

Lake WahWashKesh

CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION



– FALL 2022 –

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

This is one of the most important Municipal Elections in years and its outcome could impact our Community, Lakes and the natural environment for years to come

This new Council will be responsible for updating the Official Plan, which will influence how the Community, Lakes and the natural environment are managed. The Official Plan in a sense will be a Stewardship Plan for our Lakes.

Help the volunteers working on your behalf. Traditionally, our lake and others have had a small turn out. Please change that this time! So we can ensure our perspective is heard and we protect and preserve our lake.

PLEASE VOTE

Let's not be a SILENT MAJORITY

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– Municipal Election –
Monday, October 24th

HOW YOU CAN VOTE?

Voting in the Municipal election has many easy options for you to choose from

You will need your personal PIN, received in the letter from the Municipality, in order to vote by Internet, phone, or mail.

<https://voterlookup.ca/home.aspx>

If you have not received this letter, you can check by calling Paula Macri at the Municipal Office at phone number: (705) 389-2466 x122 or email: paula.macri@whitestone.ca

INTERNET - To vote by Internet, type the website below in the address bar at the top of your browser (such as Chrome, Edge, Safari, etc) and follow the instructions
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MAIL - You will need to have received the letter from the Municipality with the Mail-In Ballot Instruction sheet, in order to vote by mail. Your Mail-In ballot must be received at the election office before Monday, October 24th, 2022 at 8pm. If your Mail-In ballot is not received before this time, it will not be counted in this election. You can determine if your Mail-In ballot has been received by going to the voting website and entering your PIN and Date of Birth, prior to the election close at 8pm. If you attempt to vote both by mail and online, only the ballot that arrives first will be counted.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

• *Inform Yourself* • *Please Vote* •

To discover which candidates best align themselves with the goals and values of our Lakes and Community.....

On September 25, 2022 the Planning and Development committee (PAD) of the WWKCA held an "All Candidates' Meeting" at the Ardbeg Community Hall to hear from the candidates standing for election discuss WWKCA and municipality lake association issues. We were interested to know what their ideas were for the environmental sustainability, long term growth and development of the Whitestone community and how they would recognize the interests of all members of the community - seasonal and year round alike.

For full details please refer to the to the recording of the meeting here:
<https://lakewashkesh.ca/>

8 CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR COUNCIL

– listed alphabetical by first name –

- **Anna Small** - 10 Lochanside Drive, Dunchurch, Ontario P0A 1G0
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- **Jade Constable** - 15363 WahWashKesh Lake, Dunchurch, Ontario P0A 1G0
705-746-3140 • jwconstable@hotmail.com
- **Janice Bray** - 2000 Highway 124, Dunchurch, Ontario P0A 1G0,
705-774-8796 • bray@vianet.ca
- **Joe Lamb** - 12 Fox Lair, Dunchurch, Ontario P0A 1G0,
Cottage 705-389-9542, Burlington 905-333-5951 • jm.lamb@sympatico.ca
Facebook: ReElectJoe
- **Josh Davis** - 78 Westview Road, Dunchurch, Ontario P0A 1G0,
647-969-9539 • joshuacamerondavis@gmail.com
Facebook: JoshDavisForWhitestoneCouncil
- **Kevin Krusell** - 386 Churlee Road, Dunchurch, Ontario P0A 1G0
905-329-9350 • kkrusell@cogeco.ca
- **Scott Nash** - 1170WA Gooseneck Lake, Dunchurch, Ontario P0A 1G0,
705-346-4367 • nash.scott100@gmail.com



For more information please also refer to the facebook group:

The Whitestone Candidates Speak With Their Voters

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/371978658456430/?ref=share>

A Facebook group where questions have been asked of the candidates each week and their responses have been posted in the group

• WHITESTONE COUNCIL CANDIDATES • Tour of Lake WahWashKesh

Some of you may have seen Norm Locke's heavily laden pontoon boat late in the day on Thursday, September 15th touring the lake. That tour was offered to the council candidates and all but one were able to attend. It was surprising to us that many of these folks had never been on our beautiful lake.

We toured them around the top lake, Deadman's Island, past some of the hunt camps and down the river for a short time. We then came around and tried to get into McCormicks pond but were stopped by low water. We toured past the potential Keene subdivision and then into the big lake where we went to show them the rail trucks down in Greens Bay (boxcar bay to some) and then out into the big lake. We saw some of the faux sand beaches that have been created in Parkers Bay and then dashed back across to the Indian Narrows dock as dusk was descending.

