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2006 Conference Has Everybody Smiling!

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Nancy Craft and Joan Stone greet NYSFOLA members and guests at the conference registration desk. Nancy was honored with a Special Service Award at the banquet. Photo: Nancy Mueller

NYSFOLA members were treated to another great annual conference and membership meeting at White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton. In addition to many great talks about lakes, this years' attendees were treated to a special presentation on the history of the Erie Canal by Dr. Dan Larkin, Vice Provost and Professor of History at SUNY Oneonta. Many of the Madison County lakes, including Lake Moraine, were created to provide water to the canal system.

The Southampton Town Trustees and Paul Swanson from the Chautuaqua Lake Association were named 2006 Lake Stewards. Nancy Craft was given a Special Service Award for her many hours spent at the NYSFOLA registration desk and her tremendous assistance editing the new edition of "Diet for a Small Lake." Check out "The Shorax" on pages 5-6. This editorial feature from the *Canandaigua Reporter* newspaper won this year's NYSFOLA Media Award.

More inside!

NYSFOLA's mission. is to protect the water resources of New York State by assisting local organizations and individuals through public dialogue. education, information exchange and collaborative efforts.

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From the President...by Don Cook

I hope everyone that attended the 2006 NYSFOLA Conference enjoyed themselves and took back good information to their lake association. Special thanks go out to Nancy Mueller, Dean Long and Bill Harman for their work organizing another wonderful conference.

It was a special honor to present NYSFOLA Service Awards to Past-President Bob Rosati and Nancy Craft. I was really honored to present NYSFOLA's highest award to Robert Hennigan who has worked long and hard to improve water quality throughout New York State.

As promised, I have tried a goose repellant called Goose Chase by Bird-X. I bought a 16 fluid ounce container for \$30. Personally, I did not experience much success with the product. The geese continue to wander onto my lakefront property and feast on my vegetation. Less goose-friendly landscaping is next on my agenda.

Next October 21, 2006 NYSFOLA will be holding its 12th annual Western New York Regional Meeting at Moonwinks on Cuba Lake. A brief description of the agenda can be found on page 9. Contact me for a registration form at: dcook@usadatanet.net.

Please try out the new NYSFOLA Forum on our website www.nysfola.org. Announce any new projects in which your lake is involved or ask other lake associations about their experiences. This is a great way for NYSFOLA members to contact one another directly.

Finally, I would strongly encourage you to work with your County Water Quality Coordinating Committee to develop a plan to deal with "lake emergencies" such as the carp die-off on Chautauqua Lake last summer. What agencies should be involved? Where would funding be obtained? What types of equipment would be needed? Where would it come from? Could you answer those questions if an emergency arose on your lake today?

Don Cook



Meet the NYSFOLA Board of Directors!



President Don Cook Honeoye Lake



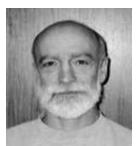
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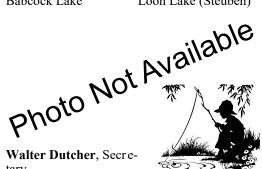


Philip Utter Cuba Lake



David Wright Mohegan Lake

Walter Dutcher, Secretary James Hood, Lake George



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Robert D. Hennigan Receives Lake Tear of the Clouds Award

The Lake Tear of the Clouds Award is NYS-FOLA's highest honor. This award, named for the "highest" lake in the state, is awarded when appropriate (and usually without prior notification) to a person who has shown the highest dedication to lakes and watersheds, assisted NYSFOLA in its mission and produced exceptional performance in his or her field of endeavor.

This year, we recognized the man who, in fact, initiated the formation of New York's first Federation of Lake Associations, a predecessor to our own NYSFOLA. In that regard, he may truly be called, the "Founding Father of FOLA". However, his involvement with New York's water resources began much earlier.

After serving in World War II, Robert Hennigan earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Manhattan College and a master of arts degree in political science from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. He began his career in 1949 as an engineer with the NYS Department of Health, in the Syracuse district and regional offices dealing primarily with water supply, wastewater disposal, and water pollution issues in a time of growth and expansion.

