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Summer 2004 is now in full swing. Actually, it is already half over! I want to take this last opportunity to remind all of you of the Association's Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening, August 11th in the Lecture Hall at the University of Michigan Biological Station. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. The social hour and merchandise sale begin at 7:00 p.m.

Our meeting this year will feature two speakers of interest to DLIA members. Kathryn Arnold of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments will report to us the findings of the Cheboygan River/Lower Black River Watershed Initiative which includes Douglas Lake. Then Katie Parker, a local archeologist, will tell us about the Woodland Indians who lived on the lake one thousand years ago. In addition, there will be an Election of Officers. This year we will be electing a new President, Vice President, and Secretary. I hope that many of you can attend this meeting!

This is most likely our last newsletter for the summer and my last message to the Association as President. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as a DLIA officer these past six years. It has been a really wonderful experience for me. I have gained personally much more from being a DLIA volunteer than I have ever given. It has been rewarding and fun! My time at the Association's Helm has been a fairly quiet one for the organization. My goal from the beginning of my term was to "keep the DLIA ship on course". Hopefully, with the help of many of you fellow members, that goal was accomplished. I sincerely thank all of you who have supported me over these past four years. And, in the future, I look forward to working with those who follow me by continuing to be an active member of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association.

Linda Farmer
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THE HISTORY CORNER

The pictures published in the winter and spring newsletters generated interest. As you may recall Jack Rose was the winner of the first contest by identifying two of the three pictures correctly. During the summer months I have received several letters or phone calls with the correct information for the following picture. Judy Kurkjian reports that it was Bernie and Nellie Ruggerio's resort where they spent 20 glorious years. There were no correct answers for the picture published late May. CLUE – an **1898 travel book** said of this boat's home, "Five miles east of Pellston-stage meets every train-lies Douglas Lake, an exceptionally beautiful body of water and famous for fishing (bass and pickerel). Bryant's is a pleasant fishing Inn on the shore of this lake with daily stage connections with Pellston. A telephone line is also in course of construction."

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Next – Does anyone know this spot? Where is it and what was it's name?



Take a chance, only the correct answer will be published and you could win a cook book. Please mail (No e-mails or phone calls) your identification information to Barbara Wilkinson, P.O. Box 1067, Jackson, MI 49204. The deadline is November 1, 2004.

Mark Paddock has submitted the following for the History Corner, Thanks Mark!



Tragedy on Douglas Lake! One Hundred and Three Summers Ago

Mark Paddock

It was warm that Wednesday July 17, 1902 and the A.C. Bonnett family, who lived and farmed a couple of miles north of Douglas Lake, decided to go berry picking near North fishtail Bay. So they hitched the team to a wagon and drove south on a rough road (Now Bonnett Road) until it intersected a road leading from Riggsville to a sawmill located near North Fishtail Bay. Then they turned right toward the bay and started picking berries. The landscape in 1901 was far more open then, almost treeless in places as a result of the recent logging operations and the fires that swept through burning huge

piles of dry slash left over from the logging. Berries, especially blueberries, thrive in recently cleared sties and early settlers were serious berry pickers. Included in the family group that day were the two Bonnett brothers, William who was 20 and his younger 17 year old brother Joseph. After lunch in the heat of the day, Joseph who was picking near his aunt, told her he was going into the lake to cool off. She knew he could not swim and attempted to dissuade him, but he jumped in anyway. (As near as I can tell Joseph jumped into the lake at East Point, one of two or three places on Douglas Lake where it is possible to stand on shore and dive into deep water without a gradually deepening beach). Soon she noticed Joseph struggling in deep water and frantically called to his older brother William to go to his aid. Sadly, William could not swim either and soon both brothers disappeared beneath the surface and drowned.

The bodies were recovered via a boat the next morning. The funeral was held at the family home and internment was in Munro Township Cemetery just a quarter mile from their home.