Thanks to Norm Locke for donating the use of his boat and the fuel. Thanks also to Marla Green for preparing sandwiches and drinks. Thanks also to Captain Norm, Frank Camenzuli and Jennifer Materne for being our tour guides.

Gary Green



**“The vote is the most powerful
nonviolent tool we have.”**

– John Lewis –

Fish Sanctuary

Ontario Fishery Regulations apply across the province, but each zone has exceptions to meet its unique needs. Those exceptions are made with variation orders

The MNRF representative at the AGM spoke of closed fishing on WahWashKesh because of trout.

Just to recap, speckle trout and lake trout season close on September 30 for Zone 15.



They close down the season because in six to eight weeks they will be laying their eggs on the rocky shoals of the lakes. We have seasons in place to help protect these

fish when spawning. That way we get more eggs laid and next spring we get more eggs to hatch and that in turn adds to the lake trout population in the lake.

That is how conservation works.

Bill Eden, Almaguin News

Fish sanctuary variation order (including special waters closed to sport and commercial fishing)

The waters of Wahwashkesh Lake (Latitude 45°43 N., Longitude 80°02 W.), known locally as Deer Lake, in the geographic townships of Burton and McKenzie, in the Territorial District of Parry Sound. CLOSED: January 1st to the Friday preceding the 3rd Saturday in May and December 1st to December 31st.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/fish-sanctuary-variation-order-including-special-waters-closed-sport-and-commercial-fishing>



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PARKING

• TASKFORCE UPDATE •

There have been a few changes concerning the WahWashKesh Parking Taskforce since the Annual General Meeting. During the meeting we heard a number of suggestions from the membership and are working to include this input into the overall recommendations for parking impacting WWKCA.

Shortly after the Annual General Meeting, there were significant changes to Indian Narrows, including the cutting of several trees, the delivery and installation of several yards of stone and gravel as well as a removal of some parking spots. These changes were not brought to the attention of the task force prior to them being implemented. After the changes were made, we sought clarification from the Municipality and were told that the intent of the changes were to facilitate the safe removal of boats to either a holding area or to be stored by the owners. The municipality explained that there were no permits required for this work including the shoreline alterations.

The committee as a whole has met once since the AGM. We are still waiting for the parking enforcement bylaw to go to Council. We have been told that it is in its final edit stage and should be going to Council in the very near future.

The status of the paid parking permit process is still in discussion. As the Municipality is investigating how they can provide safe and accessible launch facilities and parking where needed at other public landings in the Municipality. The WWKCA representation is seeking clarification regarding the fees charged for parking at all other land public landings. The task force eagerly await a date for our next meeting where many of these items can be answered, further discussed and clarified.

It is the intent of the WWKCA Taskforce members that any new process for securing lake access including vehicle and boat parking will be equitable across the municipality. It is also our expectation that this process will be confirmed and communicated to our membership for the coming year.

Paul Thomson



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2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

My first in person AGM as President! Thanks to Ed, Cathy and staff for providing use of Bennett's Barn and all the effort required in doing so.

The minutes and membership forms will be distributed in the Spring Newsletter

It was a pleasure to have Ed Bennett Sr receive the Municipality of a Whitestone Senior of the Year Award

Lynn Brennan



*Councillors Joe Lamb, Brian Woods,
Beth Gorham-Matthews,
Ed Sr. and Mayor George Comrie*

IN MEMORIAM

Don Comrie

It is with great sadness that the family of Don Comrie announce his passing on May 30. Don was a kind, devoted and generous soul who walked daily with his God and touched the lives of all he encountered.



Don worked as a Canada Border Services Agency Officer for over 30 years, finishing his career as an Operations Chief at Pearson International Airport.

Don was an avid fisherman and boater. He loved spending time at the family cottage on the lake, where he served as president of the Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association for many years.

Don was predeceased by his parents, Donald and Jean Comrie, and sister-in-law, Lynne. He is survived by his brother, George (Joan). He will be missed dearly by his nieces Sarah (Dylan), Rachel, Deborah (Bryan) and Rebecca, as well as his great-niece Abby and great-nephew Eli. He will be fondly remembered by his friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the West Parry Sound Health Centre Foundation, or the charity of your choice.

