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*Flying Pond on a
calm spring afternoon*



Cover Photo —by Kathy Schwab

From Garage Apartment to Lake Cottage

Maine Cabin Masters on Flying Pond Feature story by — Diane Araps

From misty morning sunrises to glowing golden sunsets, we all love our time spent on the pond. This is the same for our new neighbors, Pete and Michelle Henry. The Henrys had a history of visiting Pete's parents on the Maine coast for decades and a little over a year ago they decided to start a legacy of their own. It was early September of 2020 when they purchased their little slice of paradise on Flying Pond. That site was on DeMariano Road nestled in a quiet cove with a garage/apartment plus a separate bunk house and sun porch. Immediately the Henrys fell in love with the property and the surrounding area. They knew right away... this is it!

After closing on the property, they began planning how to remodel the building. The goal was clear: to convert the 600 square foot garage and the 400 square foot second floor apartment into a combined 1000 square foot living space

to better accommodate family and friends. At one point during design discussions, they visited the Kennebec Cabin Company in Manchester, and as avid fans of Maine Cabin Masters (MCM), they immediately recognized Chase's truck from the —continued pg 3



Garage Apartment - BEFORE



Lake Cottage - AFTER

FPIA President's Message — *Greetings from the Pond!*

Greetings and Happy Spring!! I initially wrote this note a month prior to publication, but have decided to leave the info about the black flies as I know how much everyone enjoys that topic.

Locals and early returning snowbirds already know that the black flies seem to be particularly ravenous this year – ugh. But there are some early reports of dragonfly reconnaissance missions and hopeful the troops will arrive any day now to feast on those little buggers!

Aside from a few hot days, it has been fairly cool this spring. I opened camp a month ago but haven't really had time to enjoy it just yet. But as I write this note, we are headed into Memorial Day weekend. So, I know we'll be "upta camp" this weekend some.

Our "communications team" have put together an awesome flyer that will help new camp owners and short-term visitors understand who and what FPIA is. What awesome work – thank you all!!

Debbie Roe is retiring as our invasive plant patrol

coordinator. We all VERY much appreciate what Deb has been doing for us as we are all mindful of the very real risks to our pond. We are looking for someone to take over this important function. Please speak to any board member if you are at all interested.

We are going to try out an afternoon annual meeting this year. It will be at the Mount Vernon Community Center at 2 PM Saturday, July 9th. It will be a "hybrid" meeting, both In-Person and via Zoom.

We will also post that link on the FPIA web page. For many of you, this may be easier when entertaining family and guests as compared to cutting dinner short to head to the meeting. For those planning to attend in person, you may be glad to know that the Community Center now has a few large heat pumps installed. Frankly, we have not yet observed how much cooling they provide as they were installed over the winter, but it may make for a comfortable meeting.

Paul Crockett — President, FPIA

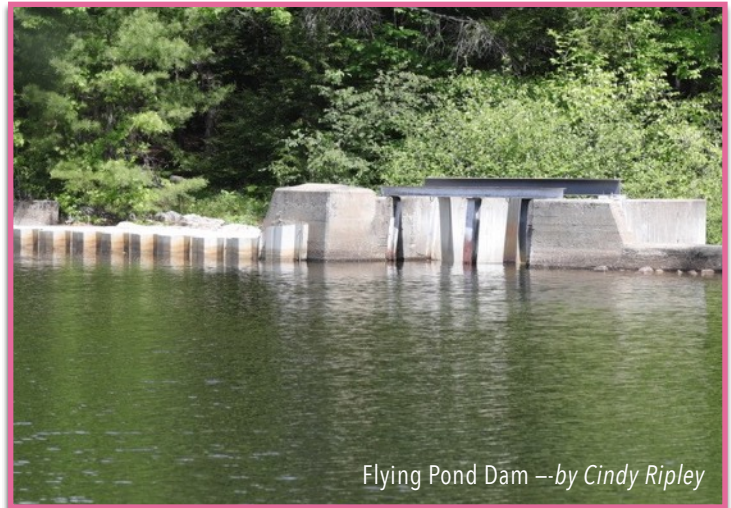


Annual FPIA Meeting Link: us06web.zoom.us/j/88096312509?pwd=aTRvNGJ3UzRmQjVRMXVNaRIU1hGQT09

