

Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh

CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

— SPRING 2006 NEWSLETTER —



President's Message

Many of us got a real shock last year with our assessment notices from MPAC - we are counting on our elected councilors in Whitestone to act in a responsible way when they set the budget and the mil rate - the Association is very pleased that Andy Vurma volunteered to participate in a committee that Whitestone set up to look at the whole MPAC process. Andy was elected Chairman of this committee and he's written a report for us in this issue. (Thanks Andy!). I found it interesting that no other cottage association in the municipality sent a representative - in fact Andy is the only seasonal resident on this committee.

I checked the "Sounding Board" today on our Association website - some folks report that they are getting fair-to-middling reception on their cell phones - one fellow was startled when he received a call - in the privy!

I want to welcome Al Gilewicz to the Board - Al's family has a long, deep and abiding love for the Lake - I'm really pleased that Al stepped forward. As well as a cottager, Al is a sculptor, and the prime mover behind the Art Show & Sale we have had a couple of times over the years. Thanks Al!

After a long hard look at the high costs, mixed benefits, and doubtful outcome of fighting the provincial government on the establishment of a high water level and a flood plain, the Association board decided not to take that road. Dalton Ferris explains more in his piece in this issue.

This will be my last "President's Message" - at the Annual General Meeting in August, I will be stepping down to serve as Past-President. It's been a very rewarding three years for me - I have met many more people on the Lake and in the Municipality than I would have otherwise. I see the next few years as being transitional times on Lake WahWashKesh. We've undertaken many big projects - land use planning when we were in the unorganized Mackenzie Township, and the building of the replacement dam - now we have a municipal government, the MPAC computer in Toronto thinks our cottages are valued similarly to Muskoka, and we are getting cell phone service in our outhouses! - so the role of the Association will probably change as well.

Well - the ice is out! and the boats are in! Time to get the docks spruced up and the pumps primed!

See you at the Lake!

John Nelson, President, Stillwater Cottage

Pickrel Rock Motors opened last summer!



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Official Plan Whitestone

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing have been reviewing the Whitestone Official Plan draft since November of 2003. There has been considerable dialogue with other ministries, with the Municipality and with John Jackson the planning consultant. In October /November 2005 the Municipality was presented with "decision" paper from Elizabeth A. McLaren-Assistant Deputy Minister Municipal Services Division. This decision paper presented the language and modifications that had to be incorporated in the draft plan in order for Municipal Affairs to approve Whitestone's draft plan.

Whitestone Council has been asked to provide the ministry with a resolution of Council indicating their level of support for the proposed modifications included in the decision paper.

The decision paper included 33 wording and clause changes to the draft official plan. The amendments covered the following:

- 6 language and clause changes to roads and transportation
- 11 language and clause changes to "natural resources"
- 2 environmental language and clause changes
- 6 land use and lake specific policy changes
- 6 administrative/special policy changes

Going forward there will be no building and or additional materials added onto flood plain and all structures must be above 229.57 metres elevation.

The association executive reviewed the language changes and informed the Municipality that we would not oppose the changes proposed by the Ministry. Conducting a challenge to the language changes proposed would have been very costly from an engineering/consultant perspective. A challenge would have involved flood plain analysis by expert people-essentially we decided to leave that decision up to the Municipality of Whitestone and their Planning and Development Committee.

John Jackson informed me today-April 3rd-that Whitestone had asked that he draft a resolution of Council indicating their support for the proposed modifications-with this resolution the Ministry will approve our draft OP-I understand this approval process should take up to 60 days-so by late May or mid June we should have an Official Plan

In due course the new plan language will appear on the Whitestone web site

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The Whitestone Assessment Review Adhoc Committee

In November 2005, the Citizens Budget Review Committee for the Municipality of Whitestone, heard concerns from property owners about perceived inequities in the assessment process, and felt it had to do something besides just hearing gripes, so they prepared a recommendation for council, in the hopes that solutions could be found. As a result, Council appointed our committee in early February 2006. Our mandate is to present recommendations for change to Council in late September or early October 2006.

