

Webster Lake News

Franklin, NH Fall 2018

Justin Hinds Photo: 2018 Webster Lake Boat Parade

The 2019 Webster Lake Association Fundraising Calendar is available to order! Go to WebsterLakeNH.com, click on the Store tab, then click on the image of the calendar.

The beautiful calendar images put you right in and on Webster Lake from every angle. Because it wasn't a contest this year we had fewer submissions, but those we received truly tell the story of Webster Lake serenity. Fourteen full-page images were selected to represent the cover, the inside back page, and the 12 month pages. The month of July included several photos from the 2018 Boat Parade taken by Linda Johnson, with this background image from Justin Hinds' beautiful video of the July 7th Boat Parade (available to view in full at WebsterLakeNH.com/news-events). The inside back page included thumbnail shots of some of the other submissions. We made an effort to keep submissions selected for full-page display to one per submitter.

With the exception of July (which appears on page 4), we've reproduced the images in miniature on this page, but the calendar itself is a treasure! The standard-size calendars sell for \$15 each plus shipping. An extra-large size wall calendar, 12-month poster calendar, and desk calendar are also available. To order (any quantity) go to the "Store" tab at WebsterLakeNH.com.

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Telling Our Story

The Webster Lake 2019 Fundraising Calendar



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1. Linda Johnson, Cover 2. Barb Miller, January.
3. Kim Bonin, February. 4. Justin Hinds, March.
5. Laurie Salame, April. 6. Taffy Johnson, May.
7. Peggy Cain, June. 8. Randall Werner, August.
9. Judy Desharnais., September. 10. Brian Campbell, October.
11. Kaya Carlisle-Wimble, November. 12. Jessica Hughes, December.
13. Stan Ingersoll, Inside back page. The month of July (see page 4) featured this front page image by Justin Hinds with insets by Linda Johnson



2019 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR
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The WLA calendars are appreciated by many as gifts and home reminders of the lake we all love, so the plan is to have one every year. We'll go back to a Photo Calendar Contest for the 2020 calendar, with the deadline for submissions to be September 5, 2019. Please hold off sending submissions until after the new year, and then send them to info@websterlakenh.com.

Please keep in mind that submissions less than 750 KB (preferably > 1MB) will not qualify.

Looking Out for The Health of Our Lake

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) has informed us that their treatment of the milfoil invasion at Chance Pond this summer was successful. Many thanks to Randall Werner, a lake resident, and Trisha Wildes, of Chance Pond Road, who were instrumental in spotting the milfoil and getting samples to DES. DES then inspected, mapped, and treated the area where the milfoil was located. Let's all become educated and remain vigilant in looking out for the health of our lake. That's what the Weed Watcher Program is all about. Watch the Spring newsletter for a date in late May or early June for the next Weed Watcher seminar to be held here at the Steadman Pavilion.



Passing the Gavel

Val Perkins has accepted the Webster Lake Association's President's "gavel", and we are grateful to have her leadership. She follows Mark Lorenze, who held that position since 2009.

At the August 4th Annual Meeting, Mark was recognized for his years of service and the many accomplishments he oversaw during his nine years as president. In gratitude, he was presented with a beautiful granite bench and a glass gavel, both thoughtfully inscribed to show the appreciation of the membership. Mark assures the Association he will continue to volunteer his time to benefit the lake. He and his wife Nancy divide their year between Webster Lake and Bradenton, Florida, heading down to the Sunshine State in the fall and returning in the spring.

For over 50 years, the Perkins family has enjoyed summers on Webster Lake and all it has to offer. Val was introduced to the lake in 1970, when her family rented the camp on Webster Avenue from Jeff's parents, who had bought the camp in 1968. The families had mutual friends who all enjoyed those early summers together. She and Jeff started dating in 1971 and were married in 1975, and the Lake holds a store of wonderful memories for them. They watched their two sons, Matthew and Michael, learn to swim here and participate in all the water games and fun, bringing their friends over the years, and eventually their wives.

In the past 11 years, a new generation of the Perkins family has come to love Webster Lake. Jeff and Val have five grandchildren who love swimming, jumping on the mats, tubing from the wave runner, jumping off the pontoon boat at "Pirate's Cove", and s'mores around the campfire.

Before retiring and moving to the Lake as year-round residents, Val was a dental hygienist and Jeff was a food service director. They also owned a catering business for 19 years. Now involved in the Franklin Community, they have come to enjoy the lake in the winter season as well.

"It takes on a whole new personality," says Val, "and is a great playground for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing. We are so fortunate to be enjoying our life on a beautiful lake named Webster."

