

## The Lake Harvey Association Newsletter | Summer 2021

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE | Karla Cornelius

**Summer 2021.** Belated. Both our newsletter and summer, finally here. And what a beautiful summer it promises to be....

Lots of news. Of upmost importance, after a long drawn out negotiation with the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife regarding our beloved Greeter Station, we finally secured its future. Thanks go to Kathy Wirthwein, Dee Robinson and Sherm Sprague who contributed so much time all of last summer organizing the data and photos collected by Don Easter and our Greeters to so clearly illustrate the importance of our Station. And especially to Red and Chris Dufresne, whose generous donation of land abutting the F&W Access property ultimately provided a solution satisfactory to all parties. A labor of love, and an illustration as well of the perseverance and dedication so many of our members bring to the table on behalf of our lake.

Unfortunately after even more time and money spent by our Town, the dam committee and The Connecticut River Conservancy developing a plan to create a natural rock "riffle" structure to replace our existing Town owned dam, the State announced that the project must meet the higher permitting standards of an "official" dam. That is a goal, at least for now, we cannot meet. And although Joe's Pond has for years successfully regulated its waters with a "bladder dam", a reasonably affordable and ideal solution, the State continues to reject that possibility. So for now we are at a halt, with maintenance and repairs needed and denied. The State's lack of assistance and cooperation in our efforts to assure the dam's function and safety is a mystery and problematic.

Our lake waters continue to remain pure and of the highest quality, thanks to the efforts of our vigilant Greeters and our lake protection program and outreach. LHA is about to participate in a watershed assessment program, under the guidance of our Vice President and Environmental Chair Jackie Sprague and in conjunction

with the Town and State environmental agencies to develop a long term plan to make sure we are doing all we can do to keep it that way.

Our loons have nested, and are out and about on the lake with a chick. Please give a wide berth when boating. Many of us have now seen the HUGE snapping turtle residing in our waters. Hopefully our remaining chick (briefly there were two) escapes its clutches.

Wildlife abounds this season – beavers are appropriating trees from properties all around the lake, and otter families are scavenging branches as well. Now and then a bear visits, along with the usual deer, foxes and occasional coyote. Minks run the rocks of our shores, chipmunks are abundant, and there seem to be birds everywhere. Heaven for all.

David Price has updated our Lake Directory, available by email or mail to members upon request at [lakeharveyassociation@lakeharvey.net](mailto:lakeharveyassociation@lakeharvey.net). The map is online.

David is retiring from our LHA Board after years of service. He will be greatly missed.

We would like to thank The Great Outdoors for providing us a beautiful Vapor 10 Kayak at their cost. Please visit one of their three stores in Morrisville, Newport or Enosburg and give them a big Thank You. I remind you Kayak raffle tickets can now be purchased online at our website [www.lakeharvey.com](http://www.lakeharvey.com), on our Facebook page and at the West Barnet Quick Stop! The winner will be announced July 17th at the Ice Cream Social, along with the winners of this year's "Celebration of Laughter" boat parade.

We regret we will go one more year without the pavilion potluck dinner, but our spectacular Fireworks display will light our skies as usual on Saturday night the 17th. We look forward to a special LHA day of celebration! Enjoy!!

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## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER | Dotti Turek

As summer goes into high gear, we want to thank all of you who responded to our mailings and sent your memberships in so early this year. I am thrilled to share that by mid April we had already received 80+ Association memberships; what a great way to kick off the season! Annual dues remain at \$25 per household, however additional donations for lake preservation, our spectacular fireworks display and our greeter station are always welcome, greatly appreciated and tax deductible. Thank you!

**Reminder:** If you order from Amazon, go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select our Lake Harvey Association as your designated charity – a minute percentage of those immense Amazon profits annually return to us, a small amount (\$298.90 as of June), but helpful!

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--Listing as of June 30, 2021.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR LAKE AND ITS COMMUNITY

Connect and have fun, check out events and activities. And see beautiful photos!

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: @lakeharveyassociation

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)* | Karla Cornelius

Most of us made it through the past COVID year relatively intact. Vermont has returned to a semblance of normalcy, and with caution, our individual lives as well. We have taken time to reflect upon what is most important to us and how we wish to go forward from here. We especially value the time we are now able to spend with family and friends, and gathering together here at Lake Harvey.