(I first heard about this Douglas Lake Tragedy 30 years ago from Carl Bonnett, who was the baby brother of William and Joseph. Carl was a long-time Supervisor of Munro Township and he told me about the loss of his brothers when we were discussing the future of the "Township Beach" on North Fishtail Bay. Needless to say the Bonnett family has an emotional attachment to the bay. I recently verified the story from the Cheboygan Democrat July 27, 1901 issue on microfilm at the Cheboygan Library. The Bonnett family still farms on Bonnett Road north of Douglas Lake. The grave monument is rather easily located in the Munro Township Cemetery. When I visited the site on a lovely morning last week a bluebird was softly singing, Matt Bonnett, great nephew was making hay in the far distance and it felt good that there are still places where 103 years have not yet obliterated the past...even the tragic memories.)

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Barbara Wilkinson



There are interesting happenings going on during the summer and even winter months at the lake, so please let us know of any event that is open to the membership and we will publish the information in the newsletter. For example this August 21 Marilyn and John Stover are having a studio open house where interested parties may view and purchase their pottery. Their work is exhibited in galleries throughout the US and has been featured on the cover of nationally published Clay Times. Our next newsletter is not scheduled until the holiday season but in the mean time please remember to keep me informed and send obituaries to me via regular mail or e-mail. – cdataserv@earthlink.net. For publication in the next issue I should have notices or articles by November 10th.



DOUGLAS LAKE BOOKIES

The Book Club continues with weekly meetings at the DLB on Wednesday mornings.

This is not DLIA sponsored.
New members are welcome, join in when you can.



We Will Miss

We offer our condolences to the family of Ann Butler.

Ann Caldwell Butler, 78, died Monday morning, June 28, in Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie. She was born in New York City on Aug. 4, 1925, to John C. and Georgia (Fingleton) Caldwell, and was the stepdaughter of Treva Gaunt Caldwell and of Lenora Lewellen Caldwell. In 1946 she married John F. (Fred) Butler who owned Crown City Chevrolet in Dunkirk for many years he died in 1996. Ann attended Dunkirk City schools, graduating from Tudor Hall in Indianapolis. She attended Radcliff College in Boston, Mass. and received her Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. degrees from Ball state University in Muncie. She taught in Redkey, Monroe Central and Union City High Schools.

Ann, the mother of four daughters, Elizabeth L. (Betsey) Butler of South Bend, Susan B. (Dodie) Butler of Washington D. C. Jane A. Butler of Hartford City and Sally L. Butler of Santa Fe. N. M. wrote the following in the north shore memory book. "We acquired our spot on Douglas Lake because of a polio epidemic in Indiana in the summer of 1949. Summer always brought the fear of polio, or infantile paralysis. Our doctor told us to take our children to Michigan if possible. We called the Caldwell cottage asking if we could rent a trailer and park it on someone's lot or rent a cottage or do anything to get out of Indiana. The conversation went on with Lenora interjecting, "Aunt Carol wants to sell her place; all I could recall was that it looked like a large gray battleship. Being absurdly adult and mature at the ages of twenty-three and twenty-four, and being assured that every necessity of life would come with the cottage, we bought it and made a hurried exodus with baby beds, playpen, etc. from Indiana....." thus began over fifty years of memories as children grew and grandchildren came. Douglas Lake gave Ann times with her four sisters who either live or spend summers at the lake, Kathrine Haensel, Margaret Gilbertson, Treva Breuch and Joan Caldwell as well as her grandchildren, Lyra and Marcus Butler-Denman. Memorials may be made to Little Traverse Bay Conservancy 3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, Mich. 49740-9469.



News From The University of Michigan Biological Station

Swimmer's Itch Control On Douglas Lake

On Friday, July 23, 2004 the University of Michigan Biological Station was the site of an effort to help control swimmer's itch on Douglas Lake. The Parasitology class taught by Dr. Harvey D. Blankespoor trapped a brood of common mergansers in Manitou Bay using a modified drive trap. The female and her brood of 21 ducklings, were transported to the biological station where they were checked for blood parasites, sexed, banded with US Fish and Wildlife tags, treated for Avian Schistosomias, then released. The cost for treatment amounted to a little less than \$10 per duck. Dr. Blankespoor commented that this could only help reduce the prevalence of swimmer's itch on the lake, especially for 2005.



