

Lake WahWashKesh

CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION



– SPRING 2022 –

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

There is hope that this summer will be back to normal with an in person AGM and residents from near and far able stay at their places on the lake.

The Directors have been pursuing many on-going projects outlined in the newsletter. It is my hope that progress on these projects will provide an opportunity to add fun social activities again along with the important protection of our lake. Please share ideas that would enhance our Association's ability to meet the needs of all of its membership.

Lynn Brennan

Trailer & Backlot Development

Please [see page 17](#) for more information about how to submit your concerns

Check out Watershed Canada –

A shoreline naturalization program available to waterfront property owners to plant along the water's edge. The shoreline is the "ribbon of life" that if there are "kinks", it affects other parts of the lake.

More information on page 6

2 New Directors NEEDED

It will be big shoes to fill but we will need 2 directors to replace Terry and Chuck. The Board attempts to keep a balanced representation by having directors evenly represent the top lake, big lake and narrows. This leaves 4 Directors from the Big Lake and 3 from the Top Lake. If you are interested in having your name forward at the AGM please contact Lynn Brennan at lynmbrennan@gmail.com

Lake WahWashKesh Conservation Association

LANDING AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPALITY

The current agreement between Municipality of Whitestone & WWKCA has expired. The Municipality has recently renewed the crown land use permits from the MNRF. The future agreement will be revised.

On April 19, 2022 the Municipality passed a motion to be responsible for the parking at both WahWashKesh public landings.

- **The Municipality will be responsible for maintenance, enforcement and collection of parking permit fees in the near future**
- **Once implemented, the new permit system will be electronic, with parking permits for varying lengths of time available on line 24/7**

This year, 2022, will be a transition year as WWKCA has already begun selling parking permits. The enforcement will also be a joint venture in the short term transitioning to full Municipal responsibility. This will provide a better understanding of the number and type of parking permits required and capacity requirements.

The agreement between WWKCA & Municipality must also address whether the Municipality assumes responsibility for the maintenance of docks, boom, water testing, and hobo link. The transfer of responsibilities will result in a negotiation of financial responsibilities and sharing of permit income between the Municipality and WWKCA.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Permits can be purchased via the website or at Bennett's store.

www.lakewahwashkesh.ca

At the top of the home page:
SHOP PERMITS AND MEMBERSHIPS

You may now pick out the permits you wish to buy, and then pay for them with 3 options:

1. PayPal 

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treasurer@lakewahwashkesh.ca

OR 3.
Mailing a cheque
From the home page:
Scroll down to
"Download your 2022 membership/permit form here" download a form and mail it with a cheque

PERMIT & MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

To cut costs our Membership Permit has been changed to an emailed letter containing the logo if you wish to print it out for nostalgic reasons.



The permit passes will be distributed in May prior to the long weekend.
Please display your parking pass on the mirror or vehicle dashboard.
Trailer passes should also be displayed.

- All permits are for **short term parking** and boat launching
- **The parking areas are NOT for LONG TERM STORAGE** of trailers, boats or vehicles
- Please use the boat trailer area for extended periods of time

See Notice of Municipality taking over Parking Permits/Enforcement on page 1

WHERE DOES YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND PERMIT MONEY GO?

The Association uses the money to continue very important projects such as:

- Water Quality Testing • Dock Replacement • Parking Access upgrades
- Boom & Docks fall removal and spring attachment
- Communication & Links to Government Agencies • Hobo Link - water depth monitor
- Yearly expenses such as website, insurance and annual bursary (these costs are incurred year round)

All of these projects and more help maintain property values, the quality of property owner's experiences at the lake, and updates on changes that affect our property and the lake itself.

We can't do it without the renewal of yearly memberships!

• WHITESTONE • Environmental Stewardship Committee Sponsored Webinar

Meeting took place on April 23, 2022 –

It was recorded and is available -

Do you have ideas for future topics?

See page 8 for more details

WHAT3WORDS APP

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What3Words is a FREE App designed to identify precise locations with a resolution of about 3 metres. Every 3m square has been given a unique combination of three words. Many emergency services accept 3 word addresses from callers to help find people in need of emergency assistance quickly and easily.