Flying Pond Dam Report

Over the past several years in an effort to reduce the level anxiety with our membership I have been very clear on the fact that the dam is in very good condition and there isn't any reason to worry about the impending failure of our dam. That was all true and is still true today. However; that does not mean that we do not need to continue building our reserve fund to provide money for future maintenance and repairs. Our dam is 70 years old with any structure 70 years old it requires maintenance and account currently has of the money that would be required to replace the dam, a balance of approximately \$25,000. This is less than 5% if it ever needs to be replaced. Unless somebody makes a large bequest, we will never have enough money to replace the dam. What we can do, is to continue building our dam account so we have money to fund maintenance and any

By — *Dean Sciaraffa, FPIA board member & dam expert*



Flying Pond Dam --by Cindy Ripley

emergency repairs that may be needed. Please consider making a dedicated donation to the dam reserve fund at the time you pay your dues each year. Thank you

The FPIA Dam Dock to Dock

FPIA is organizing a fund raising event for the dam in an effort to continue building the reserve account solely for the purpose of maintenance and repair. 'The Dam Dock to Dock' will be a paddling activity on Flying Pond held on July 23. Paddling participants will meet at a designated site at 10AM then launch as a group visiting

the various 'sponsored' and 'themed' docks. There will be activities and/or refreshments at each sponsored dock.

If you are interested in participating as a paddler or as a sponsored dock, watch for more detailed information coming out in the next week. Any questions? Feel free to email Diane Araps at diane@artillusstudio.com.

Henry Lake Cottage —*continued*

show. As luck would have it, Chase was there and they were able to meet him. Chase was happy to discuss the Henrys new acquisition and plans to renovate the camp. Seizing the moment, Pete and Michelle asked if Maine Cabin Masters might be willing to take on the project. Chase suggested they fill out an application on the MCM website, not knowing Michelle had already submitted one. A few months later, Chase called and offered an opportunity for Pete and Michelle to pre-screen and audition the camp with one of the show's producers. Two weeks later, they were notified the camp was accepted and the process began for MCM to start the renovation.

That autumn, Pete walked the property with Chase and had discussions regarding lake views, wide pine floors and adding two bedrooms. For the overall theme, colors, and specific elements, Michelle shared Pinterest boards with MCM creative guru, Ashley. After gathering criteria and utilizing the bunk house and screened porch as inspiration, the 'lake cottage' theme was established. The Henrys handed over their keys and just as the thick ice moved in on the pond so did MCM and thus began twelve weeks of a wintery renovation.

While the demolition and reconstruction took place on Demariano Road, the Henrys planned some finishing touches. Both Pete and Michelle are very fond of paintings by local artist, Alan Claude. They visited his studio in Gardiner and chose a few perfect pieces to pull the lake cottage theme together. Ashley added another accent to the theme with a fused glasswork by local artisan Jodi Jaramillo of Hallowell.

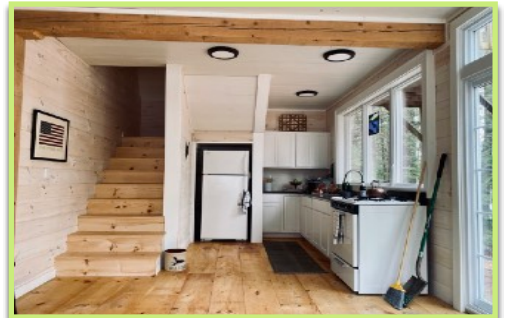
As April rolled around, the Henrys were invited back to Mount Vernon for the MCM reveal. The camp exterior was sheathed in eastern white pine and large new windows, trimmed in white, were installed. As they entered what was once unlivable garage space, they toured a beautiful new open kitchen-living space with whitewashed pine walls, a new master bedroom and a first-floor bathroom/laundry. Interior stairs were added to access the second floor where two cozy guest rooms and another bathroom reside. Michelle recalls, "The reveal felt like something out of a fairytale." Pete added, "We were blown away by the transformation." The Henrys were handed the keys to their newly renovated lake cottage serendipitously timed with ice-out on the pond.

When asked about working with MCM, Michelle stated, "Chase is so easy to work with, he says, 'Yeah, yeah, yeah, we can do that!', the word 'no' does not seem to be in his vocabulary." Pete remarked, "The entire process was very efficient and a super pleasurable experience." The Henrys agreed that Chase, Ashley and Ryan were "extremely hospitable, real and genuine" and "when we were with them, we felt like our camp was their only project... we were so appreciative of the entire MCM crew for the wonderful and creative work they did." Pete and Michelle visit The Woodshed at the Kennebec Cabin Company on occasion for food, drinks and music and have enjoyed encounters with Jedi, Brad and Rodney who fondly remember working on the garage renovation.

