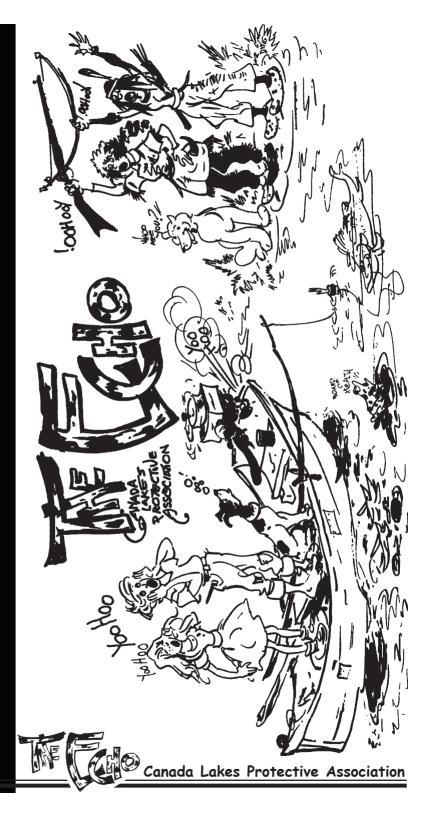
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Rules of the Waves

We all can enjoy our lakes if we all work together

A reminder from the Town of Caroga Navigation Committee

IT IS COURTEOUS TO:

- Operate your craft in a manner which does not endanger others
- · Operate your craft in a manner which avoids excess noise

IT IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

- · To keep your trash and litter out of the lake and it is the law
- · To operate your craft away from weed beds
- To keep soap out of the lake



BOATING REGULATIONS:

- Always ski with a spotter in the boat who is at least 10 years old
- Ski during daylight hours
- Maintain speed at or below 5 mph within 100' of shore, docks, skiers and swimmers, unless you are dropping off or picking up a skier
- Utilize navigation lights after sunset
- Provide an approved life jacket for everyone aboard the craft
- Vests must be worn by all children under 12
- A throwable life preserving devise must be present in the boat
- Do not operate a craft while impaired by any drug or alcoholic beverage
- Engines on all crafts must be reasonably muffled
- Operators are responsible for any damage caused by their wakes

For Emergencies Only Dial 911

For Information Call Sheriffs Department 736-2100

IT IS EVERYONE'S
RESPONSIBILITY TO
USE COMMON SENSE
AND ACT SAFELY



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ECHO SUBMISSIONS

Remember, we don't have an Echo without input from lake residents. Start thinking now about how you can contribute to the 2007 Echo. Stories and family news should be sent to Judy Moritz by March 15, 2007 (preferably by e-mail: echo@ carogalake.com).

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The most efficient method for providing CLPA members with important, up-to-date information is through e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, and it is not correct or does not appear in the CLPA directory, please provide that information to Secretary Merryn Byrnes.

Schedule of Events: Summer 2006

June:

25 (Sunday) CLPA Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Byrnes Residence, 101 Old State Rd.

July:

1 (Saturday) Kid's Beach Party, 10:00 a.m. – Noon.

(Children 6 and under accompanied by an adult.)

Location: Fake Camp, 1446 State Hwy 10

2 (Sunday) Flare Lighting, 9:30 p.m.

8 (Saturday) CLPA Annual Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Location: Town of Caroga Municipal Building

12 (Wednesday) Lake Luncheon, Theme TBA, 12:30 p.m.

Location: Pine Lake Lodge

15 (Saturday) Water Ski and Wakeboard Clinic, 10 a.m.

Location: Fake Camp, 1446 State Hwy 10

23 (Sunday) 16th Annual CLPA Picnic & Activities, 12 p.m.

Location: TBA

August:

6 (Sunday) Eighth Annual Ice Cream Social, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Linda Clark's Camp

13 (Sunday) CLPA Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Byrnes Residence, 101 Old State Rd.

September:

2 (Saturday) Flare Lighting, 9:00 p.m.

Note: Watch for additional youth and other activities and updates on the CLPA Bulletin Board located on the porch of the Canada Lake Store.

President's Message

At the last CLPA Board of Directors meeting held August 7, 2005, the directors agreed to revisit our By-Laws, specifically Article 3 - Purposes. Listed below are the seven purposes of the CLPA listed under Article 3, with a summary of what we are currently doing in regards to that purpose, and what the Board of Directors plan to do in addition to what is already being done.

(1) To protect the lands and property of the Association.

No new action

(2) To encourage and sponsor activities of the Association, and activities outside of the Association, deemed worthy of support as approved by the Board for consideration by the Association.

The Board felt that we are doing a fine job in respect to our current social activities and they should all continue. Dick Lefebvre said it so well, "The social aspect of the CLPA holds the glue to allow the CLPA to serve its purpose".

Outside organizations which the CLPA currently supports and plans to support in the future are:

- Caroga Lake Historical Association and Museum
- Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Department

The CLPA currently works with New York State under the Stewardship Program on the following projects and will continue in the future:

- Adopt a Highway Program Contact John Broderick or Chris Moritz. They can always use your help.
- Adopt the Kane Mountain Fire Tower
 When visiting the tower, bring a plastic bag with you and help to keep it clean and safe for all.
- Adopt Nick Stoner Island and the two Lily Lake campsites - Discourage the use of glass containers at these locations, and also help to keep it clean when visiting.

(3) To preserve the ecology and beauty of the Canada Lakes area and maintain Health Standards.

The CLPA is currently a member of NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Associations). We monitor our lakes' water quality by participating in CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program). We collect water samples eight times each summer season and send them to a laboratory for analysis, and in return, we receive a water quality report of our lakes compared to other lakes in the program.

The CLPA currently collects between 25 and 30 shoreline water samples at various locations once per summer season, and delivers them to the Town of Caroga for E. coli bacteria testing.

For further information, see page 45 of the 2005 CLPA Directory, and the 2005 water quality report in the 2006 Echo.

In addition to what is currently being done, the CLPA Board wants to be more proactive as to what can be done in regard to our septic systems.

The CLPA realizes that a town central sewer system may be part of the solution. However, this is still a very long way off, and even if it does become a reality, it will not serve all of our members.

I plan to set up a committee to research state of the art septic systems, work with the Town of Caroga to approve such systems, and report back to the general membership on what is available and has been approved by the town.

For further information on maintaining your current septic system, refer to page 47 in the CLPA 2005 directory and elsewhere in the 2006 Echo...

In addition to what is currently being done, the CLPA Board would like all of its members to be more proactive as to

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reporting infractions pertaining to Town of Caroga zoning regulations around our lakes.

Any suspected infractions should bereported to the Town building inspector and to the CLPA Lake Management Vicepresident, Pete Lozier.

Hopefully, this proactive approach will prevent future issues such as the Herm's boat house.

I urge all CLPA members to obtain a copy of the current Town Zoning and Building Codes and become familiar with what you and other lake residents can and cannot do in regards to your property.

(4) To work in concert with other Protective Associations and with local, state, and federal officials for the betterment and regulation of the area.

The CLPA is in continuous communication with the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to assure that our lake level is maintained at the agreed level. We are constantly monitoring forces outside the CLPA which may have special interest in changing the agreed upon lake level.

The CLPA is in continuous communication with The Stewart's Landing Association to assist each other with our common goals.

The CLPA has been, and continues to be kept informed of Adirondack Park Agency issues and other concerns in the park through APA Executive Director Dick Lefebvre.

In addition to what is currently being done, a member of the CLPA has attended all monthly Town Board meetings since September of 2005 and plans to attend all monthly meetings in the future. The CLPA also plans to attend all other Town meetings and work sessions which may impact CLPA members. Any information obtained at these meetings which is

considered for membership review will be transmitted by e-mail.

In addition to what is currently being done, through the efforts of CLPA members Lauren Lozier, Linda Clark, Merryn Byrnes, and Hilary Davis, the CLPA members are being kept informed of all Town Board proposals of any property assessment changes. As of the writing of this letter (3/25/06), the town has dropped any reassessment plans and is continuing business as usual. I plan to set up an ongoing committee with at least three CLPA members to continue to monitor this reassessment issue, and to work with the town to be sure CLPA members are treated fairly in comparison to the rest of the town.

(5) To acquire, own, erect, maintain, sell, or dispose of lands or structures as the Association deems advisable.

No new action

(6) To maintain an interest in stocking the Canada Lakes and streams connected with them with the option to stock them given the failure of the state to do so.

The CLPA has ongoing communications with the New York Fisheries and Wildlife Department. This department stocks fish in the Canada Lakes yearly and sends us netting reports after they conduct netting fish inventories. Any catches of brown trout, lake trout, land salmon and bass should be reported to the new CLPA fishing committee chairman, John Plantz, so that he can inform the State as to the success of their stocking program.

(7) To carry out any other actions in the best interest of the Association.

No new action

This is **your** Association. I encourage all of our members to become involved to help preserve the quality of life we all love so much at The Canada Lakes.

Bill Fielding President, Canada Lakes Protective Association

Message From Stewarts Landing Association

As I write this, the winter has been quite mild. Snowfall has been below average and the channel at Stewart's Landing has finally frozen over. We are all looking ahead to the coming of SPRING and what we call the return of the GREEN.

We all eagerly anticipate renewing old acquaintances and once again enjoy the waters so dear to us all.

Henry Eifert President, Stewart's Landing Association

Adirondack Committee Report

I offer the greetings of the season and welcome everyone back to our small corner of paradise. I prepare this for "The Echo" in mid March knowing that you will be reading it in June or July.

This has been the most unusual winter. The week before Christmas was the only week that felt as winter should feel. There was ample snow and our lake had closed with an ice cover. The following weeks and then months of winter would not produce consistent winter weather. It seems that we would have a "January thaw" every few weeks. The snow cover never amounted to more than 50 percent of our usual averages. The ice on our lake was safe but the report from around the Park indicates that many of the lakes had open water for most of the winter. There were a number of fatalities from snowmobiles and ATV's going through the ice. All of this is most probably an indicator of an early ice out and spring.

