



# The Sugar Lake News

April 2014

## Sugar Lake Association Minnesota Waters' 2010 Lake Association of the Year 2009 Star Lake Recipient

2014

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 17 SLA Meeting\*

May 24 Plant Exchange/Sale

June 21 SLA Meeting\*

June 21 Summer Splash

June 28 Fishing Contest

June 28 Wine & Gardens

July 19 SLA Meeting\*

August 2 SLA Picnic

August 16 Annual Meeting/  
Board Election\*

August 30 Diane's Lights Night

August 30 Sugar Lake 5K

September 20 SLA Meeting\*

October 18 SLA Meeting\*

\*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna  
Township hall at  
8:00 a.m.

March, September & October meetings at  
9 a.m.

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## Sugar Lake Association Plant Exchange/Sale

**When:** Saturday, May 24, 2014, 9 a.m.– 12 Noon.

This is the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

Bring your visiting family and friends!

**Where:** 7488 106 ST NW, Maple Lake  
(Sutherlands)



Driving Directions: From the intersection of Hwys 7, 39, and 123, go north on 123. Where 123 makes a sharp right turn, go straight onto the gravel road (Howe), (now flanked by only one fieldstone pillar). The house is at the end of that road. Parking areas will be designated. From the east on 123, turn right onto the gravel road at the sharp turn.

**NEW! NEW! NEW!**

**There will be a table of special plants (e.g. named hostas, lilies, shrubs) for sale for the first hour. These will be priced significantly below retail. At 10 a.m., anything left will go into the exchange.**

**Monarch flats again available (3 ea of 4 butterfly friendly plants) - \$15**

**Plants from Hasty Woods Nursery for sale. These go fast!**

How it works:

- Exchange every plant you bring for another
- Extra plants can be purchased for \$1 each
- Heritage tomato plants are \$1 each
- All proceeds go to the SLA Lake Improvement Fund

Pot up your extra plants to share, or plan to start that garden you have been thinking about with bargains from your neighbors.

Tour the Sutherland shore, planted with DNR Shoreland Restoration grant funds four years ago.

Experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions.

Lemonade, coffee, and cookies will be served.

Other Questions?

Contact: Karen Sutherland ([suther@acm.org](mailto:suther@acm.org))

## The latest lake report

Date	Ice Out	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
					Inlet	Outlet
04-09-09	4/15	10'	54°	70°	22"	27"
04-11-10	4/1	10'	46°	62°	23"	28"
04-14-11	4/13	NA	NA	NA	26"	31"
04-21-12	3/19	11	50°	50°	19.25"	24.25"
04-20-13	5/1	NA	NA	NA	16.5"	21.5"
04-19-14	4/26	NA	NA	NA	17.75"	22.75"

## Membership

Paid SLA membership is currently at 150. If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Cathy Beckman. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Cathy of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Cathy at 320-274-8623 or email [membership@sugarlake.org](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org)

We extend our sympathies to the family of Carol Ertl who passed away in March this year.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Karen Mol who passed away Thursday 24 April.

## Treasurer's Report

As of March 31, 2014

General Fund	\$14,541.69
Lake Improvement Fund	\$39,624.85
Milfoil & Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$123,084.28</u>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$177,250.82</b>

## Raffle Prizes

The Board of Directors set the raffle prizes for the picnic drawing this year at:

First—\$500 Second—\$200 Third—\$100

## Rainfall

The following numbers are total precipitation both rain and snow for the year.

January through March Estimated 2.80 inches

April rainfall through the 24 has been 1.80 inches.

Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing monthly rainfall totals

## Township News

**Corinna Township** Town Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The Corinna Town Hall is located on Ireland Ave, 1/3 mile north of County Road 39.

Clerk: Mary Barkley Brown 320-274-8049

- Visit the Corinna Township website at [www.corinnatownship.com](http://www.corinnatownship.com).
- Junk Amnesty Day scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2013, 7:30am—Noon. See website for details.

**Clearwater Township** Town Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The Clearwater Town Hall is located on Highway 24, 3 -1/2 miles south of Clearwater.

Clerk: Jean Just Town Hall Phone: 320-558-6790

- Visit the Clearwater Township website at [www.clearwatertownship.org](http://www.clearwatertownship.org)
- Clean Up Day scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014, 8am—Noon. See website for details.