Committee Members are (see Mar 4 Beacon Star <http://www.parrysound-beaconstar.com/1141408227/>):

Don Carter	- Councilor
Murray Chambers	- Whitestone/permanent/business/residential
Bill Church	- Mayor
Gary Fulmer	- Whitestone Lake/permanent/residential
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Marsha Murphy	- Bolger Lake/permanent/residential
Larry Samis	- Whitestone Lake/permanent/residential
Alex Spicer	- Maple Island/permanent/residential
Andy Vurma(Chair)	- LakeWahwashkesh/seasonal/residential
Richard Watts	- Magnetawan/permanent/Real Estate
Louise Woods	- Ardbeg/permanent/residential

We have broken up into 3 sub-teams, each taking a topic to research.

They are:

- Reviewing and understanding the MPAC Process;
- Reviewing and understanding the Municipal Revenues and the Services it provides; and,
- Reviewing and understanding possible alternative methods of assessment for Whitestone.

After a month's work, all teams have made good progress, with quite a bit of work still to be done before we report back to Council with our recommendations. The third meeting of this Committee (which is always open to the Public) will occur on **April 26th at 1:30pm at the Maple Island Community Hall.**

The first **Public Meeting/Open House** is planned for **Saturday, May 13th at 10am at the Community Centre in Dunchurch**, where the Committee will present its initial findings and seek input from the public.

Also planned are **presentations at various meetings of Cottage Associations**, where we are looking for their comments and input. Individual meeting dates will be arranged with each cottage group to suit.

The day before our last committee meeting, the Ombudsman of Ontario issued his long awaited report on the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. In his press conference André Marin began by clarifying his role as the Ombudsman, which is to be the "ultimate check and balance of the administration of the Provincial Government". The Ombudsman is there to "compliment the role of the legislators and not to supplant their authority. As such, deciding whether it is a good idea to have a corporation such as MPAC, conduct assessments, or whether the existing regime of applying current market value to assessed properties is the right one, is not a task for the Ombudsman of Ontario, but one for Queens Park".

In his 94-page report entitled "Getting It Right", André Marin outlined 22 recommendations to improve the assessment system, of which 20 are within the control of MPAC to implement. MPAC has agreed to immediately implement 17 of these recommendations and agreeing in principle, the remaining 3 need further study. The recommendations deal with changes in procedures within MPAC to make the system more equitable and transparent while encouraging a change to MPAC's "culture" to be that of "a public servant in the public trust". MPAC has agreed to report back in 6 months on their progress.

The remaining 2 recommendations are the responsibility of the government of Ontario to implement. Shortly after the Ombudsman's report, the Government of Ontario announced an **extension of 90 days to the March**



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The Ombudsman stated at the Press conference... "As of today, the provincial assessor of your property should be behaving differently than yesterday!"

To see the full report, you can order a copy by calling the Ombudsman's office at 1-800-263-1830 or you can access their website at www.ombudsman.on.ca where a full copy of his report can be found; and you can listen to the 30 minutes press conference that the Ombudsman held on March 28 at 10:30 am.

If you have some ideas that would be helpful to our committee, I invite you to contact me at 519-681-8855 or at vurma.family@sympatico.ca.

Andy Vurma, Chair

Improved Cellular Coverage throughout the Dunchurch Area

Over this past Winter Bell Mobility has constructed and activated three new cellular sites that have dramatically improved cellphone operation throughout the Dunchurch area. The sites located near Magnetawan, Dunchurch and McKellar now provide for continuous cellphone access along

Highway 124 from Parry Sound to Sundridge.

In addition cellphone access is now possible along the southern part of the "Bunny Trail" and on Highway 520 from Burke's Falls to the junction with Highway 124. The new sites will also provide Rogers Wireless services.

Anyone using an older analog mode only phone will have to upgrade to take advantage of the improved coverage as the new sites will provide only digital services.

Unfortunately Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh is on the fringe of coverage from the new Dunchurch site and cottagers are unlikely to see any great improvement in operation of their cellphones at the cottage. Coverage on Highway 520 west of Maple Island becomes somewhat spotty as Wah-Wash-Kesh Road is approached and remains unreliable around the south-eastern area of The Big Lake.

