



Spring 2009 Newsletter

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Dear Members:

As we all count the days left to cottage opening weekend for the 2009 season, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight several accomplishments that have occurred since we saw each other at the September 2008 Annual General Meeting:

- Bill Wiggins has spent a lot of time drafting and consulting on the proposed changes to the KLCOA by-laws. To read up on these proposed changes, please visit our website or see the hardcopy of the document at the Marina. The by-laws will be tabled for approval at our spring meeting.
- Island "C" has now been transferred to KLCOA. It is now ours to manage, with the only covenant that we cannot develop it, but we can transfer this property to a land trust at a later date. However, unlike our other properties, we have to pay property tax in the approximate amount of \$932/annum unless the Municipal Council agrees to 'forgive' it. Discussions are underway to that effect. The membership will need to a) discuss how the Association wishes to manage the island, and b) ensure that the Lands Committee has enough funding to do so.
- I attended the FOCA AGM in November 2008. There were many interesting speakers about water safety (Transport Canada), Hydro One, the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association, FOCA's Lake Planning Program as well as a speech by Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources).

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Water Levels

By *Chris Riddle, Chair – Water Levels, TSW and CEWF Liaison*

In 2008, thanks to an agreement negotiated with the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) by the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF), weekly updates of actual water levels, along with projections of TSW target levels for two weeks ahead were posted on the lake plan website (www.Kennisis.ca). The water level projection information was especially appreciated in the fall by those with docks that can get stranded in the mud when the water level drops suddenly! Similar data for all the dam-controlled lakes in the Haliburton region was also posted on the CEWF website (www.cewf.ca).

For 2009, the TSW will be providing much of this information for dam-controlled lakes throughout the TSW system on a new website link at: http://pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/ne-wl/trent_e.asp

Here's what you'll see on the TSW site for the Kennisis Lakes. A chart records the 'historic high' and 'historic low' water levels; in between these extreme levels there is a plot of the actual water level for the current year – updated weekly. It is not yet clear if TSW will be providing the historic average or the two-week forecast data on the chart.

TSW provides the water level as measured in 'metres above the dam sill plate'. To better understand the information you need to know that the top of the Kennisis dam is 2.9 meters above the sill plate (114"). At the beginning of March 2009 the water level is shown on the TSW site as 1.35 meters above the sill plate – or 61" below the top of the dam, which is normal for the winter-set level at this time of year.

Your government in action

Despite widespread support for the Report of the Panel on the Future of the TSW released in the spring of 2008, there has been no official response from the federal government to the Report's recommendations. Over 400 people, including many from Kennisis Lake, signed the petition in support of the Panel's recommendations on the CEWF website and in early March 2009, Bruce Stanton MP for Simcoe North agreed to present the petition in Parliament.

Meanwhile, last summer a number of changes to the federal Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA) were considered by the federal Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities with little public consultation from the recreational boating community. Concerns were expressed at proposed changes which would have a negative impact on Canada's long-standing public right to navigation due to the exclusion of 'minor waterways' from the normal environmental review process that occurs for proposed developments of dams and bridges etc. Rather than deal with these concerns the government included changes to the NWPA on page 144 of its 2009 Budget Plan. The Haliburton Echo reported that "*Buried in the federal government's budget document is an unlikely bill – an amendment to the Navigable Waters Protection Act – that critics say could fundamentally change the way development on our lakes and rivers is managed*". An extensive lobbying effort was launched involving Ontario Water-keeper <http://www.waterkeeper.ca/> and the Sierra Club <http://www.sierraclub.ca/> but in the end the omnibus budget bill passed as tabled. However, The Senate did agree to refer non-stimulus subject matters to various committees for further study and this included the Navigable Waters Protection Act which goes to the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

Ontario Bans Cosmetic Pesticides

By Chris Riddle, Chair – Water Levels, TSW and CEWF Liaison

Ontario's cosmetic pesticides ban took effect April 22, 2009. The provincial ban supersedes local municipal pesticides bylaws. Details are available on the Ministry of the Environment website at <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land/pesticides/index.php> The following is abstracted from an MOE "Fact Sheet":

Allowed Pesticide Uses

Under the ban, you will still be able to buy certain types of pesticides for use in and around the home and cottage to protect the health or safety of your family including:

- Controlling wasps or mosquitoes that can transmit West Nile Virus
- Killing plants that are poisonous to the touch, such as poison ivy and giant hogweed.