I must share that things have again changed for me since I wrote to you last year. On very short notice, I was asked to return to the Adirondack Park Agency. You might remember that I was serving as Executive Director of the Hudson River Black River Regulating District. I returned to the Park Agency as Executive Director on August 19, 2005. I had retired as Chairman of the

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Park Agency in November of 2002 so to travel and spend time on our beautiful lake. So much for my intentions to retire. Thus, it is that I will most probably have a major role in Adirondack issues through the end of the Pataki Administration.

There are a few issues that are universal to all of the lakes in our Park. Wherever I travel, I hear the issues of taxation and assessments or reassessments. This, of course, is relative to property values. I want you to know that these are very real issues in every lake community. There are also very real concerns about affordable housing. The service segment of our society is finding it harder to secure housing in our Adirondack communities.

I want to inform you that there has been considerable progress made with the writing of Unit Management Plans. The lands owned by the State of New York are all part of the Forest Preserve and under the management of the Department of Environmental Conservation. All issues of management of these lands are first reviewed by the APA to assure that the plans comply with the State Land Master Plan. The lands of the state are divided into units and a plan for each unit is prepared, reviewed for public comment, and then passed by the APA. The unit plans closer to our lake are the Silver Lake Wilderness Plan, the Shaker Mountain Wild Forest Plan and the Ferris Lake Wild Forest Plan.

The Silver Lake Wilderness Plan and the Shaker Mountain Wild Forest Plan have been reviewed and passed. You can be certain that the passing of these plans are never embraced by all constituencies. There are always controversies, and I am certain that many of you will hear of them. I call to your attention that the Ferris Lake Plan is being developed as I write this. The Ferris Lake Wild Forest is the state land on the south, west and north of our lakes. Among the issues to watch are the snowmobile trails and boat launches. The first draft of the Plan calls for additional parking and

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improved handicapped access at our public boat launch. Wild Forrest classification is a less restrictive classification. Whereas, Wilderness implies that man only leaves his footprint. Thus, you will not see snowmobile trails or boat launches in Wilderness Areas

The reports from last fall's hunting season indicate that the deer take was low in the Adirondacks. All species seem to be doing well. I first started reporting to you of a moose herd of 35 to 50 animals. Today the census reports that there are 500 to 700 animals in the Park. Fishing has remained rather constant in areas of the Park and issues of acidification remain rather stable

I am very pleased to share that the Mohawk Watershed, which includes Canada Lake. will have a person working on invasive species. We know that our lake remains fee of aquatic invasive species but we must all be vigilant and keep it that way. That does not mean that there are not invasives in our area. Caroga Lake has a major problem with Eurasian Milfoil and we have a rather substantial stand of terrestrial invasives near the boathouse on West Lake. At this moment, we are looking for a college student who will be employed by the Nature Conservancy and serve as a steward in our watershed. This will be a wonderful opportunity for informational meetings and a community effort to protect our environment.

The Pataki era is nearly over. I feel it has been a grand era for our park. There have been nearly 1,000,000 acres of land added to the Forest Preserve in fee or via easement. There has been money granted to towns for many different projects. Concerns for both air and water quality have been major objectives for this administration. I have been very honored to have served in a decision making position during the entire administration. I have always walked tall and have been proud to say that I live on Canada Lake.

It is my wish that you too will feel the pride of our Park and the lake we reside on. By all working together we can keep this a pristine corner of our Park where man and nature coexist in a harmony experienced in very few places on this planet. We are all very fortunate to have this experience and yet it comes with considerable responsibility.

Have a wonderful summer season. Respectfully, Dick Lefebvre March 2006

50's TEEN REUNION

The 9th reunion of "Teenagers on Canada Lake circa 1956" was hosted last summer by Jane & Tony Davis at the Petrie-Davis camp. The highlight of the evening was a spectacular sunset on West Lake. The 2006 summer reunion will be the 10th. We hope that all "1956 teens" will be able to join the celebration.

Call Barbara Yuenger Michaels for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lake Activities Vice President Linda Fake is always looking for additional volunteers. If you would like to help out, please call Linda at: home (315) 429-3911 or at the lake (518) 835-2447

Canada Lake Sailing Club

2005 Season Summary

A total of nine sailors competed during the summer of 2005. The July 4th Series of 3 races resulted in a first for Court Young, followed by Nancy Long, Lane Franz, a tie for 4th between Allen Farber and Dick Loomis, Dan Lawrence, and Lisa Lawrence.

Four sailors qualified for the July Series. Court Young was first with a perfect score. Dick Loomis came in second and Dan Lawrence edged out Lane Franz for third.

In the August Series, Court Young triumphed again. Dick Loomis, Nancy Long, and Dan Lawrence finished in that order.

The Blueberry Pancake Awards Brunch at the Long/Loomis camp celebrated the end of a beautiful summer and some fine sailing. Dan Lawrence won the Captain Capsize Award AND the trophy for Most Improved Sailor! Moral: Court's sailing clinics pay off, and don't let a few capsizes discourage you.

After countless years of running the sailing club, I'm retiring. Court Young and Alan Farber will keep us all afloat in 2006.

Dick Loomis Commodore No More

2006 Season Goals

The 2006 season focus will be on Sailing Lessons for Kids (and more mature family members too!). Four intensive 2 hour lessons, plus additional clinics, plus membership in the CLSC can be scheduled for a modest fee of \$20. On completion of the basic course, students will be eligible to race as "novices" on race days and to participate in advanced clinics. This is the best sailing deal on the planet! Call early to reserve a spot for your novice sailors NOW! Advanced lessons for those wishing to fine tune their racing skills can also be arranged. Call 835-3701 or 835-3407.

Race days, Saturdays in July and August, will feature tuning demos on the dock at Franzport (learn how to adjust for current wind conditions), and a practice session prior to the formal races. Novices will start each race early and will be scored separately for Novice Trophies. Experienced sailors will pair with Novices for one-on-one coaching during the practice phase. A de-briefing on the dock will follow each day's races.

There has been interest in rousting out the "Olde Timers" for special events so you can expect a call bugging you to locate, clean up and restore your dusty Sunfish for a special Sailing Reunion in '06. Speaking of unused Sunfish, would you be willing to help the CLSC Junior program? If you have an unused Sunfish and can loan it to the CLSC a few times for this worthwhile program, call 835-3701 or 835-3407.

Court Young and Allan Farber Co-Commodores 2006

VEST REGULATIONS



- Every person in a boat must have a personal flotation device (wearable vest) type 2 on board.
- All persons under 12 years of age must be wearing their PFD.
- One throwable device must also be on board.



SAILORS MUST WEAR LIFE VESTS WHEN RACING IN CLSC EVENTS

2006 Calendar

Sunday, July 2 Meeting...all interested parties, especially beginners.

Long-Loomis camp at 10 am.

Monday, July 3 Clinic for Novices and Olde Timers

Franzport at 1 pm.

Tuesday, July 4 4th of July and Olde Timers Races

Franzport at 1 pm.

July Series:

Saturdays Franzport at 2 pm. (Novices arrive at 1:30)

July 8, 15, 22, 29 3 Races each day.

August Series:

Saturdays Franzport at 2 pm. (Novices arrive at 1:30)

August 5, 12, 19, 26 3 Races each day.

Saturday, Sept 2 End of Season "Fun Races"

Sunday, Sept 3 Awards Brunch

Long-Loomis Camp at 10 am.

Note: Unsailed races will be made up on Sundays or on later Saturday race days.

Must sail at least nine races to qualify for a trophy in a Series.

Take advantage of Family/Group Lessons available in July and August

Call 835-3701 or 835-3407 for details.

Youth Activities Summer 2005

What a summer it was.....Mother Nature bestowed her very best upon the Canada Lakes this past season. We were all treated to an old-fashioned summer full of heat, humidity and sunny days. I can't remember the last time we had such consistently beautiful weather. So much for all of those "I'll do that on a rainy day" projects...

Our very first Storytime on the Island set a new record for the number of attendees - some 40 in all. We had to send for reinforcements from the store to make sure everyone had their juice and snack. It was fantastic to see such a phenomenal turnout. Guess the word got out



Storytime on the Island

how much fun we have. This summer brought more people to the island for stories than any I can remember. Each week we got to meet new families and friends. My five year old son even says that he met his future wife on the island this year ("Most girls like flowers Mom; she likes dinosaurs!"). On August



Sailing Lessons

24th, we were fortunate enough to have Courtney Young and Dan Lawrence of the CLPA Sailing Club join us at the conclusion of Storytime. They took our young explorers out for a sailboat ride - all of them for the first time I believe. The weather was perfect, the wind cooperated, and I think there will be a few more Sunfish on the lake this coming season. Special thanks to our guest readers/storytellers this year: Ayres Boswell, Marty Newell, Maureen Offitt, Claire Powers, Kristin Franz, and Mary Peck. Thanks as well to Maureen, Kristin and Mary for providing refreshments.

Kids Krafttime was curtailed a bit this year due to the number of other activities each weekend. We met twice in July for crafts with good turnouts each time, and the kids really enjoyed letting their creative juices flow. We made dragonfly refrigerator magnets and foam visor hats. Thank you to Kristin & Brian Franz and Mary & Alan Peck for hosting. If you would be interested in hosting Krafttime this coming summer, please let Kristin Franz or me know or come to our annual planning meeting at the Kids' Beach Party which will be held on Saturday, July 1st this year at my camp.

The ice cream social was enjoyed by many. This was a perfect summer for ice cream! Thanks to our hosts Linda Clark & John Olm and our volunteer scoopers, Brian & Kristin Franz, Lois Miller, and Dixon Peters. Thanks as well to Ann Boyd for manning our membership table. We will be moving the date for the 2006 summer from its traditional day-after-the-annual-meeting slot to late July so that more people might be able to attend (believe it or not, we still have strawberry ice cream left over!).

