



## Spring 2021

***The Lake Beauty Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting, preserving and enhancing the quality of the environment and life experiences in and around our area.***

Be sure to visit our website at [www.lakebeauty.org](http://www.lakebeauty.org)

Hello Everyone:

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, I'll be stepping down as president of the Lake Beauty Association this August. After serving 4 years as your president, it's time for someone else to take the lead. The Association not only needs a new president, but it needs all of you to help however you can.

Maybe you enjoy writing, or new ideas come easy to you. Could it be you like building things, organizing projects, working with numbers, coordinating get-togethers, selling things, working on a computer, operating equipment or contributing extra financial support? You may be surprised what's all needed to accomplish the things we've done in the last 4 years.

Below are some of those accomplishments:

- ◆ Managed to keep Lake Beauty free of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
- ◆ Increased annual memberships from 19 members to 45 members and 8 businesses
- ◆ Developed strong relationships with our DNR and Soil and Water Representatives
- ◆ Designed, wrote and distributed bi-annual newsletters
- ◆ Built a new Association website
- ◆ Designed, printed and sold our own Lake Beauty Calendar
- ◆ Created an online store to sell Lake Beauty apparel
- ◆ Designed, built and posted AIS awareness signs at the boat landing and the main lake roads

It takes all of us to build a strong Association and protect our lake. Because of these accomplishments, and many others, we've improved the quality of life for us and our generations to come.

Please help. We need your time or talent and membership to keep the Lake Beauty Association strong. Call me today to discuss what you can do to contribute.

Thank you,

*Kathy Boeckman*

Kathy Boeckman,  
President, Lake Beauty Association  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10-30	Shop The Online Store
May 8	Public Access Clean Up
May 15	New Website Available
July 3	Bible Camp Fireworks
Aug 1	2022 Calendars Go On Sale
Aug 14	Annual Meeting
Aug 14	Association Get-together

*READ ON FOR MORE DETAILS*



## The Online Store is Open! Shopping for the whole family



Offering *new* attire, beach towels, bags, hats, shorts, tank tops, blankets, and so much more! Everything you'll need to enjoy summer at the lake can be found at [lakebeauty.org](http://lakebeauty.org) then click on "Store". Call **Centennial Sports** at (320) 252-2600 or stop by 1620 7th St N, St Cloud, MN 56303 if you have questions. Orders will be available for Memorial Day weekend. Shop today!

**Store's open April 10-30**



## Annual Meeting!

Don't miss the chance to hear what's happened around the lake this past year and meet our DNR and Soil and Water Township representatives. It's a perfect opportunity to bring up your thoughts and concerns, vote in new board members and socialize with neighbors.



**August 14th, 9:00 am  
Lake Beauty Dining Hall**

*Coffee and Doughnuts will be served. Prizes will be drawn for attendees!*



## Don't Miss the Celebration!

**August 14th, 3:00-8:00 pm**  
Meet at the Lundquist Home  
31870 Hummingbird Road

The Lake Beauty Association will be celebrating our 30 year anniversary the same day as our annual meeting. Bring whatever you would like to drink and a dish to pass. The Association will be providing the main course.

## Coming Soon... 2022 Lake Beauty Calendars!

Each calendar has a picturesque monthly photo of Lake Beauty. The Association will begin selling calendars **August 1** for approximately \$10.00 each. Bring cash or a check made payable to the Lake Beauty Association to 26094 Iris Trail.

**Great gift for your whole family!**



## Protect Lake Beauty by Following State Aquatic Invasive Species Laws:



**CLEAN** all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shore land.



**DRAIN** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) *and* drain bilge, live well and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shore-line property. Keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.



**DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, and worms, in the trash. It's illegal to release bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another. If you want to keep your bait, you must refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

### KNOW THE LAW: You may not...

- ◆ Transport watercraft without removing the drain plug.
- ◆ Arrive at a lake access with drain plug in place.
- ◆ Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on any roadway.
- ◆ Launch a watercraft with prohibited species attached.
- ◆ Transport water from Minnesota lakes or rivers.
- ◆ Release bait into the water.

### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS



**Spray** with high-pressure water  
**Rinse** with very hot water  
**Dry** for at least 5 days  
**Run motor and personal watercraft** for a few seconds to discharge water before leaving a water access.

[https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread\\_watercraft.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread_watercraft.html)

## IS LAKE BEAUTY'S 5 SUNFISH LIMIT A GOOD IDEA?

I have fished Lake Beauty for over 60 years. Two changes I've noticed are that the water clarity isn't quite as good, and the number and size of sunfish are smaller. The DNR has recognized the sunfish problem, and I applaud them for trying to do something about it.

I am not a wildlife biologist, or educated in fisheries management, but I assume this new limit is designed to increase the fish numbers and size over time. In my humble opinion, I question this new law. I guess it might increase the number of sunfish; however, since people are limited to only keep 5 fish, most people are going to keep the biggest ones they catch. To me, it seems this new limit will target the bigger sunfish rather than protect them.

Wouldn't a limit of 10 sunfish, and a size restriction work? For example, sunfish over 6-7 inches would have to be released.

People fish for fun and to have an occasional meal. 10 sunfish would give them that chance, and it would reduce the overall number of sunfish taken from Lake Beauty. Protecting the 6 to 7-inch sunfish would allow the fish to grow larger like the DNR wants even sooner.

I know that measuring fish is a nuisance, but we already do it for other species. Not every sunfish would have to be measured; just the ones that are close to that 6 to 7-inch range. Then some years later, if the sunfish are getting bigger and increasing in numbers, the size limit could be dropped.

I hope the DNR directive was based on solid science, and not a knee jerk reaction to the pressure from some people who want more and larger sunfish. I sincerely hope the new limit will work, but call me skeptical.

Bruce Krousey

### Lake Beauty Ice Out Dates

2021	Fri Apr 2
2020	Thurs Apr 8
2019	Sat Apr 20
2018	Fri May 4
2017	Wed Mar 29
2016	Tue Mar 22
2015	Sun Apr 5
2014	Thu April 24
2013	Fri May 10
2012	Tue March 20

Be aware that anyone younger than 18 years old **MUST** wear a helmet while riding a motorized vehicle or risk a ticket.



## LET'S ALL PITCH IN



**Saturday, May 8 at 9:00 am** the Lake Beauty Association, the Lake Beauty Bible Camp and anyone else who wants to join will be cleaning up trash and dead tree branches at our public access. Please come and help. The more people we have help, the faster we'll get done!

Thanks to all of you who have picked up trash in previous years and continue to do it not only at the access, but all around the lake!

## July 4th Fireworks!

The Lake Beauty Bible Camp will have their annual July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks on **Saturday, July 3rd**. Don't miss the show!



### Join the Lake Beauty Book Club!



It's a great way to spend time with your neighbors. For more information, call Carol Jones at (320) 267-7857.

### New Lake Beauty Website Coming Soon!

For the past 15+ years, our [LakeBeauty.org](http://LakeBeauty.org) website was hosted by MN Waters, who was bought out by MN Conservation. The decision was made by the Lake Association Board to change hosts and develop a more robust and technology advanced website. This decision was made primarily because MN Conservation will no longer be hosting any websites after this next fiscal year.

Our website domain [LakeBeauty.org](http://LakeBeauty.org) will remain the same. That means you'll type in the same address as you've always done to access the new site.

The plan is to have our new website up and running by early to mid-May. We are very excited about this change and eager to share it with all of you soon!

## THE LAKE BEAUTY ASSOCIATION IS GOING PAPERLESS!

To keep up with technology while saving money on printing and postage, the Lake Beauty Association will be going to an online newsletter. In order to receive any future newsletters, you'll need to provide your contact information so it can be sent via email. We will no longer be sending the newsletter through U.S. mail. Please email your **name and phone number** to [president@lakebeauty.org](mailto:president@lakebeauty.org) by **June 1**.

By providing this information, you'll not only receive all future the newsletters, but you'll also get updates about activities and other pertinent information regarding Lake Beauty.

