

GRANITE LAKE NEWSLETTER

We work together to preserve our lake



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

David Pagniucci

Dear Granite Lake Neighbors,

We just had one of those perfect Granite Lake Spring weekends. We had 3 beautiful days in a row before the black flies come out to do yard cleanup, put in the dock, and get ready for another beautiful and busy summer. But the work of protecting our lake continues all year round, and there is much to report.

As an Executive Committee, we met for a retreat in October and recommitted to keeping our eye on the goal as stated on our Granite Lake Watershed Management Plan (a copy of which is available on our website: granitelakenh.org) of reducing phosphorous loads, mainly via reducing siltation processes, into Granite Lake as the principal way we can assure the long term health and quality of our Lake.

Two of our leaders on the Executive Committee, Bill Steiniger and Harry Flanagan, took the highlights of the Watershed Management Plan and prepared story boards about our efforts to reduce siltation by fixing culverts around the lake highlighted in that report as contributing to siltation due to the culverts' poor state of repair and need for maintenance. They made presentations to the Selectmen of both Stoddard and Nelson. In both cases, they got issues important to the

GLA on the town meeting agendas of both towns. In the case of Nelson, we failed to get our issue passed to pave the driveway in front of the fire station. But, we will come back next year.

In the case of Stoddard, there is a warrant on the town meeting Agenda to make improvements to culverts that are failing on the Stoddard side of Granite Lake. If you are a Stoddard voter, please attend town meeting on May 17 at 7 PM to support those warrant articles.

The Executive Committee also identified the Town Farm Road as a significant source of siltation that is not part of either town's jurisdiction but which is a significant source of siltation. The executive Committee has determined that staged repair of the town farm culverts must fall to the GLA as there is no other relevant government body to pay for the needed repairs. While temporary repairs will be made under our by-laws spending limit of \$500, we will be presenting a more comprehensive proposal for repairs on the Town Farm Road at our July Annual Meeting.

Finally, we continue to have issues with the NHDOT regarding the height of the Beaver Dam and the water level in Nye Meadow. Again in January, the NHDOT, knocked down the height of the Dam which released a large surge of silt and debris into our lake. This was the third such incidence within the last year. After letters were exchanged with District 4 of the NHDOT,

where we asked the DOT to desist from further knock-downs of the dam, we met and agreed to recommend to the Members that we fund a "Beaver Deceiver" that will maintain a water level in Nye Meadow that will be acceptable to the owners of Nye Meadow, the NH Audubon Society, and to the NHDOT that is charged with the maintenance of route 9 heading East.

We will be meeting shortly with the inventor of the Beaver Deceiver and the NHDOT, and we hope to get the NHDOT to agree to let us try the Beaver Deceiver that will generally prevent sudden discharges of silt into our lake. We hope to stop the arbitrary 3-4 times per year violent lowering of the beaver dam as we saw the last 12 months. We will also have a proposal at July's Annual Meeting to recommend funding the Beaver Deceiver.

Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday July 16, at 10 AM. As you can see, we have a lot to talk about, and we will make every effort to cover all the actionable items, including the nomination for new members of the Executive committee, have an interesting speaker, and adjourn not later than 11:30 AM. Please make every effort to attend and to be on time for the meeting.

All the best,

Dave

POTLUCK PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUG 20 at 3 PM with the Nelson Band Tour of the Lake performing at 4 and touring the lake at 5. Everyone is invited. Call Donna Hamilton 847-3288 or Angel Nicoletti 847-9547 to volunteer to help. Many hands are needed to make this a successful event.

**TO PROTECT THE NESTING LOONS,
PLEASE GO SLOWLY AROUND THE ISLAND
CREATING NO WAKE AND NOT APPROACHING
TOO CLOSELY IN ANY CRAFT. THE LOONS
EASILY GET NERVOUS AND MIGHT ABANDON
THEIR NEST. THE WAKES FLOOD THE NEST,
THANK YOU!**

Chapel by the Lake - 10:00 AM Munsonville, New Hampshire 67th ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, July 16, 2016

