



NEWS FROM DEERING LAKE | August 2022



A beautiful Sunday morning – August 2022

NEWS from the LAKE:

- We've had lots of warm weather this year, yet it has been fairly quiet on the lake. Hopefully the recent rain will keep the water high to enjoy all sorts of recreation through October!
- **Alert: Purple Loosestrife has been found on the lake!** Please become familiar with it: <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/bb-45.pdf>. This invasive from Eurasia thrives on lake shores and marshes, and seeds in August/September. One plant can produce over 2.5 million seeds, and its spread will displace native flora and fauna. If you see it, please contact your local weedwatcher or Jen Battistello: battistello@comcast.net.
- Lots of rogue loons have been visiting, but sadly none of our loon chicks have survived this summer. At the September 3 meeting, Glenn Clark will be reporting on the loons, water testing (including a visit from a high-ranking DES official who was impressed by how clear our lake is) and lake host program- please attend to get all the updates!
- The eaglet has fledged; it is about the size of an adult, with a dark head and body (adult eagles have white tails that are easy to identify from below). There are also Turkey Vultures around – their heads are dark and small, and they often teeter when they soar.

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:

- At the July meeting, Carl Theime brought an **underwater scope that can be used for weed watching**, and suggested we may want to consider purchasing more for our team. Please let Betsy Holmes know (eleoneh@yahoo.com) if you would use one or have suggestions for other items that will

benefit the lake. Previous suggestions include providing **appropriate underwater hazard markers** – if you feel this is a good idea, please send Betsy your suggestions for appropriate markers (with a link if possible) and approximate numbers needed.

- **LakeSmart Evaluations are underway.** The first visit for 2022 was in July; 3 homes were evaluated with two being awarded LakeSmart status on the spot! Congratulations to John Rudd and Beverly Chin, and Bob and Lori Macentee – their homes are exemplars of properties designed to make the health of Deering Lake a high priority. Curious? The evaluation visit is very helpful to all of us with the desire to protect the lake, often with low or no-cost suggestions. To begin, first take the self-evaluation <https://s.pointerpro.com/lakesmartstart>. The next site visits will be held in September. Also, the Deering Lake evaluation team is looking for more folks to be trained and join the group. Training is free and available online – contact Betsy Holmes for more details: leoneh@yahoo.com.
- **Deering’s Natural History: Hiking, Kayaking, and General “Naturalizing” in Deering.** Gary Samuels, member of the Deering Conservation Commission, Piscataquoq Land Conservancy-PLC Board, and previous speaker at DLIA meetings has an occasional blog that includes interesting articles on all sorts of topics related to Deering flora, fauna, hiking and other forms of recreation- in every season. You can read the articles from this link, and feel free to subscribe – it’s free! <https://deeringnaturalhistory.com/>
- **Thank you!** The DLIA purchased a brick that is in the commemorative walkway at the historic Schoolhouse/Library in Deering. There will be an open house at the Schoolhouse on Saturday, October 1 – to coincide with Deering’s annual Safety Day.
- **Open Studio Sept 3, 11-4.** You may have seen Betsy Holmes at her easel on the dock at 209 Lake Shore. Stop by after the Labor Day DLIA meeting to see the 2022 views of Deering and beyond. Snacks will be provided!

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

- **The slate of officers for 2-year terms on the DLIA council will be voted on at the Sept 3 meeting.** Thanks to the incumbents – all of whom have offered to run again:
 - Scott Adams – Treasurer
 - Donna Raoust – Association Director
 - Ben Barkhouse – Association Director
- **The preliminary Lake Directory was distributed to paid members at the July 9 meeting.** If you have not gotten yours yet or note an error that needs correcting, please contact Lilian Carter at lcarter0914@gmail.com. We’ll have more at the Labor Day meeting. We made a limited number of copies, so please, just one per membership household! If you have not yet paid your dues, you may do so online: <https://deeringlake.com/membership%2Fpayments>. And we are still happy to accept a check for \$30, mailed to DLIA, PO Box 691, Hillsboro, NH 03244, or check or cash at the September meeting – sorry no credit cards accepted there.

- **Thanks to Amy Williams and Van Caldwell for hosting the first DLIA Diners Club event!** The weather was perfect, the food amazing, and the goal of getting to know lake neighbors was accomplished! The Social Committee will consider offering two of these events in 2023 since many emails were received noting calendar conflicts which kept folks for making it this year.
- **Also, thanks to Donna and Olivier Raoust, who hosted the DLIA Wine Tasting Event this past Friday.** The weather was perfect (it has been that kind of summer...) and there were over 20 folks who brought a favorite wine and swapped stories (and laughs) as to why it was special. Again, it was a great opportunity to get to know our lake neighbors... and enjoy a beautiful view at the same time.
- **The second Annual Harvest Happy Hour will be coordinated by Kate Cleveland and hosted by Sue Kaufman and Laura Schulz on Saturday, Sept 24 from 5-7 pm on Barnes Road.** This is our last social event of 2022 – if you are in the area, please join us to celebrate what has been a beautiful summer!
- **Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for the 2 gift baskets** generously donated by Deb Degan and Donna Raoust; drawing will be at the end of the Labor Day meeting.
- **Boat Parade Sunday September 4, 6pm – starts at Holmes dock, North Cove.** We're sad to say good-bye to summer, but hope you'll join the parade to close out a beautiful season!
- **Remember to check in with the DLIA website <https://deeringlake.com/>.** A big thank you to Olivier Raoust for all the work done on it this year! We continue to make improvements and welcome your input. If you have photos to add to the gallery, please send them to eleoneh@yahoo.com. We would love to add a video of the lake – let us know if you have one!

Reminder: The next DLIA Membership meeting will be Saturday Sept 3 at 9am. The speaker will be Gabe Roxy, Forester with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire's Forests. He'll be presenting on the Society's timber harvest on the Wilkins-Campbell Forest this fall.

Dates to remember:

Sept 3: DLIA Labor Day meeting 9am Town Hall. Election of council officers and directors

Sept 3: Open Studio 209 Lake Shore Drive, 11-4 pm

Sept 4: Boat Parade closing Summer 2022 6pm

Sept 24: Harvest Happy Hour 5-7pm

Oct 1: Roadside clean-up. 9am Town Hall parking lot.

Oct 1: Deering Safety Day – Town Hall, and Schoolhouse Open House 10-2pm

Thanks to everyone on the council and associated folks who are committed to making positive change for our community- socially and environmentally. Hope to see you at the September meeting... and on the lake!

Betsy Holmes
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