



A Little Spot of Heaven

The Laurel Lake Ledger

Laurel Lake Association

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THE EARLY ROADS OF FITZWILLIAM

As the Town of Fitzwilliam approaches its 250th Anniversary, it is interesting to look at the town's development in the 18th and early 19th centuries. One of the key elements was the road systems the colonists created. It is important to recall that in pre-Revolutionary New England the Massachusetts Bay Colony incorporated all of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. Cities, towns and villages were first established on the coast and along inland waterways (the Connecticut River). By the early 1700s, colonists were migrating into the inland wilderness where no roads existed. Roads were not only required for settlers moving inland but also for survival against the Indian attacks during the French and Indian Wars.



THE OLD MILITARY ROAD

The first significant road in the Fitzwilliam area was the Old Military Road. By the time Rev. John Norton's History of Fitzwilliam (1888) was published, much of the road had disappeared. In 1871, Norton had searched the area and found clear evidence of the road's existence in the Rockwood Pond vicinity. Other parts of the old road had been incorporated into contemporary roads that comprised Fitzwilliam. One hundred fifty years earlier, around 1735, the Massachusetts Bay Colony had created this road to bring military supplies to No. 4 Fort in Charlestown, NH, Upper Ashuelot (Keene), NH, Great Meadow in Westmoreland, NH, and Fort Dummer in Brattleborough, VT. The road began in Fitchburg, MA and went north-westerly into Ashburnham and Winchendon, MA. At this point, it is a mystery where the road crossed into what is New Hampshire.

When Norton's history was published, there were two schools of thought as to where the Old Military Road went through Fitzwilliam. The prevalent thought is that the road went close to Sip Pond and by Collins Pond on what is now the Templeton Turnpike. From there, it went into the center of Fitzwilliam and up Fay Hill (Upper Troy Road) towards Troy and northward to the Connecticut River. The other possibility was that the road went into Royalston, MA and came into Fitzwilliam via the Richmond Road and then onto Upper Troy Road. Either way, by 1888, there was no one alive to verify the exact route of the Old Military Road.

THE TURNPIKE SYSTEM

At the beginning of the 19th century, turnpikes or toll roads were created in the New England states. A barrier or a gate was placed across the road and travelers using the roadway would pay a fee to proceed. State legislatures would allow individuals to form turnpike corporations and the roads were constructed with private capital and maintained by the collection of tolls. By 1830, most of the turnpikes had become free highways or been abandoned.

In the early 1800s, the New Hampshire State Legislature required all towns to submit town maps made from an actual survey. Each town send a map to Philip Carregain who created a State of New Hampshire map which was the basis of all state maps published for many years thereafter. In Fitzwilliam, Sylvanus Hemenway produced a map from the actual survey of the town. Dated 1807, the map identified the major turnpikes and roads in the town which existed at that time.

Using the current road name, a short description of the various roads are detailed.

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Templeton Turnpike - In 1807, it was known as the Fitzwilliam Village Turnpike Road. Hemenway also noted that this road “was leading to Templeton, Massachusetts.” In all likelihood, the road today is much as it was when the map was drawn.

Richmond Road - This was known as the Ashuelot Turnpike. Chartered in 1807, the road connected Fitzwilliam to Winchester, NH going through Richmond, NH. By 1826, the company had lost its charter because the road was in great disrepair.

Upper Troy Road - From the Common in Fitzwilliam, it was called the Ashburn Turnpike and connected with the Branch Turnpike in the Meadowood section of town.

Route 12 - This was the Branch Turnpike chartered by the Branch Road and Bridge Corporation in 1802. Work began in 1803 to build a bridge to span the Upper Ashuelot River on Main Street in Keene. Once completed, the road continued through Swanzey southward to Troy (then known as Marlboro) and to the Fitzwilliam town line.

Route 12 - With the completion of the Branch Turnpike, the Fitzwilliam Turnpike Corporation was chartered in 1808. The Fitzwilliam Turnpike went from the Troy town line through all of the southeast part of Fitzwilliam to the Massachusetts state line.

The Worcester and Fitzwilliam Turnpike— On June 15, 1805, the Worcester and Fitzwilliam Turnpike Corporation was chartered to build a road from Worcester, MA. to the New Hampshire state line. From the onset, the company was plagued with financial problems. Over a ten year period, the company was given two extensions and had to complete the road by June 15, 1815. In order to meet the deadline, the original route was shortened and was only completed from the Fitzwilliam town line to Baldwinsville. By 1830, the corporation had dissolved and Worcester was still 28 miles distant with no direct road.

