

# Waterworks

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## A Big Conference Crowd in Lake George



Lake George - photo by Don Fisher

The 36th annual NYSFOLA Conference was held May 3rd and 4th at the Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center in Lake George. The conference was a huge success, with over 250 attendees from across the state.

The conference theme was “Empowering Lake Associations in Challenging Times” and included presentations by academics, industry professionals, lake association members, and individuals from the government and non-profit sectors. Attendees

were able to hear presentations on a variety of lake related topics including: aquatic invasive species, harmful algae blooms, dam safety, watershed conservation, lake management tools, and more.

The NYSFOLA annual banquet was highlighted by a presentation by renowned Adirondack photographer Carl Heilman II. His slide show depicted an impressive collection of lake related photos taken throughout his distinguished career including a stunning rainbow image captured near his home on Brant Lake.

On Saturday, over 30 volunteers attended the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) training which was an all-day event for the first time this year. A morning of presentations by DEC and NYSFOLA staff was followed by an afternoon of hands-on training. We thank the Lake George Association for allowing us to once again use their wonderful Floating Classroom. CSLAP volunteers were invited aboard to go through the on-lake sampling procedures on beautiful Lake George.

A big thank you to all of our sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, and attendees! We look forward to seeing you back in Lake George next year. Save the dates! We will return to Fort William Henry May 1st and 2nd, 2020.



Photo by Don Fisher



*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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## President's Letter - Don Cook

The 2019 NYSFOLA conference was a great success! Thank you to all the speakers for their interesting and enlightening presentations and to our conference sponsors and exhibitors for their support of this year's annual conference. We hope that many of you were able to obtain valuable information from them. Thank you to all of the NYSFOLA Board members who assisted with the conference. The lake association panel presentation was coordinated by Tarki Heath and Theresa Mayhew, and we thank them for putting together a popular, and much requested, session. We also thank Nancy Mueller and Owen Zaengle for all of their hard work organizing the conference and Don Fisher of the Little York Improvement Society for acting as conference photographer.

We raised some money with the Silent Auction this year, and we thank Theresa Mayhew for coordinating that once again. We also want to give a special thank you to Betsy Janes from the Queechy Lake Club who donated a kayak to be raffled. It's NYSFOLA members like Betsy who attend the conference year after year that make it such a special weekend.

We had several award presentations at the conference this year. Congratulations to the newsletter winners, and we hope to see even more entries next year. We were pleased to honor Scott Cook, leader of the Finger Lakes HUB team, as the 2019 recipient of the Lake Tear of the Clouds Award. Thank you, Scott for the many years that you have dedicated to preserving and improving the water quality of New York's lakes. Our 2019 Lake Steward Award winner was Charles Braun from the Conesus Lake Association (CLA). Since Charlie couldn't get to Lake George, I had the honor of presenting the award to him at the May 23rd meeting of the CLA Board of Directors which was held in a wonderful new facility at Vitale Park on the north end of the lake.

NYSFOLA recently created the Scott A. Kishbaugh Secchi Disk Award in honor of our recently retired friend and colleague. The award's first recipient was long time CSLAP volunteer and former NYSFOLA board member Jan Shields from Babcock Lake Estates. Congratulations to all.

I have attended 33 NYSFOLA banquets during my time as a NYSFOLA member, and this year's was certainly one of the best. Carl Heilman's photographs and videos of Adirondack lakes were both beautiful and inspiring. Carl is also the photographer of our beautiful Lake Tear of the Clouds award photograph. Thank you, Carl.

I hope that our members will take advantage of the many regional conference being held around the state this year. We know that many of you were in attendance at the Indian River Lakes Conservancy symposium in Redwood, NY in early June. It was a lovely day at a nice facility with trails overlooking Butterfield Lake. August will be a busy month with the Adirondack Lakes Alliance's annual symposium on the 1st at Paul Smiths College; the Columbia-Greene Lakes Coalition meeting on the 9th at Kinderhook Lake; and the first ever Central NY regional meeting on August 16th in Skaneateles. Later in the season, on October 19th, the Western regional conference will be held in Cuba, NY.

