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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARLIN HORST

As I write this the leaves have begun to turn colour and we are wrapping up a fantastic summer at the lake. The association had a very active summer.

The BLA held its traditional "Welcome Back" get together on the May long weekend. For a change of



Peter Oliver at the BLA Opening Event 2012
Photo: Shelley Pickard

pace the event was held at Birch Cliff Lodge and was very well attended. Peter Oliver and his crew provided great food for the event (including venison chilli – my personal favourite). At the event we had a taste of the music festival to come as well as a reminder regarding stewardship of the lake. Our AGM in early August was well attended and in addition to the mundane



Retiring Directors Dagmar Gontard-Zelinkova, Susan Latremoille, Ineke Moxam and Mike Moxam (absent - Don Bocking) with Marlin Horst.

requirements of keeping the organization going, we also had an informative presentation on boating safety from Dale Holland and his wife from the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron. At the AGM we also said goodbye to Mike and Ineke Moxam, Dagmar Gontard-Zelinkova, Susan Latremoille and Don Bocking as Directors. We appreciate all of the hard work each of them has done for the BLA over the years. We welcomed two new members to the Board this year, Christopher Fabricius and Margot Currie. Thank you to David Milne and the staff at Birch Cliff Lodge for allowing us to use their facilities, it is much appreciated.

This summer marked the second year that the BLA held a music festival. We had a wonderful day in late July and we had a great turn out of members and friends on the lawn and the waters in front of Country Fare. The festival again showcased the large number of musical artists in the area (including our own director Mary Milne). In addition to music there was art, food and a silent auction. Many people enjoyed the entertainment from their boats anchored on the lake in front of the stage. A special thank you to George and Susan at Country Fare for providing the venue and also to

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Mike and Ineke Moxam for all of their hard work in organizing the event. In addition to being a fun event for all, the festival managed to generate a profit for the BLA.



Food line at pig roast

This year our traditional Labour Day weekend Pig and Corn Roast was moved to Camp Ponacka. There may have actually been more people in attendance this year than last. A big thank you to the Oliver family and the chefs from Peter Oliver's restaurants for organizing such a wonderful event. Thanks as well to Anne Morawetz and Don Bocking and Camp Ponacka for the use of the facilities.

As many of you have noticed the municipal dock in Baptiste Village was a small shadow of its former self this summer. The BLA is in discussions with the Municipality regarding replacing the dock and hope that next summer there will be a bigger and better dock for use by all.

As a good will gesture to the community at large, the BLA donated \$600 towards the hospital drive this summer. The Directors feel this is money well spent as having a state of the art hospital in the area is of great importance to both permanent and seasonal residents.

In addition to social activities the BLA continues to work towards implementing the Lake Plan. David Hawkes has been tireless in organizing this as Lake Plan Implementation Coordinator. The Lake Plan is a living document and we must continue to build on and implement its recommendations to ensure that the objectives of the residents, both permanent and seasonal, as set out in the Lake Plan, are achieved. This can only be achieved by volunteers and if David calls upon you, I would hope that you would answer the call and do your part to help with Lake Plan implementation. If you would like to help, in no matter how small a way, I would encourage you to contact David and let him know that you

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BLA LAKE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

DAVID HAWKES, CO-ORDINATOR

An "Implementation Report" was presented to members at the BLA Annual General Meeting, in Aug. 2012, by the Lake Plan Implementation Co-coordinator, David Hawkes. The following is a synopsis of David's comments at the meeting. A full report can be found on the BLA website at: www.baptistelake.org.

