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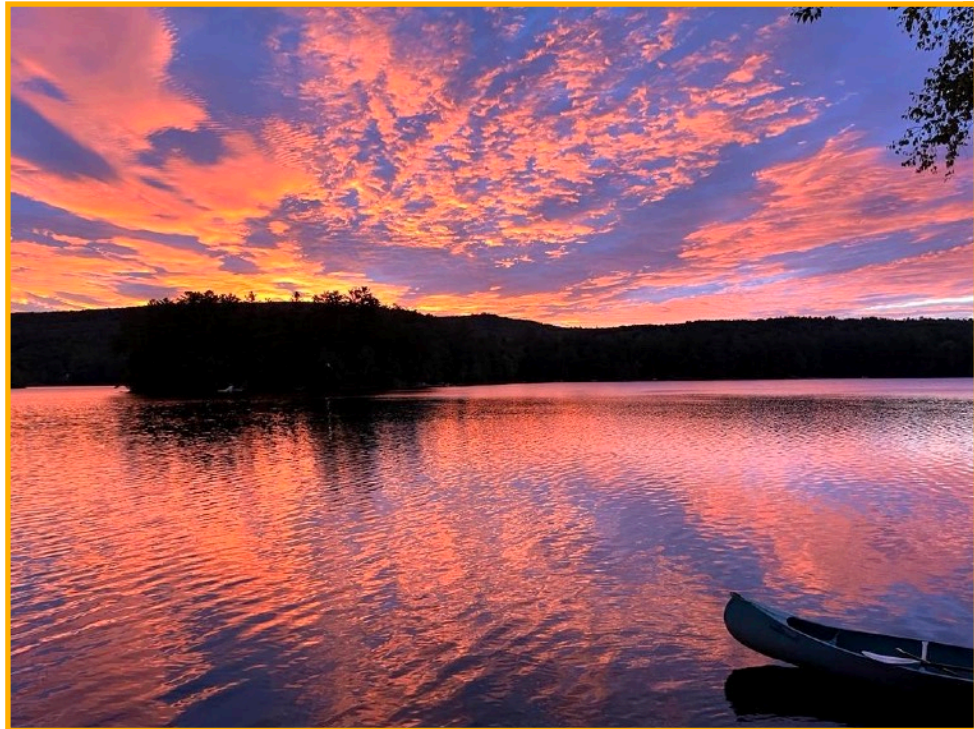
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'Flying Pond Dawns A New Day'
—cover photo by Alexandra Singh

Flying Pond's Wings Are Migrating Home!

— Feature Story by *Len Roe* —

Do you remember the unique and beautiful Flying Pond sign that used to reside at the public landing many, many years ago? Perhaps you saw it in the Flying Pond Variety, or on postcards they used to sell there. The history of the sign is a little murky, but you may be able to help us clarify this! All clues indicate that Klir Beck most likely designed and hand crafted the sign around 1959-1961. Yes, this is the same Klir Beck that the road is named after and who served as the Director and Curator of the Maine State Museum.

Unfortunately, over time, the sign was vandalized and even stolen. Thankfully, it was recovered and resumed its place at the public landing site. It was rebuilt, repaired or refinished by Bill Nurse, Ray Lemious, and Clyde Waugh, among others. After standing for some twenty-five years, the sign was removed in the late eighties for safekeeping and was



Len Roe sporting wing spans —Photo by Alexandra Singh

brought out once a year for the Flying Pond Improvement Association meetings. Eventually, the sign was moved to the Flying Pond Variety where it was displayed over a soda cooler. This past summer, several people began exploring a way to return the sign to its former glory and original location. Matt Dunn, owner of the Flying Pond Variety, graciously agreed to have the sign taken down for restoration and relocation.

It is unclear whether there have been multiple signs over the years or — cont pg 4

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from Flying Pond

My tagline should probably say, “Greetings from near Flying Pond” as I live just down the street. Living here in Mount Vernon year-round, I tend to be lax about shutting down camp for the winter. We had a super warm fall here in Maine this year. It’s been a wet one too. While this may be wholly unappreciated by our members reading from arid or drought-stricken areas of the country, here in Mount Vernon there is no drought. I finally drained the pipes this past weekend (Nov 13th) and noticed that the pond is as high as I have ever seen it in the fall. As you’ll see in Dean Sciaraffa’s note, we pulled the “board” from the dam a month ago as we always do in the fall. This helps reduce potential erosion as the ice scrapes on the shoreline. The dam is still looking good, by the way.

On a different note, we’d love to get some feedback on the time of this past July meeting. We held that meeting at 2 PM instead of 6:30 PM in the hopes that it might be easier for folks who have company and dinner plans. Frankly, the turnout both in person and online was underwhelming. I’d like to think that you have such confidence in our awesome board of directors you felt you could skip last summer’s meeting. But we really would prefer a large turnout as the subjects of invasive plants and overall water quality seem to be serious issues in our area. Please share your thoughts with board

members on that. Our little pond has excellent water quality and no invasives – YET. But look no further than the end of the “30-mile river” at Androscoggin Lake where they have both algae issues and invasive plants: <https://30mileriver.org/the-continued-fight-against-milfoil-on-androscoggin-lake> Some of “the Belgrades” are struggling with similar issues.