Pete and Michelle have two daughters and two grandchildren, as well as extended family and friends, all of whom are very excited to visit the 'Henry Lake Cottage' this summer. The Henrys relayed to me, "We can't wait to get back to the lake and DeMariano Road where we've met so many new friends and neighbors." Cheers to another great summer on Flying Pond!



Kitchen - BEFORE



Kitchen - AFTER



Family Room - Before



Family Room - AFTER

Many thanks to Pete and Michelle Henry for sharing their story and photos

Resources For Healthy Lands & Lakes — A Five Part Series

Kennebec Land Trust, 30 Mile River, 7 Lakes Alliance, Maine Lakes and Lake Stewards of Maine

Maine Lakes Part Four —feature by Nancy Hemphill

Maine Lakes is a nonprofit organization that brings together more than 130 lake associations (including FPIA) to provide action, education and advocacy to protect lakes and watersheds. Its flagship program, LakeSmart, uses education and positive reinforcement to help landowners take action to reduce negative impacts on Maine waters. They partner with lake associations like ours to provide training for volunteers and to help with evaluations and recommendations.

Maine Lakes is also engaged in the Loon Productivity Project to help restore the population of Maine's iconic birds. They also offer seminars (in person and electronically) on a wide variety of topics about waters and wildlife. They also run programs aimed at middle and high school students to engage them in learning about lakes and how to be good stewards of them. To learn more about Maine Lakes visit: lakes.me.



Summer Season Is In Full Swing At 30 Mile —by Lidie Robbins

Our Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is back for 2022!

Did you know that soil pollution is the #1 cause of declining water quality in Maine lakes? This is because the soil surrounding our lakes naturally contains phosphorus, the nutrient that most influences the growth of algae in lake ecosystems. Even small increases in phosphorus can cause substantial algal growth, hindering water quality as well as the economic, recreational, and aesthetic value of our lakes.

If you have erosion issues on your property that could be adding soil and phosphorous to the lake, our YCC is here to help! To decrease erosion, our YCC can implement a variety of management practices including rain gardens & buffer plantings, water diverters, infiltration steps & trenches, stable pathways, and more. YCC is a low-cost option for landowners, as we provide cost-sharing. Our experienced staff provide guidance along the way. All work is strictly cooperative with landowners. Learn more and request a free site visit at 30mileriver.org/youth-conservation-corps/.

Courtesy Boat Inspections kicked off on Memorial Day weekend. Last year, four Flying Pond volunteers had a big impact helping our paid staff. We need more people to join our team to keep harmful invasive species out of the lake. If interested, please contact our CBI Coordinator, Fran Chin, at frank@30mileriver.org.

Water Quality Monitoring has resumed. For the 2nd season on Flying Pond, our staff and volunteers will be on the water every two weeks, collecting data to track the health of the lake. If you missed our 2021 water quality report or would like to see this season's near-live data, visit 30mileriver.org/flying-pond/.

The 13th Annual Paddle Trek is on July 30th. Paddlers are invited to join us for all or part of our annual paddle from Mount Vernon Village to Wayne Village, traveling through many of the lakes and streams that form the "30 Mile River." Join us in Mount Vernon or North Wayne, for a few miles, or the whole 15-mile trip. For more information and to register, visit 30mileriver.org/paddle-trek. Sign up for 30 Mile's monthly email newsletter at 30mileriver.org/.

LakeSmart News For Summer 2022! —feature by Cindy Ripley

Happy Summer!! We are happy to announce that LakeSmart on Flying Pond will continue this year. We are excited to have three new people on our team. Bob I'Anson, Sharon I'Anson, and John Zacker, have volunteered to become evaluators! Thanks, of course, to Diane Araps and Steve Trehu for their continued service as LakeSmart evaluators.

LakeSmart volunteers help you identify simple steps to prevent erosion which will keep phosphorus and other nutrients from reaching the pond. Collectively, we can all play a part protecting our water quality and wildlife in and around the pond. If you have not had a visit, please consider it this summer. Thank you for being good stewards of Flying Pond!

Visit: lakes.me/lakesmart. Need more information? Send questions to flyingpond@gmail.com.