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WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

• Benthic Testing will be completed by Georgian Bay Biosphere on June 30th, 2022 This is our 2nd of a 3 year programme sponsored by the Municipality of Whitestone

• Spring 2022 Phosphorus testing will be done by Rob Haddow and Lynn Brennan on May 19th. We will be returning to the Lake Partner Program. If there are other residents also taking samples for the Lake Partner Program, please contact Lynn Brennan at lynnmbrennan@gmail.com




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2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9:30 am

Saturday, July 30

Bennett's Barn

The AGM package will be sent out via email to its members at a later date. **Please remember to bring it to the AGM**

- Memberships can be purchased prior to the AGM 9-9:30am

AGM agenda items: (To date)

Draft Agenda will be sent with AGM Package

1. Directors' Update
2. Directors' Term renewal/ New Directors
3. Financial Report
4. Committee updates
5. Presentation to Jeanine
6. Three New Directors needed!

7. **Membership Discussion/Motion:** Do we want the Municipality to take over docks, boom, water quality testing, and HOBO link?

What permit costs & types of permits for parking that the membership needs eg. Seasonal, annual, daily, weekend, etc. does the membership want?

8. 11 am – Presentation by Robert Gibson, MNRF Manager of Enforcement Branch/Northeast

9. **12 noon – 2 pm • SOCIAL (beer and soft drinks available for purchase)**

Bring a picnic lunch/plates/utensils/napkins

ETCHED BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Former Association Executive and artist Al Gilewicz has generously offered to organize a fundraiser for the Association

These beautiful etched glass bottles were created with digital imagery of the lake. They come in 2 sizes: 750ml and 1.5liter. Most are green glass bottles with some clear/white. Battery powered LED lights included with each bottle as shown

- **Pre-order sale price of \$20 Cdn**
- **Day of sale price of \$25 Cdn**

To pre-order please email Al at ajgilewicz@gmail.com

Cash payment due at pick up:
Bennett's Barn on July 30 after the AGM meeting



ED BENNETT SR.
MUNICIPALITY OF WHITESTONE
• 2022 SENIOR OF THE YEAR •

The award will be presented to Ed at the AGM

Ed Bennett Sr. was one of the founding fathers of the Cramadog Snowmobile Club when snowmobiling was first started as a sport, volunteering for over 15 years, putting out trail markers and grooming the trails. Ed stored the groomers and equipment at the WahWashKesh Lodge, making many necessary repairs. More than once there was a break down and he walked home in the dark.

Ed was a founding father of the Magnetawan River Watershed Association (MRWA), and played an active role in their meetings and their desire to maintain good water quality along the Magnetawan River.

Since its beginning in 1954, Ed has played an active role in the Lake WahWashKesh Conservation Association. He was president during some of the early years and hosted the AGM in his boat barn every year - a tradition that continues to this day. The Association's Hobolink™ lake level monitoring system is installed and powered from Bennett's store.



As a member of the Association's Fish Enhancement Committee, he worked with the MNR to rehabilitate spawning beds for pickerel and lake trout. Ed provided storage for the rubble purchased through a CF-WIP grant and provided a barge and Bobcat loader when it was time to spread the rubble.

Ed was also a member of the committee that expanded the parking lot at the top of Indian Narrows Road to provide much-needed relief from the parking congestion.

More recently Ed has been a civilian member of the management committee for the Parry Sound District French-Severn Forest. This committee reviews logging operations in a large section of the province and works to keep the right balance of clearing and re-forestation.

Congratulations Ed!

TWO OF OUR
WWKCA DIRECTORS
Are Moving On...

Terry Tweed is well known around the lake community. She has been a strong advocate for all that Lake WahWashKesh was and is today. Her historical perspective and knowledge have helped guide the Association over many years. I personally learn something new every chance we talk and enjoy her candor, sense of humour and ability to put things in perspective.

Terry wishes to say that it has been an honour and a pleasure to be on the Board and to be an active part of the lake she loves so much.

We are also sorry to hear that Chuck Thody will not be able to continue as a director. We appreciate the time and effort he has given to the Association. I am sure he will continue to be a strong advocate for the lake.

