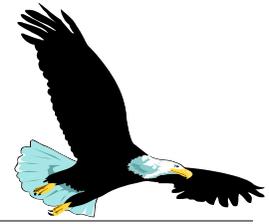


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News For and About Your Spread Eagle Neighbors

Spring/Summer, 2018

A Message from our President

Greetings! I can tell winter is ending and folks are turning their thoughts to summer because I am starting to get phone calls from our members about the SECOLA activities scheduled for this summer. I am sure when you check out the social calendar you will find a lot has been planned for all to enjoy this summer.

One of the first calls I received was from Jim D'Agostino from Florence. In conjunction with Spielbauer Fireworks of Green Bay, Jim helps launch the fireworks from Bass Island. He has confirmed another great display and is all set for Tuesday, July 3rd.

I also received a call from Coleman Engineering

Company. They have contracted with WE Energies to bury the electric utility lines around Spread Eagle. The project was initially slated to begin this summer, however the last report I received indicates the project may not start until 2019. I am sure we will hear more on this in the near future.

Several residents have contacted me about Bass (Bacco) Island. We have known for some time that improvements are needed to continue traditions and to keep the island safe and attractive for boaters and native plant inhabitants alike. We had several volunteers help cut back invasive bushes and plants already as well as

getting rid of patches of poison ivy. This summer plans are underway to trim overgrown trees so you can sit on the benches and once again have an unobstructed view of our beautiful lakes!

Ray Burgess has ordered new signs to replace the damaged and missing signs. The SECOLA Garden club has plans to plant flowers that attract butterflies and hummingbirds, as detailed later in this issue. You will be hearing more on this and may have an opportunity to pitch in!

Last fall we appealed to ALL residents of the Chain to give generously to the Invasive Species Fund.

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Carl's Corner Fishing: Spring 2018

Recently I became president of the Florence County Lakes and Rivers Association (FCLARA). The association represents members from all over the county and is committed to keeping our waters healthy. We began by protecting the Pine and Popple Rivers from over development and potential pollution. FCLARA also sponsored the Clean Boats/Clean

Waters program which has directly benefitted our lakes as many members from around the county have volunteered at our North Lake boat landing.

FCLARA has worked with Florence County Land Conservation Department in applying for grants to pay for invasive species monitoring. Grants received have paid for about a fourth of

the cost of our North Lake monitoring and boat wash.

Donations to FCLARA can be made to: FCLARA, Box 565, Florence, WI 54121. Glen Johnson, Treasurer.

I hope you all will read the article on fish management in this edition written by G. Matzke, our local DNR Fish Biologist.

I have invited Mr. Matzke

Special points of interest:

- As of March 2018—SECOLA has 143 paid members



Art is Everywhere!
Photography by Jim Zacks

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to speak at the FLCARA meeting tentatively set for late July or early August at the Florence County Natural Resource Center. He was happy to accept and will provide a fishing report on the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes as well as fishing reports around the county. He will also discuss fishing tournament proposals which may affect us. This meeting will be open to the public.

Thank you,
Carl Sundberg

Fisheries Management Update

In 2011 the DNR fisheries team conducted a comprehensive survey of the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes (SECL). We had planned to repeat the survey in 2019, but recent changes to our work schedule will allow us to conduct a comprehensive study this year.

We will set nets in April and May, and again for a one week period in early June. The nets will be tied off to the shore and run perpendicular to the shoreline out to deeper water. The deep side of the net will be well marked with a buoy and a white flag to prevent boaters from running into the nets. We will also be performing a number of electro-fishing surveys. These surveys will be conducted at night to minimize conflicts with anglers. Our boat is specially designed for electro-fishing and is equipped with large flood lights and a generator. You may see us or hear us around the lake after dark.

The 2011 survey gave us a good picture of the fish population with the Chain of Lakes. The data from 2011 was used to institute some changes to the fishing regulations specific to SECL in the spring of 2016. The results of the regulation changes may not be fully appreciated at this time however the 2018 survey should give us a "sneak preview" at some of the preliminary effects of the changes.

As a reminder the special fishing regulations for the SECL are listed below:

1. Panfish - Daily bag of 5 fish/species, 15 fish daily limit is in effect from May 1st until June 30th. Outside of this two-month period the daily bag limit is 25 panfish per angler.
2. Bass—There is no minimum size limit, however fish from 14 to 18 inches may not be kept. The daily bag limit is 5 fish per angler, with no more than one fish over 18 inches.
3. Walleye—The minimum length limit is 18 inches, with a 3 fish daily bag limit.

I look forward to seeing you on the lakes this year. If you have any questions about what we are doing, or our findings, feel free to approach us and ask questions. A summary of our survey will be available after the survey is completed, which I will be sure to share with your lake association.

Greg Matzke
Fisheries Biologist, WDNR

Sails at Half-Mast

Les Horngren—West Lake

Dr. Margaret Steinam— Long Lake

You are missed!

