

Dock Talk is a publication of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-- DAVID LATTER --

COTTAGE SEASON SUMMARY

Welcome to the 2023 season on Healey Lake. The ice was out on Pine Bay on the afternoon April 13th and the rest of the lake followed within a matter of hours. The first loon was also spotted on the 13th.

The winter was mostly a bust if you preferred good snowmobiling conditions and quick ice in.

But if you liked lots of hydro outages and one complete week without any hydro service, you were well served during the winter season of 2023.

If you live on Healey Lake year-round, rely only on boat/snowmobile access and count on short shoulder seasons, December and January were very stressful. The ice was not safe on much of the lake until late January.

During the week without hydro some island residents ran out of gas for their generators and were without light or electric heating. Land residents kindly provided a shuttle service of tin boat ice breakers, and land transport to supplement heating with wood.

The good news is that Ontario Hydro was finally inspired to replace key transformers and upgrade 75 km of power line. This work has already started and should be finished before winter. We expect fewer and shorter outages in the future.

I would like to extend thanks to Arnie Sperl and the Cottage Watch Team for checking our cottages this winter. It is always comforting to see that tag on your door and knowing someone was around to check this winter. It was a challenge given the unstable ice conditions for much of the winter season.

DAM UPDATE

With the help of our Councillor and the Township, we now have a senior contact with the Ministry of Natural Resources. We are finally on their radar and have better lines of communication, but it will still be a long process to have the dam replaced.

See Dan MacLeod's report for more details.

HOLD THE DATES FOR 2023 LAKE EVENTS

The Annual General Meeting will take place on the Sunday, May 21st at 10:00 AM. The bottle drive will be on Saturday, July 8th and the Regatta on Saturday, August 5th.

LAKE SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS

The Association has a healthy balance sheet and ample funds available to enhance the benefits to members. The Executive is reviewing a number of proposals for incremental funding requests this year.

The proposals under consideration include:

- 1) New fire pump in 2023 with planned replacement of other pumps on a rotating basis
- 2) Ice augers for the properties that maintain the 3 year-round fire pumps
- 3) Regatta Equipment: tables, canopies, sound system
- 4) Updates: Healey Lake Website, Map & Directory
- 5) Expanding the work of the Lake Stewardship Committee headed by Doug Thompson
- 6) Equipment: 1-2 Weed whackers and gas-powered lawn mower for the trailer park clean up.
- 7) Installation of lending library boxes at boat landings
- 8) Signage: Only non-motorized craft in environmentally sensitive area across from Marinas and No Wake signs at various spots on the lake.

We are open to proposals for any other ideas that would maintain or improve the Healey Lake community. Share your suggestions via the website at healeylake.org.

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OTHER "BUSINESS"

We have been approached by the Township to lend some modest support to the Museum in Parry Sound. If you haven't visited the Museum and Fire Tower, check out their website at www.museumontowerhill.com.

PORTA POTTY AT THE PUBLIC LANDING

A decision was made at the fall AGM to fund and place a port-a-potty at the public landing on a trial basis; trial meaning no vandalism and no misuse of the facility. Arrangements are being made for one to be available from mid-May to mid-September.



Public washrooms and portapotties are available within 30 km both north & south of Mactier on HWY 400.

We strongly encourage you to consider these facilities as a good first choice when the need arises on your journey.

TRAILER PARK BOYS (AND GIRLS)

Just a reminder that the trailer park by the Marinas is for Member Use Only. This is a subtantial benefit to HLPOA members (and their renters) and in included in the \$40.00 annual membership fee. Please make sure your watercraft trailers have waterproof tags with your contact information.

Finally, we encourage all our members to support the local businesses, including the 2 Marinas on the Lake. They strengthen the economy of the local area and contribute to the enjoyment of the lake by all cottagers.

On behalf of your HLPOA Executive, I wish you a pleasant and relaxing summer here on Healey Lake.

GET IN TOUCH

If there are any ideas, issues or concerns that need the attention of the Executive, please email me at dlatter1712@gmail.com or call my cell at +1 416 407-4965.



IN MEMORIUM

-- CONTRIBUTED --

LEO HINTZE

December 17, 2022

Leo came to visit Canada in 1967 as a marine mechanic and worked for Mr. Bulmer at the Toronto waterfront. Shortly after he went back to Finland and married his sweetheart Leena and together they came back to Canada to start a family and a new life.

