

## **Membership Update - 2018**

Thank you to our members for their ongoing support that helps to ensure that the year round work of the Association continues with current projects and future initiatives that benefit us all.

During the time since the JLA's 2017 AGM our membership has grown from 432 to 450. The Association welcomes our newest members.

All are encouraged to take advantage of summertime events which are highlighted in our events calendar in the Summer 2018 Smoke Signals and on the JLA website – [www.jackslakeassociation.ca](http://www.jackslakeassociation.ca)

Thank you to The Anchorage and Forest Glen Marinas for generously being host sites for many of these events.

As well, these events would not take place if it were not for the countless members who volunteer to help make them successful.

Behind the scenes, member volunteers give yeoman's service to keep our sponsorship base strong and connected to cover the production cost of Smoke Signals and to provide some special "take aways" at the Fishing Derby and Regatta.

Our naturalist specialists and enthusiasts work hard during all seasons to monitor environmental stewardship programs that include flora and fauna counts, dam flow and water quality, wetland health and forestry concerns.

We are a great community.

Nanci Smith  
Membership Director

"CONNECT, CONSERVE, CARE"

## **Forestry Update - 2018**

2018 marks the conclusion of the JLA's negotiation process, which began in 2010, with the Bancroft Minden Forestry Company (BMNF) and with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

Tree harvesting will begin around the lake in October, after Thanksgiving weekend, and will cease at the end of April. Forestry operations will be setback by 90 metres from the lake and all wetlands feeding Jack's Lake.

Tim Reece, Head Forester at MNRF, has been invited to participate at the AGM to provide a visual display allowing cottagers to see where and when cutting will take place and to respond to any questions posed by the JLA membership.

JLA Forestry Committee

## **Environmental Update - 2018**

### **Environmental Projects Planned for 2018**

Members of the Jack Lake community are actively involved in numerous environmental projects each year. Projects planned for the 2018 season include:

**Canada Lakes Loon Survey** – This program is coordinated by Ontario Nature. Volunteers from the JLA have participated in this program since 1982. The project involves four lakewide surveys (June – September) as well as recording random observations of loon nesting and reproduction. The loon survey contact is Dawn Tower-DuBois ([wwdp@rit.edu](mailto:wwdp@rit.edu)).

**Atlas of Jack Lake Fauna** – This ongoing project was initiated in 2013. Volunteers report their sightings of various wildlife species and the document is updated on an annual basis. To date, 3,201 sightings have been documented for 505 species (including 26 species at risk) in the Jack Lake area. Sightings should be reported to Steven Kerr ([stevenkerr23@msn.com](mailto:stevenkerr23@msn.com)).

**Invasive Species Awareness** - The local (Bancroft) stewardship council and Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters plans to hold a zebra mussel information day at the Brooks Bay public boat launch on May 18-19 (the opening weekend of walleye season). There will be representatives present to explain how boaters should clean their boats to avoid transferring zebra mussels. Contact person is Ian Hendry ([ian\\_hendry@bell.net](mailto:ian_hendry@bell.net)).

**Invasive Species Monitoring** – This monitoring program is coordinated by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). JLA volunteers have participated in this program since 2014. Using equipment provided by OFAH, sampling involves the collection of screened water samples from various sites on the lake. These samples are then examined to determine if the juvenile life stages of invasive organisms, such as Zebra Mussel and Spiny Water Flea, are present. For more information on this program contact Steven Kerr ([stevenkerr23@msn.com](mailto:stevenkerr23@msn.com)) or visit the following website: <http://www.invadingspecies.com/invading-species-watch-program/>.

**Water Quality Monitoring** – Two projects are planned for 2018:

- (i) **Lake Partner Program** - The Lake Partner Program is Ontario's volunteer-based, water-quality monitoring program which is

conducted in partnership with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers. The goal of the program is to monitor changes in nutrient status of a waterbody over time. Under this program, volunteers collect lake water samples and return them to MOECC's laboratory in Dorset for analysis. For further information contact Sheelagh Hysenaj ([e-mailus@rogers.com](mailto:e-mailus@rogers.com)) or visit the following website: <http://www.desc.ca/programs/lpp>

- (ii) **Trent University Water Quality Program** - This project, initiated in 2017, is a collaborative undertaking at Dr. Paul Frost's Freshwater Ecology Laboratory at Trent University and Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park. This information will provide important baseline information from which to monitor future changes to water chemistry in lakes of North Kawartha. For further information contact Steven Kerr ([stevenkerr23@msn.com](mailto:stevenkerr23@msn.com)).

**Ontario Turtle Tally** - The Ontario Turtle Tally is sponsored by Ontario Nature and the Metro Zoo. Volunteers report their sightings of turtles throughout the year (especially during the nesting season) and a summary is prepared at year end. Report your observations (along with photo if possible and an accurate site description) to Steven Kerr ([stevenkerr23@msn.com](mailto:stevenkerr23@msn.com)).

**Petroglyphs Butterfly Count** - The annual Petroglyphs Butterfly Survey is organized and coordinated by the Peterborough Field Naturalists. The one day survey, held in mid-late June, encompasses an area surrounding Jack Lake. If you are interested in participating, contact Martin Parker ([mparker19@cogeco.ca](mailto:mparker19@cogeco.ca)) of the Peterborough Field Naturalists.

**Petroglyphs Christmas Bird Count** – Christmas bird counts are held annually across North America. Collectively, the Christmas Bird Counts represent the longest running annual bird survey in North America, having just completed its 134th year. This annual bird count, initiated in 1983, is organized by the Peterborough Field Naturalists and has been conducted for more than 30 years. The Christmas Bird Counts are held annually between December 14 and January 5 each year. If interested in participating contact Martin Parker ([mparker19@cogeco.ca](mailto:mparker19@cogeco.ca)) of the Peterborough Field Naturalists.

## **JLA Film Festival Update - 2018**

This year's festival will be over three days Aug 16, 17 and 18th, and for the first time tickets will be available online at: [www.jlafilmfestival.ca](http://www.jlafilmfestival.ca)

There will be an easy link for tickets also on the JLA website. For those who may not want to shop online, they will be able to purchase tickets at Forest Glen Marina.

Promotion will be enhanced this year with a large banner when you enter town (crossing the bridge) for three weeks prior to the festival, a banner on Forest Glen's barn, and an active Facebook Event Page. This will be in addition to the sandwich boards that we had at a number of locations around town last year.

Proceeds from this year's festival go to supporting all the Jack's Lake events, from camps, to corn roasts, the Regatta, etc. Also for the first time we are pleased to announce that we will be supporting a local charity, the Apsley Food Bank. The Food Bank will also have an information table at each night of the festival.

We have added a cash bar for 90 minutes prior to the 7:30pm evening screenings.

The very popular Silent Auction will return featuring the excellent photography of Dawn Towers Dubois and Bill DuBois.

And, we have a great lineup of films, featuring two special guest presenters:

- LEISURE SEEKERS with Donald Sutherland and Helen Mirren
- TULIPANI - A big hit at TIFF last fall. The Producer Don Carmody will be at the screening to introduce the film.
- WHERE THE UNIVERSE SINGS - an outstanding documentary on the life and times of Lawren Harris and the origins of the Group of Seven.
- LONG TIME RUNNING - the last tour of The Tragically Hip after Gord Downie was diagnosed with brain cancer. The band Manager Patrick Sambrook will be at the screening to introduce the film.

It promises to be a fun weekend! Hope to see you there!