A reception was held after the Annual Meeting to remember Don.

Jim Summersides

Long-time Shanty Bay cottager and Association member passed away on September 10 at the age of 97. Jim and Marg bought their lot from the Haywards around 1965 and it was the focus of their summers for over 50 years.



Born in 1924, Jim went on to spend most of his life in Welland, where he was born. Raised by immigrant parents, Jim shared his early life with his older sister, Beatrice. When war broke out, Jim joined the army when only 18. He went overseas to defend his country by joining the First Special Service Force. Jim (Red) proudly served with "The Devil's Brigade" before it was disbanded in 1944. He completed his war service with the 48th Highlanders in the Liberation of Holland.

Shortly after returning home, Jim met Margaret, his one great love, with whom he would create memories for the next 75 years. Daughter Sherry and son Rex would be part of those memories as would their spouses Jorg and Jacqueline. His proudest moments would be the arrival of his beloved grandsons Ivor and John. Adventures at the family cottage would create many fond memories with a myriad of nieces and nephews as well as numerous sisters and brothers-in-law. Jim will be remembered for his devotion to country, his commitment to family, his dedication to youth education with the Canadian Legion, and his ready sense of humour.

Patty Willett 14 April 1935 – 6 September 2022



It is always difficult saying goodbye to someone we love and cherish. Patty passed away with her family by her side on September 6. Loving wife of the late Ross Willett. Beloved mother of Carroll and her husband Rod Russell. Much loved grandmother of Matt (Vicky), Ally (Dan). Great grandmother of Quinn and Emmitt. Dear sister of the late Marg and Kerwood Stephenson, Jane and Leonard Dupuis. She will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

While growing up Patty had a love for horses. After completing a year of business college, she worked for 38 years for the town of Midland as a tax collector. She retired at 55 and was able to enjoy many years at her cottage on lake Wah- Wash- Kesh. Her favorite place on earth.

She was always so kind, welcoming, so full of life, funny, positive, independent and loved people, gatherings and parties. *Everyone who knew her loved her.*

Book Reviews

by N. Glenn Perrett

Fellowship Point

Alice Elliott Dark

Marysue Rucci Books/Scribner

2022, 580 pages

ISBN: 9781982131814

Fellowship Point is a novel about Agnes Lee whose family has enjoyed summers on Fellowship Point on the coast of Maine since the mid-1870s. Now in the twilight of her life she is looking to protect a wildlife sanctuary on Fellowship Point by convincing the remaining cottagers – including her best friend Polly – to donate the land to a trust. Unfortunately, while Polly also wants to protect the wildlife sanctuary, her sons have their own ideas for the land which includes developing it.

Reading about the different lives and relationships of the characters – particularly the eight-decade friendship between Agnes and Polly – was very entertaining. So too was their fight to ensure the longevity of the wildlife sanctuary. Sometimes I get bogged down reading longer books and this one is 580 pages, but whenever I had a free moment I'd grab this novel and head to Fellowship Point!

Finding Moose

Sue Farrell Holler, illustrated by

Jennifer Faria, Pajama Press,

2022, 32 pages

ISBN: 9781772782448, ages 3+

I like children's books that are both educational and show how wonderful nature is so I was delighted with *Finding Moose* written by Sue Farrell Holler and beautifully illustrated by Jennifer Faria.

The story sees a young boy and his grandfather quietly go for a spring walk in the woods where they come across some moose poop on the trail.

They look for the moose and find where he ate some branches for breakfast. During the nature walk they come across various animals and plants including a chipmunk, a goose, a beaver, rose hips and pussy willows. When they return home from their walk they find moose standing next to their house!

Children will enjoy this simple story that introduces them to some of their forest neighbours whose names are in both English and Ojibwemowin.

Light the Sky, Firefly!