In 1968 Leo's next adventure was buying a small property on Healey Lake in cottage country and slowly he started to build a marina. The project carried on for many years. The marina just celebrated 54 years (Mariners' Cove Marina). Still family owned, it is the only full service marina on Healey Lake and customers always ask about Leo & Leena.

He started into real estate in 1987 and worked for Re Max for over 30 years. Leo liked to give back to the community as well. He was very involved with the MacTier Lions Club for over 20 years. Leo Hintze was a long-time real estate agent with Re/Max Parry Sound and a successful marina operator – he will be missed.

Leo Hintze passed away suddenly at the West Parry Sound Health Centre, on Saturday, December 17th, 2022 at 81 years of age.

Beloved husband of Leena for 54 years. Loving father of Peter Hintze (Danielle and her children Jason and Breen); and Pia and her husband Kyle Forder. Cherished Ukki of Kiana Forder, Katriina Hintze, and Brigitte Hintze. Dear brother of Brigitte Nykanen and her family. Fondly remembered and missed by other family and friends.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to the West Parry Sound Health Centre or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.



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CONTACT:

Adam Smith 705-627-9070 redsrepairsrenos@gmail.com

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

-- DAN MACLEOD --

Well we made it through another one, not that the weather or the ice were that great.

FOODCYCLER

The response to the Foodcycler was incredible. Thank to all who contacted me. As of March 7, 100 units were delivered to the Township office. To claim one, you can go the office during business hours, ask for the model of your choosing, show your ID, pay by cash, debit or cheque and take it home. The Township will be stocking the Foodcycler for several months. I have been using mine every night and have noticed a marked reduction in wet garbage.

The Foodcycler will reduce wet garbage from being carried from your residence, to the transfer station and to the landfill.

CONNECTIVITY

Bell had told everyone the construction for the new tower was scheduled for last fall, as of now no ground has been broken. I am hoping some news will be forthcoming in the next month.

DAM

Adam Wakefield has informed me the Healey Lake Dam was inspected this fall, as promised and a report will be issued this spring. As per the Muskoka Watershed Council, because of the snowfall this winter water levels are not expected to be high this spring.



GET IN TOUCH

As always, if there are any questions or concerns with the above subject matter or any Township issues, please contact me. You can reach out directly via email dmacleod@thearchipelago.ca or +1647-549-5474.

Dan Macleod

COTTAGE WATCH

I would like to thank Arnie Sperl and his team for completing the cottage watch program again this year. This is a valuable service to our members and provides at least one visit each winter to HLPOA members cottage to check for damage, break ins or other adverse events.

TRANSFER STATION SUMMER SEASON

Victoria Day Weekend through Thanksgiving Day

HEALEY LAKE TRANSFER STATION (169 HEALEY LAKE RD)

- **Sunday** 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Wednesday Closed
- Holidays: Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day
 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

WOODS BAY TRANSFER STATION

(718 HEALEY LAKE RD).

- Sunday, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, Thursday Closed
- Holidays: Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day
 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

During the Summer season, the Township also operates two water-access sites seasonally on Georgian Bay:

- Devil's Elbow
- Sheep Head

See link below for additional information

SOUTH ARCHIPELAGO WASTE DISPOSAL PAGE

• https://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/p/south-archipelago---facilities-and-hours-of-operation

HLPOA MEMBERSHIP

-- SHARON TOSSWILL --

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a welcome to all new cottage or property owners on Healey Lake!! We encourage you and your guests to consider joining the **Healey Lake Property Owners Association** — various membership options are available. Membership information is available at:

https://healeylake.org/community/#membership

WE'VE GONE DIGITAL

The Association is no longer mailing out hard copy Membership Renewal Forms other than on an exception basis. We initiated email renewals in March 2022, but some Members were not aware of this change and were waiting to receive mailed information.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please look for email renewals next Spring, 2023. At that time, please visit our website at www.healeylake.org to complete the online Membership Renewal form. This ensures we always have your current contact information.

NOTE: If you have moved or changed your email address in the current year, please update your contact information now for next year. We will need your updated contact info in the event our Cottage Watch Volunteers find a problem.

