

The LMAA Education Committee

The Lake Manitou Area Association started in 1993 with Directors Peter Edward, John Edward, Mary Hutchinson, Doug Hutchinson and Alex Lohead. At each AGM, information that would be of interest to the membership, was presented. Since this made the AGM longer, and because there was always more information that could be shared, in 1995 a special committee was formed to organize a separate Information/Education Night. This became an annual event and was open to the public. Knowledgeable speakers on a variety of topics were selected each year. Following a question period, refreshments were served. This has been a very successful event!

It not only provided an excellent opportunity to become informed on important issues but also to meet many of the Lake Manitou Area residents and cottagers. These meetings usually take place in August.

Members of the original Education Committee included:

- Mary Lohead, Jill Gordon, Charlotte Edington and Pat Costigan.
- In 2005-06, John Harvey joined the committee after his suggestion at the AGM meeting that LMAA design a map of Lake Manitou. This was not to be a navigational map but more of a cottagers' map or an historical map, listing the original names of the places around the lake. The map along with the accompanying booklet, Historical Tidbits of Lake Manitou, have been very popular and profitable ventures by LMAA and its Education Committee.
- In 2013 David Anderson agreed to become the Chairperson of the Education Committee.
- In 2018, with the retirement of some of our original Education Committee members, new members were added. The LMAA Education Committee now consists of the following: Sharon Cooper (Chairperson), Ken Stewart, Nancy Kains and Pat Costigan.

To date the following topics have been addressed at our Information Nights :

1995 - Do's and Don'ts - Improving our Environment and Water Quality by Preserving and Maintaining our Lakeshore Frontage

Speaker: Ruth Steedman Ministry of Natural Resources
(Location: Sandfield School House)

1996 - Fish Culture & Management + Lake Manitou Water Quality -

Speaker: Paul Methner - Blue Jay Fish Culture Station Operations Coordinator
(Location: Sandfield School House)

1997 - Your Septic System - Friend or Foe? -

Speaker: Dan Burns - Sudbury and District Health Unit
(Location: Sandfield School House)

1998 - The Effects of Downloading by the Ontario Government

Speaker: Perry Anglin Reeve - Central Manitoulin Township
(Location: Sandfield School House)

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1999 - **1. New Boating Regulations**

Speaker: Norman Lloyd, President of the Canadian Central & Arctic Coast Guard Auxiliary

2. Fish Friends

Speaker: Jim Sloss (Chairperson of the United Fish and Game Clubs of Manitoulin)
(Location: Sandfield School House)

2000 - **Is your Drinking Water Safe?**

Speaker: Bruce Wahl, Water Treatment Consultant
(Location: Sandfield School House)

2001 - **1. Learn exciting news of the River Restoration Project**

2. Catch a sneak peek of the new Interpretive Centre

3. Learn about the M.N.R. Testing of Lake Manitou

4. Receive an update on Lake Trout Planting and Harvesting of Spawn

Speakers: Bob Florean - Fish and Wildlife Technical Specialist

Paul Methner - Operations Coordinator of the Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station

(Location: MNR Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station) (Sandfield School house burned down)

2002 - **1. Fire Safety & Prevention at your Cottage**

Speakers: Allan Elliott - Fire Coordinator for Manitoulin Island
Vern Johnston - Fire Prevention Officer

2. Lake Manitou Water Testing & Fish Planting

Speaker: Paul Methner - Operations Coordinator of the blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station

(Location: MNR Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station)

2003 - **1. Why do algae grow? - How do algae affect us? What can be done?**

Speaker: Area Biologist - Talena Kraus

2. The Rearing of Lake Trout & Pickerel

Speaker: Paul Methner Lake Manitou Water Quality Operations Coordinator - Fish Culture Station:

3. River Restoration Speaker: Ashley Alleway, Chief Ranger

4. Nuisance Animals - Bears, Bats, Mice

Speaker: Bob Florean, Fish and Wildlife Technical Specialist

(Location: MNR Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station)

