



CLCS News

FALL 2013

The Copake Lake Conservation Society endeavors to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake.

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President's Message

I have to start this message with a great big THANK YOU to both the Lake Management Committee and Mother Nature for a fantastic lake summer. The water clarity, temperature and level were all perfect this season and the swimming was incredible. Congratulations to all involved with keeping our lake a pristine gem.

There were some changes this year to the CLCS Board of Trustees. Nancy Schultz, who has been our Vice President for the past two years, has stepped down from that role, although she will remain active on the Board. Her professionalism and expertise were invaluable to the CLCS and helped us to navigate some difficult waters during her tenure. Ed Werfelman has been installed as our new VP and the entire Board looks forward to working with him in his new role. Anyone can join a committee or apply to the Board of Trustees. Please take a look at our website www.copakelakecs.org, and let us know if you have an interest in joining. It is a great way to meet others in the lake community and work towards keeping our lake clean and healthy.

While we are talking about the CLCS Board, I want to thank everyone for their hard work and diligence during the past year. Our meetings are very productive and many changes were instituted this year to help improve both the lake and the way we all can experience it. The Education Committee was active teaching Safe Boating Courses and reaching out to the community about lake living topics. The Fund Raising Committee did an excellent job with the 1970's themed Summer Bash and a very successful Labor Day raffle. Our newsletter took first place in the New York State Federation of Lake Association's newsletter contest and the Communications Committee kept the Web site and Facebook pages current and active. The Membership Committee has streamlined the record keeping for donations and corrected errors in the information we had on file. The Grant Program was used to help fund completed projects that fall under our Mission Statement. Besides their great work on water clarity, the Lake Management Committee researched the culverts and runoffs to reduce sediment flowing into our lake. The

Nominating Committee updated our bylaws and vetted potential candidates for membership to the board. These committees are the lifeblood of CLCS and the heart and soul of our organization. These members all give their time to make Copake Lake a better place for all of us, and we all owe them our gratitude. I am honored to work with them all.

With winter quickly approaching, please remember a few simple safety rules so we can enjoy the beautiful season ahead. Hopefully we will have great conditions for ice-skating, cross-country skiing, ice fishing and snowmobiling. Please be advised that if you have a fire out on the lake, before you leave, remove the ash and wood debris so that it doesn't end up in the lake; this is also true for the cones and tires used by the snowmobile riders to mark their courses. The entire lake community appreciates your care and concern.

I hope the next two seasons treat our lake and all of you well. Have a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

Best Wishes to All,

Denise Chickery, *President*



Eagle Landing on Copake Lake. Photo by Tim McDowell.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Ernie Cutler	

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Get involved with CLCS. Join some of the many committees listed above or consider applying to join the Board of Trustees. It's a great way to meet new people and help your lake community. Contact us through our Web site (www.copakelakecs.org). GET INVOLVED!

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Treasurer's Report

JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Income:

Ads	2,235.00
Fund Raising Activities	4,661.34
Contributions	52,201.00
Interest	564.27

Total Income 59,661.61

Expenses:

Administration	2,839.83
Communications	6,400.29
Lake Management	42,857.80

Total Expense 52,097.92

Membership 2012-2013

The summer of 2013 was here and gone before we knew it; the summer of 2014 will be upon us just as soon. Time passes far too quickly. Even though we have no control over time, we do have control over how we take pride in Copake Lake. We continue to do all that we can do as “responsible lake people” by keeping our waters clear from invasive weeds, by discouraging erratic boating behavior, and by cleaning up our shoreline, to mention just a few things. Each one of us loves our lake and we want it to be a beautiful and safe haven for all. What a wonderful sense of community we have developed around Copake Lake as we strive to maintain a safe and a healthy environment for future generations to enjoy this amazing lake of ours!

Each one of you can do your part to help support our lake community with your words, as well as, with your tax deductible annual contribution. Please take a moment, if you have not already done so, and mail your CLCS donation in the enclosed envelope. A donation of at least \$100 entitles the donor to full membership, with voting privileges at our annual meeting, where we elect our Trustees among other matters. Our current membership year is from December 1, 2012 to November 30, 2013. Donations received after December 1, 2013 will be credited to the December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014 membership year.

Thank you for making Copake Lake Conservation Society a part of your life. We appreciate your commitment.

