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Viewpoints

Seminar Series presented by Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association

CLWA is always eager to get input from our members about the programs we offer, such as the Take a Dip volunteer water monitoring program, and what our members would like us to offer in the future. One thing we learned from the Annual Meeting was the interest in more educational opportunities for our members and the general public to learn about what is happening in our watershed, hear from regional water quality experts, and learn more about organizations we partner with on different projects.

For 2013, CLWA is introducing the Viewpoints seminar series, a quarterly lecture series with guest speakers addressing topics vital to watershed protection. We are pleased to announce that Watershed Manager, Kevin Olvany, will be our first guest speaker on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 6:30 pm at the Hurley Building, 205 Saltonstall Street, Canandaigua. Kevin will provide an update on the Kershaw Beach remediation project, and also present a series of grant-funded projects slated for 2013, including the Natural Capital Study, a recreational Water Trail, stream and road bank stabilization projects and stormwater wetland remediation for the upper Sucker Brook subwatershed.

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CLWA DEVELOPS A POSITION ON THE ONTARIO COUNTY LANDFILL

To: Mr. Theodore Fafinski, Chairman – Ontario County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Roger T. McDonough, Regional Permit Administrator, NYS DEC

Subject: Final Environmental Impact Study governing the 40 acre expansion of the Flint Landfill

Gentlemen:

The Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association (CLWA) supports the decision of the Ontario County Environmental Quality Committee to delay the acceptance of the Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) governing a 40 acre expansion of the Flint Landfill. Ontario County has a draft Solid Waste Management Plan for the landfill which first needs to be accepted by the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. The CLWA strongly supports a continued deliberate and measured approach to landfill problems so that negative environmental effects to soil, air and water are minimized.

Although the Flint landfill is not within the Canandaigua Lake watershed, effluent is trucked to the City of Canandaigua's sewage plant for processing, which is a concern. More needs to be known about the ability of the plant to process the effluent, which contains toxic substances. Similar concerns exist with the Geneva water treatment facility which also processes waste water from the Flint facility.

Additionally, the CLWA is supportive of the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association (fellow member of the Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance) and their expressed concern.

Sincerely,
John M. Dailey
President, CLWA

From the Chair: Lake Sprawl

By Jack Dailey

With the holidays fast approaching and "scattered" family members finding their way home, we decided it might be fun to pull out pictures of earlier times and share those "Kodak" moments at the lake. We have been on the lake for approximately 35 years, first as summer dwellers, more recently as permanent residents. Wow, what a surprise.

As we thumbed thru our pictures we saw beautiful hills and ridges on the west side (bet you figured out we live on the east side) with growths of trees and grasslands...the beautiful shades of green, the carved ravines and the silhouettes of clouds etched against the landscape as the picture had been snapped.

Then we looked across the way and found those great views had vanished before our eyes. We now looked at large scale developments with houses competing for ridge top plots, land that had been clear cut to provide unrestricted views, houses towering over each other so each owner might have a better view than his/her neighbor, the movement of tons of earth to provide access to areas that heretofore were inaccessible, the use of architectural design/construction materials/colors that are hostile to the lake.

It happened so gradually that we didn't recognize its cumulative effect. But now it is done...the pristine views and unencumbered landscapes are gone forever.

We didn't recognize that the Lake community was a little different than our community in Rochester. There, we lived in a home with neighbors on both sides as well to our back and front...maybe we could see a few houses beyond our immediate neighbors on each side, but that was it.

At the lake, we have many more neighbors; we look to the south and for 3 or 4 miles can see all that is happening. Then turning to the North, the same is true. We go boating in better weather and view hundreds of homes along the lake and the hills beyond. This is a singular experience that can only happen on a Finger Lake...on Canandaigua Lake.

We all share one thing in common, a love of this Lake. It provides a respite from life's duties, a place to fish/hunt/boat, to enjoy a rural setting, to engage our family. It is a place that is still relatively untouched... the same as nature intended it...a place of beauty and majesty.