Throughout the year, our members stepped up and contributed meaningful amounts to our preservation

efforts, and to association events, endeavors and activities as well. Your generosity and continued support is necessary to our lake's well being, and greatly appreciated. Our fourteenth annual donor thank you Champagne Brunch gathering for those of you who so graciously donate \$100 or more above and beyond your \$25 membership fee will this year be hosted by Red and Chris Dufresne at their lakefront home at 2750 Roy Mountain Road on Sunday July 25th, 11AM - 1:00PM. RSVP appreciated: 802 633-3711. Celebrate with fellow members, neighbors and friends!



Photo credit: Dee Robinson

## MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH HARVEY'S LAKE | Gordon Olsen

My love affair with Harvey's Lake started about 1946 when I was 5 years old. My father, Harold Olsen, returned from WWII and started renting the Bullard camp each July for a week, when the granite industry shut down. We had the use of a rowboat for fishing and boating and on nice Saturday evenings we would row out to the Pavilion to listen to the Ambassador's Band and watch the dancers as we drifted on the lake. Where the Roy trailers now are, was a sheep farm and the side hill was active with sheep.

A couple of years later, my uncle, Francis Olsen, along with Barre friends Arthur Brown and "Sparky" Broggi, bought three adjoining lots across from the boat access. Francis chose his lot because of a large rock in the lake that he envisioned using as a support for a dock frame. He did build the dock using the rock as a support and it is still there today. Three large tents were pitched. There was no road to the lots at that time, so vehicles were parked up by the water barrel on Harvey Mountain Road, and all supplies, provisions and motors were carried down the embankment to the lots. Fortunately, the motors were small, 2-5 H.P. Not many boats with much larger motors were on the lake at that time, except for Marcel Perrin's beautiful Chris Craft inboard.

The land was cleared and construction started with the three camps being built in 1950. Lots of work and sweat to get them built, but everyone still found time to have fun, fish and socialize. Lake trout, salmon and

perch were plentiful. I don't recall seeing loons then but there were whip-poor-wills, which would echo each evening. Warden's Store in West Barnet (where the Church Store now is) was the local market for meat, groceries and other provisions. The boys' camp (Camp Connibuck) with tents on platforms, was active with tennis, canoeing, swimming and other activities.

My uncle Francis got married, so my dad felt we should have our own place. In 1958 he was able to buy a small lot adjacent to Francis, from Clyde Davidson, a granite manufacturer from Ryegate, Vermont. Once again land was cleared, and our camp was built in 1960. It was red wood stained and still is today. Fast forward to October 2017, when Jim and Charlotte Stynes purchased the property from my brother Douglas and myself. The Stynes love Harvey's Lake, our camp and its location and are the perfect people to now own our camp of 57 years. Sadly, Douglas passed away two years later.

Lots of exciting times, pot lucks and cookouts and parties and memories of all kinds during the 70+ years spent at Harvey's Lake. The two week deer hunting season in November with friends and family for over fifty of those years was special as well.

Take good care of the lake and respect it. Support our boat monitoring program and its dedicated Greeters, and enjoy your time at the special place that meant so much to me.

I hope and expect that there is a Harvey's Lake on the other side!



**BOAT PARADE** | Don Burke

**Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**  
12:30: Non-motorized  
1:00 pm: Motorized

## A Celebration Of Laughter

### 2021 LHA Boat Parade Theme "A Celebration of Laughter - Things That Make Us Laugh"

2020 has been a particularly difficult year for everyone. Between the sickness, the unemployment numbers, the political divisiveness and the need to stay at home, we have all experienced a tough time trying to adjust to the "new normal."

Sometimes during the COVID 19 pandemic while I am watching the depressing evening news on TV, I start to feel a deep need for a change in spirit. So I start surfing the channels and eventually I might come across an old Red Skelton show on PBS, or a 1970 edition of "Laugh In" -- or if worst comes to worst, I settle for an old version of "Hee-Haw". Humor calms, invigorates and restores.

They say that laughter is good for the soul. I do know this, whenever I laugh, something magical happens to me . . . . physically, mentally and emotionally. There's no better experience than sharing a good laugh, especially among friends.

We thought this might be a good theme for the 2021 boat parade. So let's see if all you Harvey's Lake boating enthusiasts can wake up the left side of your brain [the creative side] and come up with a clever way to decorate your boats depicting "Things that make us laugh!" for our 2021 LHA boat parade!

*Boat Parade Photos courtesy Dotti Turek.*



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## 2020 WINNERS - BOAT PARADE & KAYAK RAFFLE | Don Burke



### Boat Parade Winners

1<sup>st</sup>: Peanuts

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jurassic Park

3<sup>rd</sup>: The Grinch

Non Motorized: The Avengers

Most Original: Grease

Most Enthusiastic: Under The Tuscan Sun

### Kayak Winner

Linda Ladner

## KAYAK RAFFLE TICKETS

Buy your tickets online at [www.lakeharvey.com](http://www.lakeharvey.com), or in local stores and shops!

