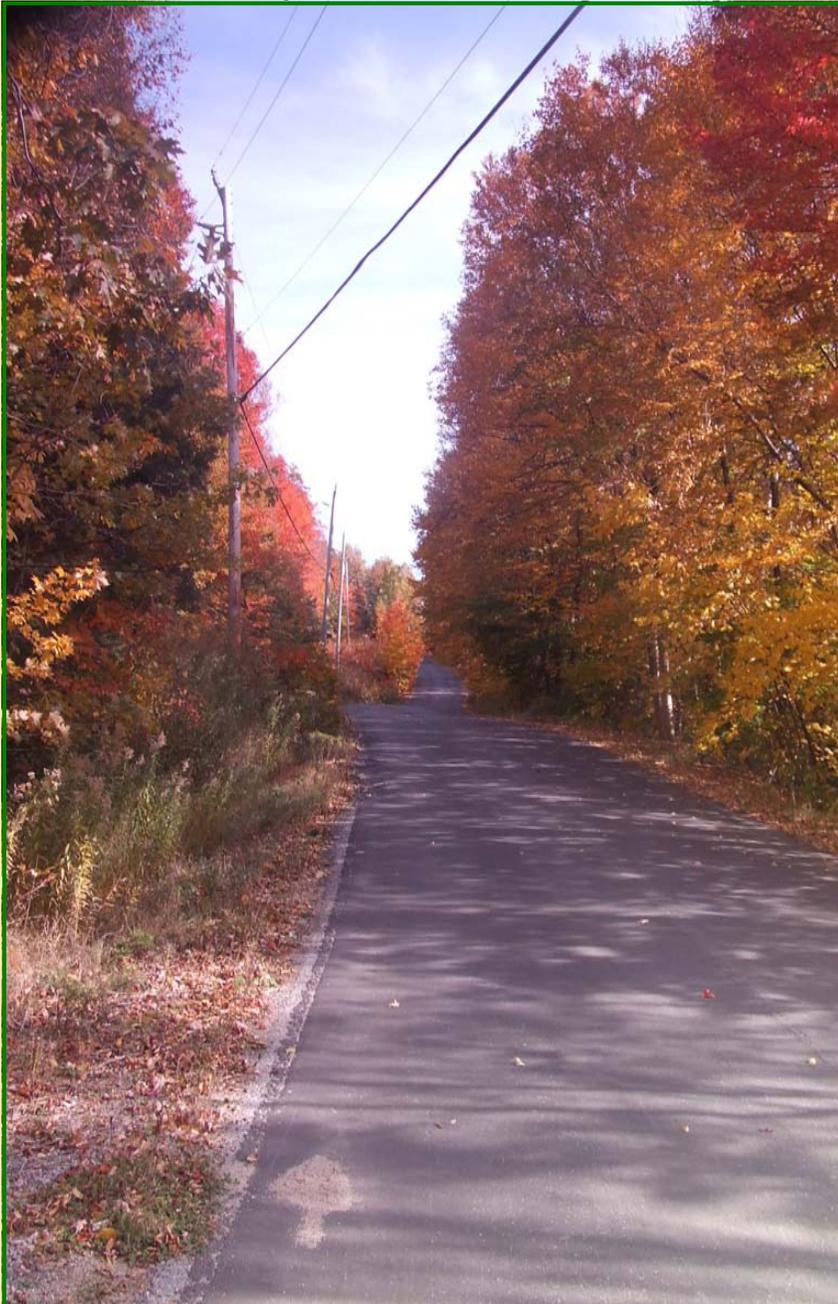




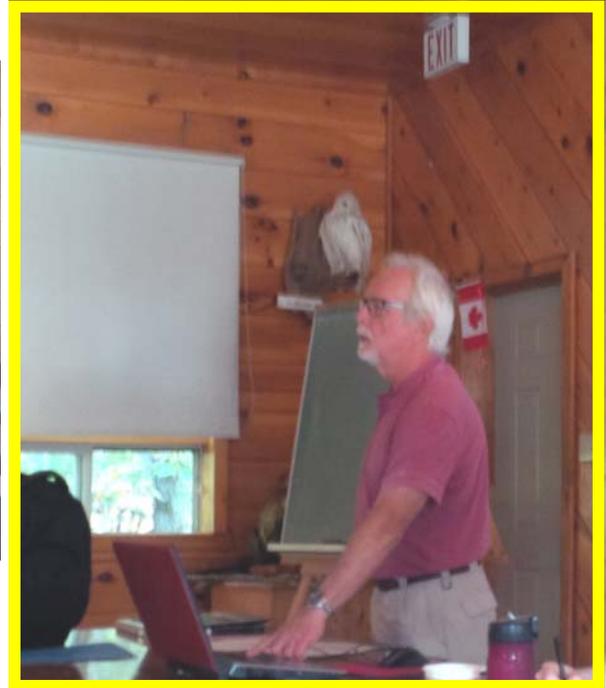
Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

KENNISIS BREEZE

Welcome
Fall
2015



We hope all of our members and visitors of the 2015 cottage season managed to spend quality time at Kennisis Lake with family and friends. This year, the KLCOA planned many events (as seen in this issue) that were intended to reach out to a wide variety of interests. We hope you not only enjoyed the various activities, but we also hope you benefitted from the information that is shared at our general meetings, in our eblasts and in the newsletters each season. The work done by the KLCOA Board of Directors and the additional volunteers is tremendous and the positive feedback from the membership is very much appreciated. We want to make Kennisis Lake a better place to live or holiday or just visit! It can only happen with the support of everyone! And as our summer holiday season comes to an end, please drive safe, work safe and play safe during the winter months ahead. We look forward to seeing you again next year, connecting with new friends and neighbours and rekindling the friendships that are an inherent part of the lake community.