What do you want the lake to look like for your children ...your grandchildren? **CLWA**

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Seminar Series presented by CLWA

Guest Speaker: **Kevin Olvany**, Watershed Program Manager, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council

Topic: **What's Happening with our Watershed Wetlands, Beaches, Water Trails and More!**

When: **Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 6:30 pm**

Where: **Conference Room, Hurley Building, 205 Saltonstall Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424**

RSVP: **by Monday, March 4, 2013 to Steve Lewandowski at 394-5030 or stachu14512@yahoo.com**

IN MEMORIAM:

Richard and Bertha Conyne

The Estate of Richard and Bertha Conyne and their family members, Sally Conyne, George Conyne, Anne Starr and Barbara Williams, have made a substantial contribution to the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association in memory of the Conynes.

They say, "Richard and Bertha Conyne both loved the lake and spent many thousands of days on its waters and shores."

In fact, this is the second time the Conyne Family has made a major contribution to CLWA; the first was in memory of Richard in late 2009.

Our condolences go out to the friends and family of the Conynes as well as our thanks.

THE MASSIE FAMILY FUND OF THE
ROCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
has made a large contribution to the Canandaigua Lake
Watershed Association
in memory of

Catherine Sykes

Our condolences and appreciation go out to the Sykes Family and the Massie Family Fund.

A Successful Membership Campaign


By Membership/Marketing Committee

As usual, CLWA began soliciting payments for 2013 memberships at the Annual Meeting held in late August. On October 17, a full membership renewal and business membership mailing was sent out to current members as well as those who have failed to renew since 2011. Despite an increase in the basic cost of an individual membership, the response was gratifying: over three hundred membership renewals came in during October and November.

The late October issue of The Lake Reporter also spurred responses. In early December, a membership reminder letter was sent to those who had not responded to the earlier mailing. Again, the response was quick and good: 160 more members and 20 business members had signed up to support CLWA in 2013 and more arrive every day.

Memberships provide an extremely important part of CLWA's funding. \$46,000 or 74% of the proposed 2013 CLWA budget will come from your support.

CLWA will be publishing a list of members and contributors with our thanks in the Spring 2013 Lake Reporter in April. Secure your listing, if you haven't already, by contributing.

On page 4 of this newsletter you will find details about how the Finance Committee manages YOUR contributions. Look further and you will see the important educational, scientific and public policy programs that CLWA supports WITH YOUR HELP. If you have not already signed up, PLEASE MAKE A MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION TODAY. 



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CLWA Finance Committee Report

by Wade Sarkis, Finance Committee Chair and Treasurer

The Finance Committee met in the fall of 2012 and since then has maintained contact through numerous emails and meetings. After the October 2 meeting, two important items were transmitted to the CLWA Board for action: restructuring of membership levels that had been unchanged for at least a decade and development of an Annual Appeal to fund specific CLWA projects and to assist partners in the community. Both these actions were later discussed and approved by the CLWA Board.

The Finance Committee also suggested some changes to CLWA money management, including planned/legacy giving, using CLWA's investment policy to invest our assets to

provide dividends, and simplifying the account structure for internal budget reports. Incoming Treasurer Wade Sarkis has been working closely with outgoing Treasurer Frank Kerwin to insure a seamless transition as well as a timely 2013 CLWA budget. In the near future, CLWA will begin the process of filing the 2012 Nonprofit Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service and auditing the organization's assets and liabilities.

In future newsletters, we will discuss the CLWA budget in greater detail so that members know how their investments in CLWA are being used to protect the watershed and lake.

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Introducing Jeff Teeter, FLCC Student

I started my final semester at FLCC this fall, majoring in Natural Resource Conservation Law, while also acquiring a Criminal Justice certificate. As a student at FLCC I have also volunteered at Cummings Nature Center with several projects such as trail repair, replacing boardwalks, and general improvements to the center.