My Grandparent's Generation By Faith Shearin

They are taking so many things with them: their sewing machines and fine china, their ability to fold a newspaper with one hand and swat a fly.

They are taking their rotary telephones, and fat televisions, and knitting needles, their cast iron frying pans, and Tupperware.

They are packing away the picnics and perambulators, the wagons and church socials.

They are wrapped in lipstick and big band music, dressed in recipes.

Buried with them: bathtubs with feet, front porches, dogs without leashes.

These are the people who raised me and now I am left behind in a world without paper letters, a place where the phone has grown as eager as a weed.

I am going to miss their attics, their ordinary coffee, their chicken fried in lard.

I would give anything to be ten again, up late with them in that cottage by the river, buying Marvin Gardens and passing go, collecting two hundred dollars.

First Ones of the Lake!

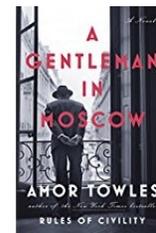


SECOLA Board Contact Information

President: Ed Patrick	785-224-1078
Vice-President: Gary Weber	630-251-84244
Treasurer: Dana Colenso	715-696-6026
Secretary: Joan Will	630-561-1964

SECOLA Book Club 2018

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SELECTION</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
June 20	Small Great Things	Jodi Picoult	Jane Patrick
July 11	Hill Billy Elegy	J.D. Vance	Martha Nagel
July 25	A Man Called Ove	Fredrik Backman	Maria Caviani
Aug 8	The Rent Collector	Cameron Wright	Marion Anderson-Peat
August 22	A Gentleman in Moscow	Amor Towles	Roz Zacks
Sept 5	I was Told to Come Alone	Sauad Mekhennet	Holly Wissing



Have a fun year with enjoyable reading! New SECOLA members are very welcome to join.

All meetings will take place at the Florence Library (11 am)

SECOLA Garden Club 2018

The SECOLA Garden Club will be working with board members this summer to begin the transformation of Bass Island into a landscape that supports butterflies (particularly monarch butterflies) as well as bees, hummingbirds and other pollinators. The population of our once abundant monarch butterflies has plummeted 90 percent in recent years, largely due to habitat loss and pesticide use. Many birds and pollinators, particularly bees, are also in decline. We are going to do something in our little corner of the world to help. And by doing so we will be joining a national movement of gardeners determined to use their skills to promote not just beautiful landscapes but a healthy environment.

The key to attracting pollinators and supporting them is to offer a supply of food-nectar, plant material, seeds— from native plants, throughout the growing season. Luckily native plants such as black-eyed Susans, bee balm, cone flowers, Joe Pye weed, and swamp milkweed are not only hardy and tough enough to take the challenging conditions of Bass Island but they produce an abundance of colorful blossoms that pollinators thrive on. We expect our new plantings to attract some human admirers too!

To accomplish our ambitious goals we will need help. Gary Weber has volunteered his expertise to create a landscape plan and volunteers will be clearing weeds and planting pollinator-friendly plants. Our club will buy the initial plants, but we hope to get donations of plants once we have established our “want list”. Please contact Deb Cini (co-chair) if you have any questions.

Holly Wissing

The Garden Club has scheduled some fun activities for 2018. A detailed letter will be sent to club members.

Tentative Schedule:

May 10– Field Trip to Tony’s Green Thumb Nursery
 June 7– Annual Tea Party
 June 21– Planning & Planting Potluck
 July 19– A North Lake Garden Tour & lecture on Responsible Lakeside Gardening
 July 26– Marquette Garden Tour
 Aug 2– Annual Meeting & Rock Garden Tour
 Aug 16– Un-Birthday Party

If you would like to be involved in the Garden Club please contact Deb Cini, Co-Chair (debcini7@gmail.com) or 906-282-6762

Lake Reps

North Lake: Amy Weber & Judith Frisch

Middle Lake: Barb Rook, Mary Ann Flamini & Joyce Melin

Bass Lake: Jeanne LaVallie, Nettie Santoni & Mary Anderson-Peat

Railroad Lake: Donna Fattes & Jane Patrick

Long Lake: Mary Brown & Marcia McGregor

East Lake: Heidi Rizzo

West Lake: Cindy Weber, Lois Sundberg & Jane Santini

The purpose of the Lake Reps is to welcome new property owners to the lake and introduce them to SECOLA.

Please contact Barb Rook at (717)404-3345
 If you need further information.



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Message from the President

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We greatly appreciate all who donated, thank you. We still will need to raise more money to help cover future expenses.

This summer we will again use the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program at the North Lake boat landing to support our efforts to control invasive species. Although Florence County covers some of the cost of this program -Spread Eagle Chain O'Lakes Association (SECOLA) must come up with \$12,000 to keep the program afloat for the Chain. Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) is also financially supporting the program for lakes around the county.