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Our annual general meeting was held at the Halliburton Forest Meeting Room. On September 5 2015. Again, we thank Peter Schleifenbaum for his willingness to offer this location and accommodate a large group of members in a comfortable setting. Tony Lepine chaired the meeting with additional presentations from David Austin (treasurer) and Chris Riddle (vice chair). The membership heard updates about the various events and projects that were conducted this summer along with issues relevant to the Kennisis Lake Cottagers Association.

Many members of the Board have been long standing volunteers of KLCOA and have served in various roles to support the association. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the following directors for their excellent service over the past years: Duncan McCallum, Jeff Gardner, Chris Riddle, Gary Benson, Gary Boumeister, and Peter Jones. Thank you for "giving" so much to our community.

Elections were held for a new Board of Directors. Congratulations to the new Board of Directors who are willing to serve for the next 2 years on KLCOA carrying on with the outstanding work that has been well established by previous directors. For a full list of the new Board members, see page 5.

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October, 2015

To the Kennis Community:

The boats and docks are out, the outdoor furniture put away and the first snow has fallen. While our thoughts are turning to winter sports and quiet evenings by the fire, the Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association Board is working on a program of initiatives and activities for the coming year. We are planning to provide an even wider array of programming next year including environmental, recreational, social, economic and cultural initiatives. We circulated a list of these initiatives with a recent eblast – they range from water monitoring and education about septic systems to a reprise of the highly popular Ladies of the Lake Luncheon and expanding the various clubs such as Euchre, Summer Bridge, Kayak and Appetizer that grew out of that activity.

As always, we'll be communicating important information about these activities on a timely basis through our email "eblasts", so please take a moment to read these when they arrive in your in-box to make sure you're not missing out on something of interest to you. We've also posted a list of "who does what" in the Contacts section of our website (at www.klcoa.org) so if there's something you'd like to know about – or something you'd like to lend a hand with – please look there to see who to get in touch with. We welcome input, suggestions and ideas – but don't be surprised if we put you to work!

Speaking of volunteers, we've said it before but we can never say "thank you" too many times to the people that give their time and expertise to our lake community. So again, thank you to Gary Benson who retired in September from the KLCOA Board after 40 years of service, and to Gary Bouwmeister, Jeff Gardner, Peter Jones, Duncan McCallum and Chris Riddle, who also retired from the Board in September (although a number of them are continuing with volunteer initiatives to benefit our lake). Your contributions are very much appreciated!

As you read this edition of Kennis Breeze, please join me in thanking Tina Fagg, a Board member and volunteer who puts this newsletter together for our community three times each year. And please consider patronizing our advertisers – it's important that we support our local businesses!

As we approach the holiday season, we wish you and your family many happy times together – hopefully, many of them at the lake!

Best,

Tayce

Tayce Wakefield
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CEWF Recognized at Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Gala



On September 27th, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust held their annual gala and honoured groups or individuals who display ongoing care and concern for the environment. This year the Enviro-Hero award for Minden Hills was presented to the **Coalition for Equitable Water Flow**, for their work on integrated water management and partnership with the Trent-Severn Waterway. Accepting on behalf of CEWF was past-chairman **Chris Riddle** and chairman **Ted Spence**.

Recipients were recognized with a plaque at the gala as well as an acre in the Dahl Forest in their name. Well done to all of the recipients who were recognized and well done to the outstanding number of volunteers who continue to care about our environment!!!!

KLCOA Executive for 2015—2017

President: Tayce Wakefield
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Past President: Tony Lepine

Directors: Graham Beach,
Brian Evans,
Joan Middleton,
Terry O'Connor,
John Smith,
Deb Wratschko

Thank you to all past KLCOA Board Members! We appreciate all of the contributions you have made to our cottage community in making our lake a better place! All the best with your future endeavours!

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A
Tribute and
"Kudos"
To Gary
Benson



Catching lake trout and living the cottage life has been Gary's lifestyle for many Kennisis years!

All members and non members of KLCOA owe a great deal of gratitude to Gary Benson, a long standing member of our lake association. In 1950's Gary built his cottage on Wilkinson Road and never stopped devoting his passion to the stewardship of our lake. From organizing many Regattas, to assuming the role of President for a number of years, to researching the lake trout species in partnership with the MNR, to informing our municipality of the lake road conditions, Gary was persistent yet patient when dealing with people on our behalf. When asked about his work with the KLCOA, Gary was insistent that recognition to him was minimal while much recognition should be given to David Flowers, from the MNR who worked in partnership with Gary Benson, trying to locate spawning grounds of our lake trout populations and was instrumental in organizing the placement of thousands of lake trout and speckled trout into Kennisis Lake. David is retiring from the MNR this year and Gary has a great deal of respect and gratitude for all the work that David has done to protect the fisheries aspect of Kennisis Lake.



