

# DEER LAKE ASSOCIATION

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*"If there is magic on the planet, it is contained in water". Enjoy the magic again this summer.  
The ice appears to be going out this week! 4/24/2025 Jeff Johnston, Deer Lake Association  
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## Calendar of Events May/June

**May 17, 9-11am DLA Board Meeting** at Hiawatha for in-person and on Zoom for remote attendees

May 20, 2pm GOLF SCAMBLE (see p. 3)

May 27, 4pm DEER READERS BOOK CLUB (see p. 3)

May 30 ROAD CLEAN-UP (see p. 4)

June 6, July 11 BEAR ISLAND CLEAN-UP (see p. 4)

**June 7, 8:00-9:30am DLA Board Meeting** at Camp Hiawatha, immediately followed by 10am-Noon **DLA Annual Membership Meeting** at Camp Hiawatha

June 17, 2 pm GOLF SCRAMBLE (see p. 3)

**June 21, 5-7pm BOAT-IN CONCERT** - Camp Sherwood; Jason Schooler Band - (Rescheduled from Last Year, postponed due to Medical Emergency)

June 28 DLA TOUR OF HOMES (see p. 2)

Coming...

**July 4 BOAT PARADE** - Start @ Bear Island Beach Area. Show your colors, but please refrain from 'political' postings - be kind.

July 18, 3:00-4:30pm DLA Board Meeting at Camp Hiawatha, immediately followed at 5pm by DLA Annual Business Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner at Camp Hiawatha.



**Ice out/Dock in '25  
Pine Ridge Resort**

**August 13 5:00-7:00pm Deer Lake Frolic** at Camp Hiawatha. **New Date Wednesday August 13.** Silent Auction starts at 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. Board Members please report for duty at 3pm.

## New! DLA TOUR OF HOMES



Please, join us for the Home Tours on Deer Lake. DLA is planning a Progressive Home Tour on Saturday, June 28, 2025. The event will run from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. We will have 3 groups of up to 15 people, that will rotate to the 3 homes staying about 45 minutes at each one. Registration is limited to a maximum of 45 people. People will arrive by car and are encouraged to carpool to alleviate congested parking. At each home, the owner will give you a tour and a little history of their home followed by a social time with a simple snack and refreshments. Those who have graciously opened their homes for this event are Diana and Herb Lieffring, Sandra Anderson and Tom Nelson. There is not a charge for people to attend, but we encourage you to

make a donation to support the work of the DLA. We hope you can join us to celebrate our Deer Lake family and be in community together.

TO REGISTER FOR THE HOME TOUR (AND DONATE TO THE DLA) PLEASE CLICK HERE <https://forms.gle/pv4QXGuRPfxckjT68>,

HOMES ON THE TOUR:

**HERB & DIANA LIEFFRING:** Herb and Diana Lieffring's Erdenheim (Earth Home) was built to be eco-friendly, economical, low maintenance and elderly-compatible. Features include geo-thermal heating and cooling, radiant floor heating, insulated concrete form walls, and an elevator.

**SANDRA & GEORGE ANDERSON:** We bought 5 acres of the old Linden Grove Resort in 2021 and were fortunate to get Dale Juntunen as our builder. Our niece, Ellen Anderson, was the architect. We moved in just before a snow storm on December 13, 2022. Our family has been on this northwest bay of the lake for over 100 years. The house features some very unique Marvin folding doors that allow for a cozy space in winter and an expanded living room space in summer. The granite tops on the island and the buffet are from Brazil and the dining table was made by our son Rich, and Tom Dimitch. The land was used for hay for many years, so last summer we planted 28 trees. The name of this place we love is Deerhaven and it's on Linden Grove Drive.

**TOM NELSON:** The Nelson home sits up on a bluff looking south to Christmas Point and Bear Island in the distance. The large bed of springs in the reeds in front were the subject of a scientific study several years ago. The yard has moss and sedge instead of grass, and maple trees for making syrup.