The 67th Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at the Chapel-by-the-Lake at 10 AM. The Granite Lake Association works for the protection and betterment of Granite Lake. The annual meeting is the forum for discussion of issues of common concern and for the determination of appropriate action.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Remembrances David Pagniucci, President
3. Secretary's Report Sally Ripley, Secretary
4. Treasurer's Report / Tom Newcombe, Treasurer
Contribution to Chapel
5. Lake Host Report Anita Flanagan
6. Loon Update Bill Steiniger
7. CPR/AED Bob Englund
8. Water Quality/VLAP update/Nye Meadow Issues
Tom Newcombe/Phil Hamilton
Raising siltation Awareness — discussion
9. Nominating Committee Report Judy Walton
President: Harry Flanagan
Vice President: Bill Steiniger
Officer at large:
Treasurer: Tom Newcomb
Secretary: Sally Ripley
10. Membership/Newsletter
Dita Englund/Cayla Pagniucci
11. New Business Dave Pagniucci
Web site update: www.granitelakenh.org
Annual meeting 2017: July 15; 10 AM
Annual Community Picnic Date Aug. 20 3PM
Other
12. Motion to Adjourn Dave Pagniucci

Granite Lake Association

Minutes

66th Annual Meeting July 18, 2015

The 66th meeting of the Granite Lake Association was called to order at 10:04 AM by David Pagniucci, President. Cindy Wollaeger counted the members present as some non-members often attend; David noted that a quorum was present.

Executive board members present: David Pagniucci, President; Harry Flanagan, Vice-president; Tom Newcombe, Treasurer; Anita Flanagan, Lake Host Coordinator; Bob Mitchell, Water Quality Committee Chair; Dita Englund; Membership Chair. Absent: Phil Hamilton, Nominating Committee Chair and Water Quality Committee; Bill Steiniger, Member at Large and Water Quality Committee.

David asked for the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting. Copies were passed out for members to read and accept later in the meeting.

Treasurer's report: Tom Newcombe reviewed the financial report. Former dues levels would not have supported our expenses, but the new amounts will.

The account balance as of June 30, 2015 is \$5,263.25 including amounts saved for Nelson Band (\$345), donations given for fighting the cell tower project (\$2400), and funds available for normal operating expenses (\$2518.25) with a total bank balance \$12,264.74. Lake Host account is \$4635.77 and the Water Quality account is \$2365.72. The board has decided to keep the cell tower project money separate for now in case it is needed later.

A question: Could a village district be formed for the purpose of generating revenue for road maintenance? Possibly, but not necessary now as both Nelson and Stoddard have been receptive to our concerns including the boat ramp in Nelson and the corner of Aten Rd. and West/North Shore Rds.

The Aten Rd./N.Shore Rd. drainage job, covered by the \$25,000 that the Town of Stoddard approved in 2014, was completed in June 2015. The next silt control project is paving the fire station parking lot to eliminate most of the dirt run-off.

Barbara Ropiecki, treasurer of the Granite Lake Village District, reported that the LGC will be no longer be operational next summer, and that the Granite Lake Village District will have to find insurance coverage elsewhere.

The motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Lake Host Program 21 Lake Host volunteers (247 hours), 7 paid lake hosts (167 hours), 1 managing paid point person together have inspected 332 boats.

NH LAKES had the honor of accepting two awards for its management of the Lake Host Programs. Statewide there have been 10 saves from invasive species. The hosts are proud and thankful that our new Hosts have taken the time to attend class in Concord and watch boats/kayaks/trailers/canoes, etc. Although they cannot prevent a person from putting his/her boat into the lake, they can advise them that there is a fine for transporting an invasive plant and suggest they go elsewhere away from the lake to wash the plants off their watercraft. Mike Guida suggested he could ask the people at Monadnock Boat Store if boaters could access their faucets to wash the boats. A motion was made and seconded to Approve Lake Host Program Point Person's report. Motion was approved.

Secretary's Report After an adequate time for members to read the minutes of 2014 annual meeting, David called for a vote. On motion duly made and seconded, the membership approved the secretary's report.

501(c)3: Bob Mitchell reported that he was behind in completing the 501(c)3 application. This still needs to be reviewed by the lawyer for the NH Lakes Association (a perk for NH Lakes membership). As soon as it is complete, we will put it up on the GLA website. Thanks to Bob.

VLAP The state is doing water sampling/testing only every two years. In 2014 the clarity was 7.8 meters - one of the best in NH - but suffering a small decline over 37 years. Clarity was good -the sample came from deepest part of the lake. However, we have had some very high phosphorous readings from 3 tributaries - Aten Rd. run-off, Little Granite Lake, and

Nye Meadow. On July 16, 2014 an extreme rain event caused Little Granite Lake and Nye Meadow to turn completely brown. High phosphorous is a precursor for algae - green or blue-green (cyanobacteria) that is toxic. The federal government is going to be studying the relationship between cyanin and algae as they suspect a correlation; they used our sample to calibrate their machine. Tom said we will take 3 samples again this year.