Our annual water ski clinic was a success once again. We taught 7 first time skiers how to conquer the waters of Canada Lake and numerous others learned how to kick off or get up on one ski. We had two ski boats going out just about non-stop for almost three hours bringing back boatloads of smiling faces each

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time. Wakeboarding was a popular added attraction this year thanks to Bret Fielding and his demo wakeboards. A third boat (Bret's) was devoted to nothing but wakeboarding. Three parent/child combinations tested their wakeboard prowess as a family. We overheard one young man tell his dad that he wasn't going to do it unless his father did. Anything to please our kids...All participants went home with O'Brien wakeboard & water-ski posters and stickers courtesy of Bret Fielding and the Canada Lake Store/Marina. Special thanks to our boat drivers, instructors and spotters: Dave Cannon, Ed Fake, Bret Fielding, Pete Lozier, Eric Manning, Jay Manning, and Tom Mason.



Pirate Adventure

Arrgh me hearties! Our first pirate adventure day was a rousing success. Over 55 landlubbers were enlisted as members of the Canada Lakes Pirate Association on July 23rd. Parents and children alike were given new pirate names, tattooed and certified as new recruits. We played pirate games (even pirates need a break from raiding & pillaging once in a while), enjoyed face & body painting (nothing like a fresh, customized tattoo) and practiced our swordsmanship. The cannonball pop relay race was a hit (no pun intended). Pin the Parrot on the Pirate & the Peg-Leg Races proved challenging and somehow we managed to survive Pirate Ship Piñata without any injuries (although the fatal blow to the piñata sent some of the pirate loot into the briny deep of Canada Lake - nice hit Rennix!). Jay Manning and Kate Riley taught all of the wee lads & lassies how to talk like a

pirate while Bret Fielding was busy swabbing the deck. When Captain Hook appeared on the marina dock, all the new buccaneers went wild. As he approached Cap't. Fake's Treasure Beach by sea, the young pirates chanted, "Down with Hook. Down with Hook!" We could tell that he wasn't the type to hold a grudge because shortly after his arrival, he took them all on a treasure hunt and they each came away with a loot bag filled with goodies. After that, he signed all of their pirate certification cards and sent them to rob & pillage on their own. He needed to be on his way across the high seas of Canada Lake to search for a good dentist, (those of you who saw his teeth know why!) however, there were numerous Captain Hook sightings later on in the afternoon. Reports have come in that he was seen motoring around the lake throwing gold coins to landlubbers and privateers alike. A special thank you to Bob "Captain Hook" Baker, Bret "Cap'n Pablo" Fielding, Kristin "Betty the Yeller" Franz, Lane "Castaway Bess" Franz, Jay "Mast Hugger" Manning, Lois "Privateer Aetheflaed" Miller, Lorraine "Gywn the Black" Mott, Maureen "Privateer Esmeralda" Offitt, and Kate "Cap'n Alena Sharkbait" Riley for helping to make this day such fun for so many!

A lot of the grown-ups had so much fun that there has been talk of having an adult pirate party on the lake next summer. If you look on page 180 of the 1998 edition of Barbara McMartin's "Caroga: An Adirondack Town Recalls Its Past", you will find a great photo of a pirate costume party with "Peg Leg" Jim Stanley. Apparently, there is quite an extensive history of costume soirees on our lakes. If you would be interested in either hosting or organizing such an event, please contact either Kristin Franz or me. Perhaps we could make the annual picnic a costume party? I'm always looking for suggestions. Speaking of the picnic...

The relay race was the start of the annual picnic festivities. This year's race saw the addition of a waiter's race down the hill to the canoes. It was one of the tightest finishes

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I can recall between the 2nd and 3rd place teams but the "Red Storm" (consisting of Hillary Davis, Bret Fielding, Eric Fielding, Eric Manning, Jay Manning and Kate Riley) took first place honors. We were once again blessed with great weather and the picnic was well attended. Thanks to all who brought such delicious food and goodies to share. Please know that if you have company that weekend, they are more than welcome to come along and enjoy the fun. The more, the merrier! Thanks to our hosts, Lois Miller & Dixon Peters, and to their neighbors on Dolgeville Point who allowed boats to dock nearby. Thanks as well to our set-up and clean-up crews who make it all possible.

Don Williams, noted Adirondack author. columnist and storyteller, visited the Canada Lakes on August 20th and shared with us some great stories and tall tales of the Adirondacks. It was an interactive experience for the children as they got to reenact parts of each story and even got their own "lily pads" to perch on while listening to the tale of the "Seven-Legged Frog". He brought with him many great old photos including a one of a kind wooden spiral-staircase fire tower that was built encircling a tree near Arietta in 1901. We learned how the early Adirondack guides got their hats and how to adjust the hats to suit the weather. It was a fun-filled morning for the young and young at heart.

On August 27th, we hiked Kane Mt. and were met at the top by Bill Starr (a fire tower historian and former observer). He gave the kids and adults an insight into what life was like for fire tower observers across the Adirondacks and had some great photos for us to view of other fire towers in the state and how they were constructed. All the kids received Smokey the Bear stickers, pencils, coloring books and bookmarks. Additionally, Mr. Starr signed and certified "official" Smokey the Bear cards stating that the bearer had indeed climbed Kane Mt. that day. On the back, there is an abbreviated history of the fire tower and

contact info for the CLPA. Thanks so much Mr. Starr for your time and efforts.

If it sounds like we had a lot of fun this year, you're right! As we all get to know more of our neighbors around the Canada Lakes, it becomes more and more evident that this is truly a special place. They say that if you are lucky enough to be at the lake, you are lucky enough. I say if you are at one of the Canada Lakes, you are not only lucky, you are blessed. Until we meet again...

Linda Fake Co-VP of Lake Activities a/k/a "Iron Anne Rackham"

Youth Activities Summer 2006

Schedule of Events

Kids Picnic and Beach Party and Youth Activities Planning Meeting

Saturday, July 1 At Fake's on the Lake Linda & Ed Fake Camp 1446 St Hwy 10

Storytime on the Island Wednesdays at 11:00AM July 5, 12, 19, 26 August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Kids Activities

Saturdays at 10:00AM Locations and Details TBA* July 8, 22, 29 August 5, 12, 19, 26

> Water-ski Clinic Saturday, July 15 At Fake's on the Lake

*At the kids beach party, we ask for volunteers for the various activities and schedule any special activities.

Check the bulletin board at the Canada Lake Store for additional activities or changes.

Foam on Canada Lake

Several residents have observed occurrences of large streaks of foam on Canada Lake, and expressed concern that it may be a result of some form of contamination.

Where is it coming from?

Foam is a common, natural phenomenon in lakes and ponds. It is formed when air is mixed in organic material and enhanced when a surface active compound is present. It most commonly occurs in the fall when organic matter from the degradation of plants is reintroduced into the lake. Large streaks can occur in larger lakes due to water circulation patterns, which are generally parallel to the wind direction. It can also appear any time with the introduction of detergents. However, large amounts of detergents are necessary for the same results.

How can I tell if it is natural or not?

A simple distinction between natural and unnatural foam is in appearance and color. Natural foam is odorless or has a slight earthy or fishy smell, and is white to beige in color. Human induced foam can be white to slightly pink and has a perfume-like odor, and tends to be more localized.

If you are not sure, do this simple test: Collect the foamy water in a glass jar and shake it. Natural foam should quickly dissipate. If the bubbles remain, human sources are more likely the culprit.

Source: WATERWORKS, a publication of the NYS Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Merryn Byrnes

FISH CATCHES

PLEASE REPORT YOUR FISH CATCHES AT THE STORE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL WHERE YOU CAUGHT THEM, JUST THE SIZE.

Canada Lakes, Water Quality

After Five Years, How Do We Rate?

What is the water quality of Canada Lake?

For the fifth year, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has placed Canada Lake in the "Could Not Be Nicer" category for NY State lakes. The annual reports submitted to the CLPA by DEC have indicated very good water quality results for Canada Lake, which also implies good results for attached Green Lake, West Lake and Lily Lake. The lake continues to be classified as oligotrophic. This means the lake is highly unproductive, with low nutrient and algae levels, and high water clarity.

How has the water quality changed since CSLAP sampling began on Canada Lake?

Canada Lake has participated in CSLAP (Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment Program) for five years. None of the measured water quality indicators in Canada Lake have changed in any significant way since CSLAP sampling began in 2001. The small fluctuations encountered are either insignificant, or are likely a result of a change in weather patterns. For example, the water clarity of the lake was higher in 2005 than in previous years, and the color was lower than in previous years. These changes were most likely due to the dry weather conditions of 2005.

How does Canada Lake compare to other similar lakes and to nearby lakes?

Canada Lake is a Class B lake, meaning it is classified for swimming, contact recreation and fishing, and is suitable for fish propagation and survival. According to the measured water quality parameters, Canada Lake appears to be less productive than other Class B lakes, other nearby (Mohawk River basin) lakes and other New York State lakes. This means the lake has a higher clarity and lower nutrient and algae

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levels than these other lakes. Recreational assessments were also consistently more favorable than in the typical lake in each of these classes of waterbodies.

What does the CLPA plan to do to improve or maintain Canada Lake and attached lakes?

In order to more definitively differentiate between impacts in water quality due to fluctuations in weather patterns or due a change in nutrient-loading to the lake, and to recognize any long term trends in water quality, the CLPA plans to continue participating in the CSLAP program.

The CLPA also plans to focus on minimizing phosphorus inputs to the lake via septic tanks, lawn fertilizers, stormwater runoff, soil loss, and other materials loading to the lake. This will be done through education, research, and promotion of environmentally friendly alternatives. The CLPA will continue to work to prevent the introduction of exotic plants and animals to the lakes through education and surveillance of boat launch sites.

Listed below are some actions you as an individual can take to help minimize phosphorus inputs into your lake:

- Limit use of fertilizers and pesticides on your lawns and gardens, especially those containing phosphorus, which is most likely not the limiting nutrient for your lawn.
- Plant shrubs, bushes and other vegetation along your shoreline to prevent erosion and minimize surface runoff.
- Maintain your septic system. See tips on "Maintaining Your Septic System" in another section of this Echo publication.
- Do not feed the waterfowl. Waterfowl introduce nutrients to the lake through their feces.

