

Granite Lake News

Working together to preserve our lake

May 2017

From Your President - Harry Flanagan

Hello Granite Lake neighbors,

My name is Harry Flanagan and I am the current president of the Granite Lake Association. Our mission: to preserve the quality and clarity of Granite Lake.

Anita and I moved here in the fall of 1999 and we have always felt a connection to the lake and its environs. We feel that the lake is a precious asset to our lives and one that benefits all who live here and those who use the lake for recreational purposes.

Currently, we are concentrating our efforts on trying to manage the siltation that happens to any water body and to stop the introduction of invasive aquatic species. In 2016, the GLA had a beaver deceiver installed on the western end of Nye Meadow. This device has eliminated the need for the NH DOT to rip open the beaver dam twice a year to keep the culverts open. The dam breach was a major contributor to a great deal of silt flowing into Granite Lake from Granite Brook. Granite Lake is one of the cleanest and clearest lakes in the area and we want to preserve this condition for future generations.

If you have any concerns that you feel the association should be made aware of please feel free to contact me at anita.harryflanagan@gmail.com or call me at 847-3082. Or stop and chat with me when you see me out walking.

Please check out the [Granite Lake Association website http://granitelakenh.org/](http://granitelakenh.org/) for information on: Water quality, VLAP, Meeting minutes, Rules & Safety information, Newsletters from the past to the present May 2017. Note the great pictures of the *Beaver Deceiver* being installed in Nye Meadow.

Elizabeth Tilden Kingsbury Ripley

(Betty), 102, passed away in her sleep at Langdon Place of Keene on March 14, 2017. She was the daughter of Robert T. and Helen P. Kingsbury. Betty started her lifelong relationship with Granite Lake as a toddler when her parents purchased a former fishing camp called "The Ark" in 1917.



She and her brothers Putnam, George and Philip spent their summers playing on the sandy beach, swimming and boating.

When she was old enough, Betty attended Camp Oahe as a day camper, adding horseback riding and Native American lore to her list of summer pleasures.

After WWII, she and husband "Rip" built a small cottage on the point. This is where they brought their four children every summer. Betty continued to enjoy the clear lake waters by swimming, sailing and water-skiing.

Betty and Rip were strong supporters of the Granite Lake Association, serving in various offices and advocating for measures to preserve the beauty of the lake. Betty volunteered as a Lake Host well into her 90's.

Lake Host Program at Granite Lake

*Summer and boats at the ramp
will soon be back.*

Anita Flanagan
Lake Host Point Person

The days are growing longer, the sun shining brighter. The ice no longer booming has left the lake. I am thinking about the summer lake host program and our boating season that will once again be upon us.

I just finished the application for our Lake Host Payroll Grant and submitted it to the New Hampshire Lakes Association. Soon I will be working on hiring new young lake hosts to man the weekend hours, and scheduling our very dedicated volunteer staff to fill the weekday ramp coverage. We are very fortunate at Granite Lake to have such great neighbors who are willing to give of their time to help protect our lake from the spread of invasive aquatic species.

We had a very active summer season at the ramp. The beautiful weather and little rain brought out many boaters eager to enjoy the lake. We increased our number of courtesy boat inspections from 848 last year to 1,019 for 2016. We continued to staff, with paid lake hosts, a Friday afternoon slot, as this is difficult to cover with volunteers. Our enthusiastic volunteer lake hosts and our paid lake hosts logged an amazing number of hours, 1,126 to be exact. We trained two new paid lake hosts and two additional volunteer lake hosts joined our organization.



Your continued support, through town budgets of both Stoddard and Nelson, for the **New Hampshire Lakes Association** and the **Lake Host Program** made the **2016 season statewide a record breaking success** with a total of 88,906 courtesy boat inspections made by 803 Lake Hosts leading to **28 saves of aquatic invasive species** at 104 boat ramps **state wide!**

The Perfect Lawn

Old Farmers Almanac "Farmers Calendar" June 2012

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.

A note from your editor:

This newsletter includes a single double-sided sheet : Please Post in your Homes and Rental Property.

One side contains the Boating Regulations ; the other AED locations and Emergency numbers, as well as numbers for assistance.

Please Laminate and Post in your residence. This will save the Lake Association from printing it every year.

Thank You Cayla Pagnucci 847-9716

Granite Lake Annual Report

Prevention Is Our Best Defense

The New Hampshire Lakes Association and the Lake Host Program are celebrating 15 years of working together to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in New Hampshire waters. From its inception, in 2002, this partnership focused on education and prevention programs and has inspired community collaboration on the individual, local, state and federal levels.