I graduated from Newark Senior High School in 1994 and started my career at Kodak in 1996, until 2009 when I was part of a corporate downsizing. In 1992 I acquired the rank of Eagle Scout while a member of Troop 122 in Newark, NY.

My interests include hiking, backpacking, recreational shooting, wildlife photography, mountaineering, canoeing, and back-country camping. My interest in the outdoors started at an early age while camping with my parents, which sparked my interest in backpacking and hiking trails all over NYS as I got older. This love for the outdoors and our natural resources was the driving force for my interest in environmental conservation.

I currently work for The National Park Service full time as a Park Ranger at the Womens Rights Park in Seneca Falls with duties such as visitor services, interpretation, historical tours, program planning and implementation, talks for school/adult groups. I also have occasional duties in the Finger Lakes National Forest between Seneca and Cayuga Lakes in Seneca and Schuyler Counties. Prior to the NPS, I worked for Monroe Extinguisher Co. and Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester.

I am open and willing to participate in activities or projects concerning Canandaigua Lake watershed. My areas of



interest include trail cleanup or rehabilitation on lands in the watershed, lake shore cleanup operations with volunteer students from FLCC, information booths or interactive programs at college sponsored activities, green projects in or around local parks within the watershed, talks and programs targeted towards scout, youth, and school groups about the benefits of protecting our watershed. Environmental science and conservation law students at FLCC could gain valuable hands on experience from diagnosing issues within our watershed. My leadership training and skills would allow me to respectfully guide students and/or volunteers with projects related to preserving Canandaigua Lake watershed. I would be happy to undertake the organization of such events in the teaching/FLCC/Canandaigua community.

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Take A Dip For Canandaigua Lake Water Clarity Monitoring Program for 2012

Average clarity in 2012 was an excellent 20.2 feet.

Each year the program improves. This year we had 13 "dippers", compared to 9 in 2011 and 4 in 2010. This year, because of Bruce Gilman's illness, FLCC's Steve Connelly provided training from the FLCC pontoon boat.*

In the months of June through September, 2012, 107 readings were taken by the 13 volunteers, about 8 readings each. One shortcoming of the program, however, was that few dippers were located on the southern half of the lake, so we could only claim that this year's sampling represents conditions as far south as Black Point.

In 2010, the cumulative average of all the samples (26) through the sampling year (July-September) was 6.04 meters or 19.8 feet. In 2011, the cumulative average of all samples (59) through the July-September sampling year was 5.2 meters or 17.1 feet. In 2012, the cumulative average of all the samples (107) through the June-September sampling year was 6.16 meters or 20.2 feet.

In 2011, we theorized that heavy rainfalls in May and June washed sediments and nutrients into the lake, accounting for the low reading.

In 2012, we trained earlier, and most of the month of June was added to the sampling year when conditions were excellent. Twenty readings were taken in June and averaged 7.685 meters or 25.2 feet. The clarity numbers fell through the next three months: 6.2 meters in July, 5.5 meters in August, and 5.4 meters in September.

Lake water clarity is primarily affected by two factors: silts/sediment and algal growth. Though both can be spurred by rainfall and runoff, their influence is subtly different. In 2012, lake clarity probably diminished primarily from algal growth, promoted by high temperatures. In 2011, lake clarity probably suffered from the suspension of fine particles in the water from heavy rain (really fine clay particles can take weeks or months to fall through thirty feet of the water column).

We thank our 2012 participants and hope they sign up for another round in 2013:

Joe Pagano

James & Leslie McGuidwin

Chuck & Mary Lashomb

Marty Lasher

The Sarkis Family

Andy Strait

Saralinda Hooker

Robert McCarthy

John & Holly Noble

Scott Hill

Bob Delmonte

David Buschner

Nancy Reed & Bob Gordon

CLWA offers special thanks to the program coordinator Carol Benner, now a CLWA Board member.

To participate in 2013, contact Carol Benner at 393-5553 or Steve Lewandowski at 394-5030 or stachu14512@yahoo.com.