Sheri Mabry Bestor, illustrated by

Jonny Lambert

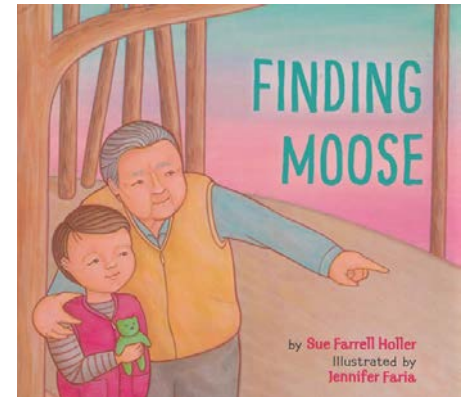
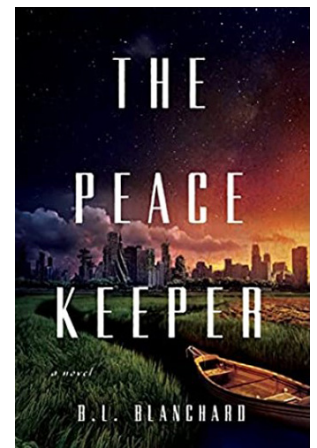
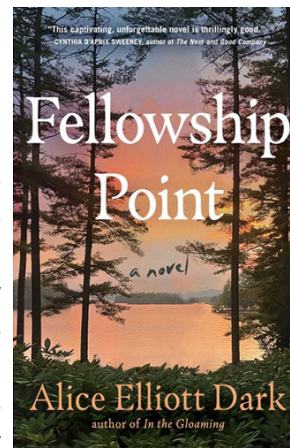
Sleeping Bear Press, 2022, 26 pages

ISBN: 9781534111158, ages 4+

I look forward to seeing fireflies each year so I enjoyed learning more about them in this informative picture book. The author combines a story about fireflies with interesting facts resulting in a fascinating look at the life cycle of this incredible insect.

You learn that a female firefly can lay up to 500 eggs in a moist environment such as under fallen leaves. You learn when the eggs hatch and what firefly larva eat as well as how the larvae live underground during the winter and then, in spring, they change from a larva into an adult firefly. You also read about how fireflies produce a chemical reaction allowing them to glow.

There is much more information about these beetles (you also learn that fireflies aren't flies but a type of beetle) in this beautifully illustrated book.



The Peace Keeper

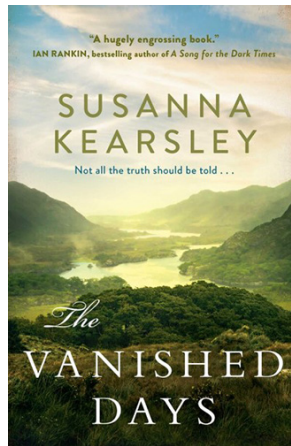
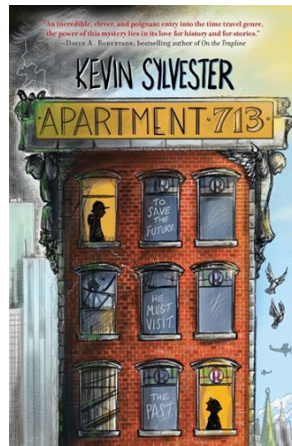
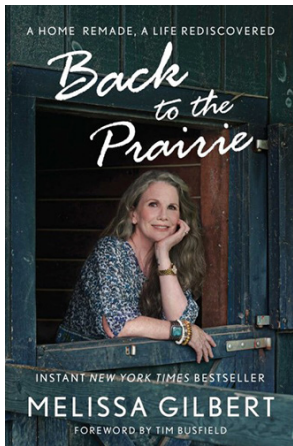
B. L. Blanchard

47 North, 2022, 307 pages

ISBN: 9781542036511

The Peace Keeper is one of the better mystery novels that I've read. The story takes place in a North America that was never colonized where the Great Lakes are surrounded by an independent Ojibwe nation. Chibenashi is a Peacekeeper (detective) in the village of Baawitigong who has looked after his traumatized younger sister since their mother was murdered 20 years ago and their father confessed to the violent crime.

Now, 20 years after the murder, another woman – Meoquanee – is murdered in the normally quiet village. Meoquanee was the best friend of Chibenashi's mother and she has helped to look after Chibenashi and his sister for the past two decades. And while Chibenashi has never left the village



of Baawitigong, his murder investigation takes him to the city of Shikaakwa where Meo-quanee's estranged family live. Also living in this city is Chibenashi's imprisoned father as well as the woman who broke his heart. All of this results in a complicated and emotional case that will change the lives of Chibenashi and his sister.

The Peace Keeper is B. L. Blanchard's debut novel and it is an exceptional read. The characters are intriguing and the plot takes some interesting twists and turns. I also enjoyed the setting of a North America that was not colonized (there is a map at the front of the book you can refer to.) Also complementing the riveting story is a 6-page glossary of "Anishinaabemowin Terms" found in the book.

