



LAKE REPORTER

LAKE-FRIENDLY LAWN CARE TO PROTECT OUR WATER QUALITY

By Sonya Carnevale, CLWA Outreach Committee

This past winter, the CLWA Outreach Committee was proud to join forces with the City Council and Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council to host a Healthy Lawn, Healthy Lake workshop for area lawn care professionals, followed by a workshop for watershed residents. Frank Rossi, Associate Professor and Turfgrass Specialist at Cornell University, and Russ Welsler, the Senior Resource Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, provided wonderful presentations on how we can minimize our use of fertilizers and harmful chemicals while still maintaining a healthy lawn.

Over the past several years, Canandaigua Lake has been plagued with annual harmful algal blooms. The culprit is a cyanobacteria that produces a toxin which in large enough quantities is harmful to humans, pets, and wildlife. While there is no one cause of harmful algae blooms, between warming lake temperatures, more frequent and severe storms with subsequent runoff, invasive species such as the quagga mussel, and increased development, we learned that Canandaigua Lake is much more sensitive to added nutrients and chemicals leaking from our lawns. This makes the lake predisposed to problems such as harmful algal blooms. It has become increasingly clear that we all have a responsibility over our own actions and their consequences.

FRANK ROSSI OFFERED SEVERAL TAKE-HOME POINTS:

- 1. Most pre-established lawns over 10 years old do not require any fertilizer at all!** If you follow healthy lawn practices and have a healthy soil layer, your lawn itself should be creating enough nitrogen. If your lawn is young or needs a fertilizer, then fertilize in the fall to promote the best root development. Never use fertilizers with phosphorus. The Finger Lakes region already has enough phosphorus in our soil.
- 2. When in doubt, do a soil test.** This will determine if you are missing any nutrients.
- 3. Learn to tolerate some weeds.** Clover, especially, is a great source of nitrogen, and is good for your lawn. If you do need to use a pesticide or herbicide, follow the directions carefully. Do not use it before rain and do not use it near pavement or storm drains. This is where it has the most chance of eventually washing into our streams and lake.
- 4. Never use a 4-step program.** This is a blanket approach for fertilizer and chemicals that does not take YOUR lawn into account. LOOK at your lawn, DECIDE what it needs, and USE appropriate products ONLY where they are needed. Again, most lawns do not require ANY fertilizer!

We had a very well attended resident workshop and would like to thank all who came for showing interest and willingness to change.

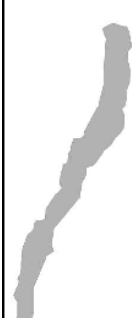
We would also like to thank the following lawn care professionals/companies for attending the lawn care professionals workshop, demonstrating their interest in learning about safer lake choices: Absolute Turf Tree and Property Maintenance, Broccolo Tree and Lawn Care, Closed Loop Systems, Keith's Handyman and Lawn Service, Nutrien Solutions, One Step Tree and Lawn Care, T.L.C. Organic Lawn Care, TruGreen, the Weed Man, and Wayside Gardens.

The Outreach Committee thanks the many residents, businesses and community groups that have taken the pledge to be Lake-Friendly! To join with our growing list of lake-friendly champions, visit the CLWA website to take the pledge and get a yard sign. We hope to publish a list of the residents that have taken the pledge in our summer newsletter. **While you're there, check out our other resources, including a recording of the recent Healthy Lawn Care Webinar with Frank Rossi.**



THANK YOU

The City of Canandaigua, The Town of Canandaigua, The Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council and The Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association wish to thank the following organizations for making a pledge to commit to lake friendly lawn care. In so doing, they have taken a leadership role in the watershed to keep the lake healthy for all to enjoy.



- Canandaigua School District
- Canandaigua V.A.
- Canandaigua Yacht Club
- Chosen Spot Chiropractic
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- Constellation Brands
- City Mini Storage
- Crosswinds Wesleyan Church
- Dr. Brian Rheude Orthodontics
- Finger Lakes Community College
- LeTourneau Christian Center
- Ontario County Historical Society
- St. John's Episcopal Church
- The Hammocks
- Town of Canandaigua Parks
- Unitarian Universalist Church
- Woodlawn Cemetery
- Wood Library

If you are a home owner, please give serious thought to being a lake friendly champion by eliminating most, if not all, pesticide and herbicide applications. Forego the four step program entirely and fertilize once in the fall, only if necessary.

