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NAMAKAGON

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NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Message from the President...

As we watch winter fade to spring it will not be long before we have soft water again and the anglers will arrive and other recreational activities will begin on our lake. While we had a tough start to the winter season with little snow, Mother Nature finally came back and gave us our much needed snowfall for the winter activities. With the changing of the seasons I can't help but feel that we all are so fortunate to be able to enjoy this magnificent part of the world.

The Namakagon Lake Association is an active part of the area. As an organization our goal is to preserve and protect Lake Namakagon as an environmentally healthy watershed, by sponsoring educational programs and encouraging responsible use of the water. We sponsor many activities that I would encourage each of you to take part in. Some include the spring lakeshore clean up, Northwest Lakes Leadership Conference, Fun on the Water educational program for youth, and boat landing monitoring and education through "Captain a Landing" program that was initiated last year. The greatest threat our lake faces is

from invasive species like Eurasian Water Milfoil. Once this menace takes hold of a body of water it is devastating to the entire ecosystem. Prevention is the only real chance we have to maintain the lake's quality. I encourage each of you to contact one of our Board members and volunteer your time to help out a day or two this summer to help educate and monitor one of our 9 boat landings to prevent the introduction of these problem weeds to our waters.

In addition to working on one of the many activities, please encourage your neighbors to join the Association and participate along with you. We all have fun with these activities and learn at the same time.

Thank you for your care and concern for our lake. With the proper respect for all users and attention to the threats we will have a healthy lake for all of us and our ancestors to enjoy for years to come.

Jim McMillan, President

IF IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES!!

To be eligible to vote, all members must be 18 years of age and a paid member 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION RENEWAL OR NEW MEMBER REQUEST FORM

MEMBERSHIP DUE ANNUALLY ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS

NAME OF EACH VOTING MEMBER

- Individual Membership Per Person... # _____ X \$10.00 = _____
- Wildlife Watcher # _____ X \$25.00 = _____
- Loon Lover # _____ X \$50.00 = _____
- Lake Steward # _____ X \$100.00 = _____
- Keeper of the Lake..... # _____ X \$200.00 = _____
- Other: # _____ X _____ = _____

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CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS Volunteers Reaching 26,000 Boaters

As of 2006, over 640 participants from 44 counties were trained at Clean Boats, Clean Waters workshops. This certainly reflects the tremendous effort volunteers are making to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species. Lake residents, county board members, tribal community members, representatives from county park and forest programs, boat marina operators and realtors have all attended workshops to learn how aquatic invasive species threaten Wisconsin waters. After three years of watercraft inspection and boater education, volunteers spoke to 26,000 boaters while inspecting over 12,000 boats for hitchhiking aquatic plants and animals.

The Clean Boats, Clean Waters program, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, UW-Extension and Wisconsin Association of Lakes, is again offering a series of training workshops across the state. These workshops provide an opportunity to learn how and why educational awareness is so important in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Attendance is free, but participants are encouraged to purchase a volunteer handbook and resource tool kit for \$25.

We will be collaborating this year with the Citizen Lake Monitoring

Network to offer training for watercraft inspections at the boat landing as well as whole lake monitoring for invasive species. Only four selected workshops will offer Citizen Lake Monitoring Network training to focus on monitoring for specific aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels, rusty crayfish, and Eurasian water milfoil. Participants in these workshops will review monitoring protocols for each species and interested participants will receive monitoring equipment. Additionally, whole lake monitoring methods will be discussed to assist participants in developing a proactive approach in early detection and rapid response efforts. Attendance is free, but participants can receive Through the Looking Glass, an excellent plant identification book, and color laminated plant scans to aid in identifying underwater plants for \$25.



Credit: Frank Koshere, DNR

To register for a workshop or learn more about the program, contact Laura Felda-Marquardt at Laura.Felda@dnr.state.wi.us or (715) 365-2659. Visit our website at <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/CBCW>.

THE FOLLOWING IS CONTRIBUTED BY JON HOFFERT, VICE PRESIDENT OF NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION: For the April issue of the Namakagon Breeze, I have attached the summary of our 2005 Clean Boats/Clean Waters effort that I submitted to the DNR when closing out last year's grant.