Debra Ruggieri, *Chairperson,*
Membership Committee

For our Copake Lake Community

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Annual CLCS Shoreline Clean Up

Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-up was held on Saturday, June 1st. Sponsored by the Copake Lake Conservation Society, this annual event helps us clean up the shoreline of unwanted debris, docks, and what is sometimes an amazing array of what falls into the lake and finally makes it to shore.

This year almost 2 tons of debris was removed – 1.98 tons to be exact!

“We could not do this without the cooperation of many”, said event coordinator Jack Schultz. Participants included Cherie Berk, Chase Booth, Denise Chickery, Colleen Closson, Gray Davis, Jed Luchow, Jeff Paige, and Jack Schultz.

The CLCS would like to thank all of our volunteers along with a special thank you to Carmen Barbato, Inc. (who donated the use of the dumpster), the Town of Copake (who paid the tipping fee), and Jon Urban from the Copake Country Club/The Greens (for a pickup truck and two workmen, Martinez Isaías and Lorenzo Luna, who removed roadside debris from around the lake and brought it to the dumpster).

Jack Schultz, *Event Coordinator,*
Lake Management Committee



This is one big way to clean up Copake Lake. Photo by Fran Pross.

Copake Lake News

Congratulations to Arthur “Art” Kowek, longtime resident of Cove Colony, who was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the New York Planning Federation. Founded in 1937, the New York Planning Federation is a state-wide, member-supported non-profit organization. Its mission is to promote sound planning, land use and zoning practices to foster orderly growth and development, balanced with the protection of natural resources (www.nypf.org).

Special Thanks To Our 2013 Contributors!

Every effort is made to keep our files up to date. Our membership year is December 1, 2012-November, 30, 2013. This is the list of contributors as of October 1, 2013. If you do not see your name on this list and feel there is an error please contact CLCS by e-mail at info@copakelakecs.org.

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Another Spectacular Fireworks Show!*

Oh, What A Night! Saturday, August 10th was a gorgeous evening that only added to the success of this year's fireworks display. Once again Legion Fireworks outdid themselves with a spectacular show over Copake Lake that lasted more than 25 minutes! Just when you thought the finale would start, another beautiful rocket would soar into the night sky. The whole area was alive with hoots and hollers from the Copake Country Club and boat horns and cheers echoing across Copake Lake. All agreed that this was the best display in the 12 years since this tradition began.

Lake residents and friends all donated funds so we could have our very own fireworks right here in our own backyard. It was really a very special night.


I would like to thank Colleen Closson and Lindsay LeBrecht for helping me collect donations to make this event possible. Also, thank you to Frank Collucio, the owner of Legion Fireworks, and his staff for their professionalism and care; Jon and Kim Urban, owners of the Copake Country Club/The Greens, who always allow the fireworks to be launched from the golf course; and, the Craryville Fire Department, led by Chief William Baker, for being on site to insure our safety. A very

special 'Thank You' to everyone who donated money to make this evening possible. Please continue to support next year's event, so we can keep the tradition going. THE 2014 FIREWORKS EVENT WILL BE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23rd. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

Denise Chickery, Fireworks Coordinator


**Editor's Note: The summer fireworks display is NOT a Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) event. However, CLCS supports activities that seek to enhance the quality of life around our lake community. CLCS encourages the support of the summer fireworks display.*







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Communications Committee

First Place across New York State. Congratulations to the **CLCS News** of the Copake Lake Conservation Society (see accompanying photo). CLCS President, Denise Chickery submitted several issues of the **CLCS News** to the newsletter contest of the New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc. (www.nysfola.org). This is an organization of over 200 member lake associations whose 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." The **CLCS News** was awarded **1st Place**. The trophy from NYSFOLA was presented to Jed Luchow, Editor-in-Chief, by CLCS President Denise Chickery at our Annual Meeting on July 6 at Copake Town Hall. The **CLCS News** committee is Denise Chickery, Lindsay LeBrecht, Sharon Luchow, Barbara Rindler, and Theresa Westlake. CLCS would like to thank Pro-Printers of Hudson, NY, and the team at our mailing house, Cornerstone Mailing Services, New Paltz, NY. And, finally,

CLCS would like to thank all of our advertisers who contribute to making our newsletter possible.

Our Web site stays active throughout the year. We love to get news of what's going on around the lake during the "off season". We especially love photos, and some of the most beautiful lake scenery and interesting wildlife are seen during the fall and winter months. So please think of us! Send photos to info@copakelakecs.org.