RESOURCES

Boater Education Classes	267-7256
Boater Safety/Marine Patrol	293-2037
Franklin Municipal Services	934-4103
Exotic Plant Concerns	271-2248
The Loon Center	476-5666
Shoreland Concerns	271-2147
Water Quality Concerns	419-9229
Weed Watcher Volunteers	271-2248
Wetlands Concerns	271-2147
Webster Lake Association	671-7961

Webster Lake Updates

Randall Werner Image

Little Free Libraries

The WLA is grateful to Laurie Brothers for initiating our Little Free Libraries program, with boxes on Webster Avenue and at the Steadman Pavilion. Next year, thanks to Bruce Browne on North Shore Lane, there will be a Little Free Library box on that side of the lake as well. Thanks also to others who helped out this season, including Nancy Wolcott, Gail and Ted Starkweather, Joan Ingersoll, Deb Jackson, and Debbie Steadman, and to all who contributed books. The Library boxes are taken in September 15 and stored until we reopen on June 15, 2019.

Choose Franklin Community Calendar

The community organization called Choose Franklin is developing a community calendar. They are hoping to go fully live with this on November 1st. Over the past two years, they have been looking for ways to have a central focal point informing people of what's happening in Franklin. The organization is encouraging all community groups and businesses to enter their events into the calendar. To see what is happening in Franklin and view the calendar, go to www.choosefranklin.org.

Updating Contact Info

Just a reminder to everyone, if your emails, permanent address, or phone numbers should change, please contact Marcia Feener at mfeener126@aol.com so that our data base can be current. Also, October is Fire Safety month, and the Franklin Fire and Police Department urges you to make sure your property on the lake has a visible house number from the street so they can respond to your emergency issues quickly.

Give Back and Volunteer

The WLA holds three very successful events in the summer: Breakfast on the Beach, the Boat Parade, and the WLA Yard Sale. These events don't happen magically. A group of dedicated volunteers have made these events possible. Maybe you would like to see some other events happen – a summer book club, game day on the beach, paddle board/pedal boat races, or other ideas. It was suggested at the Board of Directors' meeting that committees be established for WLA events. By doing this, a chairperson could head a particular committee and then members could sign up to work on the committee of their choice. What a great way to give back to the community you live in during the summer! Give this some thought and, if you have a suggestion for a committee or activity or you would like to volunteer to chair or be a part of a committee, please let Val Perkins (perks1427@yahoo.com) know. We look forward to getting more people involved. Also, if you know of any lake neighbors who are not members, please encourage them to join this organization, with the mission of preserving and protecting Webster Lake.

Carry Out What You Carry In

With ice fishermen, snowmobilers, and ATV'ers all using the lake in the winter, debris is often left behind on the ice. The WLA has placed signs at the entrances to both Webster Lake beaches where snowmobilers and ATV'ers come onto the lake in the winter. "Please carry out what you carried in."

And, speaking of winter, if you would like to submit a date predicting when "Ice In" occurs, send it to Val (perks1427@yahoo.com) by December 1st.

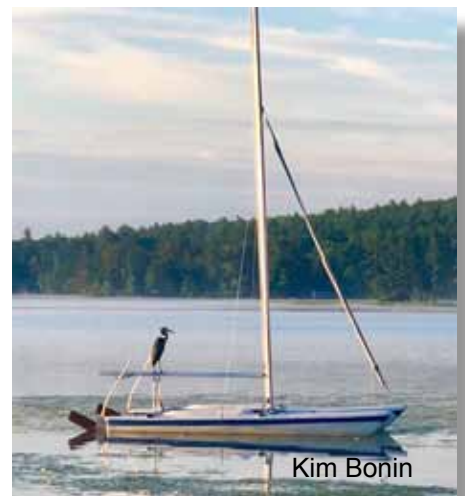
Lake Host Outreach

The Webster Lake Association will once again be participating in the NH Lakes Association's Lake Host Program next summer. This important part of our mission provides weekend inspection for boats at the point of entry in order to help prevent the intrusion of invasive species.

This past summer our Lake Host worker was on duty all weekends until she had to return to college in August. This left the lake without a Host for the last three weekends of the summer.

In an effort to alleviate this problem and with the support of the City of Franklin, we are reaching out to dedicated members of our lake community to help meet Lake Host needs. If you are retired, have an interest in the environment, are a college student, or a family who comes and stays at the lake for the summer, please consider getting involved. The schedule for the Lake Host is Fridays 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Being a Lake Host is a paying position.

More people involved could guarantee coverage for the full summer and take the burden off of one person to commit their time. Please contact Val Perkins (perks1427@yahoo.com) if you would like to be a part of this program.



Kim Bonin



**July 7, 2018 Boat Parade
Theme: Fairy Tales**

Justin Hinds
Background Image

Linda Johnson
Inset Images

We love our lake!

The 2018 Webster Lake Boat Parade backdrop and inset images above comprise the July page of the 2019 WLA Fundraising Calendar. Many thanks to Linda Johnson for her Boat Parade photography (the insets) and to Justin Hinds for the backdrop image. Order your calendars now at the WebsterLakeNH.com "Store" page!

And thanks to the members of the Walsh family for quite actively showing their appreciation for our treasured lake, as Linda Johnson snapped their picture at the July 7th Breakfast on Griffin Beach! Next year's Breakfast on the Beach and Boat Parade will be on July 6, 2019.



Linda Johnson

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