What about fecal coliform bacteria testing?

Each summer, the CLPA Water Purity Committee also tests the water at various locations around the shoreline of Canada Lake, Green Lake, West Lake and Lily Lake for fecal coliform bacteria content. This bacteria is associated with leaking of septic systems. No alarming levels of the bacteria were found at any of the sampled locations during the 2005 summer season. The levels were within the accepted swimming and fishing standards.

For more information on the CSLAP water quality program and the measured water quality indicators, refer to Page 45 of the 2005 CLPA directory.

Merryn Byrnes

FIRE TIPS

- Have at least one fire extinguisher per building.
- Have a hose, with nozzle, hooked up to an outside faucet.
- Know where the nearest fire pump (red box) is located.

Sonnenberg's on
West Lake
Warren Dennie's on
South Shore
Lichtneger's dock on
Dolgeville Point
In Bill Fielding's work boat

- Know how to operate these pumps or ask any director for instructions.
- Call 911 for the Fire Department.
- Know your 911 number when you call.

Canada Lake Store & Marine News

It's March 1st and someone just drove by the store on the lake side in their truck plowing a path over the ice so they could tow their ice shanty off the lake. Yes, that could make you look twice. Taking advantage of this convenience for their sport, the local ice fishermen have had the luxury of traveling over the 2 foot layer in their vehicles quite regularly this winter.

In the marina Howard Dutcher & Chris Piehuta are wrapping up their winter work projects and soon will be preparing stored and new boats for their owners. Also, Bill will have Bret Fielding & Nichole Nichols to help take on numerous assignments in the marine department. Hope Piehuta rounds out

the marine staff in her secretarial capacities.

Our gift shop will be stocked with a diverse selection of giftware including new wildlife mugs and adorable Mary Meyer plush items. For your summer fun, we have added more thrilling O'Brien tubes and wakeboards.



Each season we strive to provide our customers with goods they normally would not find in a "mom & pop" country store. To avoid that trip to a large supermarket, we certainly welcome your suggestions for additional items we could carry. Our staff for the summer of 2006 is as follows:

Ashley Dutcher	Gloversville
Nicole Jarvis	Bleecker
Tricia Osborn Colchester Vt. & O	Canada Lake
Sarah Ploss	Stratford
Christian Rohrs	Gloversville
Mackensie Rohrs	Gloversville
Brittany Sprung	Caroga Lake
Katy Sullivan	
Ethan Woods	Stratford
Sunny Woods	Stratford

We would like to share some family news, too. Merryn, John, Anika, & Kaelyn are thrilled to be in their new home after all of the hard work in building it. When it warms up they will finish staining the boards for the siding & nail them on. During the 2006 summer season, they will continue their efforts on the lake's water quality. Heather is looking forward to re-opening the cafe. The exact date will be posted on her door. As far as the selection in her menu, she will continue to demonstrate that creative difference that sets her cafe apart. Both Heather & Bill are experiencing another excellent year ski instructing at The Canyons in Park City, Utah. Eric, who is still flying for American Eagle, has spent most of his days off ski instructing at The Canyons,

too. Commuting to Chicago from Albany, he'll be at the lake in between flights as much as possible this summer. Besides helping Bill, Bret will be involved in the ski & wakeboard clinics sponsored by the CLPA and in resuming the O'Brien Wakeboard

& Ski Demo Program he started last summer. This winter he is employed full time on the Ski Patrol staff at The Canyons.

Since 1973 it has been our goal to provide the highest quality of products & services to our customers. For the residents of the community, we are proud to have become YOUR store. We would like to thank you for your patronage of our business & we look forward to any comments or suggestions from you which would help make your time at the lakes more enjoyable. We also look forward to meeting any new residents to the area.

Wishing you all a very pleasant summer season!

Bill & Dorothy Fielding

Caroga Historical Association & Museum 2006 Schedule of Events

Museum Hours: Thursday - Sunday, July 1st - August 27th, 1 - 4 pm

July

July 1	1 pm	Museum Open s – New Exhibits – Shermans, Ice House and General Store	
	7 pm	Welcome Reception for July's Featured Artists	
		Kat Graves, Gay Lefebvre, Dorothy Peck	
July 6	10am – 3pm Workshop – Painting on Porcelain (Seascape) Dorothy Peck		
		Bring Lunch and \$5.00 for Materials – Limited to 12 Students	
July 7	7pm	Speaker – Don Williams, Amusement Parks of the Adirondacks	
•		Workshop – Fabric Weaving on Adirondack Birch Bark Stool with Linda Dolan	
		Bring Lunch and \$15.00 for Materials – Limited to 20 Students	
July 15	6pm	Ice Cream Social	
	7pm	*Concert – Durey Creek Blue Grass Band	
July 20	10am - 3pm	Workshop – Nature Drawing with Gay Lefebvre	
		Bring Lunch – Limited to 12 Students	
July 22	10am – 4pm	Craft Fair – Crafters, Bake Sale, Raffles, Music by Durey Creek Band, Woodcarving and Spinning Demonstrations	
	11am – 3pm	Barbecue	

August

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August 3	7pm	Welcome Reception for August Featured Artist – Bob Mahoney		
August 11	10am – 3pm	Workshop – Watercolor with Bob Mahoney		
		Bring Lunch and Own Supplies – Limited to 12 students		
August 12	6pm	Ice Cream Social		
	7pm	*Concert – Sweet Cider Music		
August 17	10am – 3pm	Workshop – Chinese Watercolor with Alex Ankele		
		Bring Lunch and \$7.00 for materials – Limited to 12 Students		
August 19	7pm	Speaker – John Ankele – Producer/Director PBS Programs		
		"Grow Old Along with Me"		
August 24	9am - Noon	Workshop – Genealogy for Beginners with Cathy Ossenfort		

The cost of each workshop is \$20.00 for Museum members and \$25 for non-members except for "Genealogy for Beginners" which is \$10 per person. To register, send check with name, address and phone number to **Judy Smith**, **P. O. Box 434**, **Caroga Lake**, **NY 12032**. Make check payable to **Caroga Historical Museum**.

Concerts and speakers – Bring lawn chairs and remember to dress for the weather. In case of rain, concerts and guest speaker programs will be held at Caroga Town Hall.

*These special events are made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program for the New York Council on the Arts, administrated by the Tri County Arts Council.

REMEMBER!!

A non-motorized craft always has the right-of-way

CLPA PICNIC

All members are invited to attend the annual CLPA picnic. Please provide a covered dish to share, and plates and utensils for your own use. The CLPA provides soda, beer, hamburgers and hotdogs. Volleyball and games for younger children are provided. This has proven to be an entertaining event for all generations attending. We urge all members and their families to join us at the 2006 picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 23 at Noon. Check the bulletin board at the Canada Lake Store for location and sign-up for adult special activities.



RECYCLE

First and third Friday of each month

Put out by 6 am

Pick up your Town of Caroga Directory at the Post Office, stores, or Town Clerk's Office

HOLDING TANK REGULATIONS

Local Law requires owners of holding tanks to have them emptied at least once a year and/or when it becomes 75% full or except on appeal to the Sanitary Inspector.

Proof of pumping must be provided to the town clerk by August 1st of each year.

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From **Joe Andrews**....Our 9 year old son Doug is going for his black belt in Karate. The requirements for this include mandatory Saturday class from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM followed by a "fun run" for another hour. So, until he graduates to black belt status (August) we will not be spending any Friday nights at camp. Looking forward to Sunday sails, Saturday night fires on the beach and watching the satellites cross the warm night skies. Beyond that we are healthy and blessed.

The **Broderick** family has had its ups and downs since the last Echo was published. Jan's mother passed away in June at the age of 91. She had been very ill for quite some time. Then in February of this year, John's half brother died suddenly. It was quite a shock! Jan underwent a total hip replacement in November followed by a total knee replacement in March. She is going to be the "bionic woman"!

On a more uplifting note, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a family cruise to Bermuda in August of last year. All three of our sons and their wives went as well as five of our eight grandchildren. We had such a good time! snorkeling, snuba diving (that's right, snuba) swimming with the dolphins, motor biking and, of course, gorging ourselves on the cruise ship cuisine. We came home with great tans and lasting memories.

From Margie Julia Butler.... At the Brown camp this summer, Margie "Julia" will spend June and July at camp with visits now and then from sister Liz Weldner who was at camp in May. Andy Mahoney will graduate from the U of Arizona medical school in May and start a residency in orthopedic surgery in the fall after a trip to Thailand. Daughter Liz was married this year to Boubakar Cissa who is from West Africa. They are living in Tucson. Hannah has returned to Hawaii for new

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adventures. This will be our family's 73rd summer at camp (and I think we still have the same plumbing and piers, unfortunately).

A Halverson/Montague family update2005 and 2006 have been busy years for the Halverson Family of Dolgeville Point. Diane Vosburgh Halverson and Lowell Halverson of Arlington, WA, have been working with glass for several years now, and are graduates of the Pilchuck Glass School. Diane has completed several projects with Canada Lake themes and welcomes comments or interest at lkh1942@aol.com. She spent part of the winter recovering from major hip surgery while Lowell is developing property near their home for the Washington housing market. Nearby, their daughter Liana is halfway through a graduate degree in Counseling Psychology at Antioch University, where she's particularly focused on treatment of adolescents and children. Husband Tom, and their children Scott (9) and Sidney (5), will be in the area this June for Liana's 15-year reunion from Wellesley. Ward Halverson - recently married to the former Kimberly Cardinal on Oahu in March – is bringing his family to Dolgeville Point for most of August. He returned this February from 14 months with the army as the Director of Mental Health for an Operation Enduring Freedom task force in Afghanistan. He works as a child and family therapist in Herkimer County and Kimberly runs their bed & breakfast in Dolgeville.

Carol (Klingbeil) Lamm and Dr. Tim Lamm of Berea Kentucky are pleased to announce that their son, Benjamin Lamm and Jennifer McFadden were married on August 13, 2005 in Cedaredge, Colorado. Jen continues in grad school in Washington DC, and Ben is putting his college degree to work as a science teacher at an Alexandria, VA school where his wacky lessons (e.g. the Change of State Dance and the Marshmallow Pressure Chamber) are rapidly becoming legendary.