SECOLA has applied to be a partner of WRISC. The decision will be finalized at their annual meeting in June of 2018. If you would like to learn more about the coalition you may search; <http://www.wrisc.org> SECOLA also continues to be a sustaining member of the Wisconsin Lakes Association, <http://www.wisconsinlakes.org>. Partnering with these organizations helps keep our lakes and rivers healthy.

This fall the Florence County Land Conservation Department requested a donation to

purchase an underwater drone for the county to improve surveillance of our lakes and other lakes around the county. As you may recall, last summer was cool and rainy and there were many days the Clean Boats/Clean Waters crew were not needed at the North Lake boat landing. Therefore, we received a larger than usual refund from the county for the unused hours. Your board chose to use a portion of the refund to purchase the drone. It will be interesting to see how the drone will enhance the monitoring process. We will continue to hand-pull any invasive species found.

As I complete my 2-year term as your SECOLA president, I want to thank all who have supported the board's efforts to accomplish our numerous goals to support our neighbors and improve the quality of living on Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes.

See you around the lakes!
Ed Patrick

Standing Committee Chairs

- Natural Resources:
Carl Sundberg.....715-696-3442
- Publications:
Deb Cini.....715-696-3587
Jane Patrick.....785-478-1814
- Water Safety:
Jay Weber.....414-791-2974
- Building Zoning/Tax Relations:
Grant Erickson.....715-696-3287
- Lake Grants:
Darlin Verley.....262-366-5020
Jack Fortier.....715-696-3349
- Membership:
Jennifer Kellstrom.....715-696-3667
Martie Muzzy.....715-696-6323
- Nominations:
Cathy Curran.....715-696-3361
- Public Relations:
Marion Anderson-Peat...715-696-6356
- Boat Wash/Landing:
Joe Buchanan.....305-720-6467

DATE	EVENT	CONTACTS
ANNUAL EVENTS		
Mon June 18	Pine Grove Golf Outing (2pm)	Betty Rahm (715) 696-3305 Nancy Dewey (715) 528 4422 Richard Rook (717) 331-9156
Tues July 3	Fireworks at Dusk	Ed Patrick (785) 224-1078
Wed July 4	Ice Cream Social (12pm) followed by the boat parade (1pm)	Joyce Melin (715) 629-9300 Cathy Curran (715) 696-3361 Jennifer McGregor—wooden boats (312) 310-1744
Sat July 21	SECOLA Annual Meeting (10am) Svecia Club	Ed Patrick (785) 224-1078
MONTHLY EVENTS		
SECOLA DINNERS		
Cocktails at 5pm Dinner at 6pm		
Mon June 18	Pine Grove Country Club	Betty Rahm (715) 696-3305 Nancy Dewey (715) 528-4422
Mon July 16	Bass Island Picnic- BYOB & Appetizers (Captains will boat you over)	Deb Cini (715) 696-3653 Jane Santini (906)-282-0445
Tue Aug 21	Chippewa Club	Marcia McGregor (906)-396-2299 Deb Cini (715) 696-3653 Jeannine LaVallie
Mon Sept 17	El Capitan	Jane Patrick (785) 478-1814 Vicki Faust (906) 396-8554
LADIES OF THE LAKES		
5pm—7pm		
Wed June 13	Deb Cini– Middle Lake 4913 Carpenter RD	Deb Cini (715) 696-3653
Wed July 11	Melissa Ehren– Long Lake 1354 Long Lake Rd	Melissa Ehren (503) 799-1411
Wed Aug 8	Rosann Capra– Middle Lake 4881 Carpenter Rd	Rosann Capra (715) 696-3764
WEEKLY		
Tuesdays	Bridge (Party and Duplicate) 1pm Call Roberta for details	Roberta Anderson (715) 696-3230 or (847) 254-8669
Tuesdays	Men's Breakfast-Holiday Kitchen (9am)	Ed Patrick (785) 224-1078
Wednesdays	Women's Breakfast– Barb's Café (10am)	Jane Patrick (785) 478-1814
Wednesdays (Locations TBD)	Ladies of the Lake dinners	Marcia McGregor (906) 396-2299
SECOLA BOARD MEETINGS (noon) Chippewa Club Board Room	June 8th, July 6th and Aug 24th	Ed Patrick (785) 224-1078

Note from the editors:

Spread Eagle Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc (SECOLA) publishes this newsletter for our members. If you know of any new neighbors on the lake please have them contact us. It is our hope all lake property owners will join the association to help to support our efforts to keep the lakes healthy for generations to come.

We welcome your comments, any photos of general interest to the members and /or news articles for publication consideration. Please forward your material via email to :

Deb Cini (debcini7@gmail.com) or Jane Patrick (grams2745@gmail.com).

Our mailing address is : P.O. Box 413, Florence, Wisconsin 54121.

Articles and/or pictures for the Fall/Winter issue are due by September 30, 2018.

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Forwarding Service Requested

In an effort to keep our membership records accurate, we are asking you to convey any changes in property owner information to the board or the Membership Committee.

Check our SECOLA website for news,
events, and updates to the calendar:
www.SpreadEagleChain.org