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*Bruce Gilman is recuperating, and we wish him continued improvement.



JOHN KUMBRNER

Potential Water Quality Projects

By the Water Quality Projects Committee

The Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association has always promoted and followed both a scientific and hands-on approach to water quality improvement projects in the watershed and lake. We have cooperated with others whose goals are similar to ours, including the Watershed Council, the Finger Lakes Land Trust, SUNY Brockport, and Finger Lakes Community College to share costs and tap into needed professional expertise.

Sometimes, the water quality improvement projects are of a size that can be managed by volunteers and other times we need professional assistance to carry them out. Likewise, their costs vary drastically, depending on what sorts of equipment and services are needed. Some of the projects that CLWA might want to undertake are beyond our means, at least for the present.

We have not decided what projects to accomplish in 2013. We share this list of important projects with you to solicit your advice and assistance. Each has a cost associated with it.

1) Technical assistance to municipalities developing regulation of steep slopes in the southern end of the Canandaigua Lake watershed. The steep hillsides of Middlesex, Italy, Naples and South Bristol pose a great risk to water quality if improperly developed. \$2,000.00

2) Commission technical water quality study of South Lake/Widmer Road, a problem area of the watershed in Middlesex and Italy. Massive amounts of soil and nutrients enter the lake from this area with each rain. \$5,000.00

3) Commission technical water quality study of Sucker Brook watershed, a problem area of the watershed in the Town of Canandaigua and City of Canandaigua. Among the subwatersheds of Canandaigua Lake, Sucker Brook ranks consistently high in the major pollutants. \$5,000.00


4) Complete Phase Two of the Natural Capital Project. In Phase One, a methodology was determined that allows valuation of the natural services provided in the Canandaigua Lake watershed. For example, over \$100,000,000 in unpaid services are provided by the natural condition of forested lands and wetlands in the watershed to protect water quality and wildlife habitat. In Phase Two, these areas of services will be further quantified and mapped so that they can be protected. \$8,000.00

5) Continue and expand the "Take a Dip" secchi disk program to assess lake water clarity (see article on pg. ____). \$200.00 and volunteers needed.

6) Ecological Restoration of the Lagoon Park at the north end of the lake. Now owned by the City, this 30 acre park has become overgrown with invasive species that mar its beauty and impair its function for wildlife and water quality. Through a public/private partnership, the City and interested parties will hire a professional contractor to suppress the invasive species and re-plant native species in 11.7 acres of the park. \$7,300.00

7) Alternative Energy Demonstration Project. Canandaigua Lake and its watershed will be impacted by choices we all make about our energy future. Wind, solar, geothermal, natural gas and other traditional energy sources will vie for price advantages in the marketplace. Demonstrations of some less well-known energy technologies at the Vine Valley Community Center could affect our thinking about these important questions. \$500.00

If you identify a project of importance to you and can help us with a donation to sustain the effort, please contact President Jack Dailey at (585) 394-7347, Steve Lewandowski at (585) 394-5030, Don Sheive at (585) 554-6525 or Marty DeVinney at (585) 734-2178.

Once again, our choices of how and when to proceed on these important projects are not set in stone. We continue to consider their costs and possible benefits. We welcome your input and assistance. 

Find Us Online Anytime!

by Katrina Busch


The new CLWA Website
and Facebook Page



Find us on
Facebook

www.canandaigualakeassoc.org

Our brand new website is now up and running. Here you'll find information about our organization including the education programs, hot topics, helpful links to other resources and even past CLWA newsletters. Be sure to visit often and be up to speed with what is happening in our watershed.

Find us now on Facebook too! We hope to increase our reach to lake lovers near and far in effort to continue to gain support in what we are all drawn together by: preserving, protecting and promoting our wonderful natural resource. Please comment and share your stories and pictures. We'd love to hear about what the lake means to you and what you are doing to help. We will post information about what's happening in the watershed and helpful hints on how everyone can help keep our land healthy and water clean. 

