

FOCA EAlert - July 2014



FOCA Website - a new look!



The FOCA Website has a clean new look - check it out today: www.foca.on.ca

The resources you rely upon are still here, easier to search and in a mobile-friendly format.

There is even "Members-only" content to browse with a dedicated Member Login code.

[Find out more here >](#)

FOCA's Gold Sponsors



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Lake Environments

Recap: Muskoka Summit on the Environment

FOCA took part in this sold-out event in Bracebridge, May 8-9, 2014:

- [read the communique](#) summarizing the Muskoka Summit (2014)
- [listen to the CBC Radio feature about the event, here...](#)

Also, the 2014 **Muskoka Watershed Report Card** has been released. Download the full publication, or subwatershed reports, [here...](#)

COMING UP NEXT:

Friday, July 25, 2014 - **Invasive Species workshop** (Bracebridge) - join FOCA, the Muskoka Watershed Council and Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program at a workshop to learn how to help prevent the spread in Muskoka. [Learn more here](#) and register today.



Waterfront Living

FOCA's Cottage Succession Seminar Series

"Keeping the 'Family' in the Family Cottage"



FOCA was in Washago last weekend with Estate Lawyer Peter Lillico, discussing the importance of starting a plan NOW to pass the cottage to the next generation, down the road. Thank you to the event co-hosts, the Riley Lake Property Owners' Association!

The next event is scheduled for South Frontenac in August, and FOCA members attend for free! [Get details and find out how to register, here...](#)

Safety and Risk Management

Safe Boating Grant Program

The Canadian Safe Boating Council is offering up to \$2500 to groups (like lake associations!) in support of local boating safety initiatives through their Grass Roots Safety Initiative.

Applications for your local projects are due by December 15, 2014.

[Find out more here...](#)



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Association Toolkit

Why Lake Associations Matter

Read a new article by FOCA in **LakeLine**, the publication of the North American Lake Management Society. [Click here](#), or the image at left, to link to the article. (PDF; 3 pages)

FOCA has been a proud member of NALMS for over 15 years.



Events

It is that time of year when FOCA is especially busy on the road!



FOCA spoke at a **shoreline education workshop** organized by the Environment Council for Clear, Ston(e)y and White Lakes, along with the Toronto Zoo's Adopt-a-Pond program. The workshop was held July 8-9th at Viamede in the Kawarthas.



What a great location for a meeting!

In addition to the **Cottage Succession** event in Washago mentioned above, FOCA was also at the [Lake Kasshabog Residents' Association](#) AGM last weekend.

This weekend FOCA will be presenting at the [Paudash Lake Conservation Association](#) AGM on July 19th (10am, Highlands East Fire Hall).

About FOCA

Welcome, Deanna!

FOCA is pleased to welcome Deanna Panitz as our 2014 Lake Stewardship Assistant. Deanna will be with FOCA for the bulk of summer 2014, and is already making a tremendous contribution, on our new website, and updating our environmental library. Deanna is a graduate of the Environmental Resources program at Trent University, and will be continuing with her Environmental studies at Fleming College in the Fall of 2014.



Find out more about the FOCA Staff and Board of Directors [here...](#)

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