This situation, together with the fact that Bell Canada has removed the planned tower to be constructed near Taylor's Bay from its list of sites to be developed under its SIP (System Improvement Plan) means that we are unlikely to see any short-term improvement in phone access around the Lake. Apparently there were not enough subscribers who paid the initial deposit to meet Bell's minimum funding formula for SIP. Several members who had paid the deposit have recently received a refund.

Chris Downes

Sly Fox Golf Club

At this writing we have been unable to conduct a spring inspection of the golf course property, but barring any unusual circumstances (winter kill, etc.,) the new Sly Fox Golf Club should be open for play, sometime this June.

So, cottagers on Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh, can now add golf, to their list of leisure activities, and we believe you'll be pleasantly surprised at what has been created from the wilderness, surrounding Absolute Peace & Quiet Lakefront Cottages.

Of the 9 holes, no's 2, 3, 4, & 5 play directly over or around the lake, and are especially attractive.

The course features 2 separated sets of tees, one for men, and another for ladies/seniors.

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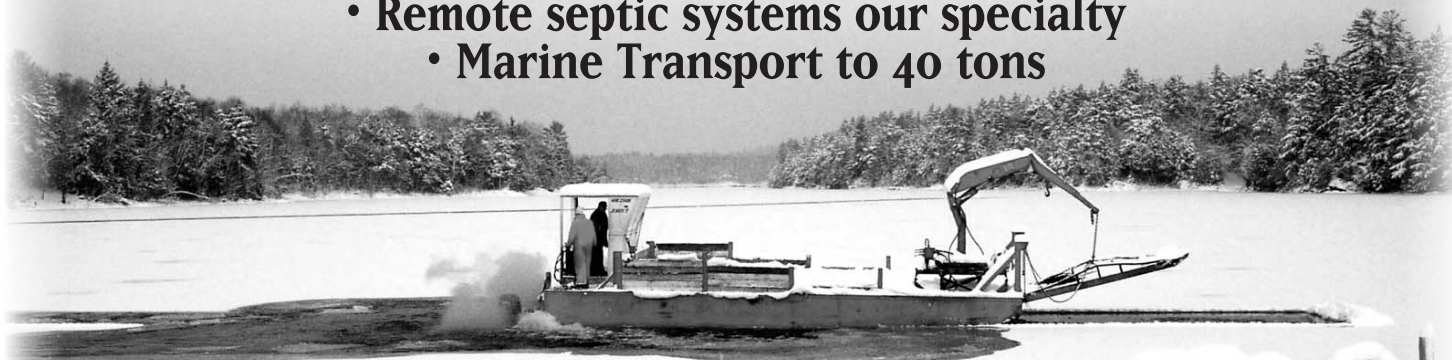
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Dock Committee Report

Sometimes good things come to those who wait - I guess that is how I would describe the users of the Bennett's Bay public landing. In late 2004, I approached the Municipality with a request to widen the approach road down to our dock, and put in ditching on the south side of the road - to help prevent gravel and sand from washing down from the hill into the water right in front of the fixed wooden pier. Whitestone put the item into the 2005 budget, and in the late fall work started. Working closely with Mr. Ed Bennett, rock from the hillside was blasted away and the road was widened. We'll see the impact in the spring - when we get our first real downpour!

This season, John Kormos and I and the rest of the usual gang of dock workers will do some usual repairs to both docks. Bennett's Bay dock needs a hinge replaced between two floating sections thanks to the person who drove an SUV onto the dock. Indian Narrows dock is in pretty good shape now that we have the new concrete abutment in place.

Don't forget to order your dock sticker - we goofed up in 2005 by not having a goodly supply at Bennett's store and at Hayward's - we'll make sure that doesn't happen in 2006!

John Nelson, Chairman, Dock Committee
Stillwater Cottage, The North End

Membership

Thank you to all of the members who have renewed this spring. Through Chris Downes, your treasurer, I have mailed out approximately 165 memberships and 65 dock stickers as of April 15. Again you will find the standard renewal form for 2006/2007 in this newsletter. While we encourage membership and dock permit renewal through the mail you will be able to purchase both at Haywards and Bennetts by mid May for your convenience. As always we will be on hand at the AGM to provide you with an opportunity to purchase your renewals as well as cottage directories. Lesley Hugill, our editor is currently updating our brochure which will be included with the spring newsletter and at the stores on the lake for those interested in learning more about the association. Again we applaud our advertisers for their support and encourage members to consider them when you require services. Thanks for your support of the Conservation Association.

