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Enjoy the issue. Nice to be back!

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OUR PRESIDENT SAYS

An Interesting Year So Far

ROGER CARTEE



The good news and bad news about Salem Lakes starts with the postponement of our annual meeting scheduled for the third Saturday in July. Due to the COVID-19 virus and State policy, holding the meeting as scheduled in July became an impossibility so the board decided to postpone the meeting to a later date, TBD.

The good news is that people are coming back to the lake and activity on the water and along the shores of the lake has increased considerably over the past weeks. Our milfoil crew has been hard at work doing their best to eradicate the invasive plant and they have held half a dozen dives in the past several weeks trying to get ahead of the game before native plants grow too much making it difficult to find the illusive milfoil.

Board member Dennis Bond and I have piloted board members Ed Wells, Ross Ogilvie and Diver Rob Patton from one end of the lake to the other checking barriers laid down last year, pulling milfoil and putting down new barrier. Lenny Boulanger has just returned to the lake and is ready to get in the rotation with his boat which will be a big help.

Getting to the milfoil before native plants have had a chance to cover the lake bottom has been a big plus and diver Rob Patton has had good fortune in the search, finding some old growth missed last year because of the heavy growth of native plants. Ed Wells is the crew

leader in the battle against milfoil so if you have any questions feel free to contact him.

Many months ago, Dennis uncovered an earlier attempt to stabilize the waterfront in front of Siskin-Coutts. After considerable discussion with the town, Jason Brueck of Siskin-Coutts took the lead, meeting with the town and state to get the ball rolling with a funding grant application and a new design for the project. After much work on Jason's part, with considerable help from Amy Picotte and Ben Copans of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, the application has been submitted and Jason is now waiting for approval. If the application is approved, Northwoods Stewardship Center will start the project in early September.

Paula Staples and Claire Roberts faithfully continue to do the water testing while Denis, Ross and I check the E.coli in both Big and Little Salem.

I'm not going to ramble on I'm just going to ask that you check the association website at (www.salemlakesvt.org) to keep up with what is happening especially a possible future date for our annual meeting. That will be on the website if we find that we are able to have one and if we can't we will also announce its cancellation.

If you have any questions or you are willing to get involved in any way, shape or form just let me know. We could really use some help.

Hope you have a great summer at the lake



Diver Rob Patton



Ed Wells



Dennis Bond, Ross Olgilvie, Roger Cartee

Getting to the Bottom of Things

ED WELLS

This article will tell you about Salem Lake association's plans to manage Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in the lake this summer and will provide you with a summary of our efforts combating EWM in Big Salem last season. MANY THANKS to property owners and lake users who patiently tolerated our activity on the lake, putting up with all of our colorful buoys. We'll need to put some out again this summer but with luck in fewer numbers.

We had a busy summer in 2019. Work began in late May under cool and cloudy skies and ended under brilliant sunshine in late September. Our diver, Rob Patton from Barton pulled up about 100 to 200 feet of plastic weed barrier installed the previous year by AE Diving, Manchester, VT. Rob then pulled 38 pieces of six-foot-long rebar out of the lake also on loan from Derby Pond.

We are glad to report that NO new EWM discoveries were made over these previously covered areas. Thanks go out to Andy Major for securing this equipment for us.

You might be interested to know that our state permit allows us to leave these barriers in the lake up to two years through 6/21/22 if necessary when the permit expires. A second permit allows us to suction harvest EWM in the lake for another seven years. Overall, we had a total of 60 diver hours, installed 500' of seven-foot wide bottom barrier, and removed approximately 250-300 invasive milfoil plants

while logging in more than 200 hours of volunteer time.

Because of many generous donations of boats and volunteer time by association members and volunteers we were able to conduct weekly dives for most of the summer with occasional multi-dive weeks when Rob was not working at other lakes in VT and NY. Special thanks to Dennis Bond for providing most of the weekly captain's duties on his pontoon boat. Lenny Boulanger, Paula Staples and Roger Cartee also provided stable pontoon boats for us to work from. Thanks to Ross Ogilvie for his many roles including creating a GPS record of our work locations around the lake and to Jim and Lisa Sullivan for assisting with diving duties. Lisa Worden and Claire Roberts also chipped in the hunt for the pesky milfoil. My apologies to anyone left off this list!

