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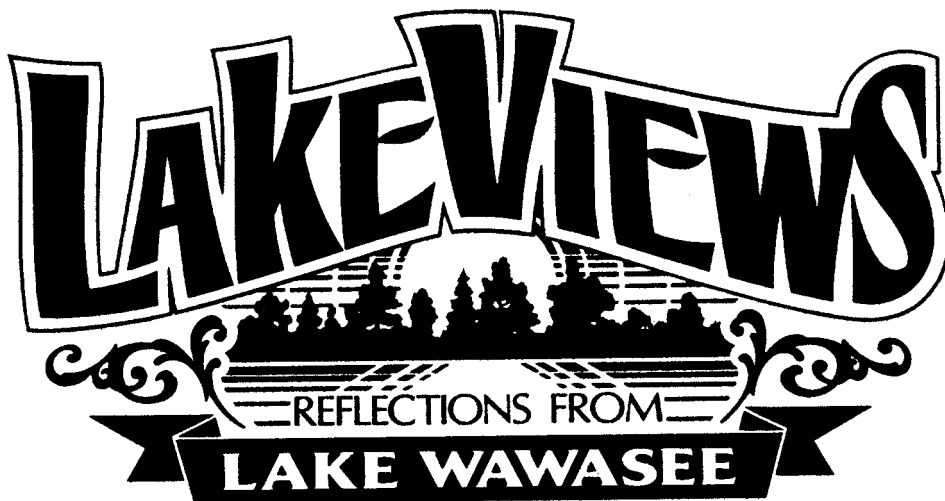
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## AT THE HELM — EARLY SUMMER 2010

The official start of summer may not be until later in June, but here at Wawasee it has started and is marked by many things.

There is the Memorial Day weekend, the beginning of the summer at the lake and this year it was a glorious weekend to boot. How many times have we sat on the pier in sweat shirts and long pants on Memorial Day just to say we were out there even with the temps in the 50's and the wind blowing or rain . . . not this year, we were very lucky!

There are also chores to be done to start the summer, boats to put in, cottages to be opened and cleaned for company that will be arriving soon, yards to cut . . . all so that you can head to that beautiful expanse of water to have fun.

Another sign is the annual delivery of your Neighbors book by, who else, one of your neighbors. We have over 70 volunteers helping to deliver our books and want to thank them; it is a big job to see that every family gets their book in a timely manner. And this year we have an addition to your membership. Did you receive your WPOA flag? If you have paid your dues you should now have one in your possession. Fly it proudly on



your flag pole or boat.

Along with all the above for me the first canoe trip of the year is a sign of summer starting. I am writing this the evening of the first trip for this year; it was a beautiful day to be on the water canoeing down through the lakes that feed into Wawasee. The first trip is a working trip, one where we clear the brush and trees and other debris that have accumulated during the winter.

With the water being high this spring there was not nearly as much to clear as in some years and we got a close up look at the erosion control project on Village Lake. (See the picture of Al Campbell walking the creek there.) This years "work crew" consisted of Al Campbell, Bob Joesten, Pam Laaker and Ken Fetters (both Knapp lake residents), Vance Lopp and Sherry Lantz.

Thanks to all of you for your morning of hard work (which really is more fun than work!) If you have never taken this trip down through the 10 lakes that feed Wawasee you need to make plans to do so. They go every Friday (weather permit-



ting) during the summer; call the WACF office for details.

Of course there are other signs of summer starting, our lake patrol has begun regular patrols on the lake, we are making plans for activities for everyone during the summer, and best of all those of you that call Wawasee your "summer" home have come home for the next few months. So welcome home and welcome to summer . . . let the fun begin!

PS. . . . And how could I forget one of the most important signs of summer . . . the return of Boat in Worship. The first Sunday was a glorious morning, sunny, warm and calm. A huge thank you goes out to the crew from the Frog, without the Lillypad we would not be able to enjoy this tradition at the lake. With over 40 years of service to the community the Syracuse area ministerial association sponsors services on the lake in the area of the Oakwood Hotel. Come by land with a chair, board the Lillypad at the Frog (7:45) or come in your own boat . . . it is a great way to start your week with the glory of the lake as your backdrop. See you on Sunday!

