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Stream Of Dreams Programme

The Marmora and Lake Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) is excited to be championing the Stream Of Dreams programme in our community.

Parents, community volunteers and students are working together to make this project a reality. 390 wooden fish will be displayed on the fence at the Marmora Senior School.

Priming, tracing, cutting and sanding the fish shapes from plywood will be completed by the end of June.

The creative artistry of the students will be on display in a mural of dazzling painted fish.

The Stream of Dreams Programme educates communities about the life and function of watersheds, rivers and streams.

With many of the students living on Crowe Lake, this knowledge of our water and watershed will aid their understanding of our "natural heritage" and how they can play their part in protecting it..

Quinte Conservation, Crowe Valley Conservation Association, EAC, Earl Prentice Public School and Marmora Senior School are all involved in launching this valuable environmental programme.

Sound education can lead to sensitive understanding of the world around us.

Everyone on Crowe Lake, Crowe River, Beaver Creek and Marmora draw water from the Crowe Valley watershed as surface water or ground water from wells.

Congratulations to all those who are involved!

Thanks!



Spring

Crowe Lake Matters

2013

Words from the President

We are ready to say goodbye to winter's freezing temperatures and changeable weather. The calendar says it is spring, but that's hard to believe.

The next big thing, on the lake, is the ice break-up. It's a topic of conversation. "When do you think the ice will go out? The Marmora Curling Club has a lottery guessing the break-up date.

Have you seen any robins yet? That's always the sign for me. My grandmother taught me that when "robin red breast shows up and you know it's spring." Personally, I can't wait for summer and the chance to get back to Crowe Lake.

One sure sign of Spring, it is time to renew your CLWA membership for 2013. You'll soon get a renewal form in the mail. Please stay with us and why not find someone else to join us. Copy the form and give it to a friend.

If you are able to, please make a donation to our Fireworks and our other programmes. This year, we are recognizing our members who contribute to programs with a gold star on their membership sign.

Check out the article from the last issue that describes some of the savings you can get on products through FOCA because of your membership in CLWA. It's enough to pay your dues.

We have a report on the Winter Pike Only Fishing Derby. We have more pictures from the Photo Contest. And more good stuff. I hope you enjoy this issue.

If you have ideas about programmes we should be doing, or not doing, let us know. We are always looking for more help on the Board. And we are always anxious to hear what you think about CLWA.

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Each year we get your cheques at membership renewal time. Your annual member fee of \$30.00 is standard and others include donations of various denominations to events such as fireworks or fishing. The additional support is critical to continue such events.

Your \$30 fee is spent to support the printing and mailing of the quarterly newsletter. The advertising that we sell helps to offset the newsletter costs. *Our advertisers are important to us so that is why we ask you to support them by buying locally.* The majority of your \$30 is spent on our member signs, shoal marking, annual web site fee, Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) membership and on our insurance coverage. The small cash balance remaining pays the entrance fees that allow our board members to attend conferences that are in our members' best interests. *It is important to note that all board members are volunteers and as such take no cash for any of the many services they provide.*

The *voluntary donations* you send us are used for the events you specify. Monies designated for the fishing derby help defray the cost of poster printing and event hosting. Chris' Live Bait has been an overwhelming supporter of the fishing derby. Over the years, the Crowe Lake Waterway Association has been able to provide the July long weekend fireworks funded through various donations. Each year CLWA submits an application for funding to the Federal Government of Canada (FGC) grant program.

So far, we have been fortunate enough to have the FGC provide a little better than 1/3 of our budget for the fireworks. Each year the FGC grant is *entirely subjective* and could be denied for any reason. You, our membership, has provided just over half of our firework funding. *Each one of you is critical to the success of our firework evening.* Approximately 10% comes from businesses in the community. This event is run entirely by volunteers on your board so all monies received for fireworks go into the program. Bontar Marine has continued to support us by allowing us use of their equipment.

CLWA makes a small gratuity donation to the firemen who continue to spend a great deal of their personal time to plan, set up, detonate and break down our event. Over the course of the last two years, funding has come from the following:

	Our membership	Local Business	Marmora & Lake	Federal Government
2011	52%	2%	8%	38%
2012	52%	11%	0%	37%

After 2011, Marmora & Lake ceased to accept fund requests from all organizations. In 2012, we were able to recover their loss with a significant donation from Northland (Pumped) Storage.

Each fiscal year your board balances what monies we receive to what we spend. The board keeps a close eye on all monies coming and going through our books. We keep in a GIC half a year's operating expense for emergencies. This year, when your membership renewal comes due, please continue to support *your* organization and *your* events.

Submitted by Elinor White, Treasurer

What's Happening

Free Tree Give-Away

May 4 - 9:00 to 11:00 am
(Gazebo at Memorial Park)

Marmora Farmer's Market

Saturdays - 8:00am to 2:00pm
(Starts May 18th)

Fireworks and Boat Parade

June 29, 2013

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Annual General Meeting

July 20, 2013
(William Shannon Room)

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A Talk with the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Personnel

Question - What is your job here?