As summer progressed and more EWM discoveries were made, we set about installing bottom barriers anchored with rebar. The screen-like bottom barrier and rebar were purchased with money collected by the association through membership fees, general contributions, and the coin drop. Thanks everyone who supported these efforts.

For 2020, with favorable weather conditions, diver, volunteer and boat availability, we will once again attempt a weekly survey of known

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LAKESHORE RESTORATION

Section of Shoreline May Get Grant

JASON BRUECK



Artist rendition of Siskins-Coutts that includes what the shoreline looks like now and what they expect it to look like when it is finished.

The approximately 175 feet of shoreline on Lake Salem that runs along the Derby Town beach and the Coutts-Moriarty Camp is being considered for a Watersheds United Vermont Block Grant that would use a combination of fiber core stabilization and native plantings.

These measures are designed to address sedimentation and phosphorus loading as well as provide wildlife benefits. Efforts will also be made to utilize the project as an educational resource to enhance public understanding of water quality issues and how to mitigate them.

This section of Lake Salem's shoreline receives considerable public use during the spring, summer, and fall. With a long-standing section of

snowmobile accessing Lake Salem through the Derby Town beach, there is even use in the winter. As a result, any changes to the shoreline have the potential to impact numerous users and it is crucial that the final design has the support of all users.

Coming to a consensus around the projects design without the chance to sit down with multiple stakeholders around a design plan has been a big challenge to the project. For now, Watersheds United Vermont has determined that the project meets all the criteria and can move ahead with a formal grant application once a final project design has been approved by all parties.

OUR MEMBERS

New Membership Record Set in 2019

2019 saw a record breaking 119 property owners and related families become members of the Salem Lakes Association. Over and above dues assessed, a large percentage of members donated a total of over \$4,100 in cash and supplies. With state funding reduced and the added expenses of the fight against Eurasian Milfoil and other invasive species, this extra support is welcome and very much appreciated. As our costs will only continue to rise, we would encourage all property owners with a genuine interest in preserving and protecting the lakes for current and future generations to consider a donation over and above the \$20.00 membership fee. A big thank you to all who joined the Salem Lakes Association in 2019 and to those who made additional donations in support of the Salem Lakes.

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A big thank you to all who
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who made additional
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Lakes Association.



Never Loses its Novelty

TIM VOTAPKA

The first trip up to open camp can often be like getting your hands on a new box of Cracker Jack. You know you are in for a mix of caramel-coated popcorn, peanuts and a “surprise.” You might say it is a mix of the familiar with a tinge of the unexpected.

So it was with this year’s arrival in May. There was the familiar, but never old sight of the final exit on the interstate. Main Street in Derby. Emerald-green grass in the fields along Rte 105, and finally, the dirt road that winds down to our little camp tucked away just as I had left it back in October.

Sure, there is some clean up to do; that’s a given. Leaf and branch clutter are to be expected after some months away. So long as nothing big and heavy has fallen on the roof, or downed any wires, there is nothing to put attention on except getting inside and flipping on the electric and getting the water flowing again.

Back in a day, most camps drew fresh water directly from the lake. You could go up and down the shore and you’d see old bleach bottles 30 or so yards from each camp, indicating where the lines were so you didn’t trip or row your boat directly into the line and foul it up.

As the younger and more flexible one of our clan, it was my job to climb under the house – usually in hip waders bump my head on more than one beam, and work my

way over to the old steel pump that would be laying over on its side after having been nudged off its brick footings by high water.

We would uncurl the hose and if the water was low enough, I would walk the line out to its usual spot and secure under the surface, careful not to bury it in the mud. Then I would crawl back under the camp, roll the heavy little tank back up onto its feet and hope to God the electric cord had not been submerged in water all winter. It never ceased to amaze me how tough those old pumps were. You would plug the beast in and without any protest it would start chugging away, thirsty for as much water as it could draw up the line.