Next year, once the online Membership Renewal form has been completed, you will have 3 ways to pay annual dues

- Pay Pal available through the website https://healeylake.org/
- 2) E-transfer to Treasurer@healeylake.org Include your 911/lot number in the cover email.
- 3) By cheque / cash and mail to: HLPOA | PO Box 132 MacTier, ON POC 1H0

If you do not have an email address or would still prefer to receive a hard copy Membership Notice, please contact:

Sharon Tosswill, Membership Coordinator 647-217-6834 or sharon tosswill@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Some of the many benefits your HLPOA Membership Fee work to support include:

- 1) Two Annual General Meetings (AGMs) in May and September to meet other members and exchange views of interest to us all.
- 2) Three annual editions of our Dock Talk newsletter.
- 3) Cottage Watch: Over the winter, Volunteers will visit your property and alert you to any issues.
- 4) Webcams: There are two currently installed on the lake, which are viewable through our website
- 5) Notifications: Email blast delivered to your inbox to keep you aware of events on the lake
- 6) Lake Stewardship Program: Annual Water testing and working on many initiatives to keep Healey Lake safe and flourishing.
- 7) Annual Regatta: Scheduled regularly for the Saturday of the August long weekend with games, crafts, food, and a beer tent.
- 8) Fire & Safety
 - Provides and maintains 10 fire pumps on the lake, available to help in an emergency situation.
 - Maintains select courtesy lights and markers to aide boating safety.
 - Link on our Home webpage to the current Fire Rating (Fire Icon in top right corner) or see also https://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/p/fire-rating
- 9) Automatic FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association) Membership with your HLPOA membership. FOCA members may additionally benefit from potential insurance savings. HLPOA is also a member of the Georgian Bay Biosphere.
- 10) Boat Trailer Parking: Available free to Members Only located by the two Marinas. In addition, the Association in partnership with the Township, maintains three landings at Fox Back Rd; Pine Bay and Kapikog Bay
- 11) Representing our member's interests with the Township of the Archipelago.

Dan MacLeod is the Councillor for Ward 6, TOA.

A former President of the HLPOA, Dan is now a voice on Council, advocating for Healey Lake issues such as waste disposal, taxation, roads, fire safety, and working closely with the Association on MNR's management of the Dam etc.



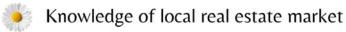
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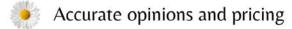
- Premium Gas
- Propane Exchange (20lbs & 100 lbs tanks)
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 (14' Aluminum Fishing boats & Pontoon boat)
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WILDLIFE UPDATE

-- MISSY MANDEL --

FOX UPDATE

Mange is affecting the fox populations in many areas in and around the Healey Lake.





Mange is a skin disease caused by mites that can have serious consequences for wildlife, including foxes. It is a highly contagious disease caused by tiny mites that burrow into an animal's skin, causing intense itching and inflammation. The mites can multiply rapidly and cause hair loss, scabbing, and crusting on the skin. The disease can be fatal if left untreated, and it can also weaken the immune system, leaving the animal vulnerable to other infections.

I have been working with Aspen Valley to treat local foxes with mange. Together we have successfully treated 5 canids this winter. Treating them before they go into their dens improves the chances their kits will not contract it.

Here are some signs of mange to look out for:

- 1) Hair Loss: One of the most common signs of mange is hair loss. Foxes with mange will often have patchy hair loss, typically starting around the tail, and then spreading to the rest of the body.
- 2) Skin Irritation: Foxes with mange will often have red, inflamed, or scabbed skin, especially around the areas where hair loss has occurred.
- 3) Scratching & Biting: Foxes with mange will often scratch and bite at their skin, which can cause further hair loss and skin damage.
- 4) Discharge: In severe cases of mange, you may notice a discharge coming from the affected areas.
- 5) General Poor Health: Mange can weaken the immune system, leaving foxes vulnerable to other diseases. So, foxes with mange may also show signs of poor health, such as lethargy, loss of appetite, or weight loss.

If you notice any of these signs in a fox or other wildlife please reach out to me Missy Mandel 416 804-5667 or missy@missymandel.ca

Missy Mandel

BLUEBIRD UPDATE

I have been working with a bluebird organization in the McKeller area. Volunteers clean, maintain and collect data on bluebird nesting boxes throughout the spring and summer months. I look after 32 boxes in Orville and 5 in our area, which are in the fields along Earls road. Last year we had one pair successfully raise two broods and we are hoping for more this season.

By providing nesting boxes for bluebirds, we are helping to support their population and maintain their role in our ecosystem. Bluebirds primarily feed on insects, including many pests such as grasshoppers, beetles, and caterpillars, making them a valuable form of natural pest control. They also help to disperse seeds and maintain plant diversity, as they feed on berries and fruits.

