

# Lake WahWashKesh

CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

— SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER —



## President's Message

Welcome finally to spring 2013! After a very long winter, I know I am looking forward to spring at WWK. The ice has partially receded as of April 29 and should be completely gone within a day or two. Last year in comparison, we put a boat in the water April 1.

As most of you know, there has been wide-spread flooding throughout cottage country and Lake WahWashKesh and the Magnetawan River were no exception. The water level in Lake WWK peaked at about 9.6 feet above the level of the dam but is now receding towards summer levels.

With this newsletter, we are starting something new. Enclosed with this newsletter will be an Annual General Meeting Information Package. This separate package should be kept until at least the AGM on Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 9:30 AM in Bennett's Barn. Enclosed in the AGM package are various reports such as the Fish Committee Report, MRWA Report, 2012 AGM Minutes, Directors' Report, Bursary Report, and the Water Quality Report. These reports are being provided in advance of this year's AGM so that attendees have the opportunity to peruse them in advance. This will not only save time at the AGM but also will provide much greater dissemination of these reports. By not going over the reports at the AGM, time should be

*This edition of the newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Mona Bennett*

saved!

Also enclosed in this newsletter is the Membership and Permit Purchase form for 2013. If you have not already purchased your memberships and permits, please do so before the AGM. Please fully complete the information section on the purchase form. We are hoping in the next couple of years to publish a new directory which will have cottage



April 27, 2013 at Taylor Bay Beach. Photo by Deborah Comrie-Taylor

phone numbers and e-mail addresses for as many as are willing to provide this information.

It is with sadness that we learned in January of the passing of Mona Bennett, the matriarch of WahWashKesh society. This edition of the newsletter is dedicated to her memory. A memorial donation to the West Parry Sound Health Center has been made in Mon-

a's name by the Association. Please see the tribute article inside.

There are also the usual articles such as an update on the proposed site for the air ambulance helipad behind Bennett's and The Green Corner.

Also please find enclosed in this package a flyer from the West Parry Sound Health Center Foundation. Please read the flyer and if you can help them, please do so! We will all likely need the services of the WPSHC at some time and especially as our population ages and we spend more time at the cottage.

The Association is still looking for someone to be "lead hand" on the cleanup project of Straub's Beach. As you may remember from last year's AGM, Frank Busenhardt brought the issue of the garbage and other waste behind the beach. The Association agreed to help clean this beautiful beach which the Busenhardt's have kindly allowed residents and visitors to use for over 100 years. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Don Comrie.

Also of interest to some may be the proposed project of filming the shoreline of the lake. Please see the article inside.

On behalf of the Executive, I look forward to seeing many of you this summer and hopefully at the AGM. Best wishes for a healthy, happy, and safe summer on WahWashKesh!

*Don Comrie, President*

## Deja Vu All Over Again

You may enjoy reading the following Newsletter excerpts:

"It was recommended that floats be placed . . . where rocks are a hazard";

"Members requested that notices be placed at the government dock . . . that no cars be allowed to park there";

"A development company is selling lots with 100 feet lake frontage at Otter Lake and this could happen at (our) lake";

"The (water) level does vary anywhere from 6' to 15', partly due to the control dam at Ahmic Harbour".

These read as if they could have come from recent newsletters, but they are, in fact, quotes from a newly discovered newsletter dated June 20, 1960. Some things have not changed a great deal in over half a century!

While preparing Doug Elliott's house for sale after he moved to a retirement residence, daughters, Linda Vurma and Susan Baltjes, found three historical WahWashKesh documents. They are: a November 27, 1959 letter to Wah-Wah-Kesh cottagers from President, C. H. (Hap) Schauer and Secretary-Treasurer,

C. J. (Cec) Garnett; the June 20, 1960 Newsletter cited above; and minutes of the August 12, 1959, Annual Meeting.

President Tommy Tweed opened this meeting, then, due to illness, turned the meeting over to Mrs. Jean Tweed. Don Comrie Sr., the retiring Secretary-treasurer presented a statement from the Toronto Dominion Bank showing a July 31, 1959, balance of \$476.30. The newly-elected President was 'Hap' Schauer, V.P. was Mona Bennett and C. J. Garnett was the new Secretary-treasurer. Directors were Dr. Frank Griffin, Glenn Mundy, Rev. Calvin W. Robinson and Ross Gallanders.

Item 8 indicates the membership fees were \$10 for a voting member and \$5 for an associate. Item 9 reports, "Wah-Wash-Kesh now hosts 87 summer cottage owners". Item 12 lists social activities planned by the Association: two square dances, Junior Association activities and a Beach Party to include swimming contest, canoe racing, hot-dog-eating contest.