Experience reminded me to keep a pail of water at hand for priming. And while that process got underway, I would marvel at how such an old machine could function after essentially being abandoned under a house in the dirt for six months. The belts never cracked. The bearings never seized. And within 20 minutes, the tank would have reached its pressure point, and the motor would stop.

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More stories by Tim on

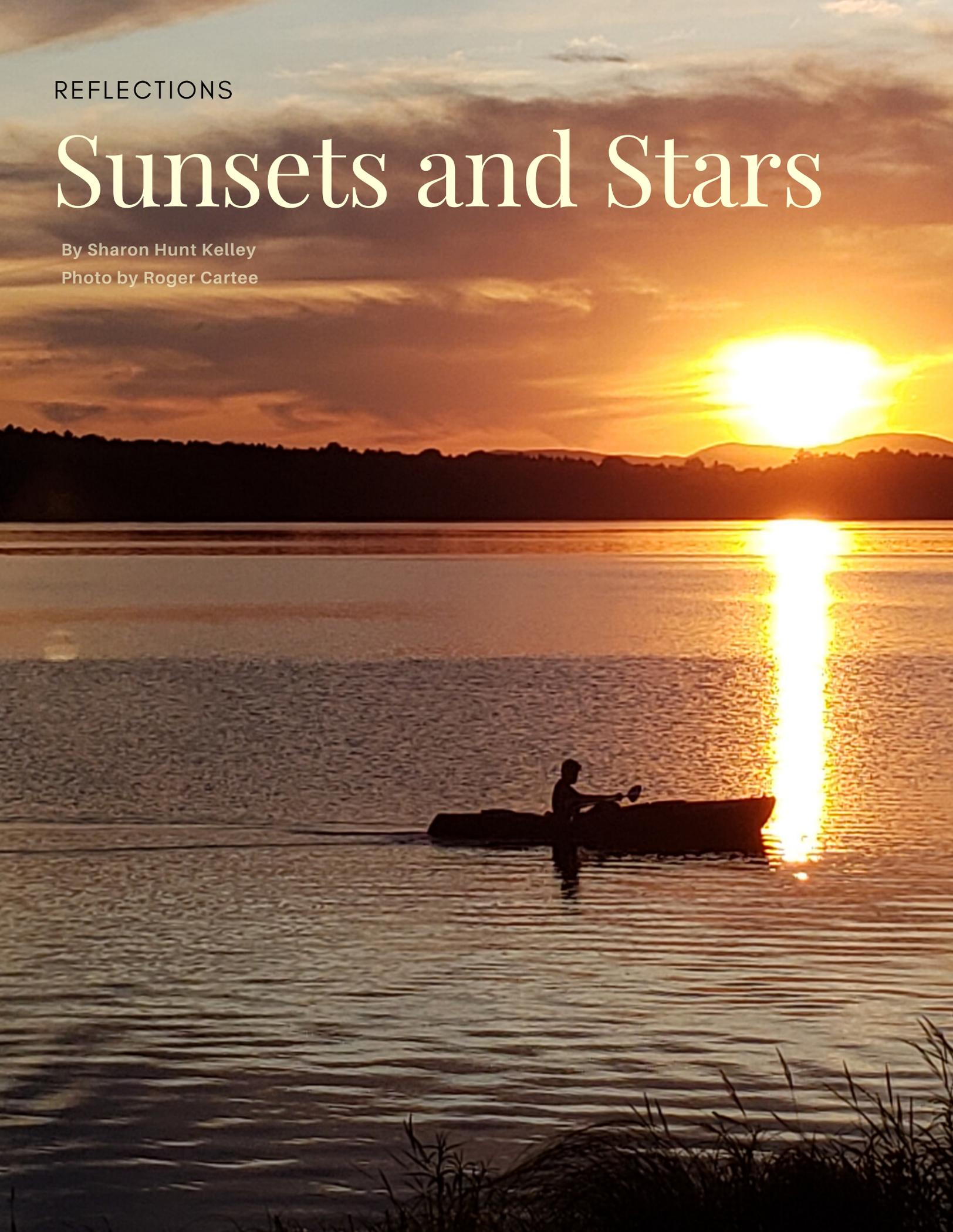
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REFLECTIONS