In 1958, Bob moved to Albany to head up the Department of Health's water pollution control section. In 1960, he took a position with the state Office for Local Government to deal with the environmental problems of local governments. Governor Rockefeller authorized the special "Needs for Sewage Works" study by the office. Bob headed up the study from 1961-1962. The study defined and quantified the needs and the estimated costs for wastewater treatment facilities throughout the state and made recommendations for improving the existing water pollution control program. All of the findings and recommendations were accepted and endorsed by the governor and the New York State Legislature

The office then promoted the passage of the constitutional amendment exempting sewage debt

from the constitutional debt, and voters overwhelmingly approved the "Pure Water Bond Issue" to provide funds to support the construction of sewage treatment facilities.

In 1967, Mr. Hennigan became the Executive Director of the State University Water Resources Center at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. He later became the director of the graduate program in environmental science and the chairman of the environmental stud-



Lyle Ramond, Nancy Mueller and Bob Hennigan celebrate Bob's award. Bob and Lyle were long time water resources colleagues, and Nancy was a graduate student at ESF when Bob served as Chairman of the Environmental Studies Program. Photo: James Ennis

ies faculty. He retired from ESF in 1993.

While at ESF, Hennigan continued his service to the state. He was executive director of the Temporary State Commission on the Water Supply Needs of Southeastern New York (1970-1975). This area included metropolitan New York City, Long Island, the Lower Hudson and the source counties. This study was in response to the drought of the 1960s. A number of major findings and recommendations resulted; most were adopted in whole or in part in the following decade.

Bob also played a major role in revamping the way we protect our public water supply lakes. His 1981 report "Water Supply Source Protection Rules and Regulations" modernized the era of watershed rules and regulations in New York.

Bob served as the director of the Central New York Water Pollution Control Program under the auspices of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board from 1975-1980. A legislative program resulted and was enacted by the New York State Legislature. He was very active in state and local water resources programs and served for over 20 years as the executive director of the New York Water Environment Association, a nonprofit organization of professionals engaged in water quality management activities.

Bob has long been a champion of Onondaga Lake and helped promote clean up efforts. He continues to be engaged in the recovery of Onondaga Lake through his service on the Board of Directors of Upstate Freshwater Institute ("the lab" to many our CSLAP volunteers).

We have probably omitted many more accomplishments, but it is clear Robert D. Hennigan, is truly deserving of the 2006 Lake Tear of the Clouds award.

2006 Lake Steward Awards

The NYSFOLA Lake Steward Award is presented each year to those who have made significant contributions to New York's lakes. Lake Stewards are nominated by NYSFOLA members who feel strongly that someone has gone "above and beyond" the call of duty to help their lake association.

This year, NYSFOLA recognized the Town of Southampton Board of Trustees for their assistance with many of the town's lake management goals. The Board was recommended by former NYSFOLA Board member Robert Roessle from the Little Fresh Pond Association.

Also receiving a Lake Steward Award this year was Paul Swanson from the Chautauqua Lake Association who spent much of last summer reacting to a massive carp kill on the lake. Over 40,000 dead carp washed up on the shores of Chautauqua Lake as a result of an outbreak of the Herpes Koi virus.

Paul took the lead and worked with various state and local groups and government agencies to address the overwhelming task of cleaning up the shoreline. His efforts cannot be overstated!

Congratulations to our 2006 winners!

2006 Media Award Winners

Mark Syverud (writer) and Nancy Brown (illustrator)
Canandaigua Lake Reporter, Canandaigua, NY (reprinted with permission)



With apologies to Dr. Seuss and his classic story, <u>The</u> Lorax

After the time of Red Jet and Tonto, before the water turned pink and Roseland was a c ondo, a voice called me here and I had to obey it, Here to the shores of Lake Canusayit

A glorious place, with plenty of beaches frolicked upon by fun-loving Sneetches The water, it sparkled in summer or winter And Trumpet-Fish jumped in your boat for dinner.