During its inaugural year, 38 local lake associations participated, 45 public motorized boat launch sites were staffed by 161 trained Lake Hosts, 15,878 boaters allowed their boats to be inspected and nine fragments of invasive milfoil were removed from boats either entering or leaving the lakes. During the summer of 2016-the 15th season of the program, a record breaking 809 Lake Hosts conducted a total of 89,367 boat inspections at 104 boat ramps representing 82 local lake associations.

During the 15 years of partnership with local communities the Lake Host Program has had 1,550 "saves" from 53 lakes. Helping save our lakes from the spread of invasive species in our states water bodies one Lake Host at a time.

Join your *neighbors* in making a difference for our lake community. Become a **Volunteer Lake Host** and help us fight the spread of aquatic invasive species. **Granite Lake** needs your support. Call Anita at 847-3082 and join *us*.

Sue Kingsbury In Memoriam



Sadly Susan Barr Kingsbury passed away from kidney failure January 5th, 2017 in Keene. Sue was an amazing painter, an avid swimmer, an erudite and well traveled person which belied her quiet, unassuming demeanor. She had a curiosity about people which likely began when she lived in the Philippines and Pakistan. She was motivated to study massage therapy, earn a Masters of Arts in Health Advocacy and to become conversant in the Italian language and food.

When at home in Munsonville, she swam in Granite Lake from June through October and volunteered as a Lake Host for many years. The Granite Lake Community will certainly miss her.

Memorial services are planned for August 5th in Nelson. More specific information will be forthcoming.



New Law Effective January 1, 2017

Under this new law, it is illegal to transport (on trailer, boat, or vehicle) or introduce any Aquatic invasive species in New Hampshire. When leaving State waters, a person shall drain their boat and other water related equipment that holds water, including live wells and bilges. Failure to meet these requirements will result in a fine of \$50.00 to \$250.00.

All boaters are urged to follow the simple practice of "Clean, Drain, and Dry!"

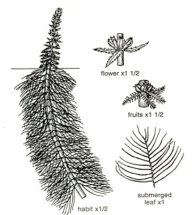
CLEAN off mud, plants, animals, and algae from boats, motors, trailers, vehicles, and equipment.

DRAIN your boat, live wells, ballast tanks, and equipment away from the water-body.

DRY anything that comes in contact with the water.

Our #1 Enemy

Variable Milfoil is not native, spreads rapidly and displaces beneficial native plant life. In NH, milfoil has no natural predators to keep its population in check. Under optimal temperature, light and nutrient conditions, milfoil may grow up to an inch per day; choking the oxygen out of the lake, affecting fish, plants and water-fowl!



Beaver Deceiver

update by Bill Steineger

The Nye Meadow Refuge is a 45.3 acre idyllic natural wetland in Stoddard lying adjacent to Route 9 and is a prime source of fresh water for Granite Lake. This beautiful location is the home of beavers and many bird species. The habitat is managed by the New Hampshire Audubon Society. The Audubon Society manages 39 wildlife wetlands throughout all 10 counties of New Hampshire encompassing approximately 8000 acres of land.

Over the years beavers have made a very impressive dam at the lower end. This allowed them to impound enough water to build their complex dens and raise their young. The dam has an unintended but very positive effect on the water-flow into Granite Lake. It acts as a natural bio-filter slowing the flow of water from the surrounding watershed and keeping siltation and pollution to a minimum.

Beavers however continue to add to the height of their dams as long as they detect water-flow. This has led them to come into conflict with the DOT which is mandated to maintain a water level in the meadow that does not get above the drainage pipes on route 9. These pipes can be damaged during the winter months when freezing occurs and water flows are blocked.

The DOT breached the dam to very low levels many times in the past allowing silt and pollutants to enter Granite Lake!

Granite Lake Association coordinated and funded a solution that met all of the competing party's goals!

The installation of the "Beaver Deceiver" device allows for a set flow of water from Nye Meadow into Granite Lake without intervention by the beavers. This keeps water levels low enough to prevent flooding of highway culverts, keeping the DOT

from breaching the dam.

The "Beaver Deceiver " is now successfully functioning to the satisfaction of all, NHDOT, NH Fish & Game, the Audubon Society but especially the beavers!

This is an excellent example of all working together to protect our environment while maintaining natures balance in this beautiful area.

Please visit the Granite Lake Association's website to view some great photos of the installation and meet the inventor of the Beaver Deceiver !



Loons on Granite Lake

The name " Loon " is derived from the Scandinavian " lom ", meaning clumsy or lame - a reference to their limited mobility on land thanks to legs that are made for swimming rather than walking. For that reason, loons nests are always built at the water's edge. This is why it is important to go very slowly around the island preventing the nest from flooding.

For many years a pair of nesting loons have found Granite Lakes Island shoreline a perfect place to mate and hatch their chicks. Our group works closely with the State Loon Preservation Committee to monitor and watch over these beautiful birds that have called Granite Lake home!

