



Spring 2007 Newsletter

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First-ever Kennesis Lake Art
Show and Sale: May 19



*"Kennis Evening " 22" x 30" original watercolour
by Wilf McOstrich CSPWC*

**Saturday, May 19th
Seminar Room
Haliburton Forest**

**Right after the KLCOA Spring meeting!
Noon-4 PM**

**Meet artists Yves Amirault, Wilf McOstrich,
Andre Bordeleau, Ray Duggan and others.**

***The artists have agreed to donate 20% of the pro-
ceeds from the sale of all paintings to the
Norah's Island Fund.***

Social & Historical Development of Kennisis Lake

Much of the documented municipal historical data has already been researched and gathered, but we would like to include a more personal perspective on the development of Kennisis Lake. This is to be YOUR Lake Plan and because there have been a lot of undocumented changes over the years at the lake, we are asking for YOUR stories and memories of how and when things happened, and maybe even who was involved!

This could be anything from the early starts of the KLCOA, spectacular storms, how places got their names or significant social/recreational activities to multi-generational cottagers (of which we know from the survey that there are at least 6 FIVE generation families still on the lake!)

Please send your written contributions to Cathie Heppell, 83 Fred Cook Dr., Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 1V1 or email them to bccgheppell@yahoo.ca. If you would prefer, or have any questions, please call me at (905)775-2332.

If you would like to submit pictures for possible publication, we would welcome them. However, please have a copy made for us, as we wouldn't want to be responsible for the loss of such an important keepsake.

Going ! Going! Gone !

Bring along your cheque book when you attend the KLCOA Spring meeting on May 19th - and put in your bid for the fantastic, large acrylic painting " *September Song* ". You'll be getting a colourful original painting showing Kennisis Lake in all its Fall glory - and all the money raised in the auction goes right into the Norah's Island Fund.

The painting will be on view prior to and at the meeting - the auction will take place at the end of the formal proceedings.

Just so you'll know, this masterpiece was painted by 22 non-artists, one evening at an Elderberry Event. These non-painters, under the watchful eye of Wilf McOstrich CSPWC, came to the task with great enthusiasm, acrylic colours and great spirit. Within 22 minutes they completed their task and it is a beautiful piece of work that will enhance any wall in your cottage. And it's getting famous and well known with publicity in the local and Ontario-wide media. Maybe there's a new art trend here - how about the Group of Twenty Two.

See you on May 19th - Bid early, bid often and take home this truly unique, one-of-a-kind painting.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

The **KLCOA Swim Program** is looking for Red Cross certified instructors and assistant instructors looking to complete training hours. Help us keep up with our growing participation!

If interested, please contact: Stephanie Clark (sekclark@gmail.com) or Cathie Heppell (bccgheppell@yahoo.ca)

NORAH'S ISLAND UPDATE

What is the Norah's Island Project?

Norah's Island is Kennisis Lake's largest island, at 22 pristine acres – it sits in the middle of the main body of the big lake.

For decades, the island belonged to Norah Carruthers. Norah was regularly approached by real estate speculators and land developers, but she would not sell her island. She would always say that she wished to keep it "Just the way it is." Norah recently passed away.

The Carruthers family are long time members of KLCOA. At the KLCOA Spring Meeting in 2006, Bruce Carruthers, Norah's husband, addressed his fellow KLCOA members and indicated his intentions to donate the island to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust so that it will be kept as an undisturbed wilderness area in perpetuity. This generous gift is Norah's legacy to Haliburton and to the Kennisis Lake community

An historic three-way partnership has been formed. The Carruther's Family are donating the island. The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (a registered local charitable organization) will own the property, holding it as a wilderness area. For KLCOA's part we have pledged to raise money for an endowment fund – from which yearly interest earnings will pay for its upkeep. The KLCOA will monitor and help manage the property. In return - residents, cottagers and visitors to Kennisis Lake will have a pristine island to visit and enjoy and assurance that our great great great grandchildren will also be able to visit, explore and enjoy this unspoiled wilderness area.

The fundraising campaign is in full swing – please consider adding your Family's name to the recognition activities and to the plaque destined for future installation on the island!

Fundraising Update:

Twenty more donors of \$500 are needed to help us meet our goal. – Please spread the word. Please don't wait to be asked - We are not actively asking individuals. All 90 families and businesses have stepped forward in reaction to posters and articles like this one.

So far **ninety** Kennisis Lake Families and Individuals have pledged their support to the Norah's Island Project. THANK-YOU!! Sixty Five pledges have made payments so far and as of February 04, HHLT had \$22,645 in the bank.– Twenty five pledges have yet to reply with payment. If all current pledges pay over 5 years the Norah's Island Kennisis lake Fund will have \$40,000. Currently KLCOA is \$10,000 short of its goal of \$50,000

NOW IS THE TIME TO PAY YOUR PLEDGE !

Despite our having yet to reach our goal of \$50,000, the land transfer is going ahead. However – If we do not reach our goal of \$50,000 we are at risk of not having enough money in the fund to properly maintain the island from the interest earned on the fund.

The KLCOA Fundraising Campaign is still in full swing

Thank-you to the visionary families and individuals who have contributed so far – please continue to spread the word. If we have not reached you yet ,

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A PLEDGE TO THE FUND

Norah's Island Update continued.....

How to Make a Pledge

Mail or E-mail the following information:

- Name:
- Mailing Address:
- Telephone Number:
- E-mail Address:
- Wording of name to be used for recognition and thank-you purposes (e.g. Smith Family, or John Doe and Mary Smith)
- Indicate your permission to use your name for thank you and recognition purposes.
- Amount pledged:
 - ◊ \$500 lump sum
 - ◊ \$500 payable in \$100 installments per yr. for 5 years
 - ◊ Other amount

All cheques are payable to: **Haliburton Highlands Land Trust**
All donors receive charitable tax receipts.