The first item in the June 20, 1960 newsletter reports that the ice went out about May 7 and the water level was the highest in 14 years. Claude Bosley of Linger Long reported that it was 14' above the average summer level.

Another item of interest is, "The reduction in the discount on U.S.

Funds. . . will encourage American Tourists . . . to our area. Cliff Bennett will operate his store. . . supplying groceries, meats and fresh vegetables. Cliff also added that a full time laundress has been engaged. The radio telephone will be in operation and the number is "WahWashKesh 800, via Parry Sound."

These three documents will be placed for safekeeping in the Association Archives.

*Jacquelyn Morgan*



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## Magnetawan River Watershed Association

This year the MRWA plans to set up water quality monitoring along the length of the watershed involving lakes such as Ahmic, Cecebe, Whitestone, Gooseneck, and WahWashKesh. Various lake and cottage associations have all purchased Yellow Springs Instrument Professional Plus water testers and our Association plans to buy one this spring. This will enable trained personnel from various lakes to test their own lakes and lakes in their immediate area that do not have a tester. The results from all these tests will be collated by the MRWA and shared with the Ministry of Natural Resources and with the other members of the MRWA. This will alert members to any changes in the watershed and help with the identification of the source of the change. The Lake WahWashKesh Conservation Association is still looking for a representative to the MRWA. A knowledge of the watershed is not required and the MRWA normally holds one or two meetings a year in the summer months; the balance of the communication is by e-mail. If you are interested, please contact Don Comrie.

Donald G. Comrie  
President

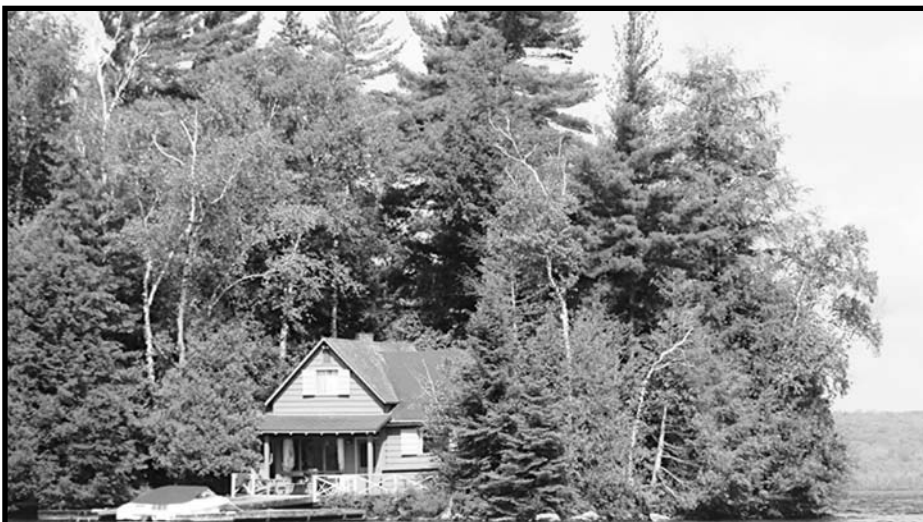
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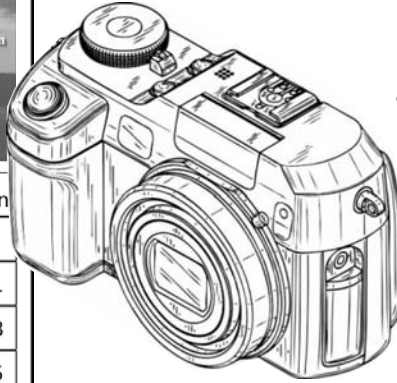
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# The Second WWKCA Calendar

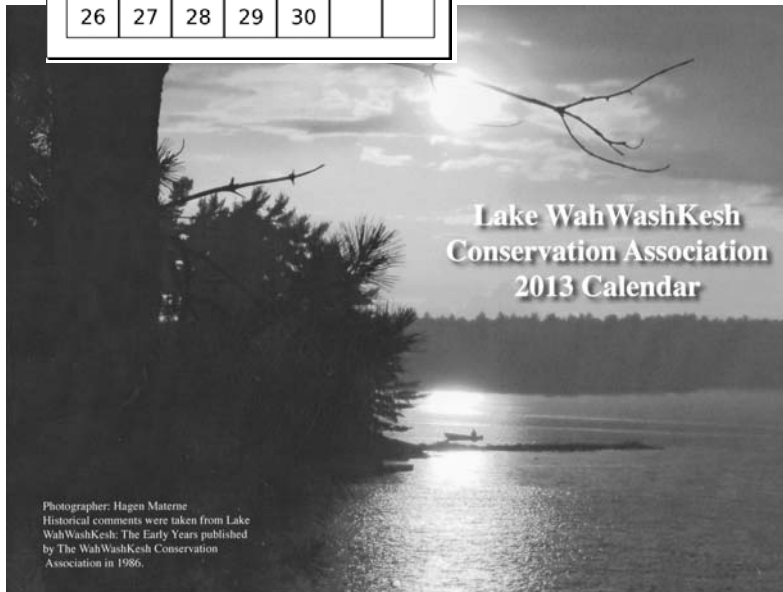
*With the huge success of our first ever WWKCA calendar, we're looking ahead to a 2014 calendar!*