For details on other ways you can help improve lake health, visit the CLWA website www.canandaigualakeassoc.org or find us on Facebook.

Thank you, in advance!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Neil Atkins



We hope that this message finds you healthy, safe, and able to practice social distancing.

The Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association continues to operate during this difficult and challenging time. Lindsay, our Association Director, is working from home, and all phone calls and email messages are received there. Our board and committees continue to meet using a virtual format with our members remaining at home.

Earlier this year we were able to present three successful workshops and a virtual presentation:

- CLWA partnered with the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, the Town of Canandaigua and the City of Canandaigua to present two Lake-Friendly Lawn Care workshops. An afternoon workshop was held for lawn care companies. Frank Rossi, Turfgrass Specialist and Associate Professor at Cornell University, presented the program. Twenty four lawn care professionals attended.
- An evening workshop for landowners was held, also presented by Frank Rossi. Practical solutions that homeowners can use to balance lawn and lake health were shared.
- CLWA partnered with the Ontario and Yates County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Seneca Watershed Inter-municipal Organization on a "Soil Health Workshop" at the Ontario Produce Auction in Stanley. Presentations included: 'A Discussion of both on farm and field scale research on conserving farm land with cover crops and promoting biodiversity', 'Manure storage – building, filling, emptying, and maintaining'; and 'Threats to Water Quality and Clean Water Planning'.
- We continue to take an active part in the Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance, the membership of which is comprised of representatives of each of the Finger Lake Associations. At the March virtual meeting, we presented an overview of the work we have done with our Private Water Systems and HABs Program on Canandaigua Lake.

We recently initiated a review and update of our Strategic Plan with Causewave Community Partners as facilitators. As part of the process we recently sent out a 2020 member survey via email (see article, page 10). Your responses will be used as a component of our review. We would greatly appreciate your response!

With all of the ongoing challenges we face, we will attempt to move forward with as many of our programs and projects as possible and adjust as necessary to maintain safe and healthy practices. These programs allow CLWA to provide timely updates and valuable information to our members.

Although some of the public programs that we had planned have been cancelled, we expect to continue with the following projects:

- Watercraft Stewards Boat Inspection Program - We are working with the Finger Lakes Institute and the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council on planning of the 2020 season. The scope of the program and the details of the operation will be in consideration of the health and safety of the stewards.
- The Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) - The sampling and the analyses will depend upon the selected lab's staffing and their ability to provide the service.
- Shoreline and Stream Monitoring – Planning is underway to continue our shoreline monitoring program for the 2020 season. Additionally, we will be partnering with FLCC to launch a stream sampling program in some of the smaller sub-watersheds.
- Secchi Disk – Our dedicated group of secchi disk volunteers can safely work alone as they measure the water clarity and surface temperatures.
- Lake Friendly Lawn Care program with the Watershed Council, and the City and Town of Canandaigua will continue to promote lawn care practices for the health of Canandaigua Lake.

All of our programs will be conducted with the health and safety of our volunteers in mind.

We will continue our strong partnership with the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council in working with Kevin Olvany and Kim McGarry on our mutual programs.

We encourage our members to follow the guidance of public health officials in maintaining your health and safety. Thank you for your continued support!

AN INTRODUCTION TO CLWA'S NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

CLWA is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to our Board of Directors: Ellen Polimeni and Joel Pasternack. They both bring a tremendous amount of talent, expertise and energy to the table. We are thrilled to have their involvement in our programs to raise awareness on water quality issues and to help drive our mission of preserving and protecting Canandaigua Lake for future generations.



ELLEN POLIMENI

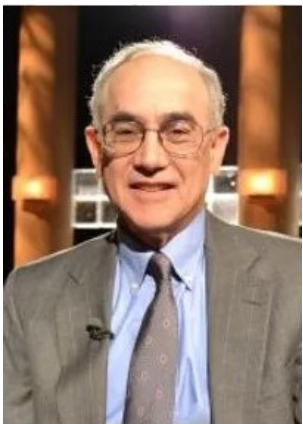
Ellen joined the CLWA Board in February 2020, just a few short months after leaving her term as the City of Canandaigua Mayor. Ellen has been an active member of the Lake Friendly Lawn Care Coalition for the last 18 months, and has a rich history with CLWA as a founding member of one of our predecessor groups, the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Task Force. When the timing became right for Ellen to join our group as a Board Member, we jumped at the chance to add her to our team.