## BOAT MONITOR REPORT | Kathy Wirthwein



We began monitoring boats on May 23, 2020 and continued full time (7 am to 7 pm) every day through September 7th, then one more weekend.

2020 pre-season monitor training was

done online and was mandatory. Vermont should be congratulated for updating useful resources for boaters this year - view at <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/aquatic-invasives/spread-prevention/greeters>. Especially informative: the Public Access Greeter Overview Presentation, the list of Vermont infested water bodies, the Vermont aquatic plant key, and the current Vermont Fish and Wildlife Fishing Guide. Many other links within are excellent as well.

We monitored 787 visitors with boats this year. Among them 111 brought 1 kayak, 141 brought 2 kayaks and 23 brought 3 kayaks or more, for a total of 474 kayaks. Only 11 other cars brought 2 or more boats. Other totals were 87 pontoons, 194 boats with outboard motors, 109 boats with inboard motors, 20 jet skis, 26 canoes, 5 sailboats, 62 paddle-boards, and 11 sail paddle-boards. Less than one half of the boats were motorized (410 motorized vs. 552 non-motorized).

Among the motorized boats almost 90 were noted as last in Harvey's in 2019 or returning to docks on the lake. The 787 visitor total was higher than in both 2019 and 2018. The 2019 visitor total was 598, and the 2018 visitor total was 509. Our 2020 kayak total of 474 kayaks vastly exceeded 297 kayaks in 2019. Math suggests that most of the 2020 boat increase was

due to the kayak increase (and also quite a few paddle boards). The pandemic may have stimulated single occupant boating.

Boats came from about 75 different water bodies grouping the Connecticut River entries together (counted once). 10 boats came from Lake Champlain (which has zebra mussels and all of the other invasive species), 8 from Lake Fairlee, 6 from Lake Halls, 6 from Lake Morey, 14 from nearby Ticklenaked Pond, 5 from Lake Memphremagog, 13 from Crystal Lake, and 3 from Echo Lake. All of these locations have Eurasian watermilfoil. Quite a few boaters (32) last launched into various Connecticut River and connected reservoir locations. The locations close to us are not on invasive species lists, but any water bodies that connect have unknown or future risks.

I obtained my numbers by sorting a spreadsheet by lake locations and noting that (for example) lines 51 to 57 were a particular lake, so 7 boats were last in this lake. I also sorted by boat types.

Many of the boats last in contaminated lakes (about half) did not need to be washed because they were out of water more than 14 days which should dry up plant contamination, or because already diligently cleaned. About a third of the boats using the contaminated lakes were the kayaks or paddle boards.

Zebra mussels can be invisible and require hot water pressure treatment.

We are fortunate our Greeter Station is equipped with the very best such washer, and staffed with knowledgeable Greeters dedicated to making sure our so far pure Lake Harvey waters remain so.....

**PREVENTION IS THE ONLY CURE. HELP US KEEP LAKE HARVEY PURE!**

## LAKE INFORMATION PACKETS | Jackie Sprague

Do you rent your Harvey's Lake camp or home? Do you worry about how the renters will be kind to the lake? Lake Harvey Association has put together packets of information for you to share with your renters. Information includes Vermont Boating Resource Guide, Cleaning Boats, Loon habitat and life on the lake and much more. For your packets, you may contact [Jackie@sprague.org](mailto:Jackie@sprague.org) or they will be available at Harvey's Lake Events this summer.



## FEDERATION OF VERMONT LAKES AND PONDS | Jackie Sprague

The Pandemic made us realize and create new ways to stay connected over lake concerns and celebrations. In 2020 we held a virtual joint FOVLAP Annual meeting and Lake Seminar, with business meeting in the morning and two presentations on Watershed Assessment Plans in the afternoon. This year we continued with a virtual Lake Seminar held on Friday June 4, 2021. The Watershed Theme continued with an emphasis on Phosphorus, titled "Bottoms Up: Phosphorus Pollution – A High Stakes Watershed Issue".

The day was divided into short segments of presentations on specific topics with Q and A. Topics included: The history, risks, and sources of phosphorus as well as funding sources and what lake associations can do to mitigate phosphorus risks. A special presentation on wake boats was also included.

NECNALMS (New England Chapter of North American Lake Management Society)

The spring 2021 seminars included presentations on Cyanobacteria biology and toxicity, its formation and impacts on people, pets and wildlife, monitoring approaches and protocols to identify and quantify cyanobacteria in freshwater and methods/approaches for preventing, removing and controlling blooms.

