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### **More than Seven Swans A-Swimming**

*Contributed by Lynn Gapes*

Well before Christmas this year a family of seven swans appeared at my dock looking for corn. Of course, I broke into a chorus of the Twelve Days of Christmas! However, new songs had to be written as the 7 increased to 19!!

The antics to this large bevy, lamentation, herd, game, team or wedge, as they may be known, has been quite an experience this year. The original 'team', as I will call them because they surely are, would prevent any others from using the feeding boxes. Even if they were not eating or were across the river, they would immediately arrive to chase away any interlopers and form an army-like phalanx to prevent the others from getting past them. When there was ice near the shore, I would throw corn there for the 'intruders'.

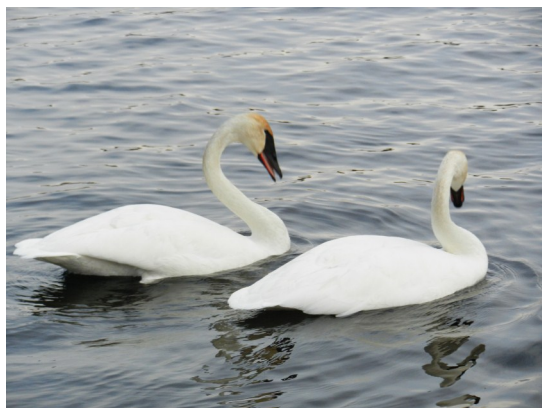


Since there has been virtually no ice this year, it has become the greatest length of time that the Trumpeters have remained on the river. This has allowed me to learn more about the swans' habits as spring approaches. Head bobbing is something noticed in other years which indicated the intention of taking off into the air. This year I have noticed that they do this, while trumpeting loudly and flapping their huge wings, as other swans fly overhead. As well, they are now doing this in pairs (they mate for life with one partner, incidentally). After the head bobbing and wing flapping, they often bump each other's' breasts and touch heads forming the heart shape you often see in photographs. The most interesting thing that I have seen is how the adults are now not allowing their cygnets to eat with them. I guess they are telling their youngsters to look after themselves now as they are preparing to raise another family!

What a pleasure all this activity has been for me this winter! I feel so privileged to be able to help this endangered species to survive another Canadian winter. I can only hope that they will return next year.

What followed was very humorous as the family would chase them along the ice, sliding to a stop – eventually. In fact, all the swans chased each other around in the water and on the ice so aggression is a definite trait of the world's largest waterfowl.

The expression "pecking order" is definitely apparent with these magnificent birds.



**Spring**

**Crowe Lake Matters**

**2012**



## 2012 Pres. message

### ( Acting ) President's Message

Here's to you, our CLWA members! Thanks for your years of dedication and support. It is because of you that our CLWA directors serve and that our CLWA exists!

CLWA members come in all shapes, sizes, ages and backgrounds. While some have found their special place as a single unit, others can claim 4 or 5 or more generations of family activities along the shores of the Crowe. A tour by boat around the Crowe or down Beaver Creek will show the wide variety of interests that are enjoyed.

The current waterfront footage minimum requirement is 150 ft., in the viewpoint of larger lots would mean a smaller impact on the waterway. Perhaps the smallest lot on the lake is 25 ft wide; when the thinking was that everyone could afford to have a place of their own. Once the standard lot was 66 feet which was the length of a surveyor's chain. The latest lake capacity report states that the Crowe is full and that no more development should be undertaken. Whatever the size or value of our properties, everyone looks forward to the fun, friendships and activities that the Crowe enhances.

What CLWA members have in common is a deep and continuing concern for the lake. A crisis or threat to the water quality shows our strength in numbers. CLWA directors have acted in the past to express our point of view when a development is unfolding, which could be potentially negative. We are ready to act in the future on issues. Then, there are ongoing programmes that we all benefit from. The mission statement on the membership form describes the positive goals and objectives.

Our past newsletters show that over the years our CLWA membership numbers are fairly stable. There is a small percentage of people who do not renew their CLWA membership for one reason or another, such as moving away from the area. A smaller percentage are new CLWA memberships. Thanks for returning your membership as soon as possible. Each membership will receive a sign that goes on the 911 post identifying you as a proud CLWA member. Our Crowe Lake Matters Newsletter keeps you informed and updated as we continue to grow as a community on the Crowe, dedicated to preserving our natural heritage.