LP Implementation is in the second year of its mandate to implement the numerous recommendations found in the Baptiste Lake Plan 2009. Many tasks have already been accomplished and many continue to be implemented. These include:

- Continuing consultations with the Municipality of Hasting Highlands respecting land use challenges with a goal of collegial co-operation for mutual benefit; monitored by Penny Anderson
- Continuing water testing by John Jared. The results will be posted on the "Lake Partner Program"; Ministry of the Environment website.
- A study of the environmental and economic impact of fishing derbies on Baptiste Lake by Bob and Bryn Weese
- A shoreline shrubs planting program by Pauline Hawkes
- A shoreline restoration educational initiative, "The Healthiest Lake in Ontario", with epicurean delights at our opening and closing events by Peter Oliver
- Stream assessment by Frank Hicks and Chris Chhatwal
- The implications and considerations of a public beach facility on Baptiste Lake by Byron Kellar
- The possibility of producing a nautical map of Baptiste Lake by Wally McColl
- Fisheries rehabilitation by Jim Verhoeven
- Municipal By-Law Review and Land Use Issues by Adrian Hill
- Wetlands inventory and evaluation by Christopher and Shannon Fabricius

- Mandatory septic inspection programs by municipalities by Bob Redford
- Environmental impacts of light pollution by Hugh Stephens

There are other tasks mandated by the LP Implementation recommendations which will be undertaken in the near future. These include:

- Identification and protection of wildlife habitats
- Education about species at risk (SAR) and rare species
- Education about invasive species
- Frog and turtle monitoring programs
- Lakeshore tree cutting provisions
- Options regarding a boat washout station

The Lake Plan continues to be a living document with changing realities and priorities. These undertakings are fostered by the able assistance of our many fine volunteers, as noted above, and more volunteers will be necessary as things progress. Please consider offering your time and expertise to the best of your abilities. As always it will be greatly appreciated.

In conjunction with the Lake Plan Recommendations, the completed reports are found on the BLA Website for the information of our members. We take this opportunity to reproduce the report by Hugh Stephens concerning "Light Pollution". This report and its recommendations have been tabled and ratified by the current Board of Directors of the BLA.

Light Pollution

What is "Light Pollution"?

The name "light pollution" suggests that excessive light is a cause for environmental concern and needs to be addressed. The question is, should it play a part in the Baptiste Lake plan?

This paper outlines the issue of light pollution, focuses on the impact of excessive light in cottage and lake country and provides some

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recommendations and best practices for consideration.

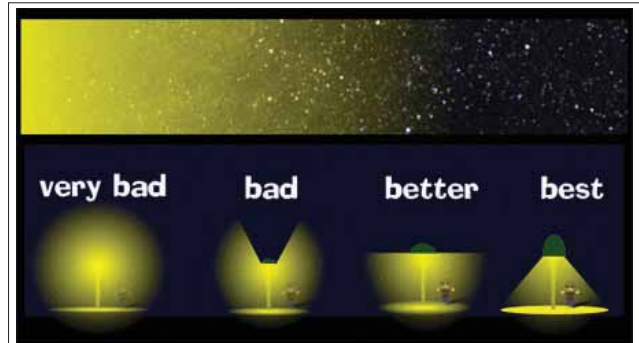
Excessive light or “light pollution” has been blamed for a variety of ills. Among its many sins, it impedes astronomers from observing the galaxies, wastes energy, causes unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions owing to excessive generation of electricity from fossil fuels, and is alleged to cause a range of ailments, including headaches, worker fatigue, medically defined stress, decrease in sexual function and increase in anxiety. More relevant perhaps to a cottage and lake situation, it has been shown to disrupt ecosystems. According to researchers, light pollution poses a serious threat in particular to nocturnal wildlife, having negative impacts on plant and animal physiology. It can confuse animal navigation, alter competitive interactions, change predator-prey relations, and cause physiological harm. The rhythm of life is orchestrated by the natural diurnal patterns of light and dark, so disruption to these patterns impacts the ecological dynamics.

