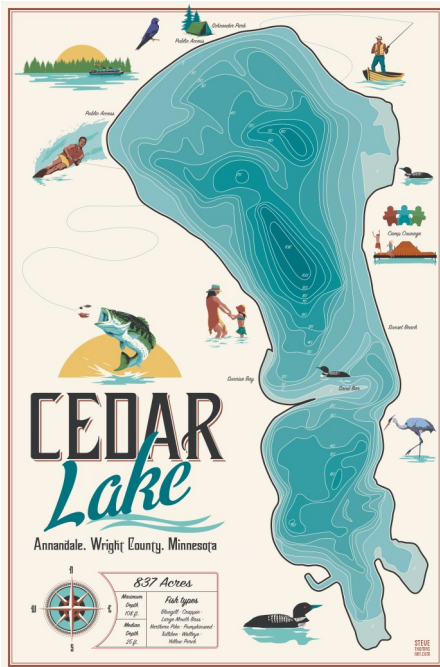


Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

April 2018

President's Letter by *Kathy Miron*
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This publication is sent to every Cedar Lake property owner.

If you don't belong to CLCC, please consider joining to support this newsletter and other CLCC activities.

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Old man winter is having a hard time leaving us this year. The ice went out on Cedar Lake last year in March; we will be lucky if we see ice out by the end of April this year. The professionals say we are spoiled and this winter is actually more like a Minnesota winter with the amount of snow and cold we have had. Spring will come and soon we will have our docks and boats in the water enjoying our beautiful lake!!

The Water Quality Committee, chaired by **Kathy Jonsrud** has been very busy coordinating our Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) treatment strategy for 2018. See more details on pages 5 and 7. **Glenn Baird** applied for grant money and was successful. We will be treating for curly leaf pondweed (CLP) and for eurasian water milfoil (EWM) in 2018 and **Glenn Baird** will continue to monitor for zebra mussels. **Karl Leslie** will monitor our lake water levels to determine if we need to enforce a no wake zone anytime during the season.

Mark Grimme will have the Kids Don't Float program at Schroeder Park up and running by the fishing opener. **Paul Schutte**, the chair of our Fish and Wildlife Committee, will be busy this spring getting the loon nesting buoys and platforms out. His committee will also tend to the CLCC wood duck and purple martin houses.

Cathi Gabriel-Westman, chair of the Social Committee will have everything under control for our annual picnic on July 14th, 2018.

Thank you to all the people who volunteer to do so much to make Cedar Lake such a beautiful lake!!!

Thank you to all the members who have generously donated money to the CLCC! The money is used to offset our expenses and used for the General Fund, Water Quality Fund and the Walleye Fund. 2018 will be a year of change for all the lakes in the area with the infestation of zebra mussels and stary stonewort in nearby lakes. Please help educate homeowners and boat owners to ensure their boats and docks are not carrying any AIS and to use the free decontamination service when moving from lake to lake (see page 6).

Mark your calendars for the annual summer picnic and music on the sandbar to be held on July 14th at True Friends (Camp Courage). It is a fun day with lunch, a raffle and then music on the water. The music on the water this year will be provided by a group called Broken Spoke. They do a variety of music and it will be fun for all! It is a great way to meet other homeowners and help support the CLCC. See more information on page 2.

Enjoy the spring and summer on Cedar Lake!

Kathy Miron, CLCC President



April 3, 2018 | All you can eat at the Arendt/Wells bird buffet

Time to Pay Your 2018 Dues

Please take a moment *today* to send in your dues.

They are great value at \$25 per year | Add a bit more to be a Visionary

See page 14 for easy ways to pay or the dues form on the last page.

PICNIC and MUSIC ON THE WATER

Saturday, July 14th, 2018

New Band This Year



Dance on the water at the sandbar to a live band 2-6pm

CLCC is continuing the tradition of a great day on the lake filled with family fun, camaraderie, music, and lake activities. The event is on Saturday, July 14th and we are hoping for the perfect summer day!

The CLCC Social Committee, led by Cathi Gabriel Westman, has put together another relaxing and fun-filled afternoon for all ages. True Friends—Camp Courage has opened its lakefront facility again.