Recent Land Trust Activities

with thanks to Julie Sherwood of Messenger-Post Media and Andy Zepp of FLLT


Completing 32 acre purchase in Italy, 9 acre conservation easement donation in S. Bristol, 13.5 acre purchase on Bare Hill

Our partner in conservation of watershed land, the Finger Lakes Land Trust, has been active in the past six months, and three properties in the watershed now have significant new protection. The properties are on opposite sides of the lake but they have in common their impressive scenic beauty, both in views from them and as they are seen.

- In August 2012, the Land Trust announced the purchase of 32 wooded acres on southeast slope of South Hill in the Town of Italy from Kevin and Kathy Armstrong. The Sunnyside property is located close to and nearly links the Great Hill Preserve on the west side of South Hill and the former vineyard land along the West River donated by Constellation Brands in 2010. Much of the property is very steep and its preservation as wooded land will promote good water quality in the West River and Canandaigua Lake.
- In November 2012, S. Bristol resident Tim Hamlin donated a conservation easement on his nine acres of property at the intersection of County Road 12 and Griesa Hill Road in S. Bristol. It is one of the most scenic privately-owned properties in the watershed, with breathtaking views of the length and breadth of Canandaigua Lake and the Hi Tor marshes.

Conservation easements are legal agreements that provide for the protection of significant natural resources while allowing land to remain in private ownership and on the tax rolls. In Hamlin's case, the easement prohibits further subdivision of the land as well as construction of structures that would obstruct scenic vistas.

- In late December 2012, owner Sonam Targee sold 13.5 acres on Bare Hill to the Land Trust. The land is off VanEpps Road and adjacent to the entry to the 393 acre Bare Hill Unique Area, administered by the NYS DEC. The land is entirely forested with a mix of young oaks and hickories as well as planted conifers. The Land Trust acquisition was made possible by a generous donation from an anonymous donor who cares deeply about the future of Canandaigua Lake and its surrounding rural landscapes. Acquisition of this parcel was motivated by its location near the heart of Bare Hill, a site of cultural importance to the Seneca people, the previous owner's dedication to its protection, and its position adjacent to the Bare Hill Unique Area, to which it may be joined in the future.

The Finger Lakes Land Trust has completed eighteen land-protection projects in the Canandaigua Lake watershed. Your support of CLWA provides funds that can be applied to FLLT projects in the watershed. A CLWA Board member now also serves on the FLLT Board. Organizationally, CLWA has supported the Land Trust by the direct contribution of funds for several of these projects and encourages its members to do so as well, whether through donations of time, energy, land rights, or money to FLLT. Check out FLLT.org for further information. 