Studies suggest that light pollution around lakes prevents zooplankton, such as daphnia from eating surface algae, helping to cause algal blooms that can kill off the lakes' plants and lower water quality. Light pollution may also affect ecosystems in other ways. For example, scientists have documented that nighttime light may interfere with the ability of moths and other nocturnal insects to navigate. Night-blooming flowers that depend on moths for pollination may be affected by night lighting, as there is no replacement pollinator that would not be affected by the artificial light. This can lead to species decline of plants that are unable to reproduce, and change an area's long-term ecology.

Perhaps equally important, the concept known

T. Longcore and C. Rich (2004). "[Ecological light pollution](#)". *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment* 2 (4): 191–198. DOI:10.1890/1540-9295(2004)002[0191:ELP]2.0.CO;2

as “light trespass” can annoy and inconvenience neighbours who have come to the lake to enjoy a peaceful, rural environment. Just as excessive noise late into the evening can ruin a peaceful



How to avoid light trespass

evening at the cottage, so too can excessive light that penetrates the sanctity of a neighbouring home, garden or lot. Consideration for the environment and for one's neighbours applies as much to light as to sound.

Best Practices

In terms of addressing light pollution, the first step is to recognize that it exists and to assess how you deal with lighting situations on your own property. Here are some suggestions produced by Canadian Living in a recent article on light pollution;

1. Reduce the light escaping from your home
Put your exterior lights on motion detectors so they only come on when needed. Minimize wattage, and direct illumination toward the ground, not upward, where it's of little use but contributes to sky glow (or goes into your neighbour's home).

2. Cool it with the indoor lighting
Put as many household lights as possible on dimmer switches so you can save energy while you enjoy mood lighting. Help your body and mind wind down toward bedtime by turning off lights. Stick with table and floor lamps, not harsh overheads.

3. Lights out in the wilderness
When camping and cottaging, keep exterior



Night Sky at Baptiste
by Shelley Pickard

lights off as much as possible as they can interfere with the body clocks of nocturnal creatures like salamanders, giving them fewer hours to scavenge for food. And keep interior lights indoors with blackout curtains.

Summary

Light is an essential element for all of us;

for convenience, safety, even esthetics. While some lighting is required outside at night, you can reduce the amount of pollution by ensuring that lights are only used when necessary, and are directed at the ground or where illumination is

required for safety. Consider using low-wattage or solar lights which emit fewer glows.

Recommendations

1. BLA include “light pollution” as one of the areas to be incorporated into the Lake Plan
2. Advocacy against light pollution should recognize legitimate, reasonable and lawful uses of lighting at night
3. Education rather than imposing penalties should be the preferred means to secure compliance
4. BLA consider mounting a publicity campaign to make residents aware of the harm of light pollution, with suggestions as to how they can contribute to mitigating its effects

*Respectfully submitted by Hugh Stephens
(June 24, 2012)*



Dusk at Birch Cliff Lodge
by Shelley Pickard




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WHERE DO BROOK TROUT GO AS SOON AS THEY HAVE HATCHED FROM THE EGG?

BY KATHY IRWIN, MNR PLANNING & HABITAT BIOLOGIST

Once brook trout hatch from their eggs, they immediately seek cover along the shorelines of a lake or creek. They travel along the shore searching for the entrance point of small groundwater fed streams which feed into the main water body. They then travel up these small streams (we call them nursery streams) where they spend at least their first few months and even up to a year of their life distancing themselves from the adult population. These streams are very tiny, usually less than 1 metre in width and most are no deeper than 25 centimetres. Most of these nursery streams would certainly not be considered “fish habitat” by many people.



Brook Trout

The streams where young brook trout are found run through unbroken forest and are shaded their entire length. The majority of streams investigated in the Bancroft District that contained young of the year brook trout had water temperatures $<15^{\circ}\text{C}$ with few having temperatures between 15°C and 19°C . None had temperatures greater than 20°C .

This temperature regime is usually consistent throughout the stream. The flow regimes are usually stable once spring runoff occurs.