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The following story was copied from a newspaper clipping found among papers from George Everett Scroggie. Mr Scroggie was among the original founders of the WWK Association and he was a long time resident of Hamilton. The clipping is believed to be from The Hamilton Spectator. Ken and Donnie do not have any recollection of the events and the date of the article is still in question. (Believed to be anywhere from 1920's to 1940's).

Were Forced to Trek Way Out of Bush *Had to Hire Dog-Sled From Indian Up North*

If any readers happen not to agree with Robert W. Service that "the north countree is a hard countree," let them read this saga of dog-sleds and midnight treks through the frozen wilds, and ponder.

After enjoying several days' hunting at Deer lake, some 250 miles north of Hamilton, in the Parry Sound district, during the last two weeks, three local hunters, Ewart Dixon, 53 George street; John R. Andrews, 26 Cumberland avenue, and Gordon Truscott, 926 Beach boulevard, accompanied by four out-of-town friends, were hemmed in by ice floes and had to trek their way out.

Long Trip

The party motored up to Ardbeg, a small town, and from there to within ten miles of Land Inn lodge, owned by Charles S. Clark, of Toronto, a member of the group. The last ten miles of the trip was made by boat. Cold weather, setting in a few days after their arrival, caused the water in the narrows at the entrance of the numerous bays to freeze. On November 15 Guy Hayward, the boatman who took in the party, worked his way in a boat through the ice, and advised the men that if they did not come out with him then he could not promise to get them out until the end of winter. The idea of the prolonged hunting season did not appeal, but a search for two members of the party revealed that they were out on the trail of the elusive moose, so they stayed. On Saturday, after the lake had frozen solidly,

back came the imperturbable Mr. Hayward, this time on foot. He told the expedition to start back toward civilization that night, and to follow his trail through the snow. The hunters took his advice and began the long hike at 5 o'clock, carrying dunnage bags, equipment and six deer, trophies of the hunt, with them.

Tramp, Tramp, Tramp

One mile across the ice they tramped, one mile through the bush, one mile across open water in motor boats supplied by the good Mr. Hayward, another mile to Indian portage, where they got extremely tired of the deer and dunnage and deposited the cargo, and then onward to Harrison Landing, where they met another group of nearly marooned hunters. From there by motor truck, again manned by the ever-present Hayward, they were taken to Ardbeg.

All the time this march was going on the temperature was standing at 10 degrees below zero, adding nothing to the joys of a stroll under the northern lights. Another hazard arose to confound the already confounded hunters when the truck froze up en route to Ardbeg. Fires were lighted on the roadside and the party attempted to thaw out themselves and the truck simultaneously, with fair success. Finally they arrived in Ardbeg at 3 o'clock on Sunday morning. After a brief rest several of the party, including the Hamiltonians, led by Mr. Dixon, hired a dog-sled from an Indian and, in true Eskimo

fashion, started back for the dunnage and game, returning with their cargo late that evening. Piling into their cars they set out for home and lots of heat. Once again fate strode across their paths, this time in the guise of a slippery hill which made progress impossible. Trudging back once again to Ardbeg, they got the truck and had their car towed in. The men finally got away yesterday at noon, arriving in Hamilton at 10 o'clock last night.

Not So Bad

Talking about their experiences, Mr. Dixon said this morning that it wasn't so bad—just a bit cold, and then walking across the ice in the pitch dark, not knowing if it was strong enough to hold us,

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and tramping through the heavy bush in 10 degrees below zero weather, was a bit unpleasant."

All things considered, he is probably right, but then men do strange things in the name of sport, and—stranger still—like it.

Fish Committee Report

On December 28, 2005, the Fish Committee met with two representatives of the Manitou-Sequin Game and Fish Club who donated \$1160.00 to The WahWashKesh Conservation Association for pickerel spawning bed rehabilitation work. The money was left over from a large fish derby they hold each summer. This amount covered the cost of the rubble purchased in the Fall except for \$162.50 for GST and PST which the Association has agreed to cover. *We plan to barge the rubble from Bennett's to Whitestone Chutes on June 17, 2006. Anyone interested in helping should meet at Bennett's barge dock at 9:30 that morning.* The Committee has also submitted CFWIP applications to the OMNR for funding to purchase rubble for Farm Creek pickerel spawning bed and another application for funding to cover the cost of the barge.

