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The 2012 Craft Show,

by Cathy Dunphy



This show was THE big one. The THIRTIETH! Yes, it rained and yes, many vendors decided to stay away when they'd committed to come but those who came were attended to by the courtly Alex Milburn and led to coffee and cake provided by the two Susans. Guess we know who our fair weather friends are now!

We had fewer vendors than last year even before the inclement weather. Some of the vendors didn't pay us so, therefore, yes, our overall take will probably be less this year.

But look at these numbers, all of them more or equal to last year's take:

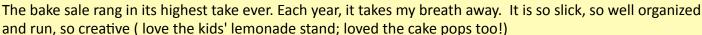
Book Sale – \$315.00 Raffle Table – \$641.00

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This is amazing and it's proof that people came even in the rain. That means that together, we have accomplished our goal -- to ensure that our neighbours and friends understand that this craft show is for them. That it is a celebration of the Kahshe community.

We doubled our sales of books -- thanks so much, Marg and Karen. I really noticed this year that people were very cheerful at the book tables. As a book lover, I am probably biaised but I thought you created a really warm vibe in that back room.



I remember standing in front of the beer tent (and wasn't that a hit?) and looking back up the hill (through the rain) at the photo display. Fortunately George Lindsay, the man who made it happen, was next to me. "Look at that," I recall saying, pointing at the clusters of people bending in to get a closer look at the photos. What I was trying to say was that the Kahshe Photo Contest is now part of Kahshe tradition and that thrills me -- yes, thrills. The photo contest is an important tie that binds every cottager on Kahshe.

George was also the man who stickhandled a lot of bureaucracy and shifting logistical requirements to enable us to have the beer tent this year. This has been a dream of mine -- and I don't even drink beer. I think people need and want and should spend time at the craft show. Having a place to sit. mingle, eat and drink is essential to that and this year's food and drink set up was brilliant.



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The 2012 Craft Show (from page 1)

Thanks to Elaine Smith for finding and setting up all those tables, then disguising them with gorgeous and waterproof (!) green tablecloths. Thanks to Sean Corbett for finding the white canopy so people could eat and drink under shelter. Once



again, Keith Price fed the hungry hordes, efficiently and well. He makes things in the KKKK so much fun that he doesn't even have to beg for help. Every single man on the KLRA board worked in this kitchen. And they have a blast for sure, but it's hard labour over those hot barbecues and I'm grateful to all of you.

Delirious thanks to Peter Kiddell who responded to my increasingly desperate emails and sent out an APB to his extensive Kahshe mailing list that netted us the very talented Dave Robinson. We had music at the craft show this year. Great music. My ultimate dream came true. Dave has said he'll be back and I will hold him to that.

Sawdust City proved to be the perfect partners for us -- a small craft brewery happy to fit in with our low-key style. In fact, Sam, that very affable young brewmaster who poured you your drinks, has written to say that Sawdust City was so pleased with their reception at the show that instead of donating to us 10 per cent of their profits, they are donating \$100 -- considerably more.

Thanks to Clare, Joan and Judy for their work on marking our 30th. I was enthralled with Clare's slide show and I wasn't

alone. Anytime I paused to catch a few more slides, there was a crowd there looking at them with me. I know the vendors loved their ribbons; Nancy Ogle and her twin sister (founder Lois Ogle's daughters) were delighted their mother was remembered and honoured, as were Beth Kennett's family. And bless Dorene Jacobs for dressing to the nines for the occasion and ignoring the fact the rest of us were wearing dripping wet Kahshe t-shirts. (And don't you love that they are available now in colours?)

Judy Henderson tamed that squealing mike and somehow made the 30th presentation ceremony meaningful, even as it took place under a leaking front porch. The certificates were simple but I hope all of you who received one know that they are heartfelt (and probably still







And thanks to the board of the KLRA for greenlighting and funding our "thank the Rings" project. Artist Sandy Follis outdid herself capturing Rockhaven which has been the centre of the community for so long. I only wish we had thought of making posters of it, so many of us coveted that drawing.

Elayne Burt shanghaied -- I mean sweet talked -- so many donations this year that our silent auction table groaned. She was the one who had the idea -- and drove to Huntsville to pull it off -- of getting Survivorman loot. That netted us the highest bid, by far. Her husband Dave was, simply, a hero. For years he has looked after the parking but this year that was only the beginning of what he did, including helping us throw up emergency tents, save expensive sound equipment and calm me down so I didn't kill my only child.







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KLRA annual meeting.