Besides the major thoroughfares drawn on the Hemenway map, other roads in Fitzwilliam were noted in 1807. They were Brigham Hill Road (“the road to Templeton”), the Jaffrey Road, and Route 119 (Turnpike Road/ County Road). Many of these roads still exist today with different names. Still the Hemenway map plays an insightful role in the history of Fitzwilliam.

Submitted by **Steve Olson**





THE DRESSER-FRIEDMAN REGATTA- 2011

The annual Dresser-Friedman Regatta took place on Saturday, September 3, 2011 beneath balmy skies and unpredictable wind conditions. Rob Prunier acted as Commodore and was assisted by Terry Silverman. There was a field of six sailboats and seven participants: Jeff Prunier, Bill Samuels, Sunshine and Megan Mowry, Patrick McNamara, Tom White and Jay McMamara. The race started late at 10:25 because of a last minute problem getting one of the entries to the Samuels' dock to begin the race.

The race was one of the most exciting in years due to the number of photo finishes among the sailors. Everyone began well, but wind conditions intervened to juxtapose the racers. Jeff Prunier, who started out well, was turned around and had difficulty regaining his position. The race was a fast one.



Sunshine Mowry and her daughter, Megan, used the Tortoise and Hare method to win 4th place in a photo finish against Jeff. Tom White pulled in at first place a whisker ahead of Patrick McNamara's second. Bill Samuels came in a very close third.

Tom White (last year's winner) and his family, hosted the after party at Pirate's Cove with a delicious luncheon of barbecue beef and all the fixings. Since it is required that the winner host the following year's party, I suggest that you pray that this year's menu is the same and make a point of attending the regatta this coming Labor Day weekend. Even

Tom's daughter made an effort to celebrate the day by creating wonderful long-sleeved shirts with a Laurel Lake Regatta emblem. We were all delighted with the enthusiasm of the Whites and the celebration they provided.

An unusual story emerged from this race. Sunshine Mowry told the group about her first Laurel Lake Regatta almost 20 years ago. She sailed "shotgun" with an ex-boyfriend and, although she wasn't a sailor, actually won a trophy! We hope that her daughter Megan will follow her mom's lead and join us again for the next regatta in 2012. It will be held on the Saturday of Labor Day beginning at 1:00pm at the Samuels' dock. It's a great way to wrap up the boating season.

Story and photos by Beth Samuels



Winner Tom White with Rob Prunier, Jeff Prunier, Bill Samuels, Patrick McNamara, Sunshine & Megan Mowry



2012 SUMMER EVENTS—LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION

JUNE

2nd - 9:00 AM - The Board of Directors will meet at the house of Jacqui Woodruff on Keene Avenue.

2nd - 6:00 PM - The 15th Laurel Lake Association Pot Luck Supper will be held at Camp Fleur de Lis dining hall. Enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors by starting off the summer season at Laurel Lake. Bring your own drinks and a dish to share. Coffee, silverware, and paper goods will be provided.

JULY

3rd - **9:30 PM** - Celebrate the Fourth of July with the traditional lighting of flares around Laurel Lake. Flares will be available for purchase. (Regular road flares may contain phosphorous and can be bad for the lake. The flares sold by the association are safe for use by the lake.)

7th - 10:30 AM - The Annual meeting and family picnic will be held at White's Field, Keene Avenue. Program is TBD. Children's games will be held after the picnic. Bring the kids & grandkids!

27-29 - Fitzwilliam's 250th Anniversary. See separate article for event schedule.

AUGUST

4th - 11:00 AM - The **22nd** Annual Canoe/Kayak Race at Sandy Beach. Registration starts at 9:30 AM. Kids race at 11:05 a.m., 1.5 mile Jr/Sr at 11:00, 5 miler at 12:20, 2.5 mile at 12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

1st - 1:00 PM - The Dresser-Friedman Regatta . Rain date is Sept. 2

8th - 9:00 AM - The Board of Directors will meet at Camp Fleur de Lis.

