacefully at home at age 66. She was the beloved wife of Wayne Jackson. Edith was a long-time resident on Lake Baptiste, a granddaughter of the Wooten family who have been in the area for decades. She was a teacher for many years. She served on the Township of Herschel Council. She was also a BLA Director from 1986 to 1991, in charge of environmental affairs.

Donations can be made in her name to the Canadian Diabetes Association or the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

ART FEST - Part of Bancroft's 150th Anniversary **Part One Sunday May 22nd** including a street party on Flint Avenue highlighting works by artists and artisans, music, children's face painting and a food concession. Look for the special tent where our community will be invited to decorate ceramic soup bowls and platters which will be "kiln fired" then be available in the **Fall** when **Part Two** takes place at the Gallery with the sale of the decorated ceramic bowls and platters, a silent auction and wine and cheese gala.

As a not-for-profit gallery we depend on annual fund raising events to help us keep our Galley operating and thank the members of the BLA for their generous support

St. Matthew's United Church- Baptiste Village. Sunday at 11:15 a.m. June 5 to September 4. Sunday school for children; Communion followed by lunch on the first and last Sundays. Anniversary service July 17. Rev. Dr. Kent Clayton 613-332-4994

One day only Saturday July 9th, Sky-Mazing Parasail Adventures will be flying our waterways and skyways on Baptiste Lake. Make reservations right away with your host

Carolyn Guest at **Baptiste Lake Marina**, in person / by phone (613) 332-1223 or email baptistelakemarina@live.ca For Frequently Asked Questions, video footage, more info: www.skiwakefootschool.com



Fifth Annual Kids Pike Derby - Saturday, July 16, 2011 at 10 am - Baptiste Lake Marina. Hosted by Baptiste Lake Marina and the Bancroft and District Fish and Protective Association.

For children age 16 and younger. Register at Baptiste Lake Marina for a day of fishing. Call Baptiste Lake Marina 613-332-1233 or Lois Poff 613-332-0729 for registration forms and information. Cost is \$25 per youth participant.



Baptiste Lake Music Festival - Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 12pm to 9 pm - Country Fare - A celebration of local musical talent

48th Annual Rockhound Gemboree- July 28 - 31st, See www.bancroftdistrict.com for details

Customer Appreciation Pig Roast -Saturday, August 6, 2011 at 5 PM- Baptiste Lake Marina says *Thank you* to all its loyal customers. Please join us!

Family Literacy Celebration -Saturday, Sept 17th 2011 at, 8PM, Playhouse Theatre in Bancroft. This is a celebration of Literacy in North Hastings and a fundraiser for Family Literacy Day. It will be a fun filled evening and our guest author this year is Nino Ricci -a well known Canadian and a prolific writer whose first novel was *Lives of the Saints*. This was on the *Globe and Mail's* best seller list for 75 weeks.

Maynooth celebrates its' 150th birthday. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011 - Watch for Historical Displays in the Library. Do you have a good local history story? There must be lots surrounding Baptiste Lake. Please share yours with Maynooth's librarian Julie at email: maynoothlibrary362@hotmail.com

Hazardous Waste Collection- Saturday, May 14th, June 18th, July 9th, Aug. 13th, Sept. 24th, 2011, from 10Am to 3PM. Bancroft Public Works Yard, 125 Monck Street, Bancroft. Call 613-338-2811 for information on acceptable items.

Maynooth Farmer's Market-Saturdays, May 28 - Oct 08, 2011-8 am to 2 pm - Maynooth Community Centre Parking Lot on Hwy. 62. Local vendors selling organic produce, baked goods, starter plants, knitted goods, jewelry, quilts, crafts and art work.

Bancroft Hiking Club – Wednesday mornings, lunch afterwards. Come and join us! For a current schedule, contact Dorothy at 613-332-6660 (daamitchell53@gmail.com) or Diane at 613-338-3113 (dianegouchie@gmail.com). Request one of their very informative newsletters!

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BIRDS CREEK PARK RECREATION AREA SOUTH BAPTISTE LAKE ROAD IN BIRDS CREEK



Playground activity stations for children of all ages.

Covered picnic pavilion.

Bird's Creek playing fields: both soccer and baseball fields are open for use (outside of when local leagues are using them).

Concrete hockey pad - for pick-up ball hockey complete with boards and nets.

Community Center- for special events that people may want to host on the property, (requires a modest fee) Barbeque available.

“Herschel's Hike” features over a kilometer of paths through the woods back toward the creek at the back the park. There are three different loops hikers can take and there are signs and maps at the head of the trail to help orient them to what's ahead.