Water Quality: Bob Mitchell showed a map of the lake's watershed and where the logging operations were located. In 2014 we visited and pushed for silt run-off mitigation at both sites. Board members and guests walked the site above Little Granite Lake. Bob walked it with a representative from DES. This past winter logging occurred over the ridge from us. We are trying to be more proactive reducing silt run-off especially from logging, but we found out that even areas in conservancy may be logged.

This past spring an active vandal took off a chunk of the beaver dam at Nye Meadow, allowing silt and dirty water to come down the brook into the lake. Bill Steiniger and Sally Ripley (mostly Bill) repaired a good part of it - raising the water level to above what the DOT was happy with. The DOT has a mandate to lower Nye Meadow to ensure safety levels with Rte. 9. Bob met with DOT and the Audubon Society that owns Nye Meadow. The DOT will work to install a beaver deceiver in the fall so they won't have to lower the dam top. He added that certain soils go into suspension very easily and need to be sucked out of where they are by means of a tank truck. Bob summed up his report by encouraging people to join the water quality committee.

Membership: Dita Englund reported that 240 letters had been sent out with only 10 returned - indicating that list has been pretty well cleaned up. As of the meeting, 57 family memberships and 10 individual had paid dues. She said that she executed a trial electronic delivery of the spring 2015 newsletter. Members received the newsletter successfully, and she will continue to build the email distribution list.

Website: David would like to form a web committee to facilitate materials going onto

the web site. He has put together a binder with the pertinent information of the executive committee. Some suggested links include the Granite Lake Study (made as the grant application), and NH Lakes Association. At the time we have a budget of only \$500 that he said we will exceed.

On motion duly made and seconded, the membership voted to approve an increase up to \$1000 for the website.

Lake Issues: David emphasized that siltation is an on-going issue and needs to be given the same importance as other committees. Property owners should give this issue more attention. One way to reduce siltation on properties would be to construct a rain garden in a low area where plantings would slow down and filter water run-off. Due to climate change we are seeing more extreme weather events. The towns need to step up to the plate too. Some culverts are insufficient or now non-existent, vast quantities of gravel turns to sand and blows into the lake or runs off during heavy rains. Cindy Wollaeger suggested getting a person from DES to speak at a meeting.

Nominating committee: As each term is for 2 years, no terms are up this year. Motions were made and seconded for having our next meeting on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

On a motion made and seconded the Members present approved a contribution of \$350 to the Chapel-by-the Lake.

Announcements:

Exercise classes will begin 9 a.m. on Mon, Wed. & Fri. , at Bartalotta's beach.

Suggestions to combat the Canada Geese situation include using plastic swans & or 'liquid scent.'

Dita and Bob Englund will be hosting Harry Vogel, Executive Director of the Loon Preservation Committee, on Friday, July 31, 2015, 7 PM at the Chapel. The event is free and open to the public. Dita invited everyone to spread the invitation to everyone.

As people were leaving, David called for a motion to adjourn. It was made and seconded, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Ripley, Secretary

Lake Host Program



Two generations of Lake Hosts

Bob Englund & grandson Zachary Farhm

I am happy to report that we had another successful summer season at the boat ramp. Last summer the boat ramp was staffed for a total of 1,078 hours. Our 21 volunteers contributed 540 hours of that coverage. Our young paid Lake Hosts staffed the ramp on weekends and holidays for an additional 538 hours. This summer we added a Friday afternoon shift from 3:00-6:00, as this is a time hard to cover with volunteers. We inspected 848 boats and found no invasive species. State wide 46 saves occurred this summer which indicates that vigilance and education are still necessary to stop the spread of invasive species.

As Lake Host Point Person I really appreciate the continued financial support of our two lake communities, Nelson and Stoddard. I also want to recognize the outstanding dedication of our hard working group of volunteers who year after year continue to make a difference for our lake community. Last summer we added three new lake host volunteers to our roster. I want to thank them for joining us and contributing their time to help keep the lake as clean and beautiful as it is today. It is important that we continue to grow our group of Lake Host volunteers. I think everyone understands the important nature of their work in educating boaters about the potential hazards that invasive species present. Their courtesy boat inspections remind everyone that we must remain vigilant. We need lake residents to show their awareness of this treat by participating in this worthwhile endeavor.

