



NEWS FROM DEERING LAKE | July 2024



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NEWS from the LAKE:

- So far so good for the next generation of loons on Deering Lake. Both the North Cove and Campbell Cove pairs have one chick this year – fingers crossed they'll make it to migrate this fall. Come to the DLIA meeting on Saturday, July 13 at 9am to get Glenn's full report. If you'd like to understand more of the various calls our loons make, take a listen here: [Calls of the Loons](#)– we figure an eagle is in the vicinity when you hear the yodel (and interestingly, only the male makes that call).
- As many of you know, cyanobacteria blooms are becoming much more prevalent on NH lakes. Jen Battistello reports that the small outbreak from last year is gone, but no lake is immune from future blooms. If you see what may be a bloom, [please report it asap](#), noting that homeowners need to give the state permission to test for a bloom. [NHDES Fact Sheet on Cyanobacteria](#) will help you with identification and reporting.
- Residents around Deering have been getting their well water tested. If you would like more information and to get a 20% discount for Deering, please contact Granite State Analytical at 800-699-9920 (and request the Deering discount). The result are not released to anyone but the homeowner.

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:

Many thanks to Lori and Bob Macantee for hosting our Spring Fling DLIA Kickoff event. Despite a wave of COVID and other bad bugs floating around, there were over 32 folks who enjoyed a sunny day by Campbell Cove with delicious brunch offerings. Next event is **Lakeside Lua on July 27**. Stay tuned for more details (and more events further down in this letter).

Independence Day Fireworks: Fireworks in North Cove (Bozek and Larmand) will be on Saturday, July 6. The Hillsboro Summerfest will have a big fireworks show on July 13 (begins 10PM). Please be thoughtful of animals, veterans and others with PTSD, and noise ordinances (10pm) – and ***stay safe everyone!***

Deering 250th Celebrations: Likely you are well aware that Deering is celebrating this year! There are [many events](#) coming up on the weekend of July 19-21 – hopefully you can attend some or all of them! Also, ***volunteers are needed to help out at ALL events!*** Please help with celebrating for a town that has thrived through the volunteerism of residents for 250 years! To find out more or to sign up, contact [Lilian Carter](#).

Also to celebrate the 250th, The Wilds of New England (previously The Deering Center) will be open to the public on Saturday, July 20 from 1-4pm. Ride the 940 foot long Zipline, free-fall off The Jump, or try your hand at archery tag. The coffee shop, ice cream shop, and general store will be open for the sale of drinks, snacks, and souvenirs. They will be offering guided tours of the historic buildings and property, and will also have an open air bluegrass concert at 3:30. [Learn more and RSVP at this link.](#)

The next ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be held on Saturday, July 27, leaving at 9am from the town hall. Plan to arrive early to get a vest and to be assigned a team. We (the DLIA) do about 2 miles along Deering Center Road; it usually takes about an hour. Thanks to Glenn and Carole Clark for running this 3 times every year.

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

We need YOU to join the DLIA Council! All the current council members have served multiple terms and we are going to have MANY vacancies beginning in 2025. ***We really need more of you to join us to provide continued programing, meetings, and social events.*** Please let [Barbara Larmand](#) know if you'd like to join the team to help DLIA continue as a vital organization for our lake community. We will be presenting our slate at the July meeting and ***still need a candidate for Vice President, Treasurer, and 1 Council Member.*** This is a wonderful opportunity to really get to know your neighbors and make a significant contribution to our lake.

We will be distributing the 2024 updates to the Lake Directory at the July meeting. You must have your dues paid for the current year in order to receive a copy. Member dues are \$40/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 \$43) at the [DLIA website](#).

Our speaker lineup for 2024 July 13 and August 31 meetings:

- **July** - Michele Johnson from the Deering Historical Society will share insights on Deering history.
- **August** – Deering resident and New England College Professor Eric Simon will discuss the science behind fall foliage.

Boating Safety: The DLIA council has received an increased number of concerns regarding reckless boating on the lake. Lake incidents need to be reported to the [NH Marine Patrol](#), which is a division of the NH State Police. ***It is useful to have the boat ID number or the name of the boat operator when making a report.***

The DLIA Social Season is HEATING UP!

We have quite a few fun, unique events to fill you in on. While each of these will have more info forthcoming, *here's a taste of what to look forward to:*

LAKESIDE LUA:

- **Saturday, July 27th** from 6:00 PM. Dust off your fave Hawaiian print shirt and/or mumu and prepare to get lei'ed. Join us for an evening of pure and utter tropicality. We'll be providing the main course and appropriate beverages of the hard and soft variety. Prizes for best costumes. Cost is \$10, and we ask that you bring either a salad, side, dessert or app. **Be there, Aloha!**

DEERING LAKE SURVIVOR CHALLENGE:

- **Saturday, August 10th from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM**, followed by snacks and prizes. Pull together your team and get ready to be challenged --guaranteed fun for ALL ages. Multiple challenge stops around the lake will incorporate creativity, brain power, dexterity and (moderate) physicality. We'll be sending comprehensive details and how to register your team within the next several days, so stay tuned. **Outwit-Outplay-Outlast!**

DEERING DINERS' CLUB:

- **Weekend of August 23rd**. Several different hosts around the lake will be welcoming guests for small-group potlucks. Mark your calendars, and we'll let you know more in early August.