DLWomanade 2004

The third and final summer dinner will be Wednesday, August 18 at Sharon Anderson's at 10750 Northwood Shores, at 6:00. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and of course the \$25 donation. A fall dinner will be held at Linda Farmer's, 9655 Manitou Shores Trail on Saturday, October 9. Husbands and friends are invited to the fall dinner. We suggest that women bring the customary \$25 donation to the fall dinner; husbands/guests are invited to make donations as they choose. If you haven't had a chance to join us, please do and bring a friend. Call Sue Nelson 539-8322, Sharon Anderson 539-8754 or Linda Farmer 537-2111 for directions or to let us know that you will be attending.

KNOW YOUR D.L.I.A. BOARD

Their Douglas Lake History



Marilynn Smith, Zone 21 Representative

Confessions of a Love Affair with UMBS

When my husband Stan finished his radiology residency, he'd narrowed his job choices to practices in Raton, New Mexico and in Petoskey, Michigan. If you were trained as a mycologist (one who studies fungi), wouldn't you use all your powers of persuasion, including witchcraft, to influence a move to northern Michigan rather than the deserts of New Mexico?

We moved to Petoskey the summer of '72, with our then two year old son, Andrew. I was well aware of a biological station located in Pellston, and by the next summer I was enrolled in two courses at UMBS, Higher Fungi and Lower Fungi, both taught by Dr. Robert Shaffer. These courses were field courses – I'd learned most of my mycology in labs with dry herbarium materials. I thought this field station was awesome! The pictures on the walls at UMBS were of some of the giants in the study of mycology – Drs. Alexander Smith, Robert Shaffer, and Frederick Sparrow. What a resource on this beautiful little Douglas Lake!

After the birth of our second son Brent, I returned for more course work, this time Independent Research with Dr. Shaffer. Over the years I've been fortunate to take courses from Dr. Robert Fogel (Ecology of Forest Fungi) and even the lovable Dr. Crum (Bryophytes). I've enjoyed innumerable Mini- courses such as Mollusks, Forest Ecology, Flora of No. Michigan, Birds, and Photography.

So Stan bought our cottage on Douglas Lake in 1992. The poor guy had no choice. His wife was addicted to Douglas Lake and UMBS. Stan loves the water, and I love the land. He plays boats and I pick mushrooms. We live here year round. It's beautiful in the fall and in the winter, but "mud season" is a good time to go Scuba diving or picking mushrooms in the Amazon.

We now have two grandchildren with whom to share our love of Douglas Lake and surrounding forests. I can only hope they enjoy our outings in the woods as much as I do. I don't think I'll even need my powers of persuasion to keep them coming back to Douglas Lake.



Betsy Naumer Zone 102 Representative

I first came to Douglas Lake in 1938 at three months of age and have spent at least some time at the lake every summer except one. My mother's parents, Dr. J. Leslie and Edna French, had bought property on the North Shore in 1914 where they tent camped until two tin cabins could be purchased from "Bug Camp". Their first log cabin was built in 1937 by Dan & Tom Kewaygeshik, Ottawa Indians from Levering, using timber from the property.

I grew up in North Muskegon, MI followed by college at the University of Michigan. I met my husband Walt there when he was in law school and I was teaching first grade in the area. After we were married, we moved to DuQuoin, IL where Walt had grown up and where he joined his family's agribusiness. We still have a home there where we spend about half of our time each year. I've been active in Girl Scouting, serving two terms as Council president, and am passionate about antiques and flower gardening.

In 2002, we moved into our new log home on part of my grandfather's property. My aunt and uncle, Betty and Jack Young live next door and I acquired the position of Zone Rep by inheriting it from Aunt Betty. Douglas Lake has truly been a special gathering place for our extended family: our three daughters, one son-in-law, and two grandsons who are part of the sixth generation to enjoy this very special place; my sister and her family (Nancy and Pete Sheldon), as well as many "Young" cousins.

Since retirement and being able to spend more time here, we've enjoyed getting to know so many wonderful Lake people. Prior to that, we seldom ventured beyond our family setting as Grandfather's property bordered the Biological Station on one side and Camp Manitou on the other plus we always had a large group of cousins coming and going. Now that we're here several months of the year, we're delighted to "connect" to so many new friends and activities that make up summer and winter life on Douglas Lake. We're looking forward to getting better acquainted with more of you.