Ken Taylor has been negotiating with the Parry Sound Detachment of the OPP to get pumps and other equipment which were used in grow-ops and have been seized by the OPP. These items could be used to help fight fires on the Lake.

Members of the Fish Committee received a package of material from Eric McIntyre, Fisheries Biologist with the Parry Sound Ministry of Natural Resources. In the package Mr. McIntyre states that he has "unilaterally revised the proposal to open only the north basin of the lake to winter fishing". Mr. McIntyre and the Provincial regulations committee feel that opening only the north basin is much more defensible biologically rather than opening the entire lake and it does not jeopardize rehabilitation efforts for lake trout. Mr. McIntyre has committed to attend our Annual General Meeting on August 5th, and will explain the rationale for his proposal then, as well as the new regulations for slot size for pickerel.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a Public Input Questionnaire concerning the Lake Trout Sanctuary/Winter Closure, which should be completed a.s.a.p. and returned to either Eric McIntyre or a member of the Fish Committee. Anyone wishing a copy of the Lake Trout Sanctuary/Winter Closure Discussion Paper for Public Consultation, please contact Don Comrie at 416-241-5353 and he will send you a copy.

Don Comrie, For the Fish Committee

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Summer Book Reviews by N. Glenn Perrett

With summer just around the corner it is time to collect your summer reading. The following are some recently published books that I've enjoyed.

Building Green: A Complete How-To Guide to Alternatives Building Methods

Clark Snell & Tim Callahan.

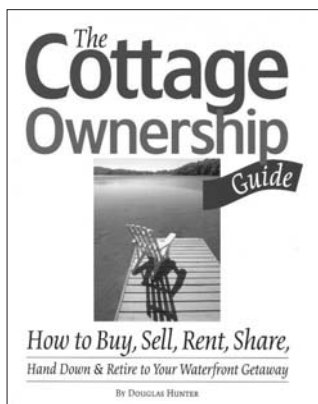
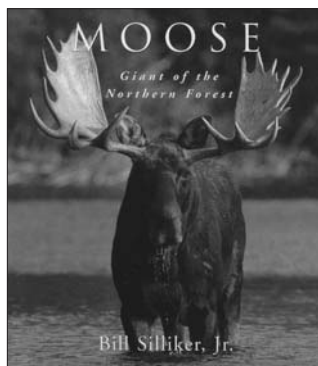
Distributed in Canada by the Canadian Manda Group (ISBN: 1579905323)

With 6.5 billion people on the planet we need to live more sustainably and this includes the homes and cottages in which we live. Building Green is an informative book that covers earth-friendly building techniques such as cordwood construction and straw bale construction. Solar power, living roofs and other building topics are covered in this interesting guide. More than 1,200 colour photographs complement the text.

The Cottage Ownership Guide: How to Buy, Sell, Rent, Share, Hand Down & Retire to Your Waterfront Getaway

Douglas Hunter. Distributed by Firefly Books (ISBN: 0969692250)

Cottages are great places for families to get together in a relaxed, scenic environment. And while the goal of leading a simpler life, at least for part of the year, is a major reason we get a cottage, there are more complicated issues that come with owning one. In The Cottage Ownership Guide Douglas Hunter addresses many issues pertaining to getting, buying, financing, sharing, renting, selling, relocating and handing down a cottage. Hunter provides considerable information on the many aspects of cottage ownership as well as how to successfully find and buy your nature retreat.



Leaf Hunter

Marie-Claire La Flair, Scholastic Canada Ltd.

