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High Falls Log Jam, circa 1900. The High Falls Dam will receive some TLC this summer. See article Page 5. Photo from the Bruce Montgomery Collection.

BLA 2024 Events

OPENING EVENT

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024,
BIRCH CLIFF LODGE, 5-7 PM

PIKE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024
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Ruffed Grouse, strutting his stuff for the 75th Anniversary Party. Photo by Anne Coleman



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marlin Horst

As you are reading this many of the seasonal cottagers will have opened the cottage (or are planning to) and welcomed a new season. For those of you who have year round places on the lake I can only express my jealousy. I certainly miss the lake during the winter. As I write this in mid March we are in the midst of a very mild winter. It may not last as winter can still come with a vengeance in late March and April. Hopefully the ice will be out early but who knows (actually, you will know by the time you read this).

The few strange years at the start of this decade are now hopefully behind us and we continue to have a full list of events taking place this summer. Please see elsewhere in this Newsletter for details of all of the events.

I encourage each of you to attend as many events as possible. It is a great way to meet new people and to get caught up with people you may not have seen for awhile. One of the events is the Annual General Meeting. The board will be putting forward revised By-laws and new Articles of Incorporation in order for the association to be compliant with the "new" Not for Profit Corporations Act (Ontario). It is important that the association remains compliant with any applicable laws. I put new in scare quotes as the act was passed in 2010 but has just come into force.

We continue to be active in the Hastings Highlands Inter Lake Group which is made up of lake associations in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. This group has been instrumental in getting the municipal council to take note of the concerns of the lake associations and given us a voice in municipal affairs. We continue to advocate at the municipal level for the protection of our lake and others in the municipality. The InterLake Group's Land Use Planning committee continues to receive notice of any request for a minor variance or zoning change on any waterfront property in Hastings Highlands and allows us to make any submissions. It is quite surprising what some people would like to build. For whatever horrible things I did in a past life I am now the Chair of the Hastings Highlands InterLake Group.

If anyone has any concerns regarding actions taking place around the lake please feel free to contact the Municipality for actions over which they have jurisdiction. Many by-laws are complaint based so the Municipality needs to hear from us. They generally do not take any actions on their own.

The BLA continues to work towards implementing the Lake Plan. 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. If you would like to help, in no matter how small a way, I would encourage to you contact Anne

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*Directors stuffing the fall newsletter.
Photo by Paul Coleman*

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Coleman and let us know that you are willing to volunteer. The more people who volunteer; the easier it will be for all

The BLA has been a member of FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association) for many years, which is an association of over 500 lakefront owners associations. As a result of the BLA's membership in FOCA, the members of the BLA also have access to many benefits available through FOCA. Please go to their website at www.foca.on.ca to see the many benefits membership in FOCA provides. You can also sign up for the FOCA newsletter which is delivered by e-mail every month and has links to many informative articles and updates on what is happening in connection with waterfronts in Ontario. There are also many FOCA events which can be signed up for on the website.

As many of you know I am a past board member of FOCA, and past President, and am therefore biased. However, one of the benefits of being a FOCA member is that we have access to a special insurance program for homes, cottages and automobiles. *One of our cars was stolen a year ago and we had nothing but good experiences with the insurance agent and the insurance*

company. We were upset to have the car stolen but the service we received was exceptional.

Please visit our website regularly to see what is happening around the lake. In addition if you have not 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 along **with your cottage address** to Membership (contact details elsewhere in Newsletter). 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.

A vertical poster for Quinte Health North Hastings Hospital. The top half features a scenic photograph of a lake surrounded by a dense forest of evergreen trees under a soft, purple and pink sky. The text 'Ready for a change of scenery?' is overlaid on the top part of the image. Below the image, the text reads: 'Quinte Health NORTH HASTINGS HOSPITAL Located in the beautiful town of Bancroft IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIANS'. In the bottom right corner, there is a blue speech bubble that says 'WE'RE HIRING!' and the Quinte Health logo with the website 'www.qhc.on.ca'.

2024 ICE FISHING SEASON ON BAPTISTE LAKE

By Michael DiCintio

This has been the worst year for ice I have ever seen, as well as one of the worst seasons for snow-mobilers. The ice came late and is looking like it's ready to go out by early April.

Even with the warm weather, I still got out for a few trips on Baptiste and caught plenty of pike, as well as some nice Crappie and Walleye. Local angler Brodie Poulain decided to test out the main basin of Baptiste and locked onto to some nice burbot! Great news for the Baptiste Lake fishery as a good burbot population means a healthy lake!

Many large 30"+ Northern Pike were caught on the east arm of the lake this winter including my "big one that got away". While fishing near the Baptiste Lake Marina I hooked onto a massive Pike that peeled all the line from my tip up spool. It felt heavy, like pulling up a bag of bricks. Just as I got it close to the hole, it turned sideways, looked right at me with its massive golf ball sized eye, and took off like a bullet, and left me with nothing but a bare hook and emotional damage.



*Pike caught on Baptiste Lake.
Photo by Michael DiCintio*



*Michael DiCintio showing off a walleye after
a successful day in the cold.*

I'm sure I will run into that fish again one day, hopefully in the 2024 Baptiste Lake Pike Tournament!

Pike Tournament

the date is set to

SATURDAY, JULY 6TH, 2024

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM,

Public Dock Baptiste Village.

Same as always, the winners will be determined by their teams' total length of Pike, as well as a separate prize for biggest single Pike. The money raised from this year's tournament will now support the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery as well the Baptiste Lake Association. Registration info will be posted on Facebook very soon. I hope to see you all there at the 2024 Baptiste Lake Pike Tournament!



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2024 BAPTISTE LAKE (HIGH FALLS) DAM REPAIRS

By Paul Coleman

The Baptiste Lake Association has a long-standing agreement with the MNRF to regulate water levels. (If you are curious about the turbulent history of the dam, as recorded in the BLA digitized minutes, go to the BLA website for an interesting read).