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Over 100 ladies responded to the invitation for lunch at the beginning of July! We enjoyed meeting new people, chatting about cottage life and creating follow up activities while filling our stomachs with delicious appetizers, lunch entrees and desserts! Thank you to Tayce Wakefield and Liz Austin for planning and hosting this very successful event.

Already, we have a host for next year as well as preliminary plans for the 2016 luncheon!



Eager participants showed interest on sign-up sheets for a number of new activities (Appetizer Club, Couples' Euchre, Summer Bridge, Book Clubs, Kayaking) with women volunteering to organize these activities!! Additional names were added to sign-up sheets for volunteers for existing activities (Regatta, Eyes on Norah's Island, Swimming Lessons, Yoga on the Dock & Yoga on Little Kennisis.) Stay tuned for more information!





2016

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is pleased to announce the 2016 spring online native plant sale. We have shoreline bundles that may be perfect for keeping your shoreline natural, and a number of other shrubs and trees that will beautify and increase biodiversity on your property. These plants will enhance habitats for frogs, fish and butterflies, as well as a host of other creatures.

Shoreline bundles contain 25 plants in total - five each of the following species: Alternate-leaved Dogwood, Red Osier Dogwood, American Highbush Cranberry, Nannyberry and American Elderberry. It is recommended that each sapling be planted about 15 feet apart.

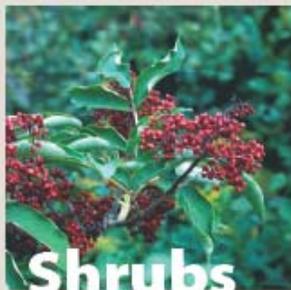
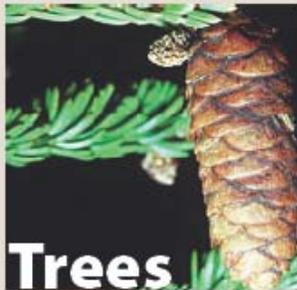
Plan to take advantage of bulk pricing available through the annual Spring Native Plant Sale. Available for a limited time only – orders are taken each year starting in late winter, and are due before April 1st. Annual offerings may change, subject to availability.



Whether your goal is to plant a tree or protect your shoreline with native plants, this is the place to start.

Because many of these seedlings are bare root, they need to be planted right away if they are to survive which is why it's important to have a plan in place before picking up your plants.

To learn more about the sale, go to <http://plants.haliburtonlandstrust.ca>



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We work to achieve our mission by acquiring and protecting land, identifying lands and waters of significant natural or cultural value, and educating the public about Haliburton County's natural environment.

For more information on the Land Trust, its work, and the programs we run, see our website: www.haliburtonlandstrust.ca

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Please note that KLCOA members will receive information in an eblast from Graham Beach and John Middleton who are planning to offer our members the KLCOA Tree Planting Program again this year in the spring of 2016. Stay tuned for more details in January 2016!

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KLCOA Roads Committee

October 18, 2015

Brian Nicholson
 Director of Public Works
 Municipality of Dysart et al
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On October 15th, the KLCOA Roads Committee travelled the roads around Kennisis Lake, to assess their condition, in order to provide recommendations for future improvements.

Firstly, we commend you and your staff on the work done this past year on West Shore Road. It is much appreciated.

The following are our recommendations for this year:

1. After the new dam is completed, Kennisis lake Road from Paddy's Bay to the dam needs refurbishing, including a good-sized turnaround at the dam with a larger parking area for the cottagers on Red Pine Lake;
2. Wilkinson Road from lot 2250 to the end, needs to be brought up to the standard of the rest of that road;
3. At 2357 Wilkinson Road, a double bump needs to be refurbished to one bump to alleviate car and truck damage. At the very least, a warning sign should be posted to alert unsuspecting drivers of this hazard.
4. Pine Point Road, which contains 62 lots, should be refurbished for future pavement.

As always, we appreciate your continued efforts and we thank you in advance.

Yours truly,

Gary Benson

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Kennisis Lake Landfill Site

At the September AGM, it was suggested that the landfill hours be reviewed and altered to accommodate the present cottage community users. Before any suggestions are made to the Municipal Council, KLCOA wants to hear from you! An upcoming eblast will provide you with a link to the survey. Please take a few minutes to answer a few survey questions so that we can respond to the majority of landfill site users!

We will share the results with you at a future date.

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A Brief Timeline Outlines FOCA's Involvement re: Hydro One Rates

UPDATE - August 31, 2015: Following up on the August 4, 2015 submission to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) by Hydro One, FOCA has written to the OEB to express concerns about looming rate impacts to customers, especially those being moved out of the seasonal rate class.