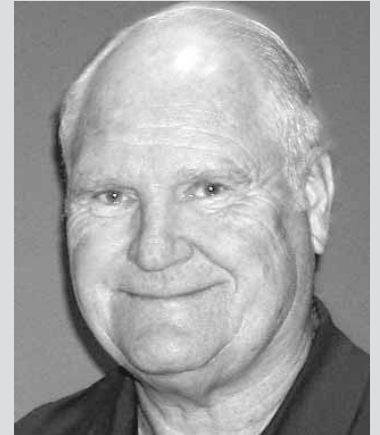
# WACF Update – Special Donation

WACF offers its very sincere gratitude to Dick Ruddell and Nancy Ruddell Duck for a special donation given through the Ruddell Trust Fund. This donation is to be used on the Watershed Education Center . . . for the building of the pavilion, trails, tree labeling and any other expenses.

WACF's Education Center property is in dire need of much attention and it goes to the heart of the WACF mission to restore the former lake-side wetland and develop the Education Center on Wawasee. We encourage the public to come and visit our Education Center at our Annual Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, August 21st, 8-10 a.m. at the WACF Center, 11586 N. SR 13, Syracuse, to see improvements we are working on, and the projects yet to be done.

Dick has been a WACF Board member since 2005 and is also on the Wawasee Property Owners Board. Dick's wife Priscilla has a family history at Wawasee dating back to 1930. Dick had spent summers at Lake Maxinkuckee for 16 years and joined Pris at Wawasee in 1959. Dick enjoys the lake and has been active in sailing, boating and water sports. He helped organize the Wawasee Boating Association and served in all the jobs and was Commodore. Dick and Pris enjoy the lake spring, summer and fall with their three sons and their families including nine grandchildren.

The pavilion will be built at the WACF Education Center in honor of The Ruddell Family.



*Dick Ruddell*

## — Wawasee Lake Patrol —

*By Jim Tranter*

It just seems like yesterday when we put the boats away and stored the gear for the winter and now here we are getting everything ready for another wonderful season at our beloved lake.

Your lake patrol has been busy putting the boats in the water, attending safety classes and updating our certifications.

Your lake patrol has expanded again this year. Another boat has been added to our fleet of 5 patrol boats. Boat #6 has been purchased by the Syracuse Lake Association. This will allow Syracuse residents to have considerably more patrol time on the water. Boat #6 will be permanently moored on Syracuse Lake.

Boats are getting faster and the sports activities connected to boating are getting more daring. This is why your lake patrol encourages everyone to take the "Indiana Online Safe boating" class. It is offered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and is well worth your time. Grandma and Grandpa this is something

you can do with your grandkids.

An area that has become a problem in boating is drinking. We assume that that big open lake makes it easier to drink and drive. I was talking with our Lake Patrol coordinator from the County Sheriff's Dept, Detective Jon Tyler about this very subject. Jon's comments on this subject are well worth thinking about, "a drinking while boating intoxicated conviction will always (depending on the local judge's sentence) result in a suspension of a driver's license as well as fines, court costs, and much larger vehicle insurance premiums for years to come". Is one afternoon's bad judgment worth this kind of sentence?

On Behalf of your 2010 Lake Patrol Jerry Babb, John Bickel, Gary Hentze, John Kellogg, Jim Klotz, Monty Layne, Ken Nord, Ed Phillipp, Dan Rice, Ed Rice and Jim Tranter, we extend our appreciation for your support of the Lake Patrol.

I want to extend our thanks from the WPOA and SLA to the local businesses that have made the lake patrol possible through their generous support: Sudlow's Pier Shop, Rookstool's Pier Shop, Wawasee Boat Co., Griffith's Marina and Main Channel Marina.

Don't forget to attend the 2010 Family breakfast at the Syracuse Community Center on Saturday, June 19th. We

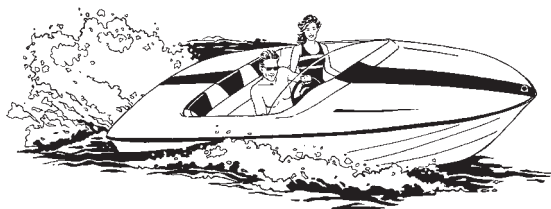
will have the Lake Patrol boats on display and be able to answer all of your questions.