FOVLAP is fortunate to have such a dedicated and supportive board of directors and auxiliary members. Together, we apply for grants to continue outreach to lake associations, create two newsletters filled with lake concerns and celebrations, legislative updates, news from the DEC staff and articles about what is happening in the world of lakes. FOVLAP offers a scholarship once a year for a deserving student and is currently looking for student members for the board. We have a Facebook page and a website where information is shared with readers. Please see [www.vermontlakes.org](http://www.vermontlakes.org) for more information, and current and future presentations.

## WATERSHED ACTION PLANNING | Jackie Sprague

Lake Harvey Association is in the process of creating a group to study and learn about a Lake Watershed Assessment Plan for Harvey's Lake and its large watershed. The team would consist of Harvey's Lake residents, interested parties, select board member, Basin Planner, Natural Resources Conservation District representative and Division of Environmental Conservation. We are fortunate that Amy Picotte (DEC), Danielle Owczarski (Basin Planner), Kerry O'Brien (Caledonia County Conservation District) and Mark Jefferson (Barnet Select Board) have agreed to be partners in this undertaking. Kerry has written a grant to support Harvey's Lake along with two other lakes to help assist our lake community with outreach to our community and shoreland owners to better understand the process and planning as we move forward. Residents have seen a significant increase in weed growth the past couple of years and realize that we need to better understand the reason of this change. We realize that this is not a quick fix and that we will be working on the steps to lead to

a Watershed Assessment Plan within the next few years. We are eager to bring more focus to our efforts on Harvey's Lake, identify ways we can improve the natural resources of our shoreland, and protect the water quality of our lake. A brief description of what a Watershed Assessment Plan follows.

A Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP) is an assessment to identify the highest nutrient/sediment pollution loading areas of the lake watershed that are resulting in water quality and habitat degradation. The LWAP results in a prioritized list of projects and strategies to address the sources of pollution and habitat degradation identified in the assessment. The plan may also contain recommendations to preserve natural features and functions, encourage use of low impact green stormwater infrastructure, and maintain the aesthetic and recreational uses of lakes. The LWAP is a useful tool to seek VT DEC funding under Act 76 for the implementation of projects to address these threats. For more information: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/watershed-planning>.

## AQUATIC NUISANCE CONTROL GRANT UPDATE | David Price

In February the Town of Barnet applied for its fifth consecutive Vermont Aquatic Nuisance Control grant to help support the public access greeter program. This year program funding from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is estimated at \$450,000, an increase over previous years. According to the ANR, "Funding for this program comes from a portion of annual revenues from motorboat registration fees and can also be supplemented by federal funds provided by the Army Corps of Engineers." Since 1994 the program has supported aquatic nuisance control efforts in more than 70 Vermont communities.

The 2021 Harvey Lake greeter program will run from May 22nd until September 19th. Program Supervisor Don Easter plans to employ five greeters. The greeter station will be staffed 12 hours a day, seven days a week for a total 1,452 hours of protection for the lake.

This year greeters will record data on iPad tablets using a new Watercraft Inspection Survey developed by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. It will run on an application called *Survey 123* and replace the manual tracking sheets used in previous years.

## LOON REPORT | Jan Parsons



Photo Credit: Allon Wildgust

As I write this, in April, it is time for cautious optimism that life may return to “normal” at Harvey’s Lake for our human residents and visitors, with reopening plans announced and vaccine availability soon for all Vermonters. But in the world of Nature, Spring is proceeding at a reassuring normal pace. The ice went out at Harvey’s Lake on April 4 and the lake was ice free by April 7. The loons were nearby and appeared on the lake that same day, celebrated in a picture posted by Rosemary Spinelli on the Barnet Facebook page on April 7. On April 8, Elaine Pollak observed four adult loons and two juveniles in front of her home near the Jewett Brook inlet. Later in the week, shoreline residents saw fourteen loons traveling together in the lake. Our sunny, open lake is likely a staging area for loons heading further north, awaiting ice out in their breeding territory.

What will 2021 be like for our resident loons? There are now two breeding pair on the lake. If recent history is a guide, hatching and raising chicks will be challenging. Last year, the new loon pair, who are still exploring nesting sites, were seen checking possible locations at the southernmost end of the lake. However, they never actually built a nest. This is not uncommon for a new pair on a lake. It can take several years for new arrivals to put all the behaviors together necessary for successful nesting and hatching. The neighborhood is not nest friendly as flooding can occur in stormy or windy weather. This pair might benefit from a nesting raft which would provide a stable platform and reduce likelihood of nest flooding in a rain storm, carrying away the eggs. State loon biologist Eric Hanson, head of the Loon Conservation Project, can offer advice if a raft is a good idea this Spring for the southern pair.