Free lunch for members, information, great raffle items

From 11:30am to 1pm, Cottage Gourmets will serve a wonderful picnic lunch. Raffles, lots of entertainment, and information on CLCC activities will fill the time quickly. **No reservations are required and guests are warmly welcome.**

Then, everyone is invited to float on over to the sandbar, soak in the sun, and go dancing on the water. Carter Diers helps to make all the details look easy, and a live band will perform on a barge until 6pm. This lakeside music fest is sponsored by Dingmann Marine and More.

CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water July 14th, 2018

11:30-1:00 True Friends—Camp Courage

Member Appreciation Free Lunch

8046 83rd St NW, Maple Lake MN 55358
Lakeside Dining Hall

Lunch Served by Cottage Gourmets; Games, Raffles, Informative Booths,

The entrance to Camp Courage is on County Rd 7; stay to the left to get to the Dining Hall.

*Cost for Lunch : Free for Members
Guests \$8—kids 12 and under free*

2:00-6:00 Cedar Lake Sandbar

Live Band—Broken Spoke
Sponsored by Dingmann Marine and More
Bring Your Own Refreshments

No reservations required.
Guests are warmly welcome.
Plan to relax, enjoy, and celebrate our lake community.

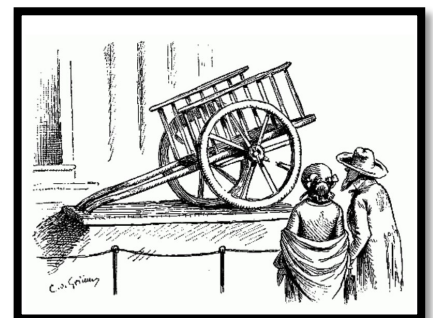
New Band Broken Spoke



A fixture in the Minneapolis folk music community for over ten years, Broken Spoke currently works as a rabble-raising folk band at venues throughout the Twin Cities and has become a favorite at Spilled Grain in Annandale. This year, Broken Spoke will be on the water at the Cedar Lake sandbar on July 14th (2pm to 6pm).

Over time, Broken Spoke has grown to become a veteran of the folk scene while spanning genres with a wide variety of instrumentations, interpretations, and inspirations. Plan to dance on the water with them!

Americana | Bluegrass | Irish Folk



Mark your calendars now
(July 14th) for the best day of the summer!

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

by Paul Schutte pschutte54@hotmail.com | 612-968-3034

Loons | *Buy a Buoy* HUGE SUCCESS



The CLCC Fish & Wildlife Committee has a long history of managing the loon nesting areas. The committee makes sure the permits are in order and as soon as the ice is out the nesting area buoys (and nesting platforms) are placed in the loons' favorite spots. The committee also brings in the buoys at the end of the nesting season and stores them for the following year.

Last November we started a "Buy a Buoy" campaign and

once again the **very generous Cedar Lake residents stepped up to the plate. \$580 was raised** to replace our aging loon nesting buoys.

Watch for the new loon nesting buoys (northeast bay, sandbar, and southeast bay). Enjoy and marvel our loon families; give them the space they need—at least 100 feet.

Walleye Fund

This fall the Cedar Lake Conservation Club will be stocking walleye fingerlings in Cedar Lake. To make a donation, use the form on the last page of this newsletter or go to our website (www.cedarlakeecc.org) and click on the Visionary Donate tab on the left hand side. Our goal is to stock 8,000 fingerlings this fall (about \$8,000). Our current Walleye Fund balance is \$4,131. For those who have already donated we thank you very much. We will always strive to Cedar Lake one of the finest lakes in the area.



2017 Cedar Lake South Loon Family | photo by Katie Wolf

CLCC Nominating Committee

Four Board of Directors Positions Opening This Year

by Carter Diers carterdiers@yahoo.com | 612-963-9303

The CLCC is a very active lake association, fostering fellowship among the lake residents while promoting and protecting the wildlife and quality of Cedar Lake. No members, directors or officers receive any compensation.

The Nominating Committee, led by Carter Diers, is looking for candidates for the Board of Directors. There are four director positions that will be voted on at the Member Meeting this fall (September 8th, 2018 | 9am | Corinna Township Hall 9801 Ireland Ave) . Are you interested in a leadership position with the CLCC? Or might this be your year to step up and serve on a committee?