Other pesticide uses that will not be affected by the ban:

- To protect the health of pets (e.g. to control fleas)
- To control indoor pests or pests that can cause structural damage to the home.

You can purchase and use bio-pesticides (e.g., microorganisms that control pests, such as the bacterial insecticide used to control Gypsy moths) and lower risk pesticides (such as acetic acid) to manage weeds, insects and plant diseases.

You can also use bio-pesticides or lower risk pesticides to maintain the health of your trees. Natural ways of caring for lawns and gardens, including the use of bio-pesticides and lower risk pesticides, are on the ministry's website.

Swim Program 2009!

By Stephanie Clark, Chair, Swimming Program

The KLCOA will be running a Red Cross swimming program for six weeks during the summer. It is a great way to improve your strokes, get comfortable with the water, learn about water safety, and meet other kids on the lake in small classes with enthusiastic instructors. Forms are available at the marina and on the KLCOA website. Please email sekclark@gmail.com if you have any questions about the program. Looking forward to seeing you all for another wonderful summer!

Instructor Wanted

The KLCOA swim program is looking for a second instructor to teach the Red Cross swimming lessons this summer. It is a great job that allows you plenty of time to enjoy your summer. Any interested candidates should email **Stephanie Clark, sekclark@gmail.com**. Thanks!

President's Report continued.....

- Last year we received a number of complaints about abandoned and derelict docks and rafts around areas such as "Bull Frog" Bay, and the Little Kennisis Bridge. While I recognize that it's common practice for many of us to store our docks in these areas over the winter, especially if your waterfront is "exposed" to the wind and weather, some docks appear to have been abandoned there. It has been suggested that KLCOA "clean up" these areas, and to that end pictures were taken last fall so that it can be determined which docks have been left since that time. The membership will be asked at the Spring Meeting whether we should remove these items after such time as docks should normally be in use (i.e. after the Canada Day long weekend).
- Lastly, KLCOA needs your help. Last year our Lake Steward and Regatta Co-chairs resigned without replacements. The first position is a dynamic one that allows you to work with many different groups outside of KLCOA as well as various committees within. Also, the position of Regatta Chair (or co-chairs if there are two willing) will provide you with an opportunity to organize the premier social event of the cottage calendar as well as meet and work with many volunteers and enthusiastic participants at the Regatta. Without volunteer involvement, there can be no KLCOA, so please participate! Please contact holder to find out more about the position and if you are interested, you'll want to run as a director of the Board. Bill will provide more information about this at the Spring General Meeting.

I invite you to read the Annual General Meeting Minutes sent last fall and posted on our website, as well as the articles in this newsletter to bring yourself up to date on all the latest KLCOA issues and news. I look forward to seeing you at the Spring General Meeting at 9am on Saturday May 16th!

Regards
 Duncan McCallum
 President, KLCOA
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KENNISIS SUMMER CHURCH

Sundays – 10:00 AM

Haliburton Forest & Wildlife

Seminar Hall

Services Weekly July 5th – August 23rd, 2009

Calling all cottagers!

Come and join us this summer. Enjoy a time of worship, praise and Christian fellowship. We'll be providing 8 services during July and August. Bring the whole family. Bring your guests. Enjoy a time of singing hymns and choruses. A different lay preacher will bring an inspiring message each week. Come for optional coffee or lunch at the Cookhouse after the service. This will be our 52nd summer providing a blend of contemporary/traditional non-denominational worship services to vacationers in the Haliburton area.