The northern loon pair has a long history of successful nesting in the marsh along the channel that leads to the South Peacham Brook. But this pair has dealt with a number of difficulties in recent years. Three years ago, an intruder loon harassed the pair so much that they abandoned their nest before eggs were laid. Two years ago, they hatched two chicks but one disappeared after three weeks, almost certainly taken by a vigilant and persistent Eagle. Last summer, two eggs were laid, one may have hatched but disappeared almost immediately or it is possible that neither hatched. A water level drop made the nest vulnerable to predators. The eggs disappeared, the loons abandoned the nest by mid June and did not attempt to re-nest.

This summer, it is likely that the pair will continue to nest in the channel. Once they start building their nest, our Loon Nesting signs will be installed and use of the channel will be off limits for the four week nesting period. Once the chicks hatch, the loon family will move out to the main lake, feeding their hatchlings in the shallow water in the beach area. If we are lucky enough to have chicks this year, please observe them from a distance and avoid making waves. Chicks cannot dive well during their first few weeks.

Last year, once the nesting season ended, there was still much enjoyable loon behavior to see at Harvey’s Lake. In addition to the two pairs of resident loons, there were nonbreeding loons visiting from neighboring ponds and gathering in groups of eight to as many as twelve. The visitors seemed to be tolerated by the resident pairs as chicks were not present. Their social behavior is enjoyable to watch but can appear alarming when a loon seems to be flapping, flailing and struggling as if caught up in fishing line. Eric Hanson has named this behavior “Extreme Preening” and is very familiar with the phenomenon since he has frequent calls about loons in trouble that turn out to be a loon giving itself a bath and oiling their feathers! You can read Eric’s past articles about “Extreme Preening” in his blog on the Vermont Center for Ecostudies website: [vtcostudies.org](http://vtcostudies.org). The website has a treasure trove of information about loons and the history of loon recovery in Vermont, as well as all other flora and fauna in the state. The website also shares information about opportunities to become a community scientist as a backyard or lakeside observer of nature in Vermont. If you want to see “extreme preening” in action, there are many enjoyable videos and still images on the internet.

Overall, the 2020 summer nesting season for Vermont loons was very successful. In the annual report, found on the VCE website, 96 nesting pairs and 135 territorial pairs (highest number ever) were documented statewide. Of the 96 pairs who attempted nesting, 65 successfully hatched 102 eggs, with 75 chicks surviving through August. While lower numbers of loon pairs nested than during the record year of 2019, chick survival numbers were robust: 75 is the fourth highest survival number in the last 17 years.

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## LOON REPORT (*continued*) | Jan Parsons

The total loon population in Vermont continues to grow. On Loonwatch Day, 18 July 2020, about 200 volunteers surveyed lakes throughout Vermont and observed loons on 125 of 171 surveyed lakes. 358 adults, 66 chicks and 1 sub-adult loon were counted, comparing favorably with adult counts in 2018 (356); and in 2019 (339). These totals are a significant increase from the 2013-2017 Loonwatch totals when an average of 301 adult loons were counted each year.

It is encouraging to learn of the increasing numbers of loon pairs and their nesting success in Vermont, because it is disappointing when a nesting season at Harvey's ends without one or two chicks to watch. When we are fortunate, we can see the chicks develop from hiding under a parent's protective wing to riding on a parent's back and eventually swimming alongside the adults. Gradually they learn to dive and feed on their own but are still fed by their parents for about four months. If we do have parent and chick behavior to watch this summer, remember to keep a safe distance of 100 feet away in a kayak, further in a powerboat. Let's hope that we will have the chance to watch adult loons and chicks this summer at Harvey's Lake.

I want to thank all the residents and visitors around the lake who watch over the loons, care about their welfare and aid in the monitoring process. Bill Biddle, Elaine Pollak and Jackie Sprague provided information about Fall 2020 loon migration from Harvey's and news of their welcome arrival in April. Bonnie and Don Easter store the Loon Nesting signs and Bonnie and friends place them in the channel. In the summer, many folks around the lake keep an eye on loon activity.