Ellen grew up north of Utica in the foothills of the Adirondacks and attended SUNY Brockport and Nazareth College. Upon graduation she became a teacher in the Canandaigua City School District. Later Ellen became a principal and retired in 2010 after 47 years with the district.

Interest in community has always been a focus for Ellen. She served as the first female chair of the City Planning Commission and then was elected to the City Council as an At Large Council Member and in 1991 became Mayor of Canandaigua and served in that role 28 years.

In 1989, Ellen formed "Groups Concerned About Canandaigua Lake," which led to the Watershed Task Force and several other groups addressing the health of the Lake. She helped found the Watershed Council comprised of elected officials representing municipalities that border the lake or draw water from the lake. Ellen has been a long time member of the Watershed Association and several transitions it has been through in the past.

Currently, Ellen is active in several community organizations including Ontario County Partnership, Rotary, Fort Hill Performing Arts Center, Light Hill Comfort Care, Boy Scouts and Ontario County Arts Council.



JOEL PASTERNAK, MD, PhD

Joel has been an active CLWA volunteer for the last several years, before officially joining the CLWA Board in March 2020. He brings a strong scientific perspective to the Board, and we look forward to tapping into his knowledge base on critical watershed issues.

Joel has worked as an Emergency Physician in Rochester for over 35 years, currently serving as Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine in the Medical School at the University of Rochester. His work has involved the broad spectrum of emergency medical conditions in adults and children. His education prior to medical school included graduate study in mathematics and physics, and he taught mathematics at the University of Rochester prior to attending medical school.

Joel has a great love for Canandaigua Lake, enjoying activities in and around the lake since 1974, the year he met his wife Debra Weeden, whose family home was on West Lake Road. Joel and Debra now have their home on the east side of the lake. He enjoys sailing, kayaking, standup paddle boarding, and sharing the joy of lake experiences with his children and grandchildren. Joel's experience is that the lake has changed over the last 45 years, and he finds it important to preserve Canandaigua Lake as a source of healthy drinking water and as a safe place for swimming, fishing and boating.

"In order to help the Watershed Association monitor water quality, I volunteer in the Secchi disk program measuring water clarity, and the algae program observing for Harmful Algae Blooms.

I believe that Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association merits our support for two reasons. First, CLWA recognizes that the science is difficult, and much needs to be done to understand the various factors that affect water quality. Second, CLWA has taken the position that each of us has a role to play in protecting the lake. The Watershed Association emphasizes cooperation rather than conflict. It's easy to point the finger at someone else whose activity is adversely affecting the lake, but more difficult and more likely to succeed if there is community realization that everyone needs to learn about the lake and play their part preserving this precious resource. "

CITIZEN SCIENCE WATER QUALITY PROJECTS FOR 2020

The CLWA Citizen Science Committee has spent the last several months working remotely to develop our plans for the 2020 water quality monitoring season. In recent years, CLWA has been striving to expand our partnerships and capacity to become more involved with active monitoring, with a goal of better understanding our local water quality challenges. Information collected through initiatives like the Volunteer Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) Surveillance Program and the Secchi Disk Program help inform CLWA and our partners at the Watershed Council of lake wide conditions in real-time, so that we are able to provide our members and the community with timely lake updates.

While some programmatic changes may be out of our control in 2020 with the current covid-19 situation (access to some labs for chemical testing is still up in the air), CLWA is in a good position to continue our programs in a safe, socially distant manner. We wanted to share a brief update with our membership on what you can expect to see this summer, including two new projects!

Volunteer HABs Surveillance Program

The HABs team is planning to reorganize the shoreline surveillance program to increase the number of visual reporters and reduce the number of volunteers who will collect samples. This change is in large part due to cuts within the NYS DEC, as toxin (microcystin) sampling will no longer be offered to volunteer lake monitoring programs. The DEC efforts will be focused more on professional monitoring and research-based mitigation.