July 21, 2015: Following the stakeholder consultation convened June 10 by Hydro One about revised customer classifications (and the related impacts on customer bills), FOCA has provided our comments and our concerns to Hydro One, the OEB, and have sent a letter to Minister of Energy, Bob Chiarelli. Early August is when Hydro One makes their formal proposal to the OEB, and FOCA anticipates participating in the related technical hearings and consultations.

June 10, 2015: Further to the decision to reassign customers formerly in the "seasonal" customer class, **FOCA is participating in discussions with Hydro One about how to roll people into new rate classes effective January 1, 2016.** The meeting held this June 10th allowed FOCA to see several proposed options of how this could be done, what rate changes to expect and how the changes could be phased in over time. The changes will affect some hydro consumers more than others, and FOCA is assessing how large consumers, typical consumers and small consumers will see their hydro bills change. Hydro One will make its final recommendation to the Ontario Energy Board August 4th. **Intervenors including FOCA will be providing feedback during this process. (continued on page 15)**

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The major decision by the OEB was to collapse the Seasonal Class. Customers are being reclassified according to density.

Reclassification will have cost implications for all customers. Some will experience decreases, others will see significant increases. Specific cost implications from the rate class realignment (to be implemented for January 1, 2016) will be determined over the coming months. Hydro One has until August to propose how to phase in any increases, and FOCA will remain vigilant during this period to represent our members' interests, and are part of a "key stakeholders" meeting scheduled for early summer 2015 to discuss the reassignment of Seasonal customers.

OEB agrees with FOCA and others that Hydro One's customer consultation in relation to its application was deficient from the perspective of Seasonal ratepayers.

With respect to Hydro One's proposed increased vegetation management budget (including the costs for tree and brush clearing), the OEB finds that a reduction of \$39 million to the total vegetation management costs over the 2015 to 2017 period is appropriate. It is the OEB's view that Hydro One needs to manage this program more cost effectively, and to show continuous improvement in these areas.

For more information about this report from FOCA or other information that relates to cottage owners, visit the FOCA website at www.foca.on.ca and learn about the numerous issues that FOCA is involved on our behalf.

Did You Know?

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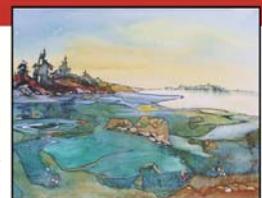
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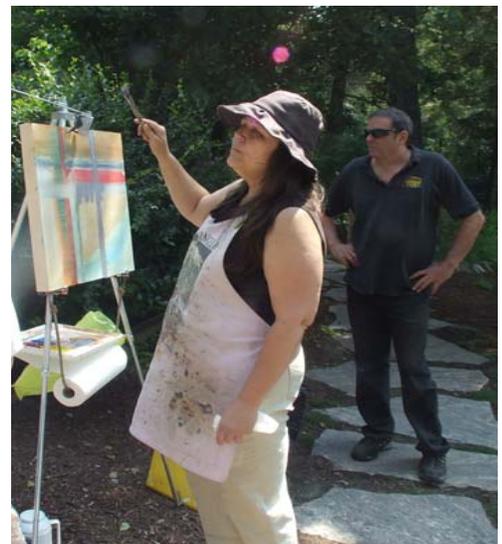
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Shelley is an honour graduate of OCAD (Drawing & Painting Major), a Silver level signature member of the Toronto Watercolour Society and an elected member of the Society of Canadian Artists. Studio 1044 is Shelley's home and workshop on Kennisis Lake. Shelley has taught classes at the Haliburton School of the Arts for 6 years. Visitors can also see her work at the Ethel Curry Gallery, the Algonquin Art Centre, the Rails End Gallery, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and the Framing Place, Huntsville. Welcome to her studio ... please call ahead. | www.theshelleybeach.com | www.MadeInHaliburton.ca



ART on the DOCK



By boat, kayak or by car, 300 eager cottagers attended the Art on the Dock show, July 11th and 12th to view over 30 local artists in 20 different locations. Exhibitors included water base painters, painters in oil, potters, photographers, quilters, fine woodworkers, decorative sign painters, mosaic tile workers, soap makers, sculptors, birdhouse makers, song and poetry writers, candle makers and artists in organite. Their work was displayed either in a picturesque woodlot setting, a dock or in the comfort of an indoor location. Impressed and inspired viewers purchased work or donated toonies. A total of \$1232.90 was collected and donated to the Artists in the Schools program of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands.



Above, watercolour artist, Wilf McOstrich, stands beside some of his work. He donated a painting entitled "Mother Nature's Wardrobe" which visitors who went to at least 10 Art on the Dock locations could enter to win. The lucky winner was a delighted Leslie Fagan who cottages on Kennisis Lake. Thank you to Tayce Wakefield for organizing this event along with the generous sponsors, Janis Parker, Bev and Gary Pike, Shelley Beach for her guidance, all the exhibitors for their contributions, the visitors for their donations and all the friends and family of the exhibitors who helped at each location.



Even an etransfer works when purchasing artwork on the deck!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF PINKNEY!

