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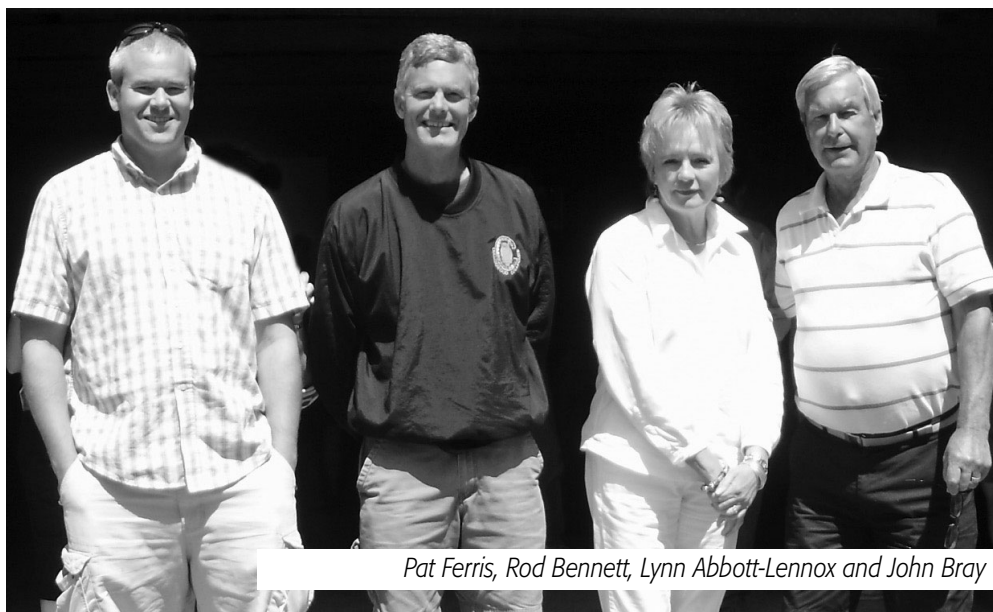
Message from the President

It has been a soggy fall at WWK and there is now over two feet of water going over the dam. This increase is largely due to heavy rains.

As many of you know, the dam was named "The Andy Vurma Memorial Dam" earlier this year in honour of the significant contribution made to the reconstruction of the dam and many other projects on WWK by Andy Vurma. A plaque commemorating the naming has been attached to the rock near Bennett's Bay Government Dock. A dedication ceremony was held after the Annual General Meeting on July 31, 2010 followed by a lunch. Mayor Chris Armstrong and I spoke about Andy Vurma. Linda Vurma completed the ceremony with a family tribute. See a picture of the plaque further in this newsletter.

Four directors (Lynn Abbott-Lennox, John Bray, Pat Ferris and Rod Bennett) chose to stand down from their directors' positions after many years of dedicated service. Please see the picture of the retiring directors adjacent to this article. Our thanks go to them for their hard work on behalf of the Association.

I am pleased that four members have stepped forward and were elected as directors at the AGM. I would like to welcome Patricia Forbes, Carey Frew, Jacquelyn Morgan, and Mike Maceina as new directors. Pat Forbes has agreed to be VP and work with Jacquelyn



Pat Ferris, Rod Bennett, Lynn Abbott-Lennox and John Bray

Morgan on the Archives. Carey Frew has agreed to be secretary and Mike Maceina has agreed to take over the water quality testing work previously done by Pat Ferris.

One of the major issues arising at the AGM was the parking around Bennett's and Indian Narrows. Dalton Ferris kindly volunteered to head a committee looking into this situation. Please see his report in this Newsletter.

Your Executive is still working on a site for a helipad near Bennett's. We will need to get special permission for this but hope to have more information in time for the spring.

After many hours of work, I am

pleased to advise that the permanent water monitoring system is back up and running properly. Our thanks to George Comrie who spent hours testing, removing the damaged sensors, investigating better quality replacements and then re-installing the whole unit and calibrating it accurately.

Finally I would like to thank the directors for complying with the tight time frame of this newsletter and a special thanks to Lesley Hugill for pulling it all together. Thanks all!

Best wishes to all our members and their families for a happy Thanksgiving. Remember to VOTE!

Don Comrie

Municipal Election Edition

We are sending this edition of the newsletter out early in order to provide our members with information concerning the candidates running in the Municipal election. Please see the information later in the newsletter and remember to VOTE!

Whitestone Municipal Elections - 2010

Held every four years, municipal elections throughout Ontario will take place on Monday, October 25th. Residents and property owners in the Municipality of Whitestone can vote for one candidate for Mayor and up to four candidates for Councillor, as well as one public school Trustee.

You should have received information by mail from the candidates running for Whitestone Council. Ballots have now been mailed to everyone on the Municipality's voters' list. To verify that you are on the voters list and/or request that you be added, call the Whitestone Municipal Office at 705-389-2466.