HOME, GARDEN, ART AND YARD SALE TOUR:

- **Saturday, August 31st throughout the afternoon**. This year, we've added "bargain hunting" to the mix. So now, even if you don't really want to show your home, gardens or art, you can still participate AND get rid of your "trash" by making it one of your neighbor's new "treasures" via our yard sale component. Details to follow later this summer!

HARVEST HAPPY HOUR:

- **Saturday, September 21st**. The ultimate event of the season, and our 4th annual. A last hoorah for the 2024 Summer Season at the Lake.

Please consider joining the Social Committee – MORE help is needed to make these events happen!!!

In keeping with our mission to encourage good social relations around the lake, the newsletter now features an occasional section entitled: Meet Your Neighbors. *Please let Betsy know if you'd like to be featured... or can recommend a neighbor. We all have an interesting story.*

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS: Charlie and Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe

Greetings from Charlie and Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe at the little green cabin near the end of Zoski Road. While it's not outfitted for winter, this is our "permanent residence," as we live here from sometime in April through October (in winter we are in Dover, DE). We also have the very vertical Loon Alley place on Ellsworth for when family and friends arrive, and for the afternoon sun on the dock.

By way of personal background, before retirement Charlie had a career in Christian ministry, teaching and publishing as a historian, and academic administration. Elizabeth is also an ordained minister and an attorney, with many years of practice as a lawyer.

It was in 1965 that the Stowe family first experienced the lake, when Elizabeth's father was a speaker at the Deering Conference Center. From then on, summer vacation was devoted to this special spot. Until it closed, the family stayed in Conference Center cabins, with every day—all day—spent at "the Point" across from Split Rock. Charlie's first summer was not until 1976, but he was immediately hooked and has been here every summer since. From the beginning, with Elizabeth's parents Dave and Virginia and our children after they came along, Deering was always an intergenerational treasure.

Elizabeth's sister Nancy and husband Tom Inui owned the house known as Hilltop from 1992 to 2015, so that property on Reservoir Road became Stowe family headquarters for those decades. They continue to visit the lake at least every few summers, as does Elizabeth's brother Dave and his grown kids and their families. Her sister Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe and husband Art are also on the lake, with a cabin on Uncle Barnes Road where the next generation continues to vacation.

Our three children—Anne, Tom, and Chuck—grew up with our vacation month at Deering as a highlight of the year. Now our grandchildren are enjoying the same experience. It does our heart good to know that the Deering saga continues into the future, as this summer we celebrate a full 60 years of our family on Deering Lake.

(Editor's note: Charlie is also on the DLIA Council and facilitates "Meet Your Neighbor" at our DLIA meetings.)



Our newest DLIA Member! We welcome **Cameron Noah Case**, born on June 4th.

Congratulations to parents Emma and Rob – we look forward to seeing you *all* on the lake this summer!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **July 13: DLIA membership meeting.** Coffee/donuts at 8:30, meeting starts at 9
- **July 13: Monthly Breakfast** at Deering Community Church- **2nd Saturday of the month.** All are welcome!
- **July 13, 11am Program: All About Lichens-** Gary Samuels presents at Deering Library/Schoolhouse
- **July 13: Free Concert,** Deering Gazebo 6PM
- **July 19-21: Deering 250th Celebrations**
- **July 27: Roadside Cleanup** – 9AM Town Hall
- **July 27, 11am Program: Painting for Kids-** ages 6+ Deering Library/Schoolhouse
- **July 27: Lakeside Lua 6PM-** stay tuned for details!
- **Aug 3: Free Concert,** Deering Gazebo 6PM
- **Aug 10: Monthly Breakfast** at Deering Community Church- all are welcome!

DATES TO REMEMBER (con't):

- **Aug 10, Deering Lake Survivor Challenge 2pm – details to follow!**
- **August 10, 11am Program: Rocks and Minerals (for all ages) Deering Library/Schoolhouse.**
- **August 23, 24 : Deering Diners' Club Potluck – details to follow!**
- **Aug 24: Free Concert, Deering Gazebo 6PM**
- **Aug 31: DLIA Membership meeting.** . Coffee/donuts at 8:30, meeting starts at 9
- **Aug 31: Home, Garden, Art and Yard Sale Tour: all afternoon.**
- **Sept 1: Boat Parade ending Summer 2024**
- **Sept 7: 10am Program: Acrylic Painting for Adults (age 12+) Deering Library/Schoolhouse.**
- **Sept 21: Harvest Happy Hour- Close out this season in style!**

Enjoy the *beautiful* weather as we celebrate our Independence Day!

Betsy Holmes
DLIA Past President, Membership Committee



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