



TODDY POND ASSOCIATION

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OUR MISSION

We believe that we have a responsibility to protect Toddy Pond and its watershed so that we and future generations may enjoy its beauty and the recreational opportunities it provides. Our objective is to protect the air, water, soil, plant and animal life of the watershed and to preserve its economic, ecological and aesthetic value by encouraging responsible land and water use.

As this issue was going to press we learned that Madge Manfred, a long-time member of the Association and friend of Toddy Pond and many Toddy Ponders, died on May 15. In deep sorrow at her passing we offer our sincere condolences to John, Sharon, and to all her family. An obituary is on page 7.

President's Message

Donna Foster

Welcome to all as spring 2014 begins on Toddy Pond! We all certainly have much to be thankful for. First, the ice DID finally "go out," April 14th on Middle Toddy, and April 15th on North Toddy. In the past we have often had ice cover at that time of year, but it was later this year than we have gotten used to in recent years. The ice storm in late December temporarily changed the scenery around the pond for several weeks, with birch trees bent to the ground, days of power outage, and grey skies. Winter photos are on toddypond.org.

The Toddy Pond Association Board has been busy planning and scheduling many events for the summer. These are all included in the calendar and in articles in this newsletter, but I would like to be sure that you know about a very big highlight for this summer: on August 16, the *Melinda Ann* educational boat will be on Toddy Pond to educate young people about having a healthy pond. Please be sure to read the article below for details on how to reserve a space for this very special event.

Could you see yourself donating a few hours each summer season in exchange for the many pleasures Toddy Pond gives you, your family and friends? Then contact me, or Phil Tardiff or Bob LeVine to begin your stewardship of Toddy Pond.

Taking Care of Toddy Pond

Promoting good stewardship practices has been the focus of the Toddy Pond Association since its inception in 1999. The Association has taken steps to raise awareness of the

June 22 — TPA Hail to Summer BBQ

Balsam Cove Campground pavilion, 4:00–7:00 (food served around 5:00)

June 28 — Maine Lakes Conference

Colby College (for details and registration go to mainelakessociety.org).

July 19 — Toddy Pond Loon Count, 7:00–7:30am

July 29 — Introduction to Invasive Plants

Ellsworth (see Plant Patrol article below for details)

August 9 — Invasive Plants Field Methods Workshop

Green Lake (see Plant Patrol article for details)

August 12 — TPA Annual Potluck and Meeting

Orland Community Center (old Orland School), dinner at 6:00, followed by meeting

August 16 — *Melinda Ann* and Lake Day

See article below.

pond within the four shorefront communities by providing educational articles in our twice-yearly newsletters, and by inviting specialists to speak on a variety of environmental topics at our annual meetings and special events

We have volunteers who monitor water quality, have fish lab-tested for mercury and other harmful substances, and help conduct the Audubon Society's annual loon count. Other volunteers serve on the board to bring educational and informative events to our members and friends. We also have dedicated volunteers who share time at the boat landing inspecting boats for invasive plant material, as well as volunteers who assist in inspecting the shores of Toddy Pond for invasive plants. Please join them!

During our annual meeting and BBQ, many volunteers pitch in to keep things rolling smoothly, by helping to set up, organize, cook, and clean up. Many volunteer to serve on committees such as the Watershed Survey Committee. We are all stakeholders in the health of Toddy Pond. Toddy Pond is currently a paradise for swimming, boating, fishing, relaxing, taking the dog for a dip ... doesn't it make sense to work towards keeping it this way?

We envision a community that actively cares for our watershed and a clean, healthy lake for living, playing, working, and building family legacies. To all of our volunteers over the years, we send out a heartfelt “Thank You.”

Fireworks Ban Passes in Surry

Charlie Pizzarello

The annual Surry Town Meeting took place Monday night, April 28. The big items on the agenda for the evening were the town budget and the controversial ordinance to ban the use of fireworks in Surry. The turnout was unusually large and the discussion around the fireworks ordinance was by far the most heated. This ordinance came about during the winter when a number of town residents drafted a petition and gathered 100+ signatures. The petition was presented to the Surry selectmen who then wrote the ordinance.

