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Send Us Your Favorite Webster Lake Photos!

Those of you on our email list have already received the message to send in your submissions for two upcoming and related WLA Photo Contests. This issue of our newsletter is being sent out earlier than usual as a reminder for some and an announcement for others. Send us your best!

Photograph submissions for both contests must be of Webster Lake or its immediate environs, must include an approximate date taken (they do not have to be taken this year), and should be submitted in JPEG format. Participants may submit between one and five images each. (Please read and observe the Guidelines in this issue of the newsletter.) Winning images will comprise the WLA 2017 fundraising calendar available for ordering in September 2016.

Submissions for the first contest must be received by May 15th. There will be four winning images selected by a panel of judges associated with Webster Lake, and these images – in addition to being featured in the 2017 WLA Calendar – will also be professionally displayed on canvases for sale in a Photo/Art Fundraising Exhibit to take place in Marcia Feener's garage (176 Webster Ave.) during the month of July. The Exhibit will feature Webster Lake images of professional photographer and summer resident Bill Cain, some of which are pictured on this page. All non-winning entries will automatically be entered in the WLA 2017 Calendar Photo Contest.

Submissions for the second contest must be received by September 6, 2016. There will be nine winning images selected by the same panel of judges, and these images, in addition to the four winning images from the Photo/Art Exhibit Contest, will be featured in the 2017 WLA Fundraising Calendar.

So, pull out the favorite shots of Webster Lake you've taken over the years or pull out your camera and start shooting! For further information, see the Photo Contest Guidelines on page two of this issue.



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Rules and Guidelines

The WLA Photo/Art Exhibit Contest *and* **The WLA 2017 Calendar Photo Contest**

1. Any person is eligible to enter between one and [a maximum of] five photographic submissions of Webster Lake or its immediate environs for each of two related photo contests; there are no age restrictions.
2. The winning submissions from both contests will comprise the Webster Lake Association (WLA) 2017 Fundraising Calendar. All winning photographers will receive a free 2017 WLA calendar when available.
3. In addition, winning submissions from the Photo/Art Exhibit Contest (deadline May 15th) will be displayed on 12" x 18" canvases in a Photo/Art Exhibit featuring the Webster Lake images of professional photographer and summer resident Bill Cain, scheduled to take place on weekends at 176 Webster Ave. during the month of July. All display photo/art at the Photo Exhibit will be available for sale, with proceeds benefiting the Webster Lake Association. All contestants must be agreeable to these terms.
4. Submissions are not restricted by the year in which they were taken (although approximate dates are required). Older images taken on film must be digitized beforehand by the photographer. Similarly, prints must also be scanned and digitized.
5. Horizontal or Vertical images will be considered for the Photo/Art Exhibit Contest.
6. Both contests will run concurrently until May 15, 2016 (the cut-off date for the Photo/Art Exhibit Contest), after which all entries will be entered in the Calendar Contest, with a cut-off date of September 6, 2016. Individuals who have submitted up to 5 photos for the May 15th contest deadline may submit up to 5 additional photos taken after May 15, 2016, for the September 6th contest deadline, if they so desire.
7. With submissions received after May 15, preference will be given to horizontal images for the Photo Calendar contest, due to the size and display of the calendar.
8. All submissions must be in JPEG format and should (preferably) be made via an email attachment to cain@metrocast.net. Because of the size limitation in sending photographs via email, all emails must be limited to one attached image. Contestants wanting to submit 2-5 additional images must send each one attached to a separate email. If a submitter is unable to submit via email attachment, submissions can be sent on disc to: Bill Cain, 2800 Spaulding Rd., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. (All entries will then be distributed to the other members of the judging panel.)
9. Submissions must be identified with the photographer's name, address, phone number, and approximate date of the image.
10. Up to four winning submissions of the Photo/Art Exhibit Contest will be selected by a judging panel, based on technical and aesthetic considerations. Winners will be notified no later than May 20, 2016. The four winning submissions will be chosen from four different photographers, unless a special exception is made by the judging panel.
11. Each winner of this first contest agrees to let professional photographer Bill Cain print and process their winning image(s) into a 12" x 18" canvas gallery-wrap wall hanging. They also agree to allow their displayed images to be available for sale with all proceeds going to the Webster Lake Association.
12. All non-winners of the Photo/Art Exhibit Contest will be automatically entered in the 2017 Calendar Photo Contest.
13. Submission entries for the second contest will continue to be accepted until the cut-off date of September 6, 2016. Winners of this contest will be notified by September 16, 2016.
14. There will be nine winning images selected in the Calendar Photo Contest (from nine different contestants unless by special exception of judges). These nine winning images, in addition to the four winning images from the Photo/Art Exhibit Contest, will round out the images used in the 2017 fundraising calendar (to include a cover image).

