



BELGRADE LAKES ASSOCIATION

To protect and improve the watershed of Great Pond and Long Pond through Preservation, Education and Action.

Winter 2013

ADOPT – A – SHORELINE

by Toni Pied

The BLA in partnership with the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) launched a new program this summer. It was earlier known as Eyes-on-the-Water. The program is loosely modeled after the popular Adopt-a-Highway program. Instead of patrolling for litter, this program enlists shorefront residents in an effort to monitor the shoreline for another type of pollution, invasive aquatic plants.

3rd part in a series
examining the programs
supported by BLA.

Early detection is a key piece in our battle against invasive aquatic plants such as variable milfoil, which was discovered in Great Pond in 2010. If an infestation is discovered early, there is a greater chance for eradication. It was brought to the BLA's attention that Road Associations might be a good place to start implementing this program. They are organized groups of shorefront property owners who are ready and willing to help protect the lake.

This summer 121 participants received training in identifying aquatic invaders and monitoring a manageable section of their shoreline throughout the growing season. They reported their findings to Toni Pied, Milfoil Director at the BRCA. No new infestations were found. All training and equipment were provided, and monitoring was done while enjoying activities on the lake as you normally would (i.e. kayaking, canoeing, snorkeling, fishing).

A total of 11 miles of shoreline was adopted this past summer. We hope to expand this program on Long Pond and Great Pond next summer. The program is open to individuals, families, road associations, and any other group interested in helping protect the lakes of the Belgrade Lakes Watershed. For more information, please e-mail or call Toni Pied at brcamf@belgradelakes.org or 215-2685.



Docks and open space next to the Belgrade Lakes Post Office.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Members and Friends of the Belgrade Lakes Association,

I want to thank you all for the outstanding support you have given to BLA with your time and donations. "Protecting and Preserving" our lakes in the Belgrades cannot be accomplished without you!

What an exciting 2013!

1. Membership numbers grew: BLA is trying to have every Great Pond and Long Pond waterfront owner and business owners become members. We have many to reach, but the membership numbers are increasing yearly.
2. Fund Raising was focused on three major fund raisers: membership renewal, summer raffle and the annual appeal. All of these efforts have become more and more successful because of your unflagging generosity.
3. BLA Events: The two Meet & Greets, held on Long Pond and Great Pond, were well-attended with feedback that these should continue every summer. The annual meeting attendance was very low compared to past years. We would like some ideas from all of you for future annual meetings.
4. 2014 has some new ideas being considered: Camp Tour Fund Raiser - if you have a camp/ cottage that you would like to have on the tour please contact me or Lynn at gail@gailrizzo.com or lynnmatson@gamil.com to let us know. Many of you have been asking for a camp tour, so BLA thought we would do one in the summer of 2014. BLA will keep you updated on the Camp Tour 2014 and other activities.

It is an honor for me to serve as your President alongside our outstanding Board. We all say thank you for a wonderful 2013, and we look forward to an exciting 2014.

My best to all,

Gail

Gail Rizzo,
President of the Belgrade Lakes Association

Coming Soon to Your Nearest Mail Box:

In January, the BLA Membership Committee will be mailing its annual request to renew your membership for 2014. We look forward to a happy new year and your continued generosity.

Recipe

Turkey Pesto Burger

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb. Ground turkey
1 tb. Olive oil
7 oz. or 4 heaping tb. Pesto
6 tb. Panko Breadcrumbs (you can find these in the ethnic aisle)
2 tb. Grated Parmesan

What to do:

In a medium sized mixing bowl, mix all your ingredients EXCEPT the olive oil. Save the olive oil for the frying pan or, if you are grilling, then just slightly coat your grilling surface with it. Divide mixture evenly. ENJOY!!

Emily Bureau

OSPREY UPDATE - YEAR 3

by Lynn Matson

Every year is turning out to be a different kind of experience with our osprey neighbors, and this year was certainly no exception.