Young brook trout hatch in the spring and by mid May they have started ascending these small streams and by June can have attained upstream distances of as much as 100m or greater. After

investigations of several natural brook trout lakes in the Bancroft District it became evident that lake-spawned young brook trout ascending these small nursery streams is a common event.

Lake-spawned young of the year will migrate great distances, some >1 kilometre from the egg incubation site to these streams. The largest distance we know of in Bancroft District was 440 metres. They seem to be able to surpass fairly large obstacles and small water falls and it would seem that maximum upstream migration is determined only by un-surmountable rapids, waterfalls or obstacles. Another phenomena noted in our investigations was that some of these nursery streams flow through underground channels at some point along their length and young brook trout were found upstream from these underground channels. More amazing is the ascent in elevation that these little brook trout conquer. They've been found anywhere from 1 to 10 metres above the lake level. Through studies we have found that more than 80% of the young of the year class population are using these streams. This becomes more critical when the lake system has only one nursery stream available to its young of the year population. If the stream was destroyed or impacted by chronic sediment events from land activities occurring in the stream it could critically affect year class survival and consequently impact the future lake-spawning population.

So, why do these young brook trout do this? Their extensive and intensive use of streams demonstrates a life history tactic and suggests that fitness advantages are gained by migrating from the lake to the stream. One reason may have something to do with the fact that

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are willing to volunteer. The more people who volunteer; the easier it will be for all.

As you know we have changed our website this year and continue to develop and work on the site. New features are becoming active all the time and I would encourage you to visit the website often. Once the website is fully operational we hope that the website will become one of our primary means of communication. In addition if you have not



Sunset at Baptiste by *Shelley Pickard*

provided us with your e-mail address please do so as this is one of the most effective ways to communicate in the modern world. Please be assured that we use e-mail addresses only for the purposes of the BLA and we do not inundate you with messages.

Please send your e-mail to membership@baptistelake.org along with your cottage address. Finally if you are not a member I would encourage you to become a member. The cost is minimal

(\$25 per year or 3 years for \$60) and benefits are so much more.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other member of the board. This is your Association.



Parasailing 2012 by *Shelley Pickard*

On June 2, 2013 Carolyn Guest will be celebrating her 25th year as owner and manager of the Baptiste Lake Marina.

She and her family would like to thank the lake residents for their continued support and friendship over these years.

Our congratulations: Carolyn...*from the BLA*

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Gwen Morawetz with daughter Susan Latremoille on Lake Baptiste

IN MEMORIAM: GWEN MORAWETZ

BY KAN & CHRIS CHHATWAL

Gwen Morawetz, known at Camp Ponacka as “Oki”, passed away peacefully on her birthday July 8, 2012, at the age of 85. She experienced a sudden stroke at her Baptiste Lake summer cottage, “Pinecroft”. Gwen was the proud mother of four children (Susan Latremoille, Anne Morawetz, Tom Morawetz and Tim Morawetz) and devoted “Oma” of ten grandchildren.

Gwen and Bruno (Okimau: meaning Big Chief in Algonquin), her husband of fifty years, were the progenitors of the iconic Camp Ponacka. They jointly built and directed Camp Ponacka for fifty years, prior to passing the torch to their daughter Anne and her husband Don Bocking who continue the tradition of turning boys into young and independent men. Bruno Morawetz passed away in 1999.

Since that time Gwen continued to savour the beauty of Baptiste Lake at Pinecroft and continued with her advocacy for her many

passions which included social-justice, environmental causes and death-with-dignity, while serving on the Boards of the Peterborough Historical Society and Osteoporosis Canada. Gwen was an avid reader and an ardent perennial gardener.

Gwen and Bruno have had a long and passionate relationship with Camp Ponacka and Baptiste Lake. They established the camp in 1947 beginning with the enrolment of 22 boys. This has enlarged with the participation of 160 boys presently.

