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Keep in Touch with FOCA

FOCA has a mandate in 2010 to increase communication with our members. To this end, we need to hear from you. Please let us know when you are holding your Annual General Meeting or Association meeting this summer and make sure to include our email address or mailing address on all of your mail outs. FOCA wants to support you in any way we can:

- Invite us to speak at your next event
- Ask us to post your events and newsletter notes on our website
- Let us know what's going on in your Association so we can add it to our "Lake Association Updates" section of our newsletter.

FOCA AGM - Saturday March 6th, 2010

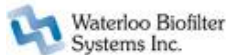
FOCA had a successful Annual General Meeting on March 6th in Toronto with many of our member associations in attendance.

Following the FOCA Business Meeting, participants enjoyed several insightful presentations.

- Tracy Logan, Programs Coordinator at FOCA gave an overview and update on the FireSmart program
- Dr. Helena Jaczek, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment spoke about MOE



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Perspectives on Ontario's Freshwater Legacy

- Dr. Brian Ginn, Limnologist with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority gave an overview of current water quality initiatives for Lake Simcoe
- Kelly Thompson from Transport Canada provided a review of the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations and the role of the Navigable Waters Protection Branch.

In addition, we had many of our sponsors in attendance with information displays at our sponsors fair.

NEW this year: Web-conference Option

We were pleased to offer remote associations the opportunity to attend our AGM online. The web-conferencing option is something we hope to offer again at future meetings, so keep it in mind if you cannot attend in person.

The AGM presentations can be viewed by downloading the files from our [website](#).

Upcoming Cottage Shows - Mark your Calendars!

Spring Cottage Life Show: Friday March 26th to Sunday March 28th 2010

The Spring Cottage Life Show at the International Centre in Toronto is fast approaching. Every year this show features a wealth of cottage related exhibitors and is a great opportunity to find out about FOCA programs in person. Come out and visit us at Booth #2016 in Hall 3A (6900 Airport Road).

Ottawa Cottage Show: Friday April 9th to Sunday April 11th 2010

This is a great opportunity for us to meet with our members from Eastern Ontario and share information



about our programs - we hope to see you there!

Note: This show runs concurrently with The Big Backyard Show. Both shows are spread over 3 buildings at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa.

FOCA's Newest Sponsor



Adopt-A-Pond Wetland Conservation Programme

The Adopt-A-Pond Wetland Conservation Programme of the Toronto Zoo provides teachers, students and community groups with information resources and educational opportunities that enable them to restore and create wetland habitats and conserve wetland species. FOCA is excited to have the Adopt-A-Pond Programme join FOCA as this new partnership will provide FOCA members with access to a wealth of resources related to reptile and amphibian conservation. Programme staff at Adopt-A-Pond want to hear from FOCA members to help them better design a program that will focus on waterfront property stewardship and turtle conservation. Please visit their website to explore the resources available and to complete a survey with a special section for cottagers and waterfront property owners. FOCA looks forward to working with Adopt-A-Pond! Visit <http://www.torontozoo.com/AdoptAPond/> to learn more.