“I hold the soapstone to my ear all the way home, but it does not speak to me. I ask it lots of questions but it doesn’t reply. I hold it to a lamp, but I still can’t see into it. I cradle the stone until it is as warm as I am, but I still don’t know what it’s meant to be.”

One spring, a nine year old boy is visited by a master carver named Lindy, who gives him four pieces of soapstone. Lindy explains that each piece of soapstone already holds its true form inside, and that the secret to carving is finding out what that form is. As the seasons change the boy must look to his own experiences and pay attention to the signs and whispers from the world around him. Only then will he discover what lies hidden in his pieces of stone.



Jeff reads with step-daughter Isabella at the Peterborough launch of his novel, Soapstone Signs.

For many years, author Jeff Pinkney travelled south to get to Kennisis. Way south! As a tourism consultant living in South Porcupine, Ontario, he travelled his James Bay Frontier route by train and by plane. There he fell in love with the landscape at Moose River Crossing where the train tracks cross the mighty Moose River before the train rolls into Moosonee. These wonderful memories provide the setting for the story. Jeff is also a soapstone carver, having learned the art from a Cree elder, with roots in Moose Factory. In his northern years, Jeff developed a deep appreciation for the landscape and the people who call the James Bay Frontier their home. All of the above came together and the result is his debut novel “Soapstone Signs.” published by Orca Books Publishers of Victoria BC.

The book was one of 25 Canadian Children’s titles chosen for a mega-launch at the Ontario Library Association Super Conference in January 2015.

His novel was also selected for the Club Amick program (founded by former Lieutenant-Governor James Bartleman) for free-circulation to children in far northern communities.

The Canadian Children’s Book Centre selected Jeff’s novel to be part of their Best Books recommendations for 2015. Out of four books selected in his category of Early Chapter Books (for readers ages 6-9), Soapstone Signs was the only title to receive a Red Star reserved for titles of exceptional caliber.

Soapstone Signs has been alive as a story since 2007. Jeff wrote chapter one as an assignment in a creative writing program at Trent University.continued on page 19

He entered the story in The Writers' Union of Canada Writing for Children Contest and won. It was at this point that he wrote the other chapters and turned the story into a novel. The story was discovered at Orca Books, one of Canada's premier children's publishers and the adventure continued.

"It was a wonderful and emotional day when Orca Books sent the mock up for the cover design, and there he was, my little character who had lived only in my head for so long. Illustrator Darlene Gait has captured the magic of the story in her incredible illustrations."

On behalf of KLCOA, Jeff volunteers as the Co-Chair of the Norah's Island Management Committee. Jeff by day is a Senior Business Advisor with the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, and the Ministry of Research and Innovation. He is a graduate of Fleming College and the University of Waterloo. Jeff writes as a hobby and also holds an English degree from Trent University. He is a member of CANSCAIP, the Writers' Union of Canada, and IBBY.

Jeff is also an emerging poet. 2014/15 has been a banner time. His first collection of poetry, *The Valentine's Day Books* was published by TheRightEyedDeerPress of Haliburton (and printed by Parker Pad and Printing Ltd.); his poetry was anthologized in two books, *The Wrack Line*, featuring winners of NotTheWhittaker (Poetry) Prize, and *Highway 35*, a collection of poems by members of Haliburton County's Live Poets; and he won the Editor's Choice award in the Contemporary Verse, 2014 Two Day Poem contest.

In 2015, Jeff and Leslie, (www.leslifagan.com) who now make Peterborough their home, purchased the family cottage which they continue to share with Jeff's mother June, founder of the Elderberries, and a Kennisis pioneer. Jeff and Leslie share a brood of three daughters, Maarika, 27, (www.maarikapinkney.com) Ali, 24 and Isabella, 11.

Soapstone Signs is available at Masters Book Store in Haliburton or from Amazon or direct from the publisher. Please see the links at Jeff's web-site at www.jeffpinkney.com. Kennisis connections run through all his projects. Jeff's web-site was designed by another life long Kennisis laker, Dakota Park.



June celebrates with Jeff at the OLA Super-Conference mega- launch in January 2015.

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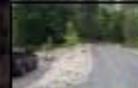
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Carbon Monoxide Alarms Required

(Taken from Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services)

Carbon monoxide alarm installation requirements

Fuel burning appliances include furnaces, hot water heaters, gas or wood fireplaces, portable fuel burning heaters and generators, beques, stoves and vehicles.

If your home has a fuel burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage, install a carbon monoxide alarm adjacent to sleeping area.

If you live in an apartment or condo building: If there is a fuel burning appliance in your condo/ apartment, install a carbon monoxide alarm adjacent to each sleeping area.

If your building has a service room, carbon monoxide alarms must be installed in the service room and adjacent to each sleeping area of all condos/apartments above, below and beside the service room.

If your building has a garage, carbon monoxide alarms must be installed adjacent to each sleeping area of all condos/apartments above, below and beside the garage.