There were several arguments from both sides of the issue. In support of the ban, townspeople spoke up about the harmful effects to the area’s wildlife, including the nesting loons, herons, turtles and included family pets. **Keith Heavrin** spoke eloquently about the toxic chemical pollution caused by fallout from the perchlorates used in the manufacture of fireworks. Many residents in the Toddy Pond area said the noise of the near constant barrage of fireworks during the summer months reduced the quality of life on the Pond. A speaker opposing the ban suggested that if the fireworks were affecting Toddy Pond, then Toddy Pond residents rather than the townspeople of Surry should deal with it. Very quickly responders from other areas of Surry including Patten Pond, Morgan Bay, and Newbury Neck voiced support for the issues expressed by the Toddy Pond residents and spoke out about many of the same concerns.

Arguments against the ordinance were voiced by several other townspeople. Speaking out in opposition to the ban, **Valerie Moon** pointed to enforceability problems should the ordinance pass. Some felt the ban would violate their constitutional rights. And others were irked at what they perceived to be a needless loss of entertainment.

There was a moment when the entire meeting quieted to listen to 92-year old resident and veteran **Scott Peterson**, who pointed out that the noise troubles veterans, often leading them to have flashbacks from wartime. “Think about the veterans who are too proud to say what a terrible thing it is to be on the edge.”

After many passionate arguments on both sides of the issue, the selectmen put the ordinance to vote. A show of hands produced 92 votes in favor of the ban and 41 votes against it. The ordinance, which went into effect immediately, states that:

no person shall use, display or cause to be exploded consumer fireworks except on the following dates and times:

1. July 4th from 9:00AM to July 5th at 12:30AM
2. December 31st 9:00AM to January 1st 12:30AM
3. January 1st 9:00AM to 5:00PM

The penalties for any person violating the ordinance may range from a minimum of \$200 to a maximum of \$500.

Sale and use of fireworks became legal in the state of Maine only two years ago. The residents of the Town of Surry, in the most democratic of forums, have overwhelmingly voted to restrict the use of fireworks within its jurisdiction. Since the ban was swept in with an impressive majority (69%) of voters, it will be interesting to see if the towns of Orland, Penobscot, and Blue Hill will be motivated to pass similar legislation.

Hail to Summer BBQ Save the Date: June 22

The 4th annual Toddy Pond Association Hail to Summer BBQ will be Sunday, June 22 from 4-7PM. Many thanks to **Michelle** and **Joe Letts** at Balsam Cove Campground for providing the beautiful site once again. We’re looking forward to getting together with friends and neighbors for an afternoon of food, drink, and catching up after a long winter. And we’ll be introducing some new Toddy Pond merchandise—engraved keyrings and a sleek bottle opener (with the summer heat, who can’t use a good bottle opener?). Plus, this year we will be holding a 50/50 raffle, so bring your wallets. It’s all for a good cause.

Get ready to make new friends and see some old ones!

Come Celebrate Lake Day ... All Aboard the *Melinda Ann*!

Maine Lakes Society’s floating scientific classroom sails from the Orland boat landing August 16th

With help from Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District’s **Megan Facciolo**, we have been able to secure the *Melinda Ann* for the day on August 16th. The Toddy Pond Association is turning the Orland boat landing into the center of activities for a daylong celebration of our beautiful pond. From 9AM-3PM weather permitting, there will be food, merchandise for sale, information tables and plenty of learning opportunities. And of course, the swimming area will be open for parents and family.

The main attraction, the *Melinda Ann*, is a 30-foot floating classroom. During the hour-and-a-half trip, lake educator **Phil Mulville** captains the boat, teaching kids (and adults) about the natural processes at work that make Toddy Pond a dynamic living system. You will also learn about ways to help and maintain its beauty and integrity.

