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The Antique and Classic Boat Show

For Your Calendar **GREAVETTE SHOW in Gravenhurst**

The Antique and Classic Boat Show is on Saturday July 9th in Gravenhurst. This year the show celebrates The Greavette Boat Company, so, among the other gorgeous Greavettes, there will be Streamliners there, which are some of the most sleekly designed of all boats, and my personal favourites. They are representative of the Art Deco period in the 30's, famous for its streamlined geometric forms and stylized details. In the 30's everyone in the arts, architecture, and design fields was pushing the envelop by discarding historic details and challenging themselves to create new and innovative designs and products. The Chrysler Building in New York City is perhaps the most famous example of Art Deco.

Our friend Murray Walker owns the most unique and beautiful Streamliner ever built, named "Curlew", which he will have on display at both the Gravenhurst Show in July and in August at the Port Carling Show. Our little Greavette racer will be there and is the only one built in Port Carling, after the Greavette Company moved to Port Carling from Gravenhurst, just before it closed its doors.

It is always a privilege to be able to see some of the world's most famous antique and classic wooden boats right in our own community. Canadian boats win more international awards than any other, and the finest Canadian boats were built in Muskoka. On show-day the boats going to and from the show travel down the lakes toward Gravenhurst early in the morning and return in the late afternoon, so you may be able to find a location on your lake, or near the locks, where you can watch these beauties go past and get to appreciate this floating artwork while in motion on the water.

Flooding Update - More than 1000 Reports of Uninsurable Damages

Damages

More than 1000 reports of damage to cottages, boathouses, and property have been sent by cottagers to the MLA in 2016 to provide them with the necessary information to present a strong case regarding the financial effects of the flooding.

The 2013 flooding was called a “100 year flood”, conservatively estimated to have cost residents, businesses and cottagers over \$50 million in un-insurable damages. This year’s event was even more catastrophic causing even worse damage to homes, docks, boathouses and shoreline eco systems.

The MLA believes that the risk of damage to waterfront property in Muskoka is not being adequately factored into current watershed management practices and that lower spring water levels should be implemented to protect properties in future. President Hart said the MLA will not rest till they arrive at a long term solution.

The MLA’s request to the MNRF (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) is simple and concise:

1. Lower water levels in Lake Muskoka, Lake Rosseau and Lake Joseph to the lower limits of their respective Normal Operating Zones by March 15th each year until a new acceptable Muskoka River Water Management Plan (MRWMP) is implemented.
2. Initiate a process to revise the MRWMP as soon as possible.
3. Allow the MLA to be one of the participating parties to create the new MRWMP.

Many of you will be attending your local road, bay or island association meetings, re-connecting with neighbours and your Muskoka friends over the summer. The MLA needs your support. They need a larger member base to have a stronger voice at Queen’s Park and with the MNRF. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to JOIN THE MLA. It’s not expensive and is simple to join at www.mla.on.ca. The MLA thanks you in advance for your on-going support.

Please Note This Correction: We had been informed by a couple of cottagers that they had been told by their insurance agent that their boathouse damages were being covered by insurance. Turns out, that was incorrect information given to them by their insurance agent. That message has since been corrected, and we know of no one who has had their damages covered by insurance.



Special Day on the Lakes

You might want to make special plans for Saturday August 20th, as Segwun, Wenonah and 100 antique wooden boats will be heading from Gravenhurst, through the locks, and up to the top of Lake Joseph. This is a repeat of the 100 Mile Cruise to Natural Park that the Segwun used to do years ago.

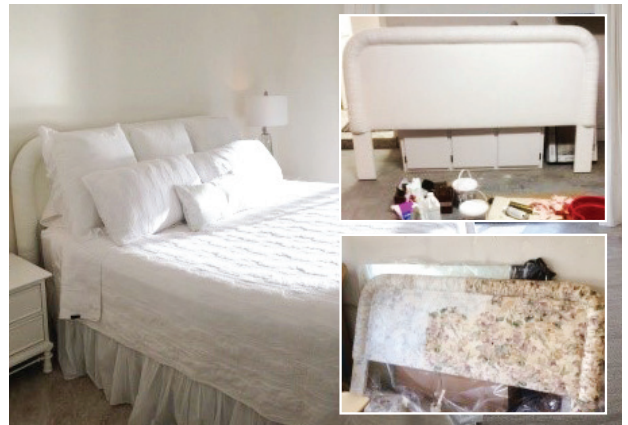
You can have special brunch in your boat, floating at a strategic location to enjoy the spectacle as it passes you in the lake, and then follow along for the last half of the famed hundred mile cruise up to Natural Park at the top of Lake Joe. Have your cameras ready if you have photographers or boat lovers in the family. It will be quite a sight.