Karen Schutzer,
Communications Chairperson



photo by Debbie Ruggieri

Happy Birthday America from Copake Lake

Our Annual Boat Parade began its July 4th 2013 procession from Southwest Colony at 1p.m. on a very warm and sunny day. This year our judges counted 50 vessels including 27 pontoon boats, 21 speed boats, 2 personal watercrafts (PWCs), approximately 300 people and a few dogs. Our parade judges were the 2012 winners who were aboard the *Gippest II*: Captain Scott Robichaud, First Mate Dana Gips, Crew Phil and Barbara Gips, Keith, Alex, and Dylan Robichaud, and Liz Anderson. The judging station for the boat parade was on the dock at The Lighthouse Marina.

Taking home the 2013 trophy was the Peluso family who were on board the "Captain America" fleet. This colorful pontoon boat sailed along in the parade with a crew of Captain Jack Peluso, First Mate Ann Peluso, their daughter Amy Burns, and their grandchildren Aislinn, Kieran, and Maeve. Three generations on board! Along with the trophy the overall winners took home a bottle of champagne donated by Steven and Denise Chickery.

Placing second was the speedboat of Beth Feeney and Kathy Gleeson winning a \$35 gift certificate for the Lighthouse Marina donated by Buddy Sinisi. The PWC winner this year was Jodi Disch carrying two little patriots, Sophia and Sean Powers. They won a \$35 gift certificate to Mosquito donated by Russ Funk.

CLCS wants to thank our Copake Lake community for helping to celebrate our country's birthday. Being on the water or watching and waiving from land, your participation brings a spectacular feeling of community and allegiance that warms the hearts of both young and old!

Save the date! July 4, 2014 will be a Friday and the CLCS Boat Parade will begin at its traditional starting point at Southwest Colony at 1p.m. We will look for you!

Debra Ruggieri,
CLCS Trustee



Summer Bash – Retro Style

The celebration of the CLCS's 40th anniversary was the best Summer Bash EVER! Many guests wore clothing from the 1970's, to get in the spirit of the occasion. We couldn't believe that there was still that much polyester around. The costumes were spectacular, from Sonny and Cher to Go Go Dancers and everything in between.

The weather was perfect, the food was great and DJ Dave Hawley had the dance floor packed for hours to groovy sounds of classic rock and disco. There was even an old-fashion type photo booth. Adding to the atmosphere were proudly displayed classic cars: 1968 El Camino owned by Vincent Mazeau, 1970 VW Convertible Bug owned by Steve Krajci and a 1973 Dodge Dart owned by Rick Aluisio.

The fun continued with various contests. Best Dressed Couple was Loren Hawley and Dan Whitely, who won brunch for two at The Greens; Best Dressed Man was Lou Varuzzo Sr., who won Vincent Van Gogh Dutch Chocolate Vodka, donated by The Chickerys; Best Dressed Woman was Karen Ferrari, who won a 'Girly Basket' donated by Diane LaConte. There were many fantastic dancers, but Diane LaConte stood out in the crowd and won a Saturday Night Fever DVD and a 6-pack of Ballantine Beer.

Door prizes were won by Mike and Lynn Hone who won a gift card to Lia's Mountainview Restaurant, Lawrence Itri who won water ski's donated by Copake Lake Boat & Ski.

Jed Luchow won the Flash Back Photo Match Contest and won a gift card to The Lighthouse Marina.

Muriel Muldorf and Jed Luchow shared their memories of the CLCS's beginnings.

A very special thanks to Jon and Kim Urban, Chef Glenn Strickling, Kyleigh and all the staff at Copake Country Club/ The Greens for making this a great night for all. You always go above and beyond for the CLCS and your efforts are truly appreciated. A plaque was presented to Jon Urban honoring him for all his support to the CLCS.

We also wish to thank the Chickerys, Copake Lake Boat & Ski, the Green's Restaurant, Diane LaConte, Lia's Mountainview Restaurant (Pine Plains), and the Lighthouse Marina for donating prizes/gift cards used as door prizes. We appreciate their generosity and hope you will support them.

Also to be thanked is the Fund Raising Committee and volunteers, Eileen Faranda, Diane LaConte, Lindsay LeBrecht, Barbara Lewis, Ed Werfelman and Theresa Westlake.