While this sounds like a drastic change, we are pivoting our efforts accordingly to maintain a robust program. Based on previous years sampling efforts, we and the DEC know that our volunteers have a high success rate of identifying blooms, and that samples collected from bloom areas are likely to have detectable levels of the toxin microcystin. This reinforces the “If you see it, avoid it” language used by the DEC. So, the shift to more visual reporting is just as critical for our public notification. By increasing the number of DEC trained volunteers, we will also be getting better shoreline coverage.



Visual reporting of blooms by trained volunteers helps inform the Council and CLWA of lake-wide conditions

A smaller group of volunteers will still collect water samples, strategically selected by location and proximity to sites around the lake where other research initiatives are occurring. CLWA and the Council remain in strong partnership with the Finger Lakes Institute for screening of blue green algae (BGA) chlorophyll a concentration using the Fluoroprobe. Toxin testing funded by your contributions may follow for some of the samples if above the 25 ug/L (micrograms per liter) threshold.

CLWA will be working closely with Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association again this year to utilize their incredible online database system for volunteer reporting. Keuka Lake Association is also partner in the effort.

Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP)

Since 2017, CLWA volunteers have been collecting water quality data at two mid-lake stations for the NYSDEC and New York Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) as part of the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program. As of this writing, the CSLAP program will still move forward but is a few weeks behind while labs apply for exception status. The equipment and materials are on order so CLWA is continuing to plan that we will have two CSLAP monitoring stations for 2020, one in the north end and one at the south end of the lake in the same locations as previous years. Volunteers Steve Zumbo and Marty Lasher volunteer for the northern sampling location and Dee and Bert Crofton will cover the southern monitoring location, with assistance from Ted Carman. While the NYSDEC had previously funded both sites, in 2020, they reduced their funding to only one CSLAP location per lake for the Finger Lakes. CLWA has committed to paying for the second location to ensure continuity in the CSLAP dataset. Link to most recent NYSDEC report from 2018 can be found here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/77853.html>.

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WATER QUALITY PROJECTS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Storm Event Stream Sampling Project with FLCC (new project for 2020)

In late 2019, CLWA applied for and was awarded a grant through the Ontario County Water Resources Council to support a storm event stream sampling project with Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) professor Patty Thompson. Three streams in the Lincoln Hill sub watershed and three streams in the Cottage City area have been selected for this storm event study. Patty is working with the NYSDEC Finger Lakes Hub to set up a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) to ensure that the data will be usable by the NYSDEC and others for research purposes.

FLI / Cornell Research Project: "Mobile toolkit for rapid in-field screening of freshwater HABs" (new project for 2020)

In 2020, CLWA will be partnering with Cornell University and the Finger Lakes Institute (FLI) on a research project to assess the severity of harmful algal blooms and an opportunity to test the efficacy of new technology that can provide information about the capacity of Canandaigua Lake blooms to produce toxins in less than two hours. Four HABs "hotspot" locations around the lake will be selected as sampling sites and will be routinely tested from July to October 2020.

This project engages the Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and Cornell University. The principal investigator from Cornell is Dr. Ruth Richardson, Ph.D., a

microbiologist in Civil and Environmental Engineering, who is interested in pursuing larger projects from the National Science Foundation and NOAA for rapid assessment of toxin production in HAB samples. FLI efforts will be led by Dr. Lisa Cleckner, Director. FLI and Cornell were successful in obtaining a grant through the Great Lakes Research Consortium to move this project forward, and CLWA is a supporting financial contributor and partner.

Foam Research Project (2019 project, ongoing)

In September 2019, CLWA launched a research project with Dr. Rick Smith and Dr. Stella Woodard of Global Aquatic Research to investigate the large-scale foaming events that we have been seeing on Canandaigua Lake. Questions that spurred the study included "What makes up the foam? Is the timing of foam events linked to harmful algal blooms? Is it safe to be in contact with the foam?" These questions are often asked by our members and the general public. Sample collection of multiple foaming events happened in the summer and fall of 2019 (see report in our Winter 2019/2020 edition of The Lake Reporter). Due to labs being closed these last few months, we are still waiting on some remaining analysis of the foam, but hope to have a report to share with our membership this summer!