Water Levels on Baptiste have been one of the most serious, relevant and controversial issues since the 1950's. Now that our dam is being repaired this summer, we are working closely on your behalf to monitor water levels through July, August and possibly September.

To help you appreciate what is involved, I will attempt to give a layman's view of what is being repaired and it's timing as work progresses.

MNRF manages water levels on Baptiste Lake according to guidance provided in the Madawaska River Water Management Plan. This plan has identified High and Low Water Zones, which attempt to satisfy a wide array of stakeholder interests. The range was developed through the analysis of average water levels satisfactory to various user groups



Dam being built in November 1966.

Photo by MNRF

along with environmental considerations. This operating regime attempts to reduce impacts of spring run offs as in April 2017 and April 2019, or significant rain events as in June 29th, 2021. Having said that, we have reviewed all the water level data from 2006-2023 and determined that there were no significant deviations from the Target Line other than very unpredictable weather related patterns as previously noted.

Within the High and Low Zones sits the Target Line. It is not a constant line but rather a moving target which allows for seasonal weather fluctuations, Lake Trout spawning, and ice damage prevention.

In January, water levels are slowly drawn down to their lowest targeted level of the year, which occurs around early March. This is an attempt to reduce impacts related to a fast spring thaw. This is the tricky time of the year as calculations are made as to the potential snow load runoff from the bush, potential

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Down river view. Photo by MNRF

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rain patterns and/or significant dry spells. During the spring melt, water levels are allowed to rise as run off from snowmelt and rain enter the lake. Following the spring melt, (usually around mid April to early May), water levels are at the maximum targeted height for the year. You can't refill our Lake if it runs low on water or if a heat wave persists. You can't prevent flooding if too much rain comes out of nowhere. It is a fine balance and I can't say enough about the work that our Ministry staff do to balance all of the above factors. From the end of spring to September, the water level is gradually dropped to permit some consistent flow in the downstream river. This also predicts and compensates for dryer weather throughout the summer months by anticipating increased evaporation slowly reducing lake levels while still maintaining levels necessary for recreational use. At the end of summer, water levels begin to drop to another low point at the end of September and are maintained low until the end of October to allow Lake Trout to spawn. Then, to prevent the Trout eggs from freezing along the shore, the lake levels are brought back up to the January 1st



Side view of the sluices. Photo by MNRF

starting point.

Now for the timing of the project and some technical terms for you to process.

Late spring, construction materials will be transported up High Falls Road and stored at the parking area beside the dam. Signs will be posted at South Baptiste Road to inform the public that work is in progress. Repair work will commence on the east side of the dam (parking lot side) and proceed to the West Wing Wall. The Wing Wall is the last piece of the dam that abuts the shore. Of note, this section will be raised by .5 meters to provide additional protection against periods of high run off as was experienced in 2013. Work will commence separately on the 4 Bays, one after the other. Each Bay contains 10 logs and is separated by concrete piers. As needed, water will be diverted around a bay so that the section can be dried, have damaged logs replaced, unsound concrete removed, be abrasively blasted, cleaned and resurfaced as needed.

Beside the 4 Bays exists a manual Valve Gate that can be cranked down and up. It offers a refinement to smaller water level adjustments rather than pull-

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Drawn by Anne Coleman alias Anneke van Dam

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ing logs. This section will also be abrasively blasted, cleaned and repaired. The trash rack, which keeps debris from entering the valve chamber will be removed and replaced.

The long cement portion on the western side of the dam is called the Over flow Spillway. As you can imagine, it catches most of nature's wear and tear. Continuous water flow, beating sun and freezing winters pounds the concrete and gradually it shows signs of "being tired"! Accordingly, all the joint sealants on top of and downstream sides will be cleaned and replaced. Any unsound delaminated concrete will be removed, replaced and refaced.

Finally, the Wing Wall, which abuts the west shore

will be raised .5 meters.

To recap for your edification, in order to give a little "wobble room" in case of changing weather patterns, the water level will MOST LIKELY be dropped gradually by 10 cm below the Target Level starting from July 15th to July 30th. These water levels will remain low throughout August and be similar to those levels that we normally experience in mid September. This will allow the necessary repairs to be made to the Overflow Spillway under dry conditions.

So yes, water levels will be noticeably lower than normal and folks must be made aware and take extra precautions when travelling the lake and consider setting out markers for known stumps and rocks.



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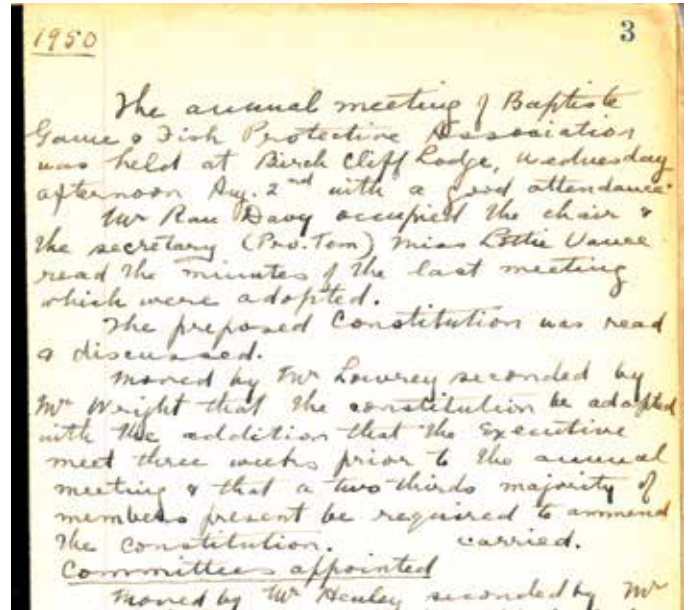


75 YEARS AND COUNTING

By Anne Coleman

The side extract, taken from the minutes as written in 1950, indicate the name of the association and imply that meetings had been held the previous year if not years. The people involved were dedicated, passionate and hard working to preserve Baptiste Lake. For an annual fee of \$2.00, all persons subscribing to the aims of the association could become members. The main aims included the conservation of the fish and game resources of Baptiste Lake and to render the Lake attractive to visitors by maintaining and improving such facilities as roads, navigation, communication and to promote public services. Hasn't the Lake seen some amazing changes over the decades but there have been consistent themes in the needs of the residents/cottagers during those years.