We are, again, looking for landscape pictures depicting all of the months of the year at the lake. Again, we are starting the calendar in december (2013), so we have lots of opportunity for off-season cottage pictures. This year we had an overwhelming number of sunsets submitted (they make good pictures!)....take a good look at the picture you want to submit and think twice... we had room this year for some of the sunsets on the back page, but there are lots of other aspects of the lake to photograph.

*The rules for submission are as follows:*

- 1** - Horizontal orientation (not vertical, because they need cropping and so lots of good detail gets lost)
- 2** - Jpeg format. The photos we used this year were, usually, ones taken with ordinary cameras and cellphones. If the resolution of the picture is too high, it doesn't seem to work as well in the printing
- 3** - One photo per person so that everyone gets a chance to have their photo in the calendar
- 4** - Include the photographer's name, the photo's location, and the month the photo was taken (this makes our job much easier when we have to sort the pictures for each month)
- 5** - Include, also, a short note giving the WWKCA permission to publish your photo



***Submissions will be accepted up until the June 15, 2013 then we go to the publishers. By giving everyone lots of time, we are expecting a great representation of all areas of the lake. Send your photos to: [patriciaforbes@rogers.com](mailto:patriciaforbes@rogers.com)***

We are looking forward to receiving your fabulous pictures! See you at the lake!  
*Your calendar committe: Pat Forbes, Elsa Richards and Lynn Abbott-Lennox*

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# Lake Access and Parking

In 2012 the Parking & Lake Access Committee developed a new parking area near the Bennett's Bay access point and also completed a significant –life extending– repair to the Indian Narrows dock. A voluntary Parking Permit is now required for parking as well as a Lake Access Permit. The associated permit fees have been well advertised and will again be included in the spring 2013 newsletter. Parking fees will continue to be charged until monies invested into the new parking area are fully recovered.

All costs for the new parking lot were paid in the late fall of 2012. The special “package deals” on permits and memberships was well supported and generated enough funds to pay off the parking lot debt.

We have no plans for 2013 except for repairs of a mandatory nature on either the lake access points or the parking area. The bottom end of the parking lot will be gravelled in the future once funds are available.

Meanwhile thank-you for your continued support.

*Dalton Ferris*

*Chairperson of the Lake Access & Parking Committee*

# Notes from the Treasurer

As previously announced, our goal this year was to provide the financial report in this issue of the newsletter, in order to shorten the Annual Meeting. Unfortunately at the time of writing I was unable to complete the necessary information for the full financial report so as in the past it will have to be made available at the meeting.

I am able to provide some of the highlights for the year:

- The parking lot was constructed at a cost of \$26,686. This amount will be posted as an asset and amortized over 30 years. Parking revenue for 2012 was approximately \$10,000 so we are well on our way to paying this down.
- We are updating the calendar sales but looks like we sold approximately 192 to date. Our cost in total was \$3284 and we received \$15 per calendar, or \$2880. An additional \$5 per calendar, or approximately \$800 was donated towards the purchase of the water tester. For those of you doing the math, the total donation was slightly lower than  $192 \times \$5$  as a number were sold at the meeting before the motion to raise the price to \$20 and donate \$5 was passed. We still have about 200 calendars left, and it was agreed by the Directors that these could be sold off at half price or \$10 each. These can be obtained from Don Comrie, myself or at Bennett's store.
- In general we had an increase in parking fees and membership due to the pre-pays we encouraged to help raise the money quickly for the parking lot. While this resolved the short term cash flow issue it will of course mean lower revenues for the next few years. We did close the year with cash on hand of \$4090 and were able to pay all expenses.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions and I look forward to presenting the complete report at the AGM.

*Rob Slykhuis*  
*Treasurer*

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# Volunteer Anglers Needed to Collect Fish Data

The Board of Directors of the Lake WahWashKesh Conservation Association is seeking anglers to help assess the sport fish on WahWashKesh Lake. In the past, infrequent angler surveys have been conducted, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has not checked our fish population in over ten years, and monitoring fish spawning beds has not provided very useful information. For many, the sport fishing on WahWashKesh Lake is an important activity.