Essentially, nominees should have:

- * contributed to life of Kahshe Lake including but not limited to protecting the lake and its surroundings, promoting community good will, promoting and/or supporting safe practises on and around the lake, and fostering meaningful communication;
 - * made a significant investment of his/her time and talent for the Kahshe Lake community. NOTE that current KLRA Board Members are NOT eligible for this award

A complete description and explanation of the nomination process can be found at our website: www.kahshelake.ca .

Click on the heading "Outstanding Volunteer Award".

Or simply type in the url:

http://www.kahshelake.ca/OutstandingVolunteerAward

We encourage you to make a nomination. There are a number of ways to do this:

Download the nomination form (in either PDF or Word format), complete it and mail it in to our secretary at the address shown at the bottom of the form:

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volunteeraward@kahshelake.ca

Please note that we will be accepting nominations until

May 1, 2013.

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President's Message -- Fall 2012



Wasn't this past summer glorious?
The weather was spectacular. As I write this, Fall is upon us, and if you haven't been to the lake for some weeks, I can report that the lake levels are back above normal summer levels.
Some of those hazards you first noticed

this summer are hidden again.

We had a successful summer with respect to the events we sponsor on the lake. Unfortunately, I was only able to attend the Housey's Rapids Picnic and the Kahshe Country Craft Show and Sale, and missed the Fishing Derby and the Regatta.

The thirtieth edition of the Craft Show was an amazing event, despite with the mid-day downpour. Although the KLRA has had responsibility for the Show for the past 16 years, it has not been without controversy. Several of the Craft Show organizing committee have clearly indicated their wish that we, the KLRA, not be involved in future, and we have acceded to that request. Consequently, we will no longer be a sponsoring organization. I want to take this opportunity to convey the Board's best wishes for the future success of the Kahshe Country Craft Show and Sale.

There have been a few organizational changes within the Board of Directors that I wish to share with you. John Mertl has agreed to take on the role of Vice President, and has stepped down as Secretary. Our Past President, Greig Holder, has agreed to take on the role of Secretary on a temporary basis. John has also decided to give up responsibility for the Rock Marker Committee, which he ably led following the resignation

of Tim Ottaway. Long-time cottager, Barry Elder, has volunteered to lead the Rock Marker Committee going forward.

I would like to acknowledge all those who contributed to the Rock Marker fund raising initiative this summer. Your generosity, along with the funds we received from the "Make Your Lake Great" contest, will help us maintain the Rock Marker program for years to come. The contest sponsors were the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association, Cottage Life, and Boat Smart. The Board has also been working on the structure of our sub-committees. For many years we had a subcommittee called the Kahshe Lake Plan Implementation Committee. Some of the relevance for that committee disappeared when the Town of Gravenhurst incorporated much of the Kahshe Lake Plan into the most recent Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw. Since the work of KLPIC has been concluded, we have collapsed this sub-committee. At the same time we have created a new sub-committee called the Conservation Committee. We are still working on this new committee's mandate and responsibilities which will include taking a long-range view of environmental matters concerning the lake.

I want to remind everyone to take all necessary precautions as Fall turns to Winter. It will only be a few weeks before ice forms on the lake, but it will be some time afterward before the ice can safely support you.

Stay safe!

Bob Reyburn

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LAKE STEWARD REPORT – OCTOBER 2012

Water Quality Monitoring Activities During the Period from July to October, 2012

As I indicated in my July Krier report, Kahshe Lake is currently being monitored for water quality parameters under two main initiatives as described below. Here's a summary of what has happened since my July report.

Lake Partner Program (MOE & FOCA – sampling by Kahshe Lake Steward)

- Water clarity measurements
 - Clarity of the water has been measured twice a month at three locations (Grant's Bay, Kluey's Bay and Deep Bay) using a Secchi disc, and these findings have now been forwarded to the MOE for compilation and comparison with other lakes in Ontario.
- Water quality testing
 - Water is sampled from two locations in May each year and sent to Dorset where the MOE analyzes it for total phosphorous. Howard Mandel collected and submitted the samples for May of 2012, and I will be doing the same in May 2013.

