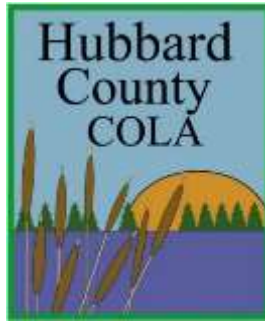


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From The HC COLA President – Sharon Natzel

With May's bird songs, blooming trees and fragrant lilacs, it is a lovely reminder of why we call this wonderful lakes area "home" each and every time I step outdoors! We are noticing the "firsts" more this year, appreciating the natural beauty that surrounds us each day; 5/7 Hummingbird and 5/14 tiny bluish colored butterfly. Checking www.butterflyidentification.org



We decided this spring to "stop mowing" the wild violets of different colors that popped up in the drain field area of the yard. This will help to provide habitat for pollinators like [Fritillary butterflies](#) and bees to enjoy at this time of year plus help slow down the rain runoff into the lake. We are putting into practice some of the many techniques learned through our two HC COLA "[Lawns & Lakes: There is a Connection](#)" Autumn 2020 courses. Contact hccolamn@gmail.com if you would like a free visit with a Shoreland Advisor too.

HC COLA Thu 5/27, 6:30 PM Virtual Meeting – Registration Here

Click to [Register](#) for the **HC COLA Thu May 27th, 6:30 PM Virtual Meeting** to participate virtually on your smart device or by regular telephone. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Our program is open to the public. Our Agenda is [here](#). Our May presenters are:

Nick Macklem, Hubbard County Environmental Specialist will provide an **Update** on our **Hubbard County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program 2021**.

Burney Fischer, Clinical Professor Emeritus at Indiana University - Bloomington in the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Burney formerly taught Urban Forest Management and Urban Ecology. He still leads the Bloomington Urban Forestry Research Group. He is a Big Mantrap (BML) summer resident (May-Oct). Burney Fischer's topic is "**Exploring How Lake Associations Think about Their Lakes and the Shared Responsibility to Sustain Them.**"

Refer to the [Lake Change Worksheet](#) during Burney's presentation, but don't complete the form until June. Each HC COLA Rep may collaborate with others in your own lake association (LA) to determine your LA answers, if you desire. Please provide only one form per LA back to Burney to summarize by Fri 6/11/2021. Email: bufische@indiana.edu Summary will be presented by Burney our June 24th meeting.

Kabekona's Grateful for 2021 Charitable Fund Grant – Who's 2022?

On Monday, May 10th, the HC COLA Board of Directors received this nice "Thank You!"

Dear HC COLA Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Kabekona Lake Association, I want to thank you for honoring us with the HC COLA Charitable Fund Grant for our aquatic vegetation survey. We are looking forward to partnering with RMB Labs and analyzing the survey results. There will be much to learn. Our intention is for this survey to act as a "jumping off" point for the KLA to establish a more formal and organized volunteer effort to continue to monitor aquatic vegetation in and around the lake. We have so many members who are passionate about the lake and shoreland. We are so thankful to be members of the HC COLA. What a great organization!

Thanks again,

Ingrid Bey, KLA Board

Now for the 2022 HC COLA Charitable Fund Grant, who will be the fortunate recipients? You can begin thinking about this now and submit perhaps multiple grant proposal applications for different projects between June 1, 2021 and April 15, 2022.

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Water Monitoring with Family / Youth

With Memorial Day's long weekend coming right up, look for opportunities to share the May's [youth activities](#) sheets developed by Ellie Kriese at RMB Environmental Labs.



HC COLA also has a team of Shoreland Monitors trained in AIS Detection that will make "dock calls" by appointment to help train youth and their parents or grandparents. We'll work together on aquatic vegetation identification and invertebrate too. We also have the RMBEL youth activity books to share. Email hccolamn@gmail.com for an appointment.