CLWA would like to thank the MANY volunteers that contribute their time, talent, and expertise to these programs. We look forward to sharing our findings in a future edition of The Lake Reporter, and highlighting research results in the form of public presentations when we are able!

WATERSHED EDUCATION PROGRAM CHALK ART CHALLENGE!

Do you have kids or grandkids that are home during this time of quarantine? Maybe you are an artist yourself? Join Watershed Educators Beth and Becca for a "Chalk Art Challenge" to encourage lake friendly practices in the Canandaigua Lake watershed!

Head out into your neighborhood and create a picture and/or message encouraging others to practice lake friendly living. If you need some inspiration, think about these simple ideas that can help keep contaminants from washing into our streams, storm drains and ultimately the lake itself.

- Pick up pet waste
- Pick up litter
- Limit the use of lawn fertilizers/chemicals
- Wash your car in the grass, not on pavement
- Never dump anything down storm drains

After you've completed your artwork, you can share a photo of it on the CLWA Facebook page or email it to us at info@canandaigualakeassoc.org. We will post a collage of the artwork and print it in an upcoming newsletter! Feel free to share your name and age (for kids of course!), or we can keep it anonymous if you choose. There is no deadline for submission, and all entries will be posted.

Please share with friends! Let's spread positive messages in our community about how we care for our watershed.



WATERSHED UPDATE: RESTORATION, MANAGEMENT PLANS AND MORE!

By Kevin Olvany, Watershed Program Manager, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council

While COVID19 is rightfully in the front of everyone's minds right now, the Watershed Council, consisting of the fourteen watershed and water purveying municipalities, along with its partners, are still busy tackling our on-going watershed issues, specifically nutrients in runoff that fuel harmful algal blooms. We have still been able to make important progress on lake and watershed protection.

Lake to Lake/County Road 1 Flood Resiliency and Water Quality Enhancement Project

This project was a collaboration among the Watershed Council and multiple municipalities including the towns of Gorham, Middlesex, Canandaigua, Hopewell, Naples, City of Canandaigua and Ontario County. We built a 3-acre stormwater area last summer/fall, which you may have seen on the corner of Lake to Lake Road and County Road 1 in the Town of Gorham. The goal is to slow stormwater down to help address significant downstream flooding and water quality issues on County Road 1, State Route 364 and Cottage City Drive. The stormwater basin accepts water from sides of Lake to Lake Road, slows down and filters the runoff. The project area has already worked successfully during numerous storm events. We will be doing some follow-up work later this spring.

FLCC Watershed and Habitat Restoration Project

Construction is underway for the FLCC project. We are building a 3,800-foot-long berm that will allow a 20-acre area on FLCC campus to temporarily hold and treat runoff from Fallbrook. We were able to use much of the subsoil material from the County Road 1 project at this site- which saved a tremendous amount of money and time. Over the winter, we worked with our engineering consultant to finalize designs and secure all of the necessary permits. Construction began a few weeks ago. We are partnering with the Town of Canandaigua, City of Canandaigua, Town of Gorham, Town of Hopewell and Ontario County on construction. The Watershed Association has also made a financial contribution for this project. David Genecco provided critical easements to make this project successful! NYS-DEC grant funding is being used to complete the project. Municipal labor and equipment use- provides significant cost savings and we are able to directly reimburse the municipalities for this project- which is vitally important during these difficult budgetary times.

Parish Flats/Naples Creek Restoration Project

The first phase of this 200-acre project is ready for construction. We will be increasing the ability of this 200-acre area to remove nutrients and sediment from Naples Creek by reconnecting the creek to the floodplain. The Town of Naples and The Nature Conservancy are huge partners in this effort. We have funding through multiple sources to help pay for this project, including support from the Watershed Association.

New Source Water Protection Grant

We successfully secured a new NYS grant for \$680,000 to protect the lake as a source of drinking water. This grant will fund land acquisition and watershed restoration work. We expect there to be some impact to our funding on this grant- be we will work with our partners to maximize the potential of this vital grant.