Now this is the **CLWA membership challenge!** Talk to your neighbours who are not yet CLWA members and invite them to join. Extra membership brochures are available from any director, Norma Crofts at 613 472-2157 or on our website [www.clwa.ca](http://www.clwa.ca).

*By Norma Crofts Acting President, Acting Newsletter Editor, Acting Secretary and Real Past President*

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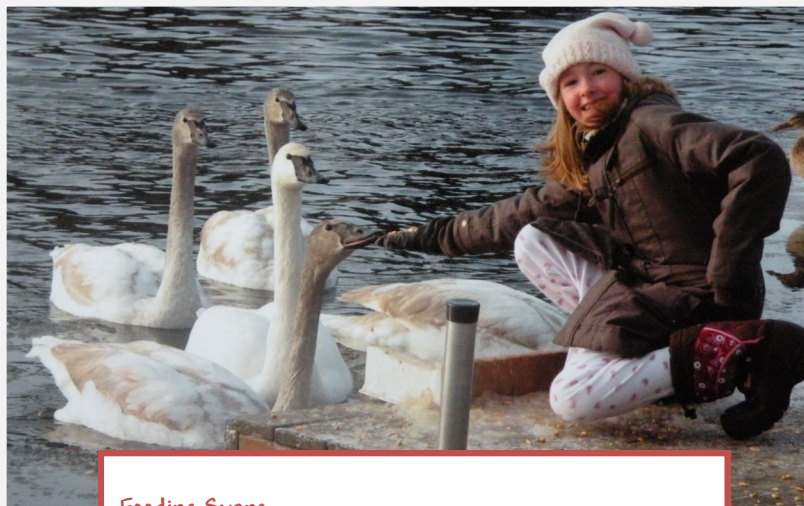
## Marmora's SnoFest Is On The Move

For 34 years Marmora has been hosting the sled dog races with dinners, contests, and other events to round out the week-end with fun for the whole family. On the first week-end in February, SnoFest has made Marmora a destination for visitors to our area as well as providing a focus for folks who call it their home. Times and the weather seem to be changing and so is SnoFest, moving beyond dog races and beyond one week-end of the year.

This year, SnoFest has changed their organization into a board structure. This will function more effectively with sub-committees to manage the various responsibilities and the large number of volunteers. This is an exciting and challenging time for SnoFest as it considers wider time frames and activities beyond the one main event. Volunteers are the backbone of any successful venture so if you are interested in getting involved, call Vicki Best @ 705 639-1204

## Know Your Farmer Know Your Food

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Feeding Swans

Submitted by Lynn Gapes

\* More information about trumpeter swans can be found in Lynn Gapes earlier article in the winter 2010 issue of our newsletter or on our website : [www.clwa.ca](http://www.clwa.ca)



"One interesting new thing that is happening is an event with "THE DOG GUY," JOHN WADE, a specialist in dog behavior and training who is giving a workshop and demonstration with two sessions, one titled, THE BEAUTIFUL BALANCE - DOG TRAINING WITH NATURE'S TEMPLATE, and the second, THE NOSEY DOG. The cost is a bargain at \$5.00.

Watch for more events and happenings from SnoFest and their community partners as they morph into the future! Thanks SnoFest for years of events and barrels of fun! CLWA wishes every success for SnoFest and beyond!



## The Barlows on Crowe Lake

In 1925, Clinton and Eva Barlow bought a waterfront lot on Lake Shore Drive, now named High Shore Road. They lived in Deloro where Clinton worked as a chemist at the Deloro Smelting and Refining Company. At that time, they enjoyed their property on Crowe Lake primarily as a picnic destination.

The Barlow family then moved to Welland in 1928 where Clinton worked until 1936. During those years, they drove to Marmora for the odd week-end and summer holidays. A long rectangular building was constructed with a section at the lake side for blocks of ice and the portion near the road side became living quarters. Two additions were built, one on each side, gull-wing style and the "ice house" part of the original plan became more living space. Later a screened-in porch was added across the front. After Clinton died in 1955, Eva added indoor plumbing. Today, the original "gull-wing" cottage looks much like it always has, except windows were installed on the porch.

Eva's photo album shows happy groups of family and friends gathered there for swimming, boating and lounging about on the beach. Eva was a great cook and was known for her delicious cookies! The Barlow family of five kids, Maurice, Bob, John, Mary and Anne, had their friends over for visits. The Melvaers, considered part of the family, always came for their holidays. Added to the company were grandparents and aunts, uncles and cousins who came from Belleville and Gananoque. It was a busy spot!