Sunsets and Stars

By Sharon Hunt Kelley

Photo by Roger Cartee



REFLECTIONS

To Each Person Who Comes to Salem, There is at Least One Really Special Thing That They Look Forward to Every Summer

SHARON HUNT KELLEY

Lake Salem is a good example of a place that has something for everyone. My family has been on the lake in the summertime since the early 50's....I have grown up with my friends on the lake, watched my own children and their friends and now have the pleasure of watching my grandsons who, like me, have spent summer time on the lake virtually their whole lives.

To each person who comes to Salem, there is at least one really special thing that they look forward to every summer. For my sister and I, it was hours spent on the raft swimming and just hanging with friends. For my dad, it was sailing on the lake in his Sunfish or Cape Cod runabout. For my mother it was her beloved hummingbirds who returned year after year to the battered red feeder outside the kitchen window. For my children it was building endless sand castles on the beach.

And now for my son who is grown, countless meals from the charcoal grill. For my youngest grandson it was chasing the ever present minnows and dragon

flies and for my oldest grandson who is graduating from high school this year, it is quiet time in the middle of the lake in the kayak or paddleboat.

But no matter what your daytime pleasure turned out to be, everyone agreed on what was super special late in every day - sunsets, stars and bonfires. As the years have gone by, a ritual has evolved at our family camps that involves whoever is currently in residence sitting in a lineup of chairs on the lawn facing the lake with a beverage of choice preparing to salute the sunset. No two days are alike and both residents and visitors take the time to pause, chat and wonder at the fact that we are the luckiest people on earth. Then the stars start to appear...just the brightest ones first, then all of sudden more that you can count, blanketing the sky with sparkly wonder. And if you are lucky, someone has a bonfire ready to light under the stars, with the fixin's for s'mores and long wooden sticks at the ready.

Lake Salem is a special place and we who are surrounded by her beauty are truly the luckiest people on Earth.

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A LAKEFRONT CAMP

A Camp Never Loses Its Novelty

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My limbs and joints do not show that level of vibrancy after just six hours of dormancy; and that is in a heated home on a soft mattress.

Getting the water going is a much easier task ever since we came out of the dark ages. My folks went modern years ago with a well and electric pump/pressure tank that is inside the house high and dry. You simply open the main value line outside, flip the pump circuit on and wait for the inevitable hissing that comes from the open faucet valves inside the house.

Then you know all is well underway and you are free to move onto other tasks and inspections inside and out. The sputters and rattles of a water system coming back online may sound like a random cacophony to anyone who does not know better.

Not to me. It is part of the camp's "voice." And every time I set up camp in the Spring, I remember the old chug, chug, chug of the old pump beneath the floor. That old, weather-worn workhorse that asked for nothing, yet gave us warm showers whenever we needed them.

That old steel tank worked well beyond its lifespan and was only retired to the shed when the modern system was installed sometime in the 1990s. That is a span of about 50 years given the age of our camp.

Fifty something. That is a number that sticks in my head a little more than it should perhaps, because I am now well into my 50s. My eyes are not as sharp as they used to be and my knees and back are not as pliable as they were when I used to crawl under the house all those years ago. But like the old pump laying down on its side waiting to get going again, I am ready, willing and able to get the job done when it comes time to get the place up to snuff for the season ahead. I will get the docks out on their cinder blocks. The boats and lawn chairs will get shoved and rolled out into their proper places.

It's all familiar this business of having a lake front camp. And over the next few weeks as warmer weather rolls in, the sweet aroma of lilacs drifts in with the breeze. An outdoor bonfire sends a kind smoky blend over the breeze from the other end of the lake. And that is the caramel on the popcorn. Familiar but never old, always sweet. Yea. Always sweet.

As for the surprise, well, that depends on the box you get. For after a long drive home, when you have gotten the water going without a leak and the electric working without a blown fuse, and you discover you left a sealed package of caramel flavored coffee in the cupboard, there's the surprise out of the box. And you're home again.