9th - 10:30 AM - The Laurel Lake Association Pot Luck Brunch will be held at Camp Fleur de Lis to celebrate the finale of the 2012 Summer season.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION

I hope the membership (and all the “prospective members”) survived the Winter in good shape – wasn’t much of a Winter. We are told that the “ice-out” date was memorably early this year. Spring is in full bloom and we are all anxious to get to the Lake and start the Summer’s activities. A big year in FITZWILLIAM NH! This is to be the 250th anniversary of the Town. Think about all the changes that have occurred since each of you have become associated with the Lake and Town. There is one big change this year – something that we all are so accustomed to is gone! The Depot Store is no longer – can you imagine that? Driving through the Depot and not see folks in front of the store having coffee in the morning and what ever later in the day! I go back as far as most of you and have long fond memories of Plante’s Store – way before the Berube’s renamed it The Depot General Store. Arthur Plante ran the store for years. It was a gas station and the Post Office in those days. It did have ice cream, but no pizza! Arthur passed the store to his son in law, Joe (showing my age- can not remember his name). I can remember the gas pump – hand crank with which you filled a glass bubble on the top with your required gallonage, put the hose into the car’s receiver and emptied it into the car. It did not give receipts nor accept credit cards. Hard for the kids today to realize. I love the Town and the Lake and real sorry to see this particular change. I traced my family back in Fitzwilliam and could not get back to the founding date 250 years ago. My great grand father, William Fisher Perry, however, was born there on the 9th of February in 1776 – a bit over 235 years. Would you not like a few minutes with some of the folks back then – talk about changes!

Cal Perry and Mary Ann



MEMBERSHIP REPORT



The current membership numbers for the 2011 membership year are:



258 Adults



18 Children



276 Total members in 152 Households



The final numbers for 2010 were: 276 Total members in 147 Households.



There are currently 28 members who have paid their 2012 dues.



As always thanks for your continued support.



Perry Nadeau

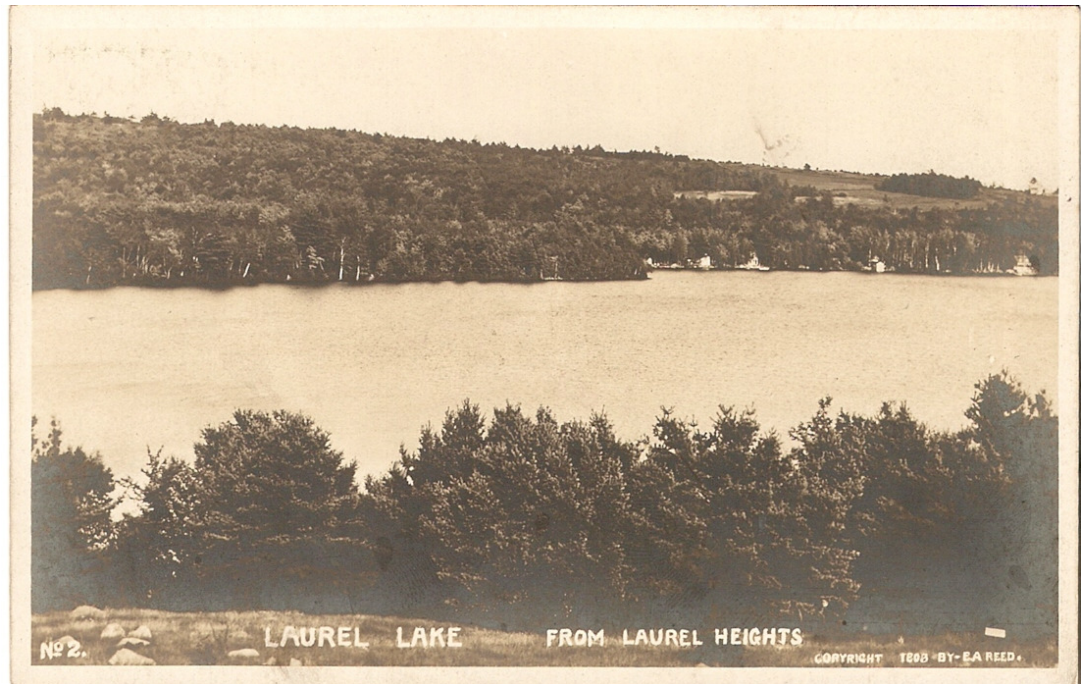




A LAUREL LAKE MYSTERY

Around 100 years ago an individual named E. A. Reed took an excellent series of photos of Laurel Lake, Fitzwilliam and Mt. Monadnock, such as the attached. Does anyone know who E. A. Reed was or anything about him? The photos are of outstanding quality even today. I have been unable to find any information over the years. Maybe someone else will know.