Updating our Watershed Plan to a Nine Element Plan

New York State has put a new emphasis on Nine Element Watershed Plans since we completed the 2014 Comprehensive Update to the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Management Plan. While our existing plan meets many of the requirements for 9E Plans, the NYS DEC identified some additional work needed. We are currently working with Cornell University and various partners to complete a watershed non-point source pollution model. The model will very generally describe pollutant loading to the lake and more importantly give us a baseline for assessing watershed improvements. After the model is complete, we will calculate the benefits of different best management practices. We are seeking public input during this planning process. We will give public presentations in the future. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions regarding watershed planning, pollutant sources or best management practices.

This is just a small snapshot of the many projects we are working on. Please stay safe and well during these unprecedented times. Feel free to reach out to us at klo@canandaiguanewyork.gov if you have any questions.

Drone image of Parish Flats / Naples Creek Project area, looking south, just north of Parish Flats Road. Image courtesy of The Nature Conservancy

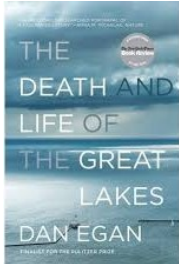
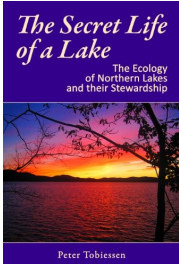
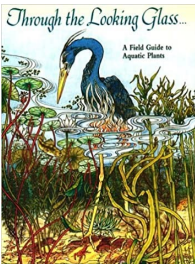
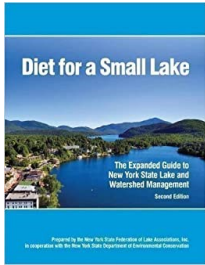

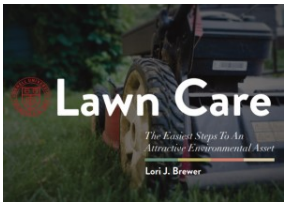


CLWA RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Compiled by Lynn Klotz, CLWA Board Member

So much has changed with the pandemic restrictions, leaving many of us with more TIME: time to read, to view new material, to get inspired to become better stewards of our watershed this Spring!

HERE IS A SHORT LIST OF SOME OF OUR FAVORITES:

 <p>"The Death and Life of the Great Lakes" by Dan Egan (paperback, Amazon)</p>	 <p>"The Secret Life of a Lake: The Ecology of Northern Lakes and Their Stewardship" by Peter Tobiesen*</p>	 <p>"Through the Looking Glass: A Field Guide to Aquatic Plants" by Susan Borman, Robert Korth, et al*</p>
 <p>"Diet for a Small Lake: The Expanded Guide for New York State Lake and Watershed Management" prepared by the New York State Federation of Lake Associations and the NYS DEC*</p>	 <p>"Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Backyard Wildlife, Expanded Second Edition" by TV host and naturalist David Mizejewski (available through National Wildlife Federation, NWF.org)</p>	 <p>Try an E-Book! "Lawn Care: The Easiest Steps to an Attractive Environmental Asset" By Lori J. Brewer Can be found on the CLWA webpage or on http://turf.cals.cornell.edu/</p>

*The Secret Life of a Lake, Through the Looking Glass, and Diet for a Small Lake are available on the New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) website. Be sure to follow NYSFOLA Facebook for more information on NYS Lakes throughout the year!

VIDEOS & WEBINARS

Dan Egan interview & discussion on The Death and Life of the Great Lakes

<https://www.pbs.org/video/the-death-and-life-of-the-great-lakes-zyjtpg/>

Lakeside Lawn Care Webinar with Frank Rossi

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwa5OxBTGEM&feature=emb_logo

SILVER FLY RELEASE AT HIGH TOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Info provided by Nick Dietschler, Research Technician with the NYS Hemlock Initiative

Photos by Becky Sibner

Additional information from the NYS Hemlock Initiative website : <https://blogs.cornell.edu/nyshemlockinitiative/>

At the end of April, the NYS Hemlock Initiative released 772 silver flies at High Tor Wildlife Management area. This release complemented a 2019 silver fly release at the site, with hopes that multiple reoccurring releases will increase the chances of the establishment of this Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) biocontrol at the site.

Silver Flies as Biocontrols

The silver fly species *Leucopis argenticollis* and *Leucopis piniperda* are abundant predators of HWA on the West Coast. The work of the New York State Hemlock Initiative focuses on bringing silver flies to the east coast so that they feed on HWA in New York. Currently we are only releasing silver flies at select sites.