Rosseau Waterfront Park receives funding for accessibility upgrades

With assistance from the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF), the Rosseau Waterfront will become the first accessible waterfront park in the area, by this summer. This project will include the installation of barrier-free automated doors to the washroom facilities, the addition of 5 accessible playground panels for children with mobility issues, accessible picnic tables and benches, and the installation of portable mats to allow wheelchair access across the sand to the water’s edge. Local organizations such as The Friends, Community Living Parry Sound, and the Rosseau Farmers’ Market have expressed their support for this project, as it will remove existing barriers and enable those with disabilities to participate in and contribute to their community.

Painting a Cloth Headboard

If your cloth headboard has a dated pattern or old fashioned colours, you can paint it with latex paint. Lightly spray water on the cloth before the first coat of paint, to make the paint spread more easily, and sand lightly between coats. I used a roller for the flat sections and a brush for the rushing. It took 4 coats of paint for full coverage of my headboard and it now looks fabulous in creamy white. You can see it with its first coat and the finished product



A Collection of Salad Dressings

Recommended by a Local Cardiologist

It is easiest to eat in a very healthy way in the summer, so I have colated a series of fabulous no- oil salad dressings, recommended by Dr Shane Williams, a Bracebridge cardiologist, that will enable you to create a wide variety of delicious fresh salads for a quick dinner.

Rather than having to flip through a cookbook, these recipes are colated together so they can be easily stored in a drawer in your kitchen, or in a file on your ipad/computer if you keep recipes there. Email me at Thelma@royalpage.ca to get the set of great healthy summer recipes.

Inexpensive Healthy Snacks to Take When Boating, Golfing, or Driving

These bars are great to make to take golfing, or to take in the boat/car on day trips. They are less expensive than bars from the store and are better for you. These bars are easy enough for the kids to make and can be kept in the freezer so they are ready when you are.

Banana Blueberry Bars

1cp pitted halved dates
1 ½ cp apple Juice
3 cps rolled oats, in two parts
½ tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp ground nutmeg
2 tbsp baking powder
3 small ripe bananas
1 tsp vanilla extract
½ cp walnuts



Soak the dates in the apple juice 15 minutes, then pulse in blender until in small bits. Set aside. Put one portion of the rolled oats in a blender with apple juice, bananas, and vanilla, and blend until creamy. Mix other dry ingredients in a bowl, then mix with the wet ingredients. Lastly stir in the date pieces, walnuts and blueberries. In an oven dish bake at 375 until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cut and wrap in saran as individual bars, and store in the freezer until needed.



The Milford Bay Café and Corner Store- Hwy 118 and Milford Bay Road

There is a new spot just off Hwy 118, at Beaumaris, to enjoy a fresh coffee or latte with some freshly baked scones, tarts, or squares... or to pick up a few home-made delights to eat for lunch or dinner at the cottage.

The Milford Bay Cafe makes a variety of baked goods and main dishes like pot pies, tourtiere, and home- made frozen dinners. Even the sauces are made from scratch. There are seasonal pies like berries pies now, and pumpkin and apple in the fall, and pecan all the time! Open from 7am to 8 pm all season long, and from 7am-6pm in the winter, for your convenience.

Eating Outdoors

Charlee's Sports Pub at 27 Manitoba Street in Bracebridge will have a new 16 person outdoor patio to enjoy during the summer months. These open air eating areas are so much appreciated by everyone wanting to spend as much time outside as possible during our balmy summer months

Port Carling Museum Summer Lecture Series

This year's lecture series at the Museum promises to be as illuminating as ever. July 6th is Resort Night which is always a favourite at the museum. July 13th Larry Wright will make a presentation on Muskoka gardens. A film night is planned for July 27th With Paul Dodington presiding over the 1920's films to be shown. August 3rd Paul Gockel will share his extensive knowledge of cars of 100 years ago.