I look forward to working together with our young paid lake hosts and our committed lake host volunteers again this summer. If you want to join us

please contact me at 847-3082, remember every hour spent at the ramp keeps our lake safer from invasive species.

Anita Flanagan Managing Lake Host Point Person
847-3082 anita.harryflanagan@gmail.com

The Perfect Lawn

From: June 2012, *Old Farmers Almanac*
"Farmers Calendar"

There was a time when a meticulously maintained lawn was a sign of affluence. If that were still the case, I would be considered impoverished. I love my lawn as it is: a colorful patchwork quilt of sunny yellow dandelions, white and purple violets, and fiery red hawkweed.

While having a "perfect" lawn can be a source of pride, many of us take pleasure in knowing that our weedy lawns are helping the environment. They thrive on neglect, which means little, if any, watering and no fertilizer or chemicals. Weeds invite bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects, as well as predatory insects that protect plants from insects.

Several lawn weeds are edible, if untreated. In fact, settlers grew dandelions, purslane, and other "weedy" plants for food. Over the years, these have crept into lawns, and now we can enjoy them. I look forward to a Spring salad of dandelion greens from my yard as much as I do the first fresh picked lettuce from my vegetable plot. As an added bonus, there are enough tiny wild strawberries so that I can usually harvest a cup or two in early June.

A weed can be defined as a plant growing where it isn't wanted. If this is correct, then there is not a single weed in my "imperfect" lawn, and at least I feel as though I am a wealthy man.

submitted by Bill Steiniger

LOON CENSUS to occur on Granite Lake

LPC's annual **Loon Census will be held on Saturday, July 16 from 8-9 am**. Data gathered from this statewide event gives us a mid-season snapshot on how the loons are doing each year. It helps us discover new territories, track movements of loons, and generate more interest in the lake community about loons and ways to protect them. For more information or to download a census form, please visit www.loon.org/census.php, or send an email to volunteers@loon.org if you have any questions

BLS/AED

Bob Englund

In the event of a heart attack with cardiac arrest, Automatic External Defibrillators save lives by “jump-starting” the heart. However, they must be used within five minutes and people must be comfortable operating them.

Our Granite Lake community is fortunate to have three defibrillators available at the lake within a mile of each other. One is at Chapel by the Lake (located in a well-marked kitchen cabinet) and others are located at the homes of Nick Nicoletti and Bob Englund. (The Nicoletti AED is in a wooden case by the main entryway to their home, and the Englund AED is on a shelf in their garden shed adjacent to the parking area.)

During the summers of 2012 and 2014, Granite Lake Association provided financial support for courses taught by the Red Cross. Since certification is for only two years, GLA is again proposing to sponsor courses this July and August. This year they will be taught by the professional staff at the Keene Family YMCA, and participants will have the opportunity of choosing from several available dates. The Y staff is proficient in teaching CPR courses with AED training, and they are setting up extra courses to accommodate members of the Granite Lake Association

The Executive Committee of the GLA voted at its recent meeting to again subsidize CPR/AED Courses for its members. The charge for the course at the Y is \$75.00 per person and \$50.00 for Y members. The GLA proposes to pay \$50.00 per participant (with support to up to 20 participants). Therefore the cost for participation will be only \$25.00, and it will be free for Y members.

The CPR/AED courses will be offered from 9 AM to 1:00 PM on three summertime Saturday mornings---**July 23rd, July 30th, and August 13th**. To register for one of these dates, call the Y at 352-6002, and be sure to identify yourself as a Granite Lake Association enrollee for CPR. For non-members of the Y, the receptionist will register you for a \$25.00 charge on your credit card; for Y members, there will be no charge.

DAM History

Sally Ripley

In 1981 the State determined that all dams should be able to withstand a 100-year flood and found that the dam at Granite Lake would not pass that requirement. A group from around the lake shouldered the task of finding a way to generate the money to fund

that project. They came up with a formula combining the amount of land, its valuation, and the waterfront for each resident and then asked each household to donate that amount. 99% of the owners participated; only 2 did not.