Silver fly larvae feed on the eggs of both of HWA's annual generations, and they are released starting in the early spring until the second generation eggs hatch in late spring. The NYS Hemlock Initiative returns periodically throughout the season to monitor progress at each release site.



Silver Flies in New York

The New York State Hemlock Initiative is the first lab to conduct research on using silver flies to manage HWA on the East Coast. Contained releases of silver flies are conducted in the spring season, and efforts to rear lab colonies of silver flies are now underway.

Leucopis silver fly larvae feed on the eggs laid by the sistens generation of HWA, reducing the number of HWA individuals of the progrediens generation that will hatch. Silver flies lay their eggs on the twig among the HWA, and hatch into larvae, which feed, pupate, and become adults. This cycle repeats throughout the HWA egg-laying season. We still do not know how many silver fly generations will take place during a given season. Recently we have developed protocols to rear flies into their second generation in the lab, a process that has never been done before. We hope that this research will lead to a better understanding of the relationship between silver flies and HWA in the field.

The NYS Hemlock Initiative thanks CLWA and the groups and organizations that have contributed to the work at High Tor WMA. A special thank you goes out to volunteer Cindy Smith for being our eye on the ground by monitoring HWA development for the past few years!

2020 MEMBER SURVEY OPEN UNTIL MAY 31

As a member of the Association, we invite you to participate in a brief survey about CLWA. We truly value the input of our membership, and we want our programming to reflect the concerns and needs of our watershed community. Your responses will be helpful and appreciated as the CLWA Board of Directors works with Causewave Community Partners to update our strategic plan.

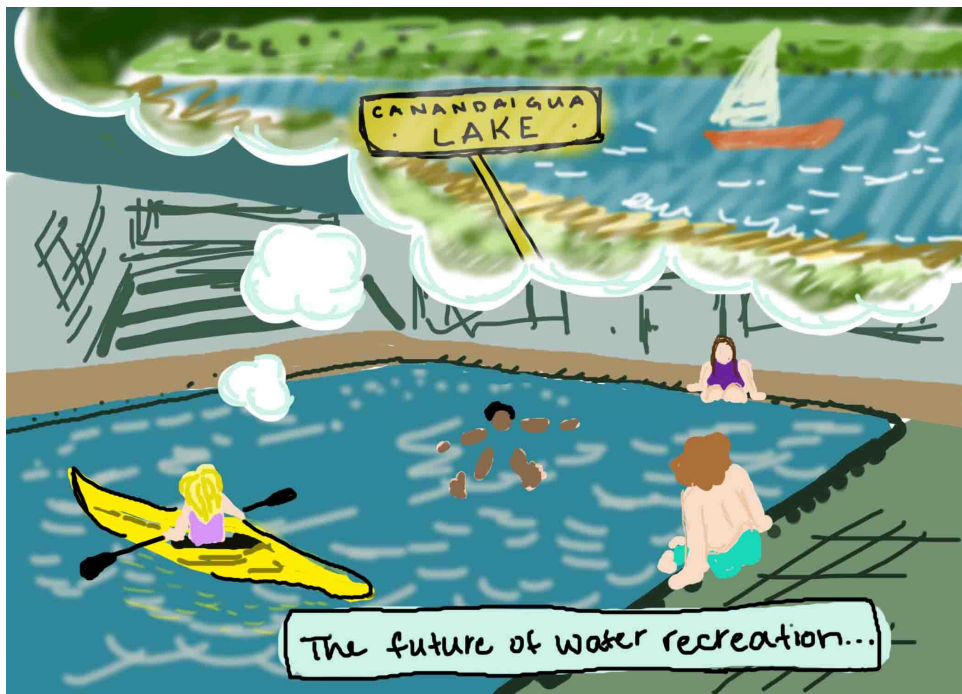
The survey was sent out to current CLWA members (up to date on their membership dues) electronically at the end of April. If you do not receive our electronic communications but would like to participate, please visit the CLWA website and navigate to the "Get involved" tab — the 2020 Member Survey will be the first dropdown. You can also visit it directly at : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLWASURVEY20>. The survey will be open until May 31, 2020.