When Phyllis and I returned from a week in Florida last April, we pulled down the driveway to see the birds up on their nest, which is lodged in the top of white pine about 20' from the south side of our home. Unfortunately, it was bald eagles sitting on the nest, not our ospreys.

Over the course of the next several days the eagles went to work. At first we thought they were enlarging the nest for their own use, but we quickly came to realize they were dismantling it, stick by stick. The ospreys watched helplessly from nearby perches as all their hard work from previous years was carried off by their archenemy.

But persistence must be an age-old osprey trait because after the eagles left, the ospreys started to rebuild, completing the new nest in what seemed like record time. Mating followed, and a few weeks later we started to hear the "quee-quee-queeing" of the young chicks.

Apparently we weren't the only ones to hear those cries. The eagles returned, and more devastation soon followed.

The first attack took the form of a fierce aerial battle. Phyllis heard the ruckus and looked out just in time to see two ospreys simultaneously attack from above, forcing an immature eagle down into the lake and what she initially thought was its demise. However, the eagle dug itself out of the water and back into the sky, quickly flying out of the area.

The second attack was witnessed by our neighbor and didn't turn out nearly as well for the ospreys. She reported seeing an eagle dive on the nest and pull up carrying an osprey chick. The eagle then briefly landed in a tree above the neighbor's camp before flying off with the chick still clutched in its talons.

For the next couple of weeks we heard a lot of mournful cries coming from the nest. At first we didn't know if they were from a lonely sibling of the lost chick or one of the parents. We noticed that the frequent fishing trips, required to feed the hungry chicks, had come to an end; so we surmised that the same fate might have come to this year's offspring. A check with the binoculars a few days later confirmed our fears as the crying osprey turned out to be an adult, as evidenced by its lemon yellow eyes.



After a few days we learned that a dead adult osprey had been found on the road going into Windover, which is very near our home. As it turned out, those cries may not have been only for a lost chick, but also for a lost mate. Nature can be a tough master, even for the majestic osprey.

With its parenting chores at an end the sole remaining osprey left our yard early this year, whether to spend more time elsewhere in Maine or to start its annual migration to South America a little early; we'll never know.

The one thing that does seem certain is that when the ospreys return again next April, a whole new chapter will be written in their Belgrade journal and ours -- one we hope will have a much happier outcome for our osprey friends.

MAINE LAKES RESOURCE CENTER

by Kathi Wall, Director of Programming at the MLRC

In a world beset by flickering lights, instant messages, constant contact and short attention spans, I love moments when I can sit back, put my feet up, and reflect upon what goes on around me. This is one of those moments, so take a nice deep breath with me Ahhhhhhhh and let's travel down Memory Lane – summer 2013.



There were a lot of new happenings at the Maine Lakes Resource Center as we “careened” through our second summer. June was filled with more job interviews than I can count. Enthusiastic high school and college students paraded through for weeks before everyone was finally hired and trained. They exuded the energy that only youth can display, coupled with a wonderful sense of anticipation of new learning experiences throughout the community. This Thanksgiving, I am grateful that we have the opportunity to mentor young people as they learn to steward the lakes and land of this country. .

The Belgrade Lakes Association sponsored visits from the Chewonki Foundation, a remarkable organization from Wiscasset that cares for wildlife and shares them with Maine’s citizens. We saw eagles, owls, and a variety of wildlife “up close and personal,” and the building was filled to capacity with eager children and adults on several Tuesday afternoons.

The New England Music Camp made a couple of visits and played wonderful classical music for large crowds that gathered on Thursday afternoons. Area musicians entertained a diverse group of citizens throughout the summer. And if that wasn’t enough, the Belgrade Lakes Historical Society filled the building for a lecture from Linda McLoon on early Belgrade – we DO love our history!

Another popular addition to the summer schedule was Donn Fendler, the “boy” who got Lost on a Mountain in Maine. He’s now in his 80’s and full of energy and vigor. It’s no mystery to any who came to see him how it was he managed to survive a long stay in the Maine woods on his own! They are now making a movie of his adventures. We viewed the preliminary footage as it is being expanded to a full length film. The boy who will play Donn is from Winthrop, Maine.

