



Dedicated to the Preservation, Safety, and Enjoyment of Archibald Lake Spring 2022

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Please feel free to contact any Board Member (listed on the last page) for articles you would like to see written or ideas you have for improvement.

Archibald Lake website: www.archibaldlake.com

Calendar of Meetings & Events

<p><u>Annual Meeting</u> Place: TBA Date: June 25, 2022 Time: Social 9:00 AM Meeting Start 9:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Annual Picnic</u> Date: August 13, 2022 Time: 4:00 PM Hosts: TBA</p>	<p><u>Brat Fry Dates</u> (8:00 – 1:00) at Lakewood SUPERVALU Thursday August 27, 2022</p>
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Message from the President by Karla DeWitt Doyle

Hi all,

Happy Spring (unless you are in Wisconsin where it just doesn't want to come...)!!

We are looking forward to another great summer on the lake and want to make you all aware of some fun and exciting things the board is working on.

Please make note of the event dates listed above.

- At the annual meeting we plan to share the 2022 plan to continue to address the management of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)
- The annual picnic is always a good time!! We are planning to switch things up a bit to include more kids' games and activities, doing a big cash raffle, go back to including basket and donation raffles right at the picnic and add some food options to switch it up. More to come as it gets closer.
- Brat fries have changed a bit due to different owners of Lakewood SuperValu , but still looking forward to another big fundraiser.

The Non-Board managed activity of the Independence Day Boat Parade is on again for 2022. The Alsbachs were last year's winners of the "Best Boat Afloat" trophy! Weather permitting, we will start at 4:00 at the boat landing on Saturday, July 2nd. More information is to come as we get closer. Enjoy the articles and updates and as always, let me know if there are further questions on anything.

All the best,
Karla DeWitt Doyle

Invasive Species Control Efforts Update by Ken Schwebke

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)

In 2021 we expanded on a test area using an herbicide with the limno curtain enclosures method to reduce EWM. Unfortunately, we saw more of a mixed bag of results. After the initial application in June, we did see a reduction of the EWM weeds in all areas we treated. By the end-of-summer survey, all but one of the areas had the EWM grow back (see attached map). There have been a few hypotheses made from the project team (DNR Consultant, Herbicide Applicator, ALA Board): Samples of the EWM weeds were sent to the DNR last fall. Wind direction and speed may have caused the weed fragments to blow back into the bay on the west side of the lake over the summer. Leaks in the curtain enclosures may have dropped the level of concentration making it less effective getting down to the roots. The EWM may have been a mixed breed and is not responding to the herbicide we used.

