



Dexter Lakes Association

DLA ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

JULY 2018

Message from the DLA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of The Dexter Lakes Association has agreed to change the Purpose (mission statement) to emphasize that DLA is a resource group to the community with a shared purpose of maintaining the health of the lakes. **The proposed changes (italicized) to the By-Laws of DLA** reflect the revised mission. The proposed By-Laws of DLA follow and will be voted upon at the July 11, 2018 Annual Meeting.

Please review the By-Laws insert in the newsletter

ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 11TH

6:30: PM

RUTH SHURMAN SOCIAL GATHERING. GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW LAKE ENTHUSIASTS.

7:00 PM -

ANNUAL MEETING

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

DEXTER, ME

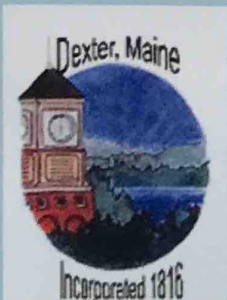
GUEST SPEAKERS:

WILL SHUMAN

GAME WARDEN AND

JIM NICHOLAS

FISH AND GAME



2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 4, 2018 9:00am - Celebration Parade Downtown
11:00am Boat Parade on the Lake
(Meet at the Bridge with decorated boats)

July 11, 2018 6:30pm- Ruth Shurman Memorial Social Time
7:00 pm DLA General Meeting, Knights of Columbus

August 11, 2018 - Red Hot Dog Day, Dexter

August 8-18 Aquatic Plant Survey and Loosestrife Removal

August 23, 2018 - Fall DLA Board of Directors Meeting



Will Shuman Guest Speaker at the DLA Meeting,

Thank you to our Door Prize sponsors

- Log Cabin Store
- Anthony Lee Winery
- Through the Garden Gate
- Snowflakes Shop
- Woolen Mill Primitives
- Dexter Ace
- Vern Crane

Board Members

President, Dan Hutchins 717-9091	Director, Rich Pfirman 924-3370
Vice Pres, Bob Sundberg 278-2142	Director, Vern Crane 924-5412
Treasurer, Michael Ann Wells, 301-704-7107	Director, Norm White 212-6794
Secretary, Jane Snyder 924-3823	Director Beth Lagasse 341-1656
Director, Neil Crane 924-3767	



MILFOIL

Lots of folks worry about Milfoil and there are some native, non-invasive milfoil species. If you suspect the presence of milfoil, call the directors with the location and we will collect a sample, or you can. We will see that it is submitted for identification so put it in a zip-lock type bag with some water to keep it fresh. Remember the best way to avoid contamination of the lakes is to Inspect, Drain and Clean and Dry boat and trailers.



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Saturday
August 11, 2018
Downtown Dexter, Maine
9:00am to 8:00pm
-Rain or Shine-

Aquatic Plant Survey— August 8-18, 2018

The purpose of this annual survey is to observe the types and locations of aquatic plants which are good indicators of lake health and vitality. For many years, trained volunteer from DLA have canoed and kayaked the 20' littoral zones adjacent to the shorelines to see what is to be seen below the surface. Using a variety of examination and collection techniques, we have brought to the surface an underwater map of our "aquatic garden". For example, we have found Pickerel Weed, Spatterdock, Bladderwort, and various Pondweeds all of which are non-invasive. **We have never encountered an invasive species in the Dexter Lakes.** We have encountered plenty of **Purple Loosestrife along the shorelines and in bogs.** To safely remove Loosestrife, stems and flowers should be cut and bagged for disposal, this retards the spread of seeds, but if the roots are pulled and broken underground, Loosestrife will regenerate at each break. So if you spot some, cut it off, bag it securely and call one of the directors to report your findings. This will be especially helpful to identify locations even if you can't cut it off. Maybe we can.

WILL YOU COUNT?

DLA is asking for your assistance with the annual Loon Count. Just record the location of the sighting; number of adult loons; number of babies and then report that to Janie Snyder before July 20, 2018. We need good observers on Echo (Puffers) Lake; Little Wassookeag and Big Wassookeag. Leave a message at 207-924-3823 and the results will be forwarded to the Audubon Society for the annual count.

Loons are our "Welcome to the Lake Committee", greeting us silently in the daytime and serenading us with their nighttime concerts throughout the Summer. If you are careful with your kayak, canoe or powerboat, they will sometimes join you on your trek. Unafraid of human voices, they sometimes seem curious about conversations near them. They will share favorite fishing spots and dive near your boat only to resurface 100 yards away while gulping down something tasty. When the young are with them, they are especially careful **and you need to be too! There is no safety seat for a baby loon.**

Boat Launch Status

The Large Lake Wassookeag Launch area at the gated picnic area is going to be reworked as soon as Steve Lawson has time in his schedule. All materials money is escrowed and Steve is donating his time. The Little Lake Wassookeag "new" dock has been returned, though care needs to be taken using the concrete ramp which has shifted

VLMP has changed the name to Lake Stewards of Maine

Earlier this Spring, DLA was advised that Volunteer Lakes Program had re-evaluated its mission and goals. With that in mind VLMP has been re-named Lake Stewards of Maine. It was felt that the new title will more consistently reflect the purposes of the organization. This is intended to promote continued growth and protection of Maine's clean lakes through citizen involvement.

Trainings and support to local lakes will continue as in the past with the **2018 Annual Lake Stewards of Maine Conference**, Saturday, July 28th in Turner, Maine. (9am-3pm).

See: lakestewardsofmaine.org for more details.

In Memoriam—Ruth Wertheimer Shurman Dexter Lakes Association Member

Ruth W. Shurman was born in Freiburg, Germany. She and her younger brother came to the United States to flee Hitler's Germany. As a young woman she lived in Jackson Heights, NY. She met and married Dr. Hans Shurman, who had been a US Army physician during WWII. After his discharge from the Army, they settled in Dexter, Maine, where he had practiced prior to WW II. This was a big change to come to a rural setting after living in a very urban area. Hans retired from practicing family medicine in 1982. They enjoyed 61 years of marriage and raised two daughters, Valerie and Betsy in Dexter. After Hans' passing in 2004, Ruth summered in Dexter and spent winters in Delray, Florida. Ruth enjoyed golfing, swimming, entertaining, playing bridge, and conversations. She served as President of the Dexter Women's Literary Club of The Maine Federated Women's Clubs. She was active in the Girl Scouts and the Plummer Memorial Hospital Associates. In all, she spent 74 years at the lake. At the 2017 meeting, she suggested that DLA have a Social Hour so that members could have an informal opportunity to become acquainted. Thus the 2018 Ruth Shurman Social will be at 6:30 pm immediately prior to the Annual Meeting.



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Purple Loosestrife



Secchi Disc Test

This test is performed to examine the clarity of the lake and is done at the deepest point of the lake. Norm White conducts the test reporting the results to Lake Stewards of Maine three times a season. Norm hits the water nearly every Sunday and heads to the deepest known location. Once there, he drops a measured and tethered line with a black and white disc attached until it disappears, then slowly brings it back to barely visible and records the depth. The average depth of visibility is 7-9M in the summer. After rainfall and during seasonal changes the depth will vary more as the clarity is disturbed from these events. If you would like to see the test performed, call Norm at 212- 6794.

Gift of Membership

Let's continue the Dexter Lakes Association's great tradition of lake stewardship by sponsoring a new member this year. It would make a great gift for the next generation.

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Town and State, Zip _____

Phone # or E-Mail contact if preferred _____

**If you have not paid 2018 dues, please send \$10 per member to Michael Ann Wells,
PO Box 25, Dexter, Me. 04930. Checks payable to DLA.**