Lynn Brennan

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SHORELINE PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC LANDS ACT PRESENTATION AT OUR AGM

S/Sgt Robert Gibson, Manager-Parry Sound
Enforcement Unit will be presenting on
Public Lands Act pertaining to permits around
public lands and shorelines

**The following is a section from the
Public lands act which applies to when
permits are needed and what shoreline
alteration, etc can be done.**

Unless acting under the authority of the terms and
conditions of a work permit or instrument granted un-
der the act authorizing the activity

No Person Shall:

- a) Construct a building (on Crown land)
 - b) Construct a trail, water crossing or road (on
Crown land)
 - c) Dredge shore lands
 - d) Fill shore lands
 - e) Remove invasive/native aquatic vegetation by
mechanical means or by hand from shore lands
 - f) Construct or place a structure or a combination of
structures that is in physical contact with more than
15 square metres of shore lands.
- O.Reg. 239/13, s. 2 (1); O. Reg. 160/17, s. 2 (1).

A Work Permit is NOT required for the following:

- Boatlifts/marine railways hand laid (no dredging)
- Docks: on posts, piles or stilts, floating, or
cantilevered over the water (included those
constructed in a PSW)
- Crib docks where the crib(s) (i.e., footprint on lake
bottom) being applied for at the time occupy less
than 15 sq m (161 sq ft), and clean rocks from dry
land are used
- Removal of old docks and boathouses (crib base
left untouched)
- Minor or routine repairs to existing structures
- Residential water intakes or heat loops
- Minor road maintenance



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**When you naturalize your shoreline,
you have the best of both worlds:
you resolve the issues to create
a healthy shoreline, and you have
a property where you don't
lose your view or enjoyment.**

**Watersheds Canada -
watersheds.ca**

Is an informative website that shares re-
sources, expertise, and programs allowing
them help you to make the greatest im-
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- Learn more about the Natural Edge shoreline re-naturalization program in our 2022 brochure, and utilize the free Native Plant Database to find suitable native tree, shrub, and wildflower species for a property based on its hardiness zone and site conditions (sunlight availability, moisture content, soil type).
- Sign up for Watersheds Canada's monthly newsletter to learn about our programs, volunteer and grant opportunities, upcoming events, and more.
- Sign up for the free online Freshwater Stewardship Community, a place for lake and river associations, individuals, academics, students, and other organizations to connect and work together to protect their local freshwater and shoreline areas. This Community features monthly webinars, free education resources, and networking opportunities with other stewards across Canada.
- Download the Lake Links' Lake Protection Workbook, a free educational tool that helps property owners make improvements to their shorelines and lake health.

**Watersheds Canada -
watersheds.ca**

**The Natural Edge -
naturaledge.watersheds.ca**

Hard copies (\$2/each + shipping) are available for pre-order by emailing Monica Seidel, Watersheds Canada's Communications and Fundraising Manager (info@watersheds.ca).

- Learn about the Planning for our Shorelands project, a collaborative project working to produce a Best-Management Practices resource and forum related to shoreland policy and land-use which will inform and unify municipalities, lake-river associations, and concerned individuals in their efforts to conserve critical shoreland habitats.

Download a free copy of their:
**Lake Protection Workbook:
A Self-Assessment Tool for
Shoreline Property Owners**

<https://watersheds.ca/lake-protection-workbook/>



Whitestone Environmental Stewardship Committee Initiatives

During the April 23, 2022 meeting a webinar was created and is available for viewing.

It was an educational meeting answering some of the most asked questions about land stewardship tips to live in balance with the natural landscape and waterways of beautiful Whitestone.

Whitestone Environmental Protection Webinar

https://youtu.be/Xa6_Mjlka2k

<https://www.whitestone.ca/p/whitestone-environmental-committee-initiatives>

The webinar includes: learning more about our septic systems, how to protect the health of our lakes, rivers and shorelines, the outlook for the spongy moth (gypsy moth) this year and how to protect our properties. It also includes an inspirational example of a botanical nature reserve and how we can support the efforts to naturalize our own properties with native plants as well as learn about programs running in our community with the Whitestone Library and Technology Centre and the Dunchurch Agricultural Society.

PROTECTING & RESTORING SHORELINES

by N. Glenn Perrett

One of the reasons why I love canoeing the shoreline of Lake Wahwashkesh is because the majority of the shoreline has been kept in its natural state – at least in the areas I have frequented. Leaving shorelines natural is both good for the environment and aesthetically pleasing.

