The Clary Lake Clarion

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The Newsletter of the Clary Lake Association

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Back in the 1920's my father Stuart Fergusson and Paul, Ruth, and John Robert MacDonald ran a small newspaper they called the Clary Lake Clarion. My father was the editor, Paul and Ruth were reporters, and John Robert, the youngest of the group, was the delivery boy. Their office was in an unused room upstairs in my father's house and they used a typewriter and carbon paper to produce each issue. I haven't seen a copy of the paper since I was a child. Anyways, it seems only fitting that we should resurrect the name and call our Association newsletter the Clary Lake Clarion, doesn't it? At least we can try it out for a while and see what people think. Somehow, I think Stuart, Paul, Ruth, and John Robert would all approve.

From the President

This newsletter is going out to all Clary Lake shore owners in a blatant attempt to get more people interested and involved in the Association. There are approximately 125 shore owners on Clary Lake and we want a vast majority of them to become members of the Association and get involved in speaking out for Clary Lake. Many of you have been members in the past and for various reasons have chosen not to renew in recent years. Others are not familiar with the Association at all. I'd like to personally invite all of you to come to this year's annual Association membership meeting, get to know your fellow lake shore owners, and hear what people have to say about the lake, the dam, and the weather. The meeting will be held Saturday, August 3 (see notice elsewhere) so come by, bring a lawn chair and your checkbook. Dues are \$20 per family.

New Association Web Site

The Association now has a web site, and it's about time! We can turn out a newsletter or 2 each year, but we'd like to keep our membership (and the public) better informed of what is going on and a web site seemed to be the right way to do it. The address is http://www.clarylake.org/. The site will forever be under construction, because that is the way web sites are. You'll find lots of information on the site including past newsletters, meeting minutes, etc. It is my hope that the site will help foster a stronger sense of community amongst all Clary Lake shore owners, members and non-members alike and be a source of useful information for the general public as well. I'm also thinking about setting up an email list to facilitate communication with our members. We generally only meet once a year as a group and it would be nice to be in better contact. We don't intend to spam you regularly, but we'd like to be able to send out periodic emails with news and other items of interest. Let me know if you'd like to see this.

I sincerely hope you will help us keep the site current and useful by contributing information and news of interest to other lakeshore owners. We have no idea what to expect. Surprise us! Send your ideas, pictures, and recipes to gsferg@clarylake.org and we'll try to get them incorporated into the site quickly. If you don't have email or web access, please let me know and I'll see to it that you don't miss a thing.

Annual Meeting Notice

This year's annual Association meeting will be held at the home of Rick and Linda Gallion on Saturday August 2 at 3:00 pm.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Bring a lawn chair! Rain date will be Sunday August 3, same place and time. Directions and a proposed agenda will be posted on the web site on the Meetings page.

Clary Lake Sweatshirts!

Sweatshirts with this beautiful stitched design are still available. Cost to members is \$15 and \$20 for non-members. These can be picked up at Linda



Gallion's house or ordered by sending your check or money order and \$5 for shipping and handling to:

George Fergusson president@clarylake.org>

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Clary Lake Association is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving, protecting, and enhancing the natural beauty and quality of Clary Lake and it's watershed. Membership in the Association is open to all Clary Lake shore owners and people who have lawful access to the lake (which is just about anyone) and costs \$20 per year. You can find out more about the Association and sign up or renew your membership at: http://www.clarylake.org/about.html

Current Association Officers:

President/Editor:

Vice President:

Trudi Hodgkins <vicepresident@clarylake.org>

Treasurer:

Linda Gallion <treasurer@clarylake.org>

Secretary:

Sue McKeen <secretary@clarylake.org>

Board Members:

Tom Vigue, Jack Holland, Frances Moulton, Andy Goss The board can be emailed directly at: board@clarylake.org

Use this membership form to join the Clary Lake Association. Simply cut it off, fill it out, and return it with your check or bring it to the Annual meeting this coming August 3rd.

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Clary Lake Association, P.O. Box 127, Whitefield Maine 04353 2007/2008 Membership Dues: \$20.00	
Voluntary Contribution:	
Total Amount enclosed:	
Membership year: 2007 Annual Meeting to 2008 Annual Meeting.	
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