MILFOIL UPDATE

Getting to the Bottom of Things

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EWM sites, then continue the search for other infestations around the lake. We will also be checking on the condition of the bottom barriers, a requirement of our permit. A goal this summer is to continue to increase the size of the search to areas of the lake that remain EWM free or where EWM has yet to be found - more likely the case. We need to increase the depth of our search area to 20'. This was recommended by Ann Bove a former state biologist very familiar with Lake Salem. She has recommended that we consider mapping the lake into sections to aid in our survey work.

Volunteers would be asked to keep an eye on EWM growth within their section; for example, camp A through camp G. Ann suggests doing a three-hour search of each lake section three times per year or a total of nine hours. We can provide you with devices to mark your suspected EWM locations and help you identify your discoveries. You can probably guess that EWM likes to grow in the littoral zones of lakes - that is the shallower areas where plants can get sunlight. In most lakes this plant zone is in 0-20' of water and we have a lot of it in Salem!

Please stay tuned for more information on this effort. Do reach out to us with any questions. Salem is a big lake to cover. All help is welcome, even if you are only at or near the lake for a short stay. Whether you are out boating, fishing, swimming or snorkeling on a day with good water visibility, your observations are valuable!

We will continue Ross Ogilvie's "adopt a buoy" program again this year. This involves keeping an eye on buoys placed over known EWM locations, usually not far from shore. Please let us know if you want to participate in this low-key buoy watch or want to get more involved by adding your boat to the "milfoil fleet" or assist the diver. It's a lot of fun. We are usually out on the lake on fair weather days and when the diver is available.

Questions? My email address is: ejoewells@gmavt.net. Phone: 802-578-3037. Note: We are always on the lookout for divers and snorkelers. Please let us know if you are interested in a summer job or would like to volunteer in some way to support our efforts.

Have a great summer.

Ed

More coverage on our milfoil management on

[HTTP://WWW.SALEMLAKESVT.ORG](http://www.salemlakesvt.org)

Property Maintenance Key to Lake Health

DENNIS BOND

Hello neighbors! My intention in this article is to offer you resources that you can use to upgrade your property for lakeshore improvements. We all enjoy the beautiful lake around which we own property, but in order to maintain this quality each property owner (stakeholder) hopefully is willing to contribute to this resource for future generations. The intent being to maintain or improve the current lake condition and to maintain and improve property values.

We have an aggressive invasive aquatic species program and regular water testing, both of which have been administered by the Board of Directors and interested parties on the lake. These are programs that can be done by individual property owners. All these programs are voluntary.

Great Resources

The Salem Lakes Association website (www.salemlakesvt.org) is an excellent resource for news on these programs. Over the past year we have been making some very good progress on key lakeshore management including the Lakewise Program administered by the Vermont State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Recommended Reading:

A Guide to Healthy Lakes Using Lakeshore Landscaping: Design Templates and Easy-to-Use Planting Plans. Available on the Info page on salemlakesvt.org.

If you're interested in the Lakewise program, the booklet is a good place to start. You may also contact Lakewise directly and arrange a no charge/no obligation property assessment which would include helpful recommendations. Seymour and Echo lake property owners

have been participating in the program and you can visit their respective websites (www.seymourlake.org and www.echolakeassociation.net) for more info there.

If you've ever wanted to get the best advice and direction on how to manage your lake front property, particularly the shoreline itself, be sure to view a recording of a terrific webinar presented by the New England Chapter of NALMS (North American Lake Management Society), this April presentation covered Best Management Practices for lake-friendly development and WHY they work.

Available at <http://nec-nalms.org/index.php/regional-conference/>

If you have an extra hour it is interesting to see how involved the State of VT is in our waterbodies.

HISTORY & TREASURES

120 Years With The Ainsboro, Newell, Page, Downing and Roehner Families

Story and Photos Courtesy Rob Page



HISTORY & TREASURES

Lake Salem has been and continues to be a part of the fabric of our family. For us, as for many others, the Lake brings back memories of being together as a family, enjoying timeless experiences, and seeing new generations grow to love the lake and all it offers.