Either way, service to the lake is a great opportunity to meet neighbors, and more deeply enjoy the lake with shared service.

The success of CLCC depends on volunteer efforts, so please join in. Please let Carter know if you are interested. (carterdiers@yahoo.com)

**Does a committee interest you?
Or a leadership position on the Board?**



CLCC Committee	Chair	Contact Information
Water Quality Protect & improve water quality & beneficial vegetation	Kathy Jonsrud	kjonsrud@yahoo.com
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Preserve & protect beneficial wildlife, fish, & the natural beauty of Cedar Lake	Paul Schutte	pschutte54@hotmail.com
Membership and Quality Lake Life Encourage membership & involvement	Karen Lohn	karenlohn@boreal.org
Social Promote fellowship among lake residents & friends of Cedar Lake	Cathi Gabriel Westman	cglawoffice@gmail.com
Merchandising Select, manage & sell items that promote Cedar Lake	Julie Grimme	jul9hi@aol.com
Nominating Provide Board of Director nominations to the membership at the Annual Meeting	Carter Diers	carterdiers@yahoo.com

Wright Regional Watercraft Inspection Program (WRIP) CLCC Signals Intent to Join

At the February 2018 CLCC Board of Director's meeting, the Board signaled its intention to participate in the Wright Regional Inspection Program (WRIP). WRIP is currently being piloted on Lake Sylvia, Lake John, and Pleasant Lake and requires free boat and trailer inspection prior to entering those lakes.

To add more lakes into the program, DNR and Wright County approval is needed, but the CLCC Board felt it important to start the conversation on Cedar. Cedar Lake residents are invited to ask questions, make comments, and complete a survey available on the CLCC website www.cedarlakecc.org.

The Board also invites all Cedar Lake residents to attend an all-lake meeting on June 23rd, 2018 (Corinna Township Hall | 9801 Ireland Ave NW) to discuss and learn more about WRIP. **Hope to see you there**

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are there only three lakes (Sylvia, John, and Pleasant) currently involved?

This is a pilot. Plans are to expand the number of the lakes in the program, and by starting small, the program can be easily adjusted to keep things running smoothly.

What does the inspection involve?

During the free inspection, an inspector will visually and tactilely inspect your boat and trailer for AIS. You may be required to undergo a hot water decontamination, which is also provided at no charge. After, you will receive a Certificate of Inspection to place on the dashboard of the tow vehicle. Your watercraft will be zip-tied to the trailer and after launch, the zip tie seal must be placed in the collection box at the landing.

Can I get my boat inspected ahead of time?

Yes! The Proof of Inspection and zip-tie are good until the zip-tie is broken. Plan ahead to maximize fun time on the lake.

Are there special provision for fishing leagues?

Yes! If there are 10 or more boats needing an inspection, contact Alicia O'Hare (AIS@wrightswcd.org or 763-682-1933 ext 3) **3 business days in advance**. A best effort will be made to arrange for at the access inspections for the event.

Where are the funds coming from to run the program?

Lakes in the program contribute money and a grant was awarded by the Initiative Foundation.

If Cedar becomes part of the program, will the entrance inspection requirements apply to me as a lake shore owner?

Yes, all inspection requirements will apply to lake shore owners. For example, if you use an access to remove your watercraft, the trailer must be inspected before using the access. To relaunch the watercraft, an inspection of the watercraft + trailer must be performed. If your guests launch a watercraft, they will need to have an inspection prior to launch.

Please note The inspection to launch a watercraft can be conducted ahead of time. In the fall of 2017, numerous lake shore owners on the pilot lakes had their watercraft inspected



enhanced watercraft

decontamination and inspection program

Wright Regional Inspection Program Cedar All-Lake Meeting Saturday, June 23rd, 9am-10am Corinna Township Hall

9801 Ireland Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302

CLCC Board welcomes your input on the intention to join the Wright Regional Inspection Program when an expansion is allowed.

—Please take the survey on the CLCC Website (www.cedarlakecc.org)

—Plan to attend the meeting on June 23rd to learn more.