1952 -  
Clinton  
Barlow on  
the dock



In 1945, the Barlows bought the lot to the north of their original property for the same price that they had paid for the first lot twenty years earlier. Clinton had dreamed of building a permanent residence. Anne Barlow, now Anne Giddings fulfilled that dream by building a retirement home there in 1999.



1936 - Barlow's Cottage with the screened-in porch

She enjoys living on the lake along with her little guard dog Mocha. Mary Barlow, now Mary Moulton stays in the original green cottage in the summer months and stays over with Anne for other visits as the cottage is not winterized. Their children and grandchildren come to Crowe Lake for their holidays and the occasional week-end as the pattern is established.

1958 -  
The Cottage  
Roofers :  
Bob,  
Maurice and  
John Barlow



The third Barlow cottage is around the lake on the sandy shore. John Barlow, and his wife Jean, started building their cottage in 1970. Jean likes to spend her summers at the lake as well. On Saturdays there are sailing races on the Crowe. Three of the five "Hobie Cats" with their colourful sails are owned by Barlows, Clinton's grandchildren and great grandchildren. So, Crowe Lake continues to be a special place for the Barlow families.

Written by Anne Giddings, Mary Moulton  
and Norma Crofts





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## **Boat Parade and Fireworks Over the Crowe Saturday June 30 2012**

The meeting place is the Blairton Lighthouse at the western end of the Crowe at 8:15 pm. The boat parade ends at the "Celebrate Canada" Fireworks. Light or decorate your boat or just join in the parade. Contributions to the fireworks are greatly appreciated. The only rule of participation is that everyone must enjoy themselves!



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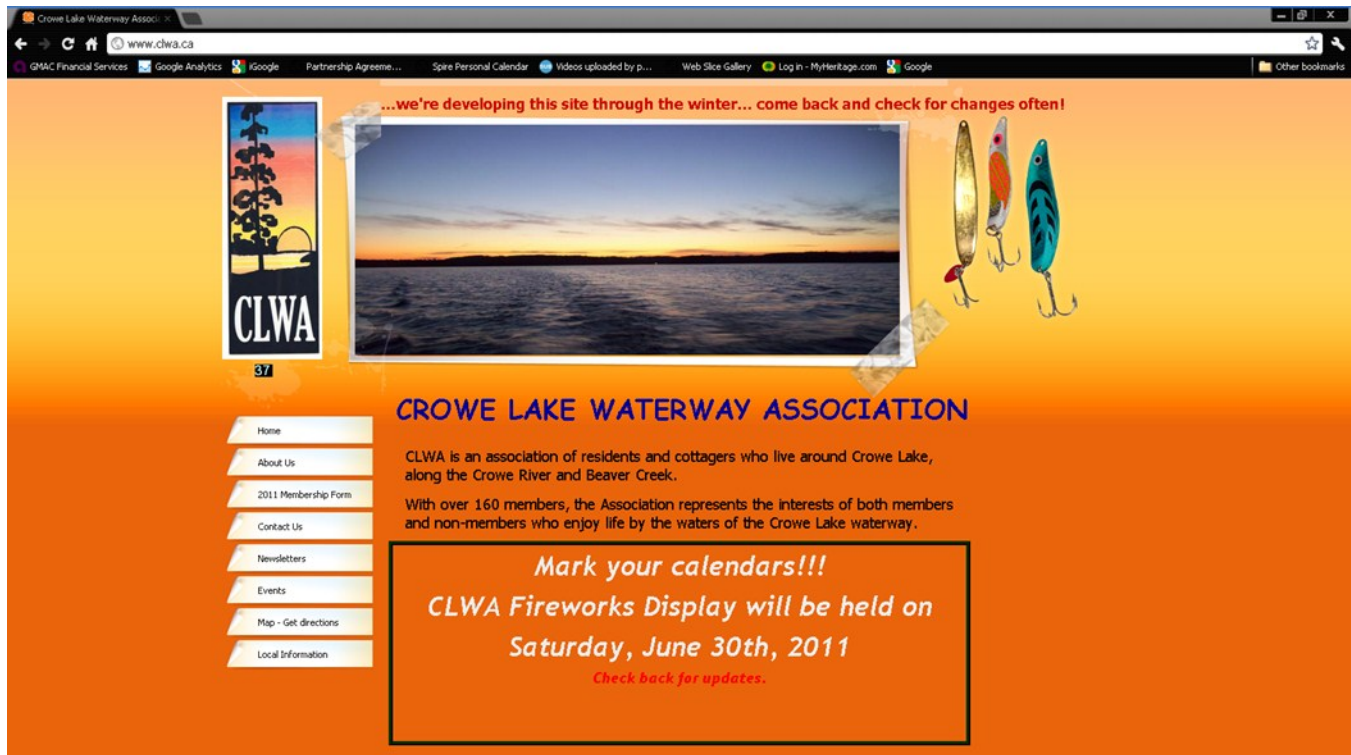
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## CLWA WEB SITE

At last...we have a web site, [www.clwa.ca](http://www.clwa.ca) !