There are some who have described Gwen as the “Grand Dame” of Baptiste. She has seen many years at the lake and described the early years as filled with very hard work without electricity or road access: “Every person, all supplies and building materials, a piano, everything came by boat from the Baptiste Dock.”

Gwen and Bruno have left an indelible mark on the history and places of Baptiste Lake. They have been jointly responsible for a large part of the “character” of the Baptiste Community. They were very active in and supportive of the Baptiste Lake Association. She will be fondly remembered for her remarkable contributions.

Memories of Mom by Susan Latremoille

“Mom loved Baptiste and enjoyed spending her summers there since 1947. She painted many scenes on the lake, including a fall oil painting of Camp Ponacka from the lookout across the lake. She rejoiced when the hummingbirds and loons returned each spring, as she knew that another summer season was on its way. In earlier years, Mom paddled her canoe around the Lake and learned how to drive the motor boat, after Dad died. Seeing the boys at Ponacka acquire new skills and have fun with their peers, gave her great pleasure. She brought us up to appreciate the natural beauty of Lake Baptiste away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Mabel Grant, Roy Storey, Bob Clark, and Harold Lewis were original Baptiste residents who were admired by her for their pioneering spirit and knowledge.”

BAPTISTE LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2012

MICHAEL MOXAM



2012 Music Festival by Shelley Pickard

The second annual, Baptiste Lake Music Festival was held on the lawn of Country Fare on Saturday, July 21, 2012. We were again very lucky with the weather. It was a beautiful sunny day of 28 degrees, with a breeze coming in off the lake.

The main stage and a second smaller stage saw a steady flow of local musical talent throughout the day while people enjoyed the event from the lawn and from the water.

The Artisan Village offered many attractions including face painting, caricatures, stained glass, paintings and furniture making.

The day was a great success and achieved its key objective; connecting the Baptiste Lake Community with the surrounding communities. Financially, the day was also a great success. The festival exceeded its objective of breaking even; raising some needed funds for the Lake Plan Implementation Fund.

We thank all of our sponsors for supporting the event. Susan and George Poulton for the use of the Country Fare property, Guitar Nuts, Chandler Point Corporation, Baptiste Lake Marina, The Ritz Carlton Toronto, The Clear Water Shop, The Granite Restaurant, Re/Max, Makin' Waves Marina, Barry Bowers Custom Builder, Whitfield Plumbing and Heating, Canoe FM, Bancroft Sport & Marine, Pepin's No-Frills, The Moose 97.7, Shoppers Drug Mart,

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BAPTISTE LAKE LOON WATCH 2012

BY CHRIS CHHATWAL

I think it is fair to say that most of us love the look and sounds of the common loon. Their nightly calls have been haunting and evocative for generations of cottagers. The goal of the Loon Watch is to identify and catalogue adults and offspring of lake populations.

There were many unpaired adult loons on Baptiste this summer. However, the nesting pairs successfully hatched six infants.

The Muskie Bay pair raised one, Blueberry Island pair two, Redmond Bay one and Hamilton Bay pair raised one. A very young one disappeared early in the spring with the Redmond Bay pair.

These young appear to have been raised in areas of the lake which are less densely populated by humans, mainly in the wetland areas.



September Loons at Baptiste
by Shelley Pickard

Dog Bay hasn't seen a young one for a couple of years. My sources say that the main channel pair was seen on a nest on the small island, but they were not successful in hatching any young.

It appears that the birthrate of loons is down slightly from previous years. It may be related to fluctuating water levels or increased human activity or perhaps the loon population has been maximized for the size of the lake.

If anyone is interested in helping me with the Loon Watch 2013 or if the above statistics need revision, please contact me at chrischatwal@hotmail.com.



Thank you to Pete Richardson:

The Baptiste Lake Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Pete Richardson for his volunteer work in creating and maintaining the Baptiste Lake Website for the past twelve years. He did an amazing job of bringing the lake community together and will be missed. Thank you Pete!



