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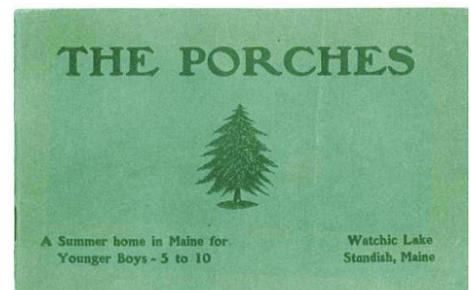
**Working to improve, protect, and preserve Watchic Lake's water quality and fragile ecosystem.**

Watchic Lake Association Annual Meeting: Saturday July 12 at 9:00 am at the Standish Town Hall.

Renew or become a member to ensure that Watchic Lake remains the enjoyable destination we all love.

Check out our new website at [www.watchiclake.org](http://www.watchiclake.org) for the latest happenings on the lake.

Learn about the Watchic Lake of yesteryear!





## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2014/2015

### Lake Property Ownership with Deeded Access

- 1. Regular Membership:** Each deeded property can hold one Regular Membership and extend a Second Regular Membership to an individual who has a relationship to the title holder. This individual must be over 18 years of age and is a "Designee" who will have the same rights as the Regular Member. **Membership is non-transferable.**
- 2014 Annual Fee - \$25 per year for each Regular Member and Second Member.
  - 2014 Lifetime Fee - \$500 one-time payment (in lieu of annual fees) for each Regular and Second Member.

*Voting rights are limited to the Regular Member and Second Regular Member above. However, in no event shall there be more than two per property and multiple property owners will be restricted to a total of two votes. Entitlement to voting rights will be confirmed by the Board prior to the Annual Meeting.*

### Other Members and Sponsors

- 1. Business Sponsorship:** Business sponsors will be included in our WLA website sponsors page along with a logo and short description of their services. Business sponsors will be approved to ensure a good fit with the overall mission of the Watchic Lake Association. Business sponsors do not receive voting rights, but are encouraged to participate in WLA activities.
- 2014 Annual Fee - \$50 for each Business Sponsor.
- 2. Friends of Watchic Lake Membership:** Non-deeded property owners such as renters, extended family and others concerned with protecting the lake are encouraged to join the WLA.
- 2014 Annual Fee - \$25 per year for all Friends of Watchic Lake.

### Membership Application:

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Website URL: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Lake address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Optional: Map # \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mailing address: (if different from Lake address)

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Optional: Map # \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment:

Please mail this form with check made out "The Watchic Lake Association" ideally by June 1, 2014 to:

Robert C. Joslyn, Treasurer, Watchic Lake Association, P.O. Box 319, Standish, ME 04084

Member or Donation Type	Price Each	Number	Total
Regular Membership for deeded property owners (annual):	\$ 25	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Lifetime Members deeded property owners (one time):	\$ 500	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Friend of Watchic Lake (annual):	\$ 25	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Business Sponsor (annual):	\$ 50	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
General Donations:	\$ <input type="text"/>		\$ <input type="text"/>
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Membership information will be used only for WLA mailings and WLA business.



## 2014 Annual Newsletter and Membership Drive

### Letter from the President

May 2014

Happy Spring everyone!

What a long winter it has been, unless of course, you're one of our returning snowbirds. I am grateful to once again serve as your President. I would like to thank all the Board members who have worked so hard to accomplish the amazing things that have happened over the past eight years and all of the members who have supported all of our efforts with their generosity.

Our website, [www.watchiclake.org](http://www.watchiclake.org), has been totally redesigned and will become our primary communications vehicle. I think you will find it both helpful and very informative. Be sure to check out and contribute to the "[Memories](#)" section!

With all the changes in property ownership and continued pressures on the Watchic Lake Watershed, our goal is to increase our membership and active participation by new owners and encourage renewals with existing owners. It is our mission to protect the water quality of Watchic Lake. We are here to assist owners with any information and best practices they may need to make property improvements.

We are fortunate to have excellent water quality. This improves all of our property values and makes our summer activities so much more enjoyable. At our annual meeting this year on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Standish Town Hall, the Portland Water District will do a presentation that I'm sure you will all find interesting. Last year's speaker on the relationship between water quality and property values had a good response. In the fall of 2013 four properties were evaluated for LakeSmart awards and four new awards will be presented this year.

**I urge all property owners to become members of the Watchic Lake Association** and become involved in WLA activities. It's only with your support that we can ensure a positive experience for all Watchic Lake property owners and users.

In closing I would like to welcome you all back for the summer season and wish you a safe and joyous time at the lake!

Patty Guenther





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### Latest News from Watchic Lake

**Annual Meeting:** Please join us Saturday July 12 at 9:00 am at the Standish Town Hall to learn more about activities on Watchic Lake and most importantly to provide your input on how the WLA can do a better job supporting you and the lake.

**Dam Safety Improved:** During the fall of 2013, dam safety was improved with:

- Better signage: To warn of the hazards.
- New buoys: On a 100 foot long float line in front of dam gate area.
- Added fencing: At all fall hazards and to limit access to the gate works.

**Paine Neighborhood Run-off Remediation Working Well:** A long standing flooding problem on the Rt. 113 side of the lake became a real threat to water quality when metapython, caused by nutrients washing into the lake, became evident in 2010. With guidance from the WLA, the Town of Standish, Cumberland County Soils & Water, the DEP, the Davis Foundation, and impacted residents came together to address the run-off issue. As of the fall of 2013 this remediation effort has significantly addressed the runoff issues.



**New Watchic Lake Website:** We've updated our website ([www.watchiclake.org](http://www.watchiclake.org)) to be more helpful to our members, sponsors, property owners, and users of Watchic Lake. We've added a lot more information about the lake, the loons, memories of the lake, and how to best protect this precious resource. We will increasingly use the website to post important information and encourage you to check it out regularly.

**The Hi-Vu Drive Road Association Boat Launch:** Watchic Lake property owners and their renters are welcome to use the launch. Maintaining the gate and launch is a volunteer effort, so your patience is appreciated. The fee is \$15.00 per year with checks made payable to Hi Vu Drive Maintenance. Call ahead (ideally 24 hours in advance) to use the launch. Call John Gerardo 207-615-9165 or Brenda Gerardo 207-615-1119 or Henry Raymond 207-522-8329 or Tim Cornell 207-776-3881.

**Your Support and Membership Makes It All Possible:** With your support, the WLA has significantly improved the quality of Watchic Lake and the quality of life for all that use the lake. Some WLA activities include:

- Sample and report on lake water on a semi-annual basis.
- Respond to ad hoc property owner concerns about water quality and work with whoever is needed to address the issue.
- Monitor water level, adjust the dam as needed, and maintain the dam.
- Educate lake users on how to best keep out invasive species such as Eurasian milfoil.
- Work with the Town of Standish, the Maine DEP, property owners and others to address wider Watchic Lake watershed issues.
- Speak with single voice in advocating for improvements to the lake and the watershed (e.g. securing a number of DEP grants over the years).