Seeing this problem possibly recurring and recognizing the liability for damage downstream to the residents there, the Granite Lake Association thought of a way to raise revenue through taxation. Looking for a way to merge the needs of both towns led to the creation of the Village District (a municipality) concept. David Knight initiated the process for getting the District up and running. He became the first head commissioner on a board of three — a treasurer, auditor, and secretary. The commissioners oversee the safety and maintenance of the dam. The sole purpose of the Village District is the impoundment of water — the only issue it is allowed to control.

The Village District is a municipality for the residents around the lake; therefore only registered voters, year-round residents and those holding deeded rights to the lake are allowed to vote on Village District warrant articles. The Annual Meeting is always held the 3rd Saturday in April.

KEENE ART WALK

Art Walk will be held from Friday, June 3-Sunday, June 12 on Main Street, Keene. Local businesses will host the artists' work for viewing by the public. Several special events are planned as well: Friday, June 3, 5-7 pm: Art Walk Opening. Saturday, June 4 and June 11th will be “Keene on Canvas” outdoor painting event. All artists welcome. bring your materials and paint downtown! *Plein air painting* opens a magical connection between artist and spectator by sharing the artistic experience. Email keeneartwalk@yahoo.com to register and for further information. Saturday, June 4 and June 11 from 5:30 - 7 PM will be the “Band Playing on RR Square.”

This celebration of local artists is one of the highlights of the Monadnock Region and the beginning of summer. Enjoy!

Fall Foliage Art Tour

Bob Englund

The Fall Foliage Arts Studio Tour has become an annual Columbus Day weekend event in Cheshire County.

From 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8th and Sunday, Oct. 9th, artists and craftsmen through-

out Cheshire County will open their studios for self-guided tours showcasing sculpture, painting, drawing, fiber, photography, glass, pottery, and woodturning. The towns include Stoddard, Munsonville, Antrim, Nelson, Rindge, New Ipswich, Swanzey, Keene, and Spofford. Artists on Granite Lake include Sue Kingsbury and Bob Englund. Further details about other artists may be found at www.fallfoliageartstudiotour.com

The Friends of the Davis Public Library

Angel Nicoletti, President

Come and see the new addition to the Davis Public Library (DPL) in Stoddard. It is a cozy, welcoming place with plumbing! Our Librarian, Lauren Rettig is happy to request items not in our collection from the Interlibrary Loan System. With help from the Friends of the Davis Public Library, the collection of print and electronic media is current.

The Friends and the Library Trustees developed a Capital Campaign to cover the cost of items, which the Town warrant did not pay for. Such items include a walkway, landscaping, preparation and building of the Children's Garden, a permeable paved parking lot and insulated replacement windows for the original structure.

The Friends collaborated with the James Faulkner Elementary School to organize a Book Pal Program for the 4th year. This involved 37 adult/student pairs reading the same book and communicating about it by snail mail. It is always an enjoyable experience for all, especially when they get to meet each other at the end of the program.

Book donations are being accepted by the DPL now for the Friends Annual Book Sale during Olde Home Days Saturday July 9th. The book slot for donations is located to the right of the new front entrance. The Book Sale is a major source of income for the Friends.

Friday August 5th is the Annual Meeting of the Friends at the Stoddard Town Hall. Geoff Jones, the Chair of the Stoddard Conservation Commission will talk about the Importance of a Balanced Ecosystem. Geoff has a long history in a balanced management of the outdoors. Some of his activities include the Harris Center Lands Commission, the Board of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and he is longtime Director of Land Management of the Forest Society. He

wrote "A Guide to Logging Aesthetics" and helped write "Good Forestry in the Granite State.. In 2011 he was awarded the Tudor Richard award by the NH Audubon Society. The Friends business meeting will be at 6pm and Geoff will present at 630pm. For more information call me at 847-9547.

State of New Hampshire Granite Lake Village District Annual Meeting April 16, 2016

John Halter called the meeting to order at 9:00 and read the warrant articles as follows.

To the inhabitants of the Granite Lake Village in the towns of Nelson and Stoddard, NH, located in Cheshire County who are qualified to vote in Village District affairs, you are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the Granite Lake Village District will be held at the Chapel-by-the-Lake in Munsonville, NH, Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 9:00 A.M, to vote on articles 1-6 including election of officers.

