



NEWS FROM DEERING LAKE/August 2023



NEWS from the LAKE:

- On Saturday August 12, word has it that over 70 pirates landed in Deering Lake! Like a roving group of loons, this pack of marauders stayed just long enough to have fun in the sun and eat lots of hotdogs before moving on to their next port-of-call. Shiver me timbers... will they return next year...?!
- Thanks to Jen Batistello who found the benthic cyanobacteria in Campbell Cove, and her very prompt reporting to the DLIA community. Her report to NH DES lead to Deering Lake being listed for several weeks as a “Cyanobacteria Alert”. Unfortunately, this weekly report did not explain the difference between benthic and planktonic cyanobacteria, which was alarming to many Deering residents who were not aware of the difference. Thankfully, a member of the Deering community (not on the lake) contacted DES to point out that their report was misleading, and the state has since removed Deering from their alert report, and is also reconsidering how best to report the different sorts of cyanobacteria outbreaks in the future. The one bit of good news to come out of this: local folks think the crowds at the town beach may have been a smaller due to the misleadingly scary reports. Lemonade, anyone?
- Our one surviving loon chick is thriving; it is difficult to tell it from the mature loons. The parents have been giving it flying lessons – you may have noticed them chasing it around the lake to get it to lift off. You may see it on fly-bys- you will usually see more loons flying around this time of year.
- The last water test was performed this week with a state biologist on board, who commented that of all the lakes he’s tested this summer, ours is one of the best for water clarity. Thanks to Glenn Clark and Henry Bozek for all the work they have put into this.

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:

Deering Natural Resources Inventory:

At our May meeting Gary Samuels gave us an overview of the work being done by the Deering Conservation Commission. Since that time, a website to [Deering's Natural Resources Inventory](#) has been made available.

The Conservation Commission worked with the Central New Hampshire Planning Commission and Deering residents to develop a series of maps that show where important natural resources are found in our town: water sources; rich wildlife habitat areas; hiking trails; the biggest trees. See where Deering most fertile farm and forest soils are found, important for local food production and sequestration and storage of carbon. The study highlights those parts of town that are likely to be more resistant to the changing climate. You can see where your piece of Deering fits in the natural background of town.

(Also- Gary will be speaking about local fungi at the Schoolhouse/Library this Saturday, Aug 26 at 11).

Many thanks to EVERYONE on the DLIA Events Committee for an amazing summer!

- Deering Diners' Club is Amy William's brainchild and has been a resounding success introducing various lake residents to one another. A total of 3 were held – thanks to Ben and Angie Barkhouse, Debra Waldo and John Catlin, and Ralph and Betsy Holmes for hosting.
- The weather cooperated, and the inaugural Home/Garden/Art tour was a success with 5 residents welcoming neighbors to view how they and their families live on Deering Lake. Thanks to Steve Avery, The Larmands, Carters, Raousts and Holmes for weeding gardens and opening doors to us.
- The BIG event was the Deering Lake Treasure Hunt, which was organized beautifully by Kate Cleveland and really did bring in over 70 contestants! The DLIA had been working to come up with a family-focused event, and this was perfect! We are already seeking ideas for next year – let us know!
- To wrap up the summer, our 3rd Annual Harvest Happy Hour will be held at Bob and Lori Macantee's on Campbell Road on Saturday, September 9. Stay tuned for more info, coming soon!

This committee is looking for folks to join in planning for next year- contact [Donna Raoust](#) if you'd like to join the committee or host an event.

Deering Continues to be "LakeSmart":

New team members Helen Grembowicz and Karl Hauschildt joined Deb Degan and Betsy Holmes and staff from NH Lakes to review three lake properties, all of which qualified for LakeSmart recognition! Congratulations to Carl and Sheila Thieme, Reggie and Kate Cleveland, and Mike and Deb Degan. Note: the team will also assist homeowners to make their property more "LakeSmart" -- we are now seeing properties being recognized because of efforts made to reduce run-off into the lake (helping with lake clarity, among other things).

