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LGA News

Newsletter of The Lake George Association

Nov/Dec 2008
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LGA Promotes Lake-Friendly Landscaping

Protecting Lake George one lawn at a time by working with homeowners, landscapers

As soon as it starts to get cold in late fall, many of us start to think about next spring and the warm weather to come. It is no different here at the LGA office.

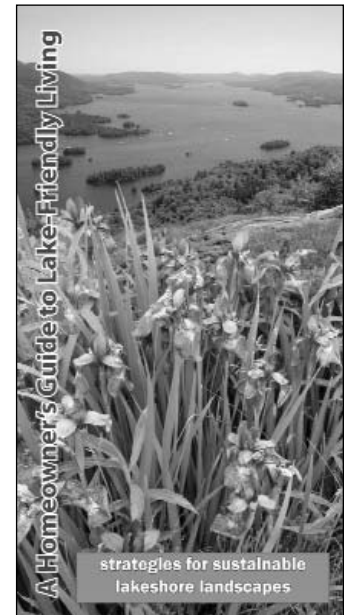
The LGA staff is already making plans to continue our campaign to spread our lake-friendly landscaping messages to residents, businesses and property managers around the Lake George watershed. We will be using all available means to distribute helpful messages about **using phosphorus-free fertilizers** and **planting buffers with native vegetation**. Our plans include the production of a new brochure. *(Far Right)*



A list of local garden centers and hardware stores that sell phosphorus-free fertilizer is on the LGA website, and we expect to update it next spring as well.

Remember though, if you want to fertilize, the best time is the fall, not the spring. So, save yourself some time and money, and wait until next fall rolls around for that job.

Also, the LGA has been able to provide lists of native plants for some time now, but we recognize that it can be hard to find many of the species on these lists.



LGA Resources for You!

Find area "P-free" fertilizer retailers and learn about lake-friendly landscaping at: www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/html/landscaping.htm

Just like everything else - it is all about supply and demand. If you, the consumer, ask for the plants, then more nurseries will start to carry them.

The LGA staff members are working hard on both sides of the fence. We are educating residents to ask for native plants from their landscapers and garden centers, and we are also trying to work with suppliers as well. We have been establishing relationships with nurseries in the area and promoting the stocking of native plants, especially native alternatives to some of the common invasive ornamentals, such as burning bush and barberry.

If you need help locating native plants, give us a call. When in doubt if something is invasive, don't plant it! ♣

Also Inside This Issue:

How you can help the
LGA protect Lake
George in difficult
economic times.

Plotting the Course

A message from J. Buckley Bryan Jr., LGA President



Important News for all LGA Supporters!

It is no secret that our nation is facing a great economic challenge. Non-profit organizations, like the LGA, certainly are not immune to economic fluctuations.

However, there are several ways to support the LGA's mission at a significant level without making a large, direct gift of cash. Furthermore, there are potential tax benefits that go with some of these various forms of giving.

Therefore, in addition to your annual membership dues, you might also consider:

A donation from your IRA...

Congress has extended the IRA Charitable Rollover as part of the "Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008," which extends the deadline for these donations to December 31, 2009.

If you are 70 1/2 or older, own an IRA, and regularly make charitable contributions, this opportunity may be suitable for you.

You may make distributions directly from your IRA to the LGA without the distributions being included in your taxable income or subject to withholdings. These donations also count towards your mandatory withdrawal.

Making a donation from an IRA rather than other assets is appropriate for those who: do not itemize, would not be able to deduct all of their charitable contributions because of deduction limitations, may lose some of their itemized deductions because of their income level, or are required to take distributions but do not need them for living expenses.

Certain limitations apply to those non-taxable charitable distributions from an IRA: They cannot exceed \$100,000 per year, they must be made to a public charity (and cannot be made to a supporting charity or donor advised fund), the gifts must be made outright.

For more information on IRA Charitable Rollovers, please be sure to contact your tax advisor or attorney.

Joining the Helen V. Froehlich Legacy Society and create your own legacy...

A charitable bequest is one of the simplest ways to make a gift to the LGA, and often at a level not possible during one's lifetime. A bequest can be made for a specific amount or a percentage of your estate. Your gift can consist of cash, securities, real estate, or personal property. It can be for

general use or restricted for a specific program or service. This special gift truly reflects what is important to you.

The federal tax laws recognize that organizations, like the LGA, rely on generous private donations to continue important work. For this reason, the law permits a 100% charitable estate tax deduction when you make a bequest to the LGA in your will.

Stay tuned for our upcoming newsletters, which will contain additional information on the Helen V. Froehlich Legacy Society. You will also hear from some of our charter members and why they were inspired to join.



At the LGA's 123rd Annual Meeting, Nancy Cobb-Zoll, LGA Director of Membership Development, presented Buck Bryan with a lapel pin, recognizing him as the first member of the new Helen V. Froehlich Legacy Society.