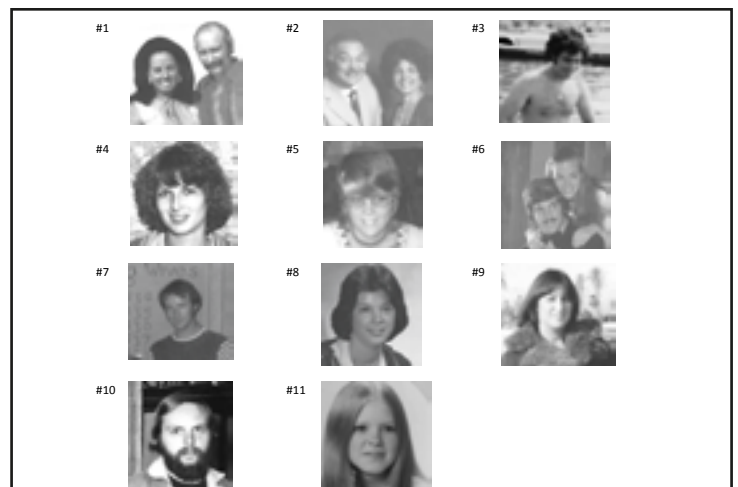
The next Bash is already scheduled for July 12, 2014 and will be a hard act to follow. Hope to see you there!

Colleen Closson

Chairperson, Fund Raising Committee



Cathy Lee and Steve Nilsson.



Contest Rules

Match the names below to photos above. Extra names have been added, just to make it a little more challenging. In case of tie, a winner's name will be pulled from all correct answers.

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| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ | |

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Summer Bash Poster for Contest designed by Colleen Closson

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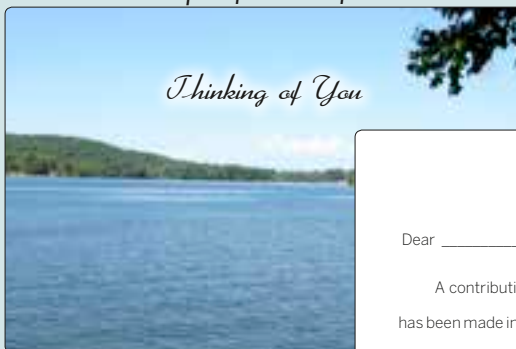
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Example of outside of card:



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Free Safe Boating Course Offered In Copake In 2014



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CLCS Lake Management Report: Part 1

The Lake Management Committee met at the home of Fred Burger, Chairperson, on Saturday, September 28. CLCS's limnologist, Dr. George Knoecklein, provided an extensive report on the progress that CLCS has been making in improving the health of Copake Lake. Since Dr. Knoecklein will be continuing his work at Copake Lake through this fall, Part 2 of the lake management plan for the 2014 season will appear in the spring 2014 issue of the CLCS News, as well as on our Web site.

Fred Burger, Chairperson,
Lake Management Committee

Copake Lake Winter Draw Down Plan for 2013-2014*

After much discussion and a thorough review of past draw down data, the CLCS Lake Management Committee has decided to go back to the draw down procedure used successfully from 2003 to 2011. LMC feels that the dry year of 2012 was a total anomaly and should never be used as a basis for draw down procedures. So for 2013-2014, the draw down of the lake will be 18 inches rather than the 10-12 inches used last year.

In any case, no matter how we manage the winter draw down, the level of the lake in the summer will always be controlled by the timing and amount of summer rain. That is, we need about 2/3" of rain every week to keep what appears to be a nearly constant level. In the summer, the lake level is always going down unless it is raining. Natural events control that; not CLCS !

*Note: Water level draw down in the winter is lowering the water level of a lake or reservoir which can have a dramatic impact on some aquatic weed problems. Source: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, *Diet for a Small Lake*.

Keith Schaefer,
Lake Management Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!
2014 FIREWORKS WILL BE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD

Copake Lake Fecal Coliform Test Results July 30, 2013

No.	Location	Results (per 100 ML)
1	Mosquito Island swimming area	<20
2	Cove Colony drainage area	<20
3	Arrowhead Acres dock area	<20
4	Southwest Colony dock area	20
5	Presidents Estates collection tank	<20
6	Presidents Estates swim area	<20
7	County Route 7 culvert	<20
8	Elm Street	<20
9	Lighthouse Marina culvert	<20
10	Robin Road	<20
11	Culvert north of Copake Lake Boat & Ski	<20
12	Lakeshore Acres Road	20
13	Golf Course Road treatment facility	<20

Swimming standards should not exceed >200 fecal coliform colonies per 100 ml of sample.