2005 EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL WATCH & EDUCATION GRANT SUMMARY GRANT # AEPP-012-05

In cooperation with the Township of Namakagon and the Wisconsin DNR, the Namakagon Lake Association (NLA) completed its first year of monitoring boat launching activities on Lake Namakagon to help prevent the introduction of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and other Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) into the lake. To date, no AIS have been discovered in Namakagon through annual aquatic vegetation surveys by an aquatic biologist. The intent of the boat launch monitoring effort is to help prevent an inadvertent release of AIS into Namakagon. In the spring and early summer, volunteers from the NLA attended training in the Wisconsin DNR's Clean Boats/Clean Waters program to learn an effective and accepted way to communicate AIS issues and best practices to deal with the person-to-person contacts.

- Throughout the summer, the NLA volunteers:
- Monitored five of the busiest launch ramps,
 - Assisted boat owners in inspecting their boats, motors and trailers,
 - Increased the AIS awareness of the boat launchers through conversations and distributing literature, and,
 - Documented their efforts.

Reflecting on the past few months of our Clean Boats/Clean Waters undertaking, we learned the following:

- There are at least nine boat launching facilities accessing Lake Namakagon.
- They are controlled by an assortment of entities including the Wisconsin DNR, the Townships of Namakagon and

- Grandview, the US Forest Service, and private businesses.
- The resources necessary to adequately apply the Clean Boats/Clean Waters concept to these ramps and protect the lake is significant. Often busy accesses at busy times did not get inspection and educational attention.
- Some ramps had different peak times than others.
- Fishing boats were the primary boats launched.
- Ten percent of the boats inspected had aquatic vegetation on them at launch time.
- Fourteen percent of the people contacted were unaware of the Wisconsin laws regarding AIS.
- One third of the boats were from out of state.
- Some boat launch ramps tend to have more local traffic whereas other ramps had more out of the area and out of state traffic.

Having the experience of the initial season behind us, our plans for the future are:

- Continue to educate the lake users and stakeholders in AIS issues.
- Seek additional volunteers to receive the Clean Boats/Clean Waters training making them available to expand to our effort.
- Better align our resources toward the higher traffic and higher risk launch ramps at peak times.
- Work with the Township of Namakagon to seek another Lake Planning Grant through the Wisconsin DNR in 2006 to leverage our finances to help with volunteer training, boat launch inspections, and AIS education.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Namakagon Lake Association needs additional volunteers to help with our Clean Boats/Clean Waters effort. It is a painless experience involving an initial three hour training session and an occasional stint at a boat launch positively interacting with the lake users. If you are interested, please email Jon Hoffert at jon.hoffert@gmail.com.

NLA BOARD NOMINEES

I know it is early. This is our second Newsletter of this board's tenure and we publish four. There is plenty of time to bring up this subject, but, it is never too early to start thinking about NLA Board nominees to represent our Lake Association.

Election takes place at our annual meeting in August. We must have a slate of nominees by that time. Before that happens, we want to know little about the nominee and we do that through these newsletters and introductions at our association meetings.

Consider serving! Think of conscientious folks that would be good representatives for our lake with good ideas!! Talk to them and encourage them to be nominees.

FIRE FACTS

Flammable liquids include gasoline, acetone, toluene, and vinyl acetate. They are volatile, flammable, toxic liquids commonly used as fuels, solvents, cleaning agents, thinners, adhesives, paints, waxes and polishes and raw materials. Most people don't realize how easily flammable liquids can ignite, or even explode. Don't risk your life, or the life of your family or neighbors by using or storing flammable liquids improperly. Follow these safety guidelines.

THE FACTS

- Flammable liquids release invisible vapors. It is the vapors that ignite, not the liquid itself. These vapors can ignite with a single spark of static electricity or even just high temperatures.
- Flammable liquid vapors can displace oxygen in the air if it is unventilated. Exposure to these vapors may cause vomiting, dizziness, mental confusion, coma, brain damage, and death.
- Flammable liquids can strip away natural oils in the skin, leaving the skin vulnerable to irritation, infection and chronic skin problems.
- Flammable liquids will "explode" if their vapors ignite in an enclosed, unventilated area.
- Once ignited, the flames "flash back". This means the flames travel back, through the vapor-air mixture, to the container or source of the gasoline creating an explosion.
- Most flammable liquids produce vapors that are heavier than air. These vapors can spread considerable distances along the floor and be ignited by a distant heat, spark or flame.
- When flammable liquid containers fail (crack or rupture) due to fire, contact or impact they can build up an overabundance of pressure in the container and cause an explosion.