Answers - From Neil McConkey, who is a water technician dealing with the hands-on operations of the dam and the water system.

Q Last summer and fall, there were discussions reported in the local paper about the aging infrastructures in the system. Is there an update on that?

A Yes. There is now a long range plan for repairs and updates over the next ten years.

Q In what condition is the Marmora Dam ?

A It is structurally sound. Upgrades are planned now. One safety issue is people on the structure who make the dam a destination. Some kids go swimming at the dam where strong currents are one of the many hazards there! This may be addressed with better signs to make people aware of the danger.

Q What about low water levels that we experienced in late summer. Low water effects boating on the Crowe with increased underwater hazards

A It was a dry summer. The levels were within the range for that time of year. We can talk to 3 people on the same stretch of water on the same day and can get 3 opinions. The water is too high, too low or just right. (That sounds like the Goldilocks situation) The water level on a particular piece of waterfront is a personal perspective thing. We keep the levels as constant as we can for the season.

Q Ice damage along the shores can be upsetting and costly. Do you have any thoughts on that?

A. Water levels can be a factor in damage to natural waterfronts as well as altered ones. A major factor is the high winds which can force the ice up onto one shore or another. The wind provides the power and the ice is the agent of the damage to shorelines. Whether wind or ice, we are at the mercy of nature and climate change.

If damage does occur on your property this spring, inquire at CVCA about whether a permit is required to restore your waterfront.

Other points made on the water level topic were:

- * Beside the summer water level range, the CVCA has a winter level range, which leaves room for the spring freshet. (Definition Freshet, n, a sudden rise or overflow of a stream.)

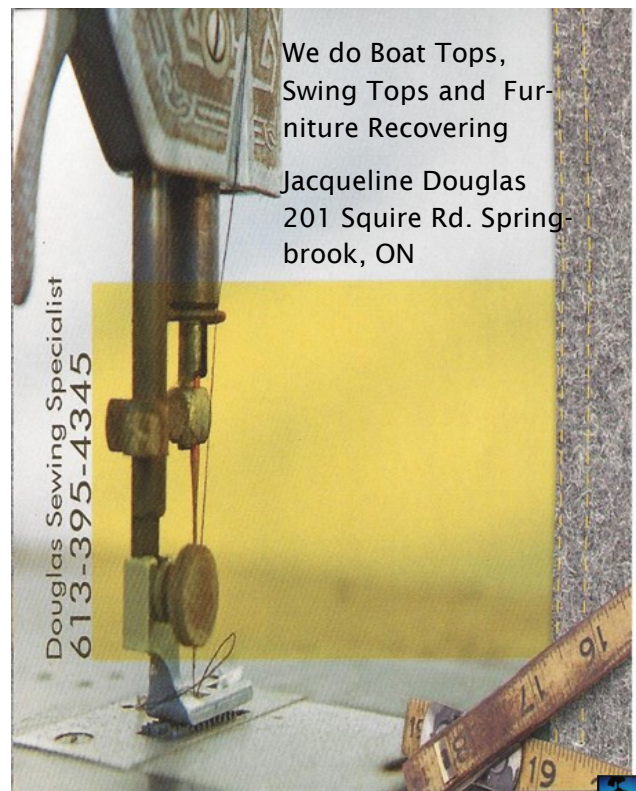
- * The draw down level begins Oct. 15th of the year and CDCA tries to have the lake down by Nov. 15th, weather permitting.

- * The changes in weather patterns have affected all water levels. Hot dry spells seem to be longer and rainy periods have at times been more prolonged and heavier.

- * The water level has peaked at the Marmora dam traditionally about the third week of April. Now the water level peak occurs in March. Last year it was about 5 weeks earlier than previously expected. It is odd that the snow melt can occur while the ice is still in the lakes to the north of the Crowe Valley watershed. That is a new challenge.

- * Crowe Lake by its position is at the bottom of the Crowe Valley system. Water levels have not been a problem in general. The level at the dam fills up to the desired amount.

By Norma Crofts, CLWA Director, Thanks to Neil for your time and for sharing your knowledge about the Crowe.



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Garbage and Recycling Update

Marmora and Lake has two different pick-up systems. The bag of garbage with the blue and white garbage tag attached goes to the local waste management site. In another truck, Quinte Recycling picks up the blue box contents for recycling and takes it away.

Marmora and Lake is maintaining the same landfill site which it has used for years. The purchase of a new site has been postponed and tax dollars saved. The amount of recycling at pick-up and homeowners' composting continues to reduce the amount of garbage. We thank you for worthwhile efforts.

