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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

## *Buck Lake News – 2012 June*

### President's Message

By the time you read this Reine and I will be in France. I am a director of the Juno Beach Centre located at Courseulles-sur-mer in Normandy in the heart of the Canadian landing area during D-Day, 6 June 44. The Centre is an informational one that educates visitors about the significant contribution Canada made to the Normandy invasion near the end of WW II. I was probably asked to join the board of directors because of my military background and the fact that both my parents served in the Second World War. The bi-monthly meetings are a chore because they are held in Burlington, the other side of Toronto. However, the trip to France is pretty good compensation. I will be gathering information to organize the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Centre next year so I will need to stay out of the wine and the Calvados for some of the time. But that is enough of my problems.

Back to the geese and other fauna. The happy couple of Canada geese nesting in front of our house had five goslings emerge from the nest and they promptly headed inland up the path past my boathouse. When next seen there were only two goslings. Several days later there was only one. After three weeks he is as big as an adult chicken and loves to feed and fertilize my lawn like his parents. He too doesn't scare easily. We are trying to scare them off with inflatable alligators purchased at the dollar store. Desperate times demand desperate measures! Reine managed to inflate them and I had to cobble a way to tether them to the shore in our absence. We'll see how that works out on our return!

When Mother Goose left the nest with the hatchlings she left two or three un-hatched eggs behind. The next day I noticed the small island was alive with huge turtles, probably snapping turtles, who disposed of the eggs completely and quickly. I can't recall seeing large turtles like those in the past, not even on Turtle Island, the sunning destination of choice for Buck Lake amphibians. For some reason my swims out the island the last few days had me looking over my shoulder, or rather below me, in case one of these giants had managed to contract rabies or some other mind altering disease!

In closing, please plan to join in on some of the activities planned for the summer months. The 19 July presentation about the dreaded and dangerous ticks that can carry Lyme disease will be well worth attending. The Boatilla is another worthy event that raises money for a wonderful cause while giving residents a chance to meet others in a congenial atmosphere; the date is 30 June. Then there are the AGM slated for 7 July at the Perth Road School and the annual picnic at Harris Park 18 August. I look forward to meeting many of you in a great ambience.

Best wishes,  
Peter Dawe

## **The Johnny Green Spoon**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The article presents information on the Johnny Green lake trout spoon as a fishing lure in Ontario, including its inventor John Green. Green was a skilled carpenter and an accomplished outdoors man, apart from being a dairy farmer. As mentioned, Johnny Green spoon's design has not changes since its invention. It is stated that Green's failure to protect his spoon with a patent led to its design becoming a public property and up for grabs.

**A good summer read with a bit of local history**  
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I would like to suggest this as a magazine you may want to have on your coffee table this summer. The article "The Johnny Green Spoon, A fishy tale about a piece of Canadian history" provides a snap shot of life in the 1920s and 40s for two of Buck Lake's original families the Greens and the McComishes. The author, Jim Willis, interviews John McComish about his Grandfather, John Green, the development of the spoon and the family pride felt for the legendary spoon and its inventor, Johnny Green. We may all want to have a look through that old tackle box one more time. We may discover an original, hand made by the inventor himself, Johnny Green. A Green Spoon is a valuable piece of our Buck

lake history that may never feel the tug of a lake trout again, but deserves to be displayed with honour at our, place on the lake.

Good luck with your hunt, and have a safe, adventure filled summer. See you at the AGM, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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## Coming Events:

**June 30, Boatilla**

**July 7 - 9:00am Annual General Meeting at Perth Road Public School**

**July 19 7:00pm Tic Talk Education Night at Perth Road SS Hall**

**August 18 Annual Picnic/BBQ at Harris Park**

**September 9 Rider Cup Golf Tournament**





**THE 8TH  
ANNUAL  
BUCK LAKE**



**KIDS TO CAMP MERRYWOOD  
BOATILLA**

Assembly At 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2012  
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# **TICK TALK**

**PERTH ROAD CHURCH HALL  
THURSDAY JULY 19 @ 7PM**

**LISA WERDEN**

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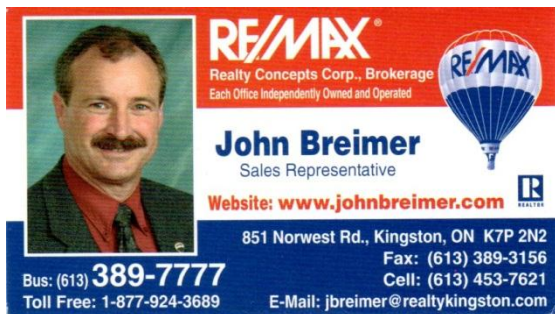
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### The Cataraqui Trail

Residents of Buck Lake who arrive via County Road 10 from Kingston may have noticed the former railway line which crosses the road just north of Perth Road Village, and some may have stopped to explore this right of way. For those who have not, it is well worth a look, for this is the route of the Cataraqui Trail.