2004 - **1. Bird Watching - What, Where, When** Speaker: Terry Land

2. Outboard Motors-Economy, Performance, & Environment

-- **2 Stroke and 4 Stroke** Speaker:- Rick Drake

3. Paul Methner Reports on Lake Manitou Fish and Water Quality

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- 2005 - **1. All About Fossils** - Speaker: John Strickland
- Bring your fossil for identification
- 2. Lake Manitou Netting Study** Speaker: Wayne Selinger, MNR Biologist
- 3. Paul Methner Reports on Lake Manitou Fish and Water Quality**
(Location: MNR Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station)
- 2006 -**1. Snapshots of Manitoulin** - Speaker: John Savage
- 2. M.N.R. Reports** - Update on Fish Hatchery - Condition of Lake Trout in Lake Manitou- Stream Rehabilitation - Speaker: Paul Methner
(Location: MNR Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station)
- 2007- **1. Motors - 4 Stroke vs 2 Stroke** Speaker:- John Caselton
- 2. Insects in Your Backyard** Speaker:Henri Goulet
- 3. Paul Methner Update**
- 4. Manitoulin Streams** Speaker: Seija Deschenes
(Location: MNR Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station)
- 2008 -. **Speaker cancelled - Understanding Water Quality & How to Maintain It.**
Speaker Rod Sein - Ministry of the Environment - He was unable to attend
- 1. Update Lake Manitou Conditions-** Speaker: Paul Vieria filled in for Paul Methner
- 2. Establishing Fish Habitat in Lake Manitou** Speaker: Paul Moffatt
- 3. Norton's Creek Rehabilitation Project** Speaker: Seija Deschenes - Manitoulin Streams Project Coordinator
- 4. Friendly Fish Hooks** Speaker: Dave Besuden
- 5. Methods to prevent the Spread of Invasive Species** - Speaker: Mary Ellen Shain
(Location: MNR Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station)
- 2009 -**1. Preservation of Pure Water**
Speaker: Surface Water Specialist- Ministry of the Environment
- 2. Handling Emergencies on the Water** Speaker: OPP Marine Division
- 3. Update on Lake Manitou** Speaker: Paul Methner
(Location: Big LakeSchool House - Silver Bay Road)
- 2010 **1. Wills & Cottage Succession** Speaker: Mac Sinclair - Lawyer
- 2. Alvares of Western Manitoulin** Speaker: Tom Moore - Misery Bay Nature Reserve
- 3. Paul Methner L. Manitou Update**
(Location: The New Sandfield School House)
- 2011- **1. The Wonder of a Tree - Importance, identification, diseases, planting on the lakeshore** Speaker Will Byman,- Forest Specialist Technician, Sudbury & Parry Sound MNR
- 2. A Healthy Lake** Speaker: Bob Florean, Consultant for EnviroScience Inc.
- 3. Lake Manitou Update** Speaker: Paul Methner
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2012 - **1. Waste Management Choices - Safe Drinking Water**

Speaker: Dan Burns, Sudbury & District Health Unit

2. Solar Energy - an Alternative? Speaker: David Anderson

3. Lake Manitou Update Speaker: Paul Methner

(Location : Sandfield School House)

2013 - **1. Invasive Species in Lake Manitou**

Speaker: Calvin Crispo, Member of the Invasive Species “Hit Squad”

2. Lake Manitou Update Speaker: Paul Methner

(Location : Sandfield School House)

2014 - **1. Lyme Disease - What you need to know to protect yourself**

Speaker: Helke Ferrie, Author and Creative Thinker

2. Lake Manitou Update Speaker: Paul Methner

(Location: Sandfield School House)

2015 - **1. The Far North of Ontario - Geology and Scenery**

Speaker: Peter Barnett, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D

2. Lake Manitou Update Speaker: Paul Methner

(Location: Sandfield School House)

2016 - **Secrets from the Depths of Lake Manitou**

Speaker: Clare Nelligan , Ph. D. Candidate Queen’s University

(Location: Sandfield School House)

2017 - **Secrets from the Depths of Lake Manitou Part II**

Speaker: Clare Nelligan , Ph. D. Candidate Queen’s University

(Location: Sandfield School House)

2018 - On hold until 2019

By Pat Williamson Costigan September 2018