This will be a fun and educational day on the water. Three trips will be scheduled throughout the day, but space on the *Melinda Ann* is limited to 14 passengers per trip, so reservations are strongly suggested. This is a hands-on experience and will be terrific for kids and adults to raise awareness, increase their appreciation, and deepen their knowledge of how our lake works. Get to know Toddy Pond like never before!

Back on shore, information tables and working exhibits will continue the learning experience about the pond's resources, beauty and also the threats to it's future. Enjoy the food and browse the new Toddy Pond merchandise while waiting for the boat to take-off. Come for the trip; come for a swim; come to learn about Toddy Pond — but come!



For general information about the *Melinda Ann*, go to <http://mainelakessociety.org/> For questions about our Lake Day event or to make reservations for the boat trip, please email lakeday@toddypond.org, or call 207-667-1319. This is a very special opportunity that you won't want to miss.

Launch Times: 9:30, 11:30, and 1:30. Passengers should be at the landing 30 minutes before launch.

Tickets: There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person. Tickets will be sold at the boat landing the day of the event. However, reservations are strongly suggested. The trips could fill fast, so please be prepared to give your first time choice plus an alternate. For reservations and questions, e-mail lakeday@toddypond.org or call 207-667-1319.

*Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Children under 10 need to bring their own life jacket/personal floatation device.

TP Watershed Restoration Project Underway

Megan Facciolo

The Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District is currently administering a grant from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to help fix erosion issues and keep Toddy Pond clean.

Got Erosion?

Grant funds are available to help.

Contact the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District at **667-8663** for more information.

This grant provides funding to homeowners around the lake to beautify their properties by fixing unsightly erosion issues or planting trees and shrubs along the shoreline. If there is dirty water in front of your camp when it rains, you probably have an erosion issue and we can help fix this issue to benefit your property and the health of the lake.

The grant also involves fixing issues on private roads around the lake. The following private roads have funds set aside for them:

Bacardi Boulevard	Sweet Fern Way
Cedar Lane	Violette's Way
Fortune Circle	Cross Cut Road
Toddy Drive	Gus Moore Road
Town Line Way	Ice House Lane
Conary Way	Landing Road
East Toddy Way	Maggie Lane
Pond Shore Way	Trundy Lane
Starlight Way/Sunrise Way	

If you are the road association president or the contact person for one of the roads listed above, please call the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District (667-8663) to find out more about funds that are available through the grant.

Toddy Pond residents are also serving on the Steering Committee to help create an Education and Outreach Plan and conducting a knowledge survey to gauge awareness of pollution issues around the lake. More members are always welcome and we would greatly appreciate your participation!

For more information on this grant, please visit the Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District website at: www.hancockcountyswcd.org or call the District office at 667-8663.

Funding for this project, in part, was provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in partnership with EPA. EPA does not endorse any commercial products or services mentioned.

The True Cost of Invasive Aquatic Plants and Algae

Phil Tardif &
Sarah LeVine

The great majority of lakes in southern New England are infested with invasive aquatic plants (both indigenous and Eurasian), which, once they have entered a body of water, soon form a thick cover. Clogged to a depth of 8 feet (in the case of milfoil) and 25 feet (hydrilla), a lake no longer looks like a lake. It looks and smells like a water-logged jungle. Fish cannot survive, and swimming and boating become impossible.

As we read in our fall newsletter, in September 2013, TPA member and plant patroller, **Lucy Leaf**, visited beautiful Lake Macanac (also known as the Stockbridge Bowl) in western Massachusetts on which Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, is located. She

reported: “Standing at the water’s edge, I saw a long strand of aquatic plant rolling in the waves ... I looked down to see a length of Eurasian milfoil floating at the water’s edge ... [just] what I’d been studying [back in Maine]. So I drove over to the boat landing where, pulled up on shore nearby, were two harvesters.” She learned that all summer long the harvesters had been busy cutting out milfoil, which has been rampant in the lake for decades.

Of the twenty-four Maine lakes that, as of 2013, are infested with invasives, as the crow flies the northern-most, Messalonskee, is a mere 57 miles away from Toddy Pond. Meanwhile, in late summer, algae bloom, caused by phosphorous run-off, has become an increasingly common sight on Maine lakes.