SAFETY TIPS

Do not store flammable liquids in glass containers. Only approved metal or plastic containers are acceptable for storage. Approved containers for portable use and storage will have welded seams, are vapor proof, with spark or flame arresters, and pressure release valves or spring closing lids with spout covers.

- Store flammable liquids outside the home in a cool ventilated area, preferably in a locked, detached shed. Do not store in your home or vehicle. Flammable liquids should not be stored on an exterior balcony
- Only fill or dispense flammable liquid containers outdoors.
- Make sure flammable liquids are stored and used well away from any heat source or flame. Locate operating heaters in garages high above the ground and never smoke around flammable liquids.
- When fuelling flammable liquid equipment, fuel outdoors in a well ventilated area away from combustibles. Avoid activities that could create an electrical charge while fueling.
- Do not use flammable liquids to accelerate campfires or solid fuel barbecues. Flash-back may occur.
- Do not wash clothes soaked in flammable liquids in the washing machine. Take them to a dry cleaner.

- Dispose of flammable liquid wastes promptly and properly. Throw away wastes such as used liquids, paper or rags in metal containers with sealed lids. Empty waste containers at least once a day.
- Be careful not to spill flammable liquids and immediately wipe them up if a spill occurs.
- Never use water to extinguish a flammable liquid fire. Water will spread the liquid while allowing the vapors to continue to burn. Have a Type B fire extinguisher immediately available in case of fire. Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions.

AT THE SERVICE STATION: GASOLINE

- You must turn off your vehicle's engine when refueling; no smoking.
- To avoid spills, do not overfill your portable gasoline container or vehicle gas tank.
- Never fill a portable gasoline container when it is in the vehicle. Always place the container on the ground first.
- To transport flammable liquids in an automobile to and from the filling station, place a sealed, approved container in the trunk with the trunk lid propped open, for ventilation, and drive directly to the fueling site. Take a direct route back home, and never store flammable liquids in a vehicle.
- If a fire starts while you are refueling the vehicle or a container, don't remove the nozzle from fill point or try to stop the flow of the gasoline. Leave the area immediately and call for help.
- After pumping gasoline, leave the nozzle in the tank opening for a few seconds to avoid drips when you remove it.
- Never siphon gasoline by mouth. Use purchased devices carefully and follows the manufacturer's directions. A drop of gasoline in the lungs can cause fatal chemical pneumonia.
- When transporting gasoline from the service station to your home for immediate use, use a safety can and fill it only half or three-quarters full. Transport the container in your trunk with the lid partially open. Never store gasoline in your car or truck.



Thank you to Henry Rieckhoff, Namakagon Township Fire Chief, for his contributions to the Lake Namakagon Newsletter.

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NAMAKAGON LAKE SHORE CLEAN UP VOLUNTEER PROJECT

The weeks proceeding May 20th are designated as NLA Volunteer Lake Shore Clean Up. Hopefully the weather and water will cooperate and we can get out in our boats and visually check our shore line and pick up debris.

This is an annual project for all those that wish to get involved in our lake association, as well as beautify our shoreline.