Protecting Shoreline Buffers

Shoreline buffer zones are vegetation areas between a lake and developed land. These areas are where water meets land and includes shallow water along with 20 – or more – metres of shore land. This area contains an abundance of various species of plants and animals including fishes, mammals, aquatic insects,



amphibians, reptiles and birds. Shoreline buffers are not only vital habitat for animals, including providing travel corridors, but they are also crucial for a healthy lake offering the following functions:

- filtering runoff
- controlling runoff
- reducing erosion
- limiting sediment and harmful substances from entering water bodies
- moderating water temperature
- absorbing nutrients including nitrogen and phosphorous

Shoreline buffers are also important as they serve as transition areas between water and upland areas. Leaving the shoreline buffer in a natural state improves water quality, protects fish spawning grounds and discourages algae growth to name a few more benefits.

Don't Touch It!

If you are fortunate to have a shoreline beffer in its natural state don't touch it. Leave it alone. Shoreline buffers that have been altered can be returned to a more natural state. The easiest and best approach to returning a shorelne buffer to a natural state is to allow it to regenerate naturally. It is rewarding and interesting watching the various native grasses, wildflowers and other plants establish themselves first, with bushes, shrubs and trees following soon after. If you want to speed up the process a little you can transplant tree seedlings and plants from unwanted areas – such as those growing too close to the cottage or driveway or on the septic – to the shoreline buffer. This is more effectively accomplished when the small trees are in a dormant state in early spring or fall.



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Green Corner

by N. Glenn Perrett

This column includes practical and eco-friendly items for the cottage including battery operated vacuums, a fan for the wood stove, a miter saw and stand for building projects and greener cleaners for you, the environment and your septic system!

Craftsman 20V Max 3 in 1 Cordless Vacuum (CMCVS001D1)

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This battery-powered stick vacuum is practical for the cottages allowing you to easily access areas many vacuums can't reach. Not only does it not need electrical outlets (except to charge the battery), but it is relatively light weighing approximately 3.4 kilograms (7.5 pounds).

This Craftsman cordless stick vacuum is easy to use and take most places and it's light weight takes some of the pain out of vacuuming. It effectively removed the hair from our constantly shedding husky and terrier mix dogs along with the dirt and dog hair that accumulates in our vehicle.

The suction with this vacuum is quite good – especially for a small stick vacuum. To help maintain good suction, make sure that you clean and replace the filter as instructed and follow all of the instructions and safety warnings in the manual. The lift away dust canister is easily emptied. According to Craftsman, the vacuum gets up to an hour of run time and the first time that we used it the vacuum effectively worked for more than 40 minutes (and it was turned off and on numerous times as we did the different rooms in the house, car etc) before the battery needed to be charged again.

DeWalt 2 Gallon Cordless/Corded Wet-Dry Hepa Vacuum

www.dewalt.ca
item DCV581H

Another good vacuum for the cottage is the DeWalt 7.5 Litre (two gallons) Cordless/Corded Wet-Dry Hepa Vacuum (item DCV581H) – a versatile, battery-powered tool. We have used the vacuum for a variety of tasks and it has performed well.

I like the fact that the vacuum can be powered with a 20V Max battery (not included) or an AC outlet making it convenient for a variety of jobs in and around the house or cottage.

Some of the vacuum's features include: a 7.5-litre (2 gallon) tank capacity; cordless or corded and powered by either a 20V Max battery or AC outlet; HEPA filter (washable/reusable; 5' x 1.25" diameter hose; hose, cord, accessory storage; crevice tool and wide nozzle tool.

Being relatively light to carry, the vacuum was effective in cleaning the staircase as well as behind furniture. Since the vacuum isn't on castors for easy, constant moving and it doesn't have a long wand to comfortably stand and vacuum for lengthy periods it is designed for cleaning small areas such as vehicles and area rugs as opposed to larger spaces like entire floors and wall-to-wall carpeting.



If you have a workshop and like to keep it clean and minimize dust and other debris escaping into the air and landing everywhere you can

purchase, separately, a dust collector (item DWV9000) for the vacuum. This dust extraction adaptor can connect a power tool to the vacuum hose and is "designed to work with Dust System Compatible DeWalt power tools." We have effectively used this device to significantly reduce the amount of sawdust scattered by our DeWalt miter saw.

Make sure that you read and follow all safety and operational instructions from the instruction manual for this vacuum and dust collector tool.

Ecofan AirDeco I (Model 8203)

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We have been enjoying the warmth provided by our wood stove this winter. It quickly warms the living room in our 1895 house before the heat travels to the other parts of our home. Helping to



distribute the heat is our *Ecofan AirDeco I*.