It's in the early stage of development. We'd love to get Members' suggestions, feedback and ideas for the site, so that it reflects your expectations of the kind of content you would want and expect to find on CLWA's site.

Please send your content suggestions to [info@clwa.ca](mailto:info@clwa.ca) and we will do our best to incorporate as many as we can before the season gets under way.

## Free Tree Giveaway 2012

On Saturday, **April 28** from 8:00 am until we run out of trees or noon, we plan on giving away small trees and shrubs of local varieties at the gazebo at the Tourist Information Centre in Marmora's Memorial Park. You can also get free advice on what to plant and where depending on your soil type and reason for planting. Call Norma Crofts at 613 472-2157 for more information. This event is brought to you by the Environmental Advisory Committee of the Marmora and Lake Council.

## Pitch In Day

Last year, the weather on Pitch In Day was too rainy and windy to get the job done. We hope that this year's date of **April 21** will see more folks out and about picking up the cans, coffee cups, plastic bags and general garbage that junk up our roads and pathways. If another day suits you better, go for it! All you need are gloves and a bag for garbage. Bags are available at Marmora and Lake's Town Hall. Let's keep this lovely area looking its best all year long. Thanks!





## Winter Fishing Derby

This photo of Robert Taylor shows another side of him and his love of fishing. He is seen here with bait and a tackle box in one hand and a net and youngster in the other. As a long time CLWA director, Robert is involved in Crowe Lake Matters and in community issues. Usually, Robert and his wife Norma are busy organizing the two annual pike derbies that CLWA holds on Crowe Lake. Thanks again to you both for your work on our behalf.

February 18<sup>th</sup> was the date this year for the CLWA's Pike Only Catch'Em and Keep'Em Ice Fishing Derby. A total of 43 pike were taken from the Crowe, weighing 124 pounds. Pike is an invading fish species that interferes with walleye, which is considered to be the best sport fishing species. This event focuses on removing pike from our lake in order to promote a healthier walleye fishery and, at the same time, encouraging fishing as a great way to spend time outdoors.

Robert and Norma Taylor appreciated the venue at Chris' Live Bait, their partnership and support. Thanks also Andrew White who provided a cozy warm trailer which was used as a weigh-in station.

The winners were Anthony Flint, George Derry, Arthur Cole, Myles Sills, Ron Finch, Owen Barker, Avery Gordon, Hannah MacDonald and Trisha Walker-Dupont. There are a wide variety of categories that allow many to be rewarded for their fishing skills and luck. It is especially pleasant when the weather co-operates!

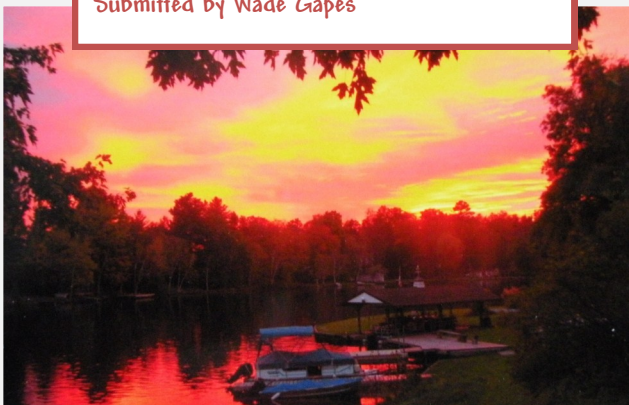


Going Fishin'  
Submitted by  
Norma  
Sedgwick Taylor

The next pike only derby is scheduled for July 7, 2012. Plan on coming out to enjoy the fishing!

Red Sky

Submitted by Wade Gapes



Canada Day  
on the Crowe  
Submitted by  
Noell Baran



Turtle on Mound

Submitted by

Wade Gapes

## Earth Hour

**Saturday, March 31**

Worldwide focus on turning off lights for one hour.