Thomas and Barbara (Klingbeil) Lahut report that their daughter Amy Biela Lahut of Schodack, NY, was married Oct. 1, 2005 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Albany to Morgan Levi Garner, son of David and Linda Garner of Cobleskill. The Rev. Kurt A. Klingbeil, grandfather of the bride, officiated. Amy and Morgan began their honeymoon on Green Lake in October.

Judson & Barbara Lincoln's grandson, Shaun Pantke, was married to Jessica Virga on Aug. 7, 2005 on Long Island. They are both teaching. Their Grandaughter, Rebecca Cavanaugh, was married to William Barger on Oct. 8, 2005 in Philadelphia. She received her MA in Psychology. Our Grandson, Daniel Cavanaugh, received his PhD in Philosophy in April 2005. Busy year!

From the **Mahoneys** of Fulton RoadGrace Mahoney is now residing at the Nathan Littauer Nursing home. If anyone would like to send a card or just drop her a line, her address is 99 East State St., Gloversville, NY 12078. She turned 98 this January and is doing well. I know she misses camp and if at all possible will be up for day trips this summer.

Our daughter Melissa has opened her daycare in Waterford, NY and is loving her time with the children. She and husband Albert, and our son Lance, who resides in Fredericksburg, VA, are counting the days until summer at Canada Lake and our weekend boat excursions. Robert "Butch" Mahoney has spent another winter in Arizona with son Andy who is graduating this spring from medical school. We are all looking forward to another summer on beautiful Canada Lake.

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Marty McLaren, who retired in 1/05 and moved to Miami, FL to be near son Brian Franz & family, describes herself as a "retiree failure." Four days after the moving van arrived in Miami she returned to work full time, joining the faculty at Florida International University.

From the **Memmotts**....Justin Memmott, son of Karen and James Memmott of Connecticut and South Shore Trail, married Ragan Stout on May 11th in a ceremony in Charleston, South Carolina. Justin and Ragan met while attending Vanderbilt University Law School in Nashville, Tenn.

Judy and Chris Moritz are pleased to announce the engagement of son Mark to Christine Newton. In January, they swam with the dolphins at Discovery Cove in Florida. Much to Christine's surprise, a dolphin delivered a boat bumper with a "Will you marry me?" message to her. Greg and family are all doing well and were able to spend some time with us in



Florida also. We were all at the lake for Christmas but disappointed by the melting snow. They're looking forward to the summer treks to the lake. Our grandson's love to go to Stoner Island which they have renamed "Treasure Island".

Florida continues to be a wonderful place to spend the winter. This year Judy and Doug Smith became our neighbors in Cape Coral for two months. We had a great time together, especially since Judy and Judy decided to join the men on the golf course. Audrey and Roy Smith came over from the East coast and joined the fun.

One bit of news from the **Parkhurst** camp on the South Shore cove: Evan Alexander Parkhurst was born August 19, joining his two sisters. If his growth rate continues it looks like he will also be joining his 6'5" uncles sometime in the future!

News from Jane Petrie-Davis: My mother, Millie sold her home and is living with Tony and me. She still plays bridge and gets out to senior functions and hopes to be at the lake this summer. Parker and his wife, Igoe, have moved to Massachusetts because of Parker's job in Andover with Mad Doc Software. It's wonderful to have him so near by and we've had many weekend visits. Hilary has moved to Saratoga and works for Mohawk Paper. We now get to see her often also. Last summer she bought a ski boat and what a pleasure it is to ski behind. I think I'm probably the oldest person on the lake to still be waterskiing and on one ski at that! Tony and I visited Tori and Ryan in Jacksonville, Florida in March. We rented a boat at the Navy Marina and spent the day on the St. Johns River. Tori then traveled to the keys with us and we had a great time bicycling, sightseeing and just enjoying the beach. I've been enjoying my retirement and have been filling my days with things I've wanted to do for years.

Tori has been accepted by the Breadloaf Writers Program at Oxford University in England and will spend six weeks there this summer working on her masters degree. The Bolles School, where she is currently teaching high school English, has awarded her a full scholarship for the summer program in England. We're all very excited that Tori has this wonderful opportunity to study in England.

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From Audrey & Roy Smith....We are so happy to welcome Charles Terranova, "Terry", as our new son-in-law. Sharon & Terry were married in Maui, Hawaii on June 30th. Ellen, age 14 was the Maid of Honor. After honeymooning in Kauai and a big beach party/wedding reception/ moving party on LI, they moved into their new home in Superior, Colorado. Roy and I visited them in late September and enjoyed the elk fest, golden aspens at peak and the majestic Rocky Mountains. We all went for a two hour horseback trail ride in the Rocky Mountain National Park. Roy and I celebrated my birthday in Kauai and Maui last November. Laurie and Annalie are both fine and are preparing for Annalie's Bat Mitzvah in Sept. Jana, Tom and girls went to Disney in Orlando, and then drove down to visit us at our Florida condo for a couple of days. They celebrated their 16th Anniversary on St. Patrick's Day. Our whole family will be at the lake this summer, our 34th year at beautiful Canada Lake.

Sadly, Audrey lost her Mom, Doris Riley, age 87, in December. Doris loved coming to the lake, which she did for about 30 years. She loved boating, swimming, going for walks with our dogs, and cooking dinners after water ski practice. When she was younger, every summer she would dive into the lake from the dock. Afterward, one of our daughters would have to go searching underwater for her glasses which she always forgot to remove before her dive! We all miss her and will always remember our fun times together with Gram!

Linda and Hub Smith (Amherst, MA) happily report continued recovery and strength for Hub and the expectation to spend much time at their South Shore camp this summer. They will be joined at times by daughter Alison Williamson and her family (Orono, ME) and by son

Steve and his family (Tampa, FL), with two grandchildren in each family. Hub's sister, Susan Parkhurst, and members of her family will be next door, and Linda's brother, Dave Fisher, will be with Carole and family at their own place just seven camps away.

Artists & Writers Lake

For old Canada Lake hands The New York Times of last March 11 – bearing the 4-column headline, "Sweet She Ain't, and She has the Stories to Prove It" - stirred some memories.....

That description was atop an interview with the then-95-year-old **Edith Evans Asbury** (her 96th birthday will be in June) who, the article said, "can often impersonate a sweet old lady, but a more apt description might be queen mother of the pointed question. She was a newspaper reporter, after all, among the best in this city, a relentless investigator, a role model for women when newsrooms might as well have had MEN engraved on the doors."

But at Canada Lake she was best known as the wife of **Herbert Asbury**, the prolific and popular author whose 1928 "Gangs of New York" was made into the sensational 2002 movie. The Asburys were at the heart of the storied group of New York City writers and artists who spent summers at the lake for years during the 1920s through the 1960s.

In a recent telephone interview with "The Echo," Edith remembered those days when the artists Paul Bransom and Charles Nicolas Sarka, cartoonist/artist Clare Victor Dwiggins (Dwig) and writers Mabel Widdemer, Margaret Widdemer

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and **Todhunter Ballard** had camps, mostly on the north shore, Barbour Road area (the Asbury camp, discussed in an earlier Echo, is now owned by John O'Brien and Mike Phelps).

With particular fondness she recalled our **John Widdemer**, who was just a boy in the group's heyday. She also remembered the illustrious friends who were sometimes visitors — renowned cartoonist/humorist **James Thurber** and **Emily Hahn** ("she was known as 'Mickey' "), the "New Yorker" writer whose dispatches from preand WW II China and her post-war pieces on chimpanzees — all were also best-selling books (Emily was the sister of Helen Hahn, Asbury's first wife).

The (for want of a better word) colony's members were not leisure-time dabblers in painting, nor scribblers, nor mere sojourners at the lake. Sarka, for example, whose works are in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum, The Chicago Art Institute and the National Portrait Gallery, summered at his camp for more than 50 years.

They were all prominent, professional and hugely productive. Ballard (1903-80) was nothing short of amazing. He churned out well over 50 (maybe 100) novels, most under his own name (plus 11 pen names); 202 short stories under his name and 26 more under nommes de guerre; screenplays and teleplays. The novels were either westerns or mysteries. His wife was Dwig's daughter, **Phoebe**, who coauthored at least one book with him.

Margaret Widdemer (1884-1978), John's aunt, won the 1919 American Poetry Society Award, forerunner of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, for her collection, "The

Old Road to Paradise." But she was no effete poetess. She crusaded against bad working conditions in factories and child labor. She turned out 32 novels and several collections of poetry. Her 1964 memoir included accounts of relationships with such now-classic writers as Edna St. Vincent Millay, Joyce Kilmer, Ezra Pound and F. Scott Fitzgerald. She did much of here work in her camp on Mud Lake.

Mabel Cleland Widdemer (1902-64), John's mother, wrote, from 1917 to 1963, 14 books, most of them a series, "Childhood of Famous Americans," covering such figures as Harriet Beecher Stowe, Washington Iriving, DeWitt Clinton and Alexander Graham Bell. Also amongst her works were some adult novels.

No muse inspired her literary career. Rather, John recalls, "Margaret was in the middle of a 'Winona' series of young people's books and felt she didn't have time to do the last one. She asked my mother, who'd never published, to help her out. That book got rave reviews as 'best of the series' and launched my mother on her own writing career. That didn't please my aunt and the rivalry lasted forever."

Sarka (1879-1960) had traveled as a young man to Tahiti and other South Sea islands (remember, this was before the days of tourist ships and jet planes to those places), the Middle East, Europe, the Caribbean, camped on Florida's Indian River at the turn of the century and on horseback covered Southern California. To the end, he drew and painted constantly, and his illustrations appeared in such popular magazines as Harper's, Colliers and Cosmopolitan.

