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In Loving Memory of Our Late Editor & Dear Friend, Larry Myott

REMEMBERING ONE HAPPY LIFE

Larry Myott – LCCA News Editor & Mr. Maple – Passes Away

By Peter Benevento, LCCA Pres.

Lake Carmi will be a different place without Larry Myott.

The LCCA mourns his passing and the loss of a true friend and colleague. His leadership, energy and initiative did so much for the lake and the town. Much of his good work was channeled through this newsletter. The L C C A Newsletter will always be dedicated to the life of Larry Myott.



Larry Myott
March 1, 1944-
March 18, 2021

Larry Myott was the heart and soul of the LCCA Newsletter. He was the newsletter.

More than a decade ago he assumed responsibility of a good newsletter and made it one of the best community publications in Vermont. He elevated it to a mini magazine.

The newsletter was his baby. In late winter he started planning for the upcoming summer, which would include four printed editions and an E-edition in the fall. He lined up advertisers and contacted campers for the classified ads. He talked to all the "correspondents" and gave them deadlines for their articles.

I always looked forward to that first call in March from "my editor." It meant summer and spending time at Lake Carmi was near.

Larry assembled all the articles, checked the content, and organized

them. Many of the articles were his own. He created the layout, which included photos as well.

Many of the photos were his own. Larry always had his camera. He was always capturing the essence of Lake Carmi in his lens. People, wildlife, and landscapes were all his subjects. I bet his pictures would make a terrific photo journal of Lake Carmi and Franklin.

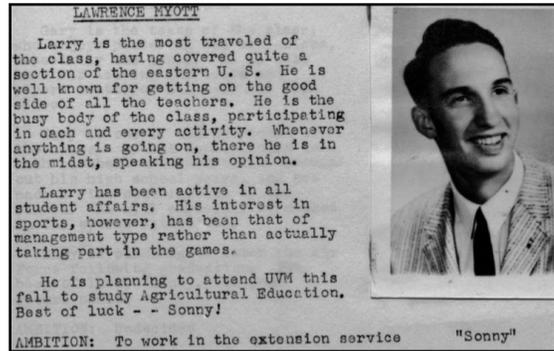
Larry did not rest after assembling content and layout. Once the newsletter was ready, Larry arranged for printing. He contacted the printer and often picked up the finished product, which meant a trip to Newport, VT, and back. He then brought the newsletter to each shore for delivery and would also leave copies at various business venues.

Larry did all this for Lake Carmi. He believed strongly in the value of communication. He felt the newsletter was an essential platform to inform and unite the community. He also believed that you had to produce and deliver a hard copy.

That in itself was a form of communication. A personal touch.

Larry will always be the heart and soul of the LCCA Newsletter.

The newsletter was a big part of Larry's work during the summer, but it was far from his only activity. Larry was the impetus for the annual July 3rd fireworks display at the north end. It was his idea and his initiative. He arranged for sponsors, secured permits, and arranged for the advertising. He did the same for all the Celebrate Lake Carmi and



other LCCA activities: the pontoon boat race, cottage tours, membership drives, fundraisers, etc.

Larry played a major part in it all.

Larry loved the lake and the town of Franklin, where he grew up.

Morning coffee in town at Franklin General will never be the same. We would usually discuss LCCA business, but while we sipped coffee, Larry would often recount various anecdotes about the town. He would also either know or be related to whoever walked through the door. Coffee with Larry was always interesting and a great way to start the day.

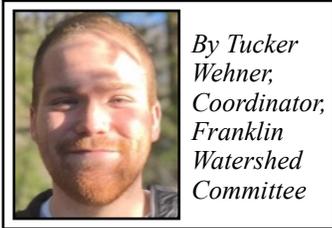
Larry played a major role in the LCCA. His contributions to Lake Carmi are immeasurable. He is an example of a man who made a difference. A truly positive difference.

Larry will never be replaced, as he cannot be replaced. It will be a far different summer without him. His presence, however, will live on through this newsletter and the other LCCA activities he initiated.

Larry will always be with us.



Franklin Watershed Committee Update



By Tucker Wehner, Coordinator, Franklin Watershed Committee

The Franklin Watershed Committee (FWC) hit the ground running early this year to start our clean-water work. Over the winter, we spent a lot of the time applying for funding and

prepping for the 2021 season.