In recent years the principal goal of the TPA, has been to keep invasive aquatic plants out of our lake. Summer activities in this regard are: **Courtesy Boat Inspections** (for craft entering the lake at the East Orland public landing); and **Plant Patrol** (monitoring shoreline and shallow areas for invasive species). A third activity, **Water Quality Monitoring**, focuses on the deleterious effects of algae-producing nutrients and phosphorus run-off from the surrounding watershed.

Were invasives to get into Toddy or algae bloom to spread across the lake, recreational water activities – fishing, swimming, boating and the like – would soon be eliminated.

Infestation by invasive aquatic plants together with reduction of water clarity would also have profound economic impacts.

In the mid 1980s, China Lake suffered an abrupt fall in property values when algae suddenly covered the lake’s entire surface. Camp owners put up their camps for sale – and found no buyers. In 1998, researchers found that algae in Pushaw Lake (near Orono) and aquatic plant infestation in Thompson Lake (near Casco), both roughly the size of Toddy, had seriously depressed property values. Like Thompson Lake, Lake Arrowhead in Limerick (west of Portland) is heavily infested with milfoil. After property owners appealed a 2007 revaluation of their properties, the firm hired to perform the revaluation listened to arguments presented by the lake association and reduced the tax rate for all lakefront property by 10%, and an additional 10% for those properties suffering a severe infestation.

While tax reductions are certainly welcome, they bode ill for future sales. Who will buy a camp on a lake in which you can no longer fish, swim, kayak, or take out a motorboat?

Once milfoil gets into a lake, what can be done?

In 2007, the Thompson Lake Association set about eradicating milfoil by cutting and pulling it out by hand. But after six years – at an average annual cost of \$35,000 – association officers reported at the 2013 COLA conference that, having spent more than \$200,000 on a (failed) eradication effort, they were considering what had hitherto been unthinkable: the use of herbicides (thereby killing the fish

and most of the plant life, along with the milfoil). By 2013, the Stockbridge Bowl Association was making an annual contribution of a quarter of a million dollars, the town of Stockbridge (population 2,000), was putting in another quarter of a million dollars and state and private contributions were making up the difference to the cost of “limiting” milfoil in their western Massachusetts lake (which is less than two miles long).

Not only are these lake communities much more affluent than ours but also their lake associations are much larger than ours. While the Stockbridge Lake Association has 400-odd members, the Thompson Lake Association has 600-odd members, i.e. 66% of property owners belong to their lake association. By contrast, less than 30% of Toddy Pond’s roughly 350 property owners are active members of the TPA.

Who is responsible for protecting Toddy Pond? We are!

Boat inspection and plant patrol are our best lines of defense. Both programs require time and boat inspection requires money. After many summers in which TPA relied solely on volunteers for coverage, we started hiring part-time inspectors to help man our gradually expanding program. In 2013 we had coverage, provided by volunteers and a paid inspector, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on June weekends, and seven days a week during July and August. Note that early mornings and evenings during the summer months weren’t covered; nor were the months of April, May, September, and October, leaving our lake vulnerable to invasive plants that travel from lake to lake on boats. Not everyone remembers to remove plant material from his boat, trailer and fishing equipment. One careless person could change our lake forever.

In 2013, TPA spent \$2,780 on boat inspector wages. \$1,800 came from a grant from the state milfoil fund and \$980 from TPA. Had the summer not been so wet (no inspector was on duty on rainy days), the cost of Boat Inspection would have been a lot higher. Due to budget cuts, the state is reducing and eliminating funding for many programs. Should the state milfoil fund be eliminated, TPA will have to draw on its modest reserves to cover the entire cost of boat inspection.

What can you do to help keep our lake pristine?