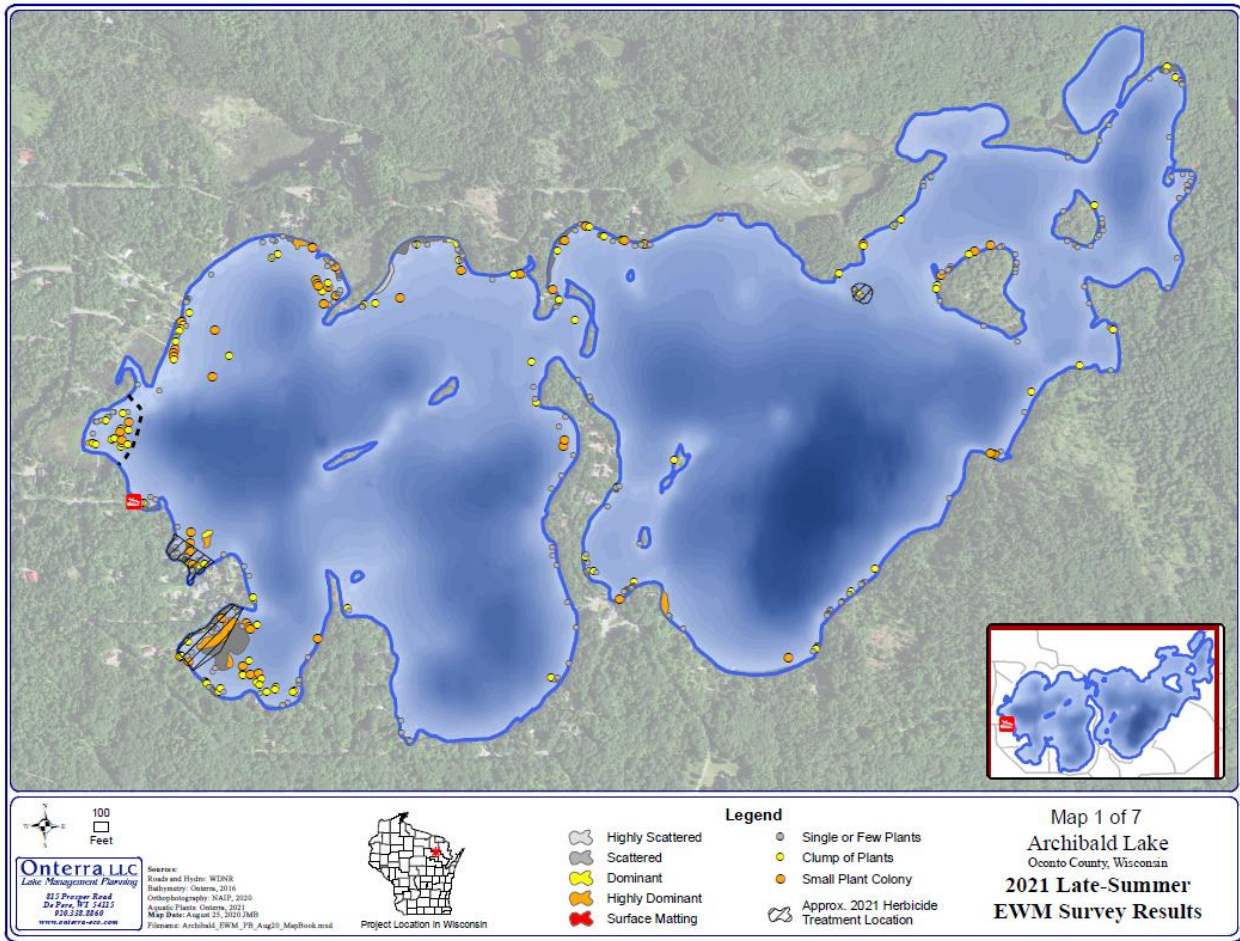
We aren't giving up! We are currently back working with the team to plan for 2022. Some options on the table include inspection of curtains to make sure they are providing a good barrier, evaluating other herbicides that may be more effective, and trying areas that are not as susceptible to wind conditions.

We will have much more detail on the 2022 plan at our Annual Meeting on June 25th.

The following page shows the map with the overall lake 2021 survey results. More detailed maps can be found on our Association website.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Archibald Lake Association has been awarded a \$7,000.00 grant from the Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share Program for our EWM management project this coming summer.

In addition to the Healthy Waters Cost Share grant, OCLAWA has awarded a \$500.00 grant toward our EWM management project. The funds for this award come from its new OCLAWA Grant Program which was developed from the proceeds of the 2021 LUCKY 13 raffle. (See the OCLAWA Raffle Update article later on in this newsletter.)



Shoreland Restoration Reminder: Permit Needed!

The following is a copy of an email to president, Karla Doyle, from Oconto County Conservationist, Ken Dolata: [editor added underline]

Karla, I am working with a landowner on Archibald Lake for shoreline protection and commented that he was told he did not need a permit due to the high water and that several people have placed sand and riprap on their shores. This is not true. A permit is needed for any shoreline work being done. I am hoping that you pass this word around the association as I would hate to see people spend the money and turn around and be in violation. Our office can help with permits if people are interested in shoreline protection.

Ken Dolata's phone number is: 920-834-7152; email: ken.dolata@co.oconto.wi.us

Membership and Raffle Update by Karla Doyle

Therese Peters mailed 152 membership letters at the end of March and has asked to have them returned with the \$50 dues by April 30th.

Also included in the mailing were two packets of ALA raffle tickets for the August 13th raffle drawing. This is going to be our big fund raiser for the year, with the proceeds going into our Lake Sustainability fund. We are hoping that by changing our big raffle to all cash prizes it will be more attractive from a sales standpoint. As I mentioned above, we will also be doing basket raffles at the annual picnic with those contributions also going to our Lake Sustainability fund.

For the last 2 years, a very generous donation was made by an ALA member family to purchase all raffle tickets that were not sold. But we can't count on that every year. Profits made by the Big Raffle over the last 2 times have been \$6,298 & \$5,787 respectively. This is huge for our Association, and allows us to do projects around invasive species and other things to keep our lake clean.

Reach out to Tim McGuire if you would like more tickets to sell (715-850-0501).

Will a Fire Truck Fit Down Your Driveway?