Also, we held our first Seven Lakes Festival the third Sunday in July, on the lawn of the MLRC, headlined with our very own, homegrown Gawler Family! They managed to gather an amazing array of friends and entertainers including the Old Crow Indian Band – with more local musicians that I have ever seen in one group. The singing and dancing went on for 4 hours on a beautiful sunny day that brought over 700 visitors to see “what was going on.” Quite a day!

The Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance turned 25 years old this summer. They continue in their effort to conserve land for habitat, take care of the lakes through the lake trust, help eradicate milfoil in Great Pond, and deploy Conservation Corps workers throughout the watershed to help landowners institute best management practices along shorefronts.



And as if this is not enough for one summer, the Congress of Lakes Associations became the Maine Lakes Society. Maggie Shannon stepped down and Rebecca Kurtz became the new Executive Director! A new name and a new leader!

As Director of Programming for the MLRC, I am re-developing the building next to the downtown docks at the post office site into a Learning Gallery for arts, science, and whatever else people of all ages want to learn about we will begin sessions in late December.

BLA HOLDS 2 SUCCESSFUL MEMBER RECEPTIONS

by Lynn Matson

This past summer the association held two member receptions that were very well-attended and extremely well-received.

On June 15th Pam Cobb and Mark Heuberger welcomed 125 BLA members and guests to Camp Runoia. Thanks to perfect early summer weather everyone enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and great fellowship right on the lakeshore. The evening was highlighted with a very positive progress report on the STOP MIL-FOIL mitigation work and an introduction to Goldie, the sentinel research buoy that was anchored in Great Pond earlier this year.

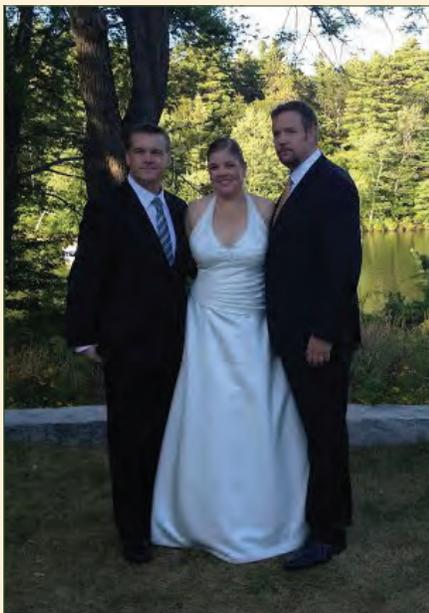


On July 27th Lauren and Scott Bolduc welcomed 134 members and guests to their beautiful new home on Long Pond. Following house tours, wonderful fellowship and lots of delicious food, everyone gathered on the patio for the STOP MILFOIL update, the Goldie presentation, and a very informative question and answer session.



Many thanks to Pam, Mark, Lauren and Scott for opening their homes to the BLA, arranging for perfect summer weather, and treating us all to wonderful and informative evenings on our lakes.

MLRC: PERFECT SETTING FOR A 2013 WEDDING!



The MLRC was the perfect venue for the rehearsal dinner and wedding celebration this summer of Amy Beatie and Declan Galvin (pictured with Ben Beatie, brother of bride).



SUMMERTIME BATHING

by Dick Greenan

Every year we hear visitors and long-time residents who say, “I love to get up in the morning and bathe in the lake. Is that OK?” Absolutely NOT! I don’t want to be a spoilsport, but there are a lot of things that we used to do to our lakes that we have since learned are not all that good for water quality (see E.B. White Letter). The introduction of phosphate from use of soaps and shampoos essentially fertilizes our lakes, inducing Gloeotrichia blooms and accelerating their lakes’ natural aging process.

One asks, “How can my occasional bathing possibly affect such a large body of water?” Note the Gloeotrichia bloom photo, taken this past summer on upper Long Pond, and see the results of excessive phosphorus loading.

This particular bloom was not directly caused by one bather, but it was certainly contributory. Now is the time to stop “Loving our Lakes to Death!”