Where:

Annandale Business Park
1300 Business Boulevard
Annandale, MN 55302



Hours:

7 days a week

1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

in the fall; the Certificate of Inspection and zip-tie seal are good until launched in the spring.

Docks, lifts, other watercraft that are removed from the lake and stored on your property (not transported over public roads) do not need an inspection.

The Wright County Regional Watercraft Decontamination and Inspection Program is a joint effort between the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District, the City of Annandale, the Greater Lake Sylvia Lake Association, the Pleasant Lake Association, and the Lake John Association. Significant financial support has been provided by the Initiative Foundation Aquatic Invasive Species Program (Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council).

http://www.wrightswcd.org/Water_Management/wrip.html

Water Quality Committee

By Kathy Jonsrud kjonsrud@yahoo.com 320-274-2166

2018 Control of Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil

The Water Quality Committee has been busy over the winter making sure all the details are taken care of for our 2018 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control. Our plans actually started in 2017 with delineations of curly leaf pondweed (CLP) and eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). These delineations confirmed we have a very reasonable amount of CLP and EWM to treat and our diligence has once again paid off.

The discovery of one (yes it is still just one) zebra mussel on Cedar Lake in June of 2017 is still front and center. We plan two professional searches this summer, tests for microscopic zebra mussel, and will ramp up our volunteer zebra mussel monitoring (see page 6).

We carefully watched for 2018 AIS treatment grants. Unfortunately, there were no funds this year for DNR grants. We did receive \$1,100 from Wright County to assist with curly leaf pondweed. Also waiting in the wings, should we become a candidate to treat zebra mussels, is up to \$15,000 (or 50% match) from Wright County.

PROPOSED 2018 Treatment

Red Areas | CLP 11.2 acres
Yellow Areas | EWM 8.2 acres



AIS	2018 PROPOSED Financials	
Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) 11.2 acres	Treatment Cost	\$9,947
	Delineations (pre & post)	<u>\$2,150</u>
		\$12,097
	WC Grant	\$1,100
	EXPENSE \$ 10,997	
	(CRWD PO6 Project)	
Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) 8.2 acres	Treatment Cost	\$3,339
	2017 Delineation	<u>\$1,320</u>
		\$4,659
		EXPENSE \$4,659
	(CRWD AIS Project)	

Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP)

This year, we plan to treat 11.2 acres (areas in red on the map to the right). Last year, we treated 18.8 acres, and our all time high was treating 38 acres in 2010. There are other areas of CLP on the lake, however most of those areas are small, or limited in density and are difficult to successfully treat. Treatment costs are paid for by grants and by a Clearwater River Watershed District assessment from the Cedar PO6 Project (details above).

Treatment of the CLP is planned for late May. If the water within 150 feet your property is treated, there will be a sign posted on your shoreline.

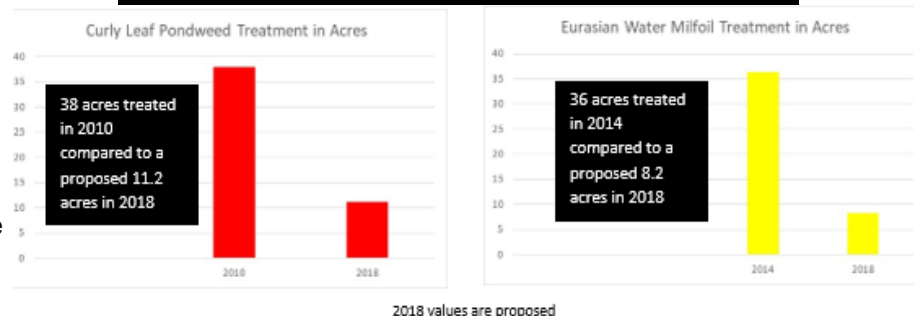
Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM)

Our aggressive approach—first year was 2011—to control EWM has really paid off. In 2014 we had 36 acres of EWM to treat and this year we plan to treat only 8.2 acres (areas in yellow on the map above). Here is what to expect:

◇ Treatment and mapping costs are paid for by a Clearwater River Watershed District assessment from the Cedar AIS Project (details above).

◇ We are planning to treat the EWM in July. If the water within 150 feet of your property is treated, there will be a sign posted on your shoreline.