The following is taken from the Northern Oconto County CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) newsletter, 2022 Edition:

The CWPP is a collaboration of representatives from the towns of Riverview, Townsend, Lakewood, Mountain, and Doty; their local area Fire Departments, U.S. Forest Service and DNR Forestry.

Help Firefighters Reach You: To enable firefighters and other emergency vehicles to locate and reach your home quickly it's important to establish a safe route with adequate driveway access.

Step 1: Position your address sign to be visible from the road from either direction.

Step 2: Make your home visible from the road so firefighters can tell if it's safe to enter.

Step 3: Clear trees, branches or brush from your driveway so it is at least **12 feet wide and that there is at least 13.5 feet of clearance to allow fire trucks access.**

Step 4: Be sure your driveway's surface is firmly packed and is able to support the weight of emergency vehicles even in the spring when the ground is soft.

Step 5: Check that your driveway is free of gates, fence posts or other obstructions that could restrict access.

Step 6: Create a space at the end of your driveway with adequate room for an emergency vehicle to turn around once it reaches your home. (Note: The article did not specify exactly how much room is needed to turn around.)

Other articles in this publication include: “Wildfire Danger”, (a chart defining the levels of fire danger ratings found at ranger stations), “Focus Area Projects”, “Tree Mortality Caused by Spruce Budworm Can Create Risk”, “View Real-Time and Historic Wildfires on New DNR Fire Management Dashboard”. If you would like a copy of this publication, call (608)267-7494.

OCLAWA Update: Raffle and Grants

In 2021, OCLAWA (Oconto County Lakes and Waterways Association) held its first LUCKY 13 raffle. The sole purpose of holding this raffle was to generate funds for use by its member organizations for their projects in support of healthy waters.

An Archibald Lake Association ticket holder won one of the \$50 cash prizes.

The raffle generated a net profit of \$6,814. The profit was distributed to the members as follows:

25% Member’s Fund: \$1,704 was paid to member organizations. The distribution was determined by dividing the total raffle ticket sales by individual organization members’ sales. Archibald Lake was the top seller at 12% of all tickets, so our share was \$204.

75% Grant Fund: This fund is dedicated to supporting member organizations in their projects/initiatives aimed at improving the health of Oconto County waters. Archibald Lake Association will receive a \$500 grant from this fund in conjunction with a \$7,000 Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share Grant for EWM herbicide treatments this summer.

OCLAWA will be holding another LUCKY 13 raffle in 2022. Raffle tickets will be available at the Archibald Lake Association’s Annual Meeting in June, and at various businesses in the area. Contact your Association’s OCLAWA reps, Kathy Wiggins (klwiggins4@gmail.com) and Matt Marty (marwigs39@gmail.com) for tickets as well.

The drawing will be held August 27 at OCLAWA’s fall meeting. Let’s see if we can be the top raffle sellers again this year!

Check out our new website: oclawa.net, and find us on Facebook!

Protect Our Loons! www.northland.edu/loonwatch

Follow the 200 foot rule! If we are fortunate enough to have nesting loons this summer, please stay at least 200’ away from the nest. If you see the nesting loon with its head down, playing dead, you are too close and are endangering the nest. The loon may panic and destroy the eggs as it is leaving its nest for safety.

Also, keep 200’ away from the loon when you’re fishing.

GET THE LEAD OUT! Please purchase non-lead sinkers and jigs. LoonWatch has a list of places to buy non-lead tackle. [Protect Loons - Northland College](#). Also, safely dispose of your fishing line. The DNR has recycling stations for collecting used fishing line, or cut the line into 6” lengths before throwing it away.

HELP PROTECT OAK TREES FROM OAK WILT: THE DNR RECOMMENDS NOT PRUNING UNTIL AFTER JULY

by Don Kissinger, DNR Urban Forester

The following is an article recommended by ALA member, Gary Miller:

MADISON, Wis. – April brings a high risk for the often-fatal oak wilt disease across the state, and as a result, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recommends not pruning or cutting oak trees from April through July. What you can't see can kill a tree.

[Oak wilt is widespread in southern Wisconsin](#), but it is still a new and uncommon disease in much of northern Wisconsin. As spring draws property owners outdoors to start seasonal yard maintenance and cleanup projects, when it comes to the health of oak trees, keeping those chainsaws and trimming tools a safe distance will go a long way to ensure that your trees stay healthy for many more spring seasons to come.