On behalf of our all-volunteer board of directors, I want to thank you for your annual dues and additional donations. Our books are in good order, and we have a very engaged board. We have board representation from all corners of the pond. If you are a new FPIA member or owner, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us with any concerns or suggestions that you may have. Flying Pond Improvement Association is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. Gifts to FPIA are tax-deductible to the full extent of IRS regulations. Donations can be made at the FPIA website here: <https://fpia.weebly.com/> So, thank you board members, and thank you all FPIA members. And may this holiday season be filled with laughter, joy, and peace.

Paul Crockett
— FPIA Board President



THE DAM NEWS

The recent heavy rain has highlighted the “water in, water out” nature of our Maine lakes. The first heavy rain on Friday, October 21 was mostly soaked up by the dry ground. The lake did come up to the top of the dam, which about 18” higher than the normal lake level. Paul and I did remove the top board on Saturday, which doesn’t have much of an immediate effect but does help the water drop more quickly. The second rain came on Monday and the water had no place to go except down Vienna Mountain and into the lake. I wasn’t around the lake that week so I have no idea how high the lake level reached. I did see all the emails about boats, kayaks and docks floating around the lake. The best indicator we can use to predict the lake level in Flying Pond is the Mill Pond Dam in Vienna. If we have a heavy rain and you are worried about your waterfront equipment, take a ride to Vienna and check out the Mill Pond Dam. If the water is going over the top of that dam it is a sure bet the level in Flying Pond is going to rise. So go home and secure your equipment. — Dean Sciaraffa



‘Sail Buddies’ –by Nancy Turner

FPIA PROJECTS 22-23 AND NEW TO THE BOARD

Working with 30 Mile River Watershed Association, FPIA is in the process of environmental assessment of three islands on Flying Pond. One of the islands, Boy Scout island, has been assessed. For the assessment and suggestions see page 8.

Flying Pond's iconic winged sign has recently undergone restoration and there are plans to construct sign posts and install it in time for the 2023 summer season. See cover story.

The Dam Dock To Dock launched this summer with all

proceeds going to the dam fund for the sole purpose of maintenance and repair. See page ?

Wendy Oakley joined the FPIA Board as Secretary! FPIA lends a warm welcome to Wendy, and we look forward to her contributions to the team!

This was Nancy Hemphill's last year on the FPIA Board. Along with serving as Secretary, Nancy has been instrumental in many of the FPIA projects over the years. We would like to extend our gratitude for her many years of creative ideas and service! —*Diane Araps*

COURTESY BOAT INSPECTION

Successful Season Keeping Out Invaders

Our critical first line of defense against harmful invasive species getting into the lake is a strong Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program. From Memorial Day weekend through the end of September, 30 Mile's Courtesy Boat Inspection staff, along with Flying Pond volunteers, conducted 330 inspections at Flying Pond's public boat launch - 385 hours of inspections in all. Thanks to four dedicated volunteers - Todd Hemphill, Bill Murphy, Wendy Oakley and Bob Thompson - we were able to add 96 hours of coverage to our paid staff time. Although it is rare for our inspectors to find an invasive species on a boat or trailer (none were found this season on any of our lakes), all it takes is one fragment to start an infestation that would could ruin a lake, and we never know when that will be - so every hour makes a difference! —*Whitney Baker 30MRWA*



CBI staff member Moriah Reush

INVASIVE PLANT PATROL

Once again, Flying Pond was fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers willing to survey the lake for invasive aquatic plants. We are happy to announce that no invasive species were found! This important work was done by 19 people who spent 65.75 hours on the water and another 55.5 hours off the water on related activities, for a total of 121.25 hours. Debbie Roe is stepping down as the coordinator of the survey, with John Zacker taking over this role next year. —*Deb Roe*
Thank you to the following for all of your work!

Meryl Araps Nancy Brooks Marsha Clark
Jon Groetzinger Nancy Hemphill Cindy Murphy
Cindy Ripley Debbie Roe Bill Steinour

Darlene Fontaine Paul Fontaine Peter Goffin
Bill Murphy Alice Olson Alene Onion Pat Onion
Pat Thompson Mary Viruleg John Zacker



'Dramatic Sky' -by Nancy Turner

BUOYS

Randy Oakley and I used Randy's pontoon boat to pull the "No Wake" buoys on September 27. Unfortunately, out of the 10 that we put out this past spring, only 7 survived. We are aware of one breaking and floating off to the nearest shoreline, but are unsure what happened to the other two. We would like to encourage anyone on the lake who notices any issues with the buoys (i.e. listing/sitting low in the water, missing, broken, vandalized, etc.) to please report it to someone on the FPIA board. We will need to purchase replacements from the DOT again this year. I was able to get some used ones at a discount last year so hopefully the same deal will be available to us. The remaining buoys will be stored at the Oakley's until around Memorial Day when we put them back out. —*Chad Dwelley*