Remember **"DON'T DRINK and BOAT"** the sentence is not worth it.



## Paint-Out and Art Sale To Be Held

Indiana Plein Air Painters Association is having a paint-out and art sale July 10-11. Dr. George and Peggy Rapp, Lake Wawasee, are again hosting the group. This group was here summer before last and held a very successful art show and sale at the South Shore Golf Club pavilion, which they will do again from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 11. It is a great chance to buy art directly from the artists. Also, since "plein" means plain in French you may see the artists outside on both days with their easels. Please give them a big welcome and, if they ask, let them paint on your property.



# Syracuse-Wawasee Trails Spring Update

While there is nothing substantially new to report since our Winter 2010 trail update, we continue to progress on several fronts.

The December general mailing fund raiser netted ~\$12,000. To those of you sending checks, we are very grateful for your help. To others, we hope you'll re-consider . . . it's never too late. Your contributions are tax deductible and can be sent to "Syracuse-Wawasee Trails Committee, 1013 N. Long Dr., Syracuse, IN 46567. If you have questions you may call Chad Jonsson at 574 457-3440 or email [cjonsson@syracusein.org](mailto:cjonsson@syracusein.org) or Spike Ford at 260 856-2701 (email: [fordresources@embarqmail.com](mailto:fordresources@embarqmail.com)). We'd love to hear from you.

The County Highway Department has issued a permit allowing us to schedule construction of trail from the Wawasee Boat Co. east to Pleasant Grove Rd. We have given our contractor the go ahead and we are waiting for him to give us a start date. Doug and Carolyn Anderson have worked closely with us concerning issues on this trail section and they couldn't have been more

accommodating. Thanks, Andersons!

The Trail Committee has made two grant applications over the last couple of weeks. The first is for a bridge to be constructed over McConnell Ditch where Pickwick Dr. in Wawasee Heights dead-ends. It will connect with a trail built across the Parker-Hannifin (x Syracuse Rubber Co.) south parking lot. The trail will then cross Sycamore St. continuing east on the south side of Pickwick Dr. to State Route 13.

The second grant will be used to install a pedestrian crosswalk on Route 13, by the Dairy Queen, as well as across the frontage roads which parallel Rt.13. We anticipate the need for some engineering assistance in order to secure INDOT design and permitting approvals.

Regarding the trail segment to be built along State Route 13, we continue to focus on funding sources. The cost for this segment is estimated in excess of \$1 million. It can logically be funded and built in three phases and, when completed, would be the "second jewel" in our trail system's "triple crown." In order to secure funding (from grants and foundations) we need to have a six

figure war chest and that is where our long-term focus rests. If there are any ideas out there, please let us hear from you.

The Trail Committee wishes you a safe and wonderful summer. As Roy Rogers might say (look out, folks, this is going to be corny) . . . . .  
.. "happy trails to you."



## **"Down The Garden Path" 11th Annual Garden Walk**

- What:** Kosciusko County Master Gardeners Garden Tour  
**When:** Saturday, July 17, 2010  
**Where:** Winona Lake Area  
**Why:** Enjoy the beauty of 8 gardens in the Winona Lake Area  
**Cost:** Pre-event \$10  
July 11-17 \$12  
Call the Kosciusko County Extension Office at 574-372-2340

*A limited number will be available at the Syracuse Office of Todd Realty*



The annual WPOA/SLA Pancake Breakfast will have a few new twists this year. We will have Pancakes for sure, (along with sausage, fresh fruit, juices, etc.) with special toppings that will be sure to please everyone. Plan to bring the family for a fun morning featuring not only breakfast but games for all to enjoy.

The place . . . the Syracuse Lake Park, breakfast will be in the community center and under a tent on the patio and games will be in the park.

The local marina's will be in attendance with boats and other water vehicles as well as representatives of the DNR, Fire Department, WACF and Flotilla Committee. You will also be able to get a peak at the new 2010 Artist series picture "Regatta" with prints available that morning.

Time is 7:30-11:30 a.m. . . . bring the family and your friends for a fun morning at "the lake".