## News Flash

The Sugar Lake Association maintains two email lists for communication with membership:

**News Flash:** This list is used to send information about invasive species treatment, event announcements, member information, government information, etc. To subscribe to this list send an e-mail to [news-flash@sugarlake.org](mailto:news-flash@sugarlake.org) requesting addition.

**For Sale:** This list is used to send information about items “for sale” by the membership. To subscribe to this list send an email to [forsale@sugarlake.org](mailto:forsale@sugarlake.org) requesting addition.

If you wish to unsubscribe follow the instructions in the email you receive from the list or send an email requesting removal to the addresses listed above.

For the latest news on Sugar Lake visit our website:

[www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org)

## Ice Out History

2014	April 26
2013	May 1
2012	March 19
2011	April 13
2010	April 1
2009	April 15
2008	April 24
2007	April 4
2006	April 7
2005	April 8
2004	April 4
2003	April 12
2002	April 16
2001	April 20
2000	March 24
1999	April 1
1998	April 20

Dates listed are from those published in the Sugar Lake News.

## Dues

Membership forms were sent out earlier this year. If you have not sent your form and dues payment in, please return it to Cathy Beckman, SLA Membership, 10880 Imhoff Ave NW, Annandale, MN, 55302. If you have lost your form find a copy on our website at [www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org).

## Vegetation Committee Update

By Dale Gustafson

### Spring Vegetation Update

Spring is here and the Vegetation committee is getting ready to start our Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) treatment program for Curly leaf pondweed (CLP). We have our temperature volunteers starting to report water temperatures every morning and we will be treating CLP when the temperature gets into the high 50s.

We do need a couple more temperature samplers for the west shore and the south shore, so if you are able to help please let me know and I will get you a thermometer. ([dale@sugarlake.com](mailto:dale@sugarlake.com)).

We started to take our depth finder readings of the lake vegetation shortly after the ice went out. And as the water warms up we will run the test routes again and again until we are able to determine where we should treat the CLP. When the treatment is done, the areas will be marked and you can read the signs to see what was used. The chemical we use for CLP has no restrictions on water use.

We have reached a new arrangement with the DNR so that we can make the determination of just where we treat and simply let them know what we have treated. This should eliminate the bottle neck of getting the permit soon enough so we can still treat. Sugar lake is unique in that almost all of our water comes into the lake from ground water (springs) and our water temperature does not warm up as fast as other lakes. That means we will have a shorter time available when the temperatures are correct for treating because the weather is usually warmer and the warm up rate is faster.

We hope to have a successful treating season, and we ask you to watch out for the boats that look like they are simply driving back and forth slowly on the lake. They are collecting the data we need for treatment.

Enjoy another lake season on beautiful Sugar Lake.

## Sugar Lake Summer Splash

Saturday, June 21, 10am-1pm

We are excited to announce a new Membership Event. This is a kickoff event for your summer season on the lake. Please mark your calendars to come out and join your Sugar Lake neighbors for this fun gathering. We will have booths with information on all of our summer lake events, as well as information on invasive species activities. Those that missed the winter meeting will have an opportunity to see the historical displays of Sugar Lake. Join us for a hot dog and pop. Check out the kayaks and SUP's from Anchor Dock in Annandale; enter to win a prize from Anchor Dock.

Watch for more Information to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Beckman at 763-412-9340, or e-mail [cbeckman01@gmail.com](mailto:cbeckman01@gmail.com)

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## Sugar Lake Association Meetings Resume

As a reminder, the monthly Sugar Lake Association meetings began in March and will continue each month through October on the third Saturday of the month. Meetings are open to all members. Issues you want addressed by the board at the next meeting should be given to your local board member or by contacting Chairman Karen Sutherland at [suther@acm.org](mailto:suther@acm.org) one week prior to the meeting. Advance notice is requested so the issues can be included in the printed agenda. Issues not included in the agenda will be received at the meeting from the floor at the conclusion of the agenda items.

## Fishing Contest

June 28, 2014

Registration at 8am, weigh in at 12 noon.