FLYING POND'S WINGS ARE MIGRATING HOME! *continued*



Removing the sign—photo by Nancy Hemphill



Loading the wings—photo by Nancy Hemphill



Marion Roe, early 1960s —photo curtesy of David Gifford

if instead the sign was modified. Pictures of the sign over several decades show differences. In one photo, the sign reads only, 'Mt. Vernon' and in another, 'Vienna, Me' appears just beneath 'Mt. Vernon'. In the current version of the sign, there is an ampersand (&) between the line denoting Mt. Vernon and Vienna. Were there three separate signs, or one sign that has been modified over time? Additionally, evidence suggests that the sign may have been revised by different people as the shape and height of the wings and letters are inconsistent.

The project has been a collaboration of many people. John Zacker, Todd Hemphill and I retrieved the sign from the variety store on August 24. With its eight-foot wingspan, it exceeded the length of my pickup truck bed, but it made it back to my garage workshop safely. By studying old pictures, I was able to recreate the sign close to its previous likeness. Lower portions of the wings had been broken off, so I hand-carved and affixed new tail feather sections to match the original version. The sign/wings were badly cracked in several places which required filling and sanding. Finally, the entire piece was cleaned, primed and painted. The town of Vienna donated some leftover paint from the town sign refurbished in 2021. All in all, it took me about a month to restore it.

Currently, the winged sign is hibernating for the winter, awaiting spring when Dean Sciaraffa and volunteers will restore it to its rightful place – back at the public boat launch. Whether you remember this aspect of Flying Pond history or will just appreciate this piece of art, this will be something to look forward to!



1968 —photo curtesy of Debbie Byrnes

FPIA extends sincere thanks to all who are helping with the Flying Pond sign refurbish! If you have additional history or photos of the Flying Pond winged sign please send to diane@artillusstudio.com and we will include in a follow-up article when the sign is mounted at the public landing!

WATER QUALITY UPDATE —by Whitney Baker 30 MRWA



In 2022, 30 Mile’s water quality monitoring staff, with help from FPIA volunteers, collected data on 10 dates between May and September. Parameters collected include Secchi disk transparency (SDT), dissolved oxygen (DO), temperature, phosphorus, chlorophyll-A, and chemistry parameters (pH, Alkalinity, Color, and Conductivity). Below is a summary of Secchi and DO data collected in 2022; we are still awaiting lab results for collected water samples. A thorough interpretation of the complete dataset will be included in 30 Mile’s annual water quality report, which is expected in winter 2023.

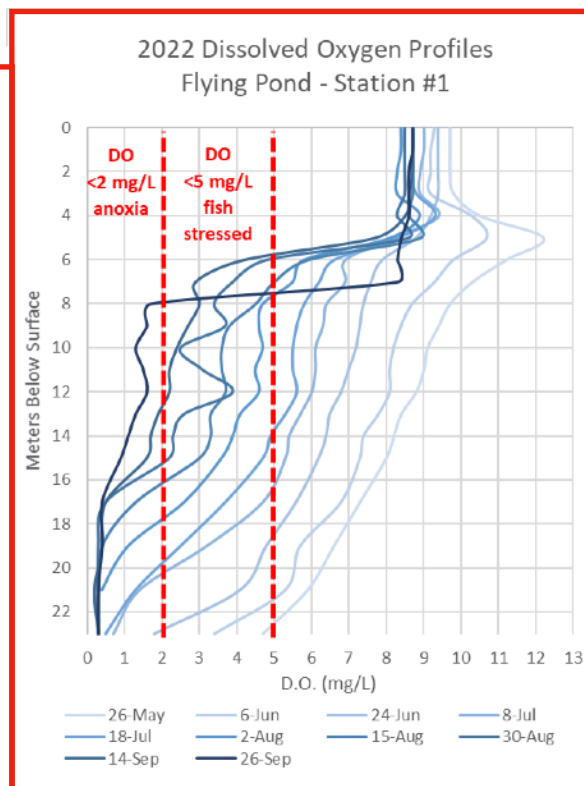
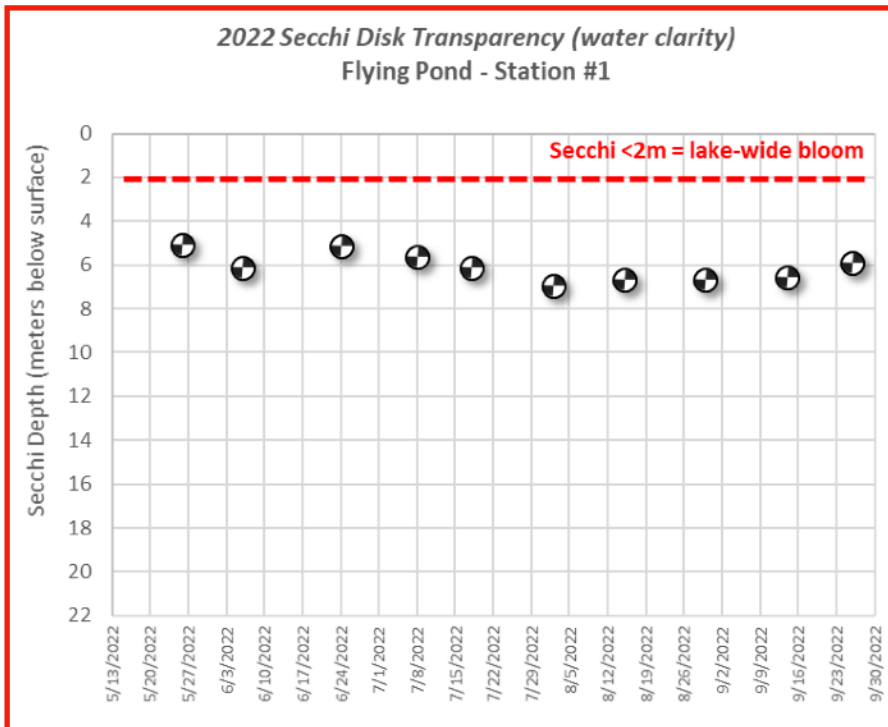
SDT is an indicator of water clarity. To measure this, a black and white disk is lowered into the water and the reading is taken at the depth at which it is no longer visible. Factors that affect SDT include algal growth, zooplankton densities, natural water color, and suspended silt or sediment particles. Daily average water clarity readings in 2022 ranged from 5.10 meters (May 26th) to 6.97 meters (August 2nd) with an annual average of 6.08 meters.