**Update:** June 25, 2021: the northern pair of loons did indeed build a nest in the marsh and hatched two chicks on June 17. They came out to the lake that day with their pictures soon posted on our Facebook page! By the next morning, only one chick was present but that chick has been thriving so far. It is feeding well and is seen with parents in the upper area of the lake, south of the beach. At the south end of the lake, a nest raft was installed, as promised, by Eric Hanson. The loons were not impressed by the location and the raft has recently been moved to a different spot, better protected from boat wash, and near an inlet where they like to hang out.

If you see a loon in trouble, please contact me, Jan Parsons, at (802) 633-3174 or leave a message on my cell 508-314-0922. My email is [jpeacham@aol.com](mailto:jpeacham@aol.com). Eric Hanson can be reached at 802-586-8065. His email is [ehanson@vtecostudies.org](mailto:ehanson@vtecostudies.org).

Wishing everyone a relaxing summer and good times at our beautiful lake.

## HISTORICAL "PAVILION" ANECDOTE | Red Dufresne & Jackie Sprague



**Red Dufresne:** Amazingly, my daughter was having some work done on her house in Springfield VT by a carpenter named Rick Steele. He was talking about his grandfather that used to own a dance hall in Harvey's Lake. We sent him a photo of the barn dance poster and he sent back a photo he had of the dance hall and of the "trained bear". The bear is the one

drinking a soda. Unfortunately you can't quite see the date on the photo but may be 1922.

Another part of the story he told is that after his grandfather sold the dance hall, he bought some swampland in Florida and then sold it to another person and managed not to take a loss on it. But the new owner then sold it to the government and is now quite rich as the site is now known as Cape Canaveral.

**Jackie Sprague:** There are so many stories about the Pavilion. My Mom and Dad came almost every weekend to dance to live music in the 40's and 50's.

One day Sherm was in a parts store in Burlington and mentioned that we had a place on Harvey's. The clerk stopped and said I used to play in a band at the Pavilion – the Red Coats. My Mom and dad dance to their music. Small world.

## ICE OUT 2021

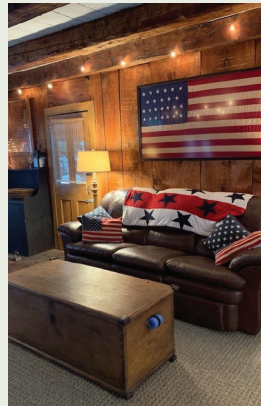
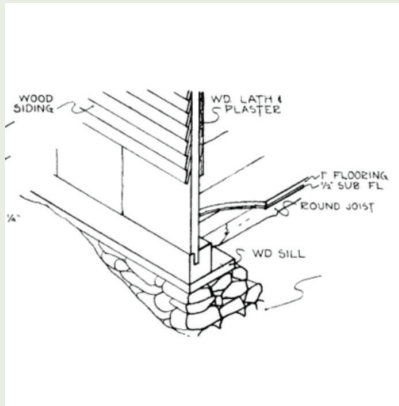
**ELAINE POLLAK AND BOBBY FARLICE BOTH GUESSED  
APRIL 4TH AT NOON AND SPLIT THE POT.**

THE ICE WENT OUT JUST A FEW MINUTES LATER, AT 12:11 PM. CONGRATS!

NOW 76 YEARS OF HISTORY ON OUR WEBSITE



## AN HISTORIC HARVEY LAKE HOUSE | Kathleen Monroe



In Vermont, by 1800, a wood-intensive, combination frame-and-plank-wall construction was a building option for capes and some two-story houses. Such structures were found in the upper Connecticut, upper Winooski, and upper Lamoille river valleys where the bountiful native forest and plentiful water sources for water-powered sawmills eased the production of planks.

Plank framing is a construction method by which pieces of sawn timber of uniform thickness and variable width stand vertically side-to-side. The planks were spiked into rabbets (grooves cut into the sill) and extended to the upper plate, or are let into a groove in the plate. The chinks between the planks were filled with mixtures of clay, chopped straw, cloth or newspapers. Shingles or clapboards were usually nailed to the outside planks, although there is the occasional plank house with a brick exterior. Rafters and joists were conventional. Lath and horsehair plaster were applied to the inside faces making the wall about three inches thick.

The substantial width of the planks (typically 9-25 inches, but some measuring 40+ inches) contributes to the success of bracing the plank frame. The planks replace studs, posts and diagonals used in more typical construction. Planks serve, too, as exterior sheathing, the interior base for plaster lath or paneling, framing for doors and windows, and function as a form of insulation.