Our history with Lake Salem begins with John and Mary Smith Ainsboro. John was a dairy farmer in Derby and the manager of the creamery which was located on the banks of the Clyde River off of Rte 105 at the bottom of the hill leading into town. Mary was a school teacher and taught in the school house where the town clerk's office is now located. She eventually became the school's principal where she educated generations of Derby children. They lived in a large farm house on West Street which burned in 1943 and then moved next door to what is still the family home.

Our families ties to Lake Salem began, as the story goes, because the Silver family owed the Ainsboros a debt and in approximately 1900 paid the debt off with the cottage located by the sand bar and the Clyde River between Big and Little Salem.

The Silver Acre cottage then became a center for church and club socials as well as other family use. John and Mary welcomed two daughters, Madeline and Isabel, and spent lots of time at the Lake with them. Madeline, who was also a teacher, married Robert Page and had two children Bonnie and Rob. Each summer she brought her family up to Derby from outside of Boston.

Isabel married D Wayne Newell, who was a high school language teacher in New Canaan, CT.

In 1947 John and Mary Ainsboro built a new cottage along the same beach as Silver Acre and named it Bonnie Page after their granddaughter. Wayne and Isabel Newell followed by building two cottages on the same beach. The Ainsboros also purchased a cottage on the Lake that they called Cedar Croft. It was on the side of the lake near where the sunken island is. Right beside it was a cottage known as as the Taylor Cottage which the Newells purchased from Harold and Amy Taylor, who owned Taylor Store = now the Derby Village Store.

John Ainsboro passed away in 1948 but the family continued to gather each summer living "in town" while the cottages were rented but staying in one when there was a vacancy. Bonnie and Rob Page became a part of the cottage maintenance team during the summers, while developing wonderful friendships. Bonnie with Anne (Taylor) Moore and Rob with his teammates on the Derby Lions little league baseball team, including Bobbie and Chet Greenwood, Harold Crowe, and Charlie Musgrove among many others.

As the years went by our family expanded and we added another cottage from the Klindenist family and bought the lot from the Heron family cottage, which unfortunately had burned, along the same sandy beach between Big and Little Salem.

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HISTORY & TREASURES



'We have wonderful family memories of time at the lake...'



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Throughout Wayne Newell was very active in work to preserve the quality of Lake Salem. He served as one of the first presidents of the Lake Salem Association and later as president of the Vermont Lakes Association. He worked tirelessly to keep milfoil out of the lake and have the state stock the lake to ensure its good fishing continued.

Isabel was active in Derby as a member of the Board of the Daily Memorial Library and the keeper of every stray cat in Derby. She was also active for many years in the local chapter of the Women's Club.

Bonnie married Bob Downing and had two children, Julie and Greg, who spent countless hours at the Lake while visiting their grandparents, Nana and GP Page. Rob married Grace Brown and lives in San Francisco. They are the parents of Nathaniel. Julie married Phil Roehner and are parents of Makenzie Page Roehner.

Sadly, Greg Downing passed away in 2019. He is remembered at the Lake with a beautiful bench at the Silver Acre cottage that you can easily see as you row or motor along the Clyde River going to Little Salem. We miss him but can always feel his presence when we return to the lake.

Through inevitable changes we now just have four cottages along the sandy beach between the two lakes. We still gather whenever we can to enjoy lake Salem as a family.

We also continue to maintain the historic Ainsboro home at 48 West Street in Derby. It is occupied by Phillip and Michelle Quijano who also act as our on-site managers of the Lake Salem Cottages. We have wonderful family memories of time at the lake, a place in this rapidly changing world that holds the same charms that it did for our family starting well over 100 years ago.

Recycling Resimplified.



Every day the combined weight of every moose in Vermont (estimated at 2800) is thrown away, **about 2,000,000 pounds.**

FACT In 2013 in Vermont, 69% of all waste generated was put into a landfill. Recycling reduces the need for landfills.