Review of Cedar CLP and EWM | Highest compared to 2018



Zebra Mussel Monitoring | We Need YOU!

by Glenn Baird glennabaird@gmail.com | 612-599-4639

So, yes, it is still just the one zebra mussel that has been found in Cedar Lake. Along with really upping the ante on our AIS prevention efforts with increased access monitoring (see the article on page 7) we will also be renewing our monitoring efforts for zebra mussels in 2018. If we detect the presence of a colony and meet the criteria for the DNR Pilot Treatment, the CLCC Board will move forward with a zebra mussel treatment.

We need as many volunteer monitors on the lake as possible—particularly on the north side. The monitoring is easy; just involves hanging a tube off your dock and checking it every two weeks. Please contact Glenn Baird (glennabaird@gmail.com) if you can help monitor.

For those who still have your monitoring device, consider replacing the string and plan to get it in the water.

CLCC Fishing Contest | Get Your Line Wet

Walter is out there waiting for you on Cedar! Joint the fun with the time honored tradition of the CLCC Fishing Contest. Though the competition is tough, all entries are welcome!

Here's the fishing contest scoop:

- ◇ Contest runs from May 12th thru September 4th, 2018.
- ◇ Bring your lunker for weigh-in at:
Dean and Kathy Nicholson's 8879 Iresfeld
(north side near Schroeder Park)
320-274-3516
- ◇ Usual prize categories are for walleye, bass, northern pike, crappie, and sunfish—but judges are impressed by all the fish in our lake.
- ◇ Cash prizes awarded at the Annual Member Meeting, September 8th, 2018 | 9am | Corinna Township.



Sunset fishing at the Arendt/Wells/Galbari dock



Bill & Ruth Westhoff's grandkids | Wiggly worms bring big smiles and memories that last forever

Free Watercraft Decontamination | New Location

Again this year there is a free aquatic invasive species (AIS) decontamination service for water equipment. The service is a cooperative effort between Wright County Soil and Water (AIS Prevention Funding), Bishop AIS Services, the Wright Regional Watercraft Inspection Program. The service is planned to be available starting about 7 days after ice-out.

Has your watercraft been to a different lake? Are friends and family bringing their boat or jet ski to Cedar? Are you planning on purchasing used water equipment (especially docks or lifts)?

If the answer is yes, be sure to take advantage of the FREE AIS decontamination service available in Annandale.

Where:
Annandale
Business Park
1300 Business
Boulevard
Annandale, MN
55302

Hours:
7 days a week
Sunrise to
Sunset

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?: Smaller boats take about 10 minutes, larger vessels 20-30 minutes.



Water Quality Committee

by Kathy Jonsrud kjonsrud@yahoo.com | 320-274-2166

CLCC Board of Directors Significantly Increases 2018 Access Monitoring Budget is \$20,000 Expect ~150 days of Access Monitoring

Part of our strategy on Cedar Lake to control the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) has been to purchase extra hours of access monitoring. The program, through Wright County Soil and Water, is based on the AIS Prevention funds received from the state each year. In 2018, Cedar can expect about 40 days (10 hour shifts) of monitoring provided by the base (standard) county program. The DNR does access monitoring, but the hours are limited; in the past Cedar has gotten about 6 days of access monitoring from the DNR each summer.

Cedar has consistently purchased extra monitoring hours to supplement the base (standard) county program.

Wright County Parks is a steadfast partner in the purchase of extra access monitoring and will add \$1,000 of monitoring in 2018.

The visionary contributions to the Water Quality Fund have been very generous—the Water Quality Fund balance is at \$52,673. We also confirmed that funds from our Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) AIS Project fund can be used for access monitoring. Putting that all together,

CLCC has contracted for \$20,000 extra access monitoring for 2018. This is a significant increase from the 2017 budget of \$5,500. Here are a few details:

Landing	Base # of 10 hour shifts proposed and paid by Wright County	Extra # of 10 hour shifts by County Parks	Extra # of 10 hour shifts by CLCC	Total # of days (10 hour shift) of monitoring
CTY Rd 6	27		42	69
Schroeder	15	5	63	78
Total days (10 hours days) of monitoring				147

- ⇒ We plan for a total of 147 days (10 hour shifts) of access monitoring on Cedar.
- ⇒ The monitoring will focus on the Schroeder and Cty Rd 6 accesses; Wurm's will be monitored as it fits in.
- ⇒ The extra access monitoring will be 50% on the weekends or holidays.
- ⇒ To pay for the \$20,000 of extra monitoring, \$10,000 will be used from the Water Quality Fund and \$10,000 from the CRWD AIS Project fund.