Further sorting of garbage at the landfill site and sale of suitable components has maximized landfill longevity. Thanks go out as well to the workers at the landfill site for making changes that reflect the new realities. The hours of operation at the landfill site are Saturday and Monday, 8am to 4pm and after April 1st 7am to 3 pm.

Used Tires

Marmora and Lake Landfill takes up to four tires per trip. These are recycled by the tire industry into recycled products.

T.Vs and electronics are accepted at the landfill site as well. They are picked up from there and taken for recycling.

Wine bottles and beer bottles as well as tetrapaks can be taken to the Beer Store for a cash refund. They also accept corks and beer caps.

Newspapers can be left beside the blue recycling box in a shopping bag.

Set your recycling out by 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.

Many CLWA members write out the garbage days routines so that others will know what to do on Monday in their possible absence. Good idea!

Clean glass bottles, plastic containers, rigid foam packing material and plastic bags can be included in the blue box. Put your glass bottles on top so that the driver can separate them first. Quinte Waste may recycle things differently than other communities, so check it out.

Damaged blue boxes can be replaced at the Marmora Town Hall.

Ask a neighbour if you are new to the area for the times and details.

Recycle the Power

It is estimated that only 5% of batteries get recycled!

Batteries are a small part of landfill waste but they are a concentrated source of heavy metals such as cadmium, lead, zinc, nickel, silver, and in some cases mercury. Different batteries have different chemicals. Batteries that are included in general garbage are sent to landfill sites and eventually break down releasing the heavy metals contained in batteries into the soil, air and water. All those chemicals may have harmful effects on both community health and the natural environment.

Once recycled, the chemicals or metals from old batteries are removed and neutralized. Some can be extracted and reused, for example in the production of stainless steel.

How about setting aside a container marked for used batteries? When the container is full, the used batteries can be taken to the hazardous waste collections. Marmora hosts hazardous waste collections twice a year. 2013 dates are **June 15th** and **Aug, 17th**. Note the dates which differ from last year. Take used batteries to Broadbent's Home Hardware anytime. Creating such a routine helps to remind folks at the lake that keeping the Crowe free of chemicals is "protecting our natural heritage!"

Earth Day is traditionally April 22. Think of planning a clean-up day or event at an appropriate time for your area. Wear gloves when cleaning up debris. The winter winds blow in all sorts of litter and distract from the beauty of our area.



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SUMMARY
 168 adult registrations
 1130 youth registration
 1119 pike weighed in
 1126.75 lb. total weight of all pike



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

	13 and over (1 st place)	13 and over (2 nd place)
HEAVIEST	4 lb. 12 oz. Alex Christopoulos (\$80 Gift Certificate)	3 lb. 13 oz. Erika Goode (\$40 Gift Certificate)
LONGEST	28.00 in. Trevor Lewis (\$80 Gift Certificate)	26.25 in. Rebecca White (\$40 Gift Certificate)
MYSTERY WEIGHT 13 and over: 1 lb.	0 lb. 13 oz. Bernie Riley (\$80 Gift Certificate)	2 lb. 5 oz. Bill Deline (\$40 Gift Certificate)
MYSTERY LENGTH 13 and over: 20 in.	20.50 in. Bernie Cassidy (\$80 Gift Certificate)	22.50 in. Chris Asselstine (\$40 Gift Certificate)

Youth: CLWA promotes **TAKE A KID FISHING!** so it was great to have an increase in the number of youth anglers this derby. Amazingly, the pike would not be reeled in by any of these youth but the young anglers did not go home empty-handed. They each received a **GRAB BAG** with several items related to the fishing experience, including a lure or other item to add to their tackle box.

(**2 rod and reel combos** donated by **Chris's Live Bait** - **WINNERS** were **Braeden Cassidy** and **McKayla Gilmore**

Adult (13 and over):

(**3 Complimentary Subscriptions** to **ONTARIO OUT OF DOORS** donated by **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters** - **WINNERS** were **James Black, Logan Booth, Lloyd Ellis**

(**4 Hats** donated by **Chris's Live Bait** - **WINNERS** were **Dave Bakowsky, William Ellis, Ron Finch, Stephanie Van Asten**

THANKS

(for the support and partnership of **Chris's Live Bait, Lucky Strike, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters** and **Ministry of Natural Resources**

(for the invaluable skills of **Andrew White** who brings a trailer to **Chris's Live Bait's** lot, turns it into a high-tech 'heated' **Weigh-In Station** for the derby, and then returns at day's end to tidy up the equipment and haul the trailer back to its home

(to **CLWA** members and the volunteers who contribute to making this activity a successful **winter community activity**

(anglers from **Madoc to Pickering**, and all places in between who made the effort to enjoy the beautiful, cold winter day out on the **Crowe!**

The pike seemed to be quite elusive at this derby. Try your luck at the next **Crowe Lake Waterway Association 7th Annual PIKE ONLY "Catch 'em and Keep 'em" Summer Fishing Derby** on **July 13, 2013** from **8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** See you there! Challenge a friend to just try to outfish you!