Submitted by **Arnold Anderson**





ICE-OUT ON LAUREL LAKE
From the cellar of Arthur Rousseau

My name is David Streeter and my grandfather was Arthur Rousseau. Ever since I could remember, he recorded “ice-out” on Laurel Lake in Fitzwilliam, NH. “Ice-out” means the total disappearance of ice, due to thawing, from the surface of a body of water such as a lake. Every year in February, Arthur had several visitors to his cellar where they would pick a date when they thought that the “ice-out” would occur. You could backup your date with a five cent (\$0.05) bet. As the economy grew, the wagers went to \$0.25, to \$0.50 and then to \$1.00. When the ice began to disappear from the lake, Arthur, equipped with his binoculars, would go to every cove and look for signs of ice. He would verify that not even an ice cube was floating anywhere on the surface of Laurel Lake. The lucky person that picked that day would win the jackpot. Before my grandfather passed away in 2005, he asked me to continue the “ice-out” tradition. Now, come February, I have frequent visitors to my garage to pick a date and to place a wager. The wager now is \$5.00. I’m often asked what the previous years’ dates for the “ice-out” were. Below is a list of dates from as far back as my grandfather and now I have kept. Traditions may just be a small part of who we are and where we come from but I’m proud to carry this one on for someone who meant so much to so many.

ICE OUT DATES FOR LAUREL LAKE, FITZWILLIAM, N.H.

04/13/1963	04/03/1976	04/06/1989	04/18/2002
03/29/1964	04/13/1977	04/04/1990	04/14/2003
04/15/1965	04/22/1978	03/28/1991	04/10/2004
04/13/1966	04/17/1979	04/08/1992	04/09/2005
04/05/1967	04/06/1980	04/20/1993	03/27/2006
04/19/1968	03/31/1981	04/17/1994	04/21/2007
04/24/1969	04/24/1982	03/24/1995	04/16/2008
04/28/1970	04/05/1983	04/05/1996	04/04/2009
04/25/1971	04/17/1984	04/15/1997	03/26/2010
04/03/1972	03/30/1985	03/31/1998	04/13/2011
04/06/1973	04/04/1986	04/05/1999	03/17/2012
04/04/1974	04/12/1987	04/25/2000	
04/24/1975	04/06/1988	04/26/2001	



NEWS FROM FITZWILLIAM'S 250TH BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE

Our lovely town of Fitzwilliam was incorporated in 1762 and this year we will celebrate our 250th birthday on the weekend of July 27th, 28th & 29th! The purpose of this event is to gather together to celebrate our history, our citizens and our good fortune to be living in such a beautiful place. We want everyone to come out and enjoy the weekend - there is a little of something for everyone! Below is the schedule of events. All information about the Celebration will be posted and kept current on our website - <http://www.fitz250th.org>.. Please check it out! You can also email us at info@fitz250th.org for information.

Date	Time	Event	Place
5/23, 6/27, 7/25	7:00 pm	'Windows to Fitzwilliam's Past' a Lecture Series by Bob Corrette	Fitzwilliam Library
7/27/2012	6:00 pm	Celebration Kick-Off Dance	Fitzwilliam Common Area
7/28/2012	8:00 am	Pancake Breakfast	Depot Fire Station
	9:00 am -4:00pm	Regiment Bourbonnais Reenactment Camp including Cooking Demo	Community Church Lawn
	10:00	Tree Planting	Depot Common
	10:30	Time Capsule	Depot Common
	11:00	Family & Friends Fun Relay	Emerson School
	12:00 pm-1:00	Outside Walking Tour of Historical Homes	Fitzwilliam Common
	3:00	Parade	Starts at Lower Troy Rd. then Rt 119 to Emerson School
	5:30	Chicken BBQ	Meadowood
	7:00	Children's Games	Meadowood
	Dusk	Fireworks	Meadowood
7/29/2012	9:30 am	Hymn Sing	Community Church
	10:00	Ecumenical Service w/ Festival Choir	Community Church
	11:00	Covered Dish Luncheon	Community Church
	1:00-3:00	Handtub Muster	To Be Determined
	1:00- 3:00	Antique Fire Truck Show	To Be Determined
	2:30 pm	Colonial Children's Games	Fitzwilliam Common
	3:30	Birthday Cupcakes & Ice-cream	Fitzwilliam Library
	4:30 - 6:00	Band Concert - Brattleboro Legion Band	Fitzwilliam Common

Schedule subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

Bonnie Jones



THE BIG ROCK

If you've ever been to Sandy Beach at the north end of Laurel Lake, you're familiar with the "big rock". Countless generations of children have crossed the rite of passage to be allowed to go out to the "big rock". One day last summer, when I was swimming with my 6 year old grandson (who'd just joined the club), he asked me, "Nanny, who put this rock here?" I didn't have a very good answer, but it got me to thinking about the geologic past of Laurel Lake. I decided to see if I could find an answer to Vinnie's question.