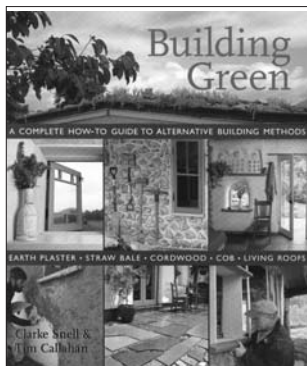
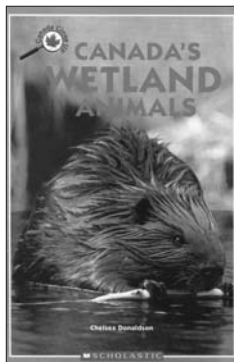
(ISBN: 0439956986). Ages 6-10

Leaf Hunter is a book that encourages children to learn more about trees by finding and collecting leaves. The beginning of the book provides information on how to prepare a leaf collection, pressing and drying leaves and putting them in the book as well as a section on "The Anatomy of a Leaf." Children will enjoy searching for, collecting and gluing 23 types of leaves on their appropriate pages in this informative nature activity book.

Canada's Wetland Animals

Chelsea Donaldson, Scholastic Canada Ltd. (ISBN: 0439956757). Ages 6+

We all need to learn more about our non-human neighbours with whom we share the lake. Canada's Wetland Animals contains lots of interesting information about wetlands and the animals who live here. Did you know that, "Canada has 25% of the world's wetlands."? Informative text and colour photos educate the reader about beavers, river otters, moose, great blue herons, common loons, mallard ducks, snapping turtles, crayfish, bullfrogs, dragonflies and leeches.



Nature Books from Key Porter

Key Porter Books publishes many quality nature books.

A few that cottagers will be interested in are: **The Natural History of Canada** by R.D. Lawrence (ISBN: 1552636542, updated and revised by Michal Polak), **Moose:**

Giant of the Northern Forest by Bill Silliker, Jr. (ISBN: 1552636798) and **A World for Butterflies: Their Lives, Behavior and Future** by Phil Schappert

(ISBN: 1552636771).

One of Canada's most respected conservationists, R.D. Lawrence, provides an informative look at Canada's incredible natural world and includes chapters on the boreal forest, the coast region, water and life, the grasslands and the Acadian Region, to name a few. Cottagers at Lake Wahwashkesh are fortunate to have moose as neighbours and Silliker's book educates us about this magnificent animal. Anyone who likes butterflies will enjoy Schappert's entertaining look at these beautiful animals.

Learning about species is an important first step in protecting them and these books provide lots of information on animals and nature making them important additions to the cottage library!

365 Ways to Save the Earth

Philippe Bourseiller. Distributed in Canada by the Canadian Manda Group (ISBN: 0810959518)

365 Ways to Save the Earth is an attractive book that will appeal to those who want to protect the environment as well as those who like beautiful photographs of the natural world. Each day of the year features a photograph, a threat to the environment as well as things that you can do to minimize the threat and help to protect the planet. 365 Ways to Save the Earth would make a thoughtful gift.

Nature Books from Firefly Books

Firefly Books has several books that cottagers will find useful at the lake. Four bird identification books that would make good additions to your library are **Hawks & Owls of**

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Green Corner by N. Glenn Perrett

*What we use and how we use it makes a big difference on how we treat the environment.
The following are some eco-items that I've been impressed with.*

the Great Lakes Region & Eastern North America (ISBN: 1552978478), **Sparrows & Finches of the Great Lakes Region & Eastern North America** (ISBN: 1552977072), **Waterfowl of Eastern North America** (ISBN: 1554070570) and **Warblers of the Great Lakes Region of Eastern North America** (ISBN: 1552977099).

Another informative Firefly Book that contains lots of beautiful photographs is **Firefly Encyclopedia of Trees** (ISBN: 1554070511). This book contains information about trees in general as well forest ecosystems and many kinds of trees.

Kingfisher Books Provide Entertaining Short Stories

Ages 9-14

Kingfisher (distributed in Canada by Thomas Allen & Son) has numerous entertaining books for children aged 9-14. Recently our daughter enjoyed **Horse & Pony Stories** (ISBN: 0753456397) which consists of 20 stories written by such authors as Anna Sewell, C. S. Lewis and D. H. Lawrence. Of course scary stories are a must for the cottage and **Ghost Stories** (ISBN: 0753456753) with writers such as Charles Dickens and Ray Bradbury along with **Supernatural Stories** (ISBN: 0753457199) by such authors as Mark Twain and Rudyard Kipling will provide some frightfully enjoyable reading!