Pete
Richardson
receiving the
President's Award
from
Diana Gurley
in 2009

BANCROFT AREA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL: 2012 STEWARDSHIP RANGERS

Every summer, for many years, the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council (Under the leadership of Jennifer Card at the MNR in Bancroft) has hired four 17 year old students to be Stewardship Rangers and help the area with environmental issues.

It is time to thank them and show our appreciation for what they do for the area. This year, for two days, under the leadership of Luke Stephenson... Ryan Ewing, Brooke Bentley, Justin Leavitt and Marisa Evans helped the Baptiste Lake Community by cleaning up garbage at Lower High Falls Dam, then along the South Baptiste Lake Road above the Village and also at Diamond Lake Beach. It is shameful that we need to ask these young people to clean up trash for us, but they do a terrific job. They even raked the many cigarette butts at Diamond Lake Beach as well as cleaning up a horrific mess. Even though garbage bins are provided at the beach, trash is thrown everywhere.

One afternoon they had a diversion, as



Justin Leavitt, Ryan Ewing, Luke Stephenson,
Brooke Bentley and Marisa Evans 2012

they were shown by Frank Hicks how the BLA team conducts water temperature monitoring for our stream assessment program and then they all went to one of the creeks and helped do benthic studies.

Examples of other work these four young Rangers accomplished this summer are: caring for fish at the local

hatchery, campsite and trail maintenance, monitoring at-risk turtles using telemetry equipment, conducting tree seedling survival assessments, bee keeping, and learning to conduct enforcement investigations for fish and wildlife infractions.



We thank Jennifer and Luke and the Rangers for all that they have accomplished.

They are truly appreciated by the residents on Baptiste and Diamond Lakes.

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HISTORY OF ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED CHURCH BAPTISTE LAKE, ONTARIO

WRITTEN BY MARGUERITE M. MCCOLL (EARLY 1970'S)



United Church 1920 above Baptiste Village
from Bruce Montgomery's Collection

In the early days of this community the church, school, and post office were located up on the hill above the village of Baptiste and people living along the lake shore were called "squatters". The first church was built in 1920 on property donated by Mr. Neil Bowen. This property was located about halfway up the hill where the Sutherland cottages now stand. In fact, one of these cottages is built on the old church foundation.

Names prominent in the building of the church were "Redman, Mercer, Kelly, Baptiste, Bowen, Hinds, Sutherland, Robbins, Hartwick, Brinklow, Reynolds, Hunter, Vance, Bailey, Jennings, and LaVallee". The minister at that time was Matthew Wilson, and it is from this that the church was named St. Matthew's.

The first Woman's Group was called "The Ladies' Aid" and was organized in 1935 with these officers: - President - Mrs. Arthur Nicoll, Vice President - Mrs. Joseph Storey, Secretary Treasurer - Mrs. Whitney Martin. Also in the same year a Sunday school was organized with Mr. Fred Renals as Superintendent and Mrs. Cameron as Assistant Superintendent. Mrs. Verla (Sutherland) Fisk was Secretary Treasurer. The teachers were Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Nicoll and Miss Enid Smith. The classes were held in the "Edenswald Cottage" owned by the Camerons and later in the school-house during the winter.

As more people settled along the shore of the lake a Village was gradually built up and the post-office was moved down to what now Grants' General Store is, and operated by Mable (Grant) Poff. It was about this time that the tourist industry began to flourish and cottages, lodges and camps sprang up all along the shores of Lake Baptiste. It soon became evident that the church in its present shape and location was not serving the new community fully for various reasons. The view was beautiful but the building was too large with a very high ceiling and hard to heat in the winter. The yard was for horse and buggy days and not suitable to accommodate the cars now being used. After some deliberation the congregation decided to tear down the old building, save all the materials possible and rebuild it in a more central and suitable location nearer the village.