The driving forces urging clear communication and action on the part of the Association are now the same as 75 years ago. *Water Level fluctuations, water quality, fish population, shoreline use, boat navigation and land use have created crises from*



Extract from records of minutes August 10, 1950.

time to time with the results we experience today. Without the incredibly consistent attention given to these themes by members and executives at various points of our history, the Lake might not be as magical and beautiful as it presently is. We are extremely fortunate that Baptiste Lake is a self-flushing lake keeping a certain degree of freshness and therefore health, despite all the influences created by humans using the lake. **There was a point in the '60s when pollution from effluents discharged into the lake from poor septic practices and faulty gas lines in boats and in tanks around the lake created a crisis.**

"Do not drink lake water!" was the message. President G. A. White was the champion in the late 60s to battle this pollution through awareness programs and constant water testing that was published for all to see. Needless to say, we can't drink the lake water today but the level of pollution from those sources is much less than at that time. **We now face the challenges of fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and phosphates from increased development around the lake.** I'm getting ahead of myself.

From reading the minutes and other documents recorded between 1950 and now, I am so impressed with the people who came to this lake to enjoy its beauty and then became custodians. As Frank Hicks Sr. remarked, when he became President in 1973, that to fill the shoes of the previous presidents whose strategic work and planning had averted many seri-

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An advertisement for Makin' Waves Marine. The logo features the text "Makin' Waves Marine" in a stylized font with a blue wave graphic. Below the logo are the logos for Princecraft, Honda, and Mercury. At the bottom, there is a red box with "HONDA" and a black box with "Power Equipment".

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Regatta. Photo from Bruce Montgomery Collection.

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ous situations, humbled him. If one were to attempt to name all those involved in the first 20 years, it would be unfair to the unsung heroes. There are however repeated names in the minutes, Art Nichol, Reg Canning, I. Germaine, Pat Murphy, G.A. White, David Milne and the list goes on. I will expand the list in the next installment.

Art Nichol sat on a committee including the then Department of Lands and Forests, Ontario Hydro, Bancroft Municipal Hydro, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Game and Fisheries and the Baptiste Game and Fish Protective Association.

This committee dealt with the agreement between Baptiste Lake and the Bancroft Municipal Hydro as to the water flow at High Falls Dam.

There was an instance when an unauthorized individual had requested the removal of a log or logs from the dam at High Falls, which stirred alarm amongst those who were responsible legally for such action. A letter had been sent to the Department of Lands and Forests informing them of this unauthorized person's intent and the committee clamped down on the activity at the dam. This was in 1958 and the saga of the water level is ongoing although much more efficiently regulated today. Rainfall, lack of rainfall, earlier demands of water flow by the Bancroft PUC, needs of Martin Lumber, all contributed to dismay and exasperation some years on the part of cottage owners, whose docks had suffered damage during flooding or ice break ups. The BLA today is still highly involved in communication with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Makwan and Reg Canning are big stars in the late '50s '60s. Reg was in charge of entertainment and he delivered with the huge planning of Regattas each summer. Some were more successful than others but

they included Ladies' Nail Driving competitions, Beauty Contest (Male and Female), children's activities on shore, multiple categories of races on the water and of course, food. The Regattas starting points shifted over the years to Birch Cliff Lodge, Grants, Ponacka, and Ranger Bay but all required detailed planning, an army of volunteers plus good weather. No power boats were invited to these events to avoid dangerous accidents. Records of these Regattas prove the industrious energy required for such events.

There was a name change in 1963 to "Baptiste Cottage and Resort Owners Association" Tourism was a huge aim of the Association. The number of resorts open to tourists between 1950 to 1990 is quite remarkable considering how much work is involved in running such establishments for relatively short seasons. **The association spent money to create a concrete dock along the south shore to accommodate those cottagers and resort owners who had only water access.** The push for better or new roads was constant but the funding for such construction was a gradual accomplishment. In 1962, a letter was sent to the Department of Public Works asking for funding to repair docks at the Baptiste Village location. This request was refused but when the association presented their case to the municipality, the council agreed to help finance the repairs. Our Municipality has been our ally for many improvements around the lake, but as pointed out by stockholders in the lake, our taxes pay for a lot and our support of the area businesses has created an economic opportunity for many. In 1963, a request was made to Herschal Township to take over the docks in Baptiste Village and to also provide a supervised dump area as the present situation for garbage was unsanitary. **Ergo, the pollution problem in the lake resulting**

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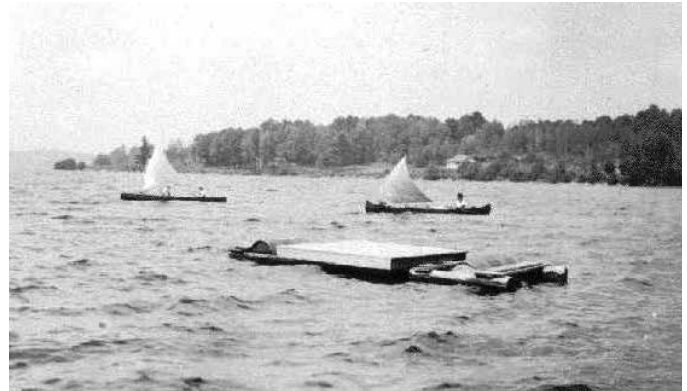


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from many people simply dumping their garbage into the lake!