We carefully rope off their nesting site in the early spring and instruct boaters and swimmers alike to keep their distance from them so that they can safely raise their young.

A normal birth rate of two chicks is common. After the young are able to leave the nest and join their parents on the lake, The Loon Society is informed and a biologist takes egg shell samples to test for contamination with heavy metals or pesticides....This is followed by banding if appropriate.

Please keep your distance from these majestic animals and respect their use of our beautiful lake. A reminder for all fishermen: do not use lead sinkers as these are deadly if ingested by the Loons .

If you have any questions or concerns about our loon population please contact Bill Steiniger at 847-9151 .

For more info contact: NH Fish and game at 603-271-3361 &/or the Loon Society at 603-476-5666

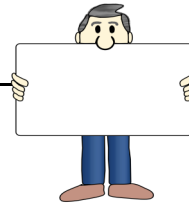
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PLEASE GO SLOWLY AROUND
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CLOSELY IN ANY CRAFT
THE LOONS EASILY GET
NERVOUS
AND MIGHT ABANDON THEIR
NEST
THANK YOU !!!**

The 68th Annual Meeting of the Granite Lake Association

SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017 at the Chapel by the Lake at 9:30 AM

The Association works for the protection and betterment of Granite Lake. The annual meeting is the forum for discussion of common concerns and for the determination of appropriate action. Please join us!

AGENDA 2017



1. Salutation/Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Remembrances of past neighbors
4. Secretary Report - Sally Ripley, Secretary
5. Guest Speaker - Andrea LaMoreaux, Vice-President NH Lakes Association
6. Treasurers Report/Financial Report -Tom Newcomb, Treasurer
7. Lake Host Report - Anita Flanagan, Lake Host Point Person
8. Loon Report - Bill Steiniger
9. Water Quality Report-VLAP update - Tom Newcomb
10. Nominating Committee Report - Judy Walton *no new nominations*

President - Harry Flanagan

Vice President - Bill Steiniger

Treasurer -Tom Newcomb

Secretary - Sally Ripley

Officer-at-Large - Tyke Lavigne

Membership/Newsletter - Cayla Pagniucci

11. Presidents Report
 - Beaver Deceiver Update
 - Siltation Concerns
 - Logging issues
 - Set next Association Meeting Date
12. Vote to pay for use of the Chapel
13. Motion to adjourn the meeting

Andrea LaMoreaux: guest speaker

As Vice President of NH LAKES, Andrea is responsible for managing the education and outreach programs of the organization, including the statewide Lake Host aquatic invasive species education and prevention program. Andrea brings a comprehensive understanding of how to effectively work with volunteers, the issues facing New Hampshire's lakes, and what can be done to protect and improve lake quality, having coordinated the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Volunteer Lake Assessment Program for six years before joining NH LAKES in February of 2007. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Environmental Management degree in Water Resources from Duke University, and she is a 2016 graduate of the Leadership New Hampshire Program.

Davis Public Library

Spring / Summer 2017

The Davis Public Library in Stoddard continues to increase patronage and expand programs for the community. It's looking cozy inside and out.

The shed, which was donated by the Friends will be installed as soon as the snow melts. It will store the donated books and allow more efficient book sorting.

The Book Sale will be July 8th
9am – 2pm.



Accepting book donations in the book drop beginning **May 1st, 2017**

The theme of the Summer Reading Program for the Children is **"Build A Better World"**

An **Edible Plants Identification Hike** will meet at the James Faulkner Elementary School on **May 6th at noon..**

September 22nd, Preston Hiller, a mentalist will present a program, which will be free to the public.

Lauren is planning to show movies weekly and will rotate movies for young people and for adults.

The **Children's Garden** will be created as soon as the ground is thawed.

Library Hours:

Monday , Wednesday and Friday :
3pm – 7pm.

Tuesday and Saturday:
10am – 2pm.

Friday hours will be year round beginning Memorial Day 2017

For any further information

call the Library : 603 - 446-6251

Angel Nicoletti

Chapel-by-the-Lake

A community of Faith In the Community By the Lake "

Worship services will be held
Sundays at 11 a.m
with Pastor Eric Feustel

AA Meetings are held Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm.

Knitting Club meets every other Thursday from 10 to noon. For more information and to confirm meeting dates, call 446-7857. During the winter month's we meet in individual 's homes.



JULY 4th Annual Chicken BBQ was a big success last year! The Church plans to cook and sell 150 plus fresh chickens again this year. An excellent way to kick off your Holiday while supporting the Church !

Chapel-By-The-Lake is planning a special service to commemorate its **125th anniversary.**

The Methodist **Church of Munsonville** was dedicated on *March 17th 1892*, but we would like to wait until our seasonal residents return. A tentative date has been set for *June 11th.*



A definite program has not been decided, but some words from the original dedication service will be included.