**Back to the Prairie:
A Home Remade,
A Life Rediscovered**
Melissa Gilbert
Gallery Books, 2022, 275 pages
ISBN: 9781982177188

Those who enjoy a good autobiography or biography will want to read *Back to the Prairie: A Home Remade, A Life Rediscovered* by Melissa Gilbert. Gilbert starred in the popular TV series *Little House on the Prairie* from 1974 to 1983 and has continued acting in movies and plays as well as writing books, among other things.

This particular memoir doesn't cover her life but rather a period beginning just prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and continuing on through much of the pandemic. During this time Gilbert faced a variety of highs and lows as she and her husband, Tim Busfield, travel to the Catskills in upstate New York where they find a new home in the form of a beautiful 14-acre, wooded property with a

rustic house in need of lots of TLC!

Not only do they buy the property, but they do most of the renovating themselves not to mention creating gardens so that they will have a supply of food. And much of this memoir pertains to how Gilbert and Busfield lovingly renovated their Catskill home that the author affectionately calls "the Cabbage" – "(a conflation of cabin and cottage)".

Filled with lots of humour, compassion and wise messages and advice, *Back to the Prairie* is a very good memoir.

Apartment 713
Kevin Sylvester
HarperCollins, 2022, 231 pages
ISBN: 9781443460941, ages 8+

Getting children to enjoy reading is important. But it can be a difficult task for some. And while there are a variety of things that you can do to encourage reading, the most effective is to provide books with wonderful stories. And this is what *Apartment 713* is!

Written and illustrated by Kevin Sylvester, *Apartment 713* is a riveting adventure about friendship, architecture, history and helping others – not to mention time travel! Jake Simmons and his mom have just moved into an apartment in an old building – the Regency. And while the Regency was a grand place in the past, it is now an old relic of a building with peeling wallpaper, worn carpets and unpleasant smells. But it also features fascinating, mysterious areas including a hidden elevator, hidden artwork and a secret ballroom! The Regency has been a place for people who need assistance to stay (Jake's mom is unemployed) and is home to an interesting assortment of tenants. Just when Jake decides that he likes the Regency he learns that the city plans to demolish the old building.

Apartment 713 is one room that is off limits, but when Jake is asked to go there and he opens the door he travels back in time where he meets Beth who becomes his friend and shows him around the Regency. Jake looks for a clue in the build-

- continued -

ing's past that may allow him to save the building in the future as he becomes close friends with Beth as well as the original owner of the Regency.

Apartment 713 is a fantastic adventure that will help even reluctant readers realize the joy to be found in books!

The Vanished Days

Susanna Kearsley

Simon & Schuster, 2022, 528 pages

ISBN: 9781501116582

Set in the autumn of 1707 and going back to the late 1600s in Scotland, *The Vanished Days* sees Lily Aitcheson, a young widow, attempt to collect her husband's wages. The resulting investigation into her case to determine if she is eligible to receive the money brings the past together with the present resulting in a wonderful historical novel.

Susanna Kearsley is an extraordinary storyteller who provides a fascinating look at life during this time in Scotland as she draws "on the letters and the other varied writings that the people of those times have left behind." Kearsley uses dual timelines and combines fiction with well-researched, non-fiction to provide the reader with a captivating story!

And don't skip the 20-page section at the back – "About the Characters" as Kearsley mentions how the book came to be and who in the story was real and who wasn't. She also provides interesting information about people, some of whom are hardly mentioned in history books, events etc. This section is almost as entertaining a read as the story and will particularly appeal to those who enjoy history.

Thunder and the Noise Storms

Jeffrey Ansloos and Shezza Ansloos, illustrated by Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley

Annick Press, 2021, 36 pages

ISBN: 9781773215587, ages 4+

Loud noises – noise storms – at school make Thunder uneasy and angry. When things become too much for him to handle the school principal calls Thunder's mosom (the Cree word for "grandpa") who takes the child on a walk. To help Thunder deal with the noise storms, Mosom tells him to "listen with wonder" and to listen to the quiet things. Soon Thunder is able to hear things like the wind, trees, squirrels, birds flying and water – even his own heart. After sitting for a while listening to all of the quiet sounds, Thunder and Mosom return to school where Thunder is able to deal with the noise storms.