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Fish in Copake Lake: Past and Present

Copake Lake is home to a variety of fish. Daniel Zielinski, an aquatic biologist, recently provided the CLCS with a

list of fish that have been surveyed in Copake Lake. He points out that not all may be in the lake today.

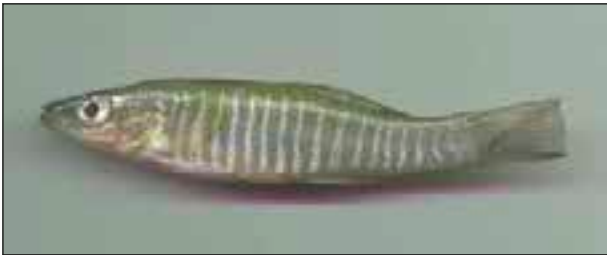
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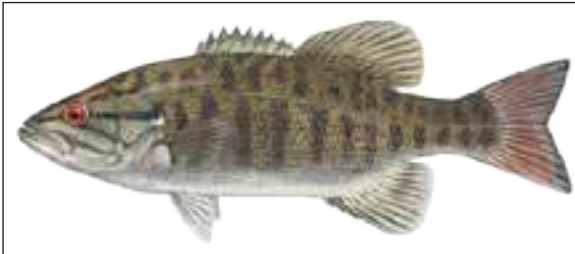
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- Craig & Heidi Cooper, Hillsdale, NY

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Year	Recipient	Award
2013	Karen Schutzer	Engraved plaque
2012	Jed Luchow	Engraved plaque
2011	Fred Bunger	A tree
2011	Keith Schaefer	Engraved plaque
2009	Sarah Leshner	Engraved plaque
2009	Barbara Rindler	Engraved plaque
2008	Lindsay LeBrecht	Engraved planter
2008	Marissa Shedd	Engraved planter
2006	Dave Craw	Certificate of Appreciation
2005	Barbara Bunger	Framed kayaking picture with friends
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2013 Boat Census on Copake Lake

An informal boat census is taken occasionally in August. It is **NOT** a scientific survey. We only count the boats that can be seen from the lake so is not very accurate or repeatable. The trends, however, are interesting.

Comments:

- Note the explosion in paddleboards; from zero to 20.
- Pontoon boats continue to increase while the numbers of all other motorized craft, including PWC decreased.
- Kayaks continue to multiply; perhaps they are being stored too close together.
- Rowboats, canoes, sailboats and paddleboats continue their slow decline.

Type of Watercraft	2001	2006	2007	2009	2010	2013
Inboard	71	119	111	119	125	116
Large Outboard	73	64	64	55	58	36
Small Outboard (<15 hp)	34	20	20	20	18	15
Pontoon Boats	35	70	78	71	73	89
Personal Watercraft	40	71	55	54	59	47
Row Boats	48	51	65	58	56	40
Sailboats	30	36	32	18	19	15
Canoes	51	48	49	43	49	40
Kayaks	19	98	109	112	122	159
Paddleboats	20	16	18	19	18	11
Paddleboards					0	20
Total Watercraft	421	593	601	569	597	571

Enjoy the lake, and make sure your contribution to the CLCS increases as the size of your fleet increases! Give generously; how about \$120 per boat?

Data by Fred & Barbara Bunker with no guarantee of accuracy.

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CLCS Grants

The Copake Lake Conservation Society began a grant program in 2012. The objective of this program is to assist local projects that improve or protect the Copake Lake Water Shed. CLCS implemented this program as a way to get proactive in 'preventing' damage to the water shed, rather than spending money to 'correct' damage to the water shed. I think we can all agree that is money better spent.

Work proposals must demonstrate how it would support the mission of CLCS. The Copake Lake Conservation Society endeavors to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake. Grants are limited to 50% of the costs of the proposal and would not exceed \$5,000. The grant committee may use subject matter experts to help determine the value and validity of the proposal. You do not have to be a member of CLCS to apply for a grant.

