

Loon Call Lake Early Spring Newsletter 2020

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The ice is out. The snow is gone. Birds are calling. Things are awakening at Loon Call Lake.

Since cottagers are beginning to think about cottages we thought it a good time to reconnect. We are in the 5th week of “physical distancing” and restrictions imposed by the **Covid 19** pandemic, and nothing is normal. Even the thought of going to the cottage is fraught – should we? shouldn't we? are we allowed? **Information changes regularly and we will attempt to keep you updated on the website.**

Updated Website

This letter introduces you to our wonderful restructured website where current information is located and updated regularly.

A **huge thanks** to Vickie Hartog and her daughter Kathryn Hartog who revised the website! Our thanks also go to Erin Billingham and her dad Bruce, who started the website and continued it until recently

Our website: [LoonCall](#) includes a link to a video by our Mayor Carolyn Amyotte regarding Covid-19 and visits to the cottage. Although our local mayor is encouraging, our premier and local and federal health officials suggest that cottagers stay home in order to reduce the potential for spread of Covid19 to local

residents and to reduce the potential impact on cottage country healthcare resources.

I will be attending a FOCA webinar about cottage country considerations and COVID-19 on Tuesday April 14 and will post and send highlights after the webinar.

LoonCall Lake Welcome Book

You will note on the website that we have a new Welcome Book! It is going to be valuable for newcomers and oldtimers alike. Please have a look!

Again our thanks go to Vickie Hartog's leadership in creating our new welcome book!

[WelcomeBook](#)

FOCA Spring Meeting

You can read or even watch the presentations of the spring 2020 FOCA meeting I attended in March. [FOCA Event Summary spring 2020](#)

Planting Trees and Shrubs

At the 2019 AGM information was provided about the value of planting trees and shrubs on waterfront properties/shorelines. If you are up to the cottage this spring and staying close to home rather than visiting with friends, please consider planting!!! Trees and shrubs are easily accessible and it is difficult to

overemphasize their value.

**The Bancroft Area Stewardship Council Annual
Tree & Shrub Program is now open!**

 

It is not too soon to plan for spring tree & shrub planting

Landowners interested in planting trees and shrubs on their property this spring will want to look into the 2020 Tree & Shrub Program provided by the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council.

The program offers low-cost tree and shrub species suitable for reforestation of open areas, naturalizing shorelines and/or creating wildlife habitat. New this year is the option to purchase a Healthy Planet bundle, a trio of species that will help feed local wildlife faced with the decline of the beech tree in our region and help sequester carbon. Our Algonquin bundle, now in its second year, has been expanded and now includes four species that are of medicinal, spiritual and/or practical significance to the Algonquin people. The Shoreline bundles are always a favorite for those wanting to re-naturalize their waterfront. In addition to our regular offerings of white cedar, red and white pine, white and red spruce, red oak, hard sugar maple and white birch, we have added tamarack and burr oak this year. High bush cranberry is back along with red osier dogwood and more.

All orders must be placed by visiting the BASC online store at www.bascstore.ecwid.com. Credit card payments are required to confirm orders. Orders will be available for pick-up in Bancroft during the first weekend in May. (weather dependent) Time and location will be confirmed to all customers closer to the date.

Planting trees is good for so many reasons – get involved in this great stewardship activity!

For more information about the 2020 Tree & Shrub Program, or the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council, please visit www.bancroftstewardship.ca or call 613-332-6246.

PLEASE NOTE

The Tree & Shrub Program is available this year in time for holiday gift giving.

Visit our on-line store at www.bascstore.ecwid.com

The province of Quebec has legislated that there must be several metres of natural vegetation on shorelines. (not grass!)

This resource from the Ontario Government states that shorelines are protected by law. [Ontario Natural Shorelines](#)

Watersheds Canada provides resources [natural shorelines](#)

LoonCall Lake Cottage Executive

As you were told a couple of months ago, Syd Bowcott is finished his long term as secretary in May. I asked for volunteers then and received none.

I urge anyone who is recently retired to consider offering their support to the Executive! The association cannot function without volunteers and if it is your time, we would appreciate the help.

On behalf of your Executive, please stay well and we look forward to seeing you as soon as possible.