POTTERY OPEN STUDIO

Saturday, August 21, 2004 9am - 5pm

*One of a kind decorative and functional pottery
by Marilyn and John Stover.*

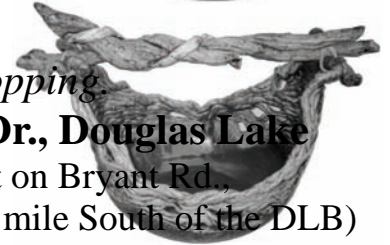
*They will be joined by other Northern
Michigan artists.*

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

10810 Northwoods Shores Dr., Douglas Lake

(From Riggsville Rd. turn right on Bryant Rd.,
then right on Northwoods Shores Dr., 1/2 mile South of the DLB)

**For more info call 231 539-8280 or e-mail
marily5131@aol.com**



Douglas Lake Bar & Steakhouse

"A Gourmet Roadhouse"

September

9/3 Epicurean Club-Fridays

9/6 Open Wed-Sun

9/8 Wine Flight Nite-Wednesdays

9/28 Harvest Moon Wine Dinner

October

Open Wed-Sun

10/26 Cooking Class-details to follow

10/31 Closed

November

11/28 Open for the winter season

Have you scheduled your Holiday Party?

December

Open Thurs-Sun

join us, the fireplaces are lit.

schedule subject to change-call ahead (231)539-8588

TWO REMAINING DLIA MERCHANDISE SALE DATES FOR 2004



Sandy Segrist DLIA Merchandise Manager

Wednesday August 11th
7:00 p.m.

U of M Biological Station (Annual Meeting)

Saturday August 28th
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
7360 Pells Island Drive (Sandy Segrist)

DUES



DLIA DUES ARE \$10.00 PER YEAR
AND SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

Douglas Lake
Improvement Association
Treasurer
P.O. Box 472
Pellston, MI 49769

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

The Douglas Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, August 11, 2004
at the Lecture Hall of the University of Michigan Biological Station.
Registration & Hospitality will begin at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting time 7:30 p.m.

Speakers will be:
Kathryn Arnold of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG)
and
Katie Parker, a local archeologist

There will be committee reports, election of officers and
any other business which may come before the assembly.

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting and would like to be represented
please choose the proxy you prefer, fill it out, and
give it to the person you are appointing to act on your behalf.

IMPORTANT! ONLY ONE PROXY PER MEMBERSHIP

FULL PROXY

I, _____, a member in good standing of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association, do hereby appoint _____, a member in good standing of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association, as my proxy to act and vote in my place at the annual meeting of the Association to be held at the University of Michigan Biological Station on August 11, 2004. I do hereby grant _____ full power and authority to act on my behalf in any matter, which may come before the annual meeting or at any adjournment thereof.

Name _____ Date _____

LIMITED PROXY

I, _____, a member in good standing of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association, do hereby appoint _____, a member in good standing of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association, my proxy to act and vote in my place at the annual meeting of the Association to be held at the University of Michigan Biological Station on August 11, 2004. My proxy, is to vote in favor of _____ and against _____, but in all other matters is to have full discretion in any and all voting at the annual meeting as fully as I would have had if personally present.

Name _____ Date _____

IF YOU NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE OF INFORMATION PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING

DOUGLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

LAST NAME:

FIRST NAME(S):

LAKE PROPERTY ADDRESS:

WINTER MAILING ADDRESS:

PLEASE SEND MY SUMMER (JUNE-AUGUST) MAILINGS TO:

LAKE PROPERTY ADDRESS _____

WINTER MAILING ADDRESS _____

SUMMER PHONE:_____ WINTER PHONE_____

E-MAIL_____

Mail to:
Nat Wilkinson
P.O. Box 1067
Jackson, MI 49204

PLEASE DO NOT PHONE CHANGES

**MAIL ONLY
THANK YOU !**

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C/O Barbara Wilkinson
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Please remember
DON'T DUMP!
DON'T FERTILIZE!