For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of the home according to manufacturer's instructions



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In general, “adjacent to each sleeping area” means the hallway serving or area outside the sleeping area. For instance, a CO alarm must be installed in the hallway adjacent to multiple bedrooms in a house or apartment. However, there may be situations where “adjacent to each sleeping area” refers to the area around the bed, within the bedroom or sleeping area itself.

Compliance with the legislation will be phased- in:

Homeowners and property owners/tenants in buildings that contain no more than 6 suites must comply as of April 15, 2015.

Residential occupancy owners of buildings with more than 6 suites have 12 months to comply (October 15, 2015).

CO alarms that have already been installed must be maintained in accordance with the Fire Code effective October 15, 2014.



Flu Season - Disinfecting the Safe and Simple Way

With flu season upon us, toxic cleaners can seem tempting. But natural alternatives like vinegar will usually do the trick. Keep yourself, your home and your family safe this flu season.

Assuming you are in good overall health, natural cleaning agents are a great choice, even when the flu bug strikes.

The two most effective natural disinfectants are vinegar and hydrogen peroxide.

White [vinegar](#) found in most supermarkets is a five per cent concentration and kills about 80 per cent of germs. It's increasingly effective at higher concentrations, so look for seven per cent pickling vinegar. Buy a couple of bottles and stock up!

Hydrogen peroxide is simply water with an extra oxygen molecule (H₂O₂). Unlike chlorine bleach, it breaks down into oxygen and water and is kind to the environment. For most applications, hydrogen peroxide should be diluted to a three per cent concentration, which is how it is usually sold in pharmacies. Store hydrogen peroxide in a dark bottle out of direct sunlight.

On their own, vinegar and hydrogen peroxide are each strong germ killers. Used in combination, they're even better! According to research published in [Science News](#), this pairing is 10 times more effective than disinfecting with either substance alone and [more effective than bleach](#) in the kitchen.

Here's the catch: mixing them together cuts their germ-killing power, but using one after the other works well.

So when flu season hits, take a one-two approach:

Wash hard surfaces with vinegar.

Spray the same surfaces with a three per cent hydrogen peroxide.

It doesn't actually matter which disinfectant is used first, but for best results apply one immediately after the other and let the surface dry. (Don't wipe the vinegar or the hydrogen peroxide away.)

Exception - *Of course, there are exceptions. ([Pseudomonas](#), for example, is a strain of bacteria that doesn't react to vinegar and that can be problematic for folks with cystic fibrosis.) If you're concerned about the nitty-gritty, do consult a health-care professional.*

Flu season is never fun, but at least disinfecting to keep the germs at bay doesn't have to be toxic!

Article by David Suzuki's Queen of Green



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A C.H.A. Note – bleach or any anti bacteriological products should never be used in a home with a septic system



BANG! BANG!!! BANG!!!!

In case you missed the 2 awesome fireworks displays held on July 1st or August 1st weekends, here are a few pictures to show how these powerful bangers lit up the night sky!

In case you missed the sound effects, we have provided them too!!

Thank you to Kennisis Lake Marina for many years of allowing the fireworks display to be held at this location.





BANG!!



BANG!!

BANG!! Sizzzzzzz!!!



BANG!! BANG!!!!

Thank you to the volunteers and sponsors who worked behind the scenes in preparing and activating the show for a special evening to celebrate Canada Day and our provincial Civic Holiday! KLCOA sponsors the July Fireworks and a group of private sponsors including the Kennisis Marina, Viper Marketing and Bouwmeister Landscaping fund the August Fireworks. Each year, licensed pyrotechnician and Kennisis cottager, Steve Ashfield leads the team of volunteers that sets up and sets off the fireworks. "Thanks to all!"

Haliburton Pet Fund Established



"Proud Bismarck"

The goal of the Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund is to help lower income pet owners in Haliburton County afford non-routine veterinary treatment for their pets.

We love our pets. We feed them, exercise them, play with them, care for them, spay/ neuter them and do everything we can to keep them healthy. They're important members of our families and often critical to our well-being but unfortunately, sometimes things happen to our precious pets that we are unprepared for financially. They might get out inadvertently and be hit by a car, ingest something poisonous or contract a serious disease. When pet owners in Haliburton County cannot afford the costs of necessary emergency, critical

and/or specialty non-routine veterinary intervention or medications, the Pet Owners' Assistance Fund (HPOAF) may be able to help.

(Those eligible for assistance include seniors receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement, people who receive the Ontario Disability Support Payment, persons whose pets have been taken into the SafePet program when fleeing domestic violence, people qualifying under Stats Can's Low Income Measures.)

Joan Middleton and Tayce Wakefield, both members of the Board of Directors of KLCOA, have found another way to contribute to the Haliburton community through their involvement in the Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund. The inspiration for HPOAF was Bismarck, a 140 pound Leonberger dog, who passed away a year ago. When he became ill with osteosarcoma (bone cancer), he was able to have good quality of life for another six months with the help of (fairly expensive) pain medications. His owners, Kennisis residents Roy Campbell and Tayce Wakefield couldn't imagine how difficult it would be to have a pet that needed this type of medication but not be able to afford it. So to honour his contribution to their lives, they created a charity to help lower income residents of Haliburton County who found themselves in similar circumstances. The HPOAF is an accredited charity with the Canada Revenue Agency - charitable number: 81251 3174 RR0001.

