



Lake George Association

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LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION ENTERS ITS 125TH YEAR PROTECTING LAKE GEORGE

Lake George, NY – The Lake George Association, which was formed in 1885, celebrates its 125th year in 2010. It is planning several commemorative events around this celebration including a gala dinner on July 16th and its 125th Annual Meeting in August.

The Lake George Association was formed in 1885 by a group of concerned sport fishermen who were banding together to protect water quality for healthy fish. It is the nation's first lake association and a pioneer in the conservation movement. It was formed during the height of the Conservation Movement at a time when natural resource conservation was gaining in understanding in the US on the heels of essays by Thoreau and Emerson and speeches by Theodore Roosevelt. Congress was establishing National Parks and New York State established the Adirondack Forest Preserve. America's natural areas were becoming destinations for tourists, naturalists, and sportsmen. People were gaining appreciation for the value and natural beauty of places like Lake George.

The LGA continues its work today with the help of its 8-member staff, board of directors, and membership from all around the lake.

To commemorate its 125th year, the LGA will also be reprinting an updated edition of "Our Lake Book," a favorite among members and lakefront residents. The new edition will also have a new title: "Living Lake George." It will also be pertinent watershed-wide to all residents and visitors to the Lake George area. Accompanying that will be a new homeowner's guide to lake friendly living. A commemorative postal cancellation will take place over the course of the summer, and a re-launch of the LGA website with updated content, images, and a new look is also in the works.

The LGA's 125th anniversary speaker series will kick off on June 19th with the first of three programs on Lake Friendly Living. The June 19th program will discuss Native Plants and Landscaping and will include a native plant sale. A July 17 program will demonstrate Aquatic Invasive Species Identification and Management, and a program on August 21 will discuss Lawn Care and Integrated Pest Management.

The LGA's newly re-launched Floating Classroom will be offered to the public as an eco-tour from the village dock on Wednesdays on July and August.

Other events and activities will be announced as they are confirmed.

The LGA is a not-for-profit membership organization of people interested in working together to protect, conserve, and improve the beauty and quality of the Lake George Basin. Interested in becoming an LGA member? Contact the LGA at (518) 668-3558 or check out LGA on the web at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.