CLCS will consider any proposal that will improve the Copake Lake water shed. We've made the form as simple and straightforward as we can, and a copy of it can be found in this newsletter. Additional forms and guidelines can be found on the CLCS Web site. Completed forms can be mailed to us at the following address: CLCS, P.O. Box 37, Craryville, NY 12521

2013

Three grant submissions were received year to date 2013. All three submissions have been approved.

Submitter	Total Project Cost	Approved Grant Amount
Hosier	\$4785	\$2200
CPO	\$7375	\$3687
GCRNA	\$13095	\$5000
TOTALS	\$25255	\$10887

Ernie Cutler

Chairperson, Grants Committee

Proposal Information

Describe your request, incorporating the following points:

- What is the project? Attach any supporting documentation
- How the project supports the mission of CLCS
- Who will do the work (name of contractor, estimate, etc.)
- When the project will start and end

CLCS Grant for 2013

Application

Lake Management Committee Use Only	Grant Amount _____
Lake Management Committee Meeting _____	Approved _____ Denied _____
Board Meeting Date _____	Approved _____ Denied _____

Applicant Information

Applicant/Organization Name _____

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Do you have any relationship to the Copake Lake Conservation Society? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what manner? _____

Amount Requested _____ Total Project Cost _____

Project Start Date _____ Project End Date _____

Make Checks Payable to _____

If awarded this grant, you agree to indemnify and hold harmless Copake Lake Conservation Society of and from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, losses, damages, lawsuits, including attorneys' fees and court costs. And, that you acknowledge that CLCS may publicize awarding this grant including photos.

Applicant Signature

Date



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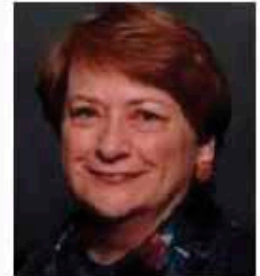
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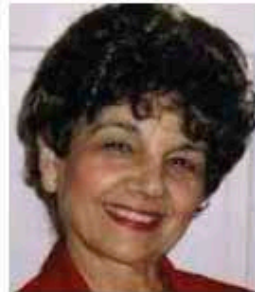


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Winter Safety on Copake Lake

Now that boats are stored, docks have been removed, and days are growing shorter, the winter season is upon Copake Lake. It is time to consider enjoying the activities on Copake Lake such as ice fishing, ice skating, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Snowmobiling is a fun sport. However, as with boating and the use of personal watercraft, safety is of utmost importance. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has enacted rules and regulations for snowmobiles which are enforceable by the OPRHP Forest Rangers, the county Sheriff's office, and State Troopers.

For additional information about snowmobiling laws and regulations, including operator requirements, vehicle registration, insurance, safety helmets, etc., consult the following website for the New York State Snowmobiler's Guide (2010), a sample of which is included below.

www.nysparks.com/recreation/snowmobiles/documents/SnowmobilersGuide.pdf

From, New York State Snowmobiler's Guide (2010)

Operator Requirements

Anyone who is at least 18 years old may operate a snowmobile in New York State without any other qualification except as defined by state and local laws regulating that operation. However, it is recommended that all operators complete a recognized snowmobile safety course. See the section on Rider Training for more information on the New York State Snowmobile Safety Education Program.

Youth ages 14 through 17 years old may operate a snowmobile without adult or other supervision if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York.

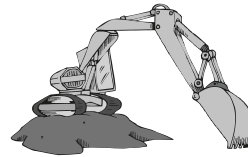
Youth ages 10 through 13 may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York and are accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age.

The Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will issue a snowmobile safety certificate to those who successfully complete this course.

Youths who do not hold this certificate are subject to the same restrictions as children under the age of 14 years. See the section on Rider Training for more information on the New York State Snowmobile Safety Education Program.

Children under 10 years old or under age 14 without a safety certificate may operate a snowmobile only on lands owned or leased by their parent or guardian.

A non-resident operator who is a resident of another state or country and is the holder of a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by that state or country shall be considered the same as the holder of a New York State Safety Certificate."



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CLCS Labor Day Raffle 2013

The 2013 Copake Lake Conservation Society Labor Day Raffle was held at the Lighthouse Marina on Sunday, September 1, at 11 a.m. There was a nice showing of people who mingled about awaiting to hear who this year's grand prize winner of \$1,000 would be, as well as who would win the many generous prizes that were donated to CLCS by various local businesses. This year we used our new ticket spinner. Long-time CLCS Trustee Muriel Muldorf honored us by pulling the winning ticket for the grand prize that went to Pat Vinley (ticket sold by Denise Chickery). Congratulations Pat on your win!