DO is a critical indicator of the health of the lake system. A good supply of oxygen is essential for fish and other

aquatic species, with most fish species requiring a concentration of 5 mg/L or more. As lakes become more biologically productive in the summer, DO can decline as decomposition occurs in deep areas of the lake. DO loss may indicate a stressed and changing ecosystem. Understanding the pattern and extent of DO loss in Flying Pond is important because some lakes can be more vulnerable for internal phosphorus loading.*

10 DO profiles were collected in 2022. Anoxia (DO <2 mg/L) was first encountered in deep waters at a depth of 23 meters in late June and grew to include waters 8 meters and deeper by the end of September.

Near real-time data for Flying Pond’s clarity and DO profiles can be found online at 30mileriver.org/flying-pond, along with a link to the historical dataset, depth maps, and the 2021 annual water quality report.



*Some lakes in Maine may be more vulnerable than others to internal phosphorus loading, a phenomenon that can occur when deep waters become anoxic (DO loss <2 ppm) resulting in phosphorus release from the bottom sediments exposed to anoxic waters.

30 MRWA also hires seasonal Courtesy Boat Inspectors and coordinates the LakeSmart program. FPIA voluntarily contributes \$3,500 annually to 30 Mile and receives services from it worth over \$14,000.

DAM DOCK TO DOCK MAKES A BIG SPLASH! —by Diane Araps



"Fun Times at the Lake" —by Nancy Turner

The inaugural 'Dam Dock to Dock' made a big splash on Saturday, July 23, when 15 enthusiastic paddlers propelled canoes, kayaks, & one paddle board to 9 themed docks in under 2.5 hours! The event was launched to continue building funds solely for the Flying Pond dam maintenance and repair.

The activity began at 10AM at the public boat launch with a swift meet & greet followed by a group paddle to 'Roe-asis' where we received brunch style refreshments. Next up was a brief jaunt to 'Southern Hospitality' where North Carolina served up sweet tea & peanuts. With a slightly longer trek ahead we passed the islands & arrived at 'Camp Cool' where we earned a spray from the hose plus our choice of flavored ice pops. The next two targets brought us to Vienna Shores where we tested our skills at 'Hoops on the Dock' & 'Camp Corn Hole' where we scored yummy chocolates & other treats. Just around the bend our group was split into two teams & our 'Flying Pond Trivia' knowledge was tested. Next, we arrived at a 'Dockside Luau' where we hopped out among the tiki torches, enjoyed tropical drinks, & competed in games for stuffed gift bags! We did not want to leave the party but there were two more docks waiting for us. 'Ghost Town' was next on our map where spirits left us some spooky treats. Our final stop brought us a 'Hawaiian Breeze' where we were adorned with flowered leis & enjoyed icy treats!

A big thank you goes out to Gary and Meg Cortelyou as our emergency boat escorts. Additionally, huge appreciation goes to Katie Dwelley for her investigation & coordination of the 2022 Dam Dock to Dock hats. In addition to raising funds, the event was a fun way to meet folks around the lake. Participants & observers ended up happy & excited about new ways to ramp up the party next year. Stay tuned for information regarding the 2023 Dam Dock To Dock event.