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Bancroft 150th Anniversary Old Home Week - August 6th - August 14th. Watch for information in both newspapers detailing all the events starting with a parade on Saturday, Aug. 6th in Bancroft. Contact the Town of Bancroft 613-332-3331 for more info.

Bancroft & Area Studio Tour - September 24th & 25th, and October 1st & 2nd. For more information call 613-332-4111.

Please remember to **vote** in Provincial Elections Thursday, Oct.6, 2011.

Beach Party in Maynooth Saturday, August 20 behind the Arlington Hotel. 613-338-2862 for details.

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Handing Down the Cottage

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HANDING DOWN THE COTTAGE

GEOFF PARKER

You have owned your cottage for many years and it has been the place of many great memories. Now you have started to think about the future and would like to keep the cottage in the family, but don't know where to start.

Before you can address the tax and legal issues, there are your family's wishes. In my experience, addressing them is the most difficult task. How do you deal with the issue of cottage succession and still preserve the family? There is an approach that can potentially minimize conflict and help you determine an equitable course of action.

A "Family Council" is a forum where all adult family members are given the opportunity to be heard in a safe, open environment. A "Family Council" can be used to discuss the cottage and the family as well as other estate-related concerns. If you don't believe you can go it alone, a Family Meeting Facilitator may be able to help. They will charge for their services, but guaranteed it will be a lot less than the cost of litigation.

Once you and your family know where you are going, the legal and tax issues can be addressed. Based on the input from the discussions you should be able to choose the appropriate ownership structure. Joint tenants or tenants in common are the simplest choices. And for some an inter-vivos or family trust may make sense. For a really long term solution a non-profit corporation can be a meaningful ownership structure, especially when multiple properties or dwelling units are involved.

If you have owned your cottage for a large number of years, the issue of taxation can seem overwhelming. However, by using a timed sale

strategy and/or the principal residence election, capital gains tax can be minimized, although for most people it can never be eliminated. And capital losses in the stock market or other real estate can be used to offset gains from the appreciated value of your cottage.

The last issue, funding the process, often depends on your financial situation. If you have additional assets that can pay the tax and/or equalize the distribution of your estate, then the issue may not be as great. If the "sale" of your cottage is necessary for your future comfort, then funding may be a bigger issue. No matter what you want to achieve, you and your family will need to recognize that there is a "cost" involved.

There are a number of approaches you can consider. Family members can buy the cottage from you for the amount of the tax. Starting this summer you could start a "cottage buy-out" fund and charge them for using the cottage. The money is banked to pay the tax bill at some point in the future. If you are in good health, you could take out a joint-last-to-die insurance policy and have the proceeds used to pay the taxes and equalize your estate. While this approach costs someone, something now, insurance is the least expensive way to create liquidity and the most effective way to preserve assets.

Keeping the cottage in the family is a major, but not insurmountable challenge. A family dialogue is crucial. You may want to deal with it in the broader context of an overall estate plan and not in isolation. Yes, there will be a cost, but it will be less than the tax and lawyers fees you and/or your family may pay, if litigation results. And by doing so you may also be able to preserve the family.

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dave and Fran Nobes - Forest View Road

Eric and Jean Orschel - Ponacka Road

Howard and Eleanor Edmunds,
on Baptiste Lake West Shore

Carol Barner and Richard Lawry,
on Millionaires Walk

Adrian Hill - Village Sreet

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David and Jacqueline MacPherson,
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John and Janis Leyzer - Devenish Road

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on Baptiste Lake North Shore

James and Carla Cameron - Hay Bay Court

Bernard and Dawn Diotte - Hay Bay Court

Renato and Belinda Bernardo - Hay Bay Trail

Don and Laurie Haggstrom - Hay Bay Trail

Joël and Dawn Williams - Hay Bay Trail

Joanne King and Jeff Wright - Hay bay Trail

Terry and Joanne Mathews - O-AT-KA Road

Gary and Joanne Follows,
on North Baptiste Lake Road

Group of Seven Cottage Owners Association,
on Forest View Road

If there are any inaccuracies,
please notify the Membership Chair

Dagmar Gontard-Zelinkova, at 613-332 4688
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If you have any questions for Geoff about family councils or cottage succession planning, please feel free to email him at geoffrey@stonehaven-group.ca or contact him via his website at www.geoffreyparker.ca. He will be conducting seminars at the Maynooth Public Library on Friday, July 22 at 10am and Friday, August 19, at 10am.

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