



PROVINCE LAKE THIS MONTH

A Message from the President

Hi Everyone,

Well, we made it!

Spring is here, ice is out. Loons and black flies are back and around the lake, camps and cottages are busy with activity.

We have had a fairly wet spring and the water level, as I write this, is finally going down. Hopefully, we'll get some dry sunny weeks as the calendar turns to summer. So, as we wait for that, I wanted to bring you up-to date on the Association's planned events and a few items of note.

Most important we have found a location for our 2018 Annual Meeting on July 21st. We did the best we could to stay as close to the lake as possible since we have been spoiled by the past generosity and convenience of Province Lake Golf. The Effingham Preservation Society located at 6 Town House Road has opened their doors to us. Additional details can be found further in the newsletter, but you will all recognize the building as the newly renovated building on the corner of Rt. 153 and Townhouse Road, across from the Baptist Church. Hope to see you there!

The board will soon be busy starting up the programs you have heard about in the past, Weed Watch and Lake Host as well as a new water and sediment testing project. A new loon nest has been built and is out on the water and water sampling has begun. There is a children's educational program being developed for the summer. These programs are designed to educate, support and take care of our lake. As you read these newsletters and learn about these various programs, please take a moment to consider being part of this important work here on Province Lake. Whether volunteering in the Weed Watch Program or as a Board Member you will make a difference. If you have an interest in any of these programs or would like further information you can reach us at either (207) 200-3234 or provincelakemembers@gmail.com

Through participation in any of these activities you will meet and work with a group of dedicated people working to improve life on and around the lake. It just takes making that first step to find out what you can do and at the same time meet your lake community. None of these programs require a lot of time and will make a difference.

Looking forward to seeing you around the lake!

Mindy Schuman-Vye

President, Province Lake Association

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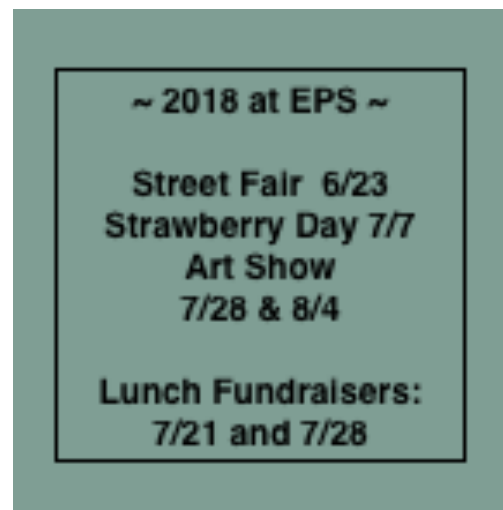
Province Lake Association Annual Meeting
July 21, 2018
9:00-12:00
Effingham Preservation Society (EPS)
Weare Drake Store Building
6 Town House Road
Effingham, NH 03882

Many thanks to the EPS for the generous use of their facility for our PLA Annual Meeting.

The Preservation Society will hold their weekly bake sale on the Saturday of our meeting and you will be able to purchase their delicious wares to enjoy while supporting their efforts.

NOTE: Please park at the library, the Baptist Church, or the Historical Society so that the short term parking near the building is available for bake sale guests.

Lunch fundraisers at EPS ~ After the annual meeting, please join the Preservation Society for a luncheon to benefit the 1798 Lord's Hill Meeting House. You can look forward to an indoor picnic with seasonal treats. If you plan to be there, please RSVP by clicking GOING on the EPS Facebook page, emailing effinghampreservationsociety@gmail.com, or messaging EPS at 733-6268.



The Weare Drake Store – Home of EPS

Our Loons

The Province Lake Loon Monitoring Team -Steve & Mary Craig, Thom & Jan Townsend

Steve Craig and the Loon Monitoring Team have provided this update on our loons.

We had a busy spring preparing for the arrival of the loons which occurred on the 13th of April. The lake was about 50% clear of ice and the loons looked quizzitively swimming along the edge of the ice. I logged ice out on the 22nd of April. I was invited to attend a workshop at the Loon Center to help construct loon nests and floating signs. It was a pleasurable 2 day experience to work with Senior Biologist John Cooley and other loon volunteers from different lakes and share stories. We constructed 6 cedar board rafts, 3 floating signs and 3 behemoth log rafts. One of the log rafts is sitting in our lake. I had the pleasure of helping build it and we loaded it (four of us) on my truck for delivery on May 4th. Two husky men, Gary Seesman and Phil Allen, and I unloaded it and placed it in the lake on May 5th. On the 6th of May, I, Mary Craig and Cheryl Fahey, towed the raft to its nesting area. Of course the loons had to watch so they know it is there. Let us hope it works. Signs will go out when the nesting begins. If anyone notices a band around their legs, please send me an email at <mailto:gerrishil@roadrunner.com> with the colors if you can.

Thanks to all those who helped.