Participants in creative docks, paddling and more:

Alexandra Singh, Andrea Spatig, Audra Knightly, Bill Murphy, CeCe Hetzel, Chad Dwelley, Cindy Murphy, Craig Turner, Deb Roe, Diane Araps, EJ Knightly, Emma Spatig, Gary Cortelyou, Jane Marquart, Jennifer Cunningham, Katie Dwelley, Larry Samowitz, Len Roe, Marsha Clark, Matt Rungi, Meg Cortelyou, Meryl Araps, Michael Araps, Michelle Henry, Mike Frost, Nancy Hemphill, Nancy Turner, Paul Cremo, Pete Henry, Peter Goffin, Rahul Singh, Rebecca Regan, Reagan Dwelley, Sam Barteldt, Sam Hetzel, Samantha Bassett, Steve Araps, Tim Cunningham, Todd Hemphill, & Whitney Hetzel



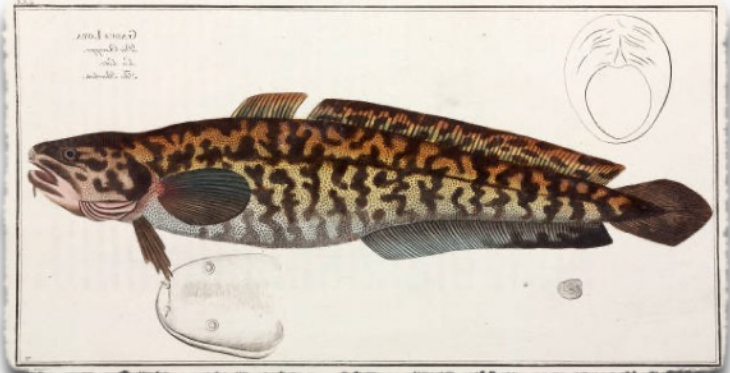
Thank you to all who did not paddle but sent generous donations for the dam cause. If you missed it the first time around, the 2022 books are still open & there is still time to donate. The Flying Pond Dam Dock to Dock hats are still available to purchase until December 31. If you would like to make a donation as a gift we will send you a card with an ink rendering of the dam on the front. For information on how to donate contact diane@artillusstudio.com.

Nancy's photo received 1st Place in 30 MRWA's annual photo contest, in the category of 'Fun Times at the Lake'!

GONE FISHING! FLYING POND FISHING REPORT –by Jason Seiders

Our Fisheries crew spent a limited amount of time on Flying Pond in 2022. Having over 300 lakes and ponds and 4,000 miles of flowing water in our region keeps us hopping around quite a bit, but we always prioritize a brief evaluation of the smelt population in Flying Pond. The smelt population here remains one of our region's best, which is why Flying Pond produces some of the very best fish we see in central Maine. While we weren't on the pond as much as we'd prefer, we still received reports from happy anglers. We heard about some very nice brown trout that folks caught this spring; Flying Pond produces some seriously trophy-sized brown trout!

Flying Pond is just one of a handful (a small handful) of waters in central Maine that supports a population of burbot, known as cusk to most Maine anglers. Burbot are the only freshwater member of the cod family, and many anglers seek them out because they are just as tasty as their saltwater cousins. They're a good indicator of great water quality because they need cold, well-oxygenated water to survive. Burbot in some northern Maine waters achieve sizes of over 10 pounds! A big cusk in central



Fresh Water Cod, The Burbot –Photo credit Getty Images

Maine is about 20 inches long, weighing a couple pounds or so. They prefer habitat near the bottom of the pond and they feed on nearly anything they can get in their mouth. A particular favorite food item is crayfish, but they won't shy away from small fish or insects. Unless you're an angler you're not likely to encounter a cusk because they prefer the deeper portions of the pond, but now you know they make a home in Flying Pond!

Jason Seiders is the Fisheries Resource Supervisor at Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Fisheries Division.



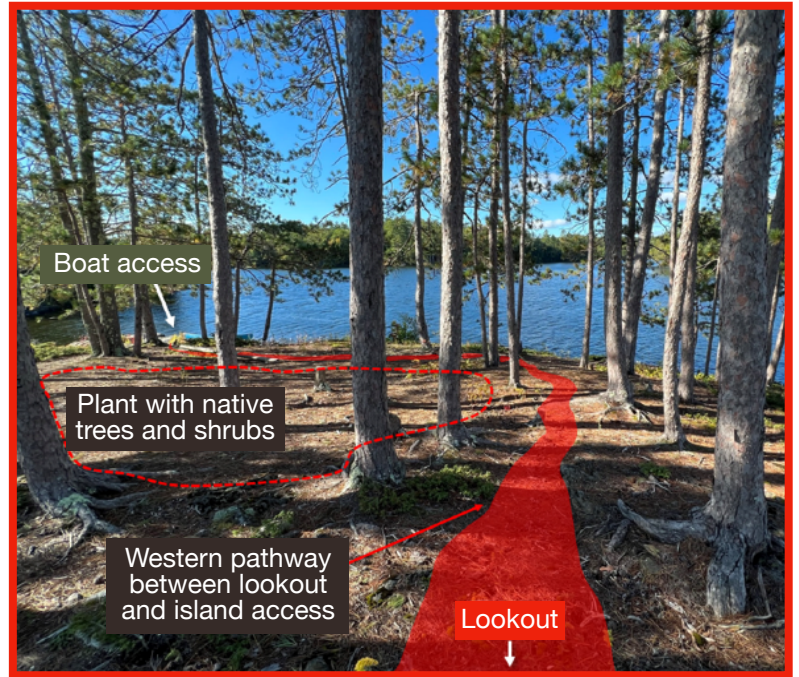
Scalloped edge postcard from the mid 60's –Courtesy of Deb Roe