George Comrie and I attended the all-candidates meeting on Saturday, October 2nd at the Dunchurch Community Centre, along with over 100 other Whitestone ratepayers. Each candidate was given three minutes to present his or her platform, after which there was an opportunity for electors to ask questions of the candidates.

The following candidates participated (in alphabetical order by office, with past Council experience noted):

FOR MAYOR:

- Chris Armstrong (Ardbeg) - Councillor 2002-2006, Mayor 2006-2010
- Caroline Ferry (Ardbeg)
- Alan Ladd (Dunchurch) - Councillor 2006-2010

FOR COUNCILLOR:

- Barry Bell (Dunchurch)
- Don Carter (Dunchurch) - former Reeve of Hagerman Twp.
- Bill Church (Dunchurch) - Mayor 2002-2006, Councillor 2006-2010
- Colette Deacon (Dunchurch)
- Joe Lamb (seasonal resident of Whitestone Lake) - Councillor 2006-2010
- Morley Moore (Dunchurch) - Councillor 2006-2010
- Tom Sutcliffe (Dunchurch) - former Reeve of Hagerman Twp.

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE - Near North District School Board (4 candidates):

- Colleen Goupil - Trustee and Vice Chair 2006-2010

On behalf of the Association, I raised the following questions:

1) Are you in favour of lake-front multi-unit development such as time share/fractional ownership, or condominiums?

All candidates declined to answer this question directly, but instead noted that such concerns should be addressed in the Municipality's Official Plan, scheduled to be reviewed starting in 2011 with extensive public input.

2) Would you support the sale of crown lands in the municipality to increase tax revenue?

Most candidates said "NO". A few noted that the Municipality does not have the authority to sell crown lands, although it could lobby the provincial government to do so.

3) What can the Association do to improve the dump sites?

Councillor candidates Carter and Church emphasized recycling

and composting. Mayoral candidate Ferry also emphasized the need to "go green" and to educate the public on green practices. Mayoral candidate Ladd proposed mandatory recycling, enforced at the dumpsite.

Other questions dealt with:

- The appropriateness of walking trails that are being established under a provincial grant;
- The possibility of webcasting Council meetings so that ratepayers would know which Councillors are proposing and supporting which initiatives;
- By-law enforcement.

Here is a brief summary of other pertinent comments made by each of the candidates.

Barry Bell

Council candidate Barry Bell spoke at length about the previous all-candidates meeting four years ago and the perceptions raised from it. He apologized if he had upset anyone by his comments, but said he would not apologize for telling the truth. He reaffirmed that he does not support the current system of mail-in ballots, preferring instead that voters be physically present to vote. He stated he would like to broaden the Municipality's tax base. He admitted it would be "a leap of faith" to vote for him, but concluded by asking attendees to "give him a chance".

Don Carter

Council candidate Carter feels there is room for improvement on Council. He is in favour of improving roads and landfill sites. He would be proactive. Mr. Carter also mentioned the many committees he has served on, including the Dunchurch nursing station. He was Reeve of Hagerman Twp. prior to incorporation of Whitestone, and would like to return to Council to achieve what is best for the community. Regarding walking trails in the Municipality, Mr. Carter stated "We can't

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abuse the rights of other users of the lands in question". He also recommended cooperating with other neighbouring municipalities.

Bill Church

Council candidate Bill Church oversaw a septic system control program in Hagerman and believes it should be reinstituted in Whitestone to protect the environment. He is also concerned with achieving shorter wait times at the West Parry Sound Health Centre emergency room. The revisions coming up in 2011 to our Official Plan are very important. As far as approving condos, timeshares, etc. he said our lakes must be protected. He concluded by thanking the attendees for ten years in office, and said he is always available to them.

Colette Deacon

Council candidate Colette Deacon said she wants a "new and improved Council", with better communication. She has lived in the area for five years, and believes the Municipality should be run like a cost-conscious business. She is in favour of partnerships with other municipalities and establishing programs for seniors and youth. She also believes it is time the Municipality had a full-time paid Fire Chief. She concluded by saying she is "applying for the job" of Councillor.

Joe Lamb

Council candidate Joe Lamb began by stating the current Council has done well financially – tax dollars have been well spent and reserves are higher than four years ago. He warned against returning to the old practices. He noted the Official Plan revisions due in 2011, and suggested that we need to learn how to plan better. He said that in the past four years he has tried to represent all residents of the Municipality.

Morley Moore

Council candidate Morley Moore has seen improvements over the past four years. He anticipates more savings in future because some winter contracts may be cancelled because of recent municipal equipment purchases. He would like to see more money put into road maintenance and to alleviate the lack of space at the Fire Hall. Mr. Moore concluded by saying he has enjoyed the last four years and there is still lots to be accomplished.