Actually, Vinnie, it's not a "who" but a "what", and the story of that rock started a long time ago.

Laurel Lake is loaded with rocks, both large and small, as is the surrounding land. As you travel the roads throughout the town, you'll see miles and miles of stonewalls. The early settlers had a lot of rock clearing to do before they could plant their crops. These stonewalls made good property line markers and fences to keep animals in. The rocks were in great abundance and they were free! History also tells us that from about 1850 to 1920 granite quarrying was one of southern New Hampshire's most active and prosperous industries, and much of the finest granite came from Fitzwilliam. Fitzwilliam granite had an even texture, a uniform color, and a freedom from seams. This made it very desirable for buildings and monuments. At one time there were six quarries operating in Fitzwilliam. That is interesting, but it still doesn't tell us how all the granite and rocks got here. We must go much farther back in time to find out that information.

The most recent event to change our local area was the Great Ice Sheet. Several years before the Ice Age began, a force within the Earth, such as a volcano, raised all of New England, creating mountains, hills, and valleys. About two million years ago our climate began to change. Winters became more severe, summers were cool and cloudy. After thousands of years, it was so cold that snow lasted all year, and drifts began to pile upwards to two hundred feet. Where the snow piled up the deepest its weight transformed the bottom of the drifts into glacial ice. Over time the glacial ice was heavy and ready to move. The huge glaciers froze to boulders, and removed soil as they pushed forward. The heavy boulders within the moving ice scraped the underlying bedrock as valleys were deepened and widened. Ice, on its own, can do no scraping or eroding of the rock surfaces over which it moves. It was the many rock chunks and soil imbedded in the moving ice that carved the mountains, lakes and valleys of New Hampshire.

Over time the climate began to change again. The Northeast began to warm up about 13,000 years ago. Then an equally important opposite effect of the glacier occurred. As the ice melted it left huge amounts of boulders, gravel, soil, clay, and much of the rock found in Fitzwilliam in its wake. This covered the bedrock that was already there. Of course, melting ice created much water, and vast rivers were formed. The moving water also found its way into huge lakes and smaller bodies of water, and these swallowed up many rocks that were in their path. That is probably when the big rock ended up in Laurel Lake.

Many of you and your families have been in the area for several generations. Laurel Lake has been a constant feature in your lives. But to scientists, a lake is a temporary part of the landscape. Changes happen slowly, and are measured in thousands of years, but changes will continue to occur. Our lake is destined to fill in and disappear, but good stewardship will help keep it around longer. We must take care of the lake and its rocks that are so dear to us, so that children can continue to ask, "Who put that big rock there?"

Jeannette Gardner

Sources: Natural Resources Inventory Fitzwilliam, NH
 Geology of New Hampshire
 New Hampshire's Landscape



VOLUNTEER LAKE MONITORING UPDATE

At this time last year the NH legislature and house were struggling to balance the budget in difficult economic times. In April there was a hearing in the Senate on proposed cuts that would affect the Biology Section programs in the Department of Environmental Services (DES). The state's DES programs, Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) and the corresponding River Monitoring Program (VRAP) were all on the chopping block. With the elimination of these programs, no one would be assessing the health of New Hampshire's lakes, ponds and rivers, and safety of the swimming beaches. Thanks to the tireless efforts of many people to inform legislators and senators of the importance of continuing volunteer monitoring programs, by early summer of 2011 a compromise was reached. Cuts were made to DES programs that reduced capacity, but the VLAP and VRAP programs survived. The



DES Laboratory was merged with the Public Health Laboratory to form the Department of Public Health Laboratories. Staff cuts or reassignments were made in order to reduce costs, and the 2011 summer volunteer sampling continued. We were assured that the changes would not affect the quality of the laboratory tests or the kinds of tests and services. The changes that we have seen in the past year are:

- (1) The annual biologist visit was reduced to alternate years. We sampled on our own in 2011, so some tests or measurements that require special equipment were not made. A self-audit check list was provided that we were required to complete and return to the lab with the field data sheet and samples. This is to ensure that we collect quality data and data are usable for assessments, trend analyses and reporting purposes.
- (2) Phytoplankton monitoring was reduced. Biologists will only collect samples in lakes that have historic cyanobacteria problems. Laurel Lake has not had problems, so it is up to all of us to watch for and report any suspicious blue/green scum.
- (3) The annual reporting process is being revised and/or reduced. As of publication of this Ledger, we have not received a report for the 2011 sampling season. Deep spot results looked similar to those from 2010. Concentrations of *E. coli* at the Public Beach, Sandy Beach, and Swim Club indicated that they were safe for swimming. June samples from several tributaries flowing into the lake had elevated levels of *E. coli*. In June we sampled after a heavy rain. The tributaries were dry on July and August sampling days. I hope to be able to report in more detail at the Annual Meeting in July.