Life can be stressful and overwhelming. Learning to deal with stressful things is important. *Thunder and the Noise Storms* is an entertaining story with a wise message complemented by wonderful illustrations making it an excellent book not only for children but for all ages!

VOLUNTEERS!!!!

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

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Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Two Applicants : • Ayden Blain • Isabelle Thomson

Applicants must be in the immediate family* of a current member of the Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association. *Definition of “immediate family member”; spouse, child, stepchild, grandparent, parent, step-parent, 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.

- Ayden is the nephew of current members John and Teresa Foster
- Isabelle is the daughter of current member Paul Thomson

The Regulations for the Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association Memorial Scholarship are as follows:

- 1 Complete the application form provided.
- 2 The Scholarship will be awarded to the candidate who best qualifies under these headings:
a.) Academic achievement b.) Academic goals
- 3 A committee of two Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association directors will select the recipient. There will be only one recipient.
- 4 The Scholarship may not be deferred and must be applied to the education costs at the college or university and in the program stated in the application, and in the year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- 5 Should the applicant’s circumstances change and affect the applicant’s eligibility for an award, the onus is on the applicant to inform the President of the Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association.
- 6 A copy of the applicant’s secondary school official academic transcript must be included with this application.
- 7 The completed application should be addressed to:
The Bursary Committee Lake Wah-Wash-Kesh Conservation Association,
c/o The President, P.O. Box 183, McKellar, Ontario P0G 1C0
Documentation Check list: - completed application form - copy of official transcript

Academic Achievement

Both Isabelle and Ayden had outstanding marks throughout secondary school. Overall, Ayden’s average is slightly ahead of Isabelle’s.

Academic Goals

Isabelle has been accepted to Brock University for their Concurrent Education Primary/Junior program, with a degree in Child and Youth Studies, with a goal to become an elementary school teacher, and eventually a school principal. Isabelle’s inspiration to become a teacher comes from her experience assisting with children’s dance classes, and combining her passion for the environment to create the “Eco Ranger” program to children last summer at Bennett’s store.

Ayden has been accepted to the University of Western Ontario School of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering), with a goal to pursue a career in Mechanical Engineering. Ayden’s inspiration to become a mechanical engineer comes from his life-long interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Lake Wah-Wah-

Kesh's fluctuating water levels have been a source of interest for Ayden, along with interest in natural and man-made dams and their effect on the landscape.

For this criteria, it was difficult to select a leader, as both the candidates have admirable career goals with experiences and future interests tied to the lake and conservation. For this criteria, we called it a draw.

Decision

These are two outstanding young people, and it was a difficult decision to pick one over the other. Therefore, based on Ayden's slightly higher overall average marks under the criteria "Academic Achievement", we awarded Ayden Blain the bursary. We want to thank both candidates for their applications and their dedication to the lake.

*Rob Slykhuis – Vice President
Barb Cribbett- Treasurer*



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by N. Glenn Perrett

DeWalt 2 x 20V MAX Brushless Cordless 21-1/2 inch, Rear Wheel Drive Self-Propelled Mower

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When it comes to battling climate change and reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, there are some positive things happening. A recent act involves councillors in a community on Southern Vancouver Island voting to phase out the use of residential gas-powered gardening tools by the end of 2025. Not only will such a move be better for the environment and the planet, it will result in a quieter community.

Over the last few years I've had the opportunity of using numerous battery-powered tools including chainsaws and lawn mowers and I've been impressed with the results. A recent tool that I've used is DeWalt's 2 x 20V Max Brushless Cordless Rear Wheel Drive Self-Propelled Mower and this battery-powered mower has performed well cutting grass of varying lengths and thicknesses as well as grass on level lawns and on sloped areas. The self drive speed lever on the handle lets the mower do the hard work as it propels itself.

Since mowing sloped areas is a major factor related to accidents, you need to be extra careful when cutting these areas. The instruction manual for this mower states that you should only mow slopes that are 15 degrees or less and that you should mow across the face of the slope (not up and down). And you should never mow wet grass.

Some of the long, thick grass was too much for the mulching component of the mower so we used the grass collection bag. This bag is easily attached to, and removed from, the mower to efficiently dispose of the grass clippings. The mower can also be set to side discharge and the mower blades can be set at multiple heights allowing for several options for cutting grass. To help prevent damage to the mower, don't try to cut too much grass at one time.