I want to personally thank John Jablonski from the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy who recently resigned from the Board of Directors. John travelled from the westernmost part of the state to attend meetings, and his input will be very much missed.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer.



## DEC's Scott Cook Receives Lake Tear of the Clouds Award

The Lake Tear of the Clouds Award is NYSFOLA's highest honor. This award, named for the "highest" lake in the state, is awarded 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.



*Scott Cook accepts the Lake Tear of the Clouds Award from NYSFOLA President Don Cook & Manager Nancy Mueller. Photo by Don Fisher*

This year's recipient is a long time DEC employee who has been involved in all aspects of lake management for more than 35 years. That includes conspicuous activities like water quality monitoring, assisting lake communities in their quest to manage for an improved lake, and serving as an advocate for both regulators and those affected by per-

mitting decisions. But he has also worked quietly, behind the scenes, to support watershed management actions, from reducing streambank erosion to teaching farmers best management practices, to serving as a knowledgeable, fair, and conscientious bridge among groups that might otherwise angrily point fingers at one another.

Over his long career, he spearheaded the Non-Point Source Program in Central New York and helped to implement the Stormwater Management Program. From the onset, he has been a supporter of CSLAP by encouraging participation from lakes across Region 7. He has provided assistance to numerous county Water Quality Coordinating Committees as well as the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance.

In 2014, he was the humble recipient of the Ernest Trad Award, the highest honor awarded to a DEC employee, on the strength of recommendations from more than 25 individuals representing agencies and organizations throughout the state, including NYSFOLA.

As if his career wasn't storied enough, this year's winner became supervisor of the Finger Lakes Water Hub in 2016. He leads a talented group of staff dedicated to addressing water quality issues and developing new policies, programs, and technologies that will serve to benefit all New York state lakes. He generously shares that staff to support CSLAP training in Central NY and at the NYSFOLA conference.

Although he has worked in DEC Region 7 for more than 35 years, he is a treasure for all New York lakes.

## Lake Association Newsletters Recognized for Excellence

The NYSFOLA Board of Directors would like to thank all of our member lake associations who participated in the 2019 Lake Association Newsletter Contest. We also recognize NYSFOLA Board Member Theresa "Terri" Mayhew and her staff of judges for their excellent work again this year. The awards were presented at the NYSFOLA annual conference in Lake George.

Entries for the 2020 contest will be due in March. We especially need entries from small and medium sized

associations. You were somewhat under represented this year.

**Small Lake Association Category** - Millsite Lake Property Owners Association 1st Place

**Medium Lake Association Category**- Copake Lake Preservation Society

**Large Lake Association Category** - Three Lakes Council 1st Place, Cayuga Lake Watershed Network 2nd Place, Hatch-Bradley Brook Lakes Association 3rd Place.

## Scott A. Kishbaugh Secchi Disk Award presented to Jan Shields

As most of you know, the first NYS DEC Program Coordinator of the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program, Scott Kishbaugh, retired shortly after the conference.

To honor his 3+ decades of dedication to the program, NYSFOLA, our member lake associations, and hundreds of CSLAP volunteers, the NYSFOLA Board of Directors has instituted the Scott A. Kishbaugh Secchi Disk Award. This award will be given annually to an outstanding CSLAP Volunteer who has shown dedication to the program, his or her lake association, and NYSFOLA.

The first recipient of the Scott A. Kishbaugh Secchi Disk award has been a CSLAP volunteer continuously since 1987 and will be sampling again in the upcoming season.



*Scott Kishbaugh and Jan Shields celebrate the Scott A. Kishbaugh Secchi Disk Award. Photo by Don Fisher.*

No other CSLAP volunteer has a longer record of service. Our honoree has been an active member and leader of the Babcock Lake Estates association for over two decades. She served on the NYSFOLA Board of Directors from 2001-2016, and during that time coordinated the Media Award and served on various committees, including the CSLAP Committee. Because of her knowledge of CSLAP, she was conscripted for several years to assist with CSLAP training at the conference on Lake Moraine, usually in the years with the most unpleasant weather.