LakeSmart scheduling is open now. Email flyingpond@gmail.com to schedule your visit.

Flying Pond Fishing Report — by Jason Seiders, Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Our Fisheries staff just finished up our spring smelt run assessments and Flying Pond remains one of our best waters in the region. The tremendous smelt population creates the forage base that allows us to have such a great salmon and brown trout fishery. We've recently made a change to all of our brown trout programs, statewide. We stock a different genetic strain of brown trout and we're seeing awesome results around our region. I would expect to see some serious trophy-size brown trout come from Flying Pond! If you catch a large brown trout from Flying Pond we'd love to hear about it, and definitely send along a photo or two. This new genetic strain of brown trout can look very similar to a landlocked salmon, so please let us know if you're having difficulty identifying your fish.

In addition to great water quality, one of the keys to Flying Pond's awesome sport fishery is having very few invasive fishes. One notable fish that's absent from Flying Pond is white perch. Our best trout and salmon fisheries have either very few white perch or none at all. Flying Pond is one of just a handful of waters that lack white perch and it's one of the reasons that the smelt population can flourish. White perch are native to Maine, but they've been introduced into hundreds of additional waters through the years. Invasive fishes cause irreparable damage to our ecosystems, and once they're introduced it's nearly impossible to get rid of them. If you have any fish-related questions please let us know – we're happy to help! For information visit maine.gov/ifw/ or call (207) 287-5314.



First Catch of the Season!— Gary Cortelyou

The Buoys Are Back The buoys are important reminders for boaters to slow down, both to protect the shoreline from erosion and to make areas safer for swimmers. They also help protect other boaters and the loons on the pond. Sincere thanks to Randy Oakley for graciously storing the buoys in his garage over the winter! Appreciation goes to both Chad Dwelley and Randy Oakley for placing the buoys again this spring!

FPIA - Island Update

FPIA is taking action to restore several Flying Pond islands that are in rough shape from overuse. The three, state-owned islands are: "Boy Scout" or "White Rock" Island (the one with the rock ledge and lots of goose poop); the island closest to "Big Island"; and the island known as "Diving Rock". On each island, campers have cut down trees, trampled shrubs, built fires, and left trash (including human waste.) As a result, soil runoff and other contaminants are polluting the water.

Signs will be posted that will include guidelines for appropriate daytime use only, meaning no campfires and no camping. Whitney Baker and Lidie Robbins of 30 MRWA will assess the condition of the islands in late May and will present FPIA with remediation and cost estimates. Possible actions include: spreading erosion control mulch (ECM); planting native plants; and protecting existing vegetation. The Youth Conservation Corps, along with volunteers, may help do the work. More information will be presented and taken to vote at the upcoming FPIA Annual Meeting.

Got Geese? —by *Cindy Ripley*

Many of us do, but we'd rather they move on and away from our shores. Interested in how to get geese to move on? Read on!

If you are having a hard time keeping geese away from your shorefront, a vegetated buffer (see resources below) might be just what you're looking for! The added "bonus" is that it's also great for the pond and recommended as a "LakeSmart" best practice!

One of the most effective ways to eliminate geese is to maintain a vegetated buffer that is at least waist high. Geese need a clear line of sight to the water, without barriers. Grass is a preferred food for geese, so lawns near the water are an invitation to a banquet on your property. Replacing some or all of your lawn with native vegetation/shrubs will not only help prevent erosion into the pond (grass roots are too shallow), but will also encourage geese to move on in search of food. You will also have less maintenance on those hot summer mowing days!

Geese molt each summer and cannot fly for about 2 weeks. During this time, they will not stay where they cannot see or easily access the water. Maintaining vegetated buffers encourages geese to relocate! "Lakes Like Less Lawn" remains true... maybe we should add "and it discourages hungry geese"!



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Check Out The 4th Edition Lake Book

The 4th edition of *The Lake Book, A Handbook for Lake Protection* was recently published by Maine Lakes with help from many contributors and collaborators that helped provide feedback on content and acquire funding. These organizations include Lake Environmental Association, Lake Stewards of Maine, 30 Mile River Watershed Association, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

"This edition is jam-packed with helpful information for all who use, visit, and live on or near Maine's lakes and ponds. Lake science, lake wildlife, native plants, best management practices for erosion control, and a great list of actions you can take to improve your lake are included in this 64-page edition."