See the terrific article in the [Park Rapids Enterprise 5/12/2021](#) by Lorie Skarpness, who attended our April COLA meeting when Ellie Kriese from RMBEL

presented on water monitoring and shared the youth activity book. In addition to our Hubbard COLA Youth / Family program explanation, Lorie also covered Andrea Dutcher's Youth / Family shoreland monitors program on Lake Belle Taine.

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MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates Provides Articles

HC COLA is a member of the MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates. Jeff Forester, Executive Director, recently provided 4 interesting articles for our lake association newsletters.

"Attached please find some articles that you can use as content. I hope that in the attached articles you will find a lot of great information that will help your lake association advance its mission and draw membership. Please feel free to edit them as you see fit."

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Sunfish Program Update & Garfield Lake Association

By Mark Warisch

The thought for many years was that you could never catch too many sunfish to hurt a lake. Looking at the lake survey taken in 2020 that is not true. What we are seeing is that 82% of our sunfish/blue gill combine are in the 0-5 inch range. And it is getting worse each survey.

The DNR has seen this happening on many lakes. The problem is that all of the large sunfish are being taken. The large sunfish control breeding grounds. If you no longer have large fish, the small fish breed rather than putting the energy into becoming large fish.

The DNR has a program to control this by reducing the daily catch from the 20 fish per day limit to 5 per day with a bag limit of 20. We have had a long road to become part of the program. We are one of two lakes in Hubbard County who are at the stage of getting public input on the change for 2022.

Our yellow sign on the landing is an information sign to all users of Garfield Lake. This fall the DNR will take input from the public whether to go forward with the [program](#) or not. The Garfield Lake Association is supporting the change and will ask people to support the change this fall.



Updates of Interest for Our Lakes Area

- Spring 2021 [10th & 11th Crow Wing Lakes Association](#) Newsletter
- [8th & 9th Crow Wing Lake Association](#) May 2021 Newsletter
- May 2021 [Kabekona Lake Association](#) Newsletter
- [Long Lake Area Association](#) Spring 2021 Newsletter
- [HC COLA letter](#) 5/20/21 to Hubbard County Commissioners on Public Hearing 5/26 at 6 PM for [Amendments](#) to Shoreland Management Ordinance
- [Let's Go Fishing](#) is seeking volunteers who help with the pontoon excursions which enrich lives of seniors, vets and youth. They also promote AIS Prevention.

Lake Management Toolset – Practical Resilience & Systems Thinking Workshops for Midwest Glacial Lake Organizations

This interactive virtual workshop helps lake organization members use systems thinking to plan for change and manage their lakes to increase resilience of the social, ecological, and economic aspects of their lake system. To achieve this, we will provide tools to conserve fish habitat, increase recreational fishing opportunities, and discuss the benefits of systems management. Participants will leave with a practical understanding of conservation planning, and a network of peers to increase the resilience and adaptive capacity of their lakes and organizations. MN's dates at this time to select from include Wed 6/9 at 2 PM or Tues 7/13 at 2 PM. See the [Flyer](#) for Registration Link & the detailed [description](#) on the free-of-charge workshops here.



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Our mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shorelands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. Hubbard County COLA's mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lakeshore property owners, lake associations, local government, the general public and future generations.

Hubbard County COLA formed in 1988. HC COLA currently has a membership of 30 lake associations representing 42 lakes with over 2500 members. HC COLA is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Lakes Represented In HC COLA

Bad Axe · Belle Taine · Big Mantrap · Big Sand · Blue · Boulder · Crow Wing Lower · Crow Wing 5th/6th/7th · Crow Wing 8th/9th · Crow Wing 10th/11th · Duck · Eagle-Island · Emma-Stocking-Bottle · Fish Hook L&R Association · Garfield · Gilmore · Ham Lake · Hinds Lake · Kabekona · Little Sand · Long Lake · Palmer · Plantagenet · Portage · Potato · South Island · Spider · Stony · Tripp · Twin Lakes

HC COLA Board of Directors

The HC COLA Board of Directors is made up of one designated "HC COLA Representative" from each of the 30 member Lake Associations. We are all volunteers who care for our lakes and rivers!

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