For her service to CSLAP, Babcock Lake Estates, and NYSFOLA, we honor Jan Shields with the first annual Scott A. Kishbaugh Secchi Disk Award.

## Conesus Lake's Charles Braun receives the 2019 Lake Steward Award

Each year, NYSFOLA asks its member lake associations to submit nominations for the annual Lake Steward Award. This NYSFOLA award recognizes lake association volunteers who go "above and beyond the call of duty." This year's recipient, Charlie Braun, was nominated by the Conesus Lake Association (CLA).

Charlie has been a major contributor to the CLA during his 18 years as a member. He has had individual responsibilities in almost every aspect of the organization including: water quality, lake safety, sponsorship, local government and community relations, and finance. He has been a Director, Executive Vice President, and is currently President. His individual contributions have earned the reputation of being thorough and high quality. His management skills have been influential in making many process improvements that have made the organization more efficient and effective. Charlie was also a driving



*Eric Randall accepts the 2019 Lake Steward Award from Don Cook on behalf of Charles Braun. Photo by Don Fisher.*

force behind an informal coalition of organizations that came together to create the Conesus Lake Watershed Education Program.

Charlie's initiative and leadership were the driving force for an informal coalition of several organizations that came together and created the Conesus Lake Watershed Education Program. In 2018 this ad-hoc group organized 14 events attended by 700 residents, which consisted of presentations and training sessions by subject matter experts, historians, and students.

We thank Charlie for his significant achievements and his long time support of both the Conesus Lake Association and NYSFOLA. The award was presented

at the annual conference and was accepted by CLA member Eric Randall on Charlie's behalf. Don Cook later presented the award to Charlie at a meeting of the Conesus Lake Association board of directors.

# We Goofed!

*We inadvertently left an advertisement out of the annual conference program. WSP has supported many NYSFOLA annual conference as an exhibitor, and we want to make it up to them. As such, while we usually keep "Waterworks" ad-free, we are including their misplaced ad and apologize for our error.*



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# Show Your CSLAP Pride!



Many of our CSLAP volunteers noticed the t-shirts worn by our interns last summer and have asked for one of their own. We are now taking orders!

The shirts are polyester with a cotton-like feel. They are royal blue with the CSLAP logo on the front. The price is \$28 each (includes sales tax). **Orders must be received by Friday August 16th.** Please mail the order form with your check made payable to NYSFOLA to: NYSFOLA PO Box 84 LaFayette, NY 13084.

Orders can also be placed online at [www.nysfola.org](http://www.nysfola.org).

Note: In order to avoid extra shipping costs, we will ship wrapped t-shirts back in your CSLAP cooler as soon as they are received from the manufacturer.

Order yours today!!

Size	S	M	L	XL	2XL	Total
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# EPA Issues Recommendations for Recreational Water Quality Criteria and Swimming Advisories for Algal Toxins



Due to the widespread occurrence of harmful algal blooms and their potential impact on human health, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a set of guidelines to reduce the health risks associated with exposure to algal toxins. The recommendations focus on recreational exposure (via swimming,

boating, waterskiing, etc) to the algal toxins microcystin and cylindrospermopsin.

Microcystins and Cylindrospermopsin are algal toxins that can be produced by several types of cyanobacteria. The toxins are contained within the cyanobacterial cells until the cell breaks and they are released in the water. Microcystins can persist within the water column for a period of time, even after the bloom is no longer visible. Both of these toxins are known to target the liver and kidneys. Exposure to these toxins has been linked to gastrointestinal distress, rashes, eye-irritation, headaches and other symptoms. Several canine deaths have been reported in New York State in connection with algal toxins.

The EPA published recommended values for recreational exposure to each of these toxins. They recommend a value of 8 µg/L as the standard for microcystins, and a value of 15 µg/L as the standard for cylindrospermopsin.

The guidelines are meant to be used by states to adopt or revise water quality standards and swimming advisory standards related to algal toxins. For use in swimming advisories, the EPA recommends that these concentrations not be exceeded on any single day. If used for assessment or listing on an impaired waterbody list the EPA recommends that the standards be met at least three times during a season and that the pattern be established across multiple years.