The CP line between Strathcona, near Nappanee, and Smiths Falls was closed some years ago and the tracks and sleepers were removed. For some time the future of the track bed was in doubt, but it is now the site of a recreational trail used by hikers and cyclists in summer and by snowmobiles and cross-country skiers in winter. The trail runs through a varied landscape, with some of the most striking scenery lying closest to Buck Lake; the section between the Perth Road and Chaffey's Lock passes lakes, creeks, cliffs and forests and is particularly attractive. The trail surface is being steadily improved year by year.

The trail is owned by the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, managed by a volunteer board and financed by donations. You can find out more about the trail at [www.cataraquitrail.ca](http://www.cataraquitrail.ca) where you will find maps photos and other details.



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A good introduction to this resource and the people who use it is the annual Bike and Hike event which this year takes place on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a fundraiser and a good way to see what the trail has to offer as part of a cheerful social occasion. There will be group hikes and bike rides over various distances, finishing with a barbecue lunch at Chaffey's Lock

and including a bake sale, silent auction and prize draw. Details will be posted on the website later in the summer, so mark it on your calendar now.

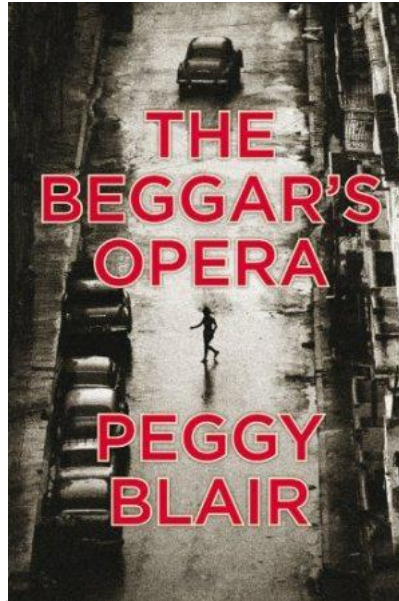
*Open House*

**Camp Merrywood**

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

1:00-4:00 p.m.

## The Beggar's Opera, by Peggy Blair



Peggy Blair is a Buck Lake Resident who found the tranquillity of Buck Lake a perfect place to write her first mystery novel. Set in Havana Cuba with a Canadian connection her book, “The Beggar’s Opera”, is a great read. It has been selected by a local book club and Peggy will be attending the club’s discussion of the book at their June 22nd meeting.

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### **Support a local author!**

Ottawa realtor Peggy Blair is also a visual artist and former lawyer, but what a lot of people don’t know about her is that she is a mystery writer, and that she owns a cottage right here on the North Branch of Buck Lake.

Peggy’s mystery novel, *The Beggar’s Opera*, was short-listed for the CWA Debut Dagger Award in the UK in 2010. Soon after, the Cuban-set mystery was snapped up by publishers in Germany, Norway and Holland at the prestigious Frankfurt Book Fair, followed by a two book deal with Penguin Canada. It was barely on book store shelves when it won the CBC Bookies Award for best mystery/thriller.

Peggy does most of her writing here at the lake. “There’s nothing here to distract me,” she says. “I have a smart phone that picks up email but that’s about it. I don’t even have a television, just tons of books. I find when I’m at the cottage, I can be incredibly productive. I love it here; it’s such a gorgeous spot. I paint here as well as write: all left-brain stuff to make up for my busy life in Ottawa.”




Peggy often visits book clubs in the Ottawa area that are discussing her book. So we’re lucky; she will be dropping by a book club meeting hosted by Maxine Lemieux on June 22.

The Beggar’s Opera has received rave reviews in newspapers all across the country but here are just a few of the comments: The National Post calls it “an impressive debut novel” and “a genuinely mysterious mystery that manages to both surprise and maintain its internal integrity.” The Ottawa Citizen calls it “fast-paced and atmospheric ... delivers surprises right to the final



pages.” The Chronicle Herald calls it a “splendid fictional debut and a riveting, gritty tale.” The Beggar’s Opera is available at Chapters, Amazon, and most independent book stores as well as Kobo and Kindle. It will be published by Penguin early next year in the United States, and the second in the series, “The King’s Indian”, will be out next February.

If you want to know more about Peggy and this stunning new mystery series, check out [peggyblair.com](http://peggyblair.com), [inspectoramirez.com](http://inspectoramirez.com) or Peggy’s blog at [peggyblair.wordpress.com](http://peggyblair.wordpress.com). And if you have a book club in this area, Peggy says to let her know. If she can make it, she’ll pop by.

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