- 1. Awareness:** Reading this newsletter is a great starting point. Every property owner needs to understand the dangers and costs of invasive plants and algae bloom.
- 2. Education:** Read readily available information about the effect of invasive plants and water run-off on lakes. Talk to people “from away” about the pitiable condition of lakes in their home areas.
- 3. Shoreline inspection:** Take an annual inventory of the plants growing on your shoreline. Are they native or non-native plants? If in doubt, contact the TPA.
- 4. Control runoff:** Are your culverts clogged? Does your

camp road become a river in heavy rains? Maintenance of camp roads and ditches, construction of berms and planting bushes along your shorefront will help prevent water runoff from dumping phosphates into the lake and resultant algae bloom.

5. **Join the TPA!** \$30 annual dues are used to fund boat inspectors, memberships of statewide lake organizations, publication of the newsletter, annual BBQ supplies and other projects. Were it not for a grant from the state mill-foil fund, TPA would have had to reduce both its already limited coverage at the boat landing and funding for other projects. *Income from membership dues mean more effective programs.*
6. **Volunteer for a few hours each summer:** Improving our effectiveness requires more volunteers. In 2013 we had 25 volunteer boat inspectors and 22 plant patrollers. Both programs could use more volunteers in 2014: boat inspection would require 6 hours of your time a summer; plant patrol would require half a day.
7. **Feedback:** Are you and your neighbors satisfied with TPA's current programs? Would you like more hours of coverage at the boat launch? Should we expand the inspection period to April, May, June, and September? Do you need more information on invasive plants?
8. **Would you like to help out but aren't sure how?** Contact president Donna Foster: 667-1319, contact@toddypond.org; Phil Tardiff: 469-9069, toddypond188@yahoo.com, or Sarah LeVine: 667-1293, sarahlevine5@gmail.com

Plant Patrol

Bob LeVine

Toddy Pond's Plant Patrol will be surveying all edges of our shoreline again this summer, providing a second line of defense against invasive plants (boat inspection is the first) – while learning about weeds and having a good time.

We need more members, and you don't need to know anything to start with, because we will provide you with pictures of the plants in TP, and Maine's Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) will train you in one or two workshops:

July 29th (Tuesday) at Ellsworth City Hall. It's a five-hour introduction given by those wonderful biologists from the VLMP. You can register online at www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org or by calling (207) 783-7733.

August 9th (Saturday) Survey Fields Methods Workshop at the Green Lake public boat launch, Nicolin Road, Ellsworth. This provides a guided on-the-water experience for conducting invasive plant surveys. Bring a shallow draft boat or let the VLMP know you need one when you register. **You don't need to have taken a previous workshop to attend.** Register at the online at the above web site or call that telephone number.

Please join us in our preventive botany learning and action this summer. We survey our own areas of the shore

in August or September, and we particularly need people on First (northern) Toddy and Third (southern) Toddy, but we'll take people from anywhere on the pond.

Let me (Bob LeVine) know you're joining, at levine68@gmail.com or talk to me at the TP barbecue on June 22.

Toddy Pond Loon Count

Count Coordinator Sought

The annual Audubon Society Loon Count will be held on July 19. Volunteers will count adult loons and chicks on Toddy Pond, and the data they collect will be compiled with surveys from other waterbodies conducted at the same time, to provide an important "snapshot" of the health of the loon population over much of the state.

Ginger Doyle, who has coordinated the loon count for nearly a decade, is retiring from that position. So, Toddy Pond needs a new coordinator. If you are interested, contact Susan Gallo at Maine Audubon, 207-781-6180 ex. 216, or sgallo@maineaudubon.com.

Courtesy Boat Inspection Coordinator

The TPA needs someone to coordinate our Courtesy Boat Inspections, conducted from June to September. This important function involves scheduling our volunteer and paid inspectors to man and woman our first line of defense against invasive species, and relaying the data they collect to the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program.

If you are interested or want to learn more, contact **Phil Tardif** at 469-9069 or at toddypond188@yahoo.com for details.

Mandala Farm, East Orland

Sarah LeVine

*This article was written with the help of **Ellen Moore** who has lived and worked at Mandala Farm for more than three decades.*

In 1970, **Lucy Poulin**, a Carmelite nun, and her friend Barbara Hance, a Franciscan, established a non-profit organization for the poor that they called H.O.M.E. (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment). Beside Route One on School House Road in Orland, they organized a co-operative through which they marketed locally produced craftwork.