Many thanks to our excellent lake monitoring team: Perry and Roberta Nadeau, Phyllis Lurvey, Kathy Olson, Mary Ann Perry and Daniel Shrives.

Submitted by **Barbara Green**



2011 WEED WATCH REPORT LAUREL LAKE, FITZWILLIAM, NH

The weed watchers were out in force this year. We did two surveys—one in July and one in August (or at least most of us did).

I am happy to say that overall there seemed to be fewer weeds this year. There are those home homeowners who raked their frontage according to some of the volunteers, but especially the Lobelia was much less and also the Pipewort was somewhat less. Again this year there was much more Pond Weed and the infestations seem to be growing in size. Also the Pickeral Weed that we have has increased greatly in the past 5-7 years. The clump of about 10 leaves by the Girl's Camp pier has grown to 200-300 and two smaller clumps have sprouted nearby. The clump by the Fitzwilliam Swim Club was first noticed 4 years ago with about 6 leaves and now it has about 25-50+. More Water Lilies were noticed by the Girl's Camp water ski dock this year. Along the west side of lake there was considerably less Lobelia, Pipewort and Floating Heart this year. The Burreed is increasing though.

Still, we are in good shape with no exotic weeds that we could find. ☺ Thanks to Amy Smagula from DES in NH who did identify some of the less known weeds for us. Thanks also to our weed watchers—Bill Townsend, Beth Samuels, Steve Olson, Linda Anderson, Mary Ann Perry, Barbara Green and our newest watcher, Phyllis Lurvey.

This is my last year to chair this committee although I still do portions of the lake to keep track of what's happening. I think I understand that Bill Townsend and Beth Samuels will co-chair the committee next year.

I have enjoyed my tenure and have been happy to keep my eye on the weed situation.

Submitted by **Debby Nance**



Not fully 'ice-in' at Laurel Lake, 2011-2012. Photo courtesy of Tricia LeClaire.



Fireworks and the Lake

July 4th (and other times) are heralded with displays of fireworks from all corners of the lake. Many of us gather at the edge of the lake to 'ooh and ah' over the beautiful colors and cover our ears from the booms. Since their invention in China 2000 years ago, fireworks have been used for warfare and celebrations and we certainly expect to see them on our most important U.S. holiday – the Fourth of July. However, many of us have not considered the effects that fireworks can have on us and on the quality of lake water. Fireworks are composed of a number of elements – lead nitrate, barium, rubidium, strontium, copper, aluminum, ammonium perchlorate, cadmium, potassium nitrate – which provide the explosions and colors. The impacts of the elements range from throat irritation to radioactivity and potential for thyroid damage. Although only trace amounts of phosphorus are used in fireworks today, it does contribute to the build up of algae. And, the metal components of fireworks, if shot over the lake, end up in the lake. Several studies have been done in the past few years to determine what is the actual impact of fireworks on people and lakes and it doesn't seem that the data is conclusive except to say there is an impact but how much of one isn't clear.

I'm not proposing that the use of fireworks over Laurel Lake be banned but the main purpose of the Laurel Lake Association is to preserve and protect the lake so we can't ignore the potential risks that fireworks pose to the lake quality. Is it better to aim the fireworks away from the water? Maybe but that may put you or your neighbor's property at risk. Certainly cleaning up the debris that can be gotten from the shoreline and shallow water needs to be done to avoid anyone hurting themselves stepping on it. Flares also outgas elements but the flares sold by the Association have reduced phosphorus and are safer for the lake than typical road flares so please get your flares from the Association for the Flares Around the Lake event for July 4. Everything we do impacts the environment in some way; we just need to consider that impact. Have a safe 4th of July!!