Bluebirds are not only a joy to watch, but they also provide numerous benefits to our environment. Their bright blue and orange plumage and sweet, melodic songs make them a favourite among birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts. By providing nesting boxes, we hope to give our community members the opportunity to experience the beauty and wonder of these incredible birds.



Please remember to respect their space and avoid disturbing their perch or nesting boxes. For questions or information please reach out to me anytime.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE ON HEALEY LAKE

-- CONTRIBUTED --

Georgian Bay's rocky shorelines, wind-curved pines and infinite islands have always inspired artists. For German painter Horst Brunke, it's that inspiration that has drawn him back to Canada every summer.

Though his lyrical abstract realism paintings have been exhibited in major cities like Paris, Berlin, Toronto and Munich, German artist Horst Brunke has a fondness for a certain gallery near MacTier, Ontario. Every summer, he always looks forward to showing his work to visitors at his Canadian studio on Healey Lake.

For 30 years, the now-82-year-old artist has travelled to his daughter Catrin's family cottage near MacTier in July, and returned to Europe in September. Ten years ago, the garage at the cottage on Earl's Road was transformed into a bright, welcoming studio/gallery. Brunke holds an open house there for visitors and art lovers on every August weekend. The commissions he receives during the summer are completed in the studio at his home in Bremen, Germany.

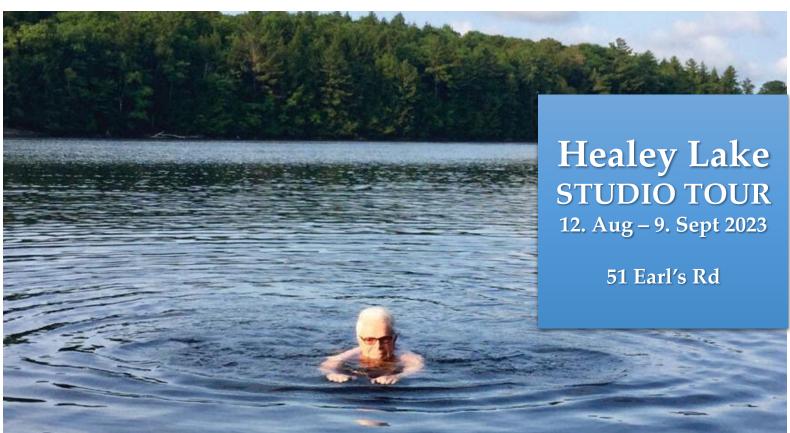
This summer, the acrylic and egg tempera paintings on the studio's walls focused on the misty moods and wild magic of Georgian Bay and the Archipelago. Another favourite subject was Healey Lake. Inspiration for those works often comes at the end of the dock. Brunke changes things up occasionally as witnessed by the mixed media painting of Jimi Hendrix and some experimental copper plate works. The artist is also open to very contemporary art styles.

Fans of Brunke's paintings are an enthusiastic group. When he has a show, people tend to arrive from all over. A person who bought three of his paintings in Toronto flew to Parry Sound when he found out about the weekend shows at Healey Lake. A woman in France who is enamoured of his work has acquired over 20 paintings.

After Brunke arrives back at Healey Lake, he starts a daily routine that has proven to be most effective. Early every morning, no matter what the weather has decided to do, Brunke goes for a long swim. Inevitably, he finds artistic inspiration as he cuts through the waves. Even when rain fell in sheets and the lake couldn't be seen this summer, he was in the water swimming the requisite two kilometres.

"I love it," says Brunke, smiling. "I look around and already, I get ideas. The morning with the mist, the colours and the reflections is inspirational. After swimming, I have breakfast and paint for two or three hours until lunchtime. I may have a snooze for a while if there are no visitors. The studio is mainly open weekends, but the driveway gate is open and people are welcome to come in. I continue to paint until 6 p.m. I find that swimming keeps me strong and helps with the painting."

Brunke also regularly takes bike rides of 20 km or more and joined a water gymnastics group in Germany. He is the only male and is quite pleased to be so.



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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE ON HEALEY LAKE

-- CONTRIBUTED --

At the age of 11, Brunke discovered a love of painting through school in his hometown of Salzwedel, Germany. Later, he studied painting and drawing at the Art University of Bremen, and Art Akademie Esslingen. Eventually, Brunke developed a fondness for painting in egg tempera.

"A friend and artist from Vienna who is known for his frescos in churches specialized in egg tempera," explains Brunke. "That got me interested in working with it. I make my own egg tempera colours."