A Serious Threat: Hydrilla

By Nadia Harvieux

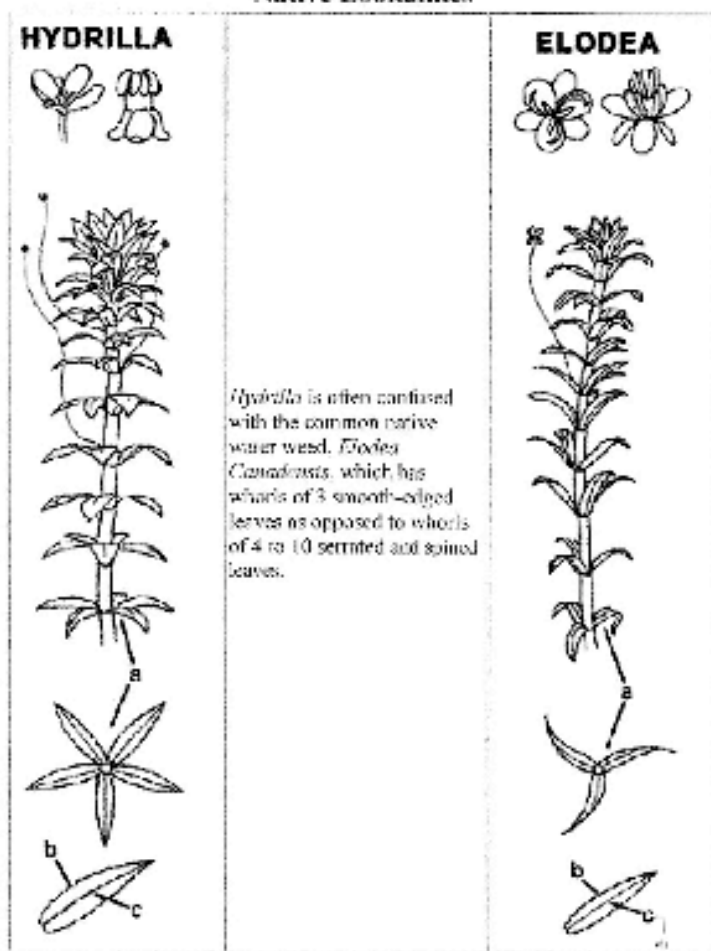
Hydrilla (Hydrilla verticillata), described as one of the world's worst aquatic invasive plants, was discovered in the Cayuga Lake Inlet in 2011, raising concerns about its spread to neighboring Finger Lakes, including Canandaigua Lake. *Hydrilla* originally comes from Sri Lanka and was imported in the 1950s as an aquarium plant. Once introduced into freshwater ecosystems, this aggressive aquatic plant infests ponds, lakes, streams and canals, growing in deeper waters than native plant species and spreading into shallower waters. Thick mats of *Hydrilla* choke out native plants, block sunlight and can prevent access for boating, fishing and swimming.

How you can help:

Like most aquatic invasives, *Hydrilla* is transported from one water body to another by recreational watercraft and trailers that have not been appropriately cleared of debris and dried after use. Even small plant fragments of *Hydrilla* can root and start new colonies; it is important to make a careful inspection and thoroughly clean all watercraft items, including boats, trailers, motors, fishing equipment, etc. Dirt, debris and plant fragments should be disposed of in the trash to prevent the spread of *Hydrilla* and other aquatic invasives.

To learn more, please visit Cornell's *New York Invasive Species* website: www.nysi.info

Native Lookalikes



Line art: University of Florida Center for Aquatic Plants



Emergent stems and leaves of *Hydrilla*. Photo: David J. Moorhead, University of Georgia, Bugwood.org

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*Does not represent the watershed per se but sometimes takes an interest.

Lake Levels Report - Winter 2012-2013

by Stephen Lewandowski

Precipitation and runoff in late 2012 necessitates opening gates

Despite lake levels having been significantly below Guide Curve elevations since mid-July, at the end of 2012 the City of Canandaigua opened an outlet gate behind Wegmans to release runoff elevating lake levels above the winter level of 686.9. At present the gates are open and the lake level is 687.4, six inches above the Guide Curve winter level.

The winter of 2011-12 produced little snow and ice so that water normally stored in the watershed, especially in wooded lands, was absent. Much of this water, through freeze and thaw fluctuations, would pass from surface water into the much slower groundwater cycle. Its absence could be felt in the low lake levels beginning in July and continuing into December. In addition, July was one of the hottest months on record, promoting maximum evaporation of water from watershed land and lake surface.

In late October, there was a momentary scare when it seemed that Hurricane Sandy might repeat Hurricane Agnes' 1972 flooding pattern. But Hurricane Sandy passed over our area in less than 8 hours while Agnes stayed for a week. Sandy left behind 2.5-3 inches of rain which raised the lake level about three inches. Watershed Program Manager Kevin Olvany estimated that only 10% of Sandy's water drained off the watershed into the lake, and the other 90% soaked into dry watershed land.

Canandaigua Lake's level fluctuated 2.1 feet, between 688.92 on April 28 and 686.82 on December 5 in 2012, much less than previous years and toward the low side of averages.