Thanks to generous gifts, we are really stepping it up on Cedar Lake to reduce the spread of AIS!

Where on Cedar? Hint: Ice-out | Answer page 14

OK, this is a tough one from 2017, but we all welcome an ice-out picture. So...sunrise or sunset? North or south shore? Goodness..this should be a photo at the Minneapolis airport walking down Concourse C.

We would love to have your photos of the beauty and enjoyment on fantastic Cedar Lake. Quiet moments and raucous fun are all welcome; so much texture and energy to share and enjoy in the language of photos. Photos wanted!

Please send your Cedar Lake pics to:
kjonsrud@yahoo.com





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CALENDAR OF 2018 CLCC EVENTS *Mark your calendar!*

May 12 th	Fishing Contest Begins	Weigh your fish with Dean and Kathy Nicholson 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516
June 23 rd	Wright Regional Inspection Program <i>*ALL LAKE MEETING*</i> Board of Director's Meeting	9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW Information about the CLCC Board of Director's intention to join Wright Regional Inspection Program when expanded. 10:15 am Board of Director's Meeting
July 4 th	Boat Parade and Dock Decorating Contest	2pm North side of sandbar
July 14 th	Picnic and Music on the Water <i>*NEW BAND THIS YEAR*</i> <i>Broken Spoke</i>	Picnic 11:30 Camp Courage – True Friends Music on the Water 2 to 6pm Sandbar ✓ Americana Bluegrass Irish Folk
August 18 th	Starry Trek	State wide search for newest invasive – starry stonewort
September 4 th	Fishing Contest Ends Winners Announced at Annual Member Meeting Sept 8 th	Weigh your fish with Dean and Kathy Nicholson 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516
September 8 th	Annual Member Meeting and Board of Director's Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
November 10 th	Board of Director's Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

The Return of Spring to the Lake

by Paul Schutte pschutte54@hotmail.com | 612-968-3034

For some reason this year the calendar says spring, but looking outside, old man winter just does not want to let go. So it looks like ice out will be quite late this year. All of us can remember last year when the ice went out extremely early; for some reason I knew that could not repeat itself two years in a row.

Many migratory bird species will be returning to Cedar Lake and mating rituals will take place. They will raise their young and then make their long journey back to a warmer climate this fall.

The timing of spring migration is controlled primarily by changes in the day's length. Sometimes this can result in death to some species, if a long cold front and or snow hits the landscape.

As of March 31st many woodcock (timberdoodle) have begun migrating thru the area. Their main diet consists of earth worms. With the late snow and cold we received, it could be hard for the survival on some of these birds.

One of our beautiful species of waterfowl, the wood duck arrived the first week in April. This year was no different as they were seen sailing thru the trees. I suspect they are spending time on the river until the Cedar Lake has some open water.

As for the bluebird, they may have a better chance of survival if it can find some lasting fruits such as highbush cranberry, bittersweet, or hackberries.

The purple martin's diet consists of insects.

When the temperature gets below 50 degrees most insects are not



capable of flying. So if a cold front lasts more than a few days the purple martin could starve. Adult purple martins usually begin to return early April.

And finally one of our favorite birds on the lake, the common loon, follows the open water north. If a cold front arrives it will head back south until open water is found.

Sometimes nature has its own way of controlling certain species and we must accept that. So sit back and enjoy the best of nature when many species finally arrive and make Cedar Lake their home. It should be quite a show when they do..... welcome back!!!