In no time at all, I had hung up my shingle. If you wanted land, you just gave me a jingle. With great skillful skill and great speedy speed, I sold so many houses, I practically peed.

People all called up their brothers and aunts, and said, "Listen, here's a wonderful chance For us to get our piece of the pie. Get over here fast, take a left at Lake Drive."

To the beaches and bistros flocked the Yup-puppie dudes, frisking about in their Yup-puppie suits. They played in the shade and drank grapula wine made on the hilltops of Lake Canusayit. Then, Oh baby, oh! How my business did grow!

Now selling one lot at a time was too slow. The people wanted bigger, and bigger they got. We biggered the houses, we biggered the plots. A kajillion square feet, not counting the pool, (And another one's building 4 feet over from you.)

One beautiful day, while chopping down trees, I met a strange man, he came up to my knees. "Mister," he said, his voice like a rake. "I am Max Shorax, and I speak for the lake. Now stop all this building, for everyone's sake."

"Your dozers are bulling the trees to the ground, so there's not enough shade or birds to go 'round. The grapula growers sold out in a hurry, now we have to drink wine that comes from New Jersey."

"Look Shorax," I said, "There's no reason for moaning. I'm doing no harm; it's all R-1 zoning. Yup-puppies know what the meaning of "shares" is. You've got yourses, now they want theirses."

Soon the shoreline got crowded, so we built them on stilts.

We built them on swamps, we built them on fill.

And way on the top of Tippy Top Hill,
we built one so high, it would make your blood curdle,
And the view there was better than Yertle the Turtle's.

The space it got tighter, and the people got richer. The shelves at the store carried Caviar Helper. The lake water smelled like a Wumbus's derriere, but it didn't much matter, we always drank Perrier.

I remember one day, I was chewing tobacco, and Shorax came back, that environmentalist wacko. "All these Crunk-Cars," he griped, "make such smogulous smoke,

The Zu-Zu Birds are getting it stuck in their throats."

"And thanks to that Oobleck you spray on the lawns, you're glumping the lake where the Trumpet-Fish spawn. And haven't you noticed there are no more Sneetches? They left when the Yup-puppies bought all the beaches."

"Now even the Yup-pups are moving away, Living here now costs more than their pay." "Good luck, boys" he said, as he sent them away. "I hope they find food, and a decent latte."

I kinda felt sad as I watched them all go, but property values must continue to grow, regardless of Yup-puppies tummies, you know. And at that very moment, we heard a loud pound!

From Town Hall there came the sickening sound, of a stamp on a deed, and the clerks there went wild. The very last lakeside deed had been filed!

No more plots. Not more plats. No more density changes. No more flagstone verandas with Jenny-Aire ranges. Every house had been built, every lot had been took. The lakeshore was spoken for, and the hillsides to boot.

Now all that was left 'neath the smoke smuggered sky, was my big empty model home, Max Shorax, and ${\bf I}$.

As he turned to go, he said, "Didn't I warn ya? Now Canusayit is like California." I knew he was right, and my heart became weary. We sold out the lake just like Tahoe and Erie.

But business is business, so I rolled up my sleeve, and found a new project for which I must leave. It used to be great here, though I can hardly recall it, Now I have to move on to Lake Whatchamacallit.



"The Shorax" originally appeared as an editorial feature in the *Canandaigua Reporter* newspaper. The author and illustrator submitted their work for consideration in NYSFOLA's annual Media Award contest.

We thought it was outstanding and hope that our membership agrees.

President Don Cook presented the awards to writer Mark Syverud and artist Nancy Brown.

DEC Announces Invasive Species Eradication Grant Recipients

\$1 Million in Aquatic Invasive Species Grants Awards to Protect Critical Resources

Edited from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation News Release

"Invasive species are a threat to our biodi-

versity, second only

to habitat loss."