The data collection we are requesting is minimal and will take little time. We will provide you with a clipboard, data sheets, and a measuring board. The information to be filled out includes number of anglers, start and end time for fishing, the species you are trying to catch, the length of fish all fish caught (even those released), and note if the fish was kept or released. All this information will be gathered on your boat. Fish species of interest include pickeral (or walleye), small-

mouth bass, largemouth bass, pike, lake trout, and rock bass. We ask each volunteer to provide data for at least 10 fishing trips, more if you like.

We hope this information will provide valuable data on the sport fish in WahWashKesh Lake, especially if this data can be collected over a number of years. Data such as number caught per hour of fishing, size distribution of fish, and insights on reproductive success since the lake is not stocked with fish.

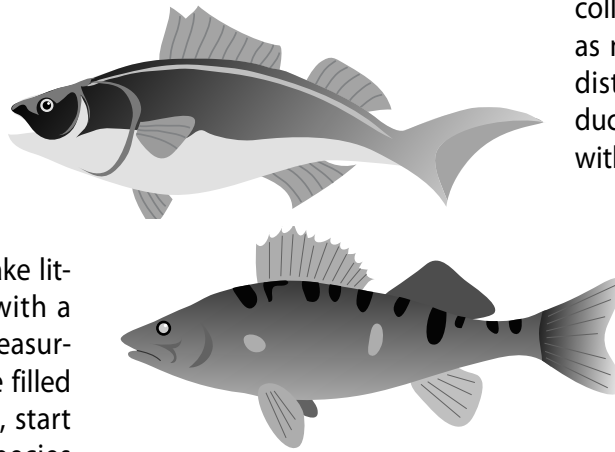
*If you are interested in to participate as a volunteer angler, please contact Mike Maceina or Don Comrie. We will make arrangements to get you the data sheets, clipboards, and measuring boards.*

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cell/cottage: 416-407-0175

email: donaldgcomrie@sympatico.ca

**Mike Maceina** - email: maceimj@auburn.edu



## Fish Enhancement Committee Report

As many of you will remember, in 2012 the committee monitored both lake trout and pickerel spawning beds by actual observation of the beds. This required volunteers and paid workers to go out in boats at night, often in very adverse conditions such as snow storms and freezing water, to physically observe what fish were spawning and how many. This method of evaluation proved very unsuccessful and the Association has since been advised by our insurance provider that they would not cover any claims resulting from this monitoring due to the adverse conditions. As a result, the Committee has decided to recruit several volunteers who do a lot of fishing on the lake to keep creel records indicating size, species, whether the fish was kept or released, etc. The records can be kept in the boat until the end of the season and then turned in to either Mike Maceina or Don Comrie. If you are interested in volunteering to complete the creel records, please contact either Mike or Don at our e-mail addresses. Thanks for your help with this and we look forward to getting valuable information!



*Ed Bennett Sr., Mike Maceina, Ken Taylor, Don Comrie*



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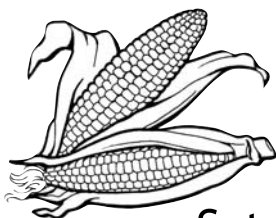
# **Event Calendar 2013**

## **Annual General Meeting**

9:30 am

- Saturday,  
August 3rd
- Bennett's Barn

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"GENERAL MEETING  
PACKAGE"**



**Corn  
Roast**

Saturday,

August 17

- 4:00 pm
- Straub's Beach

## **Proposed Helipad Site Behind Bennett's**

Since the report in the fall 2012 newsletter, the Executive have made some small progress on this issue. We have virtually exhausted all avenues that might have led to information concerning what was removed from the former dump site when it was decommissioned in 2000. After contacting the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), they advised that they would not tell me what tests were required in order for approval to be granted but that a geophysical engineering company would know what tests were required. I then contacted a geophysical engineering firm in Hailleybury who were recommended to me. They are extremely busy and since I had to be honest with them and explain that we had no money this year but were looking for an approximate cost for the tests, they have yet to respond. They have said they would get us an estimate in the near future. Once we receive the estimate, it is our plan to apply for grants to cover this expense from organizations such as The Trillium Foundation. At the same time, I plan to take this issue to our local MPP Mr. Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound - Muskoka. I do want to do everything I can before I take this issue to Mr. Miller to indicate our commitment to this proposal and the need we have in this area for a helipad. I look forward to having more information in time for the AGM.