And activities that weren’t that bad when one person did them are hundreds of times worse when they become common practice. I have asked our very own local lake biologist Roy Bouchard, just retired from the Maine DEP Lakes Division, to weigh in with some science.



LAKE BATHING by Roy Bouchard

Bathing in the lake was a fun summer tradition that seemed totally harmless before we started to study water pollution. We now know using soap and shampoo is not an advisable activity, particularly when and where lots of other people are doing it.



While many soaps are biodegradable, that does not mean they are harmless. Even assuming there would be rapid dilution, the localized concentrations may be high, at least briefly, when there are multiple bathers in the same area, together or in succession. Many soaps contain surfactants which are important for cutting oils and similar substances and making them soluble so they wash off. We also should be aware of additives such as fragrances and anti-bacterial ingredients which are not always benign (or even necessary for a soap to do its work). These are often either toxic or challenging to life in the lake, especially microorganisms and invertebrates. Soaps may also alter the pH (acidity) of the water significantly in the vicinity of their use. Deodorant soaps and dandruff

shampoos often contain heavy metals or other ingredients that are harmful when multiple people are using them in an area.

Many soap labels claim “no phosphate” or “low phosphorus.” Most soaps, even “no phosphate” ones, contain some phosphorus. Several “green” products are indeed much better than the standard bathing soaps and shampoos in this regard and are biodegradable; but body oil and other grime washed off bathers’ bodies, greatly aided by soaps with their surfactants, can contribute significant amounts of phosphorus to fresh waters.

In addition to phosphorus, body oils, and other pollutants, bathing in lakes contributes bacteria and viruses at higher amounts than just swimming. While it may or may not be a health issue in a given situation, do we really want to increase the bacteria numbers in lakes where others are swimming? And many people find the thought of swimming where others have been bathing unpleasant – it makes the lake seem more like a bathtub than a lake.

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So behaviors to some may seem to be innocuous, but in reality they are among many things people do that all add up to water pollution. Everyone should know that it is not allowed under state law to intentionally introduce foreign substances (including soap and shampoo) into our waters without a permit. However, let's not just rely on the law as a justification for saying not to do it. The reasons stated above are behind the law and explain why I can't encourage people, pets, or any other kind of bathing or washing in lakes.

Summer camps and public facilities have a special opportunity and responsibility to be good stewards of our waters and to educate not only their campers, but also the public by way of example. We as lake users have our own role to play by not polluting the waterways we all share.

So please help join us, your neighbors and all who love these lakes to educate the bathers amongst us so that we leave healthy and beautiful Belgrade lakes for our children.

CELL TOWERS IN ROME: AN OPINION

Excerpt from Charlie Baeder's
Letter to Rome Planning Board

The Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) Board of Directors recently took the position that the location of the proposed cell tower will negatively impact the viewshed in Rome. This site is close to, and within the viewshed of, three properties owned by BRCA – The Mountain, Mount Phillip and French Mountain – which are used by many Rome residents for hiking, other traditional uses like hunting, and scenic enjoyment.



View of the proposed cell tower as it might appear in Rome.

We are not against development, but believe this location is unsuitable because of the viewshed impacts. There are other locations in the area, and other technologies, that would allow the applicant to realize the commercial benefits they seek while reducing or eliminating viewshed impacts.

BRCA is a strong supporter of Rome's viewshed ordinance. We hope the Rome Planning Board will deny this cell tower application and require the applicant to consider alternative sites for development.

BLA VOLUNTEER MONITORS OF GLOEOTRICHIA AND THEIR OBSERVATION

by Pat Donahue

Beginning in 2005, as a result of the increased presence of Gloeotrichia in both Great and Long Ponds, the Belgrade Lakes Association created a program to monitor Gloeotrichia in various locations on both lakes. The BLA volunteers were trained to identify Gloeotrichia and to determine density. The density was based on a 0-5 scale, corresponding to its abundance in a given area. Examples of each density were given to the volunteers for reference. Each volunteer was assigned an observation site either on Great or Long Pond where they recorded the date and time of the observation, approximate density, wind speed and direction, the cloud cover, and the impact of Gloeotrichia on enjoyment.