In early March, we began sampling five tributaries around the lake, which were sampled throughout 2020. Thanks to the continued support from the Vermont DEC, we were able to get up and start sampling earlier than ever before. So far, we have sampled the five sites three times and most recently added seven new sites to our list on April 13. We will continue to regularly sample these 12 sites throughout the remainder of the spring and summer.

There is now a new page on our website under the "Objectives" tab where you can check out our progress and some pictures taken while sampling.

In Fall 2020, we had the opportunity to join Staci Pomeroy, DEC River Scientist, and Karen Bates, our Watershed Basin Planner, on a stream walk of Marsh Brook, Lake Carmi's largest tributary. We walked the entire length of the brook to check out the health of the brook and look for any areas with excess erosion. Over the course of our stream walk, some areas of the brook

were difficult to see due to high vegetation.

In March 2021, we joined Staci on a follow-up walk to take a closer look at the areas we were unable to see in the fall. Overall, the brook was in fantastic shape. There were a few areas along the brook identified in a report Staci wrote based on the Fall stream walk for possible projects to reduce erosion.

We are applying for funding to implement some identified projects. This report is posted on the Franklin Watershed Committee's website under "Learn More." You can also find pictures from the walk we did in the fall, as well as pictures from our follow-up walk in March.

We are grateful for the time and effort put in by Staci and Karen, and for providing us with their expertise. We are thank the land owners upstream for graciously allowing us to walk the brook along their properties.

To access the Franklin Watershed Committee's website, visit www.franklin-watershed.org/.

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Lake Life, Past & Present

By Rhonda Somers-Fletcher

My journey to Lake Carmi began at age 15 while growing up in Verdun, a suburb of Montreal, and a chance encounter at a local park. How blessed was I that my newfound friend, Anne Marie Fortin (Robinson), and her family had a cottage on Lake Carmi and that I was asked to join a few other girls for a weekend visit.



Rhonda Somers-Fletcher's grandson Stephen and sidekick Mattie enjoy Lake Carmi.

I remember vividly the butterflies in my stomach as we were approaching our destination. I recall the vision of a lake so beautiful with the sun's rays bouncing off the ripples of the gentle waves and the laughter and chatter of teenage girls ready for an adventure.

Hannah's Place on Patton Shore became our second home, and Anne & Alan Robinson, along with their families, our adopted kin.

We'd pile into Debby's Rambler, head to DePatie's, take a dip at the Hippie Hole, volleyball and boat rides at Forsyth's camp, hang out at

the Bowling Alley, Sheldon Casino, Corky's, the Outpost, and a farm or two along the way. Who knew those friendships would evolve into a sisterhood of 40+ years, dual citizenship, and all the blessings I've been bestowed?

When my husband Marty and I decided to take the plunge and purchase a camp, our hearts were set on Carmi. We wanted our kids and grandkids to have the opportunity to experience Lake Life, and we found it on Camp Road.

There is something special about Carmi! It quite possibly could be the morning sunrises or the evening sunsets, the fireworks, the pirate ship escapades, or the pontoon boat races. Whatever it is, it is good for the soul and has all the makings for one happy camper.

Our grandson Stephen, at the mere age of 5, already gets it! While tucking him into bed on our first night of the 2021 season, he rolled over and whispered, "Nanny, I love our camp".

Happy camping!

Lake Life Past & Present is an ongoing series that explores what brought us to Lake Carmi and why we love it so much. If you would like to share your story, email it to Editors@LakeCarmi-VT.com. Please keep submissions to 400 words or less, and feel free to share one photo to go with your article.

Memorial Day in Franklin

By Suzanne Hull-Casavant

Memorial Day in Franklin is always a very special day.

In days past, preparations began early with school kids learning history, recitations, and creating over 100 cedar wreaths to lay at every veterans gravesite. I gathered this information from Martha Towle's memory in *A History of Franklin 1789-1989*. So engrained in her memory that she wrote of her recitation that she had practiced relentlessly to share on the stage of the Franklin Town Hall.