30 Mile Assessment of Boy Scout Island —by Whitney Baker, 30 MRWA

On 9/29/2022, 30 Mile Program Manager, Whitney Baker, visited Boy Scout Island with Flying Pond resident and FPIA and 30 Mile board member, Cindy Ripley. The goal of the visit was to assess the condition of the island, document any erosion issues, and discuss potential solutions to restore native vegetation and limit impacts by visitors.

Recommendations include delineating walking paths, stabilizing footpaths with erosion control mulch where needed, and planting hardy shrubs and trees to reestablish the shrub and understory layers below the stand of red pine trees existing on the island.

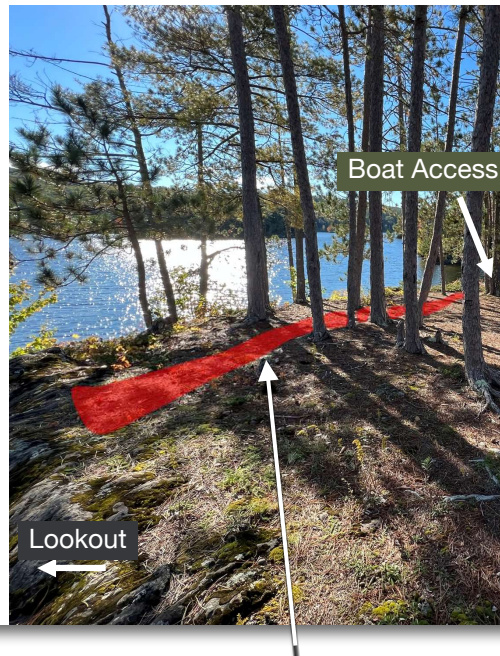
New signage placed on the island, and at the public boat launch, will provide information about this restoration effort and encourage visitors not to remove, cut, or otherwise disturb vegetation, walk only on marked paths, and to adhere to a carry in-carry out policy for all items, trash and other waste.



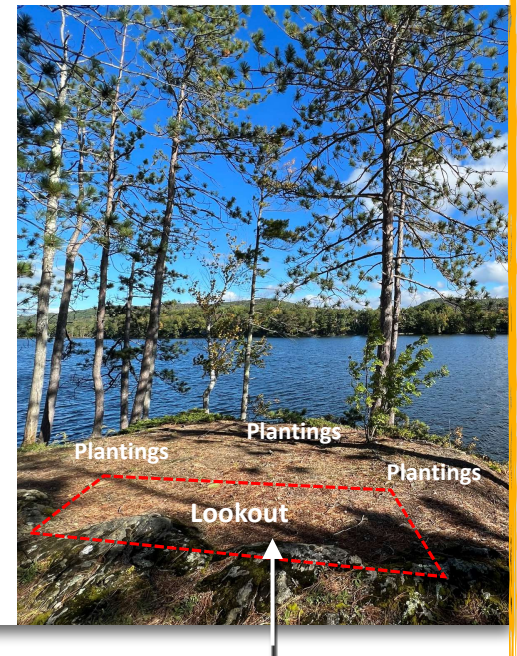
Standing at 'lookout' facing toward the lower side of the island



Defined pathway to start/end at rocky outcrop used for island access via boat.



Eastern pathway between island access and lookout spot on north end of island.



Define a small 'landing' and revegetate surrounding area to improve shoreline buffer at island lookout.

Did You Know? Flying Pond has a huge individual watershed, of 11.6 square miles or 7,437 acres, compared to the lake's size of .6 miles or 403 acres. That means the area that collects water and flows into the lake is 18.45 times the size of the pond. This is why the pond rises so much when we get heavy rains. (From Watershed Survey Report 2015)

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

Lake Stewards of Maine Part Five —feature by *Nancy Hemphill*

Does it seem to you that there are a lot of organizations that affect our lake community, and it's hard to keep them straight? You're not alone. In this newsletter, we have previously profiled four of them: Kennebec Land Trust (land conservation); 30 Mile River Watershed Association (protecting our watershed); 7 Lakes Alliance (Belgrade area watershed and land conservation); and MaineLakes (LakeSmart). The fifth and final one is Lake Stewards of Maine.

Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM) originated 50 years ago as a government agency, but is now a private, non-profit entity headquartered in Auburn. Its mission is: "to protect Maine lakes and to promote lake stewardship through widespread citizen participation in the gathering and dissemination of credible scientific information pertaining to lake health." (lakestewardsofmaine.org) LSM serves as a bridge between lay people concerned about the health of their lakes and the scientific community.

The primary functions of the organization are to: train volunteers to identify invasive plant species; teach

volunteers how to test lakes' water quality; collect that data; and disseminate information about the conditions of Maine lakes. Training sessions for Invasive Plant Patrollers (IPP) and water quality testers are offered online and in person, and those who complete the training can become certified volunteers. LSM also uses its expertise to work with community members and professional organizations to monitor alum treatments, algae blooms, ice coverage, and more.

Debbie Roe, who has coordinated Flying Pond's Invasive Plant Patrol for over 7 years, has only good things to say about the knowledge and accessibility of LSM in supporting citizen volunteers like herself. "They have been the best resource for coordinating the IPP survey, and they have been my go-to if I have a question about a possible invasive plant." If you would like to join our pond's dedicated team of IPPs, please contact John Zacker, who will coordinate our pond's IPP program beginning in 2023, at jzacker12@gmail.com.

To see data on Flying Pond, go to: lakesofmaine.org/lake-water-quality

Neighbors Driving Neighbors Fall Update —by *Cindy Murphy*

Happy fall, neighbors! Neighbors Driving Neighbors (NDN) continues to thrive while navigating the new normal of our post-Covid world. Since 2015, NDN has served Mount Vernon, Vienna, Fayette, Belgrade, and Rome. An all-volunteer service, NDN is approaching 100,000 miles driven! NDN's mission, "to enrich our communities by making it easier for non-drivers to more easily stay in their homes," guides the organization with the help of a 14-person board, made up of community members, and two part-time staffers who coordinate rides. NDN also provides grocery and medicine delivery to those who are unable to get to the store. Here are some recent examples of who their riders are and how they were able to help:

- One person had a four-hour hospital treatment. They were able to have two drivers assist; one to drive her to the appointment and another to drive her home.
- When someone just wanted to just get out of the house after being inside for so long and go to a local auction, an NDN driver was able to drive him there and pick him up at the end.
- Another client worried about being in the grocery store because she is immunocompromised. An NDN driver helped alleviate her concerns by delivering what she needed.



These examples illustrate how NDN can not only help people to remain in their homes by getting them to and from medical appointments, but to also alleviate worries and concerns regarding grocery and essential deliveries.

Additionally, NDN strives to help people feel more connected to their community by having a friendly, trusted neighbor providing rides to social and local events. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from NDN's service, please reach out. Additionally, NDN is always eager to enlist new drivers. To register as a rider or to learn more about being a driver, please contact neighborsdrivingneighbors@gmail.com or call 207-860-0677.

2022 FLYING POND LAKESMART UPDATE —by *Cindy Ripley*

This summer marked the second year that Flying Pond has had a LakeSmart team. In that time we have visited 19 Flying Pond properties! Thank you to John Zacker and Diane Araps for volunteering this summer.

Did you know that LakeSmart is non-regulatory and non-judgemental and an evaluation takes only about an hour? The purpose is to give homeowners individualized feedback about runoff and erosion on their property. During the evaluation, the team will walk around your property looking for ways to stop runoff. They will go over their observations with you that day. You will also be sent a detailed report summarizing suggestions that you may choose to implement. You can control runoff, prevent water damage and stop erosion by managing how water flows on your property. The goal is to help make needed changes, a little at a time, to protect and preserve the health of our pond.

LakeSmart recommendations often include adding native plants to the landscape. Plants play an important role in erosion control by helping to absorb water and filter nutrients. These things can cause serious damage including algae blooms, cloudy water, foul odors, and fish kills. If the balance of the ecosystem is disrupted, it can make the water unsafe for wildlife, people and pets.

Another frequent recommendation is to create curved walking paths covered with erosion control mulch (ECM) or crushed stone. Curved paths help assure that water moves more slowly and is absorbed before getting to the shoreline. Defining paths helps minimize compaction of soil, allowing vegetation to grow naturally in surrounding areas. This is practical and also provides natural beauty!

ECM is quite different than typical pine bark mulch. It contains some larger pieces of bark as well as added sand to make it heavier. ECM does not float or wash away in heavy rain and helps water absorption.

If you haven't had a LakeSmart evaluation, we hope you will consider it next summer. We would be happy to schedule a visit! Please contact flyingpond@gmail.com for more information.