Submitted by **Kathy Olson**



(Photo courtesy of Dorothy Hobson)

2011 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2011 annual meeting was a great success with a large crowd, good weather, good food and a great speaker, Harry Vogel from the Loon Preservation Committee. Our resident loons (usually 2-3 but 4 have been spotted) have sparked the interest of all of us to know more about them. Harry presented good biological information including the threats to loons (mostly man made from loss of habitat and poisoning from lead fishing gear) and the calls they make, including the blood curdling sounds we hear in the middle of the night.

The speaker for 2012 is TBD but we encourage you to attend the Saturday, July 7 annual meeting at White's Field at 10:30 a.m. There will be updates on Association business, including the water quality, a **free** hot dog/hamburger lunch and games for kids after lunch. Bring a lawn chair.





2011 BOAT PARADE



The 2011 Boat Parade was a **GREAT** gathering!! The largest number of boats on record participated and it was a **grand** sight for the **gaggle** of on-lookers from the **gorgeous** shores of Laurel Lake. A variety of boats participated—we were only missing a **galley** ship and someone walking a **gangplank**. The **genius** of the boat decorators gave us **grand** **glitzy** **getups**, all celebrating the letter ‘**G**’. The boat themes/titles were: **Go** for the **Green** (**Golfing**), **Gilligan’s Island**, **Gardeners**, **Go-Go** **Girls**, **Ghouls & Goblins**, **Garden Gnomes**, **Grove Garage** **Mahal Groupies**, **4 Generations of Grazewicz’s GPS’ing**, **Girls Just Want to Have Fun**, **Gorgeous Girls** (from **Fleur de Lis**). And, for our first year of having the ‘naked’

(undecorated) boat class, the entry was **A Guy**, **Two Girls** and a **Golden** (retriever).

Now don’t get **grumpy** but we are skipping the boat parade for 2012 as we will be celebrating the **glorious** 250th birthday of Fitzwilliam which will be occurring during that same time slot. But the parade will return in 2013 so keep your enthusiasm levels high so we can have another **great** parade with lots of participation.



(Photos courtesy of Steve Olson)

Submitted by **Kathy Olson**



2011 - 2012 OFFICERS

Cal Perry - President	Perry Nadeau - Vice President
Liz Young/ Steve Olson - Secretary	Jeannette Gardner - Treasurer

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James Baldwin	2012	John LeClaire	2013
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Kathy Olson	2012	Charlie Brackett	2014
Jeffrey Prunier	2012	Barbara Brooks	2014
Jack Dumont	2013	Bill Chase	2014
Lexy Heatley	2013	Jacqui Woodruff	2014
		George Graf	Honorary

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Beth Samuels/Bill Townsend	Weed Survey Committee
Barbara Dumont	Nominating
Jack & Barbara Dumont	Annual Meeting/Family Picnic
Charley Brackett	Canoe/Kayak Race
Rob Prunier	Dresser-Friedman Sunfish Regatta
Jacqui Woodruff	LLA Logo Products - T & Sweatshirts & Hats
Perry Nadeau	Membership/Boat Rules
Terry Silverman	4th of July Celebration
Winthrop Brown II	Swim Club Representative

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Laurel Lake Association Treasurer's Report

Year ending October 31, 2011

	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
T-shirts etc.	\$1339.00	2106.00	767.00+
Membership	39.96	2765.00	2725.04+
Flares	.00	755.00	755.00+
Canoe Race	1048.38	1129.00	80.62+
Green Products	12.28	6.25	- 6.03
Donations	300.00	215.00	- <u>85.00</u>
Water testing	909.54		
Annual Meeting	240.47		
Concert	225.00		
Sailboat race	53.13		
Ledger	329.73		
Conference reg.	120.00		
NH filing	25.00		
Supplies	59.43		
<u>Dues</u>	<u>380.00</u>		
		+ <u>6.35</u> interest	
Totals	\$5081.92	\$6982.60	\$1900.68+
Checking Account Beginning Balance		\$5594.34	
+ Total income		<u>1900.68</u>	
Current Balance		\$7495.02	
CD beginning balance	\$19214.79	Total Assets	\$ 7495.02
Present balance	19892.84		<u>19892.84</u>
CD interest for 2011	678.05		\$27387.86

Respectfully submitted, **Jeannette Gardner, Treasurer**

**2011 CANOE & KAYAK RACE RESULTS**

The 21st annual canoe and kayak race was a great success, with a good number of participants - 70 and 35 boats. Charley Brackett's good weather luck held again—sunny and comfortable. The kids race only had 4 children—way down from previous years. Get your kids & grandchildren involved in this great event!! The 2.5 mile race had 28 participants and the 5 miler had 11 people. The new class, 1.5 mile Junior/Senior race had 12 participants.