Bransom died at Green Lake in 1979, at age 94. He first rented a camp at the

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Lake in 1908, next door to Dwiggins's "Dwigwam." Nine years later he built his own, with a studio, near his friend Sarka. Called "The Dean of American Wildlife Artists," during the 1920's and 1930's alone Bransom's illustrations appeared in 35 of America's leading magazines, and he illustrated some 50 books, including some by famed writers, such as Rudyard Kipling and Jack London.

"Dwig" (1874-1969), who drew our "Echo" logo, began newspaper cartooning in 1897. Later, when comic strips were getting to be the rage, he produced four that were long-running and popular. He drew covers for sheet music and illustrated versions of stories highly collectible today, as well as some postcards. His camp "became famous for many wild weekends," according to one account.

Asbury (1891-1963), early in his career, became the central figure in a row still famous in freedom-to-publish annals today. He wrote a story, based on his Missouri hometown, of a prostitute who entertained her Protestant clients in a Catholic cemetery and her Catholic ones in a Protestant cemetery. In 1926 H. L. Mencken published it in his iconoclastic "American Mercury," and it was banned in Boston. Mencken journeyed to Boston and sold a copy on the Common to underscore press freedom. He was arrested and "Mercury" sales soared.

Asbury went on to write "informal histories" of New Orleans's French Quarter, San Francisco's Barbary Coast, Chicago's underworld and New York's gangs that showed his fascination with crime, violence and low life. But he also wrote a biography of his famous ancestor, Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury, another

of the hatchet-wielding anti-saloon zealot Carrie Nation, an irreverent history of Prohibition, three 1930s screen plays, scores of magazine articles and "The Bon Vivant's Companion: Or, How to Mix Drinks." Type his name into "Google" and you get 93,000 hits, though many are bookstores. There have been hints of a coming biography.

He and Edith seem to have been on the same wavelength. Columnist Sydney Schanberg said he learned from people like her — "they didn't care whose ox was being gored or what sacred cow was mooing into the publisher's ear."

Time and a personal tragedy rendered another Lake resident. James Stanley. almost forgotten in the music world where he was once a popular figure. He was probably drawn to the Lake by his friend, Dwig. A baritone, he'd made recordings for Pathe, a once big label, that were "extremely popular with pre-WWI buyers." Later he was a member of the Peerless Ouartet, "called the most commercially successful vocal group ever," and sang on his own, including with the mid-1920s Jean Goldkette Band, But, John Widdemer recalls, throat cancer put an end to his career. He occupied a camp on South Shore Trail. After his time, it burned down and is now where the Joseph Herms place is.

Still a mystery is who, or what, first drew this group, friends in New York City, to the Lake. Widdemer suspects Dwig came first. But then, what brought him?

(The Echo is indebted for this article's sources: John Widdemer, Nancy White, Google, the Library of Congress and Donald Tuttle, who had interviewed Bransom for "Adirondack Life" magazine.)

My Childhood Memories

Shortly after World War I, the Peck family would picnic on a logging trail that started on Tantallo's lot and almost paralleled Kasson Drive. They enjoyed it so much they bought the lot from the Wood's family. My father, grandfather and uncle built the basic camp. The owner of the lot to the east claimed part of the camp was on her land. A survey proved all was OK. She really wanted to sell, and the second lot was acquired. "The Cabin" gradually evolved to a five bedroom camp.

My first trip was in a bassinet in 1925. My childhood recollections are from the 1930's. The fourth of July was an extra special day. Along with the holiday celebrations, my Grandfather proudly brought new potatoes, fresh picked peas and a fresh killed chicken from his own garden and coop. With all the family present, it made a great day. On the fourth, crossing the road would often take many minutes. A solid line of traffic was the norm. What a relief when they built the new highway. The post office was located at the present site of McMartin's garage. It was fun to have your own mailbox.

There were not too many kids on the north shore in the '30.s... but as kids we had a great rainy day retreat. Ernest Beach had the camp west of Tantallos (Armitages). He was the retired comptroller of the F. J & G railroad. He had a great repertoire of ghost stories and a son who lived in Africa who sent letters and artifacts...It was adventure time! We repaid Mr. Beach by rowing him to Lily Lake. We almost always got a pickerel. He resided at the Kingsboro Hotel and one Sunday a year he would treat us to dinner at the hotel. After a short walk to the depot we got a ride in the electric car to Schenectady to go to the movies. What a day!

A favorite pastime at the lake would be a trip to the "Big Rock". It started on the logging trail mentioned earlier, running east then swinging north. The rock, now, is almost exposed by Rt.10. It was a challenge to climb, but a great feeling to make it to the top.

Golf was all the rage. In the early 30's, my parents, grandmother, aunts and uncles would have a quick supper and head to Nick Stoner for a few holes. I was allowed to putt. The golf course was new with many rocks that are gone today. My first outboard was an Elto Twin, magneto ignition with a 6 volt hotshot battery. It was steered with a tiller and rope. The engine was fixed. It probably did all of ten mph. In 1939, my Dad matched my caddy earnings, and we bought a 3 horse Johnson outboard. I had it made!

During World War II, gas rationing restricted the use of camps. The roads were not plowed in the winter, and in the three plus years of the war, the trees and bushes almost obscured the lake. My only visit to the lake in those years was in a B-24. We buzzed the lake quite low. Later, I learned that fishermen in a boat near the motel were ready to bail out.

We have to be thankful for having such a great place to live

Bill Peck

GARBAGE PICKUP

One day a week as follows: Southern-most part of town – Mon Northern-most part of town – Tues

All garbage must be place in clear plastic bags which may also be placed in a 20 gallon can with handle locks to keep animals out.

Garbage may not include recyclables or trash such as diapers, kitty litter, yard debris. These items can be taken to the Transfer Station. Special hazardous waste collections are scheduled by the town or county.

See Town of Caroga Directory for transfer station hours.

The Magic of Green Lake

By Linda Abbot Trapp

I live in Mexico now, retired to sultry Puerto Vallarta, still writing and teaching piano, but mostly just living. There's some unfinished business, though, and the file-top photo of Green Lake in the southern Adirondacks, its far end enclosed by the lovely curve of Camel's Hump Mountain, is a clue. At times, the memory of childhood years shaped by that lake captures me so strongly that it's as if, once again, things of deep meaning are being nurtured in the lake's clear, cool beauty.

My family's camp was there, and there the best memories of my childhood were born. Green Lake is small, ringed by gentle mountains on three sides, quiet and lovely, a perfect place to learn to swim, sail, fish and water-ski. Just an hour's drive from home, we could run up to this magic place for the weekend or for a relaxing evening picnic.

Grandma's camp was next to ours; beyond it was land owned by Aunt Dorothy and beyond that the state-owned Forest Preserve. There were a few other cabins scattered about the wooded shores, but none intruded on the gentle green peace.

I spent much of my childhood lolling on the floating dock, reading Poe and Kipling and dreaming of growing up, and while dreaming I somehow did it. Once in a while my sister and I and our cousins would stretch our muscles by swimming across the lake or climbing to the fire tower on Kane Mountain. At night, we eavesdropped on the grownups as they chatted by the campfire.

If I close my eyes. I can see Grandpa. tall, lean and strong, casting for perch from the high dock just as the sun came up. Breaded and fried for breakfast, they set a standard no fish since has ever touched since. Even the primitivelooking catfish under the dock were enchanting-creatures with obscure origins and even more mysterious motives. Everything was better there, more intense, more powerful, more real than our life at home. I remember once taking a rifle out to the woods with a new boyfriend and easily besting him at target shooting, although I knew little to nothing about it. I remember. too, a nasty water-ski spill, where the tow-rope handle cut my thigh as I tried a trick turn. Believing nothing awful could happen there, I got up, bleeding, and resumed skiing-creating a myth of invincibility for my Dad to tell ever after.

When we got older, we drove in the evenings to the amusement park at Caroga Lake. It was the height of excitement then, though the last time I passed its shuttered shambles, I couldn't remember quite why. Fourth of July meant fireworks over at Pine Lake, where the falling stars kissed themselves in the water until nothing had ever been so beautiful, so romantic, so right.

It wasn't just the good stuff of romance and physical adventure that Green Lake introduced me to. Our camp was once owned by Dad's boss, and I

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remember sitting on the green wooden steps with his daughter, listening to her describe her preparations for going away to college. A gangly preteen in T-shirt and shorts, I was amazed by the idea of someone having trunks full of clothes; I'll never forget that she planned to pack 52 sweaters! Still a tomboy, I was mystified and envious at the same time. Competitiveness and greed must have been born in me then, for why else would I note with satisfaction those times when my sweater count has approached hers?

Some rainy afternoons we'd dare each other to sail or canoe down the shoreline to Tony's camp for a glass of lemonade and the chance to shyly admire and secretly fear his collection of big-game hunting trophies from Africa. How dangerously huge the world seemed. The men would sip cold drinks and talk about their hunting exploits. We'd listen, cautiously sneaking peeks at the the heads, horns and tusks covering the walls, and the skins on every chair and floor, wondering why and how and where.

My three older children visited the camp before we moved too far west to make the trip. They remember swimming in the lake, eating massive amounts of sweet corn on the cob, and little else. I tried to make it up to them with a reliably entertaining time-share in Palm Springs where they could bring friends, ride the tandem bike up to Bob Hope's house, play pool and safely try all the pools and spas, but it wasn't quite the same thing. I regret the loss of this camp in my life. The lumpy beds

were familiar, the murmuring voices of the aunts and uncles comforting. It didn't matter if one of the old dishes broke. The ancient erector set and the dusty books and puzzles would always be there for the inevitable rainy afternoon.

Once as an adult I went back when I needed to heal from the searing pain of untimely loss. My cousin took me out in the canoe, and I hiked to the fire tower, breathed the mountain air, watched fish swim below the dock, marveled at a tremendous thunderstorm and felt life coming back, little by little. That was 10 years ago. I recently emailed a real-estate agent in the area to ask if there were any cabins on the market. It's not practical, of course, and I probably won't do it, but how powerful the urge is, not exactly to go home but to go back to that magical second home where nothing seemed ordinary to a growing girl. How I loved it then, and how I love the memory now.