CC Vivid LED Spotlight

(C. Crane Company)

While more expensive, some products last much longer and require considerably less energy making them more economical in the long run. And because they last much longer they cause much less garbage. This is the case with the CC Vivid LED Spotlight. This energy efficient bulb reportedly uses only 8 watts of electricity to power 60 white LEDs! The spotlight provides a pleasant, soft blue-white light making it preferable for neighbours who don't want to see bright lights around the lake when they go to the cottage. C. Crane Company has an impressive selection of other LED light bulbs too.

Pedometer *(C. Crane Company)*

Walking is an eco-friendly way to stay in shape. C. Crane Company offers the Omron Digital Pedometer that lets you know how beneficial your nature walks are. Setting the pedometer to your weight and stride length and clipping it to your pants will display how far you've walked, the number of steps that you've taken and the number of calories that you've burned.

Parachute Hammock

(Lee Valley Tools Ltd.)

The Parachute Hammock is environmentally-friendly because it attaches around trees with ropes as opposed to having hardware that goes into trees. The hammock is made of "rip-stop parachute nylon" and the hammock bed measures 10' long by 64" wide. Another impressive feature pertains to its light weight (less than 1 lb.) and compact size (is contained in

its own 9" by 10" sack) making it ideal to take camping.

Soy Gel Professional Paint Stripper *(Franmar Chemical)*

I have refinished numerous pieces of furniture. Refinishing furniture is environmentally friendly in that it makes use of an already existing item. I haven't enjoyed using the toxic strippers though. Recently I tried Soy Gel, a paint stripper that, according to the literature, is "100% biodegradable" and "non-caustic & non-hazardous".



Eco-products for the cottage include the Freeplay Jonta flashlight, a pedometer as well as environmentally friendly coffees and teas.

The thick solution made from soybeans has a low evaporation rate. I tried Soy Gel on a desk. After applying a relatively thick coat of Soy Gel I left it for a few hours. It effectively removed both coats of paint over much of where I applied it. I'm looking forward to using this product for future furniture restoration projects.

Freeplay Jonta

(C. Crane Company)

This eco-flashlight is very impressive combining LED lighting with wind-up technology. The Freeplay Jonta has three modes of use: (i) low light which saves energy, (ii) bright beam

and (iii) flashing light. There are two ways to charge the flashlight – by winding it up or by recharging the battery. Since we lose power several times a year at home and are frequently going to the cottage, this quality flashlight is very useful.

Coffee With a Conscience

Recently I had the pleasure of trying two of The Creemore Coffee Company's excellent coffees – Café Femenino, an organic coffee grown in Peru, and Christmas Blend, from the cloud forests of Latin America.

The Creemore Coffee Company offers several organic, shade-grown, fair trade coffees. Shade-grown coffee protects the natural habitat and the animals who are dependent on it and organic coffee is grown without the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers. Fair trade coffee helps to ensure that growers attain a fair price and have decent working conditions. Café Femenino is produced by women farmers in Peru who "are involved in all parts of the coffee's production including how proceeds are spent."

The Creemore Coffee Company also offers many varieties of tea, several of which are organic, as well as organic, shade-grown, fair trade hot chocolate.

Where to Find These Eco-Products

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Lee Valley Tools Ltd. www.leevalley.com
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Event Calendar 2006

**Saturday,
July 15
Wiener Roast**
4pm—Straubs Beach
(Raindate: Sunday, July 16, 3-5pm)

**Saturday,
August 5
Annual Meeting**
9:30am—
Bennett's Barn

**Sunday,
August 6
Dock N'Rock Sale**
8:30am—
Boyter's Cottage
(see map at right)
(Raindate: Monday, August 7)

**Saturday,
August 19
Corn Roast**
4pm—Straubs Beach
(Raindate: Sun., Aug. 20, 2-4pm)

housewares • sporting goods • games • puzzles • books
• collectibles • crafts • toys • housewares • games