The heat-powered wood stove fan sits on top of the wood stove and quietly (you have to carefully listen to hear any noise – it is almost silent) distributes the warmer air in the preferred direction. We often have the fan facing a nearby doorway so that the warm air is directed through it where it rises up a staircase to help heat the upstairs part of our house. Don't expect the fan to strongly blow the air, but it gently circulates the warmer air using the difference in temperature between the ambient air and the stovetop.

The Ecofan not only makes our wood stove more effective, but it does so without using electricity or batteries! Hopefully this new fan lasts like our older model of Ecofan that still works beautifully after more than 15 years!

To help ensure that your Ecofan works safely and efficiently, make sure that you follow the operating instructions that come with the Ecofan.

You can get more information on this Canadian product as well as where you can purchase it at:

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<https://ecofan.caframobrand.com/store-locator>

DeWalt Miter Saw (DHS790) & Miter Saw Stand (DWX723)

www.dewalt.ca

Over the years my wife, Lynn, and I have saved considerable money working on our home including installing numerous wood floors. And while we have used a decent miter saw, recently we used *DeWalt's 12" 120V Max Double Bevel Sliding Compound Miter Saw* (DHS790) and their *Heavy-Duty Miter Saw Stand* (DWX723). Wow!

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Designed for professional sawing applications, this relatively heavy miter saw features a 12" diameter saw blade which works very well. There is lots to like about this impressive miter saw including that it is run by both batteries and the corded power supply that comes with it. While we usually use the convenient power provided by the batteries, it is nice to know that there is a second power source if required. The saw also features a high fence allowing you to line up and cut bigger boards.

The saw also comes with a dust bag as well as a clamp that securely holds wood in place and base extensions to support longer pieces of wood. It also features an LED work-light that not only shows you where the saw cut is, but lights up the area where you are cutting. Make sure that you read the informative instruction and safety manual and follow the directions and recommendations.

We use this miter saw with *DeWalt's Heavy-Duty Miter Saw Stand* (DWX723) and the two work well together. The saw is easily attached to the stand and working at a preferred height is more comfortable and something we weren't used to until we got these tools.

While the DeWalt miter saw and saw stand are not inexpensive, they are a good investment for those who do build, renovate and do similar work.

Eco-Friendly, Safer Cleaners for You, Your Septic and the Environment

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For many years I have been leery of household cleaners as many of the chemicals commonly used are very toxic, cruelly tested on nonhuman animals and aren't good for septic systems or the environment. My thoughts of how many household cleaners do more harm than good are shared by Rebecca Tanqueray in her book *Sim-*



ply Green: Beautiful & Ecological Design Solutions for Every Room in the House.

"We have all been wooed by advertisers to believe that dirt is bad; that we have to scrub and polish our homes until they sparkle and smell overpoweringly of woodland pine. There are two issues here. Firstly, a bit of dirt never hurt anyone (ask your granny) and secondly, most conventional cleaners on the market are full of chemicals. Far from making your house healthier, these are liable to do the opposite – as well as doing extensive damage to the environment with both their contents and packaging."

Fortunately, these toxic "cleaners" are not necessary. For decades we have used baking soda and water to clean our kitchen sinks while vinegar and water effectively cleans

our windows. For our clothes, dishes and many other cleaning needs we use *Nature Clean* products that are manufactured and packaged in Canada by Frank T. Ross & Sons Ltd.

We decided on *Nature Clean* products for numerous reasons including the fact that they are a local company and have been making safer, eco-friendly products since the 1960s. Their products are hypoallergenic, readily biodegradable and created from naturally derived ingredients (plants and minerals.) And unlike many companies, there is a complete list of ingredients on their labels. Other reasons for choosing *Nature Clean* products include their being cruelty-free and vegan, Canadian made and septic tank and grey water safe! And they work great!

VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Everyone is busy! Everyone wants to enjoy their time at the lake! *Help us all by sharing the load.*

Volunteers needed for Membership Drive committee, Lake Plan committee & Fishing committee (*Concerned about lack of fish? Fish species? Stocking? Or habitat?*)

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by N. Glenn Perrett

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Jo Spain, Quercus Publishing

Books and the cottage go incredibly well together. I find that I read more at the cottage so I was pleased to recently come across the very good mystery series about Inspector Tom Reynolds by Jo Spain. The novels take place in Ireland and the police detective books feature interesting characters and settings and excellent plots.