Denise M. Sheehan

NYS DEC

Commissioner

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Denise M. Sheehan announced \$1 million as part of the first aquatic Invasive Species Eradication Grants. These grants will be used to help eradicate the influx of non-native aquatic species across the State.

"Invasive species are a threat to our biodiversity." second only to habitat loss. DEC is partnering with local communities and environmental groups to actively address this important issue, and these grants are an essential step toward protecting our environment by eradicating these \$54,000 to the Lake Bonaparte Conservation harmful organisms," said Commissioner

In December 2005, Commissioner Sheehan announced the availability of \$1 million in State grants to be awarded to municipalities and notfor-profit corporations for projects that help eliminate infestations of aquatic invasive species. State funds can be used to pay for up to one-third of the total costs of a selected eradication project.

Sheehan.

DEC received applications seeking a total of nearly \$1.5 million. A comprehensive review and competitive evaluation process was conducted to rank and prioritize the applications for the \$1 million in funding available for grants. Individual grants were awarded for a minimum of \$10,000 and maximum of \$100,000. The applications selected were viewed to have the best potential for achieving long-term reductions in the presence of invasive species.

Grant proposals from the following NYSFOLA members were selected for funding:

\$100,000 to The Fund for Lake George to eradicate Eurasian watermilfoil from several embayments

\$100,000 to the Upper Saranac Lake Foundation to eradicate Eurasian watermilfoil

\$60,000 to the Town of Cortlandt to eradicate common reed from Oscawana Island

Club to eradicate Eurasian watermilfoil

\$39,865 to the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District to eradicate watermilfoil

\$30,450 to the Mountain View Lake Association to eradicate Furasian watermilfoil

\$28,833 to the Town of Schroon to eradicate Eurasian watermilfoil

and curly-leaf pondweed in Schroon Lake

\$23,067 to the Town of Madison to eradicate Eurasian watermilfoil from Lake Moraine

\$10,900 to the Brant Lake Foundation to eradicate Eurasian watermilfoil

For the complete listing, log onto: www.eisinc.com/release/storiesh/ NYSDEC.716.html

Legislators Propose Stiffer BWI Penalties



NYS Senate Press Release



On June 1st, NYS Senators John J. Flanagan (2nd Senate District) and Assemblyman Thomas DiNapoli (16th Assembly District) joined to announce legislation that would increase the penalties for those convicted of boating while intoxicated (BWI). The legislation, which the two lawmakers have sponsored in their respective houses, would bring the current penalties for BWI up to the level of penalties faced by those convicted of drunk driving. The legislation is currently under consideration in both the Assembly and the Senate.

The legislation would also bring uniformity to the penalties for boating while ability impaired and the penalties for driving while ability impaired.

"With over one million boaters throughout the state, we need to provide the law enforcement community with the necessary tools to prosecute those who operate a boat without exercising proper responsibility," state Senator Flanagan.

Under the proposed legislation, a first conviction for BWI would be a misdemeanor which carries a sentence of up to one year instead of the current 90 days. The fine would increase from a minimum of \$350 to a maximum of \$500 to a range of between \$500 and \$1,000.

Don't Miss NYSFOLA's 12th Annual Western Regional Meeting

October 21, 2006 Moonwinks Restaurant - Cuba Lake, NY

Don Cook has done another great job setting up a meeting in the "wild west." The agenda will include:

- Robert Johnson, Cornell University, Predatory aquatic weevils in Chautauqua, Conesus and Findley Lakes
- Sean Hanna, Director, NYS DEC Region 8 answers your questions
- NYS Senator Catherine Young (57th District) answers your questions and hears your concerns
- SolarBee status and progress in Conesus Lake

For a registration form, please contact Don Cook dcook@usadatanet.net



NYSFOLA Members Can now "Chat" with One Another Try the NYSFOLA Forum On the web at www.nysfola.org

Our website has undergone some major revisions in an attempt to make it more useful to our members. Log on and try out the new NYSFOLA forum. You will find it under the blue "Hot Topics" button.

You will also find a lot of information and links that should prove valuable to your lake association.