*Don Comrie*

## **Shoreline Video Project**

As some of you will remember, in 1993 when Wayne Lennox was president, he applied for and received a grant which was used to do a VHS video of the entire shoreline of Lake WahWashKesh. This VHS has been in the archives but is now being reformatted to DVD format. The Executive discussed this at our February conference call and two recommendations came forward. The first is that once the reformatting is complete, copies of the DVD be made available at a nominal price to anyone who orders a copy. Interested people can order their copy this summer. The second recommendation is that since this was done twenty years ago, and much of the shoreline has changed, the shoreline of the entire lake should be re-filmed. To this end, we are looking for two volunteers who can spend several days going slowly around the lake filming the shoreline. Experience in filming or videotaping might be helpful but is not essential. A camera that eliminates shaking or the movement of the boat would be an asset! Nominal expenses will be covered such as gas. If you are interested, please contact one of the Executive. Thanks!

*Don Comrie*

# Goodbye to Long-Time Cottagers

**Mona Eleanor Bennett** (nee Robertson) passed away this January in her 95th year. She is pre-deceased by her daughter Karen Konoval and her husband Clifford Bennett.

Mona was originally from Toronto and one of my favourite stories was of her and her friends' roller skating in the "suburbs" of Toronto....near High Park that is. This is before her father Charlie Robertson originally brought her by train to Ardbeg and then by steamboat from Parker Bay Landing to Arbor Vitae to enjoy her childhood summers.

In the late 1930's, love blossomed when she met, then married, Clifford Edward Bennett. His parents, Edward and Liza Bennett were the founders and operators of The Royal Wah-Wash-Kesh Lodge. Mona and Clifford worked with them until 1944. They officially took over running the lodge after Liza had a prolonged illness.

The word spread that Mona was an excellent cook and even the fox that ran thru the lodge kitchen slowed down to sniff the aromas. Perhaps it was the delicious bear paw dessert she used to make. As Mona was very busy preparing meals for their guests, she relied on the staff including the chore boy to assist her. When one of the chore boys was slow in carrying out his tasks, Mona put Ex-lax in his chocolate pudding. The rest of the staff were aware of the joke and reported he was working a lot quicker lol.



After Mona and Clifford passed the lodge over to Edward and Marlene Bennett, they enjoyed their golden years wintering in Homosassa Springs, Florida and came home to the mosquitoes in Whitestone. Mona was an intelligent, independent soul that enjoyed reading, and knitting hats and afghans for her grandchildren. She was always happy to have you pop in for a visit and she liked corresponding with family and friends utilizing her excellent penmanship. How amazing for her to have seen all the incredible changes at Wah-Wash-Kesh. Mona will be deeply missed by her family and friends :-)

*Sue Lane*

**Frank Squires** (Mary), long time cottager on Lake Wahwashkesh, passed away peacefully at his Toronto home on Thanksgiving weekend, 2012, at the age of 86. **Mary Ellen Johnston** (Bob), Frank's stepsister, also sadly passed away three weeks earlier. Frank's dad and Mary Ellen's mom built their cottage in Shabbot's Bay, by Auld's Landing, in 1948. Frank, his sister Carol Brethet (Jack) and their families spent many summer holidays in rental cabins in the same bay. The



Johnstons bought their cottage, originally named Rock Crest, beside the Squires in '69. Frank's dad was one of the founding members of the Lake Wahwashkesh Conservation Association. The Squires, Brethet

and Johnston families enjoyed many "happy hours", picnics on "The Thing" pontoon boat, and watching the ongoing activity at the landing, including the arrival and departure of the girl's camp buses. The Squires family is now in its 5th generation on the lake. Frank (Gayle) continues to occupy the original Squires cottage, and Sue (Blair) is building a cottage on Arbor Vitae Island. Lynn (Ken) and Anne (Alec) Brethet are also on Arbor Vitae. Bob Johnston along with son David (Alison) are still enjoying the original Rock Crest. Frank and Mary Ellen will be missed so much, however we are all so thankful to have had and continue to have many wonderful times together on Lake WahWashKesh.



# Green Corner *by N. Glenn Perrett*

*This "Green Corner" features numerous useful items for the cottage including an impressive pocket radio, quality running/hiking shoes, awesome clothespins, tasty, eco-friendly coffee - and more!*

## **CC Pocket Radio** (C. Crane Company)

The "CC Pocket" is a quality pocket radio that runs on two AA batteries and has excellent audio for such a small radio. You can use the radio with the "Voz-P" wooden earbuds that come with it and this provides about 75 hours of play before requiring new, or recharged, batteries. You can also play the radio using the built-in speaker and you will get about 25 hours of play. This pocket radio does work with rechargeable batteries. The radio gets both AM and FM and has a clock, an alarm, a sleep timer, numerous station presets as well as built-in AM and FM antennas - and much more.