New York State currently uses microcystin concentrations in its bloom determination criteria. Microcystin concentrations of 20 µg/L for shoreline samples or 10 µg/L for open water samples are used to designate a bloom as being "Confirmed with High Toxins." Although New York State does not specifically set a criteria for cylindrospermopsin concentrations, it and other toxins are taken into account by the DEC and the Department of Health when determining the status of a bloom.

Because toxin concentrations can vary within the waterbody and can persist within the water column for long periods of time. It is best to follow the old rule - "If in doubt - stay out!"

The full EPA report on recreational exposure to algal toxins and other information regarding HABs can be found online at <https://www.epa.gov/cyanohabs>.

## New York State Launches New 'NYHABS' Online Notification and Reporting System for Harmful Algal Blooms

On June 4th, New York State launched a new online HABs map and reporting system for the public. Dubbed "NYHABS," the reporting system features an interactive map that is updated daily with reports of HABs, as well as a new public reporting form.

The NYHABS reporting system <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/83310.html> allows both the public and trained algal bloom samplers to send reports of HABs to DEC electronically via a simple, user- and mobile phone-friendly form. These reports, once evaluated by DEC and DOH, are posted to the NYHABS page.

When it comes to HABs, DEC encourages New Yorkers to "KNOW IT, AVOID IT, REPORT IT."

**KNOW IT** - HABs vary in appearance from scattered green dots in the water, to long, linear green streaks, pea soup or spilled green paint, to blue-green or white coloration.

**AVOID IT** - People, pets and livestock should avoid contact with water that is discolored or has algal scums on the surface.

**REPORT IT** - If members of the public suspect a HAB, they can report it through the NYHABS online reporting form available on DEC's website.

Symptoms or health concerns related to HABs should be reported to DOH at [harmfulalgae@health.ny.gov](mailto:harmfulalgae@health.ny.gov).

# LOOK OUT FOR HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

A **harmful algal bloom (HAB)** is an overgrowth of algae in a water body that could affect water quality and aquatic life. Some HABs produced by bacteria can create toxins that may also harm people, animals, and the local environment.



## HOW TO IDENTIFY A HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM

Algal blooms can make the water appear green, blue, brown, gold, or red.



Seeing colors, scum, mats, foam, or paint-like streaks in the water or clumps on the shore may indicate a bloom. However, only professional water testing can confirm if HABs and toxins are present. States often have monitoring programs for this purpose.



### EXPOSED?

Shower immediately. See a doctor or vet if symptoms occur.

## SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE

Vary depending on how the person or animal was exposed, and whether the HAB is in salt or fresh water.



Ear, eye, nose, skin, and throat irritation, and headache



Paralysis, respiratory illness, and seizures



Abdominal pain, diarrhea, liver and kidney damage, and vomiting



Drooling, diarrhea, low energy, not eating, stumbling, tremors, and vomiting

## WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY OUT!

Stay away from the water when a suspected HAB is present.