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CLCC VISIONARIES

2017 Was a Record | Become a Visionary

The Cedar Lake Visionary Fund is a great way to donate to the CLCC. CLCC is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, so your donations are tax deductible. Our Visionary Fund was started in 2010 and has become an important cornerstone of making a difference on Cedar Lake. **Our Visionary donations in 2017 shattered all past records with a total of \$18,812 in contributions and 2018 contributions are already over \$9,000.**

Your contribution will be directed to the fund of your choice: General, Walleye Stocking and Water Quality. Payments can be made either by check (PO Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302) or very conveniently online. The CLCC website (www.cedarlakeecc.org) has a tab for donating electronically using Pay Pal. For further information, contact CLCC Vice President Karen Lohn (karenlohn@boreal.org) 320-274-2858).

Visionary Contributions Since November 2017 and Lifetime Visionary

SILVER (up to \$99)

- Barry and Carrie Andersen
- Doug Roderick & Julie Croft*
- Kent & Lori Larson
- Tom & Nancy Mosley
- Dan & Mary Motzko*
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- Wratkowski Family



PLATINUM (\$500 to \$999)

- Steve & Jayne DeGroot*
- Steve & Becky Grabski
- Brian & Elizabeth Hace*
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Creating a Raingarden

by Dawn Cole dsc6973@gmail.com | 320-274-1956 Cedar Lake Resident and Wright County Master Gardner (reprinted from 2016)

Cedar Lake residents value the lake's excellent water quality, and work hard to preserve and improve it. Many on our lake have done natural restorations of their shorelines; they are a great example of promoting practices that decrease erosion, improve water quality and add natural beauty to our shorelines.

Rain gardens are another way to add beauty to our properties while decreasing dangerous surface water runoff that ultimately makes its way into the lake.

We all understand erosion. Nobody likes the gullies and ruts we experience after a big downpour. But erosion that we can see isn't the only problem. Rainwater, instead of pausing long enough to soak into the ground, careens over the surface of roads, roofs, driveways, patios, lawns and slopes – right into the lake!

What's in this water? Soil (sediment), leaves, grass clippings, lawn fertilizer, oil, animal (or human) feces and chemicals. The result is more lake weeds, algae, muck, bacteria...and fewer fish!

Rain gardens are creative plant groupings you can do in your own yards to catch the water from your downspouts, driveway or lawn. Simply put, a rain garden is a *slightly depressed* garden of *native plants* where rainwater can pause and *soak into* the ground instead of running off.

Here are the major steps to creating a raingarden:

Soil preparation

Complete a soil test (contact Wright County Extension office). This will determine whether soil amendments or fertilizer are needed.

Remove existing vegetation (turf, weeds).

Determine depth of garden, measured from the lowest point on the garden bed to the bottom of the overflow outlet (this is how deep the pool of water will be when filled with runoff). Residential rain gardens average 4-6".

Dig to this depth. Remember that the bottom of the garden bed must be level. Remove this soil or use it to build a berm on the downhill side if your garden is on a slope.

Then dig 4-6" deeper, using a rototiller if possible. Save this loosened soil for mixing with compost or peat moss (referred to as *amending the soil*). Return the amended soil to the bottom of the hole. When the amended soil returns to the desired depth of the garden, rake and grade.

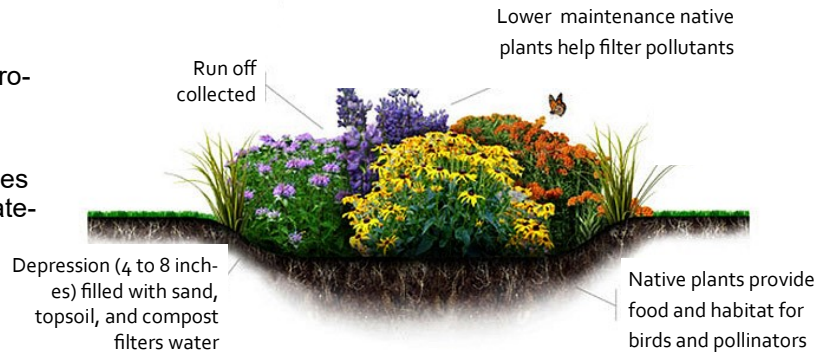
Build a berm on the downslope side, and determine where the overflow outlet will be. Add decorative stones or splash blocks to dissipate the energy of flowing water. Protect the berm from erosion.