My father also used to quote what he had to recite. Unfortunately, I don't remember it all, but I believe it was *In Flanders Fields*. I would like to share here Martha's verse that she delivered with a "bursting heart":

*"By the flow of the inland river, whence the fleets of iron have fled
Where the blades of the grave grass quiver, asleep are the rank of our dead.
Under the sod and dew waiting the judgement day
Under the one the blue, under the other grey.
No more shall the war cry sever, or the winding rivers be red
They banish our anger forever when they laurel the graves of our dead.
Under the sod and dew waiting the judgment day
Under the one the blue, under the other grey."*

As a child and through my adult life, I would bring my family and join in observing this most solemn of ceremonies.

First the sound of the band as they circled the town square and came down Main Street. Flags flying, townspeople standing in solemn observance as the Color Guard leads the way, followed by veterans on foot, in a vehicle or on a wagon pulled by a local tractor. The town band would come by on the bandwagon that used to be stored in our family barn. Ornately painted, it reminded me of what I thought a gypsy wagon must look like. Various floats, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the classes of the Franklin Elementary School, and, of course, the bands.

After proceeding to the Maple Grove Cemetery, they circled back for prayers, Taps, and salute at the war memorials in the park. The students would lead a program at the Franklin Town Hall with a guest speaker featured.

This year, Monday, May 30, will be similar to last year due to COVID concerns. Starting at 10:30 a.m., the color guard will stop at each cemetery with a prayer and Taps, then a vehicle parade around town and the lake.

More info will be posted to the Town of Franklin, VT facebook page.

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2021 Expanded LCCA Fishing Contest

Since there were only 19 entries in the 2020 contest, the rules have changed to increase interest in fishing at Lake Carmi, an important recreational activity for our lake.

There will still be two divisions: senior division is for anyone older than 15 and junior division for those 15 and under. For both divisions, the contest has expanded to include not only presenting trophies for both first and second place, but also recognizing third place as honorable mention with a certificate.

The fishing contest begins on Saturday, May 30, and ends on Labor Day, Sept. 6. Winners will be notified after Sept. 6 and can pick up trophies and certificates at the Franklin Town Clerk's office.

All entries must conform to the State of Vermont fishing regulations.

Winners for each species will be determined by weight of the fish, with length used to break any ties. The official weighing and measuring will be done at the Franklin General Store. Fish being weighed and measured must be dead and in a plastic bag. Each angler must fill out the entry form at the store. Anyone is eligible to enter their catch as long as it came from Lake Carmi.

You can pick up a copy of the 2021 Vermont Fishing Guide at Franklin General Store or the Town Clerk's office. Make sure you know the rules and can identify the species. A fishing license is required for anyone age 15 and older.

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LCCA 2020 Fishing Contest Trophy Winners

Senior Division	Stats	Fish
Will Adams	10 lbs., 37.5"	Northern Pike
Wendy Peyrat	6.68 lbs., 29"	Walleyed Pike
Frank Read	3.53 lbs., 18.5"	Smallmouth Bass
No Entry		Largemouth Bass
Linda Craig:	0.62 lbs., 11.5"	Yellow Perch
Junior Division	Stats	Fish
Will Bailey	4.38 lbs., 30.5"	Northern Pike
Ben Magnant	3.64 lbs., 22"	Walleyed Pike
Paul Bertrand	3.92 lbs., 19"	Smallmouth Bass
Noah Bertand	1.92 lbs., 16"	Largemouth Bass
Will Bailey	0.64 lbs., 11.5"	Yellow Perch

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Please mail your check and this form to: LCCA, Inc., P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457

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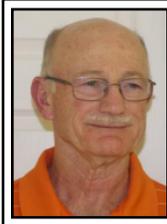
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Message From the President

New Season on the Lake a Mixture of Hope and Melancholy



*By Peter
Benevento,
LCCA
President*

Welcome to the 2021 camp season on Lake Carmi.

What better place to leave the past year behind you than Lake Carmi? Hopefully the pastoral views and the calming water will make you forget masks, social distancing, Zoom meetings and everything else virtual.

Lake Carmi was the best place to weather the storm during the pandemic, and hopefully it can be the best place to be as we begin our journey back to normalcy.

The operative word is patience. Gov. Scott's "spigot" is not fully open, but it is opening up enough to allow more social gatherings and events. It may not be business as usual, but more of our usual activities will be permitted this summer.

This is our first LCCA Newsletter in more than a decade without its Editor in Chief, Larry Myott. Larry's passing created huge voids to fill. We are immensely grateful for the people who have stepped up to enable us to continue this newsletter in a manner that Larry would more than approve. Thank you so much.