Once again we want to recognize our "stellar seller" of raffle tickets, Rick Aluisio, for once again selling more than 100 tickets. We would like to thank Denise Chickery, Colleen Closson, Dave Crow, Lindsay LeBrecht, Rich Pawlikowski, and Buddy Sinisi for their assistance in reaching out to and obtaining donations from our various local businesses. Please remember to support and patronize these local businesses throughout the year. A special thank you goes to Barbara Rindler for keeping all the funds in check! And finally, thanks to each of you in the Copake Lake community for supporting the CLCS Labor Day raffle and the Copake Lake Conservation Society.

Debra Ruggieri,
Fund Raising Committee



CLCS Trustee
Muriel Muldorf

RAFFLE!

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2010-present	Denise Chickery
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2003-2006	Dave Crow
1999-2003	Barbara Bunger
1995-1999	Lindsay LeBrecht
1994-1995	Barbara Bunger/Lindsay LeBrecht
1990-1994	Barbara Bunger
1989-1990	Joseph Gladstone
1987-1989	Tom Williams
1985-1987	Joseph Gladstone
1980-1985	Lucille Landers
1979-1980	Dr. Henry "Hy" Lowenheim (founding president of CLCS, Inc. as a 504 (c) charitable organization)

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uses the boat for the better part of a full day
sampling, measuring, and observing the
ecology of Copake Lake.