Lake System Health Program (District Municipality of Muskoka/Muskoka Watershed Council)

- Monitoring bottom-dwelling aquatic invertebrates
 - O With assistance and direction from the DMM/MWC staff, headed by Ms Katie Paroschy, 2012 Biomonitoring Technician and her two assistants, benthic organisms in near-shore sediments were taken at Site #3 which is located on the north side of Birch Island. Once collected, the pails of mud were brought back to our cottage, where an exceptional crew of lake volunteers proceeded to isolate and capture the benthic organisms which were then identified/counted by Katie and her crew. It was great to witness the team of volunteers who braved a very unsettled weather pattern and stuck it out through rain squalls until the last counts were completed. As this was my first year at organizing the event, I am grateful to the following people who made this year's count one of the fastest the MWC staff have ever organized: Clare Henderson and his son and grandson Scott and Alex, Rob Abbott, Herb Grossman and his granddaughters Stevey and Rachel Goldshleger, Toby Fletcher and my son Shane, his wife Tasha and my grandson Russell. Special thanks also to my wife Gail and Tasha who organized lunch for the helpers. I received a very complementary thank you letter from Katie and she has now provided me with the results of the counting program (more on that later).

I've included a shot of Katie taking the samples and a couple of the KLRA volunteer counters at work.







- ➤ Water quality testing by DMM-MWC staff
 - Water at two locations on Kahshe Lake is sampled and tested for a variety of chemical and physical parameters every two years. This information is then used by the DMM to generate a sub-watershed report card on indicators of the health of both terrestrial and aquatic resources. As Kahshe Lake was sampled in 2011, the next sampling will be in 2013.

What's happening to our Lake?

As indicated in the summer Krier, I requested and have now received all the historical data from the DMM and MOE and am in the process of analyzing it for trends over the more than 20 year period for which some of the parameters have been measured. I've also asked for and received all the water quality data for three lakes (Bass, Ryde and Sunny) that are up-gradient to Kahshe, but still within the Kahshe Lake sub-watershed, as I believe it's important to know what's happening in these lakes for comparison with our own lake quality data. I've now completed the data analysis and will finalize my report in November. Unfortunately, due to the size of the report, it is not possible to present it in the Krier format as I had hoped to do. Instead, what I'm going to do after it's posted on the KLRA web site is to use it as a base for shorter fact sheet summaries in the Krier and then present a summary of the entire 2012 Kahshe Lake Steward Report at the 2013 Annual Meeting. The report will also include an analysis of the benthic monitoring that we now have for two sites on thelake.

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The 2012 Kermit Long Kid's Fishing Derby



was a great success. 27 kids entered one or more fish. And over 70 fish were measured at Denne's Dock on Saturday, July 28. Thanks go to KRLA and to many cottagers for their financial donations. Thanks also to Sandra Moad, Toi Madras, Louis Selva and Mike Davies for help at the dock.

There are 3 permanent perpetual trophies for the 3 longest fish overall.

First place went to **Nick Arnott** - 17 1/2 inch largemouth bass.

Second place was won by **Blake Tonna** - 15 1/2 inch largemouth bass.

Third place was a tie - **Blake Tonna** (15 inch largemouth) and **KC Long** (15 inch walleye).

Take-home trophies were given for the longest fish of each species:

ROCK BASS -- Owen Davies, 7 1/2 inches;

SUNFISH -- Carter DeForest 8 inches,

PERCH -- KC Long 7 inches;

SMALLMOUTH BASS -- KC Long 14 1/2 inches;

LARGE MOUTH BASS -- Nick Arnott, 17 1/2 inches;

WALLEYE -- KC Long, 15 inches;

OTHER -- Marcus Selva, 7 inch Crawdad.

There were no muskie, crappie, catfish or pike entered.



<u>Lake Steward's Report</u> (cont from page 5)

Other Activities Completed to Date

Another goal I set out in July was to attend any relevant conferences or presentations if they looked like they would help in understanding the potential for adverse environmental impacts on our lake. On July 26, I attended a presentation in Port Carling by Dr. Michelle Palmer, a research scientist with the MOE, at their Dorset facility. The title of Dr. Palmer's presentation was "Our Lakes: How Have they Changed Over the Last 25 Years". This was a summary of her York University Ph.D. program where she investigated how 25 years of climate change, lakeshore development, road salting, acid rain, calcium decline, and invasive species have impacted lake temperature, water quality and zooplankton in approximately 40 lakes in south-central Ontario.

Again, there isn't enough space here to delve into Dr. Palmer's findings; however, in a nut-shell, she did find that lakes in Muskoka are now warmer, more salty, less acidic, lower in total phosphorus and have altered zooplankton communities. She also noted that an invasive species (Spiny water flea) also is spreading rapidly throughout the lakes in Muskoka. I plan to incorporate her findings as well as the findings from three other 'big picture' analyses of Muskoka Lakes data in my analysis of the Kahshe Lake data.