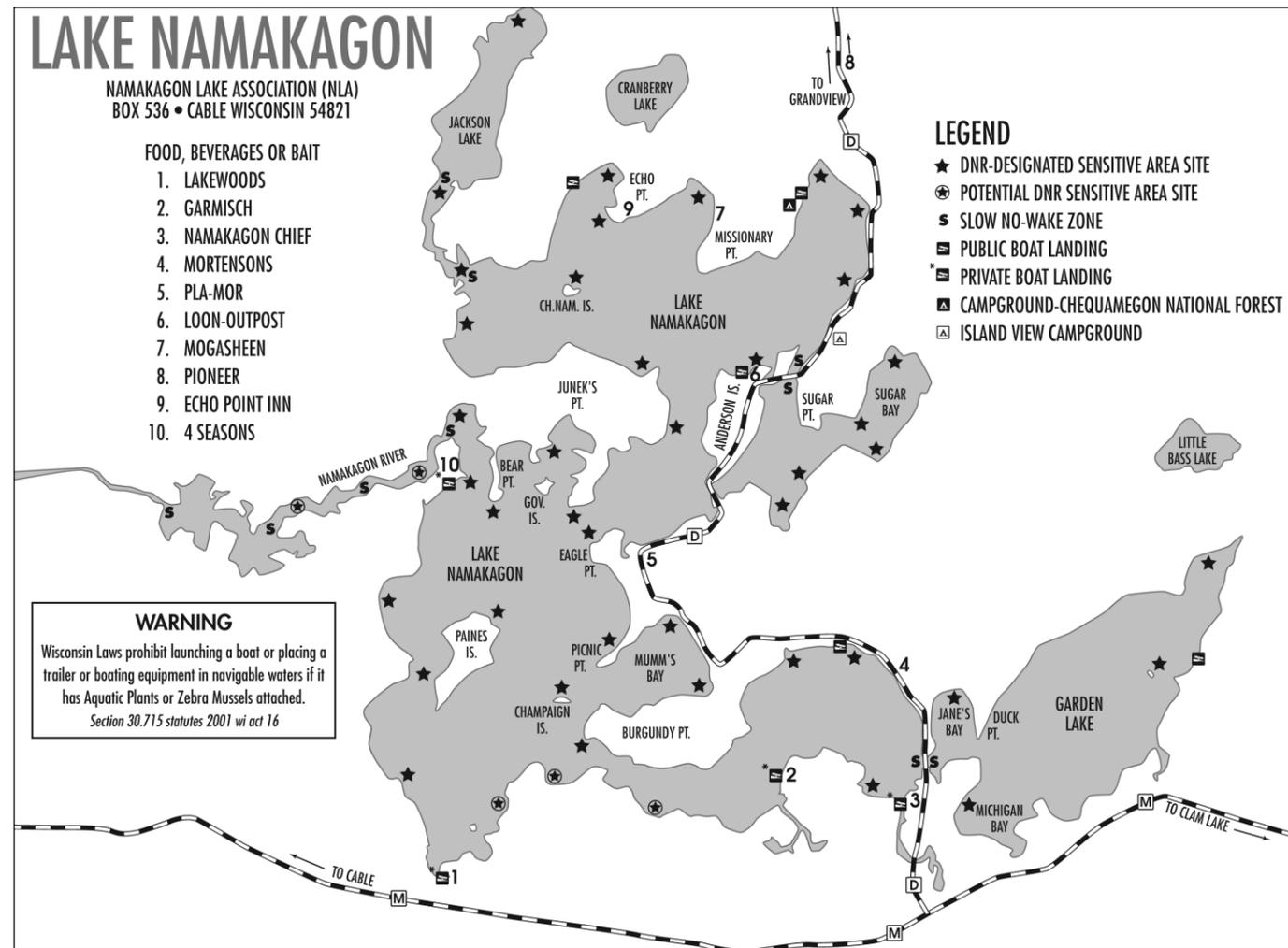
Please choose an area, whether it is your properties shoreline and those areas close by or the shoreline of public land and wilderness areas. All the shore needs attention either by boat or waders to pick up material that has floated to the shoreline during the fall and spring months.

Please call Rick Yerhot @ 507-287-6900 or Bill Porter @ 715-

794-2601 or E-Mail board@nlaonline.org to volunteer your time at your convenience leading up to May 20th. Specify what area you will cover and we will mark a map and try to cover the entire lake shoreline (see map below for area you would like to cover and then please contact us).

Both Namakagon and Grand View Township dumps will accept our clean up items.

The past couple years we have not had a picnic to culminate our efforts. Would you like to get together for a cook out on Saturday May 19th? Let us know if you would. It would be good to meet our fellow members.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. was formed in 1995 for the purpose of preserving and protecting Lake Namakagon and its environs. The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. (NLA) is a not for profit organization that relies on the contributions and membership fees of land owners and other concerned citizens for its funding. It is our goal to preserve and protect Lake Namakagon as an environmentally healthy watershed, by sponsoring educational programs, adopting a proactive role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.