**DON'T**  
Play with scum or mats on the shore



**DON'T**  
Let animals drink water, eat algae, or swim



**DON'T**  
Swim



**DON'T**  
Fish or wade



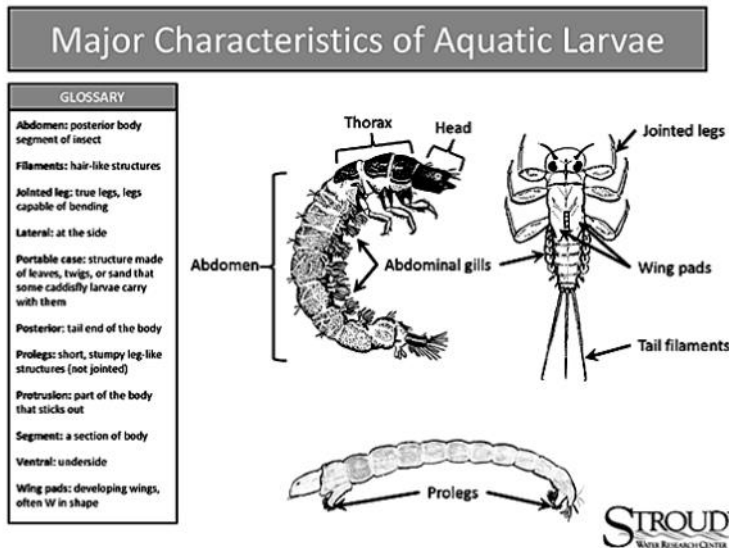
**DON'T**  
Boat or kayak





# What is that in the water?

An interdisciplinary team of scientists, educators, and designers have built a tool specifically designed to assist citizen scientists in identifying macroinvertebrates. The project, **macroinvertebrates.org**, is an annotated online collection that contains 150 commonly found benthic macroinvertebrates. It includes insects, molluscs, and annelids (such as leeches).



**Macroinvertebrates.org** is a continuation of an earlier project that was released in 2015. The project was developed by collaborating researchers/designers at Carnegie Mellon University, University of Pittsburgh, Clemson University, Stroud Water Research Center, and Dezudio with funding from the National Science Foundation.

Check it out at [macroinvertebrates.org/](http://macroinvertebrates.org/)

We should also note that affiliated partner of the new project, Stroud Water Research Center, also has macroinvertebrate keys that may be useful to you. They can be found at: <https://stroudcenter.org/macros/key/>

## Changes to the SUNY Oneonta MS in Lake Management Program

SUNY Oneonta's MS programs provide courses that combine applied and technical training with classroom learning in natural resource management. There are now two tracks to a degree. Students can choose either a thesis research based track (MS) or a cooperative experience (PSM) track. Both contribute to provisional certification by the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS). Full certification as lake managers (CLMs) is awarded after a few months of employment in the field.

Student costs are mitigated by concerned stakeholders, the College, the New York State Federation of Lake Associations, or by Co-op employers. Students enrolled in the thesis based track receive annual fellowships of \$3,000 for two years. Lake associations provide at least \$2,500 a year for thesis students. NYS-FOLA provides a like amount for selected lakes. The

College matches any amount up to \$5,000 (including the original \$3,000). Therefore those students annually receive between \$5,500 and \$10,000 in support.

Students in the Co-op track get the original \$3,000, as indicated above, and usually receive an additional \$3,000 to \$4,500 from their professional experience employers. The arrangement is an agreement between that organization and the student as an entry level employment scenario. Therefore, PSM students are provided approximately \$6,000 - \$7,500 annually. Sponsors of PSM students are asked to contribute only one year of support. The lake management plans created under this option may be less robust than those developed under the MS track. They often stress particular issue based goals. Questions? Email Bill Harman at the SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station [willard.harman@oneonta.edu](mailto:willard.harman@oneonta.edu).

# CNY Regional Conference: Interactions in the Watershed

## Register Today!

The first, CNY Regional NYSFOLA Conference will take place Friday, August 16, 2019 from 8:30 am to 4:30pm at The Lodge, 4355 State Street Road, Skaneateles Falls, NY [www.walodge.com](http://www.walodge.com).

Lunch is included with the \$25.00 pre-registration.

This unique conference is organized by the New York State Federation of Lakes Associations (NYSFOLA), the Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations (C-OFOKLA), and the Madison County Federation of Lake Associations (MCFOLA).

Our objectives for this conference are to inform, educate, and connect the lakes associations and the municipalities of our region. Professionals will present on anticipated changes in our watersheds, ways to make a difference, and connecting with funding sources.

Our speakers include:

**Dr. Greg Boyer** - Professor of Chemistry at SUNY-ESF and Director for the Great Lakes Research Consortium. Presenting on blue-green algae or cyanobacteria: why these blooms occur and the health effects associated with them.

**Hilary Mosher** - Associate Director of Invasive Species Programs at Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges presenting information on the Finger Lakes Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) programs that address aquatic invasive species in our region.

**Dr. Lars Rudstam** - Professor at the Cornell University Biological Resources Department and Director of the Cornell Biological Research Station at Shackleton Point, Oneida will present on the fisheries in our region and how they are affected by invasive species and climate change.