My first read in this series was "*The Darkest Place*" which is the fourth book in the series. The setting is a controversial psychiatric institution on an island that has been closed for decades. A mass grave was discovered there which included the body of one of the doctors who worked at the hospital and who went missing 40 years earlier. I thoroughly enjoyed this story so I'm now reading the first book – "*With Our Blessing*." It too is a fascinating read with the setting taking place at an isolated convent in the Irish countryside and a murder that may be linked to the Magdalene Laundries.

If you are gathering good reading material for a summer at the cottage you will want to consider this series which so far includes the following books: 1. *With Our Blessing* 2. *Beneath the Surface* 3. *Sleeping Beauties* 4. *The Darkest Place* 5. *The Boy Who Fell*.

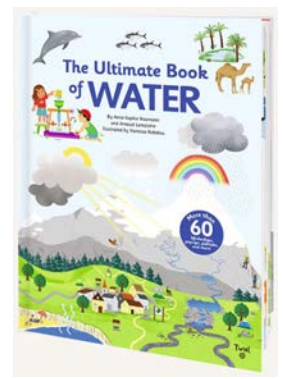
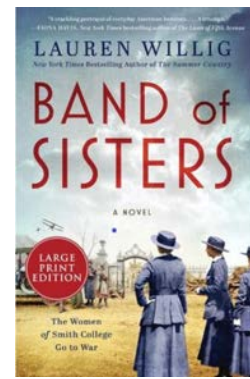
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ISBN: 9791036338793, ages 5+
reviewed by Gleannan Perrett

"*The Ultimate Book of Water*" is a non-fiction pop-up book that educates its readers on anything relating to water. We all know that water is extremely important and has become increasingly more talked about as of late. From "water boiling advisories" to droughts, it is now even more necessary to learn about the Earth's most vital resource and this book is a great way to do it.

"*The Ultimate Book of Water*" focuses on the science and geography of water and contains several connections to the school curriculum in multiple grade levels. Every two-page spread contains a new topic which relates to water - Water in Living Things, Aquatic Habitats, The Water Cycle, Water on Earth and in the Universe, and more. What I like best about this book is that it is interactive with over 60+ moveable parts and several visual images to deepen the reader's understanding of the material.

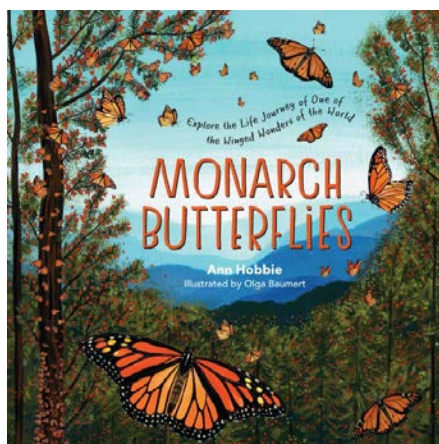
Band of Sisters
Lauren Willig, Harper Large Print
2021, 727 pages
ISBN: 9780063062313

A good historical novel is entertaining, based on a true story and educates the reader and *Band of Sisters* by Lauren Willig is an exceptional historical novel. The inspirational story follows a group of young women from Smith College in America who travel to France as



the "Smith College Relief Unit" in 1917 to help French villagers whose homes and lives have been intentionally destroyed by the German army. The brave group of American college women enter a war zone just behind the front lines to carry out their desperately needed humanitarian work for French villagers – many of whom were children – during World War I. Not only did these women make a huge difference to many people during the war, but they returned after the war to oversee the rebuilding of the villages.

Reading about the incredible work done by the Smith College Relief Unit was fascinating and inspirational particularly since the events are mostly true. According to the author in her "Historical Note" at the end of the story, "If there's an incident in the book, it almost certainly happened, but I may have moved it or conflated events for simplicity's sake." She goes on to say, "...the events are real, but all the women in the novel are fictional. Some are more fictional than others." Willig also points out that some of the women in the book were "...inspired by the characters of the actual members of the Unit as they conveyed themselves to me from their personal letters." And

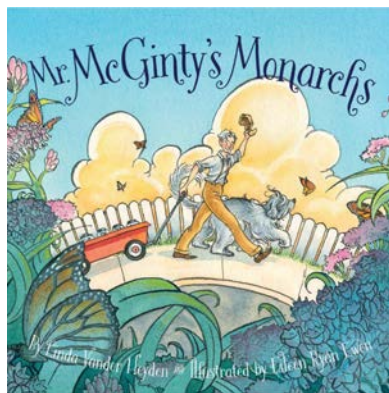


for her story the author did rely heavily on the "...chatty, snarky, fascinating letters written home by the members of the Smith College Relief Unit."