Other HPOAF Board members are: Joan Middleton, a former champion English Springer Spaniel breeder, retired Minden veterinarian, Dr. Peter Bennett, and lawyer (and member of the Animal Law Section of the Ontario Bar Association), Andrea Habas.

Since its launch six weeks ago, HPOAF has already helped Katy, a 9 year old dog, with the removal of large bleeding and oozing masses and Maddie, a 3 year old cat, with a cystotomy to address bladder stones. Both are doing well.



Maddie



Katy

You can learn more about the HPOAF at their website www.haliburtonpetfund.ca or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/www.haliburtonpetfund.ca Charitable contributions to help pets and their owners are gratefully accepted.



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A Little Risk Management Can Go A Long Way To Protect Your Cottage

Owning property and especially cottages is a great enjoyment. In Canada, we have the benefit of experiencing the weather of four beautiful seasons, each of which provide us with wonderful experiences from warm July days, to cold January nights. The seasons also dictate risk management for each of the four seasons. A large investment has been made in your property; finding ways to reduce risks to your investment, such as reducing the likelihood of fire, windstorm or snow load, is risk management. Risk management applies to everyone, from an individual owning a small cottage to a corporation owning a multi-million dollar cottage.

Although winter seems a long way off, it will be here before we know it. Being prepared in advance will reduce these risks, as heavy snow falls can happen suddenly; a roof already heavily laden with snow may be unable to withstand the weight of any additional snow, ice or rain.

In summer, examining one's roof and internal structure is imperative. The roof exterior should be in good condition. Missing shingles can result in water damage to the interior of the cottage. Also consider the location of the cottage; it may be in a region which experiences much heavier snow falls than the region in which your home is located. Is the roof structure built to withstand the weight of a normal winter's snowfall in that particular Region?

Review your own insurance policy, before winter comes, and speak to your insurance broker. Make sure you are aware of the type of coverage being provided by your insurance policy.

Not all property policies are the same. Some insurance companies provide snow load coverage for your home; however, may not provide this coverage for your cottage. One of the insurance companies we represent is, Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company (Lindsay). Their claims experience; with respect to insured losses as the result of collapse due to the weight of ice or snow from 2007 to 2009, have amounted to over \$700,000 in incurred claims.



Do you have a plan in place for winter, to remove snow from the roof? Not all of us are as able bodied as we used to be and it may be difficult for us to shovel the snow off the roof; as a result, one may look at hiring a contractor to shovel the snow from the cottage roof.

In hiring a contractor, one important aspect is to make sure the contractor has adequate insurance. Ask your contractor for a certificate of liability insurance. The certificate of liability insurance, provided by the contractor's insurance company, provides written documentation that an insurance policy exists, and the limit of coverage for liability under that policy. Commercial General Liability (CGL) is the type of liability coverage, for commercial operations such as a roofing contractor. The CGL provides coverage in the event the contractor, while conducting snow removal from the roof of your cottage, negligently caused property damage or bodily injury, for which they are legally liable.

In the process of removing snow from a cottage roof, it is possible shingles may be damaged, torn off or the roof structure could be punctured. If the damage is not repaired, this could lead to water damage to the interior of the cottage. If the contractor you hired has caused the damage; however, has no insurance, you may find yourself with a very large expense in repairing the roof and the resulting water damage to the interior of the cottage.

The risk management process is an important process for all of us, being aware of the risks before they happen, and being prepared, will mean enjoyment of your cottage for years to come.

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Enjoy Winter with Abbey Gardens!

At Abbey Gardens, we love Winter. It's a great time to slow down and relax after a busy Summer and Fall. Learn a new skill or hobby, spend time with friends and family, and enjoy our beautiful surroundings in the Haliburton Highlands.

Abbey Gardens, a community project, is located on just under 300 acres, approximately half of which is gravel pit in various stages of activity and rehabilitation. We house a local Food Hub, which is a retail store supporting local producers and sales of our in-house products. We have a 1 ½ acres market garden and showcase two types of rare breeds. Abbey Gardens develops and hosts a number of educational programs for children and adults focused on food and ecology. We are also developing walking trails for visitors to learn about our activities, local history, and flora and fauna. Abbey Gardens is proud to support new entrepreneurs incubating on our site including Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Into the Blue Bakery, and County Coffee.

Eat Great Local Food

The Food Hub at Abbey Gardens is open Thursdays to Sundays from 12 to 6 until December 20th. In the New Year, we'll be open every Friday from 12 to 6. Throughout the Winter season we'll have fresh bread, seasonal produce, natural meats, preserves, flours, and more. Stop by in December for great local gifts, festive goodies, gift baskets, and local Christmas trees!

Upcoming Workshops

Join us for delicious and informative workshops. Learn to bake your own fresh, nutritious bread with Into the Blue Bakery. Join Haliburton Highlands Brewing in crafting beer while learning about the brewing process. Sample different coffees with County Coffee and explore the world of roasting. And of course, bring home something tasty.