BLA volunteers have recorded lake data for the years 2005, 2006 and 2008-2013. More than 350 observations were recorded for each of these years, making the data fairly representative of Gloeotrichia in shallow habitats.

The BLA web site has graphs that depict the Gloeotrichia density at the various observation sites on Great and Long Ponds from 2005 to 2015. During the years 2010 to 2012 the mean Gloeotrichia density remained fairly constant. Although the results have not been tabulated for 2013, reports from observers indicate somewhat of a decline in density.

Many thanks to the BLA volunteer observers who have devoted their time and efforts over the years to this program.

Photo by Linda Peterson



Some lucky folks were surprised by "Millie," the Mountain Road moose, this summer.

GOLDIE'S HIBERNATION

by Denise Bruesewitz

Goldie's hibernation is underway after her first successful season of recording Great Pond's vital signs. We were able to see the lake water mix the week of 4 November in real time based on Goldie's data. After this important event in the seasonal cycle of the lake, we brought Goldie in for the winter. Goldie is doing a great job providing us with important data about the summertime phytoplankton activity and the decline in dissolved oxygen in the bottom water of the lake, which progressed steadily through the summer months. We are working our way through this very large dataset and will continue to learn more about Great Pond through the winter. We will be bringing Goldie back out to the lake after the ice melts in the spring. In the meantime, you can visit Goldie at the MLRC this winter.



Goldie in the lake.



Goldie out for the winter.

Dr. Denise Bruesewitz, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at Colby, is just back from the **15th meeting of the Global Lakes Ecological Observatory Network (GLEON), in Bahia Blanca, Argentina**. The meeting brought together about 150 lake scientists and computer scientists to talk about all aspects of understanding lake ecosystems. The photo below shows all participants of the meeting spelling out 'GLEON 15', and the local scientists arranged to have a photo taken of the group from up above (as in the inset) using a robot helicopter. Denise shared information about Goldie on Great Pond as one of the newest GLEON sites. Next year GLEON will be hosted in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.



2013 STOP MILFOIL PROGRESS REPORT

by Lynn Matson

Hopefully we'll all be able to look back someday and say 2013 was the year we turned the corner in our battle with invasive milfoil. While the fight is far from over, it now appears that we are pushing this invader back and gaining the upper hand.



No one is claiming victory just yet against this relentless foe, but thanks to the hard work of many individuals and the generous financial support of many more, we have now realized two very successful years in our fight to stop this

invader from taking over our lakes.

Here are the highlights from our work this year:

1. 28,939 Gallons Removed – Thanks to New England Milfoil and the 8 members of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) STOP MILFOIL crew, almost 30,000 gallons of invasive plants were removed from Great Meadow Stream and North Bay of Great Pond this season. That's about 60% of the amount removed last year, which is actually a very good thing. It means that as a result of the aggressive action taken in 2012 there was much less milfoil in the water to be removed this year.

2. Closure Continued – Great Meadow Stream and North Bay at the mouth of the stream were again closed all year to reduce fragmentation and the chance of spreading the infestation and to provide a safer work site for our STOP MILFOIL team members.

3. No New Outbreaks Found – Two members of the BRCA team spent the entire summer surveying Great Pond and Long Pond for new outbreaks. The good news is that they didn't find any! At the end of the 2012 season invasive milfoil was found at three new locations. Those areas were heavily worked this year with these results. After several searches no invasive milfoil was

found at two of the sites, Rome Trout Stream and Swann's Brook. A few invasive plants in a very small area were found in Robbins Mill Stream. They were repeatedly pulled, and the area was covered with a benthic barrier.

4. Adopt-A-Shoreline Expanded – Seventeen road associations on Great Pond and Long Pond signed up for Adopt-A-Shoreline. A total of 121 individuals received training and are helping search for invasive milfoil along 11 miles of shoreline that have been officially adopted.