Pruning and cutting oaks in spring and early summer leaves them vulnerable to oak wilt, which rapidly kills trees in the red oak group and weakens those in the white oak group. Any damage during this time, including broken branches caused by storms, exposes living tree tissue beneath the bark and provides an opportunity for the oak wilt fungus to attack the tree.

Tree paint or wound dressing is not normally recommended on pruned or wounded surfaces, but for damaged oaks a light application of these products immediately, if possible, within 15 minutes, may be the only defense against oak wilt infection from April through July. Wounds are not susceptible to oak wilt after 72 hours.

It should be noted that although overland infection can occur in mid-July, it is not common. To be very cautious, avoid wounding oaks from April through October 1.

If an oak is wounded during this period, immediately and thoroughly apply pruning sealer or tree paint over the wound. Torn branches or roots should be cut clean and the cut surface painted. For additional protection, cover treated roots with soil. The DNR does not recommend tree paint or wound dressing on pruned or wounded surfaces.

Oak wilt spreads over land, by sap-feeding beetles that carry the fungal spores from infected oaks to fresh wounds on healthy oaks; and, underground, from infected oaks to nearby healthy oaks through grafted, or interconnected, root systems.

“Sap-feeding beetles, like most insects, have an incredible sense of smell, which draws them to open wound surfaces to feed on sugary sap in as little as 15 minutes after a tree is wounded,” said Paul Cigan, DNR Forest Health Specialist. “This is how most new oak wilt infections start.”

Red, black and pin oaks are highly susceptible to oak wilt. Once infected, they can die within a few weeks. White and bur oaks are much less susceptible. If infected, they can take months or years to die, or they may even recover.

Avoiding tree pruning in spring not only protects trees from disease, but also helps trees regenerate.

“Deciduous (shedding) trees that lose their leaves in the fall are just starting to grow new buds and leaves, so the trees’ food reserves are low,” said Don Kissinger, DNR Urban Forester. “In general, the best time to prune is in winter when trees are dormant.”

As of January 31, the DNR has received reports of oak wilt in all Wisconsin counties except Ashland, Iron, Forest, Taylor, Door, Kewaunee, Calumet and Manitowoc counties. Several of these counties contain the highest abundance of healthy and productive oak forests in the state. Taking recommended precautions will help keep them that way for years to come. Check with your municipality to find out if they have their own oak wilt ordinances that you should follow as well.

Oak wilt and other diseases move easily on or in firewood logs year-round, so keeping firewood local or purchasing Wisconsin-certified firewood, is another critical component of protecting trees and maintaining healthy forests.

More information is available online on the DNR’s [oak wilt](#) webpage and the DNR’s [firewood](#) webpage. Additional information about proper pruning techniques is available from community foresters in the DNR’s [Proper Pruning Techniques](#) publication.

Sympathy by Kathy Wiggins

The Archibald Lake Association would like to express its sympathy to the families and friends of **Richard Poethig**:

Richard Paul Poethig passed away on November 22, 2021

Richard Paul Poethig aka Dick aka Richie was a working class New York City boy. When Eunice Blanchard Poethig aka Mom brought him to Hermit Island aka Pine Knot after Scott was born all bets were off. Richie took to it like a fish to water or a fisherman to a lake. In those days there was no electricity, hot water or drinking water that wasn’t pumped up and lugged up in pails to the kitchen. No matter, he chopped wood, lit fires, caught minnows and took over the legendary Pete Blanchard’s tool cabinet. Dad was at heart a nature boy who dedicated his work to industrial missions in Manila, Southeast Asia and Chicago for social justice, fair labor practices and housing. The fish in Archibald Lake, however, were fair game. My father’s days revolved around fishing. Those were the times of day and night he cast his line out to. Patiently sitting in a row boat was a time to think and Richard was a political, theological and cosmological wonderer. Lake Archibald was his beloved retreat, a place of nature preserved, of rare quiet and dark star filled skies.

The women in our family are the swimmers. We take after our grandmother Juliet. Dad taught us to float but it wasn’t till we were older that we realized that he never swam around the island with us. He told us the story of his high school swim test where he went the length of the pool under water. “You’re a sinker Richie!” His coach proclaimed.

In his final weeks, one day I was sitting by his bed and his face brightened and he turned to me “We need to make a plan” he exclaimed. “What Dad?”

“We need to go to the Lake!” “Yes Dad, we do.”

My father and mother are now part of the chorus of birds and joys we continue to treasure and preserve for a precarious future. As they would want us to.

Johanna Poethig

We would like to be informed of the passing of any members. Please notify any of the board members so that we may properly acknowledge it.

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