FACT Increased participation in Vermont recycling programs will increase the need for recycling sector jobs.

FACT Cardboard can be recycled up to 7 times and aluminum cans can be recycled forever with zero loss in quality.

FACT Recycled glass containers require 40% less energy to create than using all new materials.

FACT Vermont's Recycling & Composting Initiative is dedicated to helping residents understand how to better recycle.



Vermont's Recycling & Composting Initiative

HOUSEKEEPING

The Dirt on Compost

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, Act 148, passed unanimously in 2012. The law changed Vermont's waste management system in several ways, including banning all food scraps from the landfill starting July 1, 2020. This mandate refers to all Vermonters—businesses, grocery stores, schools, offices, cities, events, and residents.

Backyard composting is an inexpensive, fun, and simple way to create a wonderful soil amendment for your lawn and garden while keeping your household in compliance with the law. This booklet will help you get started (or improve) composting in your backyard, but if you don't have the space, or can't do it for any reason, there are other options.

- All Vermont's transfer stations, bag drops, and fast trashes accept food scraps, often for a fee.
- In some parts of Vermont, food scrap haulers will pick up from residences for a fee.
- Food scraps can be dropped off at many commercial compost companies.
- Join (or start) a neighborhood community composting site and learn to make compost together to apply on a community garden.
- Share space with a neighbor! Invite your neighbors to join you in composting in your backyard, or see if someone near you will let you bring your food scraps to them. Gardeners love having extra compost.

There are some excellent references and guides on composting available on our website, including a composting booklet from the Vermont State Department of Environmental Conservation, and a recycling and waste disposal guide from the Derby Recycling Center.



What Goes In? Greens and Browns

"Green" ingredients are wetter and nitrogen rich, such as food scraps, grass clippings, or fresh plant parts.

Greens are:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds and tea bags
- Grass and shrubbery clippings
- Green yard plant parts, such as yard waste or weeds

"Brown" ingredients provide carbon.

Add three times as many browns as greens to your pile for a 3:1 ratio.

Browns are:

- Dead plants, weeds and clippings
- Leaves (raked in fall)
- Small sticks
- Straw and hay





GREEN IS GOOD

Chemical Herbicides Need EPA Approval

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM ROGER CARTEE

Searching for milfoil in Lake Salem has reminded us of others issues we need to be aware of as we attempt to keep the waters around the lake as free of invasive species as possible. It has reminded those of us involved in the search for milfoil, that chemical use of any kind, unless approved, is illegal.

Lake front owners should be aware of the dangers of using any kind of chemicals near or around their properties without direct permission from the EPA. Prior notification is required from the EPA especially where households have water intake lines near where chemicals might possibly be used. Many camp owners use the lake water for bathing or cooking and they have more than a casual interest in any possible use of chemicals in the water they cook, bath or swim in.

I know the temptation is great to do just about anything to keep our beach fronts clear of native and invasive plants, but unless it has been cleared by the EPA and the state, we need to avoid the use of anything that has not been approved. I would like to make it clear that the Salem Lakes Association does not support or promote the use of unapproved and non-permitted chemicals in the lake. We hope to meet with state officials this summer to discuss weed-controlling chemicals so that camp owners might have a clear picture of what can and cannot be done. From this we expect to develop a clear position for the association, a position that determines what needs to be done by those intending to use chemicals.

Any attempt by camp owners to use chemicals must be approached with extreme caution until we learn how this can be done safely and legally, so please avoid the temptation. On our website there is an informative article from the North American Lake Management Society on the use of herbicides in the lake (see link below). It includes a lot of useful information, including the legality of using herbicides, that would be very helpful if you are interested in or planning on using herbicides in front of your camp. Please be careful and find out what you can legally do before putting chemicals in the lake that could be harmful to others.