## **SoftSpeaker 2 Pillow Speaker** (C. Crane Company)

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## **Eco-Friendly Coffee** (Muskoka Roastery Coffee Co.)

A cup of coffee by the lake is a pleas-



ant experience which can be made even better by using quality, eco-friendly coffee from a local company. Located in Huntsville, the Muskoka Roastery Coffee Co. has numerous coffees which are "sourced from Rainforest Alliance Certified farms" (you can read more about this on their website) which has standards for sustainable agriculture as well as working conditions for farm workers. The company is also involved in other environmental initiatives including making jute bags into reusable shopping bags as well as reusing, recycling and composting other materials.

Recently I tried their "Black Bear" coffee as well as their "Loon Call Breakfast Blend." Black Bear is a dark, full-bodied coffee that is a blend of South and Central American beans while Loon Call Breakfast Blend is a medium-roast coffee. Both are very good.

## **Indestructible Nozzles** (Lee Valley)

What home, or cottage, can't use a couple of quality "Indestructible Nozzles"? The design of these nozzles is based on those created in the 1940s and used at gas stations. Flexing the rubber hose turns the nozzles on. One nozzle produces a jet stream which is



good for washing around the home or cottage while the other nozzle produces a spray which is good for watering gardens. The nozzles are made of rubber with brass fittings and are sold individually or as a pair.

## **Men's Barefoot Run Trail Glove** (Merrell)

While I don't do much running, I'm enjoying my "Men's Barefoot Run Trail Glove" which is also used for hiking and biking. If you are looking for a well-cushioned shoe with thick soles, these aren't for you. But if you want a very lightweight (just over 6 ounces), flexible, comfortable shoe that gets good traction then you should check out these shoes.



The first thing that I noticed about these shoes is how light they are. Then I noticed their comfort and performance on the hiking trails. And being a vegan I appreciate wearing a quality shoe that

does not contain any animal products. While I haven't had these shoes for too long I'm looking forward to using them hiking.

### ***Lifetime Clothespins (Lee Valley)***



Hanging clothes outside is definitely the best way to dry them. Long-lasting and strong clothespins haven't been easy to find. For the last year I've been using Lee Valley's "Lifetime Clothespins" made of stainless steel. I've really tested the clothespins including using them for wet bath towels and dripping wet hockey equipment and in strong winds and they've worked great.

### ***Large Neon Flexi Lead (Flexi)***

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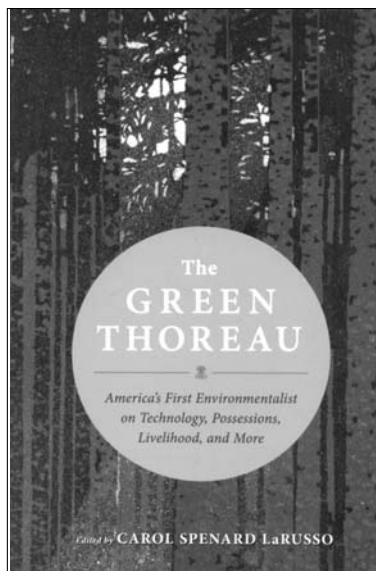
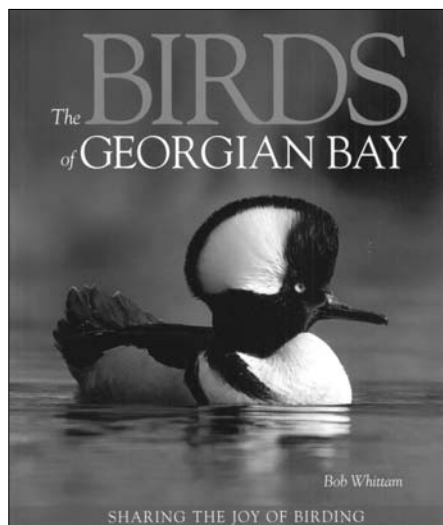
*This selection of books is for various ages and includes a variety of nature books, a good novel and even a recipe book for making ice pops. Ideal for the cottage!*

## **The Birds of Georgian Bay**

Bob Whittam, Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre  
2012, 240 pages  
ISBN: 9780988099401

*The Birds of Georgian Bay* looks at "...birds and their place in the natural history of Georgian Bay." And it is one of the nicest nature books that I've seen. Written by Bob Whittam, a biologist and former Executive Director of the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, *The Birds of Georgian Bay* covers numerous interesting topics from bird-watching tips to migration to success stories involving such birds as Trumpeter Swans, Bald Eagles, Ospreys and Double-crested Cormorants. And for those who believe that cormorants have a significant effect on "sport fish", Whittam dispels this myth stating, "Studies by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in the mid '90s showed that sport and commercial fish species were not the main prey for cormorants, with only a small percentage of Yellow Perch and Smallmouth Bass being taken."