Tom Sutcliffe

Council candidate Tom Sutcliffe stressed the importance of the Whitestone Official Plan and its review next year. He also stated that Council needs the input of residents and that residents should "use their Councillors" to express their choices and concerns. Mr. Sutcliffe was on Hagerman Council for twelve years and continues to serve on the Parry Sound Area Planning

Board. He urged ratepayers to contribute their expertise to the Municipality. He concluded by thanking all who attended and saying he "hopes to work for us".

Chris Armstrong

Mayoral candidate Chris Armstrong reflected on the accomplishments of Council over the past four years, including cell phone service for the area, road improvements to Hwy 520 and the WahWashKesh Road, and the replacement of Farley's bridge. He is committed to establishing a permanent home for the Dunchurch Post Office and to improving fire and health services. He also stressed the importance of the Official Plan review in 2011 and asked for input. He stated that in the eight years he has been on Council taxes have been reduced by 33%. Mr. Armstrong concluded by saying that it has been a privilege for him to serve, and that he has developed good rapport with politicians at all levels of government.

Caroline Ferry

Mayoral candidate Caroline Ferry believes better communication of the needs of the community and the workings of Council is key. She also believes the Official Plan is the key to preventing our area from becoming a "mini Muskoka". She said there should be a means for ratepayers to evaluate Council. She concluded by thanking the audience for their tough questions, and by advising that interviews with the three Mayoral candidates will be broadcast on Moose FM 103.3 on October 6th, 7th, and 8th as part of the news at 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 am.

Alan Ladd

Mayoral candidate Alan Ladd highlighted his record as a Whitestone Councillor. He said he would not make promises he couldn't keep. He emphasized his "different approach to that of previous mayors" and explained that he would be more collaborative and would seek to build consensus building. He stressed that the environment should come first, and proposed mandatory recycling. He also advocated initiating a "report card" for Council, and documenting Council debate and votes more thoroughly. Mr. Ladd concluded by saying that complete transparency in Council should be mandatory.

Feel free to call me at 416-407-0175 if you would like clarification of the above report or would like to discuss the election.

Don Comrie
President

Parking

At the past annual meeting it was decided to create an ad hoc committee to see if parking availability could be improved at Bennett's Bay and Indian narrows. This committee has been formed. Its membership includes Ed Bennett Sr., John Nelson and myself Dalton Ferris.

So far we have had some communication and have done a walk around to see what options for more space may be available. We have a few ideas. We are also aware that most of the time there is not a parking issue. The parking issue though is clear on most holiday weekends and for a few other weekends in the summer.

The east side of the road to Indian Narrows now is posted "no parking". The signs seemed to be mostly ignored this past summer. For this no parking to be effective, more signs need to be installed, as people often come in after dark and the current signs are easy to miss. This no parking limitation has made the parking issue more serious but at the same time deals with a safety issue that results when both sides of the road are used for parking.

The drainage needs to be repaired on the grade leading down to the Bennett's Bay dock-The shoulder is gouged out bad enough that that only large trucks can park in some spots.

Thanks to the generosity of the "Wigston Family" quite a number of vehicles park in their private lot, seemingly either with or without their approval,- this has helped relieve some congestion.

We are currently looking for an area that could be improved/graded for new parking spaces and also are considering adding fill to the west side of the Indian Narrows Road for increased parking spaces-perhaps angle parking. These options are merely ideas at this time as they both involve working with either the MNR and or the Municipality.

If you have ideas or input of any kind re parking contact Ed Sr., John or myself.

Will report further in the spring newsletter!

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Three In Whitestone Mayor Race

WHITESTONE – Mayor Chris Armstrong will face a member of his own council in the upcoming municipal election.

Armstrong, who is completing his first term as mayor, faces councillor Alan Ladd and relative newcomer to the Whitestone political scene Caroline Ferry.

"In the past four years our municipality has received more grant projects than ever. We have done massive projects," said Armstrong. These projects include work on the Bunny Trail, renovations to the community centre and replacement of Farley's Road bridge.

"I was fortunate enough to lobby to have over \$3 million of improvements to Highway 520 done, which was no municipal dollars, it was under provincial," he said.

He said he began his term on council by lobbying to have cellular telephone service upgraded in the area. "It's projects like that that are what I like to do, when there's an issue, working with other levels of government and surrounding municipalities," he said. "I've always had concerns regarding our municipal tax rate and as these improvements go on we've been able to systematically reduce the tax rate and I want to see that continue."

Armstrong says he hopes to gain more support from surrounding municipalities

to combat the recent Emergency Medical Services levy increases.

Armstrong is looking forward to working with associations to make changes needed to the official plan and said he and his council work well as a team. "Do we always agree on a decision? No. But that's why it's a council and we've been able to put improvements into our municipality," he said.