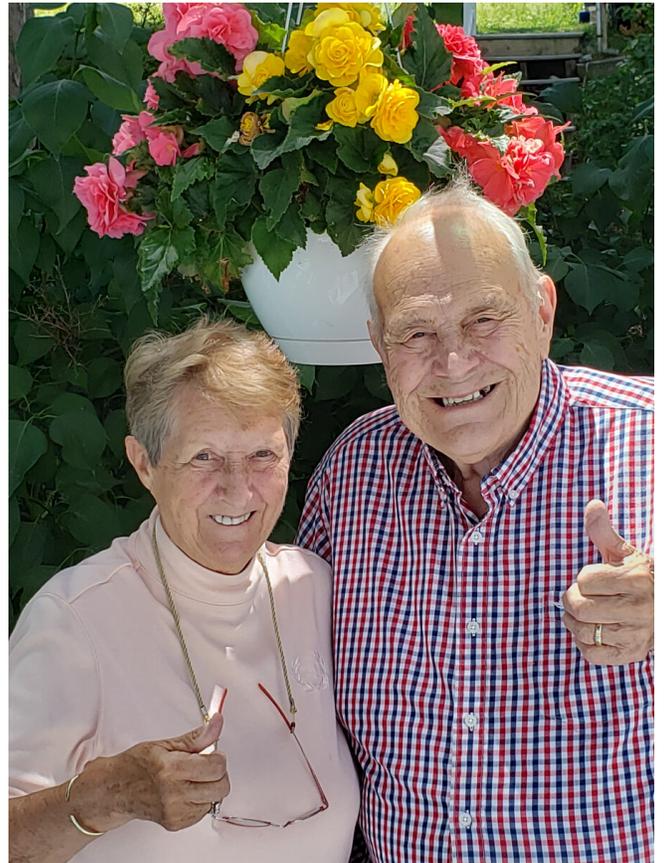
View the NALMS Position Statement on Herbicide Use

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Great Catches:

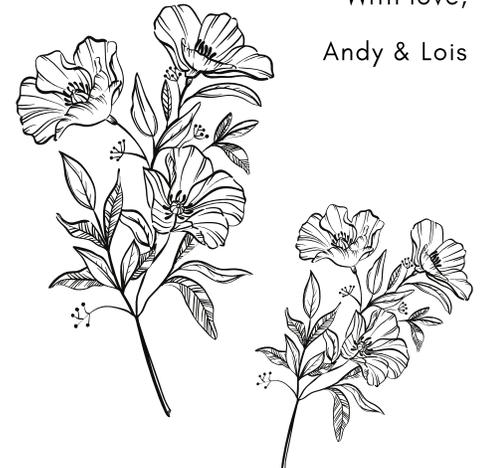
Penny Major Wood snapped a few great catches earlier this summer while diver Rob Patton comes up with a painted turtle during a milfoil dive in Salem Lake.



To the Salem Lake Association:

A most sincere and grateful thank you to you all for the beautiful begonias with beautiful flowers given to us today by the SLA President Sir Roger Cartee. We, Lois & Andy Major are on the mend and continue to love Salem Lakes and thank all who are working to save it from invasive species.

With love,
Andy & Lois



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kaye Stark

Our best wishes to Kaye Stark who celebrates her 100th birthday on July 12. Kaye was a forever resident and lover of Salem Lake. She now resides in the Bel-Aire Center in Newport. Cheers!

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and reflecting light on the water's surface. In the foreground, a dark silhouette of a pier or dock extends into the water. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

The day is done
the Sun has set
yet light still tints the sky,
my heart stands still in reverence,
for God is passing by

This poem written by Ruth Alla Wager, and well-loved by Loretta Hunt, beautifully reflects her feelings about living on Lake Salem with its extraordinary sunsets. Loretta was a long-time lake resident and an active member of the association executive board for many years. She loved her yellow paddleboat, her flowers and the hummingbirds which returned every year, but most of all, she loved the sunsets. Loretta passed away in 2018.

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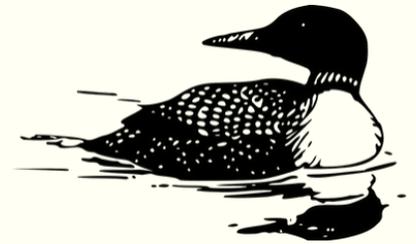
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