2013 Labor Day Raffle Winners!

CONTRIBUTOR	2013 GIFT	WINNER
CLCS	\$1000 in Cash	Pat Vinley
Copake Lake Boat & Ski	Knee Board	Maryellen Giacobbe
Mitchell & Kim Konsker	\$150 Gift Card Old Mill	Daniel Pratt
Thrifty Beverage	Wooden cooler/charcoal grill combo	Jackie Bernstein
Catamount Ski	Two Ski Lift Tickets	Will Oliveira
Herrington's	\$100 Gift Card	Deidre Karn
Thrifty Beverage	Weber Charcoal Grill	Debra/Dean Ruggieri
John Varvatos	Artisan Cologne	Bonnie Rowen
John Varvatos	Artisan Cologne	Will Oliveira
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Linda Johnson
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Mary Labarge
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Larry House
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Neil Petersen
The Lighthouse Marina	6 Bottles of Wine	Jeff Rindler
Steven & Denise Chickery	Ralph Lauren Travel Bag	Kerri Kline
Domaney's	Magnum of champagne	Susan Daum
CLCS	Copake Lake Book, CLCS tee-shirt, 2 koosies, 2 bags	Ellen Cohen
Sauces 'N Love	Basket of Sauces	Neil Petersen
Thrifty Beverage	2 stadium chairs & mini charcoal grill	Shelly/Lenny Barham
CLCS	CLCS T-shirt 2 bags & 2 koosies	Myles Braffett
Taconic Valley Lawn & Garden	40 lb. bag of non-phosphorous fertilizer	Maureen Kane
Stewart's Shoppe	\$30 Gift card	Rick Aluisio
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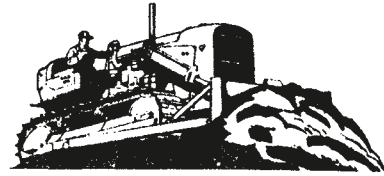
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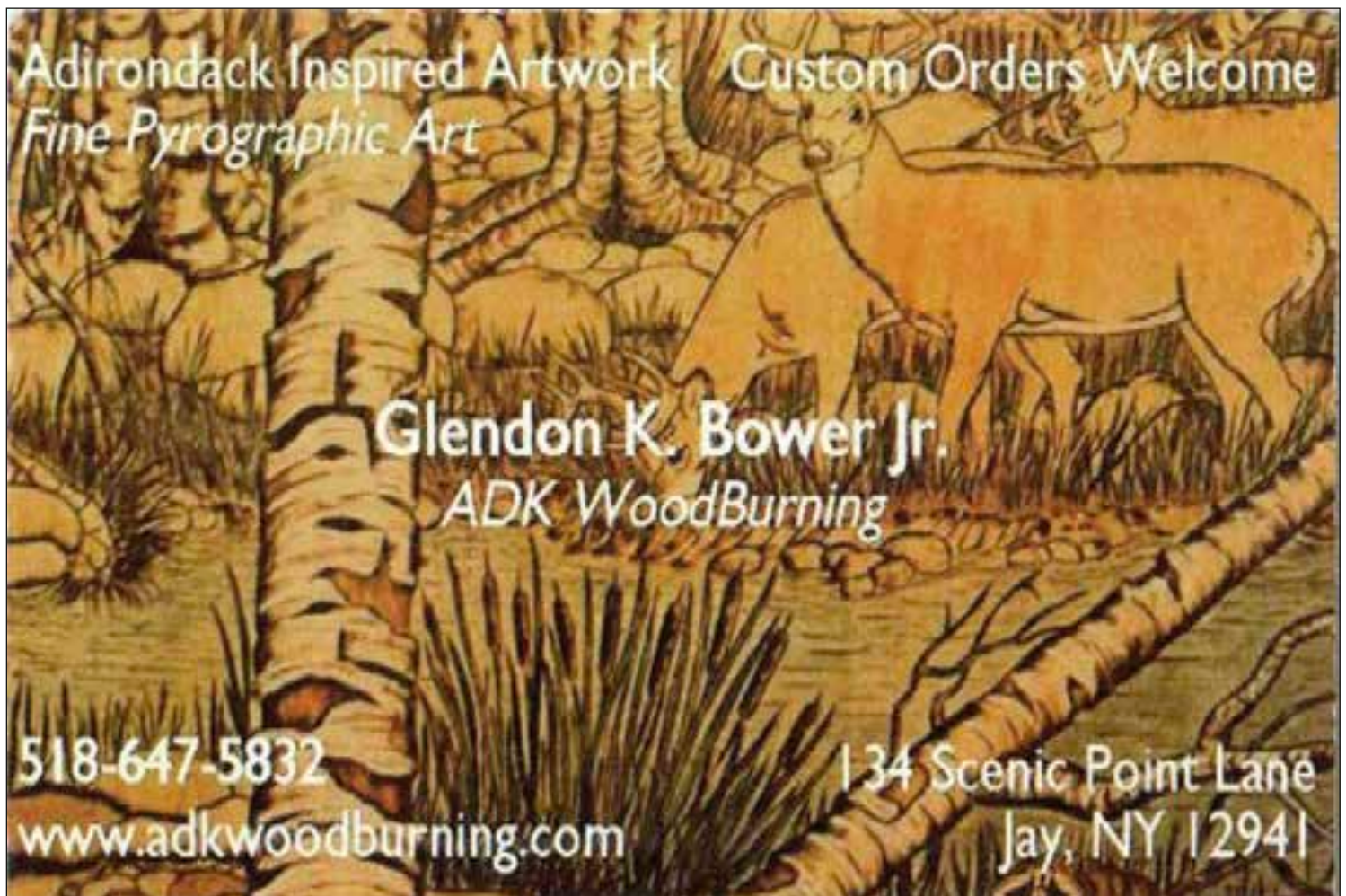
* Actually, CLCS is launching a “new blood” drive for the Lake Management Committee (LMC).

The current CLCS Lake Management Committee is comprised of all, or nearly all, very active, very dedicated, very alive “senior citizens.” The health and well-being of Copake Lake is dependent upon knowledgeable caretakers. Current LMC members will be happy to work with new members, but we only have one new member at this time. The Copake Lake of 2013-14 is not the Copake Lake of 1973-74 when CLCS was formed. In fact, had you been around to see Copake Lake in 1973-74, you would not have bothered to stay too long since it was a mess to look at and it smelled (from rotting weeds). The only way that Copake Lake can be maintained as it is, and improved upon, is to have “a few good people” join the LMC. PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE!

No experience needed, only a lot of caring. Here’s what you might learn to do:

- Measure the depth of clarity in the lake with a Secchi disk;

- Monitor the temperature of the lake;
- Turn the knob of the dam valve on and off;
- Attend 2-3 meetings each year;
- Meet with our professional limnologist, Dr. George Knoecklein, and pretend you understand anything at all that he is saying;
- Review applications required by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for various treatments CLCS will do to take care of Copake Lake (applications prepared by professionals);
- Post notice signs around the Copake Lake watershed;
- Participate in Annual Shoreline Clean-Up Day and become a “Guardian of the Dumpster”;
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