Copies are available for purchase, or you can download or view it online at no cost. We will be receiving copies for Flying Pond LakeSmart participants, but everyone can access it online or purchase a copy now by going to this link: yumpu.com/en/document/read/66790528/the-lake-book. The link to the book, flip book and download are also available on FPIA web site.

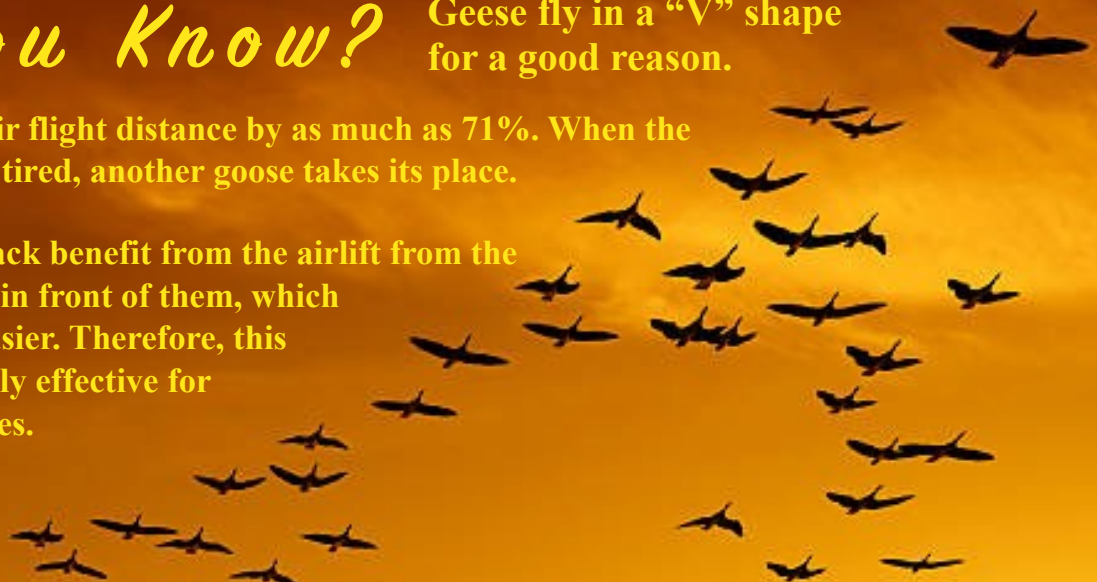


Did You Know?

Geese fly in a "V" shape for a good reason.

It can increase their flight distance by as much as 71%. When the goose in front gets tired, another goose takes its place.

The geese in the back benefit from the airlift from the wings of the goose in front of them, which makes the work easier. Therefore, this method is incredibly effective for flying long distances.



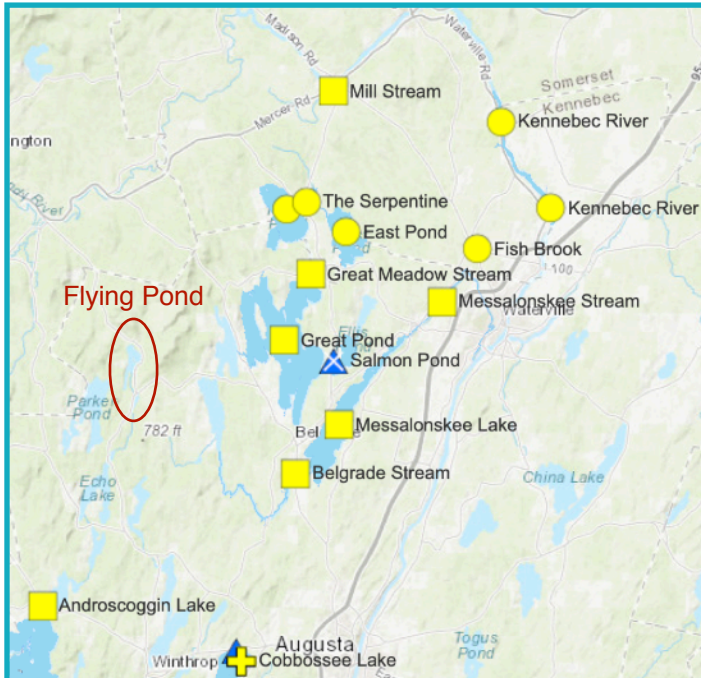
News From Flying Pond's Invasive Plant Patrol *Report by —Deb Roe*

An Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) sounds formidable, but it is Lake Steward of Maine's name for groups of individuals who get out on Maine lakes, looking for invasive species. Here on Flying Pond, we have had an organized group since 2010. Thank you to Marcia Clark & Peter Goffin who started everything! For the past 5 years, we have been able to survey the entire lake rather than concentrating solely on high risk areas such as boat launches. That said, that does not mean we have surveyed every inch of the lake. With Flying Pond comprising 403 acres, that is not possible. Instead, we break the lake into sectors, with each volunteer visually scanning as much of the shoreline in that region as possible, extending out to a depth at which the bottom is no longer visible. In some parts of the lake where it is shallow, that extends far out from shore. In other areas, there is a quick drop off in depth. Surveys are done from some sort of watercraft – canoe, kayak, paddleboard, or motorized boat but can also be done while snorkeling or scuba diving.

The Flying Pond Improvement Association has purchased viewing trunks to help see under the water as well as other equipment needed.

What motivates the 15 people who surveyed Flying Pond last year? Certainly, a love of Flying Pond and a desire to rule out invasives such as was found recently on Androscoggin. Each of us realize that should we ever be unfortunate enough to find an invasive plant in Flying Pond, our ability to combat it will be greatly enhanced if the infestation is caught early. Besides this altruistic motivation, it is always a good day when we are out on the water, discovering new native plants, watching fish & turtle swim by, and interacting with property owners while surveying their shoreline. Please consider joining our team! We have a spot for you, even if it is just your own shoreline! For more information, contact Debbie Roe at (207) 293-4220 or lendebroe@gmail.com.

Maine DEP Invasive Aquatic Plant Map —Displays Flying Pond's Neighbors



As you can see from this map, there are many lakes close by that have a variety of invasive aquatic plants. Remember that the most important thing that you can do to protect our lake is to make sure that you follow these important steps if you are bringing a boat to Flying Pond or to any other body of water:

- CLEAN off any mud, plants, and animals from your boat, trailer, motor and other equipment. Discard removed material in a trash receptacle or on high, dry ground where there is no danger of them washing into Flying Pond.
- DRAIN all water from boat, boat engine, and other equipment away from the Flying Pond.
- DRY anything that comes into contact with the water. Drying boat, trailer and equipment in the sun for at least five days is recommended when rinsing your boat, trailer parts and other equipment with hot, high pressure water is not an option.

THE FLYING POND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION is looking for someone who would be interested in coordinating the invasive plant patrol team. The job could also be split between two or more individuals, based on interests. For more information about what is entailed or how you can get involved, please contact Debbie Roe at 207-293-4220 or lendebroe@gmail.com

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FLYING POND SUMMER SKY WATCH

Lights Off, Heads Up & Binoculars out! — by Diane Araps

There will be an abundance of amazing celestial activity to gaze upon this summer! So at nightfall turn off the porch lights, head outdoors and look skyward toward Flying Pond's own sensational planetarium! Here are just a few of events for summer 2022.

July 28, 29 - Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower - The Delta Aquarids is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by comets Marsden and Kracht. The shower runs annually from July 12 to August 23. It peaks this year on the night of July 28 and morning of July 29. This is a great year for this shower because the new moon means dark skies for what should be excellent viewing. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Aquarius, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

August 12, 13 - Perseids Meteor Shower - The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862. The Perseids are famous for producing a large number of bright meteors. The shower runs annually from July 17 to August 24. It peaks this year on the night of August 12 and the morning of August 13. Unfortunately the nearly full moon this year will block out all but the brightest meteors, but the Perseids are so bright and numerous that it could still be a decent show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Perseus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

August 14 - Saturn at Opposition The ringed planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view and photograph Saturn and its moons. A medium-sized or larger telescope will allow you to see Saturn's rings and a few of its brightest moons.

Sep 23: September Equinox is the autumnal (fall) equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, and is considered as the first day of fall.

Sep 26: Jupiter at Opposition ensues when this gas giant lies opposite the Sun in the sky, and will be adorning our sky all night long.

Oct 8: Mercury at Greatest Elongation West This might be a good time to try and spot Mercury: the planet appears at its farthest distance from the Sun in the morning sky.