2011 Race Winners:**5 Mile Race**

OC-1 Racing—Mike Beattie

Men's Canoe—John D'Annolfo Sr. & John D'Annolfo, Jr.

Women's Canoe—Valerie Hamlett & Dianna Dugas

Mixed Canoe—Lauren McDonald & Ken Goodwin

Men's Kayak—Lou Carrier

Tandem Kayak—Anne Rose & Jonathan Rose

2.5 Mile Race

Men's Canoe—Evan Woodruff & Zac Gardner

Jr/Sr Canoe—Erik Fey & Miles Fey

Women's Kayak—Michele DeCarlo

Men's Kayak—Martin Fey

Tandem Kayak—Chad Hill & Ethan Hill

Children's Race—3/4 mile

Girl's Canoe—Laura Stucchi & Ali Decker

Girl's Kayak—Bridget Higgins

Boy's Kayak—Ethan Hill

1.5 Mile Junior/Senior

Jr/Sr. 0-8 Year Old—Eric Jones & Phoebe Jones

Jr./Sr. 9-12 Year Old—Ken Goodwin & Lauren McDonald

Tug 'O' War Winner:

John D'Annolfo Sr. & Paul Roy

Runners Up:

Zac Gardner & Mike Dynia

Youngest Participant:

Lucy Pierannunzi—2 years old

Oldest Participant:

Fred Thompson, 70 years old

Submitted by **Kathy Olson**





Photos courtesy of Steve Olson



PLEASE USE CAUTION DURING BOAT RACES

Please remember to use caution when boating during the canoe/kayak race and sail boat regatta. Your boat wake could endanger a paddler or sailor. These participants—including children—are focused on their racing, not trying to avoid large, unnecessary wakes that could capsize them. Boat spotters are used during the races to rescue people but let's reduce the risk in needing them. If you see a boater creating a large wake during a race, ask them to slow down. These races are only a few hours out of the whole summer. Let's keep them safe.



**ELLIOT INSTITUTE
CONCERTS ON THE FITZWILLIAM COMMON
SUMMER 2012**

Thursday, July 12, 7-8:30 p.m.	Temple Town Band
Thursday, July 19, 7-8:30 p.m.	Walt Sayre Band
Sunday, July 29, 4:30-6:00 p.m.	Brattleboro American Legion Band
Thursday, August 2, 7-8:30 p.m.	Stockwell Brothers
Thursday, August 9, 7-8:00 p.m.	Magic Show with Norman Ng
Thursday, August 16, 7-8:30 p.m.	Twentieth Century Pops & Friends

Bring a blanket or lawn chair for sitting. In case of rain, the concerts will take place at Town Hall. All events are free and open to the public.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL MERCHANTS!

Activities of the Laurel Lake Association have been supported over the years by donations of goods and services from many of our local merchants and families. The annual canoe/kayak race has a popular raffle with many of the prizes donated from local businesses. We are sad to report that the Depot General Store—a long valued supporter of the association—has closed its doors. We want to thank Norm and Chris Berube for their support and wish them well in the future. We want to say ‘thank you’ to Camp Fleur de Lis who generously provide their dining room to us for the Pot Luck events and fall board meeting and to Laurel Lake Campground for use of their field and tent for the annual meeting. Say thanks to these merchants and organization for their support by giving them your business.

Birds & Things	Bottom’s Up
Bullocks Farm Stand (#4 Road)	Camp Fleur de Lis
Clearwater Pool & Spa	Depot General Store (sadly gone)
Dragon Palace	Ed’s Crossroads Pizza
Fitzwilliam Inn	Flip Side Grill
Holman’s Landscaping	Laurel Lake Campground
The Pottery Works	



2012 Laurel Lake Association Membership Form

Membership Dues are \$10.00 for Adult Memberships and \$5.00 for children under 18

Each Household of paid-up members will be mailed a copy of the Laurel Lake Ledger

Members

Last Name	First Name	Membership Type	Amount
		A=Adult C=Child under 13	A/\$10.00 C/\$5.00
_____	_____	A C	_____
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If you wish, you may also include an additional donation to help support the association		Donation Amount	_____
		Total	_____

Permanent Address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Summer Address

☐ Same as above

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

All Applications and checks should be mailed to:

Laurel Lake Association
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5 Sunrise Lane
Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

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Thank you for your contribution

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