Complementing Whittam's informative and entertaining text are more than 240 colour photographs. *The Birds of Georgian Bay* is available from the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre <http://www.wyemarsh.com/>.



## **The Green Thoreau**

edited by Carol Spenard LaRusso  
New World Library  
2012 (revised edition), 105 pages  
ISBN: 9781608681433

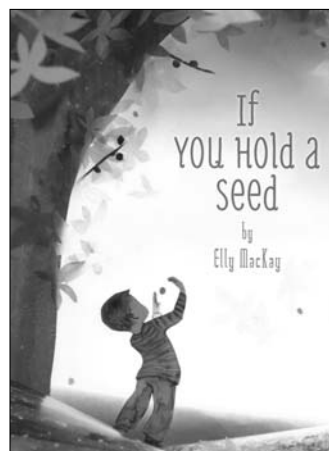
A good book of quotations is *The Green Thoreau*. Edited and introduced by Carol Spenard LaRusso, this revised edition (first published in 1992) features numerous quotations from Henry David Thoreau whose books included *Walden*. Quotations are taken from numerous sources including his books, letters and his journal.

Thoreau lived from 1817-1862 and his thoughts are just as relevant and important (some are more important) today. His famous quotation "In Wilderness is the preservation of the World." was written more than a century and a half ago and is a vital message our species still hasn't learned.

## **If You Hold a Seed**

Elly MacKay, Running Press Kids  
2013, 32 pages, ISBN: 9780762447213, ages 2+

*If You Hold a Seed* by Elly MacKay is a delightful nature book for children of all ages about the wonderful things that can happen when a tree seed is planted. The story tells how a child plants a seed in



the soil. Over the seasons and years the sapling grows into a mature tree that provides seeds of its own.

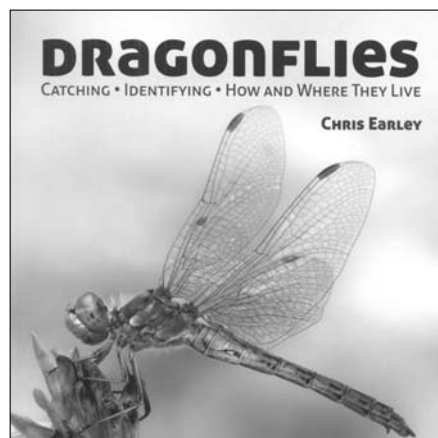
Future generations will have to be better stewards of the planet than recent generations have been and this book is an important story of how a

simple act can have such a positive impact on the planet. It also educates children about the importance of wishes, dreams, patience and perseverance.

## **Dragonflies**

Chris Earley, Firefly Books  
2013, 32 pages, ISBN: 9781770851863, ages 8+

Educating children about the animals who we share the planet with is important and *Dragonflies* by Chris Earley is a very good book for young naturalists. Information such as what dragonflies are



and their life cycle combined with a "Mini Field Guide" and quality photographs provides a comprehensive look at these insects and how to identify

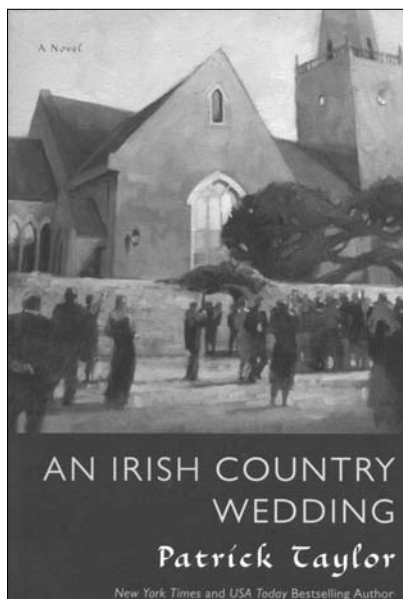
them. Earley has a similar book entitled *Caterpillars* (ISBN: 9781770851832).

## An Irish Country Wedding

Patrick Taylor, Forge

2012, 428 page, ISBN: 9780765332172

What's better than a good novel at the cottage? A series of good novels! My favourite novels are those of the "Irish Country" series by Patrick Taylor. The setting of these stories is the Ulster village of Ballybucklebo where Doctors Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly and Barry Laverty care for the villagers.