Can you imagine late at night bumping into something soft with your boat and not really wanting to see what it was? The soft item turned out to be a sheet tied around garbage. Silly cottage owner, he left evidence in that garbage as to the source and he was subsequently challenged, he sold his cottage and left the area. A guest speaker at one of the AGM meetings in 1970, Dr. A. Cooper stated, **“Don’t put anything into the lake that didn’t come out of the lake!”** and you will avoid pollution problems. Added to summer pollution, there is Ice Pollution. FOCA sent out a letter to this topic. “Frozen-over waterways are often invitations to pollution by the increasing numbers of city folk out for winter snowmobiling. Is your association advising snowmobilers and fishermen NOT to leave bottles on the ice or under the ice ...Never stop talking against this stupidity.” By 1971, water quality testing was consistent, monitored and published for public scrutiny. These results are available in the Association records. Pollution remains a potential monster unless we are vigilant. Dumping of demolition remains and discarded summer sandals in with these remains was floating in the lake just a few years ago. There are still entitled folk who don’t care.

As a result of many critical issues, people paid attention. There were 181 members in 1964. The Association joined FOCA. By 1966, there were 209 members and today we claim between 215 to 230 members. **That is really not much improvement in numbers.** We know that there are many new people on the lake who could become wonderful stewards. The generations before us were also busy, they didn’t have texting, email, Zoom or Facebook and yet they accomplished so much through letter writing, typing documents in duplicate, phone calls to keep our lake safe and healthy for us today.



*1930 two sailing canoes and a swimming raft.
Photo from Bruce Montgomery Collection.*

A new dam was completed just before Christmas in 1966 and had been under construction since April 1966. Water flow was controlled during that entire time. **We will soon experience the repair project planned for the dam this summer.** The dam at High Falls is our safety net. Our lake exists as long as it is healthy. Each new executive of the Association must be aware of the agreements governing this dam and not overstep them as well as continue to protect the interests of the residents of the Lake. We want to continue to have the fish tournaments, welcome visitors and educate those visitors using the beautiful lake for their entertainment. **When president in 1982 and 1983, David Milne created very fine newsletters informing the readers of shoreline allowances, water levels, the regatta, fire protection, a report on pollution and he included a map for cottagers to indicate their location.** Here is the page to find the map and addresses https://county-hastings-gis.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/d1edbea63ca24e5bb-d2363c3015bfdb0_0/explore?location=45.122040%2C-77.983353%2C12.91. Just zoom into our area and you can click on each one of the dots to find property info. I have also included a screen shot of the map.

In 1984, the association changed its name to

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Baptiste Lake Association but in 1987 it changed to Baptiste Lake Conservation Association in order to facilitate incorporation. Then in 1995, the name changed again to “Baptiste Lake Association” where we are today. In the years that ensued, there were more major issues to deal with. The crisis involving the proposed power plant construction at the dam in 1987/88 required exorbitant amounts of energy and attention from the lake association members. **Remember that these are all volunteers, no-one gets paid.**

There is also the fantastic effort that went into the Lake Plan, published in 2009. The next installment of the importance of the BLA will come in the Fall Newsletter.

It has been an adventure rereading the minutes and other documents that revealed the efforts, enthusiasm and care devoted to the stewardship of Baptiste Lake. If someone asks, “What has the BLA done for me?” the question should be reworded, “What has the BLA done for US?” Today the executive meets regularly 5 to 7 times per year, including multiple communications through email and then add the events to the roster. Our President, Marlin Horst, has served on FOCA and now as chair of the Interlakes Group. We know that we are aware of the issues and, as volunteers, are proud to serve you in protecting our lake.

We will be marking the anniversary of the BLA at our events this summer and also with the provision of T-Shirts to purchase as souvenirs.

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT THE LAKE

By Anne Coleman

There is so much to look forward to when returning to the lake for the summer. As a full time resident, I love all the seasons at the lake, so the concept of returning after an absence is not in my wheelhouse. I thought, however, that it would be useful, under the topic of safety, to bring to light some of the realities, to which the lake community must pay attention. As well as safety, there is the topic of health and I present a few people who live at Baptiste Lake who can help you with your health. I dare to present them because they have helped me immeasurably in my own path to better health.

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Elizabeth has completed her 4th and final year of training at the Canadian College of Osteopathy in Toronto. She is now in the process of writing her thesis to receive her certification and title of Osteopathic Manual Practitioner (D.O.M.P). She has an extensive healthcare background from her education and 12 years of clinical experience as a Registered Nurse. She has a certificate in Reiki and is also a certified yoga instructor (completed 200hr teacher training).

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BAPTISTE LAKE MARINA

There will be yoga classes on the dock at the Marina. Please find updates on Facebook and Instagram @baptistelakemarina.

SAFETY AT THE LAKE

The FEDERATION OF COTTAGE ASSOCIATIONS offers many important guidelines for safety, such as the following:

Be Wake Aware: Take your boat out to the middle of the lake for tubing, skiing or maintain slower speeds when approaching the shore. This is for the safety of swimmers, paddle boarders and small craft such as canoes and kayaks.

Swimming Safety:

Water safety tips specifically for adults:

- Always swim and boat with a buddy
- Alcohol and water don't mix. Don't drink and swim.
- Check your medication for possible side effects that will affect your endurance or swimming ability



*Swimmers entering with personal markers.
Stock photo from Getty Images.*

- Know your limits - age and health can affect your swimming abilities

- If you choose to swim alone, be aware of boat activity in the immediate area, have a marker attached to yourself that is clearly visible, and let someone in your company know that you are heading out.

Septic Systems (Sh)** you didn't know because you live in the city

Take action to ensure your own septic system is in good working order, and stays that way. Some tips:

- have a licensed technician inspect the system, pump out the tank, and install an effluent filter
- remind visitors to avoid putting anything down the drain that might interfere with the system function (examples include: coffee grounds, food scraps, tampons, applicators, flushable wipes, condoms, anti-bacterials, solvents)
- remind everyone to conserve water – large volumes can overload the system and cause failure!