## **Water Lily Gallery Supports WPOA Lake Wawasee Artists Series**

For the second year in a row, The Water Lily Gallery is supporting WPOA with the Artist Series project.

This year's painting "Regatta" by "Andrea Bojrab is on display at the gallery and Deanna Swain, gallery owner is assisting with the silent auction bids on the original painting.

Signed and numbered prints are available along with a few remaining prints from the 2009 artist series, "Conklin Bay in Summer" by Douglas David.

The gallery is offering 6 small "studies" done by Bojrab while creating "Regatta" for purchase with 10% of the sale to be donated by the gallery to this year's artist series program.

Deanna has worked with her suppliers to achieve a very competitive price on the custom frame for both this year and last year's prints. "Without the support of Deanna and her gallery the Lake Wawasee Artist Series project would not have achieved the success that we have experienced", Cindy Quinn, WPOA board member stated. "The gallery's assistance helped in raising the \$10,000 for the 2009 artist series project."

The gallery, located at 801 N Huntington

Street, downtown Syracuse opened in 1997. The gallery offers one of the largest selections of original and print art in the lakes area, along with the finest selection of custom framing choices.

"We try to cater to our local lakes area customers with art they will enjoy and collect and also by showcasing many area artists" said Deanna.

The gallery offers many different types of art, photography, pottery, oil and watercolors representing many different artists. "It is our goal to have something every art collector will want to purchase."

New this year at the gallery is the "Cottage" line by last year's featured artist Douglas David. The Water Lily Gallery is the exclusive source in the area of David's line of unique cottage furnishings and art. Adiron-dack "water ski" chairs, bar-stools, lamps, and framed vintage bathing suits as well as numerous original oils of Lake Wawasee subjects are also available.

These and other unique pieces of art are available at the gallery Tuesday thru Saturday. Be sure to visit to see "Regatta" and other collectable works.



## ***2010 Artists Series Picture Unveiled***

The 2010 WPOA Artist Series by Andrea Bojrab of Ft. Wayne titled "Regatta" depicts a labor day Wawasee sailboat race. The 22 x 30 oil scene includes The Spinx and the north shore.

WPOA will again be offering signed and numbered prints for a cost of \$150 unframed, \$260 framed. Additionally this year a 12 x 16 gallery wrapped canvas will also be available at a price of \$250.

The Water Lily Art Gallery will have the prints available for sale, along with several original studies Bojrab completed while creating the original. "Regatta" will be on display at the Gallery, visit the gallery for an opportunity to participate in a silent auction to purchase the original.

The original painting will be on display and prints will be available throughout the summer at various WPOA events. A limited number of 2009 "Conklin Bay in Summer Bloom" are also available.

The WPOA artist series was started in 2009. Its intent is to commission Indiana Award winning artists to capture their interpretation of

one of Lake Wawasee area's many assets.

All proceeds from the sale of the prints and the original will be used to support the Wawasee/Syracuse Trail Way making a portion of

your purchase tax deductible. As a result of last season's artist sale of "Conklin Bay" and the Cottage Home Tour \$15,000 was presented to the Trail Way Committee.

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## **— Art Abounds In Syracuse —**

Looking for something to do this summer that will bring a little "class" to your lives? Syracuse will be having no less than two opportunities for you to enjoy the many artists that abound in the area.

July 3rd, in the area near Sweet Corn Charlie's and the Creative Fish/ArtZie Workshop there will be "Art Blast". It is free to artist to set up and sell their works and should be a fun day.

Later in July, the 29th thru the 31st, the Chamber is sponsoring the Syracuse Summer Art Festival. There will be events happening all around the Town of Syracuse. There will be music each evening, local restaurants will showcase

something from their menu, and beginning on Thursday afternoon there will be a Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Competition. There will be a Photography contest for grades 12 and under, an Adventure Boat Race on Syracuse Lake, Sidewalk Sales and Garage Sales throughout town, rides for the kids, a Family Friendly Outdoor Movie, Kids Activity Tent and an Art Festival.

With 3 great Art Studios (Syracuse Artisan Studio and the Water Lily uptown, Creative Fish Art Gallery and ArtZie Workshop in the village) it should be a fun weekend to enjoy Syracuse for all ages. Be sure to mark your calendar and watch for more details as the date approaches.