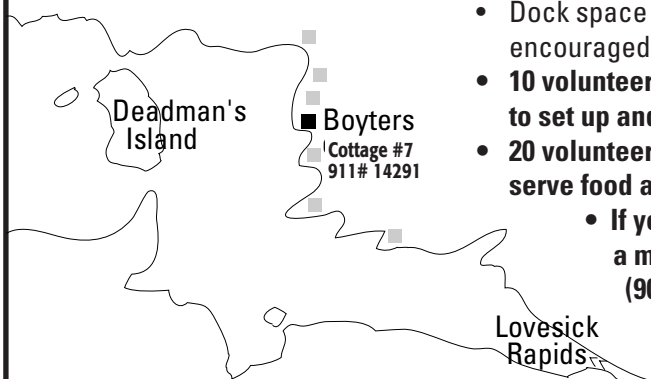
Rock N' Dock Sale SUNDAY, August 6th, 2006 (raindate Monday, August 7th)

At **Boyter's**, (cottage directory #7 or 911 number 14291),
through Deadman's Narrows, then straight ahead

8:30am • Pancake Breakfast
9:00am • Flea market
11:00am • Lunch (dogs & burgers)

- Please save your odds & ends (no large furniture, appliances, clothing or old baby cribs/highchairs/walkers) and deliver to Boyter's cottage from **2-6pm on Saturday, August 5th after the Annual Meeting**

- Start working on your craft donations
- Plan to bring the whole family for breakfast and lunch



- Dock space is at a premium, so you are encouraged to 'boat pool' if possible
- **10 volunteers are needed Saturday to set up and sort**
- **20 volunteers are needed Sunday to serve food and tend tables**
 - If you can help, please leave a message with Boyter's (905-528-9172) or a member of the executive

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Annual

Whitestone Summerfest

**Friday, June 30th and
Saturday, July 1st, 2006**

- Pancake Breakfast • Canoe & Kayak Races • Dunk Tank
- Games & Activities for all ages • Beer Garden
- **live entertainment**
on Friday & Saturday nights
- **fireworks display Saturday evening**

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POETRY

by Hannah Materne

Cottage in the woods
Over to Turtleback we go
Take a step into the water
Take another
Away from the world
Going to get an ice cream
Every evening spectacular

A cool dip in the lake
To get away from the sun's bake
There's no time to wait:
Tubing right away!

Summer,
Warm, wonderful summer
Splashing into cool water
The sand bakes my feet
Mellow

In Memoriam

• **Jean Comrie**, passed away on February 17, 2006 at the age of 89. She had been cottaging at Wah-Wash-Kesh for 58 years. Survived by her husband Don, sons Don and George, daughter-in-law Joan and family.

We apologize if we have missed including someone. You can advise John Nelson or any Board member for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association 2006 Membership Renewal

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Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association 2006 Dock Permit Decal

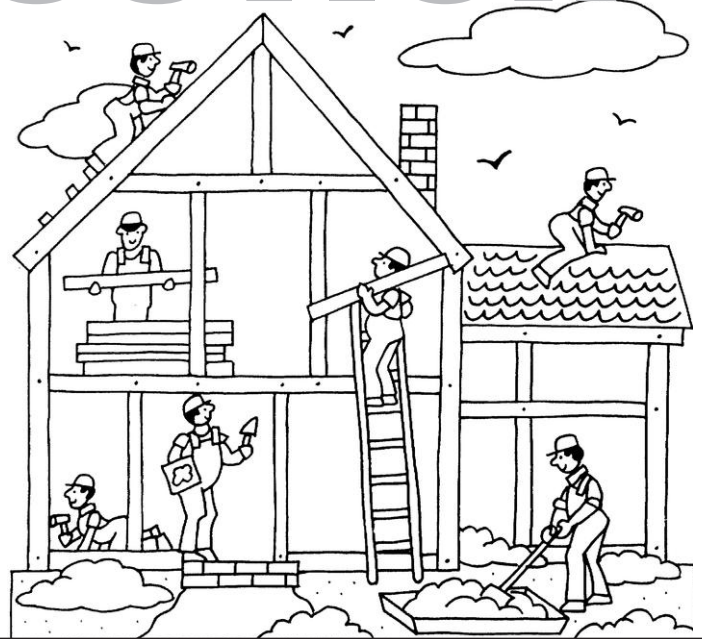
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