You don't have to use the self-propelled feature as the mower works well without activating the self driver speed lever – but it is nice to let the mower do the work as opposed to pushing it manually! The mower is equipped with a variable speed adjustment wheel allowing you to adjust how quickly or slowly the self drive system runs.

Before you use the mower make sure that you read, and follow, the instruction manual and all of the safety recommendations. Along with the grass collection bag this mower comes with two batteries and two battery chargers. And not only will you save money by charging the batteries when hydro rates are lower, you won't need incredibly expensive fossil fuels to cut your lawn!



Ansel Adams 2023 Engagement Calendar

Little, Brown and Company

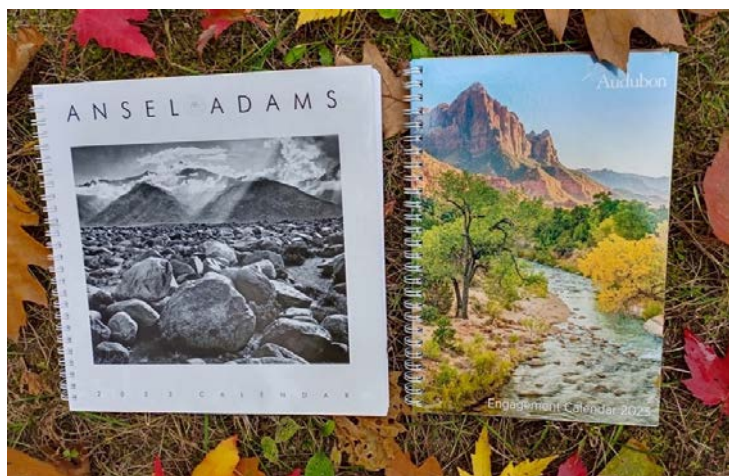
2022, 125 pages

ISBN: 9780316453561

If you still depend on a paper calendar (I do) as opposed to a smart phone or similar electronic device to keep yourself organized, this 2023 engagement calendar is impressive. Not only does it feature stunning black and white nature photos by Ansel Adams, but the calendar is efficiently designed with a week displayed on a page with lined spaces to record appointments, notes, birthdays etc. Holidays and other significant days along with the phases of the moon are also included.

Displaying nature's incredible beauty and diversity can make us more determined to protect the natural world. This engagement calendar features more than 50 beautiful nature photos by Adams from 1918 to 1968 with many being taken in national parks in the western United States. Some of the extraordinary photos include a juniper tree in Yosemite National Park, aspen trees in Colorado, a coastal photo in Acadia National Park as well as some waterfalls and "Mount Ansel Adams" in Yosemite National Park.

At the back of the calendar there is each month on a separate page for the twelve months of 2023 as well as January and February 2024 so that you can



keep track of important dates well into the future. There is also a page showing all of 2023 and another page for 2024.

Ansel Adams 2023 Engagement Calendar is as efficient as it is beautiful – and one that you will not want to discard once the year is over!

Audubon Engagement Calendar 2023

Workman Publishing

2022, 126 pages, ISBN: 9781523515516

If you enjoy lots of colour with your nature calendars then you will love the Audubon Engagement Calendar 2023. The photos of animals and nature are excellent and there are 60 pages of photographs! Some of the scenes that I particularly enjoyed include the silhouette of a Ponderosa Pine with the Milky Way taken in Zion National Park, Utah, a Common Redpoll in a spruce tree, Coupall Falls in the Scottish Highlands, sea stars in Nootka Sound off Vancouver Island and a winter storm in British Columbia. You can't help but be in awe of the beauty of the natural world with these photos.

But the calendar is also nicely designed so you keep yourself organized with all of your appointments and other significant days you want to remember. Each week is contained on a page with space on each day to add some notes. The phases of the moon, holidays and other

significant days are also noted along with some environmental designations including World Oceans Day, Rachel Carson's Birthday, World Migratory Bird Day, World Water Day and World Wildlife Day.

At the back of the calendar there are sections on the National Audubon Society, the Audubon Birding Guide, including a two-page bird log, calendars for 2023, 2022 and 2024 along with three lined pages of "Notes."

Audubon Engagement Calendar 2023 makes a thoughtful gift for the nature enthusiast in your life.