Ladd, who is one of the councillors that Armstrong has worked with over the past four years, is running against him in the election. "As far as Chris and I are concerned. I think we're friends and I don't think there's any bad feeling between us," he said.

Ladd had originally put his name in to run as a councillor. He says he was approached by a number of people wanting to know why he wasn't running for mayor this term. That, combined with the prompting of family and friends, initiated the pursuit for the mayor's chair.

"The Municipality of Whitestone and the people here are pretty important to me," he said. "I really think it's time." This is not his first time running for the top position. He ran for reeve in the 2003 election and lost to fellow councillor Bill Church by 35 votes.

Ladd feels his background in labour

mediation, his work as a senior advisor to the Minister of Labour in Ottawa, and his work as an electrician give him a good balance. "I think it's important to understand what people's requirements are," he said.

He says open communication with the residents of Whitestone is essential. "I want to make sure our ratepayers are well informed of what's going on," he said. "I believe in transparency and I want to be sure people see us that way. I want people to feel comfortable."

Ladd doesn't feel that, in the next term on council, they will be able to rely on the funding injections that they have received over the past term.

"I believe that in the last four years that we've had a lot of great opportunities through provincial and federal funding," he said. "You have to think about what your most important projects are or what you have to do." Ladd says they have begun upgrading roads in the municipality and he does not want that to discontinue because of lack of provincial and federal funding. "We have to deal with our own financial matters in the next term and I think we can do that," he said.

The newcomer to the political arena is Caroline Ferry.



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"I realized my skill set was more for facilitation so I decided that that was more where my skill set needed to be applied," she said about her decision to run for mayor instead of councillor.

Ferry works for as a respite network coordinator for Community Living Parry Sound. She says that she is running on the platform of communication and giving people a choice and a voice. "Right now they don't have that with the current council," she said. "Right now the communication is that they get a newsletter. They're not allowed to speak at council meetings until after decisions are made. So they can go and they can sit through a whole council meeting but they're not allowed to talk until there is a question-and-answer period at the very end of the meeting."

She says people have a tough time getting delegations with council. "Just speaking with residents, they have had those issues," she said. "One of them was when they wanted to do a full-time

fire chief, basically it came back saying that, no, why would we pay somebody when they're already doing it for free." She says a full-time fire chief is very important to the community.

Ferry says she would also like to see more efficient use of municipal resources. "I think there's some things that can be tightened up and tidied up and jobs within the municipality that could probably be tightened up," she said. She said she would have to evaluate the positions and what is being done "and see where we can go in the future to tighten it up."

She says she has looked at the budget and feels there are areas that could be worked on. "They bought a brand new excavator and it needed work so there was a \$600 shipping fee to ship it to North Bay to have it serviced but the service part is under warranty," she said. "It's things like that that should have been looked into before the purchase."

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Ferry says she has been out meeting with members of the public and has launched a Facebook page to aid in her campaign.

Councillors Bill Church and Morley Moore are also running again. They are joined by Barry Bell, Don Carter, Colette Deacon and Tom Sutcliffe.



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Green Corner *by N. Glenn Perrett*

Products can be "green" for a variety of reasons. Some are made from natural, non-toxic ingredients, others last for a very long time and can be recycled while others are made from sustainable material. The following are some eco-items I've been impressed with.

Nature Clean Dishwashing Liquid

(Nature Clean
www.naturecleanliving.com)

Living next to the lake means we have to use cleaners that cause the least impact to the environment. For years we have used Nature Clean products from Frank T. Ross & Sons Ltd. This company has been making effective, environmentally-friendly cleaners since the 1960s. For cleaning our dishes at home and at the cottage we use their dishwashing liquid which does not contain phosphates and other harmful chemicals. It is also readily biodegradable and it is cruelty free. By using their eco refill you can significantly reduce plastics. Even the box the eco refill comes in is unbleached and "made from 94% post consumer content."

Sisal Rug

(Home Depot www.homedepot.ca)

In her book Easy Green Living, Renée Loux points out a dark side pertaining to many carpets and rugs.

"In your home, conventional synthetic carpets and rugs and the adhesives and backing materials used to affix them all emit VOCs, often throughout their lifetime."

To offer some protection to our wood floors, which have been finished with hemp oil, we use an area rug made of sisal. The attractive, natural fibre, durable rug from Home Depot is made by fibres harvested from the leaves of the cactus plant in Africa. The rug is easy to maintain and looks great on a heavy traffic area in our cottage. We've been delighted with our sisal rug.