FIRE SAFETY:

FOCA encourages waterfront communities to discuss wildfire preparedness and create a community action plan. Consider the following:

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- What will you do if a fire is approaching your or a neighbour's residence?
- Who will you call, and how do you sound an alarm to notify the community?
- Does your community have fire equipment in strategic locations on the lake?
- Who is in charge of maintaining this equipment, and who has access to it?
- Are there emergency exits clearly marked in community buildings?
- Do you have a home escape plan?
- Have you located fire safe areas in the community such as lakes or other wet areas, rock outcrops, and roads?

Light Pollution: From "Light Pollution, Discussion Paper for the BLA"

Submitted by Stephen Hughes

"Studies suggest that light pollution around lakes prevents zooplankton, such as daphnia from eating surface algae, helping cause algal blooms that can kill off the lake's 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 are no replacement pollinators that would not be affected by 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 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 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."

The average increase in light pollution per year since 2012 is 10%.

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Photo of the Milky Way taken by Jim Vetter in Lavalley Bay.

WILDFLOWERS ALONG A SHORELINE

Photos and Text By Anne Coleman

The photos submitted on the next few pages were taken between May and October 2023 along our shoreline. We have a narrow pathway to navigate this stretch of property before arriving at the lake so we are able to enjoy at close hand the offerings of nature. It takes very little encouragement for wildflowers to present themselves in a habitat that remains undisturbed. It is alive with pollinators throughout the seasons.

Fertilizers, weed killers, intrusive landscaping alter the natural flow of indigenous plants. Backfilling with soil taken from other ecosystems, installing huge boulders which strangle the growth underneath and constant cutting back of vegetation, all these activities starkly change the ability of the biological ecosystem to flourish. There is a balance that works for us. Leave the subdivision mentality in the subdivision.

It is fabulous to have this extra colour along the shoreline all spring, summer and fall; not to mention the frogs, otters, occasional beaver, birdlife and butterflies attracted to the area.



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DE-ICERS: BUBBLERS VS AGITATORS

By Paul Coleman

What is better? Preventing ice from forming around your docks or letting them freeze? Floating docks should be ok as we have done so for 40 years. Docks with posts may be more susceptible to ice damage.

I had only heard about the term “Bubblers” until a few years ago our neighbor set up a **large propeller** under their boat house and sent a stream of water out of our cove and almost reached the Marked Snowmobile Trail. It was called an “Agitator” and I guess that I was agitated at the time because it prevented us from making our ice rink or giving us safe access to the lake for our enjoyment. It was quite dangerous to anyone walking around our point, many of whom were not aware of the open ice and could not see the “Open Water” sign on shore. Our neighbor was not at the cottage during that winter and was not aware of the danger that was created until I informed them of their potential liability. They now have limited the water around the boat house to about 5 feet which is most reasonable and does the trick.



*Bubbler effects on Lake Baptiste.
Photo taken on December 30, 2023.*

Many of you so rightly want to protect your docks from ice damage. This has been an issue going back in the BLA minutes of the 1950’s. So it is important to discuss the pros’ and cons’ of De-Icers.

Bubblers are powered by air compressors. They produce small air bubbles through perforated hoses which disturbs the surface of the water and prevents ice from forming. They do not send streams of water into the lake or along the adjacent shorelines.

Agitators use a propeller that is moored to the dock and basically creates a jet of water that can be conservatively effective or radically irresponsible if improperly used. The propeller system has directional adjustments which if improperly set can go beyond ones’ own property. We should all be vigilant in NOT contributing to a significant hazard on the lake.

The overall objective is to create a modest “pond of water” around a dock area which gives you comfort. **If however you use a propeller system, you run the risk of creating a very dangerous open stream that can run for 50+ meters away from shore or along your neighbour’s shore.** We have had a number of such instances near the narrowing sections of Baptiste which have encroached upon the marked Snowmobile Trails. The problem is that unsuspecting walkers, cross country skiers, and sledgers can fall in.

What are our legal implications?

Section 263(1) of the Criminal Code of Canada is very clear that those who make or cause to be made an opening in ice are under a legal duty to guard the

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THE RUFFED GROUSE

By Anne Coleman

The Ruffed Grouse is frequently called the “partridge.” This Grouse was merrily strutting his stuff near our bird feeder hoping to attract the females hiding in the cedar tree close by. We hope that he was successful. The Ruffed Grouse is only distantly



*Showing off his beautiful plumage.
Photos by Anne Coleman*

related to the Gray Partridge, which is a bird of open areas, not woodlands. Our Ruffed Grouse is a bit goofy in mating season, so please slow down if he’s on the road.



Attempting to attract a female.

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opening in a manner adequate to prevent persons from falling in by accident, and adequate to warn them that the opening exists. If you fail to perform these duties, the code states that you may be found guilty of serious offences, up to and including manslaughter.

This winter, another propeller system had been installed further along our shore and unfortunately the jet stream came directly to us, preventing us from making an ice rink for the grandkids. We did discuss the issue and the system was shut off which not only helped us but also other adjoining neighbours. **We did discuss potential options for next year to include bubblers with thermostats, timers and photocells.**

Thanks for reading this and thinking about being mindful that the system you install may interfere with the recreational activities of your neighbours or other unsuspecting guests to the lake.

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HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Anne Coleman

Our Hastings Highlands Public Library has ramped up its services and firmly anchored its identity as the community hub. From an average of twenty-three visitors each day in 2022, when people were becoming more relaxed about interactions after COVID-19, to over forty visitors per day in 2023, our staff are enjoying the increased pace. The Library Board consists of Valerie Loney and Anne Coleman, who are co-chairs, Nancy Matheson and Tracy Hagar, council representatives, Colette Freeman, second-term trustee, and first-term trustees, Lesley Hunt and Fran Hickey. This group of volunteers, along with Wendy Keating, our amazing CEO, have been proactive in ensuring a positive working environment for our staff. Excellent collection development, improved technical support, and some new furniture have enhanced the library's service and space. Wendy is a planner and a doer. The Easter Extravaganza last year drew in over 200 people and this year's Easter Egg Hunt promises to be another large community event. The Christmas parade, "Brighten the Night" was extremely well attended. It was a carefully planned

event, orchestrated by Wendy, the Library staff, and the Municipality staff. Many volunteers made light work of the hot chocolate and hot dog distribution.