Monarch Butterflies: Explore the Life Journey of One of the Winged Wonders of the World

*Ann Hobbie, illustrated by
Olga Baumert,
Storey Publishing,
2021, 48 pages, ages 7+
ISBN: 9781635862898*

With the Monarch Butterflies' fall migration occurring in Ontario, what better time to learn more about these beautiful and fascinating animals and *Monarch Butterflies: Explore the Life Journey of One of the Winged Wonders of the World* provides lots of information! Written by Ann Hobbie and illustrated by Olga Baumert, this book covers the Monarch Butterflies' life cycle, anatomy, milkweed plants, life in a milkweed patch, migration, food, predators – and more. There is also information on how you can help Monarchs along with some "Fun Facts", a glossary as well as where you can go to learn more about these animals. Complementing the informative picture book are stunning illustrations.

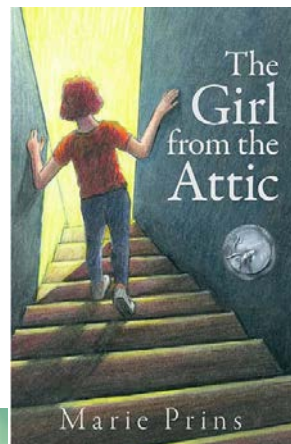


Mr. McGinty's Monarchs

*Linda Vander Heyden,
illustrated by Eileen Ryan Ewen,
Sleeping Bear Press
2016, 26 pages
ISBN: 9781585366125, ages 5+*

Mr. McGinty's Monarchs is an interesting, educational nature story for children. The beautifully illustrated picture book sees Mr. McGinty and his dog Sophie enjoy the monarch butterflies near their home. When they come to the spot where numerous milkweed plants provide shelter and food for the butterflies they notice that someone has cut down the milkweed leaving the caterpillars clinging to the chopped down plants.

Mr. McGinty acts quickly and takes the caterpillars home where he puts them into aquariums and gives them milkweed leaves to eat. Realizing that there are too many caterpillars for one person to care for, Mr. McGinty visits a local school, educates the children about the life cycle of a monarch butterfly and enlists the help of sev-



eral classes to feed and care for the caterpillars. Mr. McGinty looks after one aquarium himself and once the caterpillars grow, form chrysalises and hatch into butterflies he and Sophie join the students in a local playground where they release all of the monarchs they cared for.

At the end of the heartwarming story there are informative sections on "Monarchs and Milkweed" and "A Monarch's Migration" where readers can learn more about these fascinating animals including how they need milkweed plants to survive and how they migrate.

Excellent nature book for kids!

The Girl from the Attic

*Marie Prins, Common Deer Press
2020, 212 pages
ISBN: 9781988761510, ages 8+
www.marieprins.ca*

I liked everything about *The Girl from the Attic* by Marie Prins. The characters are interesting and the setting is exceptional – a house built in the shape of an octagon in Northumberland County near Lake Ontario. And if that isn't already interesting enough, the novel aimed at middle-grade readers is a time travel story set in the fascinating house a century apart!

The main character is Maddy Rose, an 11-year-old girl who has moved with her mother and step-father, Dan, from a bungalow in Scarborough to a large, octagonal house in the country. Accepting these changes isn't easy for Maddy who doesn't get along with Dan. And soon she will also have to adjust to life with a baby sister!

Maddy not only has to deal with leaving her home and friends behind and trying to get along with Dan, but she also has to help out around the house more as her pregnant mother is always exhausted. Things become even more difficult – and fascinat-

- continued -

ing – for Maddy when a black cat leads her into her new home's attic which takes Maddy back from 2001 to 1904. And it is in 1904 in the same house where she meets Clare and his sick sister Eva. As long as Shadow – the black cat – is around, Maddy is able to travel from the present back to 1904 and back again although she is never sure how much time has elapsed.

When she is in her home in 1904 she spends time helping Clare which includes trying to help Eva who is suffering from tuberculosis. Maddy's already busy life becomes even more chaotic when she returns to the present to learn of the premature birth of her sister.