Article 1. To choose a commissioner for a term of three years and to see who the inhabitants of the District will elect for the offices of auditor, treasurer, moderator, clerk, each for a term of 1 year. Nominated for commissioner Harold [a.k.a. Butch] Roeder; auditor, John Halter; treasurer, Barbara Ropiecki; moderator, John Halter; clerk, Sally Ripley. The article was appropriately moved and seconded. vote was affirmative.

Article 2. To see if the District will vote to raise the sum of \$5,000. to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for dam maintenance/repair/replacement established Dec. 2008. commissioners recommended. (Majority vote required). When asked if that was enough money to add, Phil said "best case, what we have is not enough; worst case, a half a million." We have \$41,088.10 in the reserve fund now. They would have to take off the soft cement that's there and reface the dam. The article was appropriately moved and seconded. vote was affirmative.

Article 3. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000. to defray Village District expenses for the ensuing year. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required) The article was appropriately moved and seconded. vote was affirmative.

Article 4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800. to pay for liability insurance for one year. Barbara said that our new carrier is Primex which is taking the place of the carri-

er we had through LGC which went out. She had called and received word that the coverage was \$10,000. for anyone working on the dam and a million each for residences, The article was appropriately moved and seconded. vote was affirmative.

Article 5. To see if the District will appropriate \$1000. to repair existing fence around dam with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. This has been on the warrant for 2 years already and the money is still in our account, The article was appropriately moved and seconded. Vote was affirmative.

Article 6. To see if the District will vote to hold its next annual meeting on April 15, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. at the Chapel-by-the-Lake in Munsonville NH. The article was appropriately moved and seconded. vote was affirmative.

Vote to adjourn moved and seconded. Vote was affirmative. Meeting over 9:15
Respectfully submitted, Sally Ripley, clerk

GRANITE LAKE COMMUNITY EVENTS IN STODDARD

Stoddard Historical Association

June 17: "Draft Horses" 7PM at Town Hall
August 19: Annual Meeting Potluck at Lakefalls Lodge, Aten Road. 5PM
October 21: TBD. 7PM at Town Hall

STODDARD OLDE HOME DAYS, Please attend these enjoyable programs: July 8-10 Friday, July 10: Conservation Program Geoff Jones. Town Hall,

Saturday, July 9, Craft Fair Town Hall 9-2; Parade - 10-11 AM; BarBQ 4-6 at Fire Station; Stoddard Historical Society Book Sale with Davis Library 9AM -2PM; Crafts Fair at Town Hall; multiple local yard sales;. Historical Society open 10-2; Petting Zoo beside the church 11 a.m.; Humane Society Fast Friends. Yard Sale at Gazebo, 11a.m. Pathways Singers at church 2-3 PM; Cake Walk (Like musical chairs, prize a free cake) 3-4 PM at church. Ben Pratt Magic Show 6-7, Barbershoppers 7-8, Rick and Diane band, 8-9 at Town Hall; Ice Cream social 6-9 PM at Town Hall.

Sunday: Church Service 10-11AM; in afternoon at 1 PM Historic hike of Cold Spring Pond neighborhood with Alan Rumrill; Historical Society Open House 2-4 PM.. Call Steve Rockwell for more info home 446-7357 cell 398-3079 or Barbara Rockwell, 499-0081. Donations

send to Steve Rockwell, 73 Route 123 So, Stoddard, 03464.

Open House at Studios at Crescent Pond, 100 Chalet Drive, Stoddard on Saturday June 13 and Saturday, August 9. Call Richard Whitney or Sandy Sherman at 603-446-7476 for more information.,

EVENTS IN NELSON

Chapel by the Lake, Munsonville

603-847-9900; www.chapelbythelakeumc.org

Tuesday, May 24 at 7 PM. Munsonville Ladies Group will present Alan Rumrill, on "Brittle Beauty" history of Stoddard glass.

Saturday, June 18: 9AM-1PM; Flea Market at the Chapel. Call Marion Frazier at 847-3231 for more information or if you have something to donate.

Monday, July 4: Chicken BarBQ; Orders should be made in advance as supplies are limited. Chicken; Salads: Price to be announced. Pick up at the Chapel from 9 a.m. to noon. To place orders call: Marion at 847-3231 or Marline at 446-7857.

Church Bake Sale, Saturday, July 16 at the GLA Annual Meeting.

Knitting Circle at Munsonville Church meets every other Thursday from 10-12 at the Chapel. Call Angel Nicoletti at 847-9547 or Marline at 446-7857 for confirmation of dates and program.