The next LAST ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be held on Saturday, October 14, leaving at 9am from the town hall. Plan to arrive early to get a vest and to be assigned a team. Thanks yet again to Glenn and Carol Clark for continuing to organize and work on this project for DLIA.

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

We'll be voting on our slate of candidates at the September 2 meeting. We are still searching for a VP – it's not too late! Please let Betsy know if you'd like to join the team.

President: Barbara Larmand (moving up from VP)
Secretary: Susan Kaufman (2nd term)
Council: Charlie Hambrick-Stowe (2nd term); Cameron Lewis

We have had several new families join DLIA this summer – we now have 75 paid members! If you have not yet received your 2023 Lake Directory, there will be a few at the Sept 2 meeting. **You must have your dues paid for the current year in order to receive a copy!** Member dues remain \$30/year per household. You may pay by check or cash at the July meeting or by mail (P.O. Box 691, Hillsboro, NH 03244), or by credit card (for \$32) at the [DLIA website](#).

Sept 2 Meeting Speakers: Deering Town Administrator Peter Flynn and Board of Selectperson Jill Smith will discuss their work and hold a Q+A. We will also reveal our first “DLIA Volunteer of the Year” Award!

In keeping with our mission to encourage good social relations around the lake, the newsletter is now featuring a section entitled: Meet Your Neighbors. *Thanks to Emory Baldwin for sharing his family history.*

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS: Baldwin family history on Deering Reservoir

My grandmother, Birgit Baldwin, purchased our land in 1946 from Rev. William Abernethy, while she and her children were boarding at the Ellsworth farm because my grandfather, Henry Baldwin, was serving in the military in Europe. A camp was built that summer for sleeping and when my grandfather returned a boathouse was built on the site of our new camp. That boathouse had been expanded to include a small kitchen and a deck for dining and eventually a living room with an upstairs bedroom.

“Camp”, as it was called by my father and my aunts and uncle, was the center of their summer activity. Camp was left to my aunt Harriet Bryan when my grandparents died. My wife and I purchased it from Harriet in 2016 since she was looking for someone else in the family to take it over. By the time we purchased the property the original camp had deteriorated to the point where it was beyond repair. My siblings and I spent a lot of time during our summers visiting camp and the whole family had developed a love for being here, spending most of our time in various boats or just swimming off the old dock which still exists, with a raft anchored a short swim away.

But it was clear that the old camp had reached the end of its useful life and, and as an architect I started dreaming of ideas for a new structure to replace it. Its location facing the broadest part of the lake to the South with both sunrise and sunset visible from the dock is unique on the lake. I designed the new camp in 2019, to use the same footprint as the old camp and commissioned Dave King to build it in 2020. We're thrilled with Dave's great craftsmanship and are hoping that the new camp will be enjoyed by our family for many decades to come.

We continue to spend a lot of time there each summer and are now actually able to spend time in the spring and fall as well, since the new camp is built to be a year-round home. Our family and relatives stay at camp when we are not there, so the property continues to be well used and we are carrying on with my aunt's policy of letting our family stay there when they please. We feel very fortunate to be able to enjoy this beautiful lake!

- Emory Baldwin

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **THIS SATURDAY, Aug 26, 11 AM:** join Deering Resident (and noted mycologist) Gary Samuels as he informs us about local fungi.
- **Sept 2: DLIA Member meeting.** Coffee/donuts at 8:30, meeting starts at 9
- **Sept 3: Boat Parade Closing Summer 2023- leaves from Larmand's in North Cove**
- **Sept 9: Monthly Breakfast** at Deering Community Church – **the second Saturday of the month.** All are welcome!
- **Sept 9: Harvest Happy Hour**
- **Oct 14: Roadside Cleanup** – 9AM Deering Town Hall

I've really enjoyed my time as DLIA President – particularly getting to know so many of my neighbors who share my passion for this beautiful lake. I'm passing on the gavel to Barbara Larmond on September 2 but will probably continue to help with the newsletter. So... I'll be back in the spring!

Wishing you all the very best-

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Yo Ho Ho! Check out the loons on those scarves!