In his 50s, Brunke was able to devote most of his time to painting. The rest, as they say, is history. The artist has had solo exhibitions in Bremen, Toronto and Paris, and locally at the Parry Sound Museum and Rosseau Memorial Hall. He has participated in many group shows including exhibitions in Berlin, Bremen, Dusseldorf and Paris.

Catrin married her Canadian husband in 1987. They went to Rocky Crest Resort near Parry Sound for a vacation, and instantly liked the area. "That's how we ended up on Healey Lake. My parents joined us on our honeymoon and fell in love with the area immediately. My father was inspired right away by the scenery, serenity and beauty of our lake and everything the Archipelago and Georgian Bay had to offer."

As well as capturing the Georgian Bay and Healey Lake areas in his artwork, Brunke has forged local friendships and had the opportunity to show his Canadian home to fellow artists from Germany.

"He made lifelong friends with artists from the Seguin Arts Council and with people on our lake," Catrin says. "Over the years, he has invited artists from Germany to collaborate with him and share with them everything this beautiful area has to offer. He took them by boat on Georgian Bay to sketch the scenery and get a feel for it. He even had a float plane pick them up and fly over the Archipelago Unesco section and the thousands of island so they could understand the sheer size of the area."

Brunke's Canadian landscape pieces are a hit in Europe where certain trees, leaves and colours do not exist. When asked the difference between Canadian and European art, Brunke notes our fondness for Tom Thomson and his posse. "I find people are very focused on the Group of Seven, the way it was painted and the style," he explains. "I see a lot of artists that are copying that style instead of doing their own thing." Looking into the future, Brunke says his work will reflect whatever he sees and feels in whatever country he is in at the time. He will absorb it, and paint accordingly.

As for the meaning of art in his life, Brunke has a quick answer. "For me, it is like medication," he says. "It keeps me young, inspired and connected to young people through my Instagram account. I am very happy here and enjoy being in Canada. What I don't have in Europe is this space. There is a different vibe here in Canada that you don't get in Europe. There's a vastness of everything. Here, you can breathe."



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THE LAKED CHEF

-- RON HUTZUL --

BRAISED LAMB WITH SPRING PEAS

Prep Time: 30 Minutes | Cook Time: 75 minutes | Serves 6-8 As it gets colder outside and tougher for even the most enthusiastic Grillers to heat the BBQ, I'm including this incredible recipe — especially for those who may be spending days outside enjoying the snowy weather!

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- ☐ 2½ lbs boneless lamb shoulder (cut into 1½-inch chunks)
- ☐ Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ☐ 3 oz (90 g) chopped pancetta
- ☐ 1 large onion halved and thinly sliced, about 2 cups (500 mL)
- ☐ 2 tsp (10 mL) minced garlic
- ☐ 1 cup (250 mL) white wine
- 1 dried red chili flakes
- ☐ ¼ cup (60 mL) chopped parsley
- 2 cups (500 mL) fresh spring peas
- ☐ 3 eggs
- ☐ ½ cup (125 mL) Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 300°F (150°C).
- 2. Heat oil in a large skillet (or Dutch oven) over mediumhigh heat. Season lamb with salt and pepper. Add lamb to oil in batches, frying until well browned on all sides, about 4 to 6 minutes total. Remove from pan and reserve.
- 3. Reduce heat to medium and add pancetta. Cook until fat renders, (2-3 mins). Add onion and sauté for 3 minutes or until softened; add garlic and sauté 1 more minute.
- 4. Pour in white wine, stir in chili and half the parsley then bring to a boil, scraping any brown bits from the base of the pan (this is called deglazing). Simmer for 2 minutes to combine the flavours and then return lamb to skillet.
- 5. Cover and bake for 1½ to 2 hours the lamb will be soft and juicy. Add green peas and return to oven uncovered. Cook for a further 15 minutes or until peas are tender.
- 6. To serve, beat together the eggs, Parmesan cheese and remaining parsley, (I use a hand-blender). Drizzle this mixture into the braised lamb, stirring until it has been fully incorporated and the combined mixture is smooth—the heat from the lamb will gently cook the eggs as you stir, thickening and creating a rich and delicious sauce.
- 7. Re-season with salt and pepper and serve immediately. I'd serve this with thick slices of warm sourdough and cultured butter (the tanginess pairs well w the flavours here) an acidic spring mix salad and a big glass of chilled rose (though a French or Italian red would be very tempting here too).



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