Regards,

Ron Pearson

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The 8th ANNUAL KAHSHE LAKE REGATTA

Another summer of terrific weather – just perfect for our annual regatta. Held at Nagaya Beach on Saturday August 18th, there was a great turnout of cottagers and locals from all around Kahshe Lake. This was truly an all ages event with solid participation from kids of all ages and even the older folks

partook in the swim races and other water events. A big hit this year were the land races: running, sack, three-legged as well as the endurance event: the hula hoop content. The events for the younger kids proved to be very popular: a sandcastle building contest, fish pond game, and minnow races.

The art contest continues to captivate the attention of most kids and the quality of their work made judging very difficult. The water balloon toss and canoe races were well attended and pitted BFFs and family teams against each other in friendly competition. The final events, the tug-of-war and cardboard box boat competition, capped off this year's regatta. Ribbons were awarded for each event and at the end there was buckets of candy for the kids to fill up their own take-home bag. A good time was had by all! See you next year. Bring your cottage neightburs and friends too!

Colleen Powell











Click on full report to get the results of all the competitions and see all the photographs of the 2012 Regatta, or go to www.kahshelake.ca and click on 2012 Regatta in the left hand column.

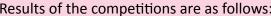
The 51st Annual Housey's Rapids Picnic

What a beautiful summer day. And another wonderful Housey's Rapids Picnic! The newly formed organizing committee of Wes and Janis Ryan, Wendy Houlberg, Cathan DeForest, Nancy and Shawn Corbett, and Belinda Sutherland, with consulting help from Keith Price, did an outstanding job of entertaining the kids (and the adults) with games and activities, and of feeding the hungry, kids and adults alike.



Thanks once again to Gwen Hems and Kim Lasarchuk for another imaginative craft table activity, to Gord White and Tien Bui for the barbecue, to Muskoka Meats for the hamburgers and hotdogs, to Art McReavy for the loan of the volleyball equipment and Tug o' War Rope, and to Scott Watson for running the horseshoe tournament.

Our sincere appreciation to all the businesses who donated food and/or prizes for the Raffle Table: Cottage Life Magazine, Muskoka Steamship Company, Grace and Speed Museum, Muskoka Springs, Gravenhurst Opera House, YIG Gravenhurst, Sobey's, Home Hardware (Gravenhurst), Home Hardware (Washago), Chamberlain's TimBrMart, Washago TimBrMart, Home Building Centre (Gravenhurst), Giant Tiger, Boston Pizza.



Results of the competitions are as follows:						
Three-legged Race	1st	Derek Houlberg and Grace Sutherland				
	2nd	Paige Loft and Keith Joelle and Carter DeForest				
	3rd					
Egg and Spoon Race		Heat 1	Heat 2=			
	1st	Logan	Carter DeForest			
	2nd	Paige Loft	Carson DeForest			
	3rd	Sebastian Bell	Grace Sutherland			
Pillowcase Race		Older	Younger			
	1st	Carter DeForest	Sebastian Bell			
	2nd	Logan	Carson DeForest			
	3rd	Joelle				
Swimming Race	1st	Carter DeForest				
	2nd	Kevin Houlberg				
	3rd	Logan				
	4th	Carson DeForest				









Horseshoe Tournament1stDennis and Wendy Houlberg2ndRob and Christina Bell=3rdWes and Janis Ryan=3rdJulie White and Joelle

More incredible **Picnic Pics** by ace photographer, **Janis Ryan**, will be appearing on the KLRA website www.kahshelake.ca in the near future: click on **2012 Picnic** in the left hand column.

IN MEMORIAM

Bob (Robbie) Robinson, July 21, 1942 - November 3, 2012

Bob Robinson will always be remembered on Kahshe Lake for his smiling face and sense of fun. As a teen and young man, Bob could always be found involved in cottage pranks and activities or running his prized Aristocraft around the lake with his brother Gord and his many friends. Bob also enjoyed racing his Aristocraft in the races organized by the Kahshe Lake Pacemakers boat club where he was a founding member.

Bob and his wife Avril involved their three children in summer cottage experiences at the Robinson family cottage at the Housey's Rapids end of Kahshe Lake where his family enjoyed many of the same escapades as Bob had participated in as a boy. The many raft wars are still remembered!



Later on, Bob took an active role in the Housey's Rapids Cottagers Association where he took a leadership role in organizing the very successful Cent Stomp – the Association's celebration of the Centennial in 1967. Bob also drew on his experiences as a firefighter and was instrumental in implementing the Fire Road numbering system in Ryde and used his artistic talents to produce the original red and white Fire Road signs. The Ryde Fire Road system continues in use today to help both full time and seasonal residents provide address information when emergency services are required.

