

**Granite Lake Watershed Association
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Tim Waldschmidt-Pres.	Lorrie Pesheck-Secretary
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Laura Jones, Corinne White, Shari Rau, Deanna Hedman, Vivian Henry, and Phyllis Mattson

Webmaster: Gretchen Quiggle

March 2011 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Thursday, April 14 th	-	COLA informational meeting (see Tim)
Saturday April 30 th	-	Annual meeting 10AM Albion Township
Saturday May 7 th	-	Albion Township cleanup day
Lake Monitoring Meeting	-	TBD by SWCD

Spring is here!

It's been several months since our last newsletter (my fault) so I'll try to bring everyone up-to-date. Thanks to Gretchen for getting the website up and running again. She's had some recent updates and it looks GREAT! Thanks also to Jill Grindle for the great pictures!.

Star Lake status!

Granite Lake is honored to receive such recognition. Members of the Star Lake Board will be presenting the \$500 check and award at our annual meeting. As we all know Ray Rau has put many hours on lake association matters, and without his dedication and countless hours we would not have received such an award. This will be a very special meeting and we want to recognize Ray for the many years of service. Ray and Shari plan on relocating to Arizona. They will truly be missed!

March 12th Board meeting

The Board approved PLM as the consultants to perform the Point Intercept Survey in 2011. I attended a meeting on Thursday, March 10th at SWCD to review bids. Approximately 20 area lakes were represented. Several Associations had very favorable things to say about PLM. They also treat for curly leaf, so the Board felt this would be a good choice. We'll cover details at the meeting and we'll post the proposal on our website.

Basically there are two surveys, one in late April or early May and the 2nd one in July/August. We should receive a full report in the Fall. This survey will be a requirement if we want to apply for any grant funds for curly leaf.

Weed harvesting for 2011:

Last year about 25-30 homeowners used Jakes Excavating to do harvesting. If you are interested, please call Jakes @ 320-963-5663. Laura Jones gave him the dates of our meetings. **Please do not schedule any harvesting until the 1st Point Intercept Survey is completed.** Feel free to contact me with questions.

501C Non-Profit status:

Bill Bellows has volunteered to research the process and cost. The Board recommended this at our meeting on August 21, 2010.

COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations) for Wright County.

At the conclusion of the SWCD meeting on March 10th, Dale Gustafson gave a brief overview of the purpose and objective. It's my understanding there are 18 such COLA's in the state, and they can provide a great platform for sharing information, technical support, and express consensus viewpoints to governmental officials and agencies. The next scheduled informational meeting will be held on April 14th at Ney Nature Center by Maple Lake. Do I have a volunteer that could join me, and possibly be the representative for our lake? They plan on 4 meetings a year. Not a big time commitment,

E-Mails are needed, saves on labor and postage. If you are not receiving via email, please send to Gretchen today at: granitelakewatershed@yahoo.com

Thanks to all those who have paid their dues for 2010: \$40.

Thanks to everyone listed and a special appreciation to those who contributed more than \$40!

If you don't see your name on the list, please make your check payable to Granite Lake Watershed Association and mail to our Treasurer Sheryl Hagstrom 2131 Kimball Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302.

M Andersohn	\$ 40	Hedman	\$ 50	Mehr	\$ 60	Stevens	\$ 50
T Anderson	\$ 40	Henderson	\$ 50	Meyer	\$ 40	Sturgeon	\$ 40
Arenson	\$ 40	Henry	\$ 40	Noble	\$ 40	Sundberg	\$ 40
Bellows	\$ 50	Holmgren	\$ 50	Ogden	\$ 40	Sunde	\$ 40
Brugh	\$ 50	Johnson	\$ 40	Parady	\$ 40	Swedberg	\$ 40
DePauw	\$ 100	Jones	\$ 50	Peschek	\$ 100	Tanaka	\$ 40
Evenson	\$ 50	Kaufhold	\$ 50	Peterson	\$ 40	Thul	\$ 40
Ferry	\$ 40	Knutson	\$ 40	Quiggle	\$ 50	Waldschmidt	\$ 40
Gunderson	\$ 40	Koltes	\$ 100	Rau	\$ 40	Welter	\$ 40
Hackenmueller	\$ 40	V Mackie	\$ 50	Reeves	\$ 40		
Hagstrom	\$ 40	W Mackie	\$ 40	Robinson	\$ 50		
Hecksel	\$ 40	Mattson	\$ 50	Schwebel	\$ 100		

It's never too late to pay for previous years. Not sure, please contact Sheryl.

Friends of the Association: **\$50 for 2011.**

Our business friends for 2010:

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