Plant selection and actual planting are next

Flowers, shrubs and grasses native to this area are best because, once established, they will require no water or fertilizer. They require less care, have deeper root systems than non-natives and will attract local birds and butterflies. There are many non-native plants that will also thrive in rain gardens.

Other plant selection considerations:

What is a Rain Garden?



Cost-share incentives available from the Clearwater River Watershed District for raingardens

- ◇ Moisture tolerance (Will the plant survive getting its feet wet?)
- ◇ Sun preferences
- ◇ Plant size
- ◇ Plant aggressiveness (Will the plant take over its less aggressive neighbors?)
- ◇ Salt tolerance (Is the garden near driveways or streets?)
- ◇ Esthetics (color, bloom time, likeliness to attract birds or butterflies)

After planting, the final step is adding mulch to a depth of about 3", leaving an inch of breathing room around the stems of the plants. Use double-shredded hardwood mulch. This works best because the coarse pieces lock together and don't float away when the garden fills with water. Mulch keeps plants cool and discourages weed growth.

You may qualify for partial financial assistance for your rain garden from the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD). See this link: http://crwd.org/incentives_partnerships.html. Please note that plans must be pre-approved to qualify for reimbursement.

Note: This information provides a very brief overview of rain gardens. References below supply useful information and photos to guide you in planning, building, selecting plants and maintaining a rain garden.

More information:




Blue Thumb Guide to Raingardens, Rusty Schmidt, Dan Shaw, David Dodds, Waterdrop Innovations, LLC, 2007. Excellent resource.

Rain Gardens: Sustainable Landscaping for a Beautiful Yard and a Healthy World, Lynn Steiner, Robert Domm, Voyageur Press, 2012. <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/rqmanual.pdf>

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Winter on Cedar Lake is as wondrous as any season! Skating, kick sledding, ice fishing, glorious sunrises and sunsets, fifty shades of blue. Most of us are happy, though, to say goodbye to the ice and welcome to the blue-green waters of spring and the intense azure of summer. How lucky we are to live on or near this beauty!

Supporting the Cedar Lake Conservation Club through *membership* and *activities* furthers the mission of the club to preserve and protect the beneficial wild life, fish life and natural beauty of Cedar Lake, and its surrounding community. Membership is strong; thank you to the 80% of residents who join annually.

Do encourage your neighbors on the lake to join and contribute as well. Please notify me (karenlohn@boreal.org) of any new residents so that I can pay a personal visit to welcome them with gifts and an invitation.



Winter Sunset from our home | brilliant!

Dues are \$25 per calendar year and many "give a bit more" as a Visionary of Cedar Lake. See more information about the Visionary Program on page 10.

We do not send out individual bills; we rely on this newsletter as the reminder to pay dues.

Please take a moment right now to pay your dues before it slips your mind!

CLCC Treasurer's Report

Fund Balances at 3/31/2018

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Water Quality	\$52,673.31
Walleye Stocking	\$4,131.19
General CLCC	\$11,376.03
Dave Larsen Visionary	<u>\$3,505.44</u>
TOTAL	\$71,685.97

Thanks to Liz Baird —Treasurer of CLCC. Accurate and timely financial recordings are critical to maintain the trust and confidence of members. An outside financial review is performed every two years (last completed October 2016) to ensure that funds and transactions are accurate.

TWO EASY WAYS TO PAY DUES



Fill out the dues form on the last page of this newsletter and mail in



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Do you like Facebook? Please take a minute to "like" the Cedar Lake Conservation Club. **Elizabeth Hace** (member of the Board of Directors) is managing the page and regularly posts great information.

The CLCC newsletter is published three times a year (April, July & November). A copy is also posted on our website for future reference. **Kathy Jonsrud** is the editor of the newsletter.

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Where on Cedar? from page 7

The photo is ice out on the north side, looking west at sunset....a glorious day when the ice gives up its crystalline structure. Thanks to Karen Lohn (CLCC Vice President) for her creative eye and appreciation of the ice texture as it (finally) gives up. Please send your Cedar Lake photos to Kathy Jonsrud (kjonsrud@yahoo.com).

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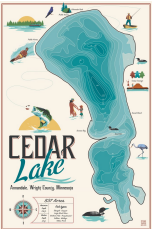
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