Some of our programs include the Drumming Circle, Book Clubs for adults and children, the Sew N Sews Quilters, Bridge and Euchre, Knitting and Crochet group, and a Mom's and Tots reading circle, to mention a few. It can become extremely lively some Wednesdays when several of these programs are in progress.

Our E-resources and technical support for the computers are the responsibility of Jessica, infotech@hastingshighlandslibrary.ca, while Kristin, librarian@hastingshighlandslibrary.ca, continues to carefully select new items for the collection. Many summer visitors have commented that they are amazed at the quality of our collection. Amy, programs@hastingshighlandslibrary.ca, has recently joined the team and adds a strong artistic perspective to the programs. Ask Einstein, he knows.

We face challenges in growth. To meet a growing population and demand, and maintain our current programs and services, we need to retain and recruit the best. And we are lucky enough to have the best. Book sales, plant sales, and kind donations have helped offset some of the needs, but your interest in donating to the

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Last year's backpack launch, coordinated by Watersheds Canada, LSPPOA, and the HHPL, resulted in a heightened awareness by our young patrons of the opportunities to explore life outdoors in our Provincial Parks. Day passes for Ontario Parks can be checked out with your library card.



Bluegrass musicians every Friday morning 10 am to 12 noon. Photo by Wendy Keating.

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library is so important. New visitors are extremely impressed to find our jewel in this rural area. Our goal is to remain competitive in the level of quality service for many years to come. You must invest in your library to keep pace with the ever-changing world of our youth and our technologies while being mindful of the elder generation who led the way by molding the library for all ages to utilize, share, and enjoy. Freedom to learn is a right.



Solar Eclipse project during the March Break.



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A PLACE for the ARTS was born out of a collective vision to fill a void in Bancroft's creative community following the closure of Rural Roots restaurant in the fall of 2013. Determined to create a new space for artists to gather and flourish, a dedicated group embarked on a journey to establish "a Place for the Arts" at 23 Bridge Street. Through unwavering determination and collaboration, the space was transformed into a dynamic location where artists could exhibit their work, exchange ideas, and engage with the community.

Over the past decade, A PLACE for the ARTS has



continuously evolved, innovating in governance, membership structures, and programming, while remaining steadfast in its commitment to supporting local talent and its community.

Today it's a vibrant venue that provides a platform for over 40 artists to showcase their diverse talents, including paintings, sculptures, photographs, woodworking, mixed media art, stain glass designs, and much more. Thousands of art lovers and visitors come every year to see, enjoy, and buy art, making the local arts scene vibrant and supporting both

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We look forward to seeing you on June 7th, 8th and 9th at A PLACE for the ARTS, 23 Bridge Street West, in historic Bancroft.

For more information about A PLACE for the ARTS and the 10th Anniversary Open House, please visit our website www.apfta.ca.

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With bittersweet feelings, we bid farewell to BELCAST COTTAGES GENERAL STORE as it closes its doors. A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who has supported us over the years; it was greatly appreciated. Your unwavering support has meant everything. Moving forward, we will focus solely on cottage rentals. Cindy and Sabe eagerly anticipate embarking on a new chapter in their lives, filled with travels and cherished memories by the serene shores of beautiful Baptiste Lake.

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We are offering our Shoreline Bundle this year. It provides a selection of three species that will help re-naturalize your shoreline to prevent erosion and to reduce runoff into the lake. They include red osier dogwood, highbush cranberry, and buttonbush.

We are also offering white pine, white spruce, white cedar, white birch, red oak, bitternut hickory, butternut, red maple, sugar maple, black walnut, sandbar willow, and tamarack.

We introduced Saskatoon serviceberry and Cortland apple last year and are bringing them back due to popular demand.

Funds raised through this program are returned to the community through a number of initiatives that help engage, empower and educate about the importance of our natural environment, including the biennial Youth Environmental Summit in Algonquin

Park, The Wonders of Wetlands Day, invasive species education, and much more. Visit our on-line store on the BASC website <https://bascstore.ecwid.com>

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THERE'S LOTS TO SEE AT THE BANCROFT VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE THIS SUMMER

By Katherine Cappellacci and Tim Porter

Although it's only their third year running the Village Playhouse, Tweed & Company Theatre has established itself as Bancroft's major source of live entertainment, youth and adult theatre programming, and more. They've turned the Village Playhouse into the most significant arts and cultural venue in the region, and they're beyond proud to continue to uplift local artists all while bringing professional musical theatre and concerts into town.

Their fantastic 192-seat theatre hosts events all year long, from major concerts like Valdy and Becoming the Beatles, to mega musicals like last year's smash success, Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - which even featured a children's chorus made up of local youth. The company prioritizes accessibility and inclusivity, offering relaxed performances and ASL-interpreted shows, and is proud of the partnerships they have built with local businesses. All in all, they have established themselves as an arts hub created by and for the Bancroft community.

If you've spent your summers around town, then you've probably caught one of their theatre shows and can attest to the quality and calibre of their productions. There's lots to look forward to this summer - their upcoming season will be their biggest yet. "We are so ecstatic about the shows we're bringing to Bancroft in 2024," says Artistic Director Tim Porter. "It is our biggest and most exciting season yet, and there is so much still to announce!"

Their first main show of the season is Dear Rita, a tribute to Cape Breton's Rita MacNeil. The Ontario premiere of this production, it'll be onstage from June 12-16th. This incredibly touching show weaves together the stories and songs of this Canadian music icon's outstanding career and lasting legacy.

Then from July 17th to 28th, Tweed & Company is bringing Canada's most celebrated show to town: Anne of Green Gables - The Musical! A cast made up of both professional performers and local talent will tell this beloved, heartwarming story of Anne's life when she moves to Avonlea. Audiences will once again be captivated by L. M. Montgomery's timeless story of friendship and belonging.