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Franklin Updates

Public hearings were held in March as part of the permitting process for the **Northern Pass Project**. Lines will run in existing right of ways east and south of the lake. Photo simulations from LeGace Beach show no visual impact of the landscape.

Franklin has been chosen as site for a \$250 million dollar terminal converter. Once complete the project will add approximately \$5 million to Franklin's tax revenues.

The old **Chance Pond Road Foundry** is being remediated from toxic materials by the EPA, and will soon be razed to make way for a future parking area for the Northern Rail Trail. A bridge will be constructed over the Chance Pond River.

The **Sustainable Learning Initiative at Franklin Falls** is an experiential learning opportunity for Colby-Sawyer College students to explore, design, and develop sustainable solutions to real and evolving community needs in the city of Franklin, NH.

The City has hired a **Downtown Development Coordinator** with monies received through a grant. One of his first jobs will be overseeing the \$12 million redevelopment of the mill buildings into 45 affordable housing units.



This year's Independence Day celebration falls on Saturday, July 2, 2016. We will kick off with our annual "Breakfast on the Beach" social get-together on Griffin Beach starting at 8 a.m. and serving until 11 a.m. Come join us in this kick-off to our summer events and re-unite with all your lake friends.

Later the same day, July 2nd, the annual Boat Parade will begin with a gathering of decorated boats at the Griffin Beach area. The parade will leave the area at 2:30 p.m., heading in a clockwise direction at headway speed.

The Boat Parade theme this year will be "Underwater World". Interpret that as you will and have fun decorating your boats, docks, houses...

Please be aware that much of the debris from fireworks, particularly plastics, never degrade and should therefore always be directed away from the water. Enjoy the Fourth!

Lake Host Update

This summer will be our 13th year participating in the Lake Host program sponsored by the NH Lakes Association. You've probably seen our hosts on the summer weekends and holidays at the boat ramps educating boaters about aquatic invasive species while conducting voluntary inspections of boats coming in and out of the lake. We have had many "saves" over the years, removing invasives before they have a chance to enter our lake.

Last year we partnered with the City of Franklin Director of Parks and Recreation, Krystal Alpers. Krystal hires many seasonal workers for the summer programs offered by Parks and Recs, and she was able to find folks who wanted to augment their summer hours by working for us. Krystal handled the staffing and scheduling side while we handled the training and supervision side. She allowed us to really "ramp up" our ramp coverage starting from Memorial Day straight through to Labor Day.

Of course none of this would be possible without the support and technical assistance provided by the NH Lakes Association. They are an incredible resource for the nearly 50 lakes who are part of the program. NH Lakes is "looking for top-notch individuals to join the NH LAKES staff and outreach team this summer." They have a paid Program Assistance for the Lake Host Program (6-months, P/T, \$15/hour) as well as some paid and unpaid intern positions (for which students may be able to receive academic credit). Please spread the word; interested people can go to <http://nhlakes.org/>.

Little Free Libraries Coming Soon!

On June 15th, the Webster Lake Association will officially start up its two Little Free Libraries – one at the Steadman Pavilion on Griffin Beach and one near 75 Webster Avenue (on the south side of the street for easy access and visibility during the one-way traffic season).

