

# Lake Manitou Educational 2013

Place: Sandfield school house  
Date: Tuesday August 13, 2013  
Time: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

## Agenda

- Introductions
- Invading species talk by Calvin Crispo
- Meet your neighbor / refreshment break
- Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture update by Paul Methner
- Mclay Subdivision Update by Mike Costigan
- Door prize Draws by Pat Costigan

The educational was well attended with more than 80 people present.

Calvin Crispo who was working on the Island for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters as part of the Invading Species Awareness Program gave an excellent talk on the aquatic invading species in and around Lake Manitou. Lake Manitou currently has two invading species present in its' waters, the spiny water flea and the smelt. However, there are a number of species in other lakes on the Island and in Lake Huron surrounding the Island, such as zebra and Quagga mussels, round goby, rusty crayfish, and Eurasian water milfoil. Calvin stressed the importance of being educated as to the types of invaders, and taking every precaution to prevent their entry into Lake Manitou. Some of the main tips are: don't empty your bait bucket into Lake Manitou; make sure to clean your boat after boating in other waters and before launching into Lake Manitou; whenever possible allow your boat to dry for several days after boating in other waters and before launching into Lake Manitou; and don't transfer water from other lakes into Lake Manitou.

Paul Methner gave a review of the Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station activities. Lake Manitou is a very important lake for the provincial fish culture operations. Not only is it a source of wild lake trout eggs, but it is now a source of wild walleye eggs. Paul indicated that both lake trout and walleye are doing well in Lake Manitou and natural reproduction in the lake is keeping both populations healthy, as a result they have decreased the number of lake trout being stocked in the lake. It doesn't take many fishing days in the fall to reach their quota of eggs. They are collecting fewer lake trout eggs from Lake Manitou compared to a decade earlier because of changes in the provincial fish culture demands.

respectfully submitted by David Anderson