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New York State, for its general purposes _____ dollars, or _____ percent, or all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate." Of course, such bequests may also be dedicated to specific purposes of the Watershed Association.

*Our official name is the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association, Inc., and this name should be used on all legal documents. Gifts to the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association, Inc. qualify as charitable contributions to a 501(c)3 organization for federal income, estate and gift tax purposes.

Joining the Watershed Program: Emily Staychock

By Nadia Harvieux

We are pleased to announce that Emily Staychock will be joining Nadia Harvieux and Sharon Radak as our new educator in the Watershed Education Program. Emily may already be familiar to some; she worked with CLWA in the past through her former role as Sustainability Coordinator at Finger Lakes Community College.


Nadia Harvieux shares the need behind the addition. "We typically have a very intense fall and spring teaching schedule filled with field trips and classroom visits. The last two years we haven't been able to accommodate all the teaching requests we received due to scheduling conflicts. By bringing Emily on, we'll be able to have more flexibility in meeting the watershed education needs of the schools within our community." Sharon Radak adds "Nadia and I are excited about the experience and perspective Emily brings to the Watershed Education Program. We've been looking to bring another educator on for a while and Emily is the right person join our education team."

CLWA President, Jack Daily comments "CLWA is extremely proud of our commitment to watershed education in our public schools. We've partnered with the Watershed Council for the last six years to sponsor this important program and are pleased to be strengthening our commitment to stewardship of the Canandaigua Lake watershed."



About Emily Staychock:

A native of Buffalo, Emily moved to Colorado in 1997 after graduating from SUNY Geneseo with a degree in psychology. Emily ran school-age programs for the YMCA of Boulder Valley for six years, including a summer day camp that focused on environmental and outdoor education. Emily's love for designing and implementing environmental education programs led her to pursue a MS in Forest Sciences from Colorado State University, where her studies focused on community-based conservation. After completing grad school Emily worked for a land trust as well as a county open space program in Larimer County, CO. In both roles she worked closely with landowners in promoting environmental stewardship of private lands protected by conservation easements. Emily and her husband Ryan returned to western NY in 2008 when Ryan was hired by the Conservation Department at FLCC. Emily served as FLCC's Sustainability Coordinator from July 2010 until March 2012. Since then, Emily has been busy caring for her two sons, Collin (4 yrs) and Caleb (9 months).

The health of Canandaigua Lake is critically linked to the sustainability of our region's socioeconomic health and it is important to promote the balance between community and environment. Emily is extremely excited to join CLWA's efforts in educating our community's youth regarding watershed stewardship through the Watershed Education Program. 

Views of our Watershed - PHOTO CONTEST



New in 2013 for all our photo-loving friends! We are kicking off the first annual CLWA photo contest... Views of our Watershed. Starting March 1st, CLWA will be accepting submissions of photos taken within the Canandaigua Lake watershed through our Facebook page. The contest is open to amateur photographers of any age, and winners will be announced at our Annual Meeting in August, 2013. Contest details will be posted on our website March 1st. We look forward to seeing all of your views of our Watershed!

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The Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association has a strong base of supporters and a significant history of Protecting Canandaigua Lake and its watershed. Because of numerous and complex challenges, we need YOUR support.

Please return this form (or a copy of it) with your contribution. Remember your contribution is TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Your 2013 membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, committee participation and reports, special alerts on crucial issues, invitations to events and the Annual Meeting, but most important, you will know you're doing YOUR PART to protect this precious resource.

Yes, please process my 2013 tax-deductible membership in the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association.

- _____ \$25 **Supporter** (student rate)
- _____ \$35 **Guardian**
- _____ \$100 **Lake Leader** (your gift at this level helps to pay for water testing)
- _____ \$250 **Watershed Steward** (says it all)
- _____ \$1000 **Benefactor** (your gift at this level supports our education program)

Name _____

Principal Address _____

I own property in the watershed town of _____

Email address _____

Principal phone number _____ Alternate phone number _____

Please mail this membership form and your check to:
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