The main storyline in the most recent book in the series, *An Irish Country Wedding*, is the wedding of Dr. O'Reilly and Kitty O'Hallorhan. But lots more is happening in this seventh book in the series including Colin Brown's ferret getting into trouble and Sonny Houston, an archaeologist, on the trail of an important discovery.

Patrick Taylor's stories of life in Ballybucklebo during the mid 1900s are entertaining and often hilarious. Once you read a book or two or you'll want to read the rest to find out what happens to the interesting characters in this quaint village. And as good as these novels are, they are even better on audio expertly read by John Keating.

## Peterson Field Guide Colouring Books: Birds

Roger Tory Peterson and Peter Alden,

illustrated by John Sill,

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 64 pages,

ISBN: 9780544026926, ages 7+

You can learn to identify many of the birds in North America, and have fun doing it, with this field guide colouring book. *The Peterson Field Guide Coloring Books: Birds* features 262 colour bird stickers that are used as reference to colour the corresponding black-and-white illustrations. As you colour the birds you will learn to identify the various species. Accompanying the drawings is information about the different birds including his/her colours. Alden also provides information on bird species, families, identifying birds and the parts of a bird.

When you have completed the book you will have your own field guide to help you identify your feathered neighbours. This is an excellent book for young naturalists.

A similar book exists for reptiles and amphibians - *Peterson Field Guide Coloring Books: Reptiles and Amphibians* (ISBN: 9780544026957).

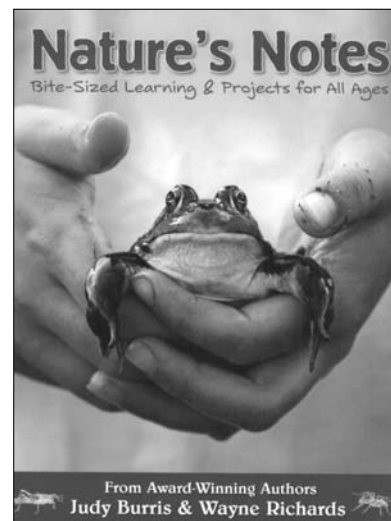


## Nature's Notes: Bite-Sized Learning & Projects for All Ages

Judy Burris & Wayne Richards, Willow Creek Press

2012, 232 pages, ISBN: 9781607554776

A nice book for the cottage is *Nature's Note: Bite-Sized Learning & Projects for All Ages* which combines beautiful photographs with interesting text and some projects. There are chapters on flowers, bugs and birds and the chapter "Take Your Best Shot" has advice on taking photos. There are also lined pages at the back of the book for taking notes and blank pages for sketches.



## 200 Best Ice Pop Recipes

Andrew Chase, Robert Rose Inc.

2013, 256 pages, ISBN: 9780778804413

Just in time for summer is *200 Best Ice Pop Recipes*. You can create a variety of frozen treats on a stick, without the artificial flavourings and colourings, using the 200 recipes in this book. The recipes include a wide variety of ice pops including soda fountain versions, tea and coffee ice pops, "less-drip" ice pops for children and even a section on "Cocktail Hour" which features numerous ice pops for adults! I'm particularly looking forward to trying the Raspberry Ice Pops, Classic Lime Ice Pops and Cherry Soda Ice Pops.



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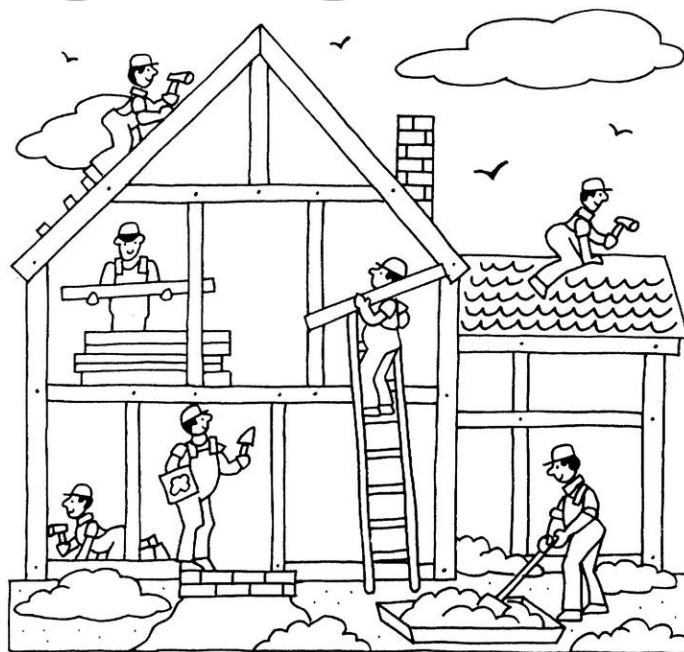
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