Regular Sunday Services at the Chapel - 11AM. Eric Feustel, pastor. If you need to reach him or for pastoral emergencies, call 603-485-4857.

Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Apple Fest. Munsonville Ladies Group: meets 3rd Tuesday of every month. Call Marline for info:485-4857.

Other Events in Nelson

<http://townofnelson.com/events-calendar>

Mondays all year long at 7 PM. Nelson Town Hall Contra Dances. Small charge, All ages and experience are WELCOME.

Sunday, July 12 Nelson Church Ice Cream Social and Nelson Town Band, 3 pm ;

Sat, July 16 2nd Annual Artisan Craft Fair, 9AM

Sun-Sat, Aug. 7-13 Nelson Old Home Days. Aug. 15, Book sale & craft table; 9 am chicken BarBQ and speaker. Old Home Day concert at the church at noon.

Sun., Aug. 13 Nelson Town Band On Granite Lake at 5 pm. Picnic potluck on Sandy Beach at 3.**Sun.**

Sept. 4 Nelson Church Ice Cream Social and Nelson Town Band Concert, 3 p.m.

Olivia-Rodham Memorial Library, Nelson Children's Reading Program, "Every Hero Has a Story." **Adult Reading Group** weekly. Check web site: library@townofnelson.com or call 847-3214. Fabulous line-up!

Summer Forum, 4 Thursdays in July music at 6:45 PM; presenters begin at 7.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

13th Annual 4 on the 4th Walk/Run Benefit, July 4, 2016. Railroad Square and Main Street, Keene, NH Register 7:00 a.m., Walk 8 a.m. Run: 8:30 a.m. Race will be held, rain or shine. Donation: \$25.00. Proceeds benefit PFK (Pathways for Keene, Inc.) For complete details go to www.tlaorg.org/pathways

11th Annual Give Peace a Tri, hosted by **90% Mental Multisports** whose mission is "to create a just and non-violent world for all children" on **7/16/2016**, Surry Mt Rec Center, Rt. 12A, Surry, NH. Registration on line or 6 to 7:45 for both triathlon or 5K Run. Start time 8AM for Tri; 9AM for Run. Check website to register for individual and team prices. Information call Robyn Hannett 603-585-2205 or www.90percentmental.org

Sat. Sept 3 Otter Limits Triathlon. Otter Brook Rec Center, Keene. More info: www.90percentmental.org

14th Annual Linda's Closet 5K run/walk. Sat., Sept. 10, 2016. Nelson School; Check website for registration prices. Registration and checkin; Attn: Race Registrar. For more info: 603-357-1015. or www.lindascloset.org

Keene Family YMCA, 200 Summit Road, Keene; 352-6002. Lots of great summer programs and activities for all ages. <www.keene-ymca.org>

Historical Society of Cheshire County, Main Street, Keene. 603-625-1895 or www.hscenh.org Check out the **Wyman House**. It's fascinating and the place where the freedom fighters met to begin their march to Boston to join the American Revolution.

Cheshire Children's Museum, Great site for kids on a rainy day. Colony Mill Marketplace, 2nd Floor, Keene. For info on programs visit: www.cheshirechildrensmuseum.org call 603-093-1800, Deb Ganley.

Peterborough Players: call 924-7585 for program information and reservations. Specials for families and children. Call for specific dates and reservations. www.peterboroughplayers.org

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site. Beautiful walk and tour. 2 PM Sunday concerts during the summer. Open May to late October. For info 603-675-2175; visit www.nps.gov/saga.

Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music

Concerts every Tuesday night at the Center on Apple Hill Rd, Nelson; 7:30 PM beginning on June 23. Dinner served 5:30-6:30 (reservations preferred). Call for Information/Reservations or bring your blanket and sit on the lawn. **ListenUP**: 6:45-7:15. Take your music listening to the next level in this weekly preconcert series with ED Lenny Matczynski and featured faculty.

Open Rehearsals: Five Sundays, at 7:30 PM **Participant concerts**; Alternate Saturday at 7 PM Sundays at 2:30 PM beginning June 25: Free; come for as long as you want. These are especially good opportunities for children and adults to familiarize themselves with classical music and to hear very talented performers of all ages from many parts of the world. Call Apple Hill for details. 847-3371 or www.apple-hill.org.

Monadnock Sierra Club has many hikes and outings for all ages. For information call 603-363-4505 or www.monadnocksierraclub.org

Stonewall Farm: 242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene; 352-0457 or 357-7278. Wonderful farm programs for kids and a great gift store!