Firewood Storage Rack

(Lee Valley www.leevalley.com)

Efficient wood stoves are a relatively green way to heat our homes and cottages. We get our wood from trees that have recently died and which are not providing homes for animals. I don't like having large woodpiles, which can attract animals, near our cottage or home. But I do like having a supply of

firewood close by. My answer to this dilemma is the Firewood Storage Rack from Lee Valley.

The simple rack consists of two tubular steel ends attached to 2 x 4s. Each support is 41" high and 12.5" wide. You supply the 2 x 4s and the screws to attach the steel ends to the wood. We used 8' 2 x 4s which will provide us with nearly a face cord. By removing the 2 x 4s we can easily transport this rack back and forth to the cottage.

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Book Reviews *by N. Glenn Perrett*

Beautiful Joe

Margaret Marshall Saunders
Puffin Canada
2009, 253 pages
ISBN: 9780670064649

Winter is a good time to read a compelling dog story and 117 years after it was first published, Beautiful Joe is just as entertaining and, unfortunately, relevant.

Beautiful Joe is a story of extreme cruelty and brutality. It is also one of kindness, compassion and loyalty. Beautiful Joe was a dog of mixed breeding who was savagely attacked by his "master" who treated all of his animals terribly. This man cut off the ears and the tail of the terrier mix dog. Fortunately, the mutilated animal was rescued and taken to live with a kind family.

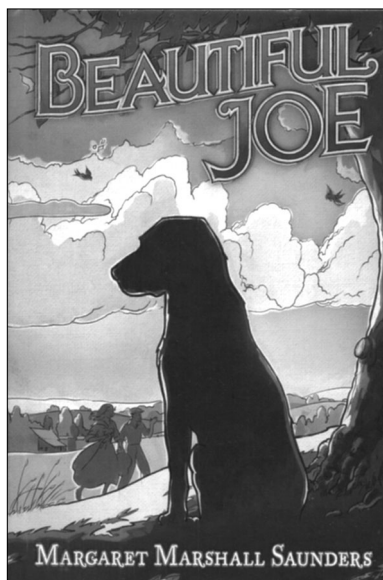
Told from the viewpoint of Beautiful Joe, the entertaining novel looks at the Morris family, including many animals they saved from harm, life in Maine and issues affecting animals. While the correlation of cruelty against animals and violence against people has gained significant attention in recent decades, Margaret Marshall Saunders was aware of this phenomenon almost 120 years ago.

While Beautiful Joe is a novel, it is based on true events. While Saunders set the story in Maine, the actual story took place in Meaford, Ontario. This classic story was the first Canadian book to sell over a million copies.

Lakeland: Journeys into the Soul of Canada

Allan Casey
Greystone Books
2009, 255 pages
ISBN: 9781553653080

Those who have enjoyed a cottage, camping or simply visiting a lake will enjoy traveling with author Allan Casey as he travels across Canada visiting lakes in various provinces and during the different seasons. Besides reading about the author's trips to these special places and how important lakes are in providing us



with important nature experiences, you will learn how Canada contains approximately 60% of the world's lakes and how

these wondrous ecosystems are changing, and being significantly damaged by development, greed and ignorance. As Casey points out at the beginning of the

book, "Humble cabins with families of eight sleeping in bunk beds have been replaced by sprawling retirement homes with two occupants and three bathrooms...The transition from seasonal use to permanent colonization is another force of change in the proximate wilderness."

We are lucky to live in a land of lakes. We need to learn more about these special, fragile places and to respect them more. Reading Lakeland: Journeys into the Soul of Canada can help in this vital endeavour.

Seasons: Change in the Natural World

Play Bac Publishing USA, Inc.
2009, 60 pages
ISBN: 9781602140837
ages 2+

We are fortunate in this part of the world to see such dramatic changes as the seasons unfold. Seasons: Changes in the Natural World is a children's book that illustrates, in words and photographs, some of the natural wonders that occur during the seasons. Children of all ages will enjoy seeing flowers blooming and tadpoles becoming frogs in spring, dragonflies and salamanders in summer, autumn leaves and migrating birds in fall and frozen lakes and animal tracks in the snow in winter.

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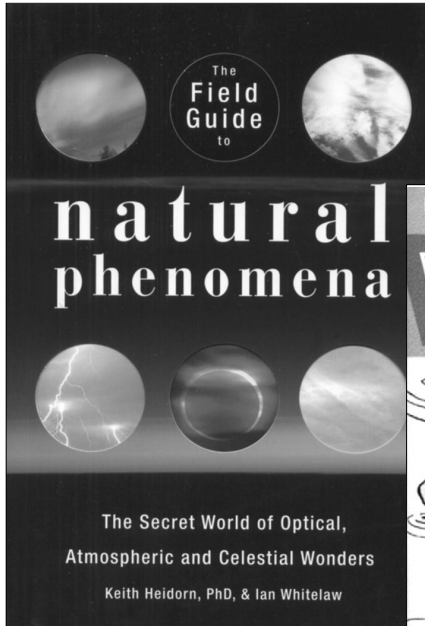
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Book Reviews *by N. Glenn Perrett*