Rounding out the summer is the Tony-nominated, Broadway hit, Million Dollar Quartet, playing from August 21st to September 1st. This musical tells the story of an extraordinary twist of fate that found Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presely, Johnny Cash, and Carl Perkins together for one legendary evening at Sun Records in Memphis in 1956.

Plus, Tweed & Company is running summer youth theatre camps once again, with one for kids ages 7-12 and a teen camp for those ages 12-18. There are tons of concerts to catch too, with upcoming shows including Becoming The Beatles: Unplugged on May 4th, and In Spite of Ourselves: An Evening of John Prine on May 31st.

There will also be many soon-to-be announced concerts in the fall. Billboard in Concert: 2000 is coming from Capitol Theatre Port Hope on October 27th, which is going to be a fantastic performance filled with everyone's favourite songs from the year 2000.

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The advertisement for Vance Motors is set against a yellow background. At the top left, a white Chevrolet pickup truck is shown with a smaller, silver toy truck in front of it. To the right of the truck is a large QR code. Below the truck and QR code, the text "Vance Motors" is written in a red, cursive font. Underneath this, the "CHEVROLET" logo is visible. Further down, the logos for "DODGE", "Jeep", and "RAM" are displayed. Below these logos, the website "www.VANCEMOTORS.com" and the phone number "1-800-55-VANCE" are listed. A line of text reads "Proud to be a local family owned & operated business for over 80 years." Below this, a black banner contains the text "SALES, LEASING, PARTS, SERVICE & DETAILING" in white. At the bottom, there are two more images: a white pickup truck on the left and a yellow pickup truck on the right. The "Vance CUSTOMS" logo is overlaid on the white truck, and the "Vance PERFORMANCE" logo is overlaid on the yellow truck. Both logos include the website "www.VANCEMOTORS[PERFORMANCE/CUSTOMS].com".



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Then, A Night At The Grand Ghouls Opry is taking centre stage from October 30th to November 3rd. It's going to be a family-friendly Halloween extravaganza filled with great songs, hilarious storytelling, and so much more! Then, rounding out the 2024 season is A Christmas Carol. A unique spin on the classic tale, this show is guaranteed to put audience members in the holiday spirit. It will run at the Village Playhouse from December 11th to 21st.

The 2024 season's marketing campaign is aptly put: This. Is. The Year! "Meaning that if you haven't been to one of our shows yet, then THIS is the season to do so, because it's going to be an exceptional season from beginning to end," Tim explains. "We have over 200 single performances happening across three venues in one of Ontario's most beautiful regions... if you have been waiting to check us out, this is the

year to do it!"

Along with the Village Playhouse, Tweed & Company Theatre proudly operates the Marble Arts Centre in Actinolite (which is currently undergoing a major renovation) and the Tweed & Company Outdoor Stage. A registered charity, they were recently honoured to have been named one of the Top 100 festivals and events in the province for the second year in a row.

Tickets are already on sale for all mentioned shows, and they're moving quickly. Single tickets range in price from \$38.50 for adults, \$33.50 for seniors 65+, \$25.00 for arts workers, and \$23.50 for students/youth. Plus, Tweed & Company is pleased to offer two types of season passes that offer patrons a 15% discount to all their major shows. Visit www.villageplayhouse.ca for tickets or call the box office at 613-478-6060.

PRESERVING BAPTISTE LAKE'S LAKE TROUT: A CALL TO ACTION

By Gary Pirko

In our quest to safeguard the Lake Trout population of Baptiste Lake, we are reaching out to our dedicated Lake Trout fishermen for assistance. Collaborating closely with the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forest (MNR), we have made significant strides in assessing the environment and habitat of Lake Trout in Baptiste Lake. Thanks to the unwavering dedication of the Baptiste Lake Association (BLA), we are now delving even deeper into our study.

One of our primary concerns revolves around identifying the specific DNA strain of Lake Trout present in our lake. While the Hatchery stands ready to support a stocking program, it is imperative that we ensure the correct DNA strain is replenished. Stocking the wrong strain could have dire consequences, disrupting the natural balance and potentially halting the reproduction of our current population.

The MNR have agreed to accept a valid DNA report from the BLA. To this end, the BLA Board is now seeking 30 samples of Lake Trout for analysis.

These samples should consist of small portions of fins, scales from the shoulder area, or, if not released, harvested portions of bones or tissue samples. Each sample should be carefully labeled with the approximate catch location (GPS coordinates preferred), date, and approximate length, girth, and weight.

Samples can be conveniently dropped off at Belcast Cottages, located at 1799 N Baptiste Lake Road. Call ahead to 1-613-332-4550. Alternatively, arrangements can be made for pick-up by contacting Paul Coleman at 416-722-0642. For any inquiries or to inform us of sample submissions, please reach out to me directly at garypirko@gmail.com.

Together, let us continue our commitment to the preservation and prosperity of Baptiste Lake's Lake Trout population. Thank you for your dedication to this vital cause.

ART IN THE COMMUNITY: THE AGB IN 2024

By Molly Moldovan

For anyone new to the area, or new to us, the Art Gallery of Bancroft (AGB) promotes art and the creatives who make art in our area and beyond, by mounting monthly exhibitions and hosting artist talks and workshops by featured artists. This volunteer-led gallery is also home to an eclectic shop filled with exceptional work by local artisans and artists. You'll find us at 10 Flint Avenue in Bancroft (just off the main street downtown).

Our exhibition year is now well under way, with an interesting and diverse line-up. Many of this year's exhibitions focus on important themes that in one way or another, touch all of us: mental health, the environment, coping with isolation, loss, and grief. Each artist has their own way of expressing these themes, and individually, their work creates engaging and powerful dialogues with the viewers.

The AGB was closed for renovation for the first week of March. A generous capital improvement grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation enabled us to proceed with a much needed rebuild of our exhibition space.

As I write this, we are preparing for a joyous reopening, with the annual, juried Under 19 student exhibition. I can't think of a happier way to celebrate than with artwork by talented and accomplished student artists!