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- Claim a charitable deduction for the gift
- Deduct the stock's decrease in value from your other income, thereby reducing the taxes you pay!

As always, it is recommended that you consult with your personal tax advisor or attorney.

For more information, please contact the LGA by phone at (518) 668-3558 or visit the LGA website at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org. ♦

Lake Saving Projects Update: Spotlight on Bixby Beach Road

Progress was made on several Lake Saving Projects this year, but perhaps the most significant project, outside of the West Brook Conservation Initiative, is the Bixby Beach Road Project. This stormwater management project went through many design changes, but it is now nearly complete.



Bixby Beach Road, located in the Town of Bolton, was an unpaved road with a small beach at end of the road that would wash out during most rain events, pulling sediment into the lake. The updated stormwater design called for the road to be paved with the stormwater runoff directed into a series of stormwater collection and infiltration devices.

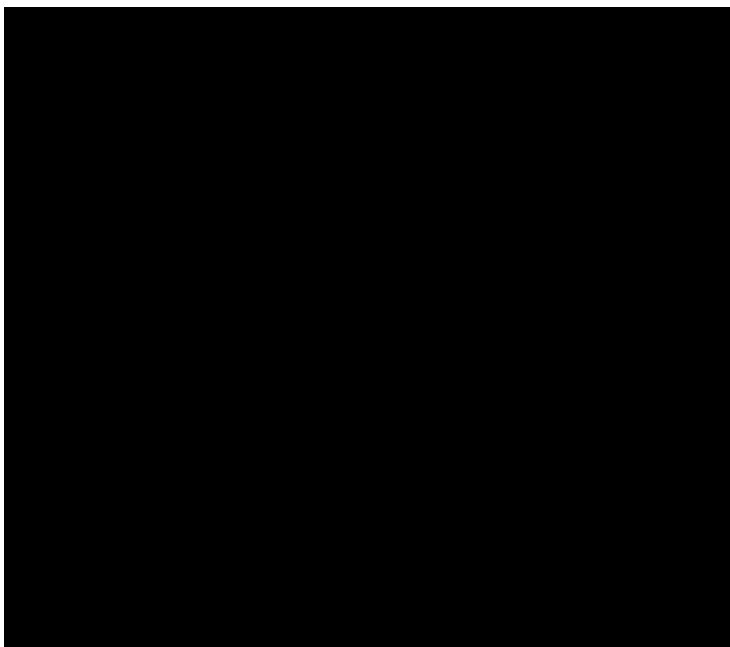


The runoff will enter a trench box that will direct the water to a dry well (8' diameter) where sediment will drop to the bottom. Once the dry well reaches capacity during a storm event, the overflow will enter a series of underground chambers. The dry well and underground stormwater chambers will allow for the water to infiltrate into the ground. Any additional stormwater that does not infiltrate into the ground will be discharged into the lake.

The project was a collaboration of efforts from the Town of Bolton, Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, Warren County DPW and the LGA. **Kathy Simmes, Bolton Supervisor**, was able to bring everyone together to get this work started and even provided some hands-on assistance. **Bolton's Highway Superintendent Tim Coon and his great crew** provided the equipment and labor for all of the site preparation, soil removal and structure placement. **Dave Wick, Lori Kerrigan and Dean Moore from the Warren County**

Soil and Water Conservation District designed and had project oversight throughout the process. **Warren County DPW** completed the paving of the road.

The project is not quite finished. The **Town of Bolton's Building and Grounds** crew is currently constructing a native plant garden on both sides of the beach. The plants have been



selected by the **LGA's Mona Seeger and Emily DeBolt** and will be planted by Master Gardener residents from the town.

We look forward to working on more projects with these partners and with others who have an interest in keeping Lake George beautiful. ♡

To learn more about the LGA and how to support its work, call 518-668-3558 or go online to www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.

**The LGA's
16th Annual
Golf Tournament**
*Sagamore Golf Club
September 25, 2008*



See photos of this year's tournament online at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/html/golf_2008_pics.htm



LGA staff taking leadership role in statewide fight against invasive species

Hood named Chairman of Advisory Committee

In July, **James Hood, the LGA's Communications Coordinator**, was invited to join the **New York State Invasive Species Advisory Committee (NYISAC)**. He represents the NYS Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) on the statewide committee.

NYISAC held its first meeting in October, and Hood was named as the committee's first chairman. Hood has made it his goal to energize the Committee and make it proactive, taking on tasks and filling in gaps to ensure progress.

The NYS Invasive Species Council created the Advisory Committee to engage stakeholders and receive input on how the state should proceed in developing effective strategies to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species and to manage existing infestations throughout the state.

The 25-member ISAC consists of non-governmental groups from industry, academia, environmental conservation and advocacy, and local government.

NYSFOLA was invited as a statewide organization of lake associations. Hood is a member of the NYSFOLA Board of Directors and chairs that group's Invasive Species Committee. The LGA and NYSFOLA have traditionally focused on invasive aquatic plants and animals such as Eurasian watermilfoil and zebra mussels.