NLA MARKETING COMMITTEE UPDATE – MARCH, 2006

Late last summer Clyde Wishart, NLA President asked me to chair a marketing committee to help promote the Lake Association. The committee was formed after suggestions from the members at meetings held during the summer. During the "off season", the committee has worked on the following items:

- The web site address has been changed to make it easier for people to find. The new address is nlaonline.org. Members who try to access the former address will be re-directed to the new web site.
- The web site was moved to a new provider as we were having difficulty keeping the web site on line. The new provider guarantees a 99.9% uptime and has been selected the #1 hosting service by Netcraft.
- The information on the web site has been updated to include the current board members and their terms of service, board minutes and newsletters, current important dates for the association year, etc.
- We worked with Bill Porter, association secretary to send the November, 2005 edition of the Namakagon Breeze to property owners on and near the lake who are not members of the association. As of January 16, we have 22 new members of the association from the mailing list generated for us by Bayfield County.
- In late February, the committee worked with Bill Porter to send "invoices" or renewal notices to association members from whom we have not received 2006 dues. We expect these efforts will help achieve a higher rate of renewals and increase our overall membership numbers. As of mid March, 65 members have sent their renewal dues from this mailing.

The committee is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to work on a history of our lake. We would like to capture some of the colorful history and facts of Lake Namakagon to add to the web site so visitors will have an appreciation for our lake. Anyone interested, please contact me at lstroup@cheqnet.net or 794-2260.

During the upcoming association meetings we would like to develop additional ideas from the membership to help us promote Lake Namakagon and the efforts of the association. We also would like additional volunteers to work with us. If you have ideas you would like to share with us and/or would like to volunteer to work on the marketing committee, please contact me.

Larry Stroup

TENTATIVE NLA MEETINGS:
 May 13 @ 2:00 pm Bill Porter Home - Work Meeting
 June 17 @ 9:00 am Namakagon Town Hall
 August 26 @ 9:00 am Namakagon Town Hall
 October 7 @ 2:00 pm. Namakagon Town Hall

TENTATIVE NEWSLETTER PUBLICATIONS:
 April, June, July & November

TENTATIVE ACTIVITIES DATES:
 Lake Shore Clean-up Mid-May
 NLA Fun On The Water Youth Event July
 Cable Fall Festival Booth TBA
 NW Lake Conference June 29-30

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

All new installations of (residential) septic tanks, by state code of Wisconsin, are required to have manhole covers over the inlet and the outlet of the tank. On the outlet of the septic tank it is required to have a filter. The manhole cover above the filter must be above ground. If there is a pumping chamber (lift station) the cover must be above ground. A new state wide regulation requires all systems to be serviced at least once every three years by a licensed pumper or plumber.

Here are just a few things to be aware of. The presence of sewer gas (methane) can be caused by lack of bacteria in your septic tank. Some causes of this are soaps, cleaners, or disinfectants entering your septic tank, killing the bacteria. Your septic tank needs bacteria to function properly or to decompose human waste. As we are all aware, a house hold would not function very well without showers, washing clothes and dishes. If you keep these thoughts in mind it will help. When moping your floor, do you pour your cleaners down the sink (more bacteria killers)? Little things like this will help keep the ratio of human waste to bacteria killers in order.

Another growing problem we see as septic pumpers is the flushing of feminine products, baby wipes, sanitary wipes, cigarettes, candy wrappers and Q-tips and test strips for medical reasons. This practice will raise the price of having your tanks pumped. We live in a rural area. We don't have city sewer. This means we don't have many places to dispose of the septic tank waste we remove from households. Most of this waste is land spread and has to be picked up by hand. This is time consuming and really not a very desirable job.

Some old winter tips: When cold weather comes the vent pipe on your roof will occasionally freeze shut. To cure this, pour warm water into the pipe. It will thaw quite quickly. Cover your septic tank by putting straw or leaves to help keep from freezing. Don't use hay or oak leaves (acorns). The deer are drawn to this for food and when they walk on it and pack the snow, it drives the frost down. Keep traffic (walking, snowmobiling and anything that packs the snow away from your septic system.

Jim Amundson

SEPTIC SYSTEM ISSUES COMMITTEE

What are we all striving for as Namakagon Lake residents? Our biggest interest is for keeping a clean, healthy Lake! This brings up the subject of all the sewage systems (septic tanks) around the Lake.

The State of Wisconsin has had a code of laws in place for many years regarding the Do's and don'ts pertaining to private sewage disposal.

I have recently checked with the Bayfield Zoning Officer on some private sewage disposal questions that people have asked about. The county does not check properties for violations unless it is brought to their attention that a system is creating a health hazard or serious pollution (surface ground water). When a property is sold, it generally gets evaluated by a plumber or septic tank pumper as to it working properly. The State of Wisconsin has mandated that ALL systems must be pumped every 3 years and it will be recorded by each county. Bayfield County will start to comply with that soon - this will create an added work load and expense for the county and this is why they have left it go to the end.