Mushrooms (puzzle)

Nathalie Lete, Artisan Puzzles

1,000-piece puzzle, ISBN: 9781648290879

An eco-friendly and entertaining activity that the family can enjoy together is a puzzle. And this colourful image by Nathalie Lete is a nice nature scene consisting of various mushrooms. There are 1,000 pieces to this puzzle which has a complete size of 19" x 23 4/5". A mini-poster for reference is also included.

Note: Not suitable for children under 3 years of age as the small pieces present a choking hazard.

Nature Anatomy: Birds (puzzle)

Julia Rothman, Storey Puzzle

500-piece puzzle, ISBN: 9781635864427

If you prefer fewer pieces with your nature puzzles how about this 500-piece puzzle? Nature Anatomy: Birds by Julia Rothman is an attractive image of numerous species of birds along with eggs, nests and feathers. The completed size of this puzzle is 23 4/5" x 19". A mini-poster for reference is also included.

Note: Not suitable for children under 3 years of age as the small pieces present a choking hazard.

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Invasive Insect Discovered in Southern Ontario Could Pose Risk for Hemlock Trees

Researchers have discovered an invasive insect infestation near Cobourg, Ont., which they say could have a detrimental effect on hemlock trees essential to their ecosystems and used in certain wood products.

Scientists with Natural Resources Canada's Canadian Forest Service accidentally discovered the outbreak of hemlock woolly adelgid, which they say had gone undetected for some time, this summer while collecting data on hemlock trees in southern Ontario.

Chris MacQuarrie, a research scientist with Natural Resources Canada, says the Cobourg finding is concerning because it's much deeper in Ontario than the only other known active population of the species in the Niagara region.

"That's hundreds of kilometres away from other places where we know the insect is," said MacQuarrie. "We think it's been there for quite a while because it was fairly large and rather easy to see, and it has already started to kill trees."

Hemlock woolly adelgid are aphid-like insects that attack hemlock trees by sucking sap from the base of their needles, draining the trees of their energy and killing them. Their egg sacks look like cotton balls or clumps of snow, making them hard to detect.

HWA pose no threat to humans

but are highly destructive to hemlock trees, which are used for firewood, timber and other wood products. Hemlock trees are also indicators of a healthy forest, offer shading for aquatic ecosystems in streams, help deer navigate their trails in the winter by blocking snow and are scenic fixtures in Ontario's cottage country.

MacQuarrie noted the find is fairly close to an area where the abundance of hemlock trees starts to become

"That's hundreds of kilometres away from other places where we know the insect is,"



Hemlock woolly adelgid with woolly covering

evident.

He said there were a large number of dead hemlock trees in the surrounding area, indicating the bug has been present there for years, since it **usually takes the species between four and six years to kill a tree and they may have spread beyond the infested zone.**

The invasive species can be spread by wind, animals and human movement of nursery stock, logs, firewood and other wood products. MacQuar-

rie said the infestation was likely spread to some parts of Ontario and Nova Scotia by birds.

"In those places, especially in southern Nova Scotia, it's killed a fair number of trees," he said. "It went undetected for a while so it had a chance to build up."

The bugs were likely introduced to North America in the 1950s from Japan through infested nursery

stock, according to the Invasive Species Centre. It was first discovered in

Virginia in the '50s and has been spreading along the eastern seaboard of the continent since then, the Sault St. Marie-based non-profit wrote on its website.

A factor that contributes to HWA's ability to invade is the fact that it reproduces asexually for most of its life cycle, said

MacQuarrie. All that is needed to establish a population is one female.

"So you have a small insect that's hard to find and doesn't need to mate to reproduce. Those are conditions for building up the population really quickly," he said.

MacQuarrie said the insect reached Canada a number of times in the early 2010s when it was accidentally introduced on horticulture trees, but populations were later discovered in southern Nova Scotia in



Hemlock woolly adelgid feeding on a twig

2018 and in the Niagara region of Ontario in 2019.

“We can look to the eastern seaboard of the U.S. and southern Nova Scotia for examples. Those are places where the insect has been for a bit longer and where there’s a fair amount of hemlock,” he said. “In that area there’s been a lot of tree mortality.”

Following the discovery of the Cobourg outbreak, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency will survey the surrounding area to detect any other infestations, according to MacQuarrie. He said anyone who spots HWA should contact Natural Resources Canada’s Canadian Forest Service for confirmation and handling.

*Tyler Griffin, The Canadian Press
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