The LCCA Board of Directors met several times over the winter to ensure we are on track for this summer. One of the key areas we addressed was the weed harvester. We provided funds for a new diesel engine, and we are looking forward to the weed harvester being fully operational for the summer.

We also met virtually with the Franklin County legislative delegation. All of our elected officials are fully engaged with our water quality efforts and pledge their support. Funding for Lake Carmi has remained intact in the State budget.

The board decided to re-introduce the Ice Out Contest this year. The

person who guesses the closest time to when the ice leaves the lake in the spring of 2022 will win a nice cash prize. This will be our only fundraiser for the season. All proceeds will go to our water quality fund. Details and tickets will be available soon.

We have remained in close contact with John Tucci and Everblue Lakes regarding the operation of our whole lake aeration system. The two compressors operating the system have new components that will make the aerators fully functional for the entire season. John and his crew will be at the lake in May to perform maintenance and start up the system. Please note that the spring initiation of the aeration system is done in conjunction with the VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife to ensure it does not have any adverse impact on the spawning of Walleye.

We were in contact with the Franklin County Sheriff during the winter, and there were no reports of break-ins or other damage. The LCCA contracts with the Sheriff to patrol during the winter, and the office has been very responsive to any issues at the lake. If you find something amiss when you open camp, please contact them.

The new Franklin Watershed Committee Coordinator, Tucker Wehner, has been busy pursuing our water quality goals. Tucker has been applying for grants and working in the watershed. He started sampling the lake's major tributaries during the March spring run-off. He has also, with DEC, compiled an assessment of the Marsh Brook, the lake's largest tributary. Recommendations and projects to limit the impact of the Marsh Brook on water quality are forthcoming.

Tucker will have an article in each issue of this newsletter. He will also be out and about at the lake, working in the watershed during the summer. Tucker is playing a major role in improving our water quality. Please say hello and welcome him when you see him.

The LCCA is a major partner in the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Coordination Team. The team met in November and February to review the best agricultural management practices introduced in 2020 and to plan for 2021.

Such practices include the new hayfield manure injection system as well as increased cover cropping. Both are designed to limit sediment and phosphorous loading to the lake.

The TMDL team also reviewed the Groundwater Study and The Private and State Park Roads Grant, both of which will be ongoing this summer. More details on TMDL Coordination Team activities will be provided as the summer progresses.

We will not have our annual fireworks on July 3rd or our annual Pontoon Boat Race due to COVID. We have, however, reserved July 3rd 2022 with North Star Fireworks for our annual show next year, when we also intend to resume our Pontoon Boat Relay Race.

This year we hope to have a series of musical events, which at this writing have not been finalized. We also plan to help and co-sponsor with the Franklin Recreation Committee the second Chase Around the Lake triathlon. Please stay tuned.

We do encourage everyone to start the season by "Lighting up Lake Carmi." This is the first event of "Celebrate Lake Carmi," and no formal gathering is required. Just light up your camp in the most festive way possible. It could be the start of putting the past 14 "COVID" months behind us.

Finally, melancholy is the only way I can describe it. As you all know, I would always "joust" with "my editor" as I ended each column. He would always hound me for deadlines, warn me not to be long winded, and remove me from the front page when something better came along. Yes, I would complain but I never minded. I never minded in the least.

He was always doing what was best for Lake Carmi. He always did.

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A Bookish Idea for the New Season

By Aly McHugh

What's more fun than taking a walk around Lake Carmi?

Taking a walk around Lake Carmi and visiting mini libraries to see what's inside.

This past winter, John and I spent two months in California, visiting our son Johnny. Since COVID was limiting our evening entertainment, we found ourselves walking throughout the different neighborhoods in Santa Cruz.

While exploring the architecture and design, we frequently came across little book libraries. It was great fun to find them and see what was inside for the borrowing. I found puzzles and games, as well as books. It occurred to me how fun it would be to have them line the lake so all of us can get out, take walks, and discover what is inside the mini libraries.

I am hoping you all think it is a good idea as well and are willing to either help fund these libraries or help construct them. There are kits that can be purchased (\$250-\$300), or we could try our handy work in making our own. My hope is to see as many of these as possible

sprout up around the lake, just like the one at the beginning of Patton Shore Rd.