Oct 8/9: Draconid Meteor Shower is generally best to view just after nightfall. The meteor spray appears to radiate from the constellation Draco. Its head is a trapezoid made up of four stars, Beta, Gamma, Nu and Xi Draconis located just north of Hercules. From there, the dragon's body undulates its way through the sky, landing between the Big Dipper and Little Dipper. On peak nights this proves to be a good shower, however this summer 'there's a bad moon on the rise' and will dominate the sky.

Sept 26-Nov 22: Orionid Meteor Shower is best seen on Oct 21 and 22 after midnight prior to dawn as Orion rises highest in the sky around 2AM. This shower duration is from September 26 through November 22.



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2022 Summer/Autumn Full & New Moons

Full Moons - The super moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual. **June 14:** Strawberry Super Moon, **July 13:** Buck Super Moon, **August 11:** Sturgeon Super Moon, **September 10:** Harvest Moon, **October 9:** Hunter's Moon, **November 8:** Beaver Moon

New Moons - The new moon is always a terrific time to view the night sky. Faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters are easier to see as our moon will not interfere. So download a sky app, grab the opportunity and see what you can find! New moons occur on **June 29, July 28, August 27, September 25, October 25, and November 23.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AROUND THE POND

Enjoy fun activities around town and support your local community... here's what's happening this summer!

July 2: Extra-Special Saturday Cafe will take place at the Mt. Vernon Community Center, 9AM to 11AM. Come for yummy food prepared by chef Tom Ward and his merry band of volunteers and stay for good conversation with your neighbors and friends. All proceeds will benefit the 30 Mile River Watershed Association.

July 4: Annual FP Boat Parade is on, weather permitting! Motor over to the east side of Big Island around 10:45AM. Dockside spectators feel free to show off your red, white and blue spirit as well!



July 9: FPIA Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held at Mt. Vernon Community Center at 2PM and will also be available to attend electronically. Consider attending for information on our dam, pond health, finances, and more. You may join or renew your membership at the meeting. Light refreshments will be served. More info will be provided by email.

July 16: Summer Arts & Crafts Fair takes place on the Minnehonk Town Beach. If you would like to be a vendor, contact Leslie Grenier at lwg929@gmail.com.

4th Annual Flying Man & Flying Half is tentatively planned on Flying Pond for mid-July. Adults and children of all ages are welcome to join in on the fun. Two triathlons to choose from are:

- 'Flying Man' — 3/4 mile swim, 4 mile bike ride and 1 mile run.
- 'Flying Half' — 1/4 mile swim, 1 mile bike ride and 1 mile run.

Interested in competing or cheering for the participants? Contact Whitney Hetzel: whitney.hetzel@gmail.com.

July 23: The Dam Dock To Dock to benefit the Flying Pond Dam Fund will begin at 10:00AM. (Registration in advance for same day t-shirt) Follow Facebook and watch FPIA emails. For more information contact: Diane Araps at diane@artillusstudio.com.



July 30: The Paddle Trek to benefit 30 Mile Watershed launches from the Town Beach. Registration is now open at 30mileriver.org/paddle-trek

July 31: Vienna Fire Department Chicken BBQ is scheduled on Sunday, 11AM to 1:30PM. Come enjoy great food and support our local heroes.

August 14: Mount Vernon 5K Loon Lap will take you for a run or walk around scenic Minnehonk Lake and Hopkins Pond. Registration begins at the Town Beach at 9AM. Proceeds will go to the Mt. Vernon Community Partnership. For more information visit facebook.com/mtvloonlap.

Throughout the summer:

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library offers fun and educational programming throughout the year. Check their sign board for current activities.

The Mt. Vernon Community Center often hosts: Mens' Breakfasts (Tuesdays at 7 AM); Saturday morning cafes; Play Groups for kids up to 5, with parents (Tuesdays 9 AM to 11) and other events of interest to the community. Check its FaceBook page or notice board to keep up to date.

Vienna Union Hall Performances has a full lineup of music, dance and theatre performances on the calendar. For more information, visit viennaunionhall.org.