After a couple of years they began looking for property for a prayer and retreat center.

"We found a large piece of cut-over land on the eastern shore of Toddy Pond," recalls Lucy Poulin, an imposing yet warm and unpretentious woman of seventy-three. (Decades after leaving her order, she continues to be known as Sister Lucy.) "Plus, at the foot of a steep decline there was a cabin right on the lake. We could afford to buy it because it was cheap – it was nothing but rocks and conifers. Also, the seller allowed us to pay off the purchase price in monthly installments."

She continues, “Barbara and I moved into the cabin and we were joined by a priest named Father Norman Autotte. And there we lived without electricity or running water.” (Sister Barbara passed away a long while ago and Father Norman left the priesthood.)

Soon Sister Marie, a Sister of Mercy, arrived from Connecticut. She helped Lucy build a second cabin (both were skilled carpenters and knew a lot about construction) on higher ground above the lake. They called it Mandala House. (“The mandala is a symbol of the universe,” Lucy explains). Next they built a two-storied house. The first floor was for horses and various domestic animals including a cow, and the upper floor was for homeless people.

“In those days this place was known as Whiskey Spring Farm on Whiskey Spring Road on account of the spring at the southern border of the property,” says Sister Lucy, adding with a grin, “We’d heard a lot about the purity of spring water... At one time we thought we’d bottle it like Poland Spring Water and make some money to support our projects. But when we had it tested, we discovered it wasn’t as pure as we’d hoped!” Then one day the town of Orland changed the name of the road. “I guess ‘whiskey’ had connotations they didn’t care for,” says Lucy. “They must’ve thought Mandala Road and Mandala Farm sounded better.”

By the mid-1980s, Lucy’s mother was ailing and it fell to Lucy, the eighth of her eleven children, to care for her. But the lakeshore cabin was an unsuitable place for her to live – she was wheelchair-bound. So Lucy and her mother exchanged with Marie, whose cabin had modern conveniences. Eventually the animals that had been living on the ground floor of the main house were provided with other accommodation, the ground floor was converted for human use and Lucy and her mother moved in.



There was no tractor at Mandala Farm to do the heavy lifting. Rather, this was done by a couple of elderly Belgian workhorses donated by supporters. Lucy had a lot of experience with horses -- before becoming a nun, she had trained them on her family’s farm in Fairfield, Maine. Now she began to give training courses to which people came from all over Maine. A student named Dr. Yvonne Taylor, who raised Norwegian Fjord ponies and cashmere goats

in Washington, Maine, donated some of her animals to Mandala Farm. After clearing acreage for pasture, Lucy, Sister Marie and volunteers built a barn and began raising Fjord ponies for sale and cashmere goats whose wool she sold through the H.O.M.E. co-op. (Descendants of the original ponies and goats are still on the farm.)

A few years ago the original 2-story house burned down and was replaced by a 3-story building that, in addition to Sister Lucy, generally houses up to 15 people – homeless people who variously include singles, childless couples and a few people with small children. Though residents live in their own quarters, they share the downstairs kitchen and common room and everyone eats dinner together. At one end of the barn is a large vegetable garden, whose produce is consumed on the premises and marketed at H.O.M.E.



Meanwhile H.O.M.E. programs were steadily multiplying to include a free health clinic, a soup kitchen, a food bank, a learning center with daycare, literacy and General Education Degree tutoring, an alternative high school- and college-level programs, job and craft training, pottery, leather and weaving shops, a greenhouse and a farmer’s market, sawmill and shingle mills and a program in a “sister” town in the central highlands of Guatemala. Though not all these myriad programs have survived, today H.O.M.E. employs 50 people, almost all drawn from the homeless population. In the 1990s, in addition to H.O.M.E. and Mandala Farm, Lucy and her colleagues established a housing and land trust through which they have built houses for low-income people in numerous Hancock County communities.