Please send us the links to your lake association's website so that we can update the listing on the web!!



Announcing the Seventh Annual NALMS 2007 Lakes Appreciation Month Poster Contest

Promote the protection and stewardship of our aquatic resources by encouraging students to participate in the NALMS 2007 Lakes Appreciation Month Poster Contest!

Both the students and their schools will benefit from this contest. The student winner will have their poster displayed throughout the country on the 2007 Lakes Appreciation Month poster and will receive a \$100 cash prize. The school which the winner attends will receive a \$500 ash prize to use towards materials related to lake ecology. Students in grades 4-8 may participate

Poster themes should focus on any lake and watershed issues and may include topics such as pollution, aquatic invasive species, aquatic life, aquatic plants, lake ecology, and lake health

Posters should be no larger than 18 inches by 24 inches in size and be in a style that is easily reproduced. Please include the student's name, school, grade, teacher's name, and school contact information on the back of the poster

Posters must be received by the NALMS Education Committee NO LATER than October 31, 2006

NHDES Attn: Amy Smagula 29 Hazen Drive

Concord, NH 03301

Posters should be shipped to

For more information, please contact Amy Smagula (603)271-2248 or asmagula@des.state.nh.us. You can also visit the NALMS website at www.nalms.org.

All posters become the property of NALMS. Posters are not returned at the end of the contest.



CSLAPpenings

Celebrating Our 22nd Season

Dear CSLAP Volunteers,

We had a cool, rainy training session at White Eagle this year, but many brave souls tested their secchi know-how on the waters of Lake Moraine.

The season is underway! The bottles are shipped and the coolers have begun to arrive at Upstate Freshwater Institute. Here are a couple of items to note to make the season run smoothly.

- Don't forget to wrap the vial containing the Chlorophyll A sample (filter) in aluminum foil. This prevents light penetration through the vial and reduces the risk of further "green" growth on the filter.
- If you need supplies (filters, gloves, MgCO3, thermometers) or replacement equipment. Put a note ON TOP OF THE COOLER so that the folks at UFI can alert Nancy. Please do not write notes on the Sampling Record or Observation Form as they get filed immediately, and your request will probably not get fulfilled.



CSLAP Lesson #1 How to get the Chlorophyll A filter into the little glass vial

Please have all samples AT UFI October 31, 2006 so that we can begin the reporting stage of the program.

Many thanks to those of you who sent your paperwork, NYSFOLA dues and CSLAP participation fee in early. Which leads to...

Notice for the 2007 Season!!

Please plan now for the 2007 season. All requests for 2007 CSLAP participation must be made by April 15, 2007. This allows us to order the right amount of supplies and prevents too much conflict with Nancy's conference duties. Forms are on the web at www.nysfola.org
You need the following items to have a "complete" application:

2007 NYSFOLA Dues With Completed Membership Form 2007 Participation Fee 2007 CSLAP Application Form

The forms are really important for keeping track of all the lakes and volunteers.

We are very grateful to all of you for your hours of volunteer time. Have a safe and sunny season.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Kishbaugh, NYS DEC and Nancy J. Mueller, NYSFOLA

Save the Dates!! For the 2007 NYSFOLA Conference and Membership Meeting



May 4-6, 2007
White Eagle Conference
Center
Hamilton, NY

If you have ideas for presentations that may be of special interest,

please call Nancy Mueller (800)796-3652 or e-mail fola@nysfola.org









May 4-6, 2007

Coming Soon!!

"A New Diet for a Small Lake"

NYSFOLA and NYSDEC Proudly announce the long-awaited revision of "Diet for a Small Lake"

We are now taking orders and will let you know when they become available. The price will be determined upon final printing costs.

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Send to: NYSFOLA P.O. Box 84 LaFayette, NY 13084				

Now Accepting 2006 Membership Dues *Are Your Dues Current?*

Your mailing label is the key to your membership standing. The digit next to your name indicates the last year your dues were paid. Your membership fees are based on the calendar year, and we appreciate that some associations cannot submit fees until mid-summer. This is not a problem.