When newer updates come in place, we will keep the Lake Association updated. Until such time - BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR - have your septic tank pumped every 3 years for the sake of YOUR private system and the Lake.

Ralph Nystrom, Bob Lawton and Jerry Darwin

FOREST LODGE: A CONSERVATION LEGACY

As many readers may know, the beautiful Lake Namakagon property known as Forest Lodge has been preserved through the generosity and foresight of its owner, Mary Griggs Burke. Assisted by The Trust for Public Land, the USDA Forest Service received title in 1999, making the 872-acre estate part of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Upon donating Forest Lodge to the American people, Mrs. Burke shared her vision for the future: to protect the integrity of the land and lakeshore.

This article relates the story of Forest Lodge, its legacy, and management as a public land treasure that reflects over 100 years of conservation in northern Wisconsin.

HISTORY AND FEATURES OF FOREST LODGE

Much of the land on the south shore of Lake Namakagon was owned by the Northern Wisconsin Lumber Company in 1902 when Crawford Livingston, Mrs. Burke's grandfather, purchased the original 100 acres of cutover land. The purchase included the Old Cove Logging Camp and the large log structure, built in 1893, that became Forest Lodge. Mr. Livingston began building the estate as a family retreat and summer home. Taking up this dream in 1916, his daughter and her husband, Mary Livingston Griggs and Theodore Griggs, completed most of the work. Mrs. Griggs

gave Forest Lodge to their daughter, Mary Griggs Burke, in 1943.

The property contains several large parcels: over 600 acres bisected by County Road M, the historic estate, most of Burgundy Point, and Champagne Island. There are over 3-1/2 miles of lakeshore, a public nature trail, old growth hemlock and mature second-growth hardwoods, and 18 buildings and structures. Native habitats associated with the hardwood forest include woodland ephemeral ponds, open bogs, and northern sedge meadows. The rustic-style buildings and their surrounding landscape demonstrate remarkable historical significance. They were listed on the Wisconsin State Register and National Register of Historic Places in 2002.



ACQUISITION LEGACY

Forest Lodge inspired several creative arrangements that reflect its history and conservation legacy. In a significant decision during the acquisition, Mrs. Burke and The Trust for Public Land established an endowment fund to preserve and maintain the buildings and grounds and to support programs.

To continue enjoying Forest Lodge, Mrs. Burke reserved a life estate, an area that includes the buildings, grounds, adjacent shoreline, and Champagne Island. She remains responsible for its care and maintenance during her lifetime. Use of the endowment fund becomes effective after the life estate closes.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS

The Burke acquisition also came with direction to guide Forest Service management. Each of four "special management areas" honors Mrs. Burke and her mother (see enclosed map). National forest special management areas are established to protect resources, and where appropriate, fosters public use and enjoyment of their distinctive scenic, historical, geological, botanical, zoological, or other characteristics. The Burke property's special management areas are described below:

The buildings and grounds surrounding Forest Lodge comprise the Mary Livingston Griggs Historical Special Management Area. Forest Lodge's well-tended buildings and landscape beautifully represent early 20th century rustic-style architecture. Protecting them will be one of the Forest Service's primary management goals. In addition, historic and pre-European contact archaeological sites, also discovered on the property, may help us understand how past cultures lived here.

The portion of the property south of Garmisch Road is known as the Mary Griggs Burke Botanical Special Management Area. This outstanding example of mature mesic and dry-mesic hardwood forest hosts a variety of plant communities over rolling glacial terrain. The area also includes the Forest Lodge Nature Trail. This lovely interpretive trail, open to the public, was created over 30 years ago by Mrs. Burke and her late husband, Jackson Burke, in partnership with the Cable Natural History Museum. The Forest Service and the Museum work cooperatively to maintain the trail.

Fairyland Research Natural Area, a dense stand of Eastern hemlock, lies along the lakeshore immediately west of the historic estate. Research Natural Areas contain outstanding examples of natural biological communities and may be used only for research, monitoring, and educational activities that do not alter their special or unique characteristics.

The balance of the property, including Burgundy Point, Champagne Island, and the south shore of Lake Namakagon, comprises the Mary Griggs Burke Scenic Special Management Area. The outstanding natural beauty of the shoreline complements Lake Namakagon's status as the headwaters to the St. Croix-Namakagon National Scenic Riverway.