In 1942, while Mr. N.R. Flower was the minister the project was undertaken and the new church was built on the present site which was donated by Mrs. Hiram Grant. Some of the same people who helped build the first church now helped pull it down. All possible material was saved; the older men even straightened the nails so they could be used again.

Arthur Nicoll was appointed chairman of the building committee and the ladies of the church started out to raise the funds necessary. Many donations came in from the cottagers as well, and

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by the time it was needed they had the money ready.

Outside of one carpenter and a stonemason the church was entirely built by free labour and as in the case of the first building, all denominations, Roman Catholics, Anglicans, United and other worked together happily to finish the job. Our windows, floors, pulpit and chairs, wainscoting, pulpit railings, box-stove, furnace and bell are from the old building. It is said that the bell on this church was taken from the first engine (The Old Mary Anne) to run on the I.B. & O Railroad which is still remembered by many of the people.

Names prominent in the re-building of this church are Summers, Grant, Nicoll, Martin, Peever, Covert, Kelly, Cox, Bowen, Robbins, Baptist, Fisk, McAllister, Sutherland, Sears, Vance Sweet, Young, Huff, Hinds, Reynolds, Storey and Holbrook.

We have had many donations over the years for which we give thanks. To mention some, the organ was donated by Mr. Clealan Blakely, the communion table and collection plates by Mrs. Sifton in memory of her son Frank, the fine oil painting by Mr. George Miller of Buffalo, the front door by Mr. Whitney Martin, the silver baptismal bowl and bread plate by Mrs. Whiteman of Penna. U.S.A. and the Hymn Board by Mr. Fred Renals. The pews are hand made by Mr. Lorne Davy of Bancroft and each family paid for one.

In 1961 a committee was formed to build a church hall connected to the main building. Mr.



St. Matthew's Church at Baptiste Village
by Shelley Pickard

Ken Fisk was chairman and this was completed within due time and as before by free labour. It has proved a great benefit to the community as well as the church.

There is a good hard-topped road right to the church now but

this wasn't always the case. At one time the minister left his car below Tripp's Hill in the spring of the year and was transported by army truck to and from the church. Usually the whole congregation rode along with him on the return trip with Arthur Nicoll at the wheel.

The people of Baptiste are very proud of their little church. Until last year it was the only church open in Herschel Township and we hope it will always remain here as a landmark and inspiration.

It is to be regretted that the regular congregation has dwindled until now services are held only in the summer when the tourists and cottagers are here.

The U.C.W. has less than 10 members with Mrs. Ken Fisk as President, but every year they plan and hold a summer bazaar which is really worth attending. At one time there was a Sunday school of over fifty members with Ken Fisk as Superintendent, but it also has been discontinued for lack of children in the community. Mrs. Effie Summers was organist for the U.C.W. and also the congregation for a period of 35 years while the Summers' operated a tourist lodge at Baptiste. Also Mrs. Edith Nicoll will have completed 45 years as Secretary Treasurer when she resigns at the end of 1975.

To All the dedicated members over the years we say "Thanks" and "God Bless You".

God has been very kind in many ways to the people who live around this beautiful lake and it is to be hoped that the few dedicated families who still remain here will keep this church operating for many years to come.



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February - Wed. Feb. 6 to Sat. Mar. 2

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Opening Reception/Awards Fri. Mar. 8, 7:30 pm

ROSS VISCOFF AWARD

Ross Viscoff was a Director of the BLA from 1984-1992. He passed away in January 1994. He was an avid supporter of the BLA since the 1950's and few have given as generously and graciously of their time as Ross. At the time of his passing the existing Association created an award in his honour.

Peter Brown is the tenth recipient of this prestigious award in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the BLA.