- Article submitted by *Robert and Norma Taylor*

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Next Fishing Derby - July 13, 2013

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs !

In Ontario, the tradition of bug study has gone on in universities and government research facilities. Forest and crop pests have been a focus as well as biting flies and bugs with veterinary or medical importance. Devoted and talented amateurs have also contributed to our knowledge of Ontario's 30,000 bugs. Kid's movies like It's a Bug's Life have popularized the topic.

To study bugs you may need a net, a microscope or binoculars and a jar for keeping specimens in while examining them. A bug book for identifying species is a good tool.

Now go and catch an insect and place it in the jar. Once you have finished with observing and identifying, you can photograph your bug or sketch it, if you wish and let it go.

Always wash your hands well after handling bugs or any wild life.

There are collectors and anti-collectors. each camp with their own reasons for their hobby style.

Bugs are found everywhere from under leaves and rocks to in the air and water. To attract bugs, try washing the bark of a tree with a solution of beer and sugar. Bugs prefer warm sunny days to colder ones. Some bugs are nocturnal and are attracted to lights at night.

Some people have a love of all living things and feel a connection and interest in things like bugs. Some people couldn't care less about the world of plants and animals. It could be interesting to know the name of that yellow butterfly or dazzling dragonfly!

Bug science has its own jargon. Basically an insect has 3 parts, a head, a thorax and an abdomen.



Common White Tail Dragonfly

The head almost always has eyes, multiple lensed compound eyes or one lensed eyes or ocelli, mouthpieces and feelers called antennae.

The thorax has 3 pairs of legs and wings if there are any.

The abdomen usually has reproductive structures and an anus.

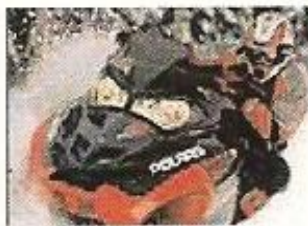
It is interesting to see how the insect breathes with gills or a tracheal system. The life history is full of jargon too with words like nymph, larva, naiads, pupa, and chrysalides and so on!

Enjoy the wonderful diversity of insect life and variety of living forms "living right under you noses"

Written by Norma Crofts

With reference to Bugs of Ontario

by John Acorn and Ian Sheldon



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Dragonflies In Our Garden And On Our Deck

Darners are the biggest dragonflies and this Canada Darner is the most common. The male is dark brown, patterned in blue and green with blue-green compound eyes, spotted with black.

The female may be coloured this way or be yellow and brown. They capture insects such as mosquitoes in flight with their long spiny legs.

This large insect, up to about 70 mm. migrates heading northward with the warm weather, to the ponds and shallow water of lakes where they lay their eggs.

The offspring hatch and fly about as second generation dragonflies in the late summer and autumn and then fly south.

The Common Whitetail has a thick muscular body with a broad streamlined abdomen. This male is in its prime with its abdomen of bright white.

The female has an orange brown abdomen and less black on her wings. This dragonfly is about 45 mm in length and likes to patrol the shores of ponds and lakes...

by Norma Crofts



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Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2013, in the William Shannon Room (Library building):

9:00 am - Meet and greet

9:30 am - Meeting

It's a good opportunity to look at our CLWA programmes, issues and ideas. It's a kind of round-up of our activities over the year. Plan to come out and join us.

Members are welcome to make presentations, suggestions or speak to the group at CLWA's AGM - but must be on the agenda.

Let the directors know of your intention to speak by talking to any one of us or visiting our website at www.clwa.ca.

We will not accept a motion from speakers at the AGM. There is not the time required to research a topic or discuss the pros and cons of a motion or an issue. Suggestions will be considered by the directors at our regular meetings and decisions made at that time as to what action should be taken.

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Renewing Your CLWA Membership

- Your 2013 renewal flyer will arrive in a separate mailing to all members. Included this year is our striking CLWA logo as a decal.
- The winning pictures from our 2013 photo contest look fantastic and tell stories about why the Crowe is special to the members. Thanks for your participation. Congratulations to Judy O'Grady, Marianick Tremblay and Nick Stempkowski.
- Please fill out the information on the cut-off return portion. Your membership committee uses that information.
- Become a gold star member* with an additional donation toward CLWA fireworks and other programmes. The unique fireworks display on June 29, over the lake, depends on your contributions!
- The programmes, activities and goals section may be of help when asking your neighbours and friends who may not already be members, to join CLWA.
- Indicate how you want your newsletter to be delivered. Members use their newsletters differently. Email newsletters arrive earlier. Snail mail copies of the newsletter suit those who like a hard copy. If you wish, you can have it both ways!

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