5. Door-To-Door Campaign Kicked Off – Members of the BRCA STOP MILFOIL team made personal calls at 124 camps on Great Pond to provide update reports, answer questions and solicit financial support.

6. Matching Grant Goal Achieved – As of Friday, October 25, 2013, STOP MILFOIL donations totaling \$153,838 had been received from 156 repeat donors and 182 new contributors. That means the Belgrade Lakes Association met the challenge goal and will earn the full \$150,000 foundation matching gift grant for 2013! Thanks for this terrific response!

It has been another very good year. When all the fieldwork was finished, BRCA Milfoil Program Director Toni Pied and Maine DEP Aquatic Species Program Director John McPhedran conducted a final assessment of the infestation site. They concluded that 90% of the milfoil plants had again been removed. That should mean an even smaller infestation area to work next year.

Our goal remains the same ... to push back the milfoil infestation and keep it from spreading and taking over our lakes. Thanks to your concern, vigilance, action and donations we are achieving our goal.

This is a battle we can win. With your ongoing support this battle is a battle we will win.



Milfoil crews work hard in 2013.

MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT *

by Susan Littlefield

You may be wondering why it seems we're always asking for donations and where your money goes. The simple answer is that financial support for BLA overhead costs, the LakeSmart program, education, publications (such as the newsletter you're reading), outreach, member support, the annual raffle, and support for water quality programs would not be possible without dues-paying members and donors to the Annual Appeal like yourself.

We are glad to report that the number of 2013 dues-paying members has increased by 55 to a total of 592. Our members have provided \$49,116 in much-needed income, a 12% increase over 2012. If you are one of those who is a new or renewed member, or a member returning after an absence, we cannot thank you enough. One of the most helpful things you can do

(aside from continuing your own membership) is to encourage members of your family, visitors, and your lake neighbors to join the BLA member community. The 2014 membership drive will begin in late January.

Results of the Annual Appeal, a fund-raiser that typically bridges two years, from November through spring of the following year, can be reported for 2012-2013 as having raised \$23,920, a welcome increase of 11% over 2011-2012. The 2013-2014 Annual Appeal was launched on November 1, 2013; it is too soon to report results. At present, however, we are behind schedule and need those interested to remember the Appeal. Many dues members also donate to the Annual Appeal; we hope you will consider both as well.

*Data are from the BLA Donor/Donations Database. Except for Annual Appeal data, the fund-raising period covered is January 1 through October 31, 2013.

CITIZEN IMPACT ON MAKING LAWS IN MAINE

by Jane Eberle

What happens during a legislative session in Augusta can have a lasting impact on our lakes and all our other natural resources. It's important to understand that every citizen in the state can - and should - have an effect on those decisions. Laws are not passed and rules are not



made without public input. Hearing from constituents is critical for legislators as they examine issues, consider policies, and ultimately cast a vote on a bill.

During my 4 terms in the Maine State House of Representatives, at the conclusion of which term limits prevented me from running again, I sought and welcomed input from my constituents and other citizens being affected by impending legislation. I served three terms on the Natural Resources Committee, overlapping with three terms on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. For me, the issues we dealt with in those two committees were the heart and soul of the State of Maine. Maine's air, water, land, and wildlife are the core of what makes this state the most beautiful in the country. Our environment is the economic engine for the whole state. We must do all we can to protect and preserve these resources that are unique to us

Maine's state government is very accessible to its citizens. I always tell people that the State House belongs to them. Its halls are often filled with people who have traveled from all over the state to testify at a public hearing, talk to legislators, present information, and be a part of the process. It's also easy to keep tabs on all proceedings in the capital through the internet. All committee hearings, work sessions, special meetings, and House and Senate sessions are available through either live streaming audio or video. There is a legislative activities calendar on the website that allows viewers to see a schedule of literally everything that is going on.