The **Munsonville Ladies Group** invites you to a presentation by Alan Rumrill, Director of the Historical Society of Cheshire County, who will speak on "Nelson Then and Now" on Tuesday, May 23d, 7 PM, Chapel by the Lake, Granite Lake Road, Munsonville. Light refreshments will be served.

Donations will be used toward providing transportation for the elementary school children of Nelson and Stoddard to visit the Society and the Wyman Tavern.

The topic is timely because you are also invited to attend the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the Town of Nelson on Saturday, July 8th.

Program details will follow, but, the ceremony will occur at noon on the town Common.

Look for more information on the web at www.chapelbythelakeumc.org



Potluck Picnic with the Band

SUNDAY, AUG 20 at 3:00 PM

Potluck Picnic with the Nelson Band
Performing on Sandy Beach Commons at 4:00 pm and Touring the Lake at 5:00pm .

Everyone is invited. Call Donna Hamilton 847-3288 or Angel Nicoletti 847-9547 to volunteer to help.

Many hands and many dishes are needed to make this a successful event.



Bob England on:



Cardiac Emergency, BLS/AED

A few weeks ago, a middle-aged gentleman was jogging on the indoor track at the Keene Family YMCA when he suddenly collapsed.

The emergency team was quickly summoned to the track, and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) was immediately started. Seconds later, someone arrived with an AED (automatic external defibrillator). His heart was shocked; simultaneously he awakened and his breathing was once again normal. Minutes later the ambulance arrived taking him to the Emergency Room in Keene where he remained stable. Since then he has had extensive testing and is now doing very well at home on medications.

Had this gentleman been running outside, he probably would not have survived.

Here at Granite Lake, we are fortunate to have three defibrillators available in case of an emergency. One is at the Chapel by the Lake, and the other AEDs are located at the homes of the Nicoletti's and the Englund's.

For **AEDs** to be effective, people have to be comfortable and confident using them.

Therefore the Red Cross and Heart Association recommend that people take the **BLS/AED** course every two years.

Unfortunately no one has signed up for one of our sponsored CPR/AED courses in the last two years.

We will offer more courses this summer at the YMCA with details to be reviewed at the GLA meeting in July, 15th

Local Services Classifieds & Events

FOR SALE

Custom Wooden Jigsaw Puzzles – From your artwork, photos, prints, etc.
Call David Beffa-Negrini at Fool's Gold®, 827-9825 or email:
info@foolsgoldpuzzles.com

Granite Lake Maple Products – Pure NH Maple syrup by Nick Barrett, 66 Old Towne Road, Nelson, NH, 03457.
847-3457 or email:
graitelakmaplproducts@yahoo.com

Winnie's Gold, Raw Nelson Honey, gathered by bees from flowers near Nelson Village.
Pound jars \$8, two pound jars \$15. Call Rick Church at 847-3206.

PERSONAL SERVICES

House Cleaning - I have been cleaning houses for about 8 years. E-mail or call Lisa at telired@aol.com, 801-0231.

Talented young woman will help you with your childcare needs, office needs, clerical needs, housecleaning needs, or other miscellaneous projects. Call Gwyneth Tolman 827-4194.

OTHER

Summer Rental Property on Tolman Pond. Call 827-3226, e-mail tolmanpond@pobox.com or go to www.VRBO.com.

For Rent – Granite Lake summer cottage. Call Mable Bergeron 363-8086.

For Rent – Seasonal Cottage on Granite Lake. Call 520-5615 or 304-594-3539.

BUILDING, ETC.

Excavation - Septic Systems, driveways, site work, and foundations, trucking, plowing and sanding. Phil Hamilton 847-3288

Insured Selective Cutting for House Lots
Brush Work & Handyman
Dan Schillemat 847-0002

HOME SERVICES

Rubbish removal - Granite Lake Services. Ed Schillemat 847-3290

Will sit your pets and home while you are away, also sewing and repair work. Call Judi Lang 520-5615 or e-mail udilang1@myfairpoint.com.

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Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm,
Talk at 6:45 pm

June 20 July 25
June 27 August 1
July 4 August 8
July 11 August 15
July 18 August 22

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CALL 603-847-3371
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MAY 2017

Please return this section with your check to ***Granite Lake Association*** and mail to:

Thomas Newcombe - Treasurer

701 Granite Lake Rd

Munsonville NH, 03457

\$50.00 Family Households

\$35.00 One-person Household

Donation to Water Quality Projects \$

Name _____

Summer Address _____

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Email _____

Winter Telephone: _____ Lake telephone # or cell _____

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

Help us keep our mailing list up to date. Please Inform us of any changes in addresses.

Thomas Newcombe - Treasurer (603-847-9505)