# Syracuse Artisan and Farmer Market



The Syracuse Parks Department is again this summer hosting the Syracuse Artisan and Farmer Market at Veteran's Memorial Park.

The Artisan and Farmer Market is in its second summer and is held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (vendor set up from 8:00-9:00) beginning this year on May 22nd.

The Artisan and Farmer Market is marketed as a venue for local artist and farmers to showcase their home produced, hand crafted, and home grown goods. Examples of potential vendors include: artists, jewelers, gardeners, church groups, Amish bakers, as well as many others.

The summer of 2009 saw the Artisan and Farmer Market average 16 vending booths per week and we are hoping that the summer of 2010 will see an even better turn-out.

For more information about the Artisan and Farmer Market, or if you are interested in becoming a potential vendor, please contact the Syracuse Parks Department at 574-457-3440 or e-mail [parkoffice@syracusein.org](mailto:parkoffice@syracusein.org).

## Garden Walk

Plans have been completed for the Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club 50th anniversary Garden Walk. It will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26. There are some outstanding gardens to be seen.

Kip and Pam Schumm, Leeland Addition, have completely new waterfalls, pond and fire pit plus all those flowers Pam puts out. Head out to Anchor Inn Bed and Breakfast owned by Bob and Jean Kennedy for a chance to have an up-close look at their lovely gardens visible from the road. Carol Koble's newer home in Country Cove features an old-fashioned flower garden while Ron Baumgartner's on Lake Wawasee will have both the lake frontage and the back garden on display. Rounding out the tour will be John Dalton's lakeside garden on Wawasee's east shore.

Tickets are \$5 per person for all five gardens and can be purchased at any of the homes the day of the walk. Maps are on the tickets.

Join the local garden club members in celebrating the club's 50th year. They provide and help maintain the uptown hanging baskets, flowers in all the parks and at the post office, town hall and fire station and present a scholarship to a Wawasee High School student annually.

## Third Annual WPOA Cottage Tour

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Cottage Tour on Saturday July 24th. Once again you will have the opportunity to visit some of those wonderful cottages you have admired from your boat as well as meeting new neighbors and seeing old friends.

We will once again be staging from the pier at the Wawasee Boat Company where the participants will pick up the evening itinerary and hors d'oeuvres. (BYOC Bring Your Own Cooler of liquid refreshments.)

"Boat Captains" sponsoring a pontoon with your friends and neighbors is encouraged. Don't have a ride? We will have a limited number of spaces available on boats captained by volunteers.

This year's Premier Sponsor is Buhrt Builders of Syracuse with the proceeds of the tour benefiting the Wawasee/Syracuse Park Foundation for the Multi-purpose Trails Program.

Call for your reservations, last year's event sold out quickly. Reservations and checks payable to WPOA, PO Box 427, Syracuse, IN 46567, tickets will be \$50.00 per person.

Contact Janet Hartley ( 574-457-7172) with any questions you have or if you would be interested in helping Captain a boat. See you on the tour!

## Spectacular Fireworks

Mark your calendars for a night of spectacular Fireworks, Saturday July 3rd is the date, starting at 10:15. Willie 103.5 will simulcast the music . . . Tune it in and Turn it up!

We want to thank everyone that has donated to the show . . . and remember there is still time to send in your check, just mail your donation to the WPOA, P. O. Box 427, Syracuse, IN 46567. We cannot do it without your support!



# *Calendar of Events for 2010*

- June 12** WPOA Public Meeting (Syracuse Community Center)
- June 19** WPOA/SLA Family Breakfast (Syracuse Community Center)
- June 26** Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club Garden Walk (1-4 PM)
- June 27** Patriotic Pops by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic (Family Fishing Area)
- July** Junior Sailing Program (Wawasee Yacht Club)
- July 3** Lake Wawasee WPOA Independence Day Fireworks
- July 4** Syracuse Lake Association Fireworks
- July 10** WPOA Board of Directors Meeting
- July 24** WPOA Second Annual Wawasee Home Tour
- August 14** WPOA Annual Dinner Meeting (Family Fishing Area)
- August 14** WPOA Board of Directors Meeting
- September 11** WPOA Board of Directors Meeting

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