Flying Pond Photo Gallery



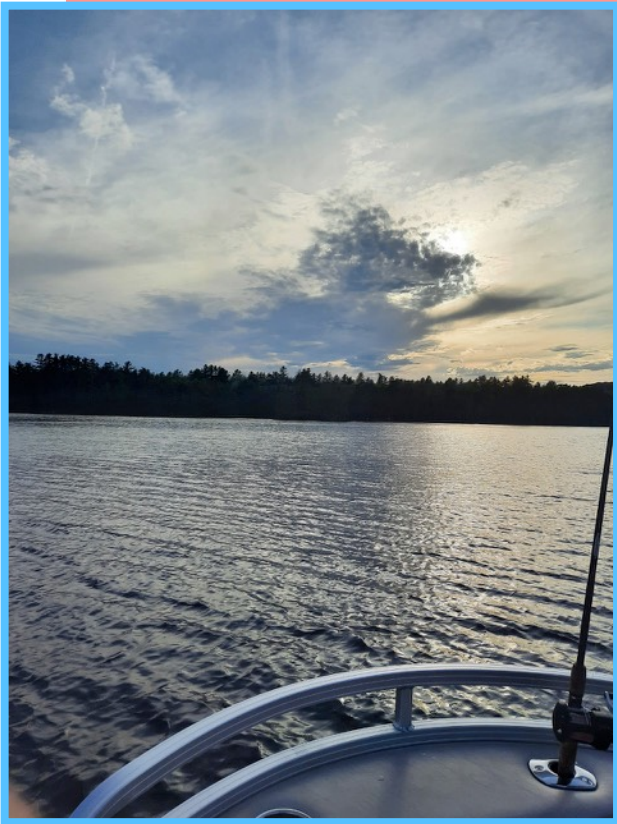
Man's Best Friend – Dawn Wiley



Dock In! – Nancy Turner

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“Off The Bow”
—Linda Rungi

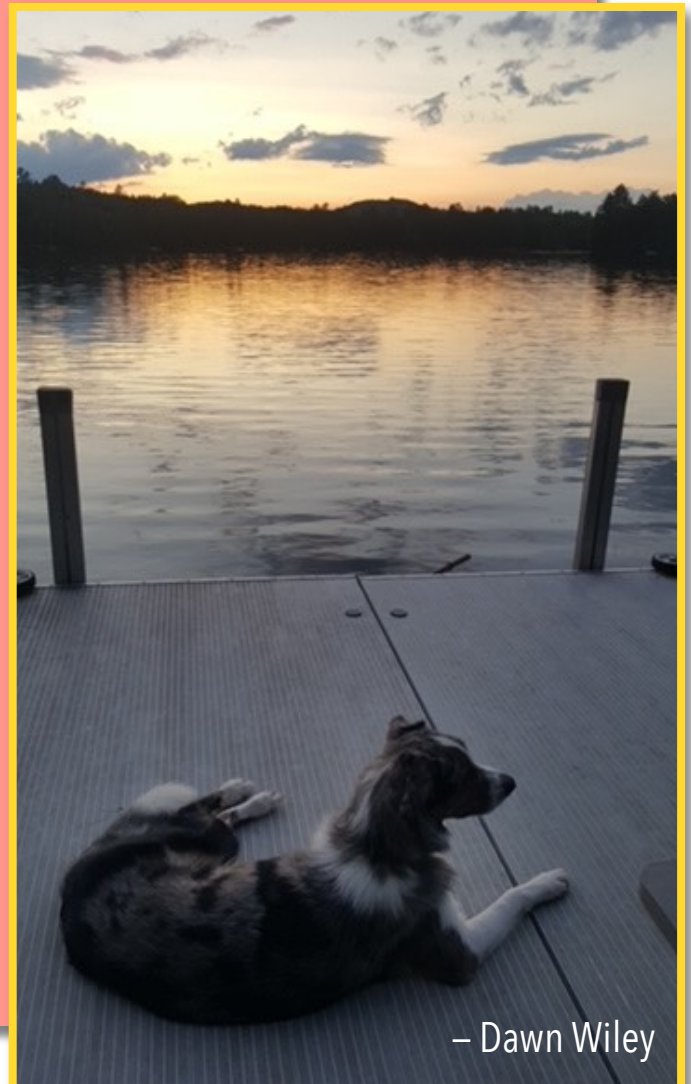


—Linda Rungi

“Chester Loves
A Good Sunset”
— Dawn Wiley



— Deb Roe



— Dawn Wiley

Flying Pond Photo Gallery



'One Last Little Piece Of Ice' –Jon Hayes



'Spring Sight From Klir Beck Road' –Lidie Robbins

'We here on Flying Pond are cheering at the sight of a dragonfly hatching from its exoskeleton! The black flies have been ferocious, and the dragonflies eat those nasty little biters.'

—Wendy Oakley



'Best In Black Fly Defense' –Wendy Oakley