The Girl from the Attic is an entertaining book to keep middle-graders (and older readers) reading during the summer. Diagrams of the house complement the text.

This Is The Boat That Ben Built

Jen Lynn Bailey, illustrated by Maggie Zeng

Pajama Press

2022, 40 pages

ISBN: 9781772782424

ages 5+

This Is The Boat That Ben Built is a nature, cumulative story that explores a northern river ecosystem. After building his boat, Ben sets out on a river where he sees various animals including fishes, a beaver, a loon, a moose, a heron – and more. Young readers will enjoy the fun story and quality illustrations. At the end of the story there are sections on all of the animals in the story – fishes, beaver, loon, goose, black bear, moose, heron, owl. There is also information about a northern river ecosystem and definitions for the following: ecosystem, keystone species, ecologist, predators, opportunistic feeders; omnivores; herbivores; carnivorous.

Nice nature picture book for young readers!

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TWO BURSARIES

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Many of you will remember that we have had a bursary for several years to honour the work and memory of Duncan Robertson. This bursary was limited to post-secondary school applicants entering an environmental studies field. Applicants must have been either a member of the Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association or an immediate family member of an Association member. This bursary was for \$250.00 but few applicants applied for it.

The Executive of the Association would like to start a second bursary to honour the work and legacy of Mike Maceina. This bursary would be available to anyone entering post-secondary education, would have a value of \$500.00, and would be open to members and immediate family members of an Association member.

Diane Robertson has kindly agreed to widen the scope of Duncan's bursary to include all post-secondary education applicants.

The deadline for submission of applications is July 1 of each year

Please submit the to the Associations President
at lynnmbrennan@gmail.com

The Executive will decide who gets the bursaries

The Executive hope by offering the two bursaries to continue to honour the work done by Duncan Robertson and Mike Maceina and to encourage post-secondary education and Association membership.

The application form for the bursaries will be available on our website or by contacting Don Comrie at donalddcomrie@gmail.com.

Definition of "immediate family member": spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, niece, nephew, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, including adoptive relationships.

Don Comrie



UPDATE FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

Environmental Stewardship Committee

This committee has several sub-committees working on a number of projects. The monthly minutes are posted on the Municipality website.

The biggest projects are septic systems and lake capacity and lake plan development. The Councillors on this committee are Beth Gorham-Matthews and Joe McKeown

Follow the committee updates:

<http://www.whitestone.ca/p/boards-and-committees>

Go to Agenda & Minutes on Home page (bottom left corner) and then click Boards & Committees on left margin and the Environmental Stewardship Committee is listed.

Official Plan Amendment #2: Trailers & Backlot Development on Existing Private Roads

The Amendment was passed unanimously on April 12, 2022. The WahWashKesh Planning & Development Committee previously submitted multiple concerns in a letter to the Municipality. A second submission will follow to understand next steps and provide input into the Zoning By-law implications of the Amendment. It was evident that private road issues are a main concern along with any detrimental environmental/heritage feature impacts.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for official plan amendments in the Municipality of Whitestone:

!!ACTION REQUIRED!!
Any member of the public may submit comments to the ministry regarding an adopted official plan amendment.
Please send your concerns by email to
mso-ne@ontario.ca

Whitestone & Area Nursing Station Expansion

The Whitestone Nurse Practitioner-led Clinic (NPLC) provides comprehensive primary care for residents and cottagers in Whitestone and the surrounding area.

The Municipality of Whitestone's nursing station saw a **50 per cent increase** in patient visits during 2018 and 2019, which reflects a growth in population.

Please consider donating to this worthy cause

Services Provided - A full-time nurse practitioner works collaboratively with a number of part-time health professionals. Lab services are also available on a part-time basis. Patients are asked to please call to make an appointment.

Whitestone Council in partnership with the West Parry Sound Health Centre (and with the assistance of several grant funding opportunities) will be expanding the Nurse Practitioner-led Clinic in 2022. Design and planning is underway in support of this wonderful community asset to meet the needs of our community and surrounding communities with:

- Safer care with more space for infection control
- Improved access to care with more patient rooms for scheduling our nurse practitioners, physiotherapist, social worker, mental health and addictions counsellor and family physician
- Increased capacity to meet the demand for existing services
- Potential for new health and wellness services

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