Our loons new home



High spring lake level

Polystyrene Foam

Norm Dudziak

Norm Dudziak has an informative article regarding polystyrene foam on his website <http://province-lake-water.info/> which he has been kind enough to allow us to share here. Polystyrene pieces are some of the most numerous pieces of debris we find on our yearly Rt. 153 beach cleanup.

Polystyrene foam is a convenient product to provide flotation for swim rafts and for other purposes. Unfortunately, when exposed to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from sunlight, it can start degrading within months. Mechanical action from wave impacts can help to break it up once it has been weakened by UV. Whatever the means of degradation, polystyrene foam used in the lake is destined to break up and cause long-lasting plastic pollution.

The foam physically breaks up into smaller and smaller pieces, but never really goes away. The photo shows blue polystyrene foam flakes washed up along the Maine section of beach along Rt. 153. To protect the lake, the water downstream, and ultimately the ocean, if you need flotation, it is better to something that will not fall apart, such as plastic barrels or aluminum pontoons. If you are already using polystyrene foam, inspect it each year and dispose of it properly once it inevitably starts to degrade.



*Blue polystyrene foam debris along the
Rte. 153 beach*

Fireworks



Summer holidays are coming and with them, firework displays. Fireworks are part of our heritage, and we encourage those who enjoy the lake to be thoughtful if they use fireworks. Please minimize displays and take measures to prevent fireworks residue from landing in the water or along the shoreline of our precious lake. Firework debris does impact our lake water quality. During our annual Rt. 153 beach clean up, we typically find significant spent firework debris along the shoreline. So please be safe and help protect our water quality if you use fireworks.

Note that firework regulations are specific to each town as follows:

Wakefield, NH- Use of fireworks within Wakefield is unlawful pursuant to RSA 160-B:3. Contact the Wakefield Police at 603-522-3232 with any questions. <http://www.wakefieldnh.com/Pages/S01AFB6B2-025F469C>

Effingham, NH – No specific regulations so NH State regulations apply. Link to NH Fireworks regulations at <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/fireworks/documents/CommunityRestrictionsList.pdf>

Parsonsfield, ME – Maine state law applies and the property owner has to consent to use on their land. <http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/fireworks/documents/generalguidefireworks.pdf>

For more general information about fireworks and NH lakes, attached is a link to the NHDES Fact Sheet Fireworks and New Hampshire's Lakes.

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/bb/documents/bb-60.pdf>

Your PLA at work

- ❖ A correction: In our last issue we incorrectly identified AWWA. It should have read **Acton** Wakefield Watersheds Alliance. Our apologies!
- ❖ Steve Craig and his Lake Water Monitoring team took samples on April 25 from the tributaries and outlet and delivered them to the UNH Lab for analyses. He will be taking samples every month thru October.
- ❖ Pete Dinger continues to build our 'glass bottom' boat for use in weed watching and invasive species surveillance.
- ❖ We have compiled WELCOME PACKS for new owners around the lake. Please let us know of any new owners near you, or that you are aware of, so we can reach out to them. We are happy to provide Welcome Packs as well to anyone who leases their property and would like to have a copy available for their renters. Please email us to request a pack at <mailto:provincelakemembers@gmail.com>
- ❖ We have added an [Important Info](#) link to our website dedicated to supplying helpful information to the residents and visitors of Province Lake
- ❖ If you have a topic you would like to see addressed or if you would prefer to opt out of receiving the Newsletter please let us know. You can always contact us at provincelakemembers@gmail.com.



Progress on the glass bottom boat

Calendar of events and items of interest

May 2018

Dandelion Festival- May 19, Remick Museum & Farm, Tamworth, NH
NH Lakes Conference- May 31 & June 1 Meredith, NH

June 2018

Green Mtn Conservation Group Woodland Discovery Series- June 11, 236 Huntress Bridge Rd, Effingham, NH
Towle Farm Yard Sale- TBA
Blue Heron Science Day Camp, Green Mtn Conservation Group- June 27-June 29, 236 Huntress Bridge Rd, Effingham, NH

July 2018

Annual PLA Meeting - July 21, 9am-12 Effingham Preservation Society, 6 Town House Rd, Effingham, NH
AWWA Water Day – July 28, Turntable Park, Sanbornville, NH

Aug 2018

PLA Water Activity Event- Aug 11 141 Bonnyman Rd, Effingham, NH
Rte 153 Beach Clean-up- TBA

About the PLA

Membership in the PLA is open to anyone who has a love and concern for Province Lake. The PLA has an active membership and we encourage all to become members by completing a brief membership form and paying annual dues. Click here to [join](#) and to see membership information. 100% of PLA membership fees and donations go into projects and related work focused on Province Lake water quality.

Links to our partner websites:

Action Wakefield Watershed Alliance (AWWA) <https://awwatersheds.org/>

Moose Mountain Regional Greenways <http://www.mmrg.info/>

NH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program <http://www.cfb.unh.edu/programs/LLMP/nhlmp.htm>

NH Lakes <http://www.nhlakes.org>

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Happy May

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