Emergency Services from Islands

I recently got a call from a cottager asking if there are any emergency services available for the islands, so we thought we should outline Emergency Island Services across Lakes Muskoka, Rosseau, and Joseph.

In an emergency, it is fastest if you can use your own boat or have the help from a neighbour's boat to get the injured person to the closest marina or docking spot on the mainland where an ambulance can meet you. If the injury or circumstance is such that assistance is required on the island, there are fireboats at Bracebridge, Milford Bay, and Torrance, on Lake Muskoka, but there is no fireboat on the Gravenhurst side of Lake Muskoka. There is a fireboat at Still's Bay on Lake Joseph and at Minett on Lake Rosseau. The Fire Departments have arrangements with most marinas and with boat taxi services to use their boats if needed. The Fire and Police Departments also have the right to commandeer boats they require in the course of their duties, so a private boat could be used.

The ambulance would come to any of the marinas, or to the closest docking spot that the fireboat, or your own boat can get to. It is suggested that you speak with your closest marina, and your neighbours, and ask how they could help you in case of an emergency at your island cottage. Being able to arrange a local boat and people to help you will quicken the time it takes to get to the hospital. Take the time this summer to get a plan in place, and post your plan in a spot where it can be easily located in an emergency. Keep emergency numbers handy and visible by the phone.



Invasive Phragmites (pronounced Frag-might-ees)

Based on an article by Mary Beth Hartill

Invasive Phragmites (European Common Reed) is an invasive plant causing damage to Ontario's biodiversity, wetlands and beaches. Invasive Phragmites is a perennial grass that has been damaging ecosystems in Ontario for decades. It is not clear how it was transported to North America from its native home in Eurasia.

If you have not heard about Phragmites, see the picture above, in which cottagers can no longer see the lake because the beach has been taken over by 15 ft tall phragmites.

We all need to join the battle against phragmites on Muskoka beaches, properties, roadways and farmlands through the use of education, herbicides and controlled burns. District of Muskoka GIS Technician Stuart Paul, introduced an app that can be downloaded to android devices or iPhones called PhragSpotter that will help produce an accurate map of where phragmites has spread. The map already includes sightings throughout Muskoka. Use this app to report sightings. One factor making the identification of invasive Phragmites difficult is the existence of a closely related native subspecies. Generally, native Phragmites does not grow as tall as the invasive plant and does not out-compete other native species.

The Muskoka Watershed Council have their new Phragmites identification card, which helps you to identify invasive Phragmites, and is available at the Royal LePage office in Bracebridge. You can contact the Invasive Species Program at 1 800 563 7711 about any Phragmites that you see, and about removing Phragmites properly, as you could inadvertently spread them.

Japanese Knotweed is Invasive and will Smother out Native Species

Japanese Knotweed, another invasive species, is spreading through the Muskoka region, and can be found on many cottage properties on Muskoka, Rosseau and Joseph. It can be seen throughout Port Carling, Port Sandfield, and



Bracebridge. It has a bamboo like appearance. If you have some on your property, it is best for the native environment for you to cut it down and do black tarping to kill the roots in the heat, which will take several years.

Photo Credit: Supplied

Water Quality Initiative of MLA- water testing program

If you or someone you know would like to get involved in the Water Quality Initiative, please contact the MLA office at 705-765-5723 or email info@mla.on.ca. Water testing does not take much of your time and provides invaluable information about water quality in every bay of the three big lakes. Besides, it is another excuse to get you out on the lake! The Water Quality Report for 2015 is available on the MLA website at www.mla.on.ca.

Lost and Found

John Rawn found a 12 ft. turquoise Obrien windsurfer on his dock and kindly emailed to see if we could help to locate the owners. Did anyone in your neighbourhood lose this windsurfer? Call Thelma @ 705-645-2110

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- Donald Webb

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