Everyone is welcome.

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News from the Forest

The Haliburton Forest Sawmill – Returning to our Roots

In March of this year Haliburton Forest started up its new sawmill situated 2 kms south of the Base Camp along Cty Rd. 7. After almost 18 months of planning and building the completion of the mill represents the first phase of an ambitious project at the end of which Haliburton Forest will have the ability to totally convert and efficiently utilize its own fiber resources, either as lumber, finished wood products, bioenergy or environmental service (carbon credits.) The sawmill, which will be fed exclusively from logs grown on acreage owned and controlled by Haliburton Forest, is a small yet efficient operation, able to generate 6 million fbm (board feet) of lumber additional to several thousand tons of wood chips and sawdust per year.

With the ability to saw its own lumber, Haliburton Forest returns to its roots. It was lumber camps generating logs for the mills of the region, which first opened up the local forests 150 years ago. In 1942 Haliburton Forest received its own sawmill, which sawed 150 million board feet of lumber, grown in today's Haliburton Forest, until its closing in 1971. The lesson learned from the experience of what was referred to as the "Kennisis Lake Mill", then operated by Weldwood of Canada, is one of caution and sustainability. Unlike our ancestors, we realise that our trees do not grow into the skies and our fiber resources are limited if we do not manage them carefully. Therefore the new Haliburton Forest mill's capacity is carefully designed to match the productivity of Haliburton Forest's woods. Commonly the forest serves a sawmill, supplying it with raw materials; at Haliburton Forest the mill serves the forest, allowing its fiber to be utilized to its full potential, providing economic opportunities in the process. The best part of this development is that this economic wealth is one based on sustainability and ecological integrity: for over 3 decades Haliburton Forest has rebuilt its forests, in the process, learning a lot about it. We have made sustainable management the cornerstone of our operation, receiving Canada's first sustainable management certification (FSC) in the process. Not only will this experience allow us to conduct our business in perpetuity, but we can do it without adding harm to this globe's environment. Instead, it will contribute to environmental solutions by producing sustainable wood products and green, carbon-neutral power and protect the forest as a carbon sink in the process. Guided Tours of the "New Mill" will be conducted during July and August. Please contact the Base Camp to book your tour. (754-2198)

The Forest Festival: World Class Music right on our doorstep

This season's Forest Festival will run from Thursday evening August 20 to Sunday August 23. Concerts will be held at two venues in Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve; the amphitheatre that overlooks serene and isolated Bone Lake and the historic Logging Museum located at Base Camp. We will be offering 6 exciting performances; 4 evening shows and 2 matinees. While the line-up is still being finalized, it will include performances by the acclaimed roots/blues band Porkbelly Futures which includes award-winning author **Paul Quarrington** on guitar (www.porkbellys.com) and the Forest Festival Brass lead by **former Canadian Brass trumpeter , Stuart Laughton**. The balance of the playbill will be available shortly. Ticket prices have yet to be determined but will be modestly priced and available at the Forest office. For further information, visit the website: www.theforestfestival.com

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Fish Diaries

Calling all Anglers! Don't forget to turn in your fish diaries! Check the KLCOA website for further information, additional diary copies, as well as our lake's fish history.

2009 Summer Programs

In 2009 Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is offering a number of summer camp options suitable for all ages. The education staff at Haliburton Forest offers the camps to provide opportunities for learning and activity in the forest environment. There will be opportunities to participate in a number of activities and outdoor pursuits to develop your skills, confidence, physical health and sense of community as you join a group of people that share your love of adventure, the outdoors and the forest. Each camp program incorporates activities suitable for the age and skill level of the group – safety is our main concern. Your camp program may include some of the following activities:

- *Wilderness navigation skills (GPS, Map and Compass)*
- *Mountain biking*
- *Rock climbing*
- *High and Low Ropes courses*
- *Canoeing/ kayaking*
- *Survival skills (fire and shelter building)*
- *Astronomy*
- *Camping and Campcraft skills*
- *Wolf Howls and education*

For more information on each of the camps please contact the Outdoor Education Department at Haliburton Forest: outdoored@haliburtonforest.com (705) 754 2198.