The Field Guide to Natural Phenomena

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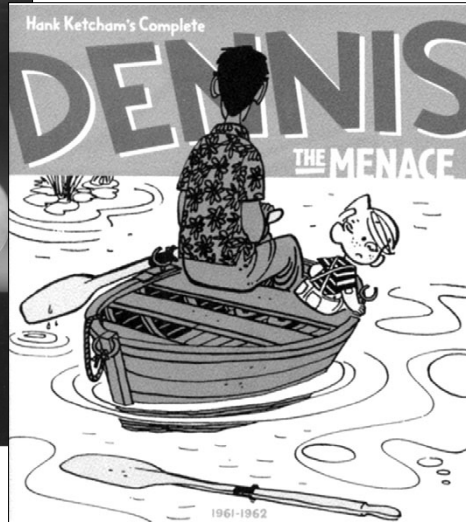
If you enjoy field guides you may want to add The Field Guide to Natural Phenomena to your collection. The subtitle to the book is The Secret World of Optical, Atmospheric and Celestial Wonders and it does look at these things



with chapters on Celestial Phenomena, Optical Phenomena, Atmospheric Phenomena, Electrical Phenomena, Geological Phenomena and Aquatic Phenomena. Each chapter contains considerable information about the natural wonders accompanied by interesting photographs and informative diagrams. "Identification Guides" are included in the chapters as well.

For example, Chapter Two: Optical Phenomena contains information on light from the sun, clear-air phenomena,

water-droplet phenomena, rainbows, ice-crystal phenomena and the aurora borealis. Field guides in this chapter are on superior mirage, rainbows, light pillars and aurora. These short field guides describe the item, what occurs, where to see them and when to see them.



Dennis the Menace: 1961-1962

Hank Ketcham
Fantagraphics Books
2009, 653 pages
ISBN: 9781606993118

A good book of cartoons is a wonderful thing. I'm enjoying cartoons from past decades that Fantagraphics is doing a nice job publishing as collections. Recently I read Dennis the Menace: 1961-1962 and thoroughly enjoyed it. As

the title suggests, this collection contains Hank Ketcham's Dennis the Menace cartoons for the years 1961-1962. I was too young to read them when they first were published, but I'm enjoying them now. Besides the humorous cartoons, Ketcham's artwork is excellent.

Dennis the Menace first appeared in newspapers in 1951 and Ketcham continued his comic strip until 1994 when his assistant took over the cartoon. Hank Ketcham died in 2001.

I enjoyed reading the 2-year collection of cartoons each night in bed. I would try to limit myself to 10-15 cartoons, but, like eating peanuts, it's difficult to just have a few. I often found myself chuckling as I read 50 or more cartoons finishing off the book in five or so nights. I particularly enjoyed Dennis' comments after he was banished to sit in the corner for bad behaviour (there are 22 of these "corner cartoons" in this collection - yes, I counted).

Complete with a ribbon bookmark that is attached to the book's spine, Dennis the Menace: 1961-1962 is a very good book - and one that would make a nice gift or keepsake.

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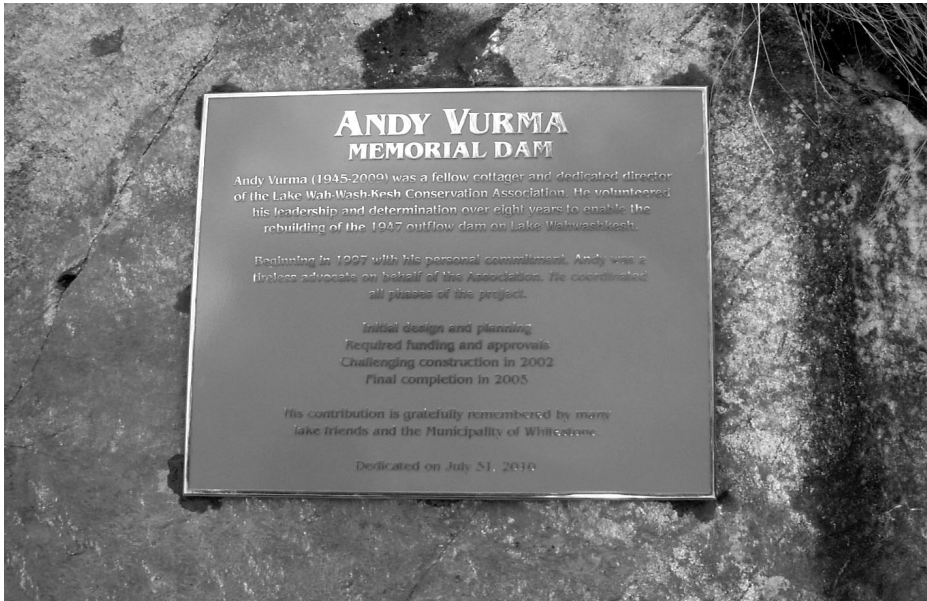
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ANDY VURMA MEMORIAL DAM



Andy Vurma (1945-2009) was a fellow cottager and dedicated director of the Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association. He volunteered his leadership and determination over eight years to enable the rebuilding of the 1947 outflow dam on Lake Wahwashkesh.