*NOTE: All your contact information will be kept confidential and only used by the Lake Beauty Association for the purposes described above.*

Don't forget to use our Lake Beauty Association Little Library located on the corner of Iris Lane and Inspirational Trail.





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## Invasive Species

Invasive species are species “that are not native to the ecosystem and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health” (*National Invasive Species Council 2001, 2008*). Many of you are aware of **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)**, but did you know, there also are **Terrestrial Invasive Species**? Terrestrial invasive plants can disrupt native landscapes like prairies, wetlands, and forests. They also negatively impact agriculture economies and can be harmful to our health. Some of the most common Terrestrial invasive plants around Lake Beauty include:



**Common Buckthorn**  
(*Rhamnus cathartica*)



**Glossy Buckthorn**  
(*Frangula alnus*)

**Buckthorn** has a tall understory shrub or small tree up to 20' high with a spreading loosely branched crown, often multiple stems at the base. It also has brown bark with elongate silvery corky projections (**Caution:** native plums or cherries have a similar bark). There are female and male plants.

Why is buckthorn such a problem?

- Out-competes native plants for nutrients, light, and moisture
- Degrades wildlife habitat
- Contributes to erosion by shading out other plants that grow on the forest floor
- Serves as host to other pests, such as crown rust fungus and soybean aphid
- Forms an impenetrable layer of vegetation
- Lacks "natural controls" like insects or disease that would curb its growth

It is illegal to import, sell, or transport buckthorn in Minnesota.

**Wild Parsnip** was first discovered in Minnesota in the 1990s. While this plant causes a range of impacts to the environment, the largest concern from this invading species is its ability to inflict burns to skin of people that come into contact with the sap from the plant. Wild parsnip is found in open places such as roadsides, pastures, and disturbed areas. **Warning:** Avoid skin contact with the toxic sap of the plant by wearing gloves, long sleeves and long pants. When the juice of wild parsnip comes in contact with skin in the presence of sunlight, it can cause a chemical burn which can look like a rash with blistering and discoloration of the skin.



**Wild Parsnip**  
(*Pastinaca sativa*)

### Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac

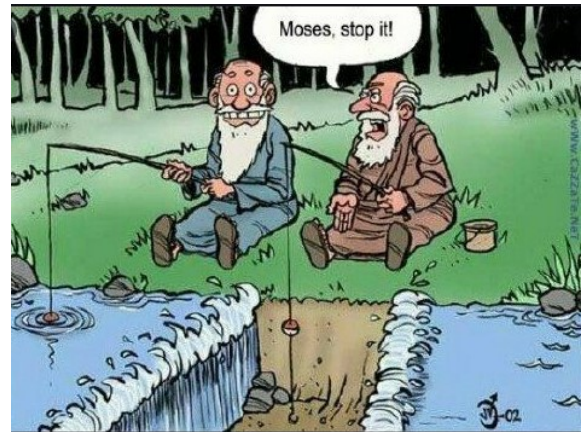
This is the most common allergy in the country, claiming half the population. Sensitivity to urushiol (the sticky substance that causes a rash) can develop at any time. Rubbing the rash won't spread poison ivy to other parts of your body (or to another person). Direct contact is needed to release urushiol oil. Urushiol oil stays active on any surface, including dead plants, for up to 5 years. Poison sumac has 7 to 13 leaves on a branch; poison ivy and oak have 3 leaves per cluster. Wounds can become infected and make scarring worse. In very extreme cases, excessive fluid may need to be withdrawn by a doctor.

More than 90% of people are allergic to urushiol oil; it's a matter of time and exposure. The more times you are exposed to urushiol, the more likely it is that you will break out with an allergic rash. For the first time sufferer, it generally takes longer for the rash to show up (7 to 10 days). A number of animal species regularly eat the fruit and leaves of these plants with no apparent harmful effects. In fact, it appears that only humans are susceptible. Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac plants change throughout the seasons. Go to <https://www.poison-ivy.org/> and <https://poisonivy.aesir.com/view/welcome.html> for more information and images.

