

The Nebagamon Lake Association Newsletter

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The Color of Life

By President Ed Noltner

The young woman had obviously mistaken me for someone else. As I was leaving the Post Office the other day, this person I had never met said, "Hi. You must be that famous painter I have heard so much about. . . Your water colors, I am told, are simply magnificent. . .wow!" she exclaimed as we shook hands. It was obvious by her tone and that look in her eye that she had me confused with the likes of someone of world reknown—a Cheng-Khee Chee perhaps or maybe even someone as recognizable by his work and birch as the late Tony Yaworski.

Both incredible watercolor artists were inspired by the beauty of the surroundings we all take for granted that are literally steps from our back doors. I consider myself inspired—seriously—maybe even a touch artistic. My tapestries each summer become the docks and tool sheds, rustic cabins, walls, and decks of friends' and neighbors' homes . I use my old brushes, rigid rollers, drop cloths, and ladders to make my canvases new, pop, explode, mesh, simmer, and soothe. Painting is indeed a passion of mine, and it—like the season right now—reminds me of the power of color and how we gravitate to it: the oranges and yellows, reds, neutrals, greens, browns, and blues we see day after day on our area roads.

What was once an easy task—selecting the correct color—is now a painstaking one. I don't know how long it's been since you visited a paint store, but the one I frequent has over 1500 colors to choose from. Sherwin would shudder at what has happened to his palette. The basic colors we grew up with are anything but basic now! Green is no longer just green or the color of grass or money. It's sprout and ivy, relentless and mysterious. It's olive and pea and grasshopper, romaine, hep, even high strung, frolic, offbeat and grand as in Grandview. Beige is sand and egg and bland and ivory and fawn brindle, taupe, ethereal mood, and many, many more shades than you ever imagined possible. Nothing—not even color—is black and white any more. When did color become so complicated?

Speaking of complicated, if you are struggling with those docks or don't want to bother with the task, give



Sunset on the water (A.P)

Bob Coleman, wrestling coach at Northwestern High School a call. For the last several years, athletes, coaches, and friends of the sport have had this unique fundraiser of putting in and taking out docks. The "Dock Jocks" mix public service with fundraising for a good cause.

There have been some sad changes: Kay Coletta's retiring as editor of the Community Association Newsletter makes me blue. For over three decades she has made the newsletter our source of local information and has been involved in KIN, the library, the Auditorium, and the Tamburitzans. We also grieve the loss of special friends and family members gone from this world. It makes me humble and feeling fortunate to have this day. I don't want to waste it!

What a summer we had! Giggles was genius, the Fourth was great, our association picnic was great! There was a lot to be proud of! Get out there, my lake friends, and enjoy the haberno golds, tomato reds, tawny tans, and kendall greens of fall. There are more fish in our lake, bears on the move, wolves on the hunt (and being hunted), deer herding up, ducks a-flying, rakes a-swinging, and life is ever great on the shores of Lake Nebagamon—where Rose's is sadly for sale.

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Gardening rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it's a valuable plant. ☺

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The beauty of fall—A.P.

Gravel Road by Jason Rizzo*

Along the lonely gravel road
 I wander down to stand alone
 Amongst the trees and clear blue sky
 And watch an eagle soar on by.

The north woods speak with rustling leaves
 In hues of yellows, reds, and greens.
 They whisper secrets on a breeze
 As swirling leaves surround my feet.

I bid farewell, the hour's late
 And soon the stars will guide my way.
 Walking down the gravel road
 I turn my feet and head towards home.

*With the author's permission. From a card he produces. See Jason@RizBizCreationsLLC.com.

Membership Report by Jack Sellwood

We currently have 158 members for the July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 year, and dues are still coming in. Many members have paid ahead a total of 88 years (\$1760) which continues to help us get off the ground in the spring. Our \$20 dues allow us to retain and expand our programs, especially boat monitoring.

Dues reminder: Thanks to everyone who has renewed or joined the Association this year! If you have forgotten to renew or wish to join, please complete the attached membership application. Also, please continue to encourage your neighbors to join!

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Food for Thought

If I were to name the three most precious resources of life, I should say books, friends, and nature. . .
 (John Burroughs)

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4th of July Boat Parade by Jack Sellwood

The Fourth of July Boat Parade was another huge success. Starting at Honeymoon Point at 7:00 we reached the Village at about 7:30. In the process we were applauded, judged (always a 10) and water ballooned from shore (poor aim). Over forty brightly decorated boats (mostly pontoons) participated. Thanks to all who joined us, and thanks to Lake Nebagamon Dairy Queen for contributing some of the prizes.