In doing so, we will become a part of a movement that began in 2010 "to promote literacy and the love of reading by free book exchanges worldwide."

Our two little libraries will be open through September 15th. They will be available for anyone to take a book, return a book, share books, and give books. Little Free Libraries help build a sense of community by sharing skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.

Many thanks again to Laurie Brothers and Deb Jackson for all their efforts in making this happen.

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Let's Stop Feeding Webster Lake

We all want our property to look great and that starts with a healthy, green, lush lawn. But, we also want to be great lake stewards and treat our lake responsibly. What to do? First, let's look at a few facts.

Fertilizer makes plants grow. These include aquatic and land-based plants. The increase in filamentous and other forms of algae in the lake is a direct result of too much food – nutrients from fertilizers and storm water runoff – entering the lake.

Cyanobacteria live in the muck of the lake and become active when nutrient levels increase. High nitrogen and phosphorus levels included in the nutrients lead to the all too familiar, dreaded blue/green algae blooms. These toxic occurrences are dangerous to both aquatic- and land-based life.

Nutrient loading of the lake may also have negative environmental effects that include hypoxia, the depletion of oxygen

in the water, which may cause death to aquatic animals.

Hypertrophication, is the ecosystem's response to the addition of artificial or natural nutrients, mainly phosphates, through detergents, fertilizers, or sewage, to an aquatic system. Webster Lake is classified by DES as a mesotrophic lake which is a class of moderate to high nutrient levels.

So, what do we do?

Fertilizer is not needed within 30 feet of the water. This area stays moister and produces healthy grass and shrubs with little or no fertilizer. Following this principle alone can reduce the algae production by 40%.

Reduce or eliminate fertilizer within five feet of any impervious surface. Fertilizer applied next to the sidewalk, street or driveway easily washes onto the hard surface and then into the pond. Remember that all water from every roof, driveway, lawn and street in our community runs directly into our lake, with no filtration of any kind.

If you must fertilize, use slow release, non phosphorus type.

Never allow pet waste to enter the lake. This product is more nutritious than grass clippings. Even pet waste left to decompose within 15 feet of the lake accelerates algae blooms.

Keep grass clippings out of the lake. The tips of grass blades that are cut during mowing contain high quantity of nitrogen and algae loves nitrogen.

Control any water run off by directing it away from the lake or mediating it with vegetation. Lawns can be kept green and lush through aeration and irrigation, in lieu of fertilization.

High nutrient levels and nutrient loading is degrading our lake. Only our stakeholders can prevent further nutrient loading and degregation of our water quality. Please take your lake living responsibly—the lake will thank you.

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*Working Together
to Preserve and Protect*

Calendar

MAY

Photo Exhibit Contest Deadline

Sunday, May 15, 2016

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JULY

Breakfast on the Beach

Saturday, July 2, 2016, 8:00 -11:00 a.m.

Rain-date: Sunday, July 3, 2016

Griffin Beach

Boat Parade

Saturday, July 2, 2016, 2:30 p.m.

Rain-date: Sunday, July 3, 2016

Gather at Griffin Beach area;

Underwater World theme;

Clockwise this year

Photo Art Exhibit Reception

Saturday, July 2, 2016; 4-6 p.m.

176 Webster Ave.

Photo Art Exhibit

Saturdays and Sundays during July,

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 176 Webster Ave.

Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, July 16, 2016; 9:00 - 3:00

Location: The old Rowell's Auction House lot on Route 11 (same as last year).

Questions? Contact Laurie Salame at

lsalame@isenberg.umass.edu

AUGUST

Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 6, 2016

9:00 a.m. - Coffee

9:30 a.m. - Meeting

Franklin Library, second Floor

(Minutes of last year's meeting available at websterlakenh.com)

SEPTEMBER

Annual Food Drive/ Ice Cream Social

Saturday, September 3, 2016; 2:00 - 4:00.

Webster Lake residents are asked to bring nonperishable food items to the Steadman Pavilion on Griffin Beach or earlier that week to designated drop-off points (see road signs).

Photo Calendar Contest Deadline

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

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