Monadnock Music: Concerts begin at 7:30 pm. Donations accepted on site. For more information call 924-7610, www.monadnockmusic.org

Harris Center: for program information: 525-3394; Many wonderful hikes and activities for adults and children. For more info: www.harriscenter.org
Mariposa Museum in Peterborough has many Activities for children and adults. Fabulous programs. Call 603-924-4555 for more information or www.mariposamuseum.org Special show on Fairy Tales with many related events.

Want to stay mentally Healthy? Check out: www.liveyourlifewell.org This is a United Way web site with lots of good ideas about getting involved in the community

A special thank you to those families responding with extra gifts to GLA 2015 initiatives and to Bob and Hillary Kingsbury for funding the Nelson Town Band on the Lake in August. Sincere sympathy to the family of John Wheeler.

SOME LOCAL BUSINESSES

Carlisle Wide Plank Floors	446-3937	Mill Village Country Store	446-7393
Mr. Mike's	446-7811	Garnett Land Contractors	446-3302
Pitcher Mountain Realtors	446-7778	Tolman Electric	827-3732
Stan's Auto body	352-0396	Ed Schillemat -Rubbish Removal	847-3290
Sullivan Little Country Store	847-9383	PJD Septic	446-7106
Kathy Wichland, Realtor	847-3459	Hayes Car and Truck Repair	446-7755
Hancock Inn	525-3318	Harrisville Inn	827-3163
Phil Hamilton, Excavating	847-3288	Harrisville Designs	827-3996
Harrisville General Store	827-3138	Sally Ripley, photographer	847-9751
Studios at Crescent Pond	446-7476	John Meehan, House Painter	847-3037
Monadnock Boat Store	847-9300	Carol Knutson, Masseuse	446-7046
S.W. Tucker Landscapes	562-7367	Ryan Lavigne, Construction	313-4264
Fiddleheads Cafe	525-4432	Monadnock Food Co-op	355-8008
Dan Schillemat, Handyman	847-0002		

Others to be included next year?? Please list on your return membership form.

**MAY 2016 Please return this section with your check to *Granite Lake Association:*
Thomas Newcombe, Treasurer, Granite Lake Association
701 Granite Lake Rd, Munsonville, NH 03457(603-847-9505)**

_____ **\$50.00 family households**
 _____ **\$35.00 one-person household**
 _____ **Donation to Water Quality Projects**
 _____ **Total**

Name _____

Winter Address _____

Email _____

Winter Telephone: _____ Lake telephone # or cell _____

Will you volunteer to help? Circle: Lake Host, Picnic, Executive Committee, Newsletter, Web Site

Comments:

NH Lakes (Association)

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO ATTEND LAKES CONGRESS. June 2, 7-8:30PM and June 3, 8AM to 3PM, Church Landing at Mills Falls, Merideth, NH. Main speaker on June 3 is Céline Cousteau, granddaughter of Jacques Cousteau. Visit the NH lakes web site or call for complete information. The programs are really interesting and beneficial to all our lakes.

(NHL) New Hampshire Lakes is a statewide, nonprofit, member-supported organization dedicated to protecting New Hampshire's lakes, which are integral to the quality of life and economic health of the State. NHL serves as a source of information about lakes and lake issues through its educational materials and programs, and through its work with state legislators. It advocates on issues of water quality, boater education and boating safety, invasive species prevention, appropriate public access and a balance of lake uses.

Please join NHL. New Hampshire Lakes 5 South State Street Concord, NH 03301 Check their web site: <http://www.nhlakes.org>

HAVE AN OLD CAR, SUV, ATV, RV, AIRPLANE OR BOAT?

If you need to get rid of an old vehicle, donate it to NH LAKES. When you **donate your vehicle**, you will get **free towing, a tax deduction, a great feeling, and a neater yard. Most donations can be picked up within 24-72 hours. This program helps support the mission of NH LAKES.**

Go to www.NHLAKES.org -- Donate Your Vehicle or call 855-500-RIDE (7433).

Consider also joining the **Loon Preservation Committee. More info: 603-476-LOON or www.loon.org** The Loon Center in Moultonborough is open every day 9-5 in the summer.

Also check out Squam Lake Natural Science Center, Rte 113, Holderness. For info: <http://www.nhnature.org>

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