List of Summer Camps in 2009

Star Watchers Astronomy Camp (ages 10 – 15), July 31 – August 2, 2009

Overnight: 4:00pm Friday – 11:00am Sunday, Fee: \$125.00 per person

Youth Adventure Day Camp I (ages 8 – 12), June 29 – July 3 & August 10 – 14, 2009,

Daily: 9:00am – 4:00pm, Fee: \$150.00 per person

Youth Adventure Day Camp II (ages 12-14), July 27 – 31, 2009,

Daily: 9:00am – 4:00pm (except Thursday and Friday - includes one camping overnight on Thursday night with dinner, breakfast and lunch.) Fee: \$170.00 per person

Youth Wilderness Experience Camp (ages 10 – 14), July 6 – 10, 2009,

Residential (Monday 9:00am until Friday 4:00pm.), Fee: \$400.00 per person for the week.

Family Adventure Camp (all ages), July 17 – 19, 2009,

Overnight weekend (Friday 3:00pm until Sunday 4:00pm.) Fee: \$165.00 per adult, \$155.00 per youth under 16

Women's Adventure Weekend (adult women and female youth accompanied by parent/guardian)

July 24 – 26 & August 21 – 23, 2009, Overnight weekend (Friday 3:00pm until Sunday 4:00pm.)

Fee: \$225.00 per person.

Pre Registration is Required for all of the programs. Please request a Camper Registration Form and Health Record, Consent and Waiver of Liability Form to register yourself or your child. outdoored@haliburtonforest.com, 705 754 2198

Kennisis Lake Plan - KLCOA Newsletter Update - Spring 2009

By **Jim Prince** – *Lake Plan Implementation Chair*

As we move into the cottage season for 2009, the Lake Plan Implementation Team will be continuing with a few activities that were started in 2008 and will focus on a few new initiatives for 2009. We will be continuing with the Shoreline Advisor Program, enhancing our website www.kennisis.ca with more content and issuing the Cottage Landlord and Renter Guides. The following is an update for the activities that we have made some progress on last year and a call for help for proposed Lake Plan Implementation opportunities for the summer of 2009 and beyond:

Lake Plan Priorities – Where it All Started.....

The Lake Plan has many proposed recommendations but all of them are focused on the priorities that were established in the community meetings and the survey responses. The areas where we as a community have been making progress are marked with an **X**:

Water Quality X	Development	Power Boating
Natural Shorelines X	Public-Use Lands X	Tranquility
Water Levels X	Traditional Rights-of-Way	Wildlife
A Sense of History X	Sustainable Forest Management	Night Skies

Shoreline Advisor Program 2009 - Kennisis Lakes

The KLCOA was fortunate to be one of three lake associations that were awarded with the Shoreline Advisor Program for 2008. The program, sponsored by the Lakeland Alliance and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, completed 36 shoreline assessments in our lake community. The program is intended to provide assistance to property owners with the support of a qualified advisor who can help with shoreline issues such as erosion problems, septic issues identification of natural or invasive plants. The program is voluntary, non-regulatory and there was no cost or obligation to the participants.

For 2009, there is still some funding remaining to complete additional assessments. The Advisor will work with the property owners to answer questions and provide helpful suggestions on how to reduce their footprint on the lake. The Advisors provided each participant with a report card on their property, resource documents about the above topics for future reference, local information about products and services in order to help follow-up on any of the recommendations provided by the Advisor.

If you are interested in participating in the program please contact Jim Prince (jimprince@sympatico.ca).

