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2023 Events - Hold the Dates

- **2023 AGM** - Tue April 25 via Zoom
- **Maggie Brickell Memorial** - Sun May 28 at 2pm
- [Natural Edge Workshop](#) - Sat June 10
- **Canada Day Parade** - Sat July 1
- **Regatta** - Sat Aug 5 & Sun Aug 6

Kids Corner is Back!

If you're looking for fun ideas for kids, check out our popular Kids Corner articles every month. See below. 😊



75 Anniversary Film Series

Last month's [LKRA video \(trailer\)](#) set the stage for our 75th anniversary film series.

This month, meet **Jim Holdcroft**, grandson of Dr. Joe Holdcroft, who was the patriarch of one of our founding families in the late 1800s. You'll love Jim's account of his grandfather's early days and his own memories of gallivanting around Holdcroft Island.



Holdcroft Legacy

Membership Drive for our 75th

Time to [renew your membership](#) for 2023. You'll also need a membership to attend the upcoming 2023 AGM. It's easy online and your support is vital. While you're at it, especially if your email address has recently changed, [sign up](#) again to receive the monthly E-News. There will be lots going on this year.

Don't miss out!

Board Members Needed

We require new members to come on board at the April 25th AGM. We are specifically looking for a Secretary, as well as residents who are interested in the areas of safety, volunteer management and advertising. Please contact president@kasshabog.ca for more information on these opportunities.



Photo Contest

Our 2023 Photo Contest gets underway April 1st. To commemorate this special year there will be new categories and prizes! Visit [our website](#) for all the details, then renew your LKRA family membership and start shooting!

Your Experience Matters

We are seeking input on your LKRA Volunteer Experience. If you have volunteered in the past or are currently volunteering your input will be invaluable. Please take a quick moment to complete the [2023 LKRA Volunteer Survey](#).

Make a Splash!

We are looking for new advertisers for our 2023 Newsletter/Yearbook. Rates are low and the audience is engaged. We also need a few sponsors for events at our upcoming 65th LKRA Regatta such as Kid's Tie Dye Table, cooling

booth, waterskiing, etc. If you know of a company or person(s) who would benefit from getting involved, please share this message and have them contact ads@kasshabog.ca for more information.



Natural Edge Workshop

Did you know that restoring and strengthening your shoreland with native plants is critical to protecting our lake and can help protect against erosion? Watersheds Canada is coming to Kasshabog on Saturday, June 10th, 2023 at 10 am to offer their Natural Edge Workshop. They will even help customize a plan for your property. The workshop is FREE, however, space is limited so reserve your spot by emailing environment@kasshabog.ca or [Cynthia Cole](#). For additional information on the workshop program visit [Environment Events](#).

The Tax Man Cometh

If you are a foreign resident who owned residential property in Canada on December 31, 2022, and are neither a Canadian citizen nor a permanent resident, you will need to determine if you are exempt or affected by Underused Housing Tax (UHT). The UHT tax form is now on the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) website. According to CRA's website: *"Even if your ownership of the property qualifies for an exemption and you do not owe any tax, you still must file a return"* by April 30th each year, which may involve applying for a CRA individual tax number.

FOCA Year in Review

Read how FOCA has reflected on 2022 and their enduring role in waterfront Ontario at [2022 FOCA Year in Review](#).



Jack Lake Wildlife Webinar

The free February 2023 Jack Lake webinar *"Challenges and Opportunities for Wildlife on our Lakes"* was fabulous! Watch for future webinar invites this year, which we will post on our E-News, website, and LKRA Facebook page.



Wildlife Wonders - Where are Turtles in the Winter?

Have you ever wondered where our turtles go in the winter and how they survive? Well, they head to the bottom of ponds/lakes, often deep in the mud. When they do this, their body temperature drops and their heart rate slows down to almost nothing: so much that they don't need to eat anything. But turtles have lungs and breathe air! No worries, they have adapted and are able to absorb oxygen from the water through body surfaces: the best one is the cloaca (just under their tail). To put it simply, they breathe through their butt.



Kids Corner - Look in Your Boot Prints

Let's go find some snow fleas! Don't worry they don't bite you or your pets. Snow fleas are tiny bugs that live in the dirt under fallen leaves and grass. These creatures don't have wings so they move by jumping, using their tail to push them into the air. They are very small and are blueish-grey in colour. They help make the soil healthy by eating old leaves, mushrooms, bark and moss among other things. Although they are around all summer the best time to see them is in the winter! When the temperature gets warmer they come to the surface of the snow. Sometimes there are so many they turn the snow black! The best place to find them is near the base of a tree or in your boot print.

So when it's starting to get warmer out and the snow is melting, go for a walk and take a look at the ground. You might be able to see these crazy little bugs jumping around.



Photo Credit: Mike Quigg - Northern Lights

Land Acknowledgement

As we celebrate the ever-changing beauty of Kasshabog Lake, we are reminded to respect and nurture our sacred relationship to this land as well as to its First Peoples, both past and present. We acknowledge that our Lake resides upon the traditional lands of the Mississauga Anishinaabe. We recognize and value the contributions of Indigenous peoples past and present. On their behalf, we commit to supporting the health and welfare of this land in all current and future initiatives.

Yours to Enjoy...Yours to Protect
Lake Kasshabog Residents Association

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