There are three buildings of interest, each with extensive woodwork featuring a special style of tile paneling, called "Penrose."

The 2500sqft 2-bed room Residence is multi-level, with parquet flooring a rock fireplace with backlighting and fountain, plus a deck on the roof.

The Garage, known as the "Loggy Dome," has a woodshop below, and an open second story multi-purpose room with tile paneling and felt artworks.

The Guest House features a dome-like roof, a loft, and special "live edge" flooring.

## 2025 DLA Golf Scramble

This summer, we will be organizing a golf/dinner event each month. This is more of a fun, social event, as opposed to a serious competition, so all skill levels are welcome. We generally use a “scramble” format with a few special rules and contests thrown in. We will play nine holes at one of the area golf courses followed by dinner at the course or a nearby restaurant. Dinner location will be determined the week prior to golf. Non-golfers are welcome to join us for “dinner-only” if they like. Please mark your calendars:

May 20th (Tuesday): Blueberry Hills – Tee Off 2pm

June 17<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday): Pokegama – Tee Off 2pm

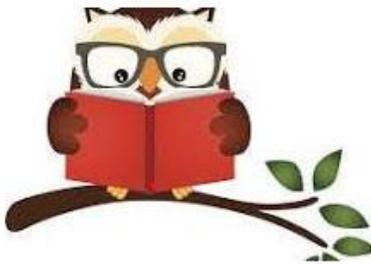
July 15<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday): Eagle Ridge – Tee Off 2pm

August 19<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday): Blueberry Hills – Tee Off 2pm

September 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday): Pokegama – Tee Off 2pm



## DEER READERS 2025 SUMMER SCHEDULE



The 2025 summer book season for Dear Readers (the DLA book club) will open on **Tuesday, May 27 at Jo Landwer's home at 4pm**. We'll be discussing *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. The summer schedule is shown below, including date, book to be discussed, discussion leader, and host (i.e. where we meet each month). Meetings start at 4pm, with the exception of the September meeting, which starts at 3pm. Everyone brings an appetizer to share; the host provides beverages. Deer Readers is open to all DLA members. If you're interested, or have questions, please contact Alice Stark at [adstark46@gmail.com](mailto:adstark46@gmail.com).

**May 27** (Tues 4pm): *The Women* by Kristin Hannah, leader Alice Stark, host Jo Landwer

**June 24** (Tues 4pm): *The End of Drum Time* by Hanna Plyvainen, leader Dave Stark, hosts Alice & Dave Stark

**July 22** (Tues 4pm): *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge, leader Joyce Erickson, hosts Joyce & Dick Erickson

**Aug 20** (WEDNESDAY 4pm): *The Devil's Element* by Dan Egan, leader Jack Jones, hosts Beth Riesgraf and Dick Wyman

**Sept 10** (WEDNESDAY 3pm:) *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, leader Don Marier, hosts Don & Abby Marier

## BEAR ISLAND TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Maintenance this summer is scheduled for June 6, July 11, and August 8 (all Fridays). For these get-togethers, volunteers meet at the south end of the island around 9AM. The group will walk the trail, remove any fallen trees and branches blocking the path, pick up trash, etc. This generally takes less than one hour, followed by beverages, some goodies and fellowship. Please volunteer, especially if we have experienced a bad storm during the month. If you are interested in participating, please watch the DLA Facebook page for updates or contact Paul Askegaard at 651-230-3361 or email at [askeupnorth@gmail.com](mailto:askeupnorth@gmail.com) to be added to communication lists for emails and/or text messages.

## ROAD CLEAN-UP



There will be a road cleanup this spring on the portion of Hwy 62 that the Association has volunteered for. The Glader family has hosted this for the past few years and is now being passed to Paul and Joan Lussenhop who live on Bonnie Point. The date of the cleanup will be on May 30, Friday and more information will be available before the date. After the cleanup people will be welcome to drop by our house for refreshments and conversation. Paul and Joan can be contacted at [lussenhop@msn.com](mailto:lussenhop@msn.com). We are looking forward to it.