Beginning in 1997 with his personal commitment, Andy was a tireless advocate on behalf of the Association. He coordinated all phases of the project: Initial design and planning, required funding and approvals, challenging construction in 2002, final completion in 2005.

His contribution is gratefully remembered by many lake friends and the Municipality of Whitestone.

Dedicated on July 31, 2010.

Missing Canoe???

A sunken canoe was found near deadmans' narrows. It is somewhat beat up from being sunken against the rocks, however, if the owner of the canoe contacts me and identifies it I can arrange for them to pick it up, or return it. I brought it home, because there was no identifiers on it to say what cottage it came from.

You can contact me via email.

Kevin Hall

bigturk_80@hotmail.com



Ken Hayward

When I saw Ken Hayward at the funeral home on May 29 my eyes were drawn to his folded hands, finally at rest.

Not the manicured clean hands of an office worker, but hands deeply etched with the story of Ken's life work.

Strong hands they were! Strong enough to haul around hundred-pound propane tanks or build a boat.

Skilled and steady, these gnarled hands could tune a motor or weld a perfect bead. They could also make a fiddle sing.

Sleep well, my Friend. All around the lake we find examples of your handiwork and reminders of your friendship.

Jacquelyn Morgan

Water Monitoring Station

Those of you who check the lake level on our website from time to time will know that the Hobo U30 monitoring station has been back up and running since the end of August, after being out of service most of the summer. The outage was caused by a severe lightning storm on May 27th that damaged the monitoring unit, as well as, the in-water pressure and temperature sensors. The good news is that we didn't lose three months worth of lake level data because our original stand-alone U20 logger is still in service as a backup, and it is not affected by electrical disturbances. The other good news is that the manufacturer repaired or replaced the damaged equipment under warranty.

Because we have had problems in the past with the in-water sensors, we decided to upgrade them to a more accurate - and hopefully more reliable - combined pressure and temperature transducer at a cost of approximately \$1,000. This expenditure was supported by members at the July 31st Annual General Meeting.

After installing the new equipment, we "calibrated" it to report the actual depth of water in feet flowing over the dam above Canal Rapids. (The sensor measures changes in water pressure as the lake level rises and falls, but it is located in approximately four feet of water when the lake is level with the sill of the dam; so we have to apply a conversion factor to it to get the level reported on the website.) I am researching the possibility of determining the elevation (above sea level) of the surface of the lake from the reported level over the dam, and will report on this in a future newsletter. Keep in mind, though, that there is a small loss of head as the water flows down the river towards the dam; so the lake level in the main parts of the lake could be several inches higher than what you see at the dam during times of peak flow.

If you check the data from the monitoring station regularly, you may occasionally see it report a sensor error, which results in a discontinuity in the data from that particular sensor, and causes the corresponding graphs to be unavailable for a few days. This is most often caused by static electricity in the vicinity of the monitoring station. We have installed a small uninterruptible power supply to protect the monitoring equipment from power line disturbances, but static discharges can still disrupt the air temperature sensor and rain gauge, which are mounted on a mast above Bennett's store.

Your Association continues to believe that having reliable lake level (and other water-related) data for Wahwashkesh on a continuous basis is necessary in order to understand and manage water levels and flows in the Magnetawan watershed. In the coming year, we hope to review with the Ministry of Natural Resources the data accumulated since we started logging, with a view to better controlling rises in the lake level during the summer months.

George Comrie

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Message From New Director -

Mike Maceina

My wife (Oyie) and I just finished spending our first summer here on Wahwashkesh Lake. When we were looking for a cottage in summer 2009, we searched in the Parry Sound area. We really lucked up and feel fortunate to have found our summer retreat here on Bennett's Bay. Wahwashkesh Lake is a beautiful body of water and very pristine.

I am a retired professor from Auburn University; Alabama (USA) where I taught classes in fishery and aquatic sciences. I also conducted various fish-related research, but my specialty was freshwater fishery assessment and have examined water quality and nutrient effects on fish. My life-long love of water activities led to seeking a summer place on the water where it is not as beastly hot as in the southeastern USA. Oyie is from the Guelph area and has lots of family around Toronto, so coming here made a lot of sense. Oyie and I both like to fish, but granted, I like to fish more.