If the digit is a "5", you may pay 2006 dues at your earliest convenience. If the digit is a "6", you are a member in good standing. Thank you.

If you have any questions about your membership, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 1-800-796-FOLA. Thank you for your continued support of NYSFOLA.

2006 Membership Form			
NYS Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.			
Lake, Watershed and other Associations:			
Small Association, 10-74 members	\$35.00		
Medium Association, 75-149 members	\$75.00		
Large Association, 150 or more members	\$150.00		
Park Districts (Town, County, etc.)	\$200.00		
Park Districts (Town, County, etc.)	\$20.00		
Individual member of a NYSFOLA Lake Association in good standing—	\$10.00		
(get your own copy of WATERWORKS instead of reading it at your meeting!)			
Corporate Membership	\$200.00		
Student	\$10.00		
Name of Lake Association or Individual Contact Name			
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City, State, Zip			
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Lake Location (county)			
(especially important if your lake is one of many named Loon, Mud, Round, etc.) Fee \$ Any additional donation? \$ (than	ık you)		
Send payment to: New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc. (NYSFOLA) P.O. Box 84 LaFayette, NY 13084			

Available from the NYSFOLA Office

Through the Looking Glass, A Wisconsin Lakes Partnership publication containing information on nearly all aquatic plants. Cost -\$24.95, plus \$2.00 shipping & handling.

Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality This book is a "must have" for those who want to be lake friendly property owners. The book includes chapters about lake ecosystems, designing lakeshore landscaping and selecting the right plants. The book has a bit of an upper-midwestern slant, but it is very applicable to New York State lakes. Cost: \$19.95

Managing Lakes Through Community Participation; 25 minute video. Why lake associations are formed, how they get started, tackling priority issues, case studies, ties with local government and lake community. Cost-\$15.00 plus \$2.00 shipping & handling

Water Quality Monitoring in Lakes and Tributaries, video. Demonstrates the techniques used for water quality monitoring, based on procedures used in Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP). Useful for starting a monitoring program.



Cost-\$15.00, plus \$2.00 shipping & handling



Exotics to Go! This compact disk is "fast food" for people who need to give presentations about zebra mussels and other aquatic nuisance species. Use it at your lake association's annual meeting! It contains 7 PowerPoint presentations including the scripts, images and talking points that focus on zebra mussel impacts and control. There are also 22 informational publications in PDF format and lists of contacts for more information. The CD was produced by the Illinois-Indiana and Minnesota Sea Grant programs on behalf of the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network. Cost: \$6.00 includes shipping and handling

Eurasian water milfoil has made guite a name for itself. Its likeness shows up in newspapers, on bumper stickers, billboards and public service announcements. A plant that can grow as swiftly and tenaciously as this one gets people's attention. You could say Eurasian water milfoil is a real "growth business."

Excerpt from "Through the Looking Glass" A Publication of the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership

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Calendar of Events

Oneida Lake Adopt-A-Shoreline Volunteer Training Parts I and II - July 25, 2006

Cornell Biological Field Station, Bridgeport

Volunteers will learn how to identify invasive aquatic plants, monitor a shoreline and help stop infestations before they spread. (315) 424-9485 est. 234 www.cce.cornell.edu/onondaga

On-Site Septic System Maintenance for Shoreline Properties - July 26, 2006

Training Center, Public Health Building, Wampsville

Geoff Snyder from the Madison County Dept. of Health will speak about on-site septic systems with particular emphasis on Oneida Lake but applying to most lakeshore properties. (315)422-8276

Splash H2O - July 22, 2006

Route 20 in Cazenovia

A spectacle of all things wet and watery for all ages! Three mischievous minds perform a gigantic belly flop! This international Lecoq based company brings a visual clownesque, aquatic comedy for all ages. Dive into the unexpected. Matinee 2:00pm; evening performance 8:00pm. Admission charged. www.cazenovia.edu