When Bob retired from the North York Fire Department as a Rescue Captain, he and Avril moved to Nova Scotia where he was an active and involved member of his community. Bob leaves his wife Avril, his children – Vanessa, Malea and Cameron – and his six beloved grandchildren. He will be missed by brother Gordon, sister-in-law Jill, his niece Jocelyne, nephews Garrett, Travis and Seth and their families.

Lois Edith Ogle, 1925 - 2013



Lois died peacefully at the Bethany Lodge, Pringle Place in Unionville on Sunday September 23, 2012. Formerly of Gravenhurst, Lois had a great love of Kahshe which she knew at least as early as age 16, and was very involved with many of the Kahshe Lake Craft Shows. Lois was predeceased by her husband William Melville Ogle, and by her partner Edward Heaps of Kahshe Lake. Beloved mother to Nancy (Patrick) Doran of Milford Bay, Lori Elizabeth (Randy) Cliff of Stouffville and David William (Cheryl) Ogle of Toronto. Lois was also predeceased by her brother William (Irwin) Oullahan of Toronto and by her sister Audrey Elizabeth Moody also of Toronto. Beloved

grandmother to Bill, Robbie, Kirstin, Theresa, Steven, Lindsay and Connor. Great grandmother to Nadalee, Patrick and Bennett. In keeping with Lois's wishes, cremation has taken place. In memory of Lois, donations to the CNIB would be greatly appreciated.

Robert B Crocker (1919-2012)

Bob Crocker died peacefully on June 25 at the age of 93 after a period of declining health. He was predeceased in 2010 by his spouse of 55 years Becky Crocker. He is survived by children John von Lackum,, Sue von Lackum, Nancy Horstman, Tom von Lackum, Marilyn Edwards Crocker, James Crocker, and Phyllis Crocker, and their spouses or significant others; four grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters as well as two nephews (Dave and Larry Crocker) and their families. Dad was a remarkable man and we will miss him deeply, but also celebrate the fact that we got to be with him for so many years.



Dad lived in the midwestern U.S.A all of his life: during his career as a minister in the United Methodist Church Bob served congregations in Indiana, Iowa, Alaska, and Illinois as well as the Sparrow Lake United Church here in Ontario. Kahshe Lake was his true home. His grandfather built a cottage on Kahshe in 1910 and Dad journeyed to the lake each summer of his life with only a few exceptions. Kahshe was not just a vacation spot. Kahshe was a place where generations of the family gathered together, a place of family tradition and history, a place he yearned to be. From life on Kahshe with our Dad we learned to appreciate the sighting of the moon's path across the water, the sound of the waves lapping on the shore and the plaintive cry of the loon breaking the stillness of the night.

Kahshe WINTER Happenings

A new section where you can find out what local clubs and organisations are offering.

If you know of any other Kahshe area organisations that might like to submit articles to the Krier, please invite them to contact me: keithonkahshe@rogers.com

Ryde Community Centre

A lot is happening at the RCC over the next few months. The Directors have been hard at work planning programs and events for the coming year and we hope that our seasonal residents will plan to participate as well. Special family activities are being organized for the Christmas and March Break. At this time, we have confirmed two snowshoeing events – one to be held on January 3rd and the other on March 14th. They will be a 'Tracks and Scat' nature hike led by a local biologist and followed by hot dogs and hot chocolate at the RCC. January 12th is our annual Chili Cook-off and it is always well attended. Please check our calendar of events at http://rydecommunityco-op.com/calendarnew.html. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the monthly newsletter, please send a request to ryde.coop@gmail.com.

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Snowmobile riders: get your permits before December 1st!
That is SOON!

For information about the club's activities, visit their website:

www.snowcrestriders.com

Editorial

As I put together all the bits and pieces that make up the newsletter, I am constantly reminded of how much so many people contribute to the life of the Kahshe community, and of how much joy and satisfaction so many of us get from being a part of this community.

We need only look at the success of the KLRA Events (Picnic, Fishing Derby, Craft Show and Regatta), at the outstanding response to the Rock Marker Fund-raising Project and at the Conservation Initiatives of the Board to see how committed we all are to enjoying Kahshe ourselves and to ensuring enjoyment of Kahshe for future generations. I truly hope that you will all continue to be true Kahsheites by supporting our events, by being responsible stewards of the lake,

and by getting involved. Have a safe and enjoyable winter.

Keith Price

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