Trent University, U-Links Shoreline Classification Project

Over the past few years we have worked with U-Links in Minden (www.ulinks.ca) to provide suggestions for community based research topics. U-Links matches the projects with university or college students and their teaching staff to provide relevant, real world research topics for students to include as projects in their curriculum. The Lake Plan Team is currently working with Trent University students on a Shoreline Classification project for Kennisis which would provide a method to monitor shoreline health over a period of time. Results of the project will be posted on www.kennisis.ca and on the U-Links website when completed later this year. (For more information, please contact Cam Douglas or Jim Prince)

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Cottage Landlord and Renters Guides

One area that was identified as being a concern during the Lake Plan consultation was whether cottage renters were aware of the impact that they could have on our lake environment and whether they were aware of some basic cottage “etiquette”. The opportunity was to provide support to cottage owners who rent their properties by providing them with educational materials and templates for “cottage rules” and rental agreements. The final version of the “Cottage Landlord and Renters Guide for Cottage Owners” should be available for the spring meeting and will be posted on the www.kennisis.ca website.

Anyone wishing to review or provide comments on the draft guide currently posted on the website, can contact Jeff Gardiner (JeffGardner@sympatico.ca).

Kennisis Maps and Lake Plan Documents

There are a few maps left for those members who did not receive them last year. Two high quality maps –one showing lakes, roads and special features and one illustrating boating hazards were printed in the spring and made available at no cost to all members. The maps are also available for download on the www.kennisis.ca website. Please contact Jim Prince if you have not received your maps (jimprince@sympatico.ca).

The final version of the Lake Plan is always available at www.kennisis.ca .

New Initiatives for 2009**Island C – Establishing Principles for Land Use**

We were very fortunate to have had Island C donated to the KLCOA in late 2008. The island is approximately 5 acres; it is in the west basin of the lake and is very much in its natural state. You can find it on the lake map at www.kennisis.ca. As we worked toward having Norah’s Island included in the Haliburton Land Trust properties, the KLCOA lands committee developed a set of guiding principals for Norah’s Island. We will be initiating a similar process for Island C this year. If you are interested in participating please contact Cam Douglas (cameron@wuomi.ca)

County and Municipal Plan Review and Comments

Both Haliburton County and Dysart et al are due to revise their official municipal plans over the next few years. As county and municipal residents, we have an opportunity to influence these revisions through public consultation. Several of the Lake Plan recommendations focused on opportunities to work with the County and Municipality to develop sensible regulations in areas such as development, shoreline preservation and tree cutting. Stay tuned for more at the spring meeting.

Traditional Rights of Way

There are a number of traditional rights of way including canoe portages and hiking trails around the lakes that are not well marked, have been encroached on by property owners or are simply overgrown. These rights of way provide access for our community to explore beyond the municipal roads. We are launching a project this year to identify these rights of way and begin a process of ensuring that these routes are accessible to the community. For more information on this initiative contact Chris Riddle (chrisriddle@sympatico.ca)

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Kennisis Lake Plan, continued.....

Lake Plan Implementation Committee:

Jeff Gardiner, Chris Riddle, Cameron Douglas, Cathie Heppell, Nancy Anderson, Gary Benson, Terry O'Connor, Julie Bram, Jim Prince.

Call for Help!

If you have a particular area of interest in the Lake Plan initiatives or you would like to support the Lake Plan implementation in general, please contact Jim Prince (jimprince@sympatico.ca), Cathie Heppell (bccgheppell@yahoo.ca) or Nancy Anderson (nancyanderson@sfshine.com).

Thanks to all of you who supported the Lake Plan work during its development and continued to progress the implementation activities through 2008.

Lake Steward Report

By Cameron Douglas, Lake Steward

A number of issues I've been involved with this year are described in more detail elsewhere in the newsletter. I too am very pleased about Island C being taken off the "development blocks". As an Association we need to develop a management plan for this Island. Norah's and Blueberry Islands are already established as low impact recreational areas. With that in mind, there have been some suggestions that Island C should perhaps be approached more as an ecological reserve where picnicking is discouraged. There are very few undeveloped shorelines of any significant length left on the two lakes, and significant wildlife nesting areas are known on the island. Please forward comments regarding land use on Island C to me at cameron@wuomi.ca. We hope to finalize a Plan for approval at the September AGM.