**8:30 to 9:30 pm**

Join in

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Turn off!

Watch for the feature on  
Light Pollution in our  
summer edition of the

*Crowe Lake Matters*

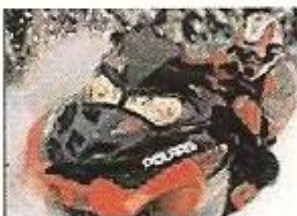
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New Year's Eve on the  
Crowe

Submitted by

Melissa White



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# About The 2012 Membership Brochure



This year, the membership brochure for renewal will arrive separately from the 2012 spring newsletter.

- The three awesome photos are the contest winners for 2011. Congratulations to Norm Hardy, Norma Sedgwick-Taylor and Ken Hossack!
- Each membership includes one CLWA sign.
- The programs, activities and goals sections may be of help when you are asking your neighbours and friends who may not already be members, to join the CLWA.
- Please fill out all the information you can on the cut-off portion of the brochure
- Your generous donations to our CLWA fireworks fund are what pay for the show on June 30. The fireworks cost more every year!
- Your newsletter by email is sent as the newsletter is printed, so you receive it on your computer earlier than by mail. Often this avoids challenges such as a postal strike or printing delays.
- Creating a folder for CLWA newsletters on your computer could make locating them later easier.
- Members use their newsletters differently. If you wish, you can have the newsletter both ways, by email and snail mail.
- Thanks for renewing promptly by mailing your renewal membership form or using the CLWA drop box at Marmora Insurance.

Newsletter topics and ideas are welcome. Let us know what interests you !



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# Coming Events

**The Dog Guy**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 Cedar Ridge Restaurant  
 Highway 7 - West of Marmora  
 Workshop by **John Wade**  
 Specialist in dog behaviour

**Pitch In Day**  
**April 21**  
 Clean up your area !

**Free Tree Giveaway**  
**April 28**  
 Memorial Park Gazebo  
 8:00 am until the trees are gone or noon

**Marmora Farmer's Market**  
**Opening May 19**  
 Every Saturday until Thanksgiving Weekend

**CLWA Boat Parade**  
**June 30 at 8:15 pm**  
**And Celebrate Canada Fireworks**  
 Over the Crowe at dusk by Stoney Island

**CLWA Pike Only Catch'em and Keep'em**  
**Summer Fishing Derby**  
**July 7**  
 Until 4:00 pm at Chris' Live Bait

**CLWA Annual General Meeting**  
**In the William Shannon Room**  
**at the Marmora and Lake Public Library**  
**July 14 - 9:00 am**

## Congratulations to our photo contest winners!

This year our photo contest had the largest assortment of photos to be judged. It is evident that our members and visitors love our lake and its tributaries for its beauty, its wildlife and its recreational value.

In the *Crowe Lake & Its Beauty* category **Norm Harvey's** winter photo of the frozen dam on the Crowe River was a runaway winner with its beauty and colour. We had several photos of the sun rise and sun set that displayed the lake's glorious red colours but the stark white and electric blue of Norm's winter photo was different and riveting.

Likewise, **Norma Sedgwick-Taylor's** "Catch of the Day" close up photo of a heron with a fish in its beak was also a runaway winner in the *Wildlife* category. We had some excellent wild life close up photos of a loon on its nest, a turtle on its mound and swans feeding. Such photos are difficult to achieve.

Our *Recreation on the Crowe* category was well represented with many excellent photos vying for first place. Melissa White's "New Years Eve on the Crowe" showed a children's hockey game being played on the frozen lake in the dying light of the day. Norma Sedgwick-Taylor's "Going Fishin" demonstrated the love between a grandfather and young grandson as they strolled away from the camera heading to the lake to go fishing. These two photos gave our winner, **Ken Hossack** a close challenge. Taken from shore between the trees, Ken's golden hued photo shows children playing on the water. The photo highlights the fun to be had on the lake while surrounded by its golden beauty.

The runner-up photos are in this newsletter. The winners are in the renewal membership brochure.

Congratulations to our \$100.00 winners, and a special thank you to all who shared your wonderful photographs. Keep your cameras handy throughout this year and get in the running for the next contest!

*Submitted by Elinor White*



**Loon on Nest**  
**Submitted by**  
**Mariannick Tremblay**

Some of the pictures submitted to our photo contest can be found throughout the newsletter.

They look like this.