In May, local artist Lynne Vegter's A Question of Balance will address the effects of climate change on the natural environment.

June will feature the work of William Kingfisher, whose large-scale artworks juxtapose text and images to explore themes that arise from the "interaction of an Anishinaabe world view as contained within their (written) songs, drawings on the land (the Petroglyphs and rock drawings) and the birchbark drawings, with contemporary issues."

In July, Nathan Cole's meticulous scratchboard portraits of wildlife will fill the gallery. In Nathan's words, "Scratchboard, by its very construction and purpose, is a very fragile medium - you create by taking away and any missed stroke could ruin what you have created so far. Humanity and its relation to nature are quite similar. Humans create their society by taking away, cutting

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down and stripping the resources to
create their cities and culture.”

August brings us the whimsical
creations of Alisa McDonald, whose
textile works meld portraiture with
abstraction. “My work has always in-
volved faces. This comes from a love
of storytelling, fables, and folklore.
I’m one of those people who finds
faces in everything so I’m exploring;
Why do humans do that? And, how
abstracted can a face become before
it’s unrecognizable? Can it still tell a
story?”

September will feature Cross-Cut,
Rob Niezen’s series of linocuts that
are “a contemporary response to tra-
ditional songs collected by CBC’s
Edith Fowke in rural Ontario during
the 1950s and ‘60s. The underlying
themes of these songs are of a time-
less nature, as they deal with human
existence: love, deception, politics,
war, immigration, work, leisure, mur-
der, death, etc. The linocuts use both
the traditional method of carving the
material, and more recent and experi-
mental ways of mark making, includ-
ing laser engraving and etching. The
work invites viewers to reflect on so-
ciety in the past and today; superficial-
ly things have changed, but the human
conditions now are not that different
from 150 years ago.”

October will bring us Henry Melissa
Gordon’s *Alchemy Dream Journals*.
“In these drawings and paintings, I am trying to catch
the ‘random/not random’ quality of dreaming. In each
artwork there is a form that contrasts with the freedom
and mystery in the ‘writing’ quality. I am also working
to expose layers of colour and variations of tone to con-
vey an essence of expanded space beyond the boundar-
ies and limitations of our physical world.”

In November’s *NYC Revisited*, David Holden ex-
presses themes of loss and grief by recontextualizing
images in his realistically rendered paintings.

December’s exhibition is the highly anticipated,
42nd annual juried exhibition, which historically has



Winter Shadows by Lynne Vegter

featured work from more than 60
Ontario-based artists. Our juror for
this exhibition will be announced at
a later date – stay tuned!

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teers. Volunteers learn the day-to-
day business of gallery operations.
They are given insight into the in-
tent and meaning of each exhibiting
artist’s work, creating opportunities
for interesting and enlightening dis-
cussions with the visiting public.
If you are someone with time and
energy and want to become more
involved with your community, the
AGB may be a perfect fit! Your in-
volvement could be as much, or as
little, as you would like. More infor-
mation at: www.artgallerybancroft.ca/index.php/join-and-support/become-a-volunteer.

As a non-profit public art gal-
lery, the AGB funds itself without
arts council support. Memberships
form the single largest component
of the gallery’s operating budget.
Members have a vote at the annual
general meeting and receive regular
updates on events. An AGB mem-
bership makes an amazing gift to
anyone in your life who is interest-
ed in art and culture. Most impor-
tantly, your membership supports
the AGB’s ongoing activities and,

by extension, the artists who exhibit there. Member-
ship ranges from a modest \$25 to \$500; tax receipts are
available for all memberships and/or donations. You
can join online at <https://www.artgallerybancroft.ca/index.php/join-and-support/become-a-member>, or in
person at the AGB’s front desk.

We hope to see you at our opening receptions,
7:30 pm on the first Friday of every month!

Molly Moldovan is a visual artist living and work-
ing in North Kawartha since 1989. She is Chair of
the AGB’s Board of directors and heads the AGB’s
curatorial committee.

BAPTISTE LAKE MARINA

Dear Baptiste Lake Community,

As we welcome the gentle breezes of spring, we find ourselves reflecting on a truly remarkable milestone: one year of serving you here at Baptiste Lake Marina. This past year has been an incredible journey, and we are very excited about the upcoming season!

Whether you've joined us for a day of boating on the crystal-clear waters of Baptiste Lake, or simply stopped by for ice cream and a new cool t-shirt, we hope you noticed some of the changes we have been working on to improve your experience when visiting the Marina.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to unveil some exciting events designed to bring our community together. Among the highlights is the introduction of yoga sessions on the dock, a great opportunity to connect with yourself and your neighbours! Bring your yoga mat and stay for a coffee or tea. Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook @baptistelakemarina for the latest updates on this and other upcoming events, we can't wait to share some new lake experiences with you!

We are committed to keep improving and offering services that will enhance your trip to the lake. Keep an eye out for new arrivals at the store, including some local vendors! We invite you to



BAPTISTE LAKE MARINA

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Boat Storage - Ramp - Mechanical Services
Boat Rentals - Fishing Tackle - Bait

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reach out to us to let us know if there's anything specific you'd like to see, we're always eager to hear your feedback!

Sincerely,

Your Baptiste Lake Marina Team

BLA 75TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS

To mark the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the BLA, the Association has organized the production of these t-shirts shown. These will be available for sale for \$25.00 at the opening event and other events this summer. You can order online through our Facebook page or mybaptistelake@gmail.com

*Saying on back of t-shirt:
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We offer memberships for one or three year terms. Cost for one year \$25, three years \$60. Please note that all membership expiry dates are March 31, our fiscal year end. We offer 3 methods of payment:

- **CHEQUE** - Please complete this form and send it along with a cheque payable to "Baptiste Lake Association", PO Box 877, Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0.
- **ETRANSFER** - Send payment to MyBaptisteLake@gmail.com. Please include necessary information to ensure we have your correct mailing, lake, and email addresses.
- **PAYPAL** - Use the link on our membership page on our website www.baptistelake.org.

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