When asked how she finances her many endeavors, Sister Lucy replies with a shrug and the glimmer of a smile, “Grants and begging... People are always advising me to sell off the shorefront -- 1400 feet on which I have to pay a whole lot of taxes each year -- and invest the money in other endeavors. But I really don’t want to see it developed. I want to conserve and protect it...”

As for her plans for 310-acre Mandala Farm after she’s gone. “I’ve been thinking a lot about that,” she says, “but I’ve not settled on anything yet.”

Toddy Pond History

Sarah LeVine

TP Camp owners! I am hoping to receive additional camp histories for inclusion in the third edition of *Toddy Pond: A History*. Those of you who haven't yet written yours, please consider doing so! Submit to Sarah LeVine, 26 Darius Lane, Surry ME 04684, or by email to sarahlevine5@gmail.com

Membership

In 2013 the Toddy Pond Association had 112 member families (people sharing a family membership count as a single member), down slightly from the previous year, when we had 118.

Annual memberships usually don't come in in numbers until our Hail to Summer BBQ, but in 2014 we already have a number of renewals and several new members. We welcome new family members **Paul & Annie Chapman, William & Janet Martin, Rachel Rosa, and Dana & Sue Stairs**. We also salute new Friends of Toddy Pond **Mike & Carol Adams**.

Obituary for Madge Manfred

Madge Manfred of Mansfield, CT and Surry, ME lost an heroic three year battle with multiple myeloma on Thursday May 15th. She was born in NYC and raised in Middletown, CT daughter of the late Florence and Thomas English. She leaves her loving family: husband John, daughter Leila Fecho, son-in-law Dirk Fecho, granddaughter Leilani Fecho, sister Sharon Birmingham, brother Thomas English, as well as a substantial list of friends, relatives, and associates. She will be dearly missed by all. She had served as past president of Joshua's Land Trust, past president of the Connecticut Council of Teachers of English, Professor Emeritus of Three Rivers Community College, docent at the University of Connecticut's Benton Museum. Donations in Madge's name may be made to either: Joshua's Trust, P.O. Box 4, Mansfield, CT 06268. OR: The Toddy Pond Association, P.O. Box 645 Blue Hill ME 04614. A memorial gathering for Madge will soon be announced.

The Pond Opines

The Toddy Pond Newsletter encourages readers to express their opinions on topics relating to the welfare of Toddy Pond and its human and other inhabitants. We will publish comments that reflect those interests and are not defamatory or otherwise offensive to the community, in their entirety unless noted, and over the author's name (we will not publish anonymous opinions).

The opinions published under this banner do not necessarily reflect those of the Toddy Pond Association.

Please send concise opinion statements to toddymail@toddypond.org, or to Chris Dadian, 72 Freilino Way, Orland, ME 04472.

Fireworks Over-Used

I read the newsletter from the TPA. I am very strongly opposed to the over-use of fireworks on Maine lakes and ponds. I worried every weekend last summer about the nesting loons and other wildlife on the lake. The loon calls clearly tell us that this is enormously stressful for them. I recently read an article in the Weekly Packet about pollution by fireworks over water. I would not mind if they were banned entirely, but would agree to the one weekend (4th of July) that is inevitable anyway.

I live in Blue Hill and have 3 properties in Penobscot on Toddy. It means a great deal to me.

Thanks

Bonnie Dean

A Better Alternative

Thank you for the opportunity to speak my 2 cents on this subject. There have been fireworks on Toddy Pond for years, long before they were legal. What makes you think that once again making fireworks illegal will change anything about that. Perhaps fireworks were a bit over the top this year but I suggest that was predictable so soon after they were legalized. Appealing to folks' sense of fairness regarding fireworks displays may be the best alternative.

If you really are concerned about keeping Toddy the tranquil pleasant retreat that we all enjoy, how about a ban on seadoos/personal watercraft. I find them way more offensive than fireworks. Or how about a motor size limitation, say nothing bigger than a 75 horsepower.

Rachel Rosa



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