**Matt Marko**, NYS DEC Region 7 Director will present a regulatory and water quality update for Region 7.

**Dr. Liz Moran** - Principal Scientist, EcoLogic, LLC. and former Cazenovia Town Supervisor and member of the Madison County Board of Supervisors, and Chair of the county's legislative committee on Planning, Economic Development, Environmental and Intergovernmental Affairs will provide a deep understanding of the roles and concerns of local government in managing land use and infrastructure.

**Meredith Perreault**, Program Manager, Syracuse Uni-

versity Environmental Finance Center. The center facilitates the development of sustainable and resilient communities in New York State. This presentation will focus on potential state and federal funding sources to help municipalities and lake associations manage water quality.

Online registration is available through the NYSFOLA website where you can also find a .pdf form to mail in. Look for updates on our websites and Facebook Pages.

[www.cofokla.org](http://www.cofokla.org)

[www.mcfola.org](http://www.mcfola.org)

Hurry! Registration closes in early August so that we can give head counts to the management.

### Columbia-Greene Lakes Coalition Meeting Will be Held on August 9th

Details are still in the works. So, please check the NYSFOLA website regarding the upcoming Columbia-Greene Lakes Coalition meeting that will take place on Friday August 9th, from 10 am to 2:30 pm at Kinderhook Lake.

Please plan to join us at the Kinderhook Lake Improvement Association Hall, 15 Electric Park Rd, Valatie, 12184. The meeting will be jointly sponsored by the Kinderhook Lake Corporation and the Kinderhook Lake Improvement Association.

# New Requirements for NY Charities

The New York State Charities Bureau has mandated new requirements for non-profit organizations who solicit contributions within the state. These changes may impact your lake association. Most non-profit organizations who solicit contributions are required to register with the New York State Charities Bureau and submit financial reports to them annually. They are also required to include certain statement within their written solicitation materials. It is this requirement that has been updated. The following statements should be included in all written solicitation materials.

- A statement that, upon request, a copy of the charity's most recently filed financial report with the Attorney General's office can be obtained from the charity or from the office of the Attorney General. The statement must include the address of both the charity and the Attorney General's office where the report can be requested.
- A statement that the charity's most recently filed financial report also can be obtained from the charities registry on the Attorney General's website.
- A statement identifying the website and telephone number of the New York State Office of the Attorney General where an individual can receive information on charities.

The solicitation materials should also include a clear description of what the solicited contributions will be used for - or a statement that indicates how an individual can request such a description.

If your organization is already registered with the Charities Bureau you should update the organization's written solicitation materials to meet the updated requirements. If your organization is not registered with the Charities Bureau, you should visit their website ([www.charitiesnys.com](http://www.charitiesnys.com)) to see if your organization should be registered.

The following is an example statement that meets the new requirements:

***A copy of our most recently filed financial report is available from the Charities Registry on the New York State Attorney General's website ([www.charitiesnys.com](http://www.charitiesnys.com)) or, upon request, by contacting the New York State Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005, or us at [CHARITY'S ADDRESS]. You also may obtain information on charitable organizations from the New York State Office of the Attorney General at [www.charitiesnys.com](http://www.charitiesnys.com) or (212) 416-8401.***

## Our Thanks to Board Member John Jablonski

The NYSFOLA Board of Directors extends its thanks to outgoing board member John Jablonski from the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Conservancy. John was elected to the board in 2011, and he opted not to seek reelection this spring for personal reasons. However, he has not ruled out a return to NYSFOLA sometime in the future.

John served on several committees during his eight year tenure and always added thoughtful insight to board discussions. In addition, John's expertise in

land conservation made him a popular speaker at several NYSFOLA annual and regional conferences. Thank you, John. We look forward to working with you in your continued role at the Conservancy, and we would certainly welcome you back in the future.