Your KLCOA – Norah's Island Project Team

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2007 Calendar of KLCOA Events

KLCOA Spring Meeting	Sat. May 19th, coffee @ 9am, Meeting begins @ 9:30am, Haliburton Forest
Art Show & Sale	Sat. May 19th, Noon - 4 pm, Seminar Room - Haliburton Forest
Lake Plan Seminars	Saturday June 16th or Saturday, July 7th, 9:30-Noon, Haliburton Forest
The Fireworks	Sunday July 1st, (rain date: Monday , July 2nd) after dark (not before 9:45pm)
Swimming	July 9th - August 17th New: One week sessions!
Rock Bass Tournament	Saturday July 7th
Regatta	Saturday August 4th (rain date is Sunday August 5th)
Island Clean-up	Saturday July 28th
KLCOA Annual General Meeting	Saturday September 1st @ 9:30am (coffee at 9am) - Haliburton Forest

KLCOA Lake Plan Status

Report from the Lake Plan Steering Committee March, 2007

The Lake Planning Committee of the KLCOA will be tabling a comprehensive Summary of the **Draft Lake Plan** at the May meeting of the KLCOA. This Plan Document will contain a description of the **Issues**, identified through the Survey, Workshops and subsequent work done by the committee. It will also contain **recommendations for actions** to address the Issues.

The full report will be posted on the **KLCOA website**, along with the Summary that will be distributed and available in hard copy.

The intention is to get the Summary Draft Plan into the hands of as many Stakeholders (KLCOA members and non-members) as possible. The next step is to get reactions and inputs to the Draft Recommendations. Two workshops (**June 16 and July 7**) will be held where attendees will have the chance to discuss the recommendations, and suggest changes. We will also be initiating other approaches to reach as many stakeholders as possible for comment, including through e-mail and our KLCOA website.

A key objective of the Lake Plan Steering Committee has been, to consult as broadly as possible; we will continue to do so in June and July. The reason we have placed so much emphasis on consultation, is to ensure the final **Lake Plan is a true reflection of the wishes of the broad community of stakeholders who have an interest in the Kennisis Lakes' watershed.**

The Final Report will be presented, for approval, to the KLCOA at its Annual General Meeting held at the end of August.

PS. Encourage your neighbours to attend the May and August meetings, and the workshops with you. They need to be informed, and have input; the Plan will impact everyone and we want to get it right.

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Nancy Anderson

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Lake Plan Workshops

This is an opportunity to have input into the draft recommendations

Dates: Saturday, June 16 or Saturday, July 7, 2007

Time: 9:30 am - Noon

Location: Seminar Room, Haliburton Forest

A donation of refreshments for the events would be gratefully accepted.



Oh Buoy!



Buoys, rafts, trampolines are all objects floating in our lake. KLCOA has been alerted to an incident or two this past summer where the laws and regulations have been questioned. This article sets out to discover, without bias, what the existing rules are and who to call when questions arise.

In discussions with Randy Childerhose of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canadian Coast Guard, Randy explains that any buoy placed in the water, whether it be as a channel/hazard marker, or for information, must comply with the Federal Government's "Private Buoy Regulations". Those who deploy a buoy should also become familiar with an associated publication: "Owners Guide to Private Aids to Navigation". Here are the web links to these documents:

www.coast-guard.gc.ca/atn-aln/main_e.htm
<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/S-9/SOR-99-335/index.html>
http://www.coast-guard.gc.ca/atn-aln/pubs/privaida/main_e.htm
http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/atn-aln/pdf/TP968_e.pdf

Some basics on buoys. You do not need prior approval to deploy. Whoever deploys takes on liability. If there is a complaint, the Feds reserve the option to inspect, investigate, and remove if warranted, or leave floating if everything is ok.

Our area contact regarding buoys is:

Randall E Childerhose
Telephone: 705-746-2196 ext. 238
Facsimile/Telecopieur: 705-746-4820
ChilderhoseR@dfo-mpo-gc.ca

Marine Aids Program / Programmes aides maritimes
Canadian Coast Guard / Garde cotiere canadienne
28 Waubeek Street / 28 rue Waubeek
Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 1B9

With regard to rafts and all other 'human made works' located out front of our cottages, we were put in touch with Tim Markus of Transport Canada. Unlike "buoys" – "works" require an application and approval under The Navigable Waters Protection Act. Prior to installation. Plans and/or drawings are required along with the application. There is no fee. The general rule of thumb is to keep all floating works within 30 metres of shore to stay within the designated slow zone. The sides of all such works should be white or yellow in colour with reflectors or reflective tape for night time navigators. Tim Markus adds that floating works should be no further than neighbouring works and kept in front of your own property. Tim added another interesting point: Those works that currently sit in the lakes without Transport Canada approval have not been reviewed for safety to navigation and are placed at the owner's liability. Transport Canada has recently implemented a set of Low Risk guidelines that govern when such minor works do not require an application to be made. Brochures outlining these requirements will be available at various offices including Transport Canada, Conservation Authorities, Fisheries and Oceans as well as on-line. In the meantime, the brochures can be requested through a toll-free number at 1-866-821-6631.

Our contact is:

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weblink : www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/ships-and-operations-standards/nwp/menu.htm

The two gentlemen contacted both stress that rules and regulations for "buoys" and "works" are all about **safe navigation**.

P.S. There is no Government Department of Aesthetics and no Department of Respect for Others. These departments remain within the purview of individual latitude.