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP

Are you looking for a way to get involved with your Deer Lake Community? The DLA has a perfect spot for you. We need Neighborhood Communicators! A Neighborhood Communicator:

- **Serves as DLA's Ambassador to your neighborhood.** Ideas include personal visits, phone calls, e-mails, U.S. Mail, organized neighborhood get-togethers, or informally as you run into people in your neighborhood or on the lake. Please **speak with each neighbor personally at least once per year.** A spreadsheet listing all of your assigned neighbors and any contact information we have will be sent to you each June. Please keep this contact information confidential and use it only for DLA business.
- **Share DLA's mission** with your neighbors. For generations, Deer Lake water quality has served as a foundation for family life and lakeshore property values.
- Promote DLA membership
- Promote the Deer Lake Frolic Picnic
- Deliver a **Welcome Packet** to **new property owners** in your neighborhood. Packet includes a welcome letter from the DLA President, a copy of the Beautiful Deer Lake Property Owner's Handbook, an AIS postcard, and a membership application. All new property owners receive a one-year-free DLA membership.
- If you learn of births, marriage, serious illness, death or other life-changing events affecting persons in your neighborhood, please send a card on behalf of DLA.
- Offer your ideas about how the Neighborhood Communicator program can be made more effective.



If are interested or would like to learn more about becoming a Neighborhood Communicator contact:

Jackie Johnston - Neighborhood Communications coordinator 612-490-9267 [jackiesuej19@gmail.com](mailto:jackiesuej19@gmail.com)

## WINE & MUSIC BINGO!



The DLA membership committee is calling anyone on the lake who enjoys a good glass of wine and/or time in community. We would like to start a wine club that meets monthly to share good wine and build Deer Lake Community. If you are interested, please, contact Jackie Johnston @ [jackiesuej19@gmail.com](mailto:jackiesuej19@gmail.com)

If you aren't a wine drinker, but would like to do more with your Deer Lake neighbors, please join us for Monday night music bingo at Rapids Brewing in Grand Rapids on June 9th, July 7th, August 4th and Sept. 8th. Please, let Jackie

Johnston know if you are planning to attend so we reserve enough table space for everyone. If you haven't played music bingo, you are missing out!!]

## DLA BOUTIQUE

The DLA Boutique is excited to offer a few new items this summer. Working with a D'Pointe Designs from Grand Rapids we are able to provide a wider range of clothing. Please, take a look and know that we can order anything from a full zippy to t-shirts in a wide range of colors and sizes, youth to XXXL adult. Prices range from \$15 - \$35 based on style and size. Full details are available on the DLA Website.

We also have a new wind spinner \$20 and stainless steel tumblers with straws \$20.

Contact Jackie Johnston [jackiesuej19@gmail.com](mailto:jackiesuej19@gmail.com)

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The Deer Lake Association (DLA) is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) Minnesota non-profit serving as a steward for [Deer Lake](#), a body of water owned by the people of Minnesota. The DLA was [founded in 1991](#) to protest a development in what is now the Wabu Woods scientific area. DLA is organized primarily to preserve and improve Deer Lake water quality. To achieve this mission, DLA tries to represent or engage the broader Deer Lake community – including anglers, recreational boaters, visitors, resorts, camps, campgrounds, guests, hunters, wildlife advocacy organizations, local and state government, homeowners on the lake as well as those who own watershed property, and the businesses that serve lake residents and enthusiasts. The DLA also builds community by providing services, education, and social activities for our members and surrounding area residents.

The DLA is funded entirely through membership and donations. [Click here to Join or Renew your membership or to make a donation.](#)

If you are a lifetime Member, consider purchasing a membership for a family member or friend who loves coming to the lake!

If you have questions about membership or ways to get involved with the DLA, contact Jackie Johnston @ [jackiesuej19@gmail.com](mailto:jackiesuej19@gmail.com)