## An Open Letter from Scott Kishbaugh

*To my friends and colleagues in the NYSFOLA community*



Finger Lakes Water Hub was created with talented scientists to address water quality issues in the Finger Lakes region and beyond, and the DEC Lakes section was rebuilt with dedicated researchers and sampling teams with the skills and expertise needed to tackle the next generation of lake problems. And NYSFOLA is still there, inspiring the next lake stewards, nurturing new volunteers,

As many of you know, I recently retired from the NYSDEC after more than 33 years overseeing the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP), serving as the liaison between New York state and NYSFOLA, and after a decade overseeing the DEC Lake Monitoring and Assessment Section. Much has changed since the mid-1980s, with aquatic invasive species (AIS) and harmful algal blooms (HABs) superseding acid rain, "weeds" and boating issues as the bane of many lake residents. Although, sadly, all these issues remain important for at least some lakes. Funding and staffing and government attention to lakes has come and gone (and come back again) over time, whether in response to or defining the issue du jour. But through it all, NYSFOLA has been there, sometimes in the foreground and always in the background, providing leadership and support for initiatives imposing and small. From this newsletter to annual educational conferences, unflagging support for CSLAP, HABs outreach, AIS advice, and small lake management protocols, development of two editions of *Diet for a Small Lake*, student support, and ready advice for many lake ills, NYSFOLA has well served the New York lake communities for the duration of my tenure at DEC.

Although it can be difficult to see progress in the heat of the battles, be aware that progress is underway. In just the last few years, the Governor dedicated \$65M to tackle HABs, more than \$100M in water quality improvement grant projects, and \$2.5B in Clean Water Infrastructure Act investments in clean water infrastructure and water quality protection. Much of this grew out of findings from the most extensive HABs monitoring and outreach program in the country, based on extensive CSLAP bloom sampling. CSLAP itself, the most comprehensive volunteer lake monitoring program in the country, expanded to all 11 Finger Lakes and quadrupled investments for enhanced monitoring on more than 150 smaller lakes throughout the state. The

and helping to tell the stories of more than 16,000 New York lakes. I have been honored and blessed to work with each of you to do our parts to preserve and restore the magnificent lakes and ponds of New York state, to give each lake story a rich narrative, and to find an audience for these tales. This organization has been part of my professional and personal story, and I am proud to consider each of you friends and trusted colleagues.

Oh...there is certainly much more ahead. HABs continue to be a vexing problem, plaguing "good" and "bad" lakes with equal indiscretion. New AIS keep storming the gates and landing in the most unreasonable places. Climate change makes both of these problems worse and will be an important challenge for as far as any of us can see. Volunteers are overworked and under replaced. And the idyllic calm of our backyard treasures are under constant pressure from overuse and underlove. However, on the heels of my retirement, I am confident that NYSFOLA and DEC will continue to work together to face these threats and continue to make New York lakes a little cleaner each day. The DEC team assembled over the last few years brings new ideas and innovative approaches to many NYSFOLA programs, starting with Stephanie June overseeing CSLAP. I trust that you will give her the support and respect that I greatly appreciated for more than three decades, and she and the DEC lakes staff will continue to build the initiatives I was fortunate enough to start.

I hope we will cross paths in the future, but until then, I thank you for your dedication to the lakes of New York and I look forward to seeing and enjoying the fruits of your labor.

*Scott Kishbaugh*

# 25th Annual Western Regional Meeting

NYS FEDERATION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

## TOPICS



**Cyanobacteria Investigations - Dr. Michael Chislock, SUNY Brockport**

**Water Quality of NYS Lakes - Dr. Dave Matthews, Upstate Freshwater Institute**

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## REGISTRATION FORM

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NAME OF PARTICIPANT(S) - \_\_\_\_\_

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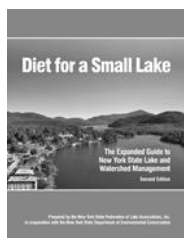
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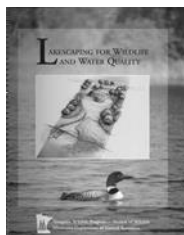


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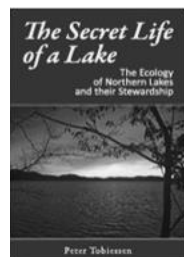
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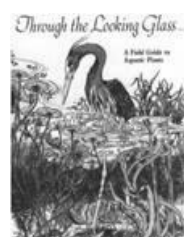
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