The canoe portage (and hiking trail) into Lipsy Lake at the was significantly disturbed at Lipsy Lake by new cottage development. The traveled route with good canoe access and swimming was destroyed, while the old snowmobile route that in the summer forces the portager to wade through 10m of swamp was left intact. It appears now that the popularly used route was not the one surveyed on the deed, so little can be done to restore the good route. Instead, we are working with the MNR to build either a boardwalk or corduroy road across the swamp to facilitate good canoe access. Note in the Lake Plan Implementation update that we are working this summer to mark and upgrade the trails around the lake – volunteers will likely be needed.

I notified the membership last year that I was stepping down as Lake Steward after a 6 year run. No one came forth last summer so I have continued on, but the Association does need someone to step forward this year. Many of the functions that I used to address in smaller ways have been subsumed by the Lake Plan and its implementation. For the remaining functions I am suggesting that we have either:

- A. one Lake Steward doing the role I am now ;or*
- B. a small committee with a Stewardship Chair.*

The Chair would participate in Board meetings, would do the reports at the 2 AGMs, and would be the overall coordinator of activities and the "go to" person. Assisting the Chair would be members with roles that could include:

- ✦ *municipal liaison* (respond to variance and severance applications as per Association direction, assist Lake Plan committee with input to Official Plan and other bylaw review, coordinate regarding surveys/portages etc)
- ✦ *monitoring coordinator* (oversee annual chemical and weekly sechi water tests (volunteer testers already in place) and coordinate other community-based monitoring programs that the Lake Plan moves forward (loons, turtles, dark skies etc)
- ✦ *invasive species coordinator* (work with OFAH to test for and avoid invasives) general assistance as necessary

The idea for option B obviously is to spread the work around. *If you are willing to do either option A or any part of option B, please let me and/or the President know ASAP (cameron@wuomi.ca).*

2009 Calendar of KLCOA Events

Check the website or bulletin board in the store at the Marina for the most up-to-date information

KLCOA Spring Meeting	Sat. May 16th, coffee @ 9am, Meeting begins @ 9:30am, Haliburton Forest
The Fireworks	Saturday, June 27th (rain date: Sat., July 4th) after dark, not before 9:45pm.
Swimming	For dates, contact Stephanie Clark at seclark@gmail.com
Rock Bass Tournament	Saturday July 11th
Regatta	Saturday August 1st (rain date is Sunday August 2nd)
Sailing Regatta	Sunday, August 2nd; Contact Jim Prince at 754-1065 or check the marina for information
Island Clean-up	Saturday, August 8th
KLCOA AGM	Saturday August 29th @ 9:30am (coffee at 9am) - Haliburton Forest

Norah's Island Update

By Jeff Pinkney, Norah's Island Management Committee

Land Use

Everyone is, of course, invited and encouraged to visit and enjoy Norah's Island. Please take only pictures and leave only footprints. No overnight camping. Fires may be lit, but only in designated fire pits for warmth or cooking; No using wood from living trees for firewood; Visitors to bring only local firewood to avoid accidental spreads of insect and plant diseases; Use at own risk. The property may be used by the general public in a reasonable manner consistent with the Management Agreement between the owner, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA). For a full text of the agreement or to make comments, please see www.KLCOA.org

Recognition Plaque

We continue with plans to install a Recognition Plaque on the island that will list friends and donors. We will have draft mock-ups on display this summer with the KLCOA display at the Marina Store. Please have a look. We want to spell your name correctly! If you have any questions, concerns or changes, please contact Andi at the number or email listed below. (It's not too late to get your family's name on the plaque.)