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PLEASE DRIVE
CAUTIOUSLY & SLOWLY
WHEN TRAVELING
ON THE ROADS
AROUND CANADA LAKE
THIS SUMMER

White Savage, William Johnson and the Invention of America

A man whose lusty liaisons with dusky native maidens inspired an episode in a novel, "Chrysal," which was a sensation in 18th Century England.

An intellectually curious man who experimented with electricity in the mid-1700s when it was still a mysterious force and imported books by Isaac Newton.

A man who sometimes donned bizarre costumes to lead Indian warriors into battle.

A kind of millionaire feudal chief who had little use for democracy or American patriots, and who doubtless would have opposed the Revolution that resulted in the United States of America.

A man who rose from a poor Catholic upbringing in Ireland, with little schooling, to a royal title in an England where Protestantism was the legally established religion.

Such a colorful, complex, fleshand-blood person we tend to forget, was Sir William Johnson, founder of Johnstown. Instead we might think of him as a staid, stately figure enshrined on a statue, the occupier of what for his time and place was a mansion, a man bearing a hereditary baronetcy bestowed by the King.

But a fascinating new biography, "White Savage, William Johnson and the Invention of America," reminds us (if indeed many ever knew) what a brilliant, daring, enterprising, fiercely

independent – truly amazing – multifaceted figure was Sir William.

The descriptions beginning this review must not imply that author Fintan O'Toole's work is a mere surface highlighting of Sir William's quirks, contradictions, almost incredible rise and sexual proclivities. It's a profound, soundly researched and captivatingly readable book.

Best of all for us, it can be augmented with summer trips to Sir William's Hall in Johnstown, built in 1763 and now a historic site, only 20 minutes away by car. His previous home, Fort Johnson, built in 1749, is at most a 30-minute run, to where Routes 5 and 67 now intersect. After May 17 it's also open as a museum. Just a mile to the east of that is handsome Guy Park Manor, which he built on the banks of the Mohawk at present-day Amsterdam, for his nephew/son-in-law, Guy Johnson, married to daughter, Mary.

One way in which this book differs from earlier biographies, is how O'Toole - a Dubliner himself – emphasizes the Irish roots, in County Meath, that played so heavily in Johnson's career. Though most of the native Irish gentry had lost to the English the ownership of their lands, the right to hold public office, practice Catholicism ("peasants, priests and martyrs" were less bothered) and sit in the Irish Parliament, his relatives, the Warrens, retained some of their holdings even though they, like the Johnsons, had been Jacobites (those who attempted to restore deposed Catholic King James II to the English

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throne). Jacobite forces lost out in the 1690 Battle of the Boyne.

Johnson's uncle, Sir Peter Warren, joined the English Navy at age 12 as a seaman, at some time turned Protestant, rose to captain (later admiral) and became England's most brilliant privateer. Marrying into the rich New York DeLancey family, he acquired rights to vast tracts around the Mohawk Valley. In late 1737 or early '38 he brought his 23 year old nephew William to manage it. Warren bankrolled the enterprise. To an ambitious young Irishman, this offered the two steps to opportunity: Leaving Ireland and becoming Anglican. Johnson did both and set out to tame the wilderness, set up his own fur trade with the Iroquois and acquire his own lands. Soon he had far outgrown the simple overseer that Sir Peter had envisioned.

O'Toole imparts a freshness to the accounts of Johnson's exploits, any one of which would have made an exciting novel. Sir William ingratiated himself with the Iroquois until they accepted him not only as a full brother, but also a sachem, with the name "Warraghiyagey" (which has been translated as "Chief Much Business"). His huge fur trade pitted him against the monopoly held by the entrenched provincial powers (including

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DeLancey's). His natural gifts of military leadership and diplomacy led to his promotion to major general. He added to the Crown's territory lands stretching as far as modern Kentucky and Alabama.

It was at the 1755 Battle of Lake George (during what Europe called The Seven Years War and to us is the French and Indian War) where he succeeded in uniting 200 Indian warriors with 1500 British troops and untrained Yankees from New England and New Jersey (who despised the natives as devilworshiping pagans). They succeeded in defeating 3500 superiorly trained French regulars and Indians. They captured Baron Jean Armand Dieskau, a celebrated top French/German commander who for decades had been a bane of the English. Dieskau had been wounded and abandoned by his retreating troops.

Johnson, too, had taken a ball in the hip, which plagued him throughout his life. But for his victory, celebrated in Britain and America, George II made Johnson a baronet despite efforts by his ostensible superior, Massachusetts Governor Shirley, to undermine him. Johnson changed the lake's name from Lac Saint Sacrament to Lake George, underscoring that it and land to the north were no longer French territory.

O'Toole's theory (to over simplify it) is that Johnson's unique success over the decades in winning the trust of the Iroquois and later tribes to the south and west — and persuading

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them to join the English against the French – came about because he, too, had come from a people who had been robbed of their land and religion and left with a culture approaching extinction. Thus he could sympathize with the tribes' plight. They believed he treated them fairly, protected them from being cheated in land deals and made their interests his.

When Sir William died in 1774, he was one of the richest landholders in America. His death meant that he did not have to cope with the anti-British sentiment boiling up amongst rebellious "Patriots" in the Mohawk Valley. But in 1775 the Patriots, now organized into a 4000-man fighting force, drove Sir John Johnson who had inherited his father's baronetcy. Guy Johnson and other Loyalists, with their Indian relatives and supporters, and Catholic Scottish Highlanders (who had taken an oath never to oppose the King) and other tenants to Canada. Many of them, with Iroquois braves, returned during the Revolution in raids to kill and scalp settlers in the Mohawk and Cherry valleys. But for the most part, the Iroquois – with the exception of the Oneidas who sided with the Americans - stuck with the British and regarded the Revolution as a war between cousins and no great issue of theirs.

O'Toole – like U. S. historian James Thomas Flexner in his 1959 "Mohawk Baronet" – paints a figure who would loom much larger in American history books had the Revolution and its leaders not come along so soon to eclipse him. Certainly he is far greater

than simply "one of those high spirited figures, half genius and half con man, who flourish on frontiers," as historian Richard Brookhiser characterized him only last month.

O'Toole's subtitle – "...Johnson and the Invention of America" – seems to mean that he exhibited the independence of action, the extemporizing, the challenging of authority, the willingness to risk, and the zest for competition and expansion that came to typify the national character.

HEALTH WARNING ADIRONDACK FISH CONSUMPTION

In 2005, the NY State Department of Health issued a warning urging that women of child-bearing age, and children under 15 avoid eating largemouth bass. smallmouth bass, northern pike, pickerel, walleye, and larger vellow perch from all water in the Adirondack mountain region because of mercury contamination. Trout, catfish, smelt and other popular food fish have not been found to have elevated mercury levels. Mercury can effect a developing nervous system in a fetus, infants and young children, according to the state Health Dept.

Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery

The 2004 "Echo" contained a nice article recommending a visit to the Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery to enjoy their impressive collection of paintings by America's masters. This is a "good news/bad news" follow-up to that article.

First the bad news: For the 2006 season, the art gallery and paintings won't be available for the public to enjoy in Canajoharie. The good news is that a new facility is under construction that will greatly enhance and expand the museum. Renamed "The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie" (the Arkell), the project is a joint venture between the Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery and its sister organization, the Arkell Hall Foundation, also of Canajoharie.

Beginning in 2007, visitors will be welcomed to enjoy Canajoharie's treasures (as well as other surprises to

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NICK STONER ISLAND

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- · Take your garbage off the Island
- · Clean up after your dog
- · Make sure fires are out

be announced over the next year) in a greatly expanded, state-of-theart museum. The ride from Canada Lake is a beautiful progression from Adirondack forests to vistas of the Mohawk Valley and spectacular views of Cherry Valley and the northern Catskills. It's a great compliment to the Arkell's collection and what will be one of it's major themes: landscapes through the artist's eyes.

In the mean time, if you want to see examples from the collection, you can visit the Dulwich Gallery near London, or the Musee d'art Americain in Giverny, France. Closer to home, there's a small exhibition at the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls and a John Sloan piece at the Peabody-Essex Museum in Massachusetts.

Joe Santangelo
President and CEO
Arkell Hall Foundation Inc.

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Remembrances

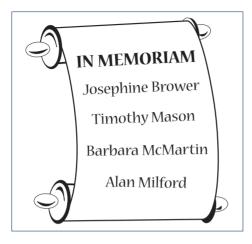
Josephine Brower

Josephine Brower passed away on September 13, 2005 after a very long but hopeless battle with Alzheimer's disease. A sad way for life to end for a woman who spent most of her adult years helping others -- she was a Registered Nurse, a World War II Navy Veteran, Red Cross volunteer, Sunday School teacher, and a terrific mom.

"Jo" Brower probably loved the lake as much as anyone, spending as much time there as possible since she married my father in the early 1940's. Transplanted from New Jersey, she became quite the Canada Laker, frequently seen doing things from cleaning perch and bullheads on the dock at 8 o'clock in the morning to creosoting the woodshed on a hot summer day. She didn't mind jobs like that! It was great fun to go picking blueberries in August with all the kids and also telling ghost stories on a rainy evening in front of the fireplace. She was active with the Museum during its early years and donated many antiques from the camp, including a brass bed, for temporary displays, Friendly and outgoing, she sure will be missed. The lake has lost another long time resident.

It is important to mention the absolutely incredible stress this disease placed upon her family for at least seven long years, probably even sending my father to an early grave despite the fact that he was 90 years young. Hopefully a cure will be found soon.

John Brower



Dreaming About Happy Hollow

Working to make a dream become reality can be the work of a lifetime.

Lois Klingbeil's dream involved a safe and happy place for her children to grow and love the Adirondacks. Making that dream become reality started with a small, wet, forested patch of land on an Adirondack lake, purchased on the salary earned by her minister husband.

Cutting trees, just enough for a wooden platform for family picnics, was the beginning. Tenting with babies, while a well and plumbing were incorporated into green-wood walls, was essential to the dream. Sharing meals, with friends and families who visited "Klingbeil's Folly," became the capstone of an Adirondack afternoon. All of these reveal a wife and mother who gracefully struggled, in multiple ways, to make a cottage on Green Lake a summer home.