# Minnesota Fun Facts

## Minnesota Fishing

- Licensed anglers: about 1.4 million
- Fishable lakes: 5,400
- Miles of fishable rivers and streams: over 18,000
- Species of fish: 162 (although not every kind of fish lives everywhere)
- Most resident anglers are from urban areas; however, a higher percentage of people living in rural Minnesota fish compared to the percentage of people living in urban areas who fish.
- Males account for 65 percent of fishing license holders. Females account for 35 percent.
- Significantly more time is spent fishing on lakes than on rivers and streams.
- The average Minnesota angler spends 15 days fishing each year.
- Walleye are the most sought-after fish in Minnesota, followed by northern pike and muskie combined, then panfish, bass, crappie and trout.



[2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, \(U.S. and Minnesota reports\) U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](https://www.fishbase.org/2011-National-Survey-of-Fishing-Hunting-and-Wildlife-Associated-Recreation-(U.S.-and-Minnesota-reports)-U.S.-Fish-&-Wildlife-Service)

## Did You Know?

The name “Minnesota” is derived from the Dakota phrase Mni Sota Makoce meaning Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds. Also, Minnesota leads the nation in watercraft owners per capita, which is one out of every six residents?

[https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/faq/mnfacts/boat\\_canoe.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/faq/mnfacts/boat_canoe.html)

## Minnesota Lakes, Rivers, and Wetlands

- Minnesota's waters flow outward in three directions - North to Hudson Bay in Canada, East to the Atlantic Ocean and South to the Gulf of Mexico
- Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota is the largest water-based park in the National Park System.
- Wetlands acreage present in 1850 - 18.6 million acres
- Wetlands acreage present in 2008- 10.6 million acres
- Ten most common lake names - Mud, Long, Rice, Bass, Round, Horseshoe, Twin, Island, Johnson, Spring
- Longest shoreline - Lake Vermilion, St. Louis County (290 miles of shoreline)
- Minnesota River length - 370 miles
- Mississippi River length in Minnesota - 680 miles

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/faq/mnfacts/water.html>

## Other Minnesota Residents

- Bald Eagles: 1,312+ pairs
- Common Loons: 12,000
- Gray Wolf: 2,900+
- White-Tailed Deer: 1.5 million
- Trumpeter Swan: 3,000+, the trumpeter swan is the largest MN waterfowl
- Black Bear: 20,000-30,000
- Moose: 2,760
- Peregrine Falcon: 52 known breeding pairs

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## Lake Beauty Association Membership

We currently have a total of **45 memberships and 8 businesses**, which is more than any year for the last 30 years!

**Thank you for your membership!**

Special thanks to Eric and Kara Fink for their membership and an additional \$250!



Below are just some of the things your membership helps support:

- ◆ Monitoring the condition of the lake
- ◆ Developing lake management plans
- ◆ Improving the health of the lake and protecting it from users' impact
- ◆ Educating and informing property owners about issues that affect the quality of life on and surrounding the lake, such as Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention, boat safety, littering, township funding for sewer upgrades, ice safety and shoreline erosion management
- ◆ Serving as an organized voice with township and county governments
- ◆ Continuing to work with the DNR on problems like litter, pollution, wild life management, fish limits, boat safety, etc.
- ◆ Connecting with neighbors
- ◆ Keeping our lake one of the cleanest in northern Minnesota and free of AIS
- ◆ Creating lifelong memories for your children and grandchildren

As a benefit of your membership, you will receive a gift and yard sign that states you're a supporting member of the Lake Beauty Association. *If you are a current member and did not receive a yard sign, contact Kathy Boeckman at 320-248-0342.*

If you haven't done so, send your \$35 check (payable to the Lake Beauty Association), along with your name, phone and email to:

**Stacey Helland**  
25897 Hunter Trail  
Long Prairie, MN 56347

## Lake Beauty Association Officers

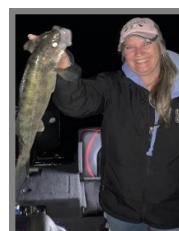
## Board Members



**Kathy Boeckman**  
*President*



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**Stacey Helland**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

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