Have Fun in the Snow

Get outside and enjoy the Winter season on snowshoes! We offer drop in snowshoeing for beginners, on a donation basis every Wednesday from 1 to 3, starting January 6th and ending February 24th. If you want more from your snowshoe outing, book a group adventure! Explore our property, enjoy nature, spend time with family and friends, and warm up with delicious pizza when you're done. Contact us to book.

Community Events

Join us for a celebration of the season on December 5th. Our Winter Festival includes outdoor activities, family fun, and learning about food. In the New Year, savour a romantic Valentine's Day dinner you won't forget! On February 14th, snowshoe to our traditional yurt for a delicious meal focused on local food. Enjoy beer crafted on site in a cozy spot with your special someone.



Stay Well Stocked on Staples

Into the Blue Bakery is running a Bread and Bagel Club this Fall and Winter! Sign up to receive fresh bread, ciabatta buns, bagels, and more, every Friday. Check out the Abbey Gardens online store to order fresh baked goods, pancake and muffin mix, coffee, and jams, for pickup.

Visit AbbeyGardens.ca to learn about workshops, events, to shop online, and more!
Or call us at 705-754-4769.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Communication
to Lake Associations: October 2015 Varouj Eskedjian, President & CEO
(veskedjian@hhhs.on.ca or 705-457-2527)

Thank you for the opportunity to inform the members on the highlights of their hospitals, health care facilities and community programs over the past year.

Since receiving approval and ongoing base funding of \$1.1 Million from the Province last January 2015, we have been working diligently to implement new programs that will improve access to community services and support people to stay longer in their homes. These include:

- A Geriatric Assessment Intervention Network (GAIN) Team of clinicians to care for frail elderly adults and support them to live healthier in their homes
- A new Community Physiotherapy Clinic
- Additional assisted living services for high risk seniors
- A Palliative Care Community Team

Our revised plans for the Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre have been developed and submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for review and approval. Revised plan costs are estimated at \$900,000 and we are planning for a Spring 2016 construction start. We appreciate the support of the HHHS Foundations' Making Moments Matter Campaign for the Centre. Due to the generosity of so many, \$850,000 has been raised towards the \$900,000 goal! We look forward to welcoming you to the ground breaking celebration next Spring.

In September 2014, HHHS introduced a new Ultrasound service and with the support of the Foundation and the community purchased the most modern available equipment. The Haliburton Highlands Health Radiothon held on September 24-25, 2015 raised \$35,000 which will enable HHHS to purchase the technology to begin providing Echocardiography within our new Ultrasound suite. These new services provide diagnostic care closer to home. We plan to expand our Diagnostic Imaging Department in the future with Bone Densitometry and Mammography.

Following a number of years of planning and discussion at the Board level, HHHS is now partnering with Lakeridge Health, Ross Memorial Hospital, Northumberland Hills Hospital and Campbellford Memorial Hospital to acquire a new Hospital Information System. Once in place, HHHS will implement an Electronic Patient Record to ensure all our patient information is captured electronically which will enhance patient care and safety.

All of the above services would not be possible without the support of the Haliburton Highlands communities, including the \$15,600 raised through the Kennisis Kure event held in August 2015. The investment of significant technology, priority and vital equipment and capital improvements enable our professional staff to provide the best care possible right here at home. We are thankful to the HHHS Foundation and the Minden and Haliburton Auxiliaries for their fundraising and volunteer efforts that support the delivery of care across our sites.



We are continuing to develop as a comprehensive “Rural Health Care Hub” right here in the Haliburton Highlands and with the ongoing community support we can aspire to achieve our Vision of being “*Leaders in Innovative Rural Health Care*”. Thank You

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Words from Tony: "Man this is back breaking work!!!! I'd better put in for a back support for our next incoming President!!!"



We love the face painting too!



Judging by their smiles, they must have won the horse shoe tournament.



Again, Susan Nixon and her cast of volunteers rolled up their sleeves and organized another fulfilled Regatta for the cottage community at Kennisis Lake Marina. This event is a tradition offered to families for many years and we always appreciate the support from so many volunteers who want to keep it a tradition. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side this year and due to lightening, the event had to be cancelled at noon. We'll ask Mother Nature for an entire day of sun next year. Thank you, Susan, and the volunteers for all of your hard work ! And thanks to Doug Mahood for allowing us to run the Regatta at the Marina again this year.



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Accessible Parking:

You should be aware that there is a minimum \$300.00 fine for the misuse of a disabled parking permit or a designated accessible parking space.

Parking

The Pay and Display units as well as metered parking is suspended from **November 11 to the second week of January during the holiday shopping season.** The parking rate for the Pay and Display units and parking meters is \$2.00 for two hours maximum, with a minimum \$0.25 purchase. The Pay and Display units along with the meters will only accept Canadian or American currency over a nickel.

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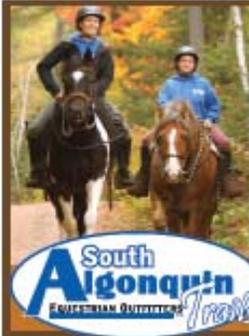
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