For LakeSmart tips and recommendations, visit 30mileriver.org/lakesmart

30 MILE'S YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

—by *Whitney Baker 30MRWA*

The 30 Mile YCC crew installed nearly 10 conservation practices at two properties on Flying Pond in 2022. This included placing erosion control mulch (ECM) to define and stabilize more than 100 feet of shorefront pathways, installation of a driveway rubber razor water diverter, naturalizing and reseeding ~1,000 square feet of bare soils, installation of four (4) pathway water bars, and creation of six (6) ECM infiltration berms to jumpstart the establishment of a +50 foot shoreline buffer zone. (Note: projects done by YCC crews cost homeowners less than market rate. If you are interested in having work done on your property in 2023 or 2024, see contact information below.)



A new ECM pathway covers and protects soils, preventing them from washing into Flying Pond. Bare areas throughout the shorefront were seeded with a native conservation mix to jumpstart naturalization of the shorefront buffer zone.



Waterbars installed in an ECM pathway divert runoff off of the path where it can be absorbed away from the lake.

If you have erosion or runoff problems on your property, you can learn more about how 30 Mile can help and request a free YCC site visit via the 30 mile YCC webpage: 30mileriver.org/youth-conservation-corps

ANNOUNCEMENTS AROUND THE POND

2022 LakeSmart Award Recipients! We are proud to announce that Marsha Clark, Peter Goffin, Nancy & Todd Hemphill have received LakeSmart Awards!

Marsha Clark and Peter Goffin have owned their Vienna Shores home for 21 years. They have both been active for many years as members of FPIA and volunteer with the Invasive Plant Patrol. As you enter their property you see that they have paid close attention to preventing erosion for a long while. The changes didn't happen overnight, but gradually and consistently over time. Their path to the water is winding rather than straight which helps the water absorb before it reaches the shoreline. They have encouraged native plants and left the shoreline as untouched and natural as possible. Their shoreline buffer has many layers of growth to help protect Flying Pond.

Todd and Nancy Hemphill have owned their Demariano Road property since 2011 and their camp has been in the family since the mid '60s. They have been active for many years as members of FPIA, and volunteer with Invasive Plant Patrol and Courtesy Boat Inspections. Last year they requested a LakeSmart property evaluation to get additional erosion control suggestions. Two infiltration trenches were implemented in the driveway to divert water into a newly planted native shrub garden. They added crushed stone at building drip lines, covered pathways with erosion control mulch (ECM), and built infiltration steps. They also added layers of vegetation that will continue to fill their shoreline buffer zone adding depth and robustness.

We are grateful for the collective hard work Marsha, Peter, Nancy and Todd have done to keep our pond healthy and clean! If you're in the neighborhood, be sure to congratulate them on their milestone accomplishments! We are also grateful for all the effort so many of you have put in to help protect the lake ecosystem and keep Flying Pond healthy. Congratulations! Thank you for being good stewards of our lake!



Cindy Ripley with Peter Goffin & Marsha Clark



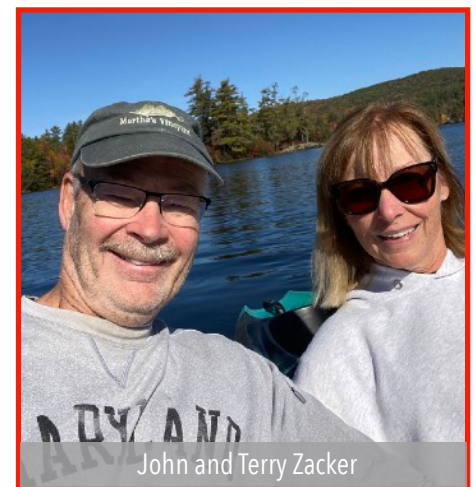
Todd & Nancy Hemphill

Our New Invasive Plant Patrol Coordinator, John Zacker

John and Terry Zacker have been vacationing on Flying Pond ever since they were married 40 years ago. Their three children have spent summers on the lake, referring to it as 'camp home'. The camp has been in Terry's family since 1969 when Farmington natives Bussie and Brenda York bought the camp on Demariano Road. When Terry was growing up, she and her family would escape farm chores for the lake.

Now that both have retired from the University of Maryland, they are able to spend summers at camp. John has leaped into local volunteer work, becoming an invasive plant patroller and a LakeSmart team member. The LakeSmart role led the Zackers to implement Best Management Practices to manage water runoff on their property in efforts to protect the lake.

Flying Pond's water quality is paramount to John and his family as they love swimming, fishing, kayaking and sitting on the dock watching the sunset. They hope their children will continue these lake traditions for years to come.



John and Terry Zacker

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Just A Few 2022 Summer / Autumn Photos



'Feels Like I Have The Whole Lake To Myself'
—by Nancy Hemphill



'Reflections In The Cove'— by Cindy Ripley



'Paddling Into Paradise'
—by Nancy Turner



'Quintessential Lake Day'—by Diane Araps

*When it is warm,
breezy, and the sun
is shining it is time
for a family paddle
around the islands!*

—Diane Araps