Photos by Erik Takkunen

Boat Monitoring Report

By Dave Sprowls

This year we monitored the lake from fishing opener on May 5th through Labor Day, September 3rd. In May we monitored weekends only. On May 29th we began monitoring 6 days per week (Tuesday through Sunday) for 46 hours each week. Our three monitors from last year all returned for this season. They are, William Cain, Andrew Esselstrom and Lindsey Splinter. They did an exceptional job again this year. They were very thorough in their approach and focused in on all aspects of the boat inspection, but especially the live wells, drain plugs and any vegetation. All three of our monitors were dependable so no shifts at the launch went unattended.

There were 137 work shifts completed by the 3 paid monitors that involved 695 hours (\$8.50 per hour, equaling \$5,907.50 in wages paid). There were 33 ½ donated hours by the monitoring supervisor. Additional costs for workers' compensation, FICA withholding, and 3 monitor T-shirts totaled \$1,075. We monitored 1,455 total boats, of which 1,142 were entering the lake and 313 were leaving the lake. 165 boats had been in another lake within the

previous 5 days and of these, 67 had been in a lake or river identified as having zebra mussels or Eurasian Milfoil problems or both by the Wisconsin DNR or Minnesota DNR. These were screened especially rigorously and the boat owners were advised that the lakes they had been in contained invasive species. We had no violations, and the number of people contacted was 3,030 (just over 2 people per boat).

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THANKS TO

Joe Crain & Tony Colette—Hazard Markers
 Carol Arthur & Gail Levo—Garage Sale
 Ed Noltner & Dennis Raas—Summer Social
 Jack Arthur—Water Quality Monitoring
 Capt. Jack & 1st Mate Sandy Sellwood—
 4th of July Boat Parade
 Dave Sprowls—Boat Monitoring
 Phil Takkunen & Willard Kiefer—
 Walleye habitat and stocking

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2012-2013 Budget Adopted at Annual Meeting

INCOME

Dues	\$4000
Garage Sale	250
Social	600
Donations	500
Boat Monitoring	5500
Insurance rebate	200
Interest	5
TOTAL	\$11055

DISBURSEMENTS

Projects:	
Boat Monitoring—2012	\$7000
Walleye Stocking	1000
Social	600
Garage Sale	200
LN Fireworks	400
Swim Lessons	200
KIN--Christmas	200
Boat Parade	150
Buoys	300
Annual Meeting	75
Educational Materials	100
Web Site	200
Douglas Co. Assoc. of Lakes	50
WI Assoc. of Lakes	350
Conventions/conferences	250
Newsletters, Postage, Meetings	600
TOTAL	\$11525

Summer Social

Our Association for many years – at least ten, maybe twenty – has sponsored a summer social as a means to meet and socialize with your neighbors. This year at Norwood we had sixty five participants. A great dinner was served of hamburgers and brats with all the trimmings. Everyone received a prize. Much thanks to local merchants for their participation.

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Re-Stocking Lake Nebagamon Fishery

By Willard Kiefer

Re-stocking of Lake Nebagamon walleye fishery is a collective and cooperative endeavor by local organizations, the State of Wisconsin, and the Red Cliff Conservation Unit. Participating in this five-year plan are local individuals, businesses, community groups and organizations and the Village of Lake Nebagamon. According to information provided by DNR fishery biologist Scott Toshner and the Red Cliff Conservation Unit, the Red Cliff has undertaken an effort to restock the lakes in which they spear. They typically take about 8 to 12 % of the catchable walleye population available for harvest from Lake Nebagamon. This past spring they took 91 walleyes. This leaves 88-92% of the harvestable walleyes in the lake. In a recent letter to the Nebagamon Lake Association, Chase Meierotto, Red Cliff Fish Hatchery Manager indicated they would be supplying Lake Nebagamon with 1/3 of their 2012 walleye production or all of the extended growth walleyes (EGW) from one of their three rearing ponds. This stocking occurred on Wednesday, September 11. Almost 1000 extended growth walleyes (6-9"+) were stocked in Lake Nebagamon. Our 5 year plan, which includes habitat improvement -- the placement of fish sticks--indicates we are also interested in improving habitat for walleye as well as all other aquatic species. This Red Cliff effort is a first for Lake Nebagamon and we offer our thanks to them for their cooperation and effort. Our plan is to stock a total of 5000+ EGW each year. This stocking is done primarily *by donated funds*. At this time we have received \$5030 towards a goal of \$10,000 which will purchase 5000+ EGW for our planned stocking this October. **So help is needed to complete this goal.** Donations should be made (memo fish stocking) and sent to the Nebagamon Lake Association, PO Box 216, Lake Nebagamon, WI 54849. Any questions can be directed to Will Kiefer, 374-3544 or Phil Takkunen, 374-3047 after October 2.