PUBLIC USE OF THE PROPERTY

Forest Lodge and the Burke property require special management and public use restrictions to protect their unique features. The life estate remains under Mrs. Burke's care. This area, about 100 acres, is off limits to the public and the Forest Service without her expressed invitation. The life estate includes Fairyland Research Natural Area, the Mary Livingston Griggs Historical Special Management Area, Champagne Island, and the Mary Griggs Burke Scenic Special Management Area, excluding Burgundy Point.



The Forest Service manages the remainder of the property for non-motorized recreation. Open for public use are Burgundy Point and the Mary Griggs Burke Botanical Special Management Area. The following management activities are prohibited: Timber harvesting except for the protection of public health and safety or as necessary in the event of fire, disease, or insect infestation; road construction or development; motorized vehicle use except on existing roads open to vehicles; and recreational facility construction or development.

The following activities are also prohibited: Using a motor vehicle off designated roads; discharging a firearm within 1000 feet of the lakeshore or buildings; possessing or using any kind of fireworks; and building a campfire or stove fire. The road to Burgundy Point is closed to motor vehicle use; foot travel is welcome.

Foot travel is also welcome on the Forest Lodge Nature Trail. Using a bicycle, wheeled cart, motorized vehicle, or a horse or other pack or saddle animal is prohibited. The trail head, a day-use area, is closed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Camping and campfires or stove fires are prohibited.

FOREST LODGE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Continuing Forest Lodge's conservation legacy, the Forest Service will manage the historic estate as a center for culture and the environment. Now in the planning stages, the vision for the center includes programs and small conferences in environmental education, conservation leadership, social science research, and the arts in nature.

As we explore different audiences for Forest Lodge, we're inspired by the property's history and rustic setting. We're drawn to the tall hemlock/hardwoods, the sweeping pines, and the lush undergrowth that stretch along Lake Namakagon's magnificent shoreline. Through Mary Griggs Burke's vision and courage, the American people have these beautiful public lands to learn from and enjoy. We look forward to building upon this legacy.

For more information contact us at the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest:

Connie Chaney, District Ranger, Great Divide Ranger District in Hayward at (715) 634-4821; or Becky Dinsmore, Forest Lodge Director, Park Falls Supervisor's Office at (715) 762-2461.

Thank you to Becky Dinsmore for making it possible for us to share in this informative article.

REMINDER:

NORTHWEST WISCONSIN LAKES CONFERENCE JUNE 29 - 30, 2006 • TELEMAR RESORT, CABLE

Plans for 2006 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference Underway!

Interested in the future of Wisconsin's lakes? If so, join us at the 2006 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference, on Friday, June 30 at Telemark Resort in Cable, Wisconsin. Conference presentation will include; lake and river dragonflies, fish cribs as fish habitat, protecting lakes with land trusts, birds above and around our lakes, lakeshore zoning basics and many other interesting lake related topics.



Conference keynote presentations include; "What Does a Vanishing Up-North Mean?" by Dr. Richard Stedman, of Penn State University and "A Passion for Conservation" by Dean Christine Thomas, UW Stevens Point College of Natural Resources.

Optional pre-conference workshops are offered on Thursday, June 29.

The conference registration fee is \$40 per person and includes breakfast, lunch and materials. There are separate registration fees for the pre-conference training sessions and barbecue. Interested persons are encouraged to register early, attendance is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

To register, contact the Wisconsin Association of Lakes at 1-800-542-5253 (in WI) or (608) 662-0923 or www.wisconsinlakes.org.

NEWSFLASH AT PRESS TIME

Phil Rasmussen is gathering information to present to the NLA Board concerning Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin.

Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin would like us to start a new chapter in the Cable area or join the Hayward group, for planting walleye in our lakes.

With the boards approval, Phil would like to have representatives from WNW come to our June 17th Namakagon Lake Association meeting to explain their program.

CHECK YOUR NEWSLETTER ADDRESS LABEL

If the number following your name (in parentheses) is (2005) or a lower number, your Annual Membership Fee/Newsletter Renewal is due now. If the number following your name is (2006) or higher, you are paid up. Keep in touch and keep the Newsletters coming for the next calendar year. If you have not been getting the Newsletter four times a year, you can start right now by sending in your membership dues. (It is not necessary to pay for unpaid years to reinstate the Newsletter.)

PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW NOW!!!!!!