I have assumed the duties of water quality coordinator for Wahwashkesh Lake. If you have been or plan to be a volunteer water quality sampler as part of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (OME) Lake Partners Program, please contact me (3 Macey Drive, RR2, Dunchurch, POA 1G0 or email at maceimj@auburn.edu). We are looking for 3 to 4 more water quality sampling volunteers. Not a whole lot of work is required and maintaining our good water quality in Wahwashkesh Lake is a goal we all share. In May, the water sample you collect is sent back to OME lab in Dorset using a pre-paid envelope. You will also be asked to take measurements of water clarity about 6 times during the summer months (May-September) and then you send this information to the Lake Partners Program at the end of the year. You can register to be a volunteer at the Lake Partner website: <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/water/lak>

[epartner/index.php](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/water/lakepartner/index.php) or simply google the Lake Partner Program Ontario.

Some concern has been raised about the potential release of treated sewage upstream in the Magnetawan River and the possible impact on water quality in Wahwashkesh Lake. During the upcoming winter, the Board of Directors will discuss this issue, attempt to determine the magnitude of these discharges, and the effects this may have on the nutrients and water quality in our lake. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about water quality or aquatic resources in Wahwashkesh Lake, I will do my best to answer these.

Mike Maceina

Membership Renewals and Dock Permits

As of this update our current membership stands at 196. By comparison in 2009 we had 204 members, 2008 – 175. To put this into perspective there are 212 cottages on the big lake and 176 on the top lake. Since a number of cottages have more than one member we have at best about 50% coverage.

Regarding dock permits our totals are as follows: 2010 – 50, 2009 – 47, and 2008 – 64. Again to put in perspective based on the number of water access only cottages and allowing for the number docked at Bennetts we are still probably at less than 50% participation.

I would like to ask everyone to help to encourage others on the lake to participate through memberships and/or dock permits. If you need additional copies of the newsletters to pass on please let me know.

In order to improve the membership renewal process we are hoping to complete a web-based order form complete with credit card payments in time for next spring's newsletter. Hopefully we will be able to encourage more mem-

bers if we make it easier to join.

I realize that writing to everyone in the newsletter is preaching to the converted so thanks for your support and let's all try to spread the word.

Rob Slykhuys
Treasurer

Docks 2010

Our cottage season seems to have come and gone so quickly – we certainly had great weather for most of our time at the Lake.

This season a few small things were done at the docks. Indian Narrows had a new gravel ramp installed, a replacement for the old wooden ramp, which was a bit of a safety hazard. Additionally a new aluminium grab handle was installed to replace the handle that had been missing for a few years.

New signs were installed at both Indian Narrows and Bennett's Bay dock areas. We tried to encourage the sale of more dock stickers and more donations with the improvements made over the past few years. I am writing this September 27th so I am not sure whether dock revenue has grown or stayed the same. We will report on this in the spring 2011 newsletter.

We will keep an eye on the docks and make sure they are safe and well maintained for your use. If anyone has any input or suggestions regarding docks please contact me at dalton.f@silomail.com or see me at the dock.

Your Dock Committee
Rod Bennett, Guy Brunelle, Dalton Ferris,
John Nelson

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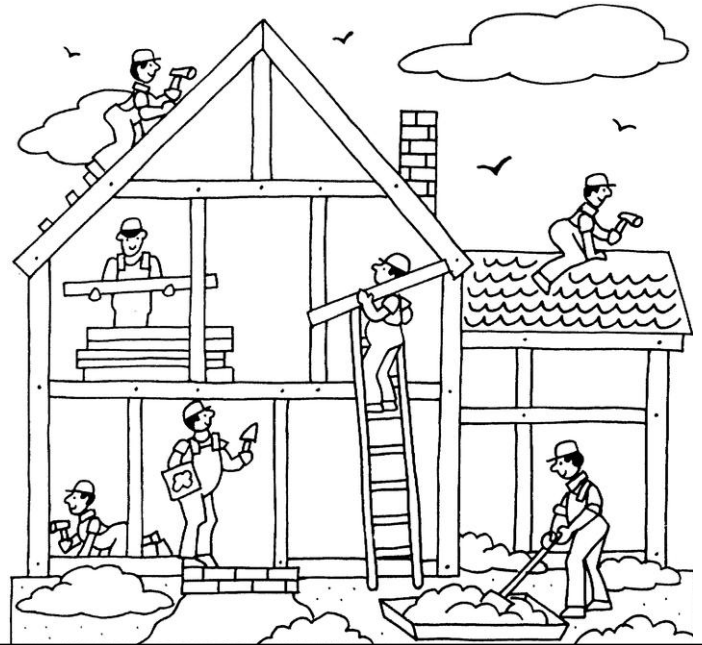
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