The results of a 1983-84 survey suggested that thirty percent of the houses built in the Northeast Kingdom between 1780 and 1830 were plank-framed. Plank framing fell out of favor when, in about the middle of the nineteenth century, large logs became scarce. Electricians are often familiar with the whereabouts of plank houses. Homeowners sometimes fail to realize

they live in a plank house until the electrician finds he cannot snake wires through the wall cavities—as there are no wall cavities—and discover the planks when they cut holes for outlet and switch boxes.

“Ye Auld Hame,” a Harvey Lake camp owned by Claire and Kurt Groll, is one of at least two plank houses on the lakeside. Built in Ryegate in 1836 by James McLam (1807-1882) it originally sat on what is now Dover Ford’s property at 3158 North Bayley Hazen Road in the pasture land by McLam Pond, called “the Lower Place.”

“Ye Auld Hame” housed the McLam clan in Ryegate for the next ninety-seven years. Then, Arthur E. Taplin (1892-1962), born in Topsham, Vermont, purchased the Auld Hame, in 1932, from Taplin’s cousin, Alexander McLeod Milligan McLam. Arthur, a graduate of Norwich University, was a civil engineer and building contractor living in High Point, North Carolina. Taplin was captivated by the old hand-hewn beams and wide plank construction of his grandfather’s old Ryegate farmhouse. First, carefully carving a reference number into each 34-inch wide plank, he and one of his laborers from High Point deconstructed the house, loaded it onto a horse-drawn wagon and brought the material up to the Bayley-Hazen Road where it was trucked to the lakefront location. There it was reconstructed on farmer Elmer Bailey’s land, down Bailey Farm Road, off of Roy Mountain Road. On August 23, 1933, the annual McLam family reunion was held at Arthur Taplin’s new cottage. The Peacham band furnished the music.

Arthur Taplin’s heirs enjoyed this ‘auld’ lakeside ‘hame’ until September 1976 when it was sold to Warren and Barbara Williams from Barre. They delighted in the camp for another thirty-seven years. The Grolls bought the camp in March 2014. Kurt Groll appreciates the absence of plaster, which lets the camp boast its charming interior rustic planking: “As you can see, the interior side of the 34-inch planks are exposed everywhere in the house, as there is no horsehair plaster. Notice in the living room picture that there are light colored horizontal lines on some of the planks. I suspect those indicate that there may have been wood lath and horsehair plaster sometime during the 1836-1930 period when the house was at its original location. After it was dismantled and moved to the lake, they didn’t choose to plaster. We are glad for that.”

## EVENTS

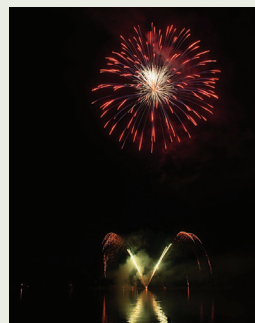
# SUMMER 2021 AT HARVEY'S LAKE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
Jul 10 <sup>th</sup> - Sep 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ongoing	<b>LEVITT AMP ST JOHNSBURY MUSIC SERIES</b> <b>DOG MOUNTAIN</b> - 143 Parks Road, St Johnsbury	<a href="http://www.concerts.levittamp.org">www.concerts.levittamp.org</a>
Jun 26 <sup>th</sup> & Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	<b>LEVE EVENTS CANCELLED</b> <b>FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS GO TO</b> <b>SMIRKUS.ORG/VIRTUAL-EVENTS</b> <small>CIRCUS SMIRKUS - DANVILLE Green Mountain Mall, St. Johnsbury, Vermont (SIGN UP FOR CAMP! For kids of all ages!)</small>	Info, Tickets & Camp Registration <a href="http://www.smirkus.org">www.smirkus.org</a>
Jul 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	<b>ANNUAL BURKLYN SUMMER CRAFT FAIR</b> - Bandstand Park, Lyndonville	SUSAN GALLAGHER 802 626-5836 <a href="http://www.Burklyn-Arts.org">www.Burklyn-Arts.org</a>
Jul 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 pm - 10 pm	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT BURKE</b> - Food, music, chairlift rides, fireworks	<a href="http://skiburke.com">skiburke.com</a>
Jul 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>WATERSKI CAMP AT LAKE HARVEY</b> Instructor: legendary Steve Dolgin	<a href="http://tickets.catamountarts.org">tickets.catamountarts.org</a>
Jul 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>LAKE HARVEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MTG.</b> Beach Pavilion (Rain: W Barnet Church basement)	<a href="mailto:lakeharveyassociation@lakeharvey.com">lakeharveyassociation@lakeharvey.com</a>
Jul 17 <sup>th</sup>		<b>LAKE HARVEY ASSOCIATION EVENTS</b>	<a href="http://www.lakeharvey.com">www.lakeharvey.com</a>
	6:00 pm	Potluck Party - <b>CANCELLED</b> - Harvey's Lake Beach Pavilion	Karla Cornelius - 802 633-2534
	8:00 am	Mile long yard sale, West Barnet	
	12:30 pm	Boat Parade (non-motorized boats)	<b>2021 THEME</b> <b>A CELEBRATION OF LAUGHTER -</b> <b>Things that make us laugh</b> Jan Sherman 802 535-2832
	1:00 pm	Boat Parade (motorized boats)	
	11:30 am - 2:30 pm	Barnet Fire Department's Chicken BBQ West Barnet Church	For reservations call Ron Morse, 633-2595
	4:00 pm	Ice Cream Social at Harvey's Lake Pavilion	Red & Chris Dufresne 802 633-3711
	5:00 pm	Boat parade awards, Kayak Raffle winner announced at 5:00 pm on Facebook Page	JAN SHERMAN 802 535-2832
	Dusk	Fireworks over lake	
Jul 17 <sup>th</sup>		<b>LOON WATCH DAY</b> (Annual one day count throughout Vermont)	Eric Hansen 802 586-8065
Jul 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	<b>FOURTEENTH ANNUAL LHA DONOR REWARD CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH</b> - Dufresne lakehouse	RSVP: Red & Chris Dufresne 802 633-3711
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am - 9:00 pm	<b>DANVILLE COMMUNITY FAIR</b> - Danville Town Green	<a href="http://www.danvillevtchamber.org">www.danvillevtchamber.org</a>