Peter Brown receiving the Viscoff Award 2012 presented by Susan Latremouille on behalf of the BLA

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SHORELINE SHRUB PLANTING PROGRAM FOR 2013

SUBMITTED BY PAULINE HAWKES

The Baptiste Lake Association is interested in engaging all lakeshore residents in the goal of making Baptiste Lake the “Healthiest Lake in Ontario”. This past spring we provided lake shore residents with easy and affordable access to a Shoreline Shrub Planting Program, and the good news is that we are offering the shrubs again for spring 2013. A major advantage of naturalizing your shoreline is to keep the soil from being silted out into the lake, thus reducing clarity, and to keep geese from access to the



Red Osier-Dogwood in Winter

property, thus reducing goose excrement into Baptiste Lake.

Renaturalising the shoreline by creating a native shrub buffer zone up from the waterline will assist in saving the shoreline from decomposition and keep the geese at bay (off



High Bush Cranberry

your property and hopefully off the lake). The planting of Upland Shrubs beyond the shoreline is an extra gain on renaturalising and adding variety.

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The Bancroft Area Stewardship Council and the Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association facilitate the acquisition of over 15,000 of these shoreline plants each year. The cost is subsidized through donations and contributions from forest industry partners. The planting of native shrubs along the shoreline is critical to the rehabilitation of the Baptiste Lake shoreline. Baptiste Lakeshore residents are encouraged to take full advantage of this generously funded program, which is supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Shrub Bundles contain species indigenous to the area:



Nannyberry

S h o r e l i n e **Bundles:**

Alternate and Red Osier Dogwood, American Elderberry, Nannyberry, American High Bush Cranberry

U p l a n d **Bundles:**

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Hawthorne, Black Chokecherry, June-berry, Service berry, Pin-cherry

SHRUBS:

- \$25 .00 per bundle
- 25 native plants per bundle in each of the upland or shoreline bundles (see list above)

- mixture of listed species in each of the Shoreline or Upland bundles

- shrubs are bare root stock, generally 12” – 24” in height, species are labelled, and bundles are packaged for ease of transportation.

Orders need to be in by December 15, 2012 at the latest. Please e-mail pauline.hawkes@bell.net with your request, or call 1-613-216-2182 (Ottawa). We are planning delivery to the Ministry of Natural Resources building, Bancroft, in the spring of 2013. Payment will be required at time of pick-up and cheques should be made payable to the “Bancroft Area Stewardship Council”. NOTE: Please provide an e-mail address and phone number, so that we can supply updates regarding pick-up.

2012 AGM:

TREASURER'S CLARIFICATION

Carol Maclellan, Treasurer, BLA

The fiscal year 2012 Treasurer's Report presented at the AGM in August inadvertently omitted several deposits. A corrected report has been made and is available upon request. The bottom line is that the reported Total Revenue is increased from \$15,297 to \$18,123, mainly due to donations of \$2,379 at the Pig Roast. All Expenses were correctly reported and the only change to the Assets/Liabilities page is that the Unearned Membership Revenue increased by \$240.

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achieving a maximum size during the first growing season is paramount to maximize winter survival. Physical and chemical differences between lake and stream environments may also influence growth and survival of young of the year fish possibly via different rates of competition and predation. Growth may be enhanced in streams as the young fish learn to defend the microhabitats where growth can be enhanced. Such habitats are less defined and less defensible in lake environments and so small streams can have greater relative abundance of organic drift and better growth rates for young brook trout than in the larger systems. There may also be fitness advantages related to the cold stable thermal environment where physiologically there is no thermal stress on their growth potential.

This information suggests the importance of the streams for supporting exploitable populations of lake-dwelling brook trout. Groundwater and

seepage areas in forested catchments are clearly important to these stream habitats.



*A Quote from Rachel Carson's Book
"Silent Spring"*

*Those who contemplate the beauty
of the earth find reserves of strength
that will endure as long as life lasts.*

*There is symbolic, as well as
actual beauty, in the migration of birds,
the ebb and flow of tides,
the folded bud ready for spring.*

*There is something infinitely healing
in the repeated refrains of nature -
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