Norah's Island Kennisis Lake Fund (NIKL)

As of March 1, 2009, the Norah's Island Kennisis Lake Fund totaled: **\$53,115 from more than 130 donors**. The interest earned from the NIKL Fund in 2008 was \$1,084.72 and was used to cover expenses associated with maintaining the island. Your NIMC will table its budget at the KLCOA Spring Meeting and will post the budget and status of the NIKL Fund on the KLCOA web-site. Thank you again for your contribution and continued support. As you discuss Norah's Island with your friends and neighbours, please let them know that to make a donation they can contact any member of the NIMC listed below. Donations to the HHLT for the NIKL Fund **are fully tax deductible**.

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How to make a donation to the
Norah's Island Kennisis Lake Fund:

Please send the following information with your cheque:

YOUR NAME
FULL MAILING ADDRESS
TELEPHONE #
E-MAIL

Please indicate your permission to use your name and indicate wording of your name to be used for recognition purposes. (eg. Smith Family or John Doe and Mary Smith)

Indicate amount donated:
\$500 lump sum
Other amount \$_____

All cheques are payable to: **Haliburton Highlands Land Trust**

Send your cheque to: Haliburton Highlands Land Trust
P.O. Box 792, Minden, ON KOM 2K0

All donors receive charitable tax receipts.

Thanks again to all friends and supporters of Norah's Island and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. To discuss this update or any other aspect of Norah's Island, please contact any of your KLCOA Volunteer Reps on the Norah's Island Management Committee:

Co-Chair: Jeff Pinkney, KLCOA 705-754-9879 jeff.pinkney@gmail.com
Member: Andi Rodgers, KLCOA 905-335-9774 or cottage: 705-754-9964 drodgers1@cogeco.ca
Member: Shirlee Weeks, KLCOA 705-754-1878 chris.weeks@sympatico.ca

*Wild About Nature – The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Second Gala
Celebration of Environmental Excellence*

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) would like to invite members (and non-members) of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association to our gala fundraising event on Friday May 22, 2009 at the Minden Community Centre starting at 6 p.m.

The Gala, "Wild About Nature" is a celebration of environmental excellence. The evening will feature an awards ceremony for Enviro-Heroes, individuals, businesses or organizations that have made a major contribution to understanding, preserving, celebrating, or using our natural environment in a healthy way. There are six categories: Education, Stewardship, Business, The Arts, Health and our newest category this year – Youth.

All nominees will be recognized at the event and the winning nomination in each category will receive a special award designed by Past Land Trust Director and renowned artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse.

Included in the evening are auctions of environmentally themed art, products and experiences, and raffles for a John Lennard painting, a set of silver raven rings by Mary Anne Barkhouse and a three-day/two-night experience package from Yours Outdoors. This year the event includes a dinner catered by The Wild Orchid and Grill on the Gull. Entertainment is by Abbey North Drummers and spoken word artist, Ryan Dawson. We hope you will join us in celebrating all the Enviro-Heroes of Haliburton County.

Tickets are \$40. To reserve yours, contact Sheila Ziman at s.ziman@sympatico or call 705-754-2532.

Species at Risk Journal for Haliburton County

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust hopes that its new Species at Risk Journal encourages the public to learn more about the rich ecological diversity in Haliburton County. The Journal describes the 13 Species at Risk in Haliburton County. There are great colour photos of each species combined with information on the species status in Ontario, habitat preferences and threats to survival. Two sample pages for the Eastern Hog-nosed Snake are posted on our website www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

The journal was written by Paul C. Heaven of Glenside Ecological Services and produced by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT). It is the result of research by HHLT on Species at Risk (SAR) in Haliburton County. This research was generously funded by the MNR Species at Risk Stewardship Fund, 2007-08 and 2008-09. It was also supported by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and The Land Between.

Many individuals in Haliburton County reported their sightings of SAR to the Land Trust and Paul C. Heaven, biologist/ecological consultant, spent countless hours in the field trying to verify the presence of SAR. Leora Berman, Manager of the Land Between and Ed Poropat also contributed to the fieldwork.

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