Thank you for helping us shape the future of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association!

SINGLE PANEL COMIC ABOUT PROTECTING THE LAKE

This winter, the CLWA Outreach Committee put a call to area high school art students to participate in the creation of a single panel comic that describes why we should be protecting Canandaigua Lake. The Committee was interested in the perspective of our young people on the importance of protecting our resources and environment.

Aubrey Bagley was the winner of the contest with her comic "The Future of Water Recreation".



Aubrey is a senior at Marcus Whitman High School. She is 18 years old and participates in multiple extracurricular activities. Among these are drama club (for which she is secretary), Indoor Track, Track and Field, Art Club, Leos Club, and Student Council. Aubrey loves to play guitar and has recently taken up piano as well.

"The concept for this panel came into my mind when I first sat down and thought over the prompt. In order to have the drive and heart to keep the lake healthy, we must think of a world without it and all of its benefits (freshwater, ecosystems, and recreation). As a kid, I was the one who always got the "funnies," or comics, when my parents would read the actual paper. I also loved going to the lake to swim and kayak. I wanted the point to be easily conveyed to adults reading the paper, but especially the young children because they are the ones holding the future. As much as pools can be fun, they don't compare to the natural outdoor water recreation that the lake gives us. The most important thing to me in order to get the point across was to think of a world without the lake that we all have come to know and love so fondly."

REMEMBERING TOM ZIMMERMAN, CLWA PAST PRESIDENT

The Canandaigua Lake Watershed recently lost a true friend and strong advocate. Tom Zimmerman passed away January 22nd.

Along with being a husband, father and grandfather, Tom was an accomplished architect with undergraduate and graduate degrees from Cornell University. He served our country in Vietnam with the US Navy Civil Engineer Corps. He received multiple professional honors including recognition from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) as a 'Fellow' in 1984. In addition, Tom served the community on the FLCC Foundation Board, Town of Gorham Planning Board and was a past president of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association. Tom was a natural leader and was a member of multiple professional and charitable boards throughout his career.



Tom provided an important perspective to our Board – experience with building, development and municipal regulations. He consistently reminded us that CLWA is not anti-development. Rather, we support reasonable and sensible land use. Tom was a pragmatist and his no-nonsense approach helped guide the organization to its current level of success.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with Tom's wife, Carol, and their family. Thank you for letting us borrow his wisdom, wit and intelligence. We will miss him greatly.

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2019 entry by Sarah Wegman



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A "most popular" winner will also be selected based on the greatest number of "likes" on the CLWA Facebook page.

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2017 entry by Danielle Snow



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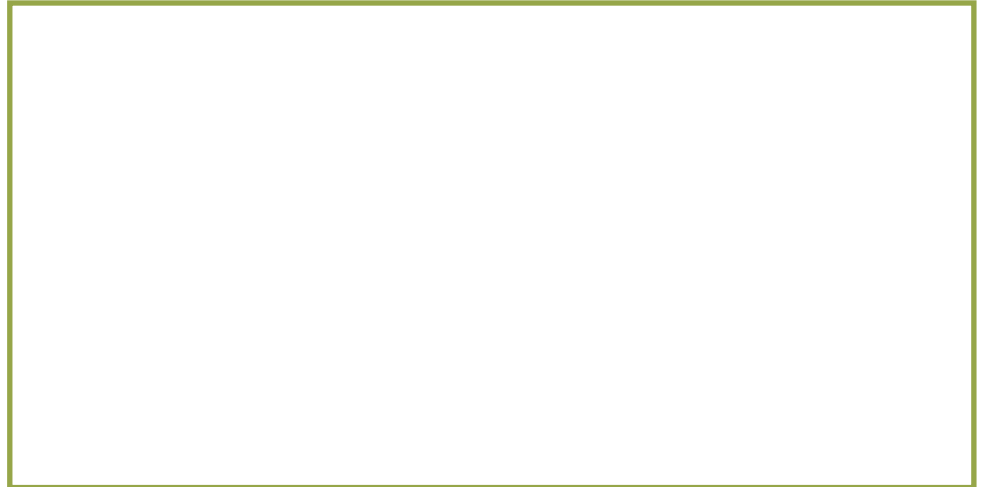
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