To see how folks get creative with theirs, visit mymodernmet.com/little-free-library/.

Another site that shows how to build these libraries is littlefreelibrary.org/build/.

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Cottage For Rent: Mullen Shore; May thru Oct – Call (802) 373-1173 for details.

Cottage For Rent: Hammond Shore Road, fully furnished, bring your own linens. (802) 285-6737.

BIRTHDAY CALENDARS: The Haston Library is selling Birthday Calendars for 2022. The cost is \$12/calendar, which includes 6 listings for household members. Contact Linda Hartman at 285-9911 or 285-2084 for more info.

Deadline: June 15th.

FRANKLIN FIRE DEPT CHICKEN BBQ: Saturday, July 3rd – TAKE OUT ONLY THIS YEAR – 3-6 PM at Franklin Central School. Cost: \$10/meal. Tickets available from any FFD member or at the Franklin Telephone Company.

QUILT RAFFLE: Franklin Homestead & Carriage House is raffling a quilt donated by the Franklin County Quilters Guild. Tickets are \$1 each and 6 for \$5. Drawing July 4. (802) 285-2944 or fhich.org/quilt for details.

NOTES FROM THE SHORE

Be on Lookout for Algae

The Franklin Watershed Committee is compiling a chronological journal of all Blue Green Algae blooms in Lake Carmi this summer. If you witness a bloom, please forward a picture of it to FWC Coordinator Tucker Wehner at tuckerwehnerfwc@gmail.com. Please note the date, time and location of the bloom. Thank you.

Pete Benevento, LCCA

Looking Forward to 84th Year

Dear Carmi Friends,
As I look forward to another year at camp, I am so thankful we have managed to get through COVID with our vaccinations. This will be my 84th year at Carmi! My folks, with help from Dr. Samson and RD Gates, moved a little building onto a swampy piece of land in 1937! Thanks for all you are doing for the lake!

Ruth Hayes

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Lake Carmi Watershed Groundwater Study Continues

By Jon Kim, State Geologist

The Vermont Geological Survey/DEC and Middlebury College partner will continue the groundwater study in the Lake Carmi Watershed from mid-May through Summer 2021.

Scheduled tasks include:

- 1) Sample groundwater for chemical analysis from the nine shallow monitoring wells installed around Lake Carmi during October 2020;
- 2) Continue to sample groundwater for chemical analysis from existing private wells in the watershed (this began during October 2020);
- 3) Sample surface water for chemical analysis from streams in the watershed with Tucker Wehner (Watershed Coordinator); and
- 4) Conduct surveys of the rock formations in the watershed and make a bedrock geologic map.

The bedrock surveying involves getting a GPS position of a ledge, breaking off a small piece with a hammer to identify minerals and rock type with a lens, and measuring the beds and cracks with a geologic compass. The surficial geologic map was completed by a UVM Geology Dept. professor during Fall 2020 and is available on the Vermont Geological Survey website.

We are seeking more volunteers for well testing, which is described in #2 above. For information, contact Jon Kim, State Geologist, at jon.kim@vermont.gov or (802) 522-5401.



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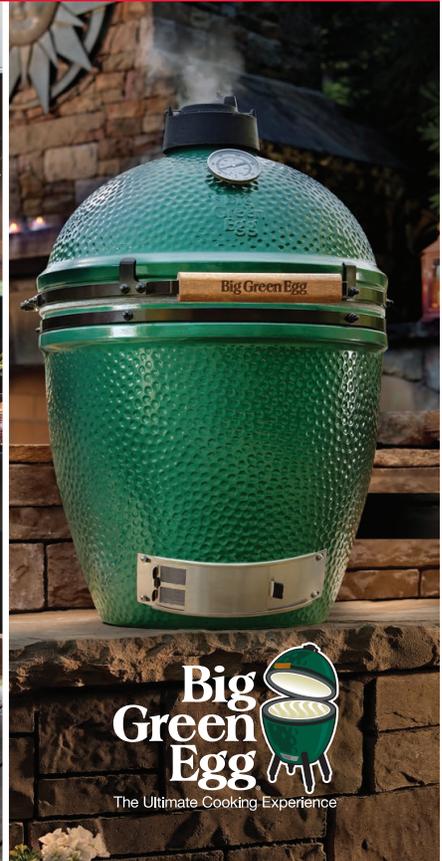
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