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Each year, a new element of comfort was added to camp. Time, energy and TLC were incorporated into what became the "Happy Hollow" camp on Green Lake. Each year, Lois' three daughters Carol, Beth and Barbara found adventure in the clear water and among the deep hemlocks. Amenities at the cottage evolved with used furniture and recycled architectural materials. The rhythm of each Adirondack season was structured with husband Kurt.

Lois celebrated caterpillars, transformed into Monarch butterflies and released by children. Her blueberry pies were legendary. She savored loon calls as moments of wonder, a mix of God's blessings plus a lesson in ecology.

After forty-nine summers at Green Lake, Lois died on February 6, 2005. Lois leaves her dreams about this lake as one legacy for her family.

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Timothy Mason

Timothy Mason passed awav unexpectedly September 8, 2005 in Glens Falls, N.Y. He was an avid athlete, participating in many road races and triathlons, including the Boston Marathon and Lake Placid Ironman. His interests were hockey and coaching Adirondack Youth Hockey, and coaching youth soccer in Glens Falls. His presence on Canada Lake for 20 summers was noted for his enthusiasm for water skiing, teaching and encouraging novice skiers, enjoying the slalom course, and participation in pyramid skiing. Tim is survived by his mother, Louise Mason of Heathrow, FL; wife Lisa Mason,

son Matthew and daughter Molly, of Glens Falls; brothers Dr. Michael Mason and wife Micheline of Northfield VT, Patrick Mason and wife Anita of Pembroke Pines, FL, Mark Mason and wife Fernanda of Miami, FL, and Lt. Colonel Thomas Mason of Scotia, NY; his sisters Maureen Cover and husband Del of San Diego, CA, Maria Bready of Deltona, FL, Dr. Colleen Zittel and husband Dr. Gregory Zittel of Heathrow, FL. His father Dr. Thomas Mason of Schenecdtady, predeceased him. His enthusiasm and love of family sports are greatly missed.

Louise Mason

Barbara McMartin

The variety and depth of the late Barbara McMartin's achievements had always amazed me. But last Aug 4, I saw an aspect of her character that enhanced my admiration even more. That was her tremendous moxie, the way she seemed to brush off adversity.

We were at the Lake for only a week and I'd made a date to see her that afternoon. When I called to reaffirm. Alec Reid, her husband and co-worker on so many projects, told me she'd had an episode that morning, but she still wanted me to drop by at 1:45 p.m. for a few minutes. That episode turned out to have been a loss of consciousness in the early morning, which required rushing her in an ambulance to the Utica hospital where she'd long been undergoing treatment for brain cancer. There she regained her faculties. underwent an MRI, was subjected to more ministrations, and returned home.

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Yet, after she'd endured what had to have been a very difficult morning, when I entered the living room she was seated and greeted me with her usual nonchalance, cheerfully pointing out that the hair that was beginning to return to her scalp was black, in contrast to the light brown that she'd lost from the chemo. She immediately launched into an enthusiastic discussion, not of her wretched illness, but of projects upon which she was working. She was preparing a long chapter she'd been invited to contribute (and did) to "The Great Experiment in Conservation: Light from the Adirondack Prism." a hefty book edited by Dr. Ross Whaley, chairman of the Adirondack Park Agency, and Professors William F. Porter and Jon D. Erickson, who constitute the Adirondack Research Consortium. It's slated for publication next year.

Then she described a letter she was preparing to Governor Pataki about the regulation of "forever wild" lands that the state had purchased during his tenure and, with delight, displayed a long printed "Adirondack Time Line" Alec and she had developed tracing the evolution of the mountains from their formation in prehistoric times to today. From that, with no slackening of verve, she described a book she'd just reviewed, "The Forestport Breaks, A 19th Century Conspiracy along the Black River Canal," by Michael Doyle. By that time, the "few minutes" had stretched to an hour and 15 minutes. and I thought I'd best go, lest I tire her. That visit, it turned out, was less than two months before her death.

For most of us the "world will little note nor long remember" – to borrow a few words from Lincoln – our presences.

For Barbara it's different. She left a rich legacy that many generations – particularly on Canada Lake, and in the Adirondacks and her native Fulton County – can widely note and long use and treasure.

Her great intellectual curiosity was mainly focused on the history, the natural world and activism that was the prime focus of her work, but she was interested in everything. Those pocket-sized green guidebooks she produced transformed hikes into learning experiences by pointing out plants, stream sites, rock formations, and relics of past use that we might have passed unnoticed.

Her "Glove Cities" was no mere chronicle, not one of those local histories that's a tiresome collection of names, dates, places and (sometimes apocryphal) events. It described how and why the industries that sustained Johnstown's and Gloversville's economies had been born, flourished and waned. Like all of her 27 books, it was scrupulously researched (she and Alec even journeyed to China to inspect a Gloversville company's plant there).

Similarly solidly reported and well grounded from documents and first-hand interviews is her history of the Town of Caroga and the great privately-owned tracts of Adirondack land (most of us, I suspect, think most of those 6,000,000 acres always have been in state hands).

She was a tireless apostle of the Adirondacks, recounting their highlights and histories in magazine articles and lectures, and she was a sparkplug in the founding of the Caroga and

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county museums. A few years ago she arranged an ambitious exhibition at Fulton-Montgomery Community College of the works of Canada Lake artists Charles Sarka and Paul Bransom. She not only crusaded for state and local mini-parks, picnic sites and road turnoffs at scenic spots throughout the Adirondacks; she specified where scores of these would be appropriate.

The gorgeous garden that Alec and she arranged going up the slope across from their house has been written up in "Adirondack Magazine" and is a showpiece to which friends like to bring visitors. That she could be prickly was no secret but to us she always was gracious, generous and interesting.

Maybe her work habits had developed when she earned a Ph.D. in mathematics for she was uncommonly diligent – always with at least one book in the works and another forming on the horizon. She and Alex created their own Lake View Press, which published her most recent works.

At the time of her death it was said she wanted no memorial service. The work she leaves is a tribute with more real meaning than any memorial could provide.

Bill Ringle

Alan H. Milford

Alan H. Milford, a lifelong summer resident on Canada Lake with broad connections to the area, died suddenly on February 18 of this year. Al was three weeks shy of his 77th birthday, and there was hardly a year he wasn't here enjoying the sailing, swimming,

tennis or golfing. He was born in Johnstown and grew up spending summers at the family camp, first on Sand Point and later in the camp Eberly Hutchinson built on the end of Hutchinson Road called Camp Redwood. Al's grandfather William C. Hackney was a founding member of the Point Breeze Club. William's widow bought Camp Redwood from the Point Breeze Club as the membership dwindled in 1939. Al and his brothers John and Bob and his cousins Bill and Peg McGregor shared the camp for many years.

Al is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dorothy, four grown children, Stephen, Christopher, William and Pamela, eight grandchildren, Alex, Emma, Allison, Kate, Maggie, Alan James (AJ), Andreas and Emalee, and his older brother Robert of Morristown, New Jersey. There is a memorial web site at http://alan.milford.name where more information is available and remembrances of Al can be posted and are most welcome.

Chris Milford



PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

- Each person on or being towed must wear a life jacket (PFD)
- The PWC must have a USCG approved backfire flame arrestor.
- If so equipped, the engine cutoff lanyard must be used.
- No operation between sunset and sunrise.
- No PWC may be operated within 500 ft. of a designated swimming area except when launching and then 10 MPH (straight out).
- Safety equipment such as a distress signal or horn must be on board.
- New York State Law prohibits:
 - --weaving in and out of traffic
 - --intentional last minute swerving except to avoid collision
 - --wave jumping
- Anyone operating a PWC in New York State must complete a safe boating course.
- New for 2006 The minimum age for operating a PWC has been raised to 14. Full implementation takes effect in 2009. Until then, children ages 10 13 may continue to operate a PWC if they are accompanied by (a) someone over 18, and (b) within 500 ft. of another personal watercraft or vessel, and (c) within sight of the personal water craft or vessel, and (d) hold safety certificates themselves.

TOWN OF CAROGA CHURCHES

Caroga Chapel

Starts last Sunday in June for 10 Sundays Hymn Sing 10:15 AM Service 10:30 AM

St. Barbara's Chapel

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North Bush Methodist Church

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MAINTAINING YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Listed below are some tips to help maintain your septic system:

- Have your septic system pumped regularly Pumping your tank is probably the single most important thing you can do to protect your system. If the buildup of solids in the tank becomes too high and solids move to the leach field, this could clog and strain the system to the point where a new leach field will be needed.
- 2) Have your septic tank inspected every other year It is a good way to monitor your system's health. Inspections can reveal problems before they become serious, and by checking the level of sludge and scum in your tank, you can get a more accurate idea of how often it should be pumped.
- 3) Conserve water
 - · Repair leaking faucets and running toilets
 - Take shorter showers
 - Install water-saving features in faucets and showerheads
 - · Install low-flush toilets
 - Don't let water run while brushing teeth and washing dishes
 - · Space out laundry loads and only run full loads
 - · Divert surface water runoff away from leach field
- 4) Avoid adding chemicals that harm the beneficial bacteria in your septic
 - · Paints, varnishes, and solvents
 - · Pesticides and fertilizers
 - · Bleach, disinfectants and antibacterial soaps
 - Drain cleaners
 - · Prescription antibiotics and other medications
- 5) Keep all non-biodegradable items out of your septic tank
 - Any paper products aside from septic-approved toilet paper
 - Fat, grease or oil
 - · Disposable diapers
 - · Cat litter
 - Cigarette butts
 - · Plastic or aluminum
- 6) In the kitchen, avoid putting food scraps, coffee grinds, grease and cooking oils down the drain. Avoid the use of a garbage disposal, which can increase the amount of solids in your tank up to 50%.
- 7) Protect your system -
 - Don't plant anything but grass near your septic system
 - Don't allow anyone to drive or operate heavy machinery over system
 - · Don't build anything over the drain field