The contest will be hosted at the home of Rick Olson. Rick is on the north end of the lake at 6611- 123 Ave NW. Full details in the May newsletter.

## Chairman's Corner



As you read in your membership renewal letter (renewed yet?) and saw in the newsflash on DNR volunteer training, we are zeroing in on invasive species this summer with zebra mussels being the number one threat. What can each of us do to help preserve the legacy of our precious lake?

1) An article elsewhere in this newsletter explains how to register with Conservation Minnesota and/or Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates to receive emails concerning bills before the Legislature on funding to fight aquatic invasive species (AIS).

2) Sign up to be a DNR AIS volunteer for as many or as few hours as you wish. The volunteer training consists of a 3-hour session run by the DNR. Check the newsflash or call the DNR office in St. Cloud (320-223-7845) for details.

3) Be wise stewards. Do not put anything into the lake unless you know it is uninfected. Zebras have spread from items as seemingly innocuous as a piece of rope. The babies (veligers) are invisible to the naked eye. They can live out of water for several days and will destroy the ecosystem of an infected lake, affecting the fish and bird populations (think LOON).

On a more positive note, we have a number of lake events coming up soon, including our Plant Exchange and our new Summer Splash. See articles elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

Finally - Happy Happy Spring!

Karen

## Newsletter

Help save postage and printing costs by subscribing to the electronic version of the Sugar Lake News. You will receive a PDF file by email that looks like this newsletter but in color.

Contact [membership@sugarlake.org](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org) with your email address if you are interested.

## SLA is a member of two state organizations

### Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR)

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates is the new name (2012) of what was MSRPO (Minnesota Seasonal Recreational Property Owners Coalition). Jeff Forester is the Executive Director. MSRPO was the main advocacy force behind AIS legislation in 2011 and again in 2012 to stop the spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species. MLR consists of a broad coalition of lake shore owners, environmental groups, and lake associations. MLR is the only advocacy group solely focused on representing lake concerns at the Minnesota State Capitol. MLR does not accept grant or public funding. They depend on memberships to fund their work.

Believing in the importance of grassroot action, MLR emails out newsletters informing readers of proposed and pending legislative agenda items so that those readers can communicate directly with their legislators about the issues they deem important. Many of the issues addressed in the newsletter involve AIS.

This is a simple way to keep updated on what's going on at the State House regarding AIS. Interested individuals can sign up to receive the free emailed newsletters by going to:

<https://www.thedatabank.com/dpg/529/personal2.asp?formid=signup>

For more information about MLR go to their website at: <http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org>

### Conservation Minnesota

SLA was a long time member of the organization Minnesota Waters. We were Minnesota Waters Lake Association of the Year in 2010. A Minnesota Waters grant paid for the garden at the south access. In 2012, Minnesota Waters merged with Conservation Minnesota. Minnesota Waters still exists as a program of Conservation Minnesota with a new director, Meredith Keller. They are sponsoring the State of Water conference in Brainerd in May. Several of our members are attending this conference and Dale

Gustafson is one of the speakers. They continually update us with notices of meetings and grant possibilities. They sponsor local workshops and seminars.

Several members attended a Metro Summit event they hosted last year. They are sponsoring free AIS monitoring training sessions for lake association members this spring and summer.

For more information about Minnesota Waters see their web site at: <http://www.minnesotawaters.org>

For more information about Conservation Minnesota go to: <http://www.conservationminnesota.org/>

## Winter meeting

The winter meeting was held at the Corinna Town Hall February 1, 2014. A board meeting was not held.

The meeting topic this year was:

### This is Your Life Sugar Lake

A slide show assembled by Karen Sutherland with narration by Charlotte Quiggle was the main event. Ken Vande Steeg put together several poster boards with additional photos and information. Pictures and stories supplied by the membership told the story of the early development of Sugar Lake and followed it through the years. The audience was very engaged in the presentation and contributed with additional stories and interesting facts. Refreshments contributed by SLA Board members were available.

Thank you to all who contributed the photos and information for the program and to those who assembled it all into such a great program. If you didn't make the winter meeting the slide show will be run at the Summer Splash event Saturday June 21, 2014.

## FOR SALE

Fishing Boat Lift for sale. No cover. \$699  
Call 937-0479

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