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Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>		<b>PEACHAM ACOUSTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL</b> Peacham, Vermont <b>CANCELLED</b>	Tickets: 802 748-2600 www.pamfest.com www.catamountarts.org
Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am - 10:00 pm	<b>CALEDONIA COUNTY FAIR</b> 1 Back Fairground Road, Lyndonville, Vermont	802 748-4208 www.caledoniacountyfair.com
Sep 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 Register 9 am Meeting	<b>FOVLAP ANNUAL MEETING</b> <b>VIRTUAL MEETING &amp; SEMINAR</b>	Info at www.vermontlakes.org
Sep 26 <sup>th</sup>	8 am register 9 am ceremony 9:30 am walk	<b>ST. JOHNSBURY WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S</b> Welcome Center, 51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury	Jenna Smith - 802 316-3839 ext 8015 jemsmith@alz.org
Sep 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am - 7:00 pm	<b>COLORS OF THE KINGDOM</b> - Parade, foliage train rides, arts & crafts, farmers market, exhibits Welcome Center, Depot Square, St. Johnsbury	NEK Chamber 802 748-3678
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - 3 pm	<b>BURKE FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL -</b> RTE 114, East Burke	www.burkevermont.com
<b>CHECK FOR UPDATES</b>		<b>NORTHEAST KINGDOM FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL</b>	www.lakeharvey.com www.nekchamber.com
Sep 30 <sup>th</sup>		Peacham Day – Lunch, arts & crafts, special farmer's market, ghost walk, spaghetti dinner	
Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>		Barnet Day - Pancake breakfast, crafts, european coffee hour, wagon rides, tours, ham dinner	
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10 am reg. 11 am race	Ducky Day 2018 - Rubber Ducky Race Ben's Mill, Barnet, Vermont	www.bensmill.com
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Groton Day - Lumberjack breakfast, parade, music, world famous chicken pot pie dinner	
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 am – 4 pm	<b>AUTUMN ON THE GREEN - ARTS, CRAFTS, FOOD, FUN</b> - Danville Town Green	www.danvillevtchamber.org
Year Round		<b>CATAMOUNT ARTS</b> – Music, film, dance, art, education, events	www.catamountarts.com







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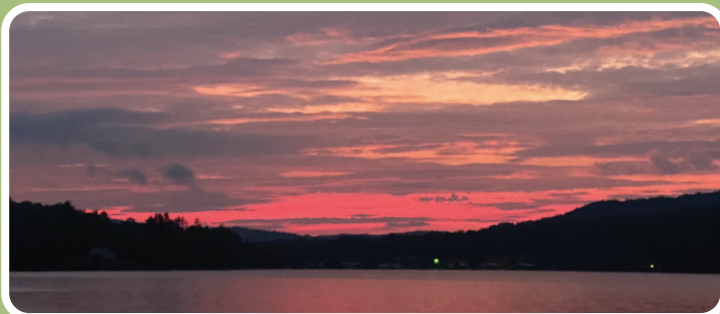


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