However, terrestrial plants and animals are beginning to have tremendous negative impacts on watersheds. Invasive plants such as Purple loosestrife, Japanese knotweed, Common Reed, Garlic mustard and Shrubby honeysuckle have already become firmly established in the Lake George watershed.

Insects, like Asian long-horned beetle and Emerald ash borer, are a serious threat, as their primary method for spread is through the transportation of firewood.

The Adirondacks are well-represented on NYISAC through **Dr. Charles Boylen of Darrin Fresh Water Institute** and **Hilary Oles of the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program**.

Look for updates on this important topic in the spring! ♠

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See photos of this year's tournament online at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/html/golf_2008_pics.htm

Education and Outreach Program Updates

Lake George Watershed Lake Steward Program

The LGA has been working hard compiling the tremendous amount of data from this summer's Lake Steward program. The stewards did an amazing job - inspecting about 3,000 boats and removing just over 100 plant/animal specimens.



About 60 of those specimens were identified as invasive species by **Larry Eichler** at the **Darrin Fresh Water Institute** in Bolton Landing.

The stewards also helped with **Adirondack Park Invasive Species Awareness Week** events in July and helped remove the terrestrial invasive plant Garlic mustard from Rogers Park Campground with **NYSDEC** staff.

We will be issuing a report in the coming months with all the results and highlights of this program - so keep an eye out for it!

Volunteer Programs

Two groups of teenagers from **Beckett Chimney Corners YMCA** visited the LGA this year. One group helped with landscaping at the LGA office and also helped plant a rain garden at Ti Beach. The other



group helped finish putting down the storm drain markers in the Village of Lake George and attacked some invasive shrubby honeysuckle at the Lake George Land Conservancy's

Pilot Knob Ridge Preserve. Also, a group from **ACC Upward Bound** helped remove trash from English Brook in a joint effort between the **LGA, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District**, and **NYS Department of Transportation**.

Floating Classroom

The LGA would like to give a very special thank you to **Cathy LaBombard** and **Richard Seeger**, for helping out with the Floating Classroom field trips this fall.

Emily DeBolt, **LGA Education & Outreach Coordinator**, had back surgery at the end of July, and was unable to lead the field trips at the beginning of the fall. Instead of having to cancel the trips and have the students miss out, LGA



Board member **Cathy LaBombard**, who just recently retired from teaching high school science at Lake Luzerne, stepped up to the plate. **Richard Seeger** donated his time as well to help Cathy pack and unpack the equipment from the LGA to Rogers Park in Bolton Landing each day.

Emily is back on her feet now and was able to wrap up the season with the few final trips. We ended up having a great fall season, with 13 days of field trips teaching lake science to just over 450 students!

Summer Intern

Another special thank you goes to our summer intern, **Samantha Zuhlke**, who worked here at the LGA for the second summer in a row. **Sam** is back at school at Colgate - but we couldn't have done without her this summer!



LGA & Friends stage 1st Annual Lake-a-palooza Festival for Lake Awareness

Some of the LGA's newest members and friends gathered for a day-long festival of music and talk about Lake George in late August.



The first Lake-a-palooza Festival for Lake Awareness was held at Judd's Tavern in Lake George Village.

Support was provided by Herb Cloutier (Encompass Design Studios), Ken Lytle (Radio Lake George) and local musicians Chuck Kelsey, Live Without

Annette, Phil Camp, Deja Blue, Jonathan Newell and Lake George's own Day in the Life. The LGA thanks you all!

The event was webcast live on RadioLakeGeorge.com and we received kudos from some fellow conservationists in Oregon!

Stay tuned for another similar event during the Winter Carnival! ♠



LGA Staff Holiday Wish List:

Often, there are certain items necessary to help the LGA staff complete projects, which are not covered through grant funding. So, we are hoping to find some generous gift givers among our members. Yes, we have all been very good this year!

- New or slightly used laptop computer
- High resolution scanner
- Digital video camera
- Volunteers to help with mailings, events

Happy Holidays from Walt, Nancy, Emily, Jim, Jessica, Randy and Mona!

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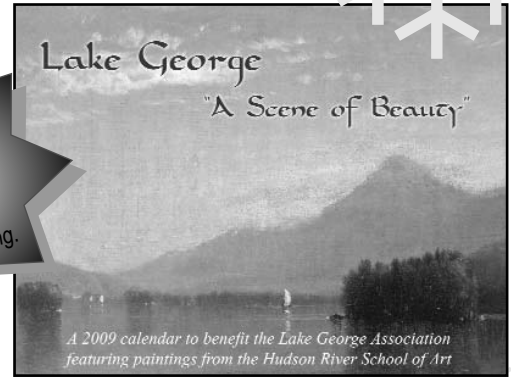
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See all 12 paintings at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org

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