Find out who your State Representative and your State Senator are and get on their contact lists. Call them, email them, or write to them so they know who you are. Perhaps they hold regular constituent meetings in your district. Find out what committees they serve on. Find out what bills are being sponsored and by whom. MPBN this past year began an excellent show called Maine Capitol Connection, a live CSpan-type daily coverage of the legislature while it was in session. Take a tour of the State House and the surrounding campus. The Maine State Museum is a real treasure. It's a beautiful campus and open for all to enjoy. You can find access to all its information and contacts by exploring the Maine.gov website

But more than anything else, become involved. So much of the final decision-making, both at state and local levels, is influenced by citizen participation. It may sound trite, but it's true. Your voice does count.

Honorable Jane Eberle
Former State Representative
for South Portland/Cape Elizabeth
BLA Board member and a past President

Letters and Essays of E.B. White

This continues the series of letters from the writings of E.B. White

We caught two bass, hauling them in briskly as though they were mackerel, pulling them over the side of the boat in a businesslike manner without any landing net, and stunning them with a blow on the back of the head. When we got back for a swim before lunch, the lake was exactly where we had left it, the same number of inches from the dock, and there was only the merest suggestion of a breeze. **This seemed an utterly enchanted sea, this lake you could leave to its own devices for a few hours and come back to, and find that it had not stirred, this constant and trustworthy body of water.** In the shallows, the dark, water-soaked sticks and twigs, smooth and old, were undulating in clusters on the bottom against the clean ribbed sand, and the track of the mussel was plain. A school of minnows swam by, each minnow with its small, individual shadow, doubling the attendance, so clear and sharp in the sunlight. Some of the other campers were in swimming, along the shore, one of them with a cake of soap, and the water felt thin and clear and insubstantial. Over the years there had been this person with the cake of soap, this cultist, and here he was. There had been no years.

GOOD NEWS FOR BELGRADE'S HISTORY AND THE BELGRADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Belgrade Selectmen stepped forward recently with encouragement for the history buffs in Town. The Historical Society can move some files and displays into the old library space (which you may remember was made possible with private money) at the Center for All Seasons, a secure place where people can see objects and access information. Not all of the Historian's files will be moved, but indices to old vital records and cemetery records will be there during open hours (to be established) most weeks.



1815 Historical House: Restoration Underway



Preparing this History Room and manning it will require people power to use the new space. We invite inactive and new members to join us in putting together displays, choosing objects, and especially catching up on the proper recording of our collection. Our computer is loaded with museum software, ready for entering that collection once the descriptions are written. Much work remains to be done.

Research on our old houses and interesting public programs will continue if we can enlist the help of like-minded citizens. Annual memberships start at \$10 and assures you of notices of meetings and programs, as well as a good feeling. Membership envelopes are available at the Town Office, or call Nan, 465-7924

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Donations of historical merit are gratefully accepted



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2013 BLA Bonus and Annual Raffle *Winners*



Our favorite raffle visitor 2013!

Prize	Description /Donor	Winner's Name	Town & State
\$100 Bonus Raffle #1	Four Adirondack Chairs LakePoint Real Estate	Jeffrey Bradley	Charlotte, VT
\$100 Bonus Raffle #2	Dinner for four at The Village Inn	Susan Parkinson	Salem, CT
\$100 Bonus Raffle #3	Four Rounds of Golf Belgrade Lakes Golf Club	Linda Rathbun and Roy Cobean	Falmouth, ME
Summer Raffle #1	Pontoon Boat, Trailer & Motor Hamlin's Marine	Michael Blanpied	Reston, VA
Summer Raffle #2	Three Sections of Shoremaster Dock Hammond Lumber	Adam Beales	Rome, ME
Summer Raffle #3	Kayak and Accessories Belgrade Canoe & Kayak	Stephen Dwyer	Potomac, MD
Summer Raffle #4(a)	Camp on Snake Point, Great Pond Steve and Anne Smith	Chris Platt	Branford, CT
Summer Raffle #4(b)	Camp on Tearmann Loch, Great Pond John and Lynne Gibbs	Tom Schneider	Walpole, MA
Summer Raffle #4(c)	Cottage on Pine Point, Scarborough, Maine Pat Donahue of LakePoint Real Estate	Liz Fontaine	Belgrade, ME