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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

By Ken Scribner

Welcome Aboard 2007 ELRA Members and Friends!

A heartfelt thank you goes to all our members who make the association possible with their membership dues and volunteer efforts. We encourage everyone to VOLUNTEER and do your part to continue making the association a dynamic organization!

Just this past fall, ELRA membership dues and grants provided funding for restocking walleyes for the benefit of our members, friends and visitors in the Emily area. This is just one example of your membership dollars at work! We plan to do this every other year and we especially applaud Doug Rhode for spearheading this effort on behalf of the association. Thank you, Doug!!

Some of the upcoming changes include revamping the newsletter, improving the website's ease of use, getting more members to join and take part in our various committees, as well as our Annual Meeting and picnic.

Should you need pointers on improving your shoreline landscaping, we have volunteers who are willing to educate you and suggest how to do it (yes, grants are available to help with the costs)!

ELRA is here to assist in making Emily a thriving community for everyone to enjoy. If you are not currently a member, come and join our association!

Do you have any comments, concerns or suggestions regarding ELRA? Please feel free to contact any of the Board of Directors. All information is on the ELRA website for easy access; it is also listed in each edition of the newsletter.

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Mark Your Calendars!!!!



The ELRA Annual Picnic is being planned for **AUGUST 4**. We hope you will keep this day open and join your lake neighbors at the pot luck picnic. Watch your mail for more news on this event.

EmilyLakes.Org ~ ~ Up, Running and Ready to GO!

www.EmilyLakes.org is the official site for ELRA. Darlene Wieseler is our webmaster and is responsible for design and updating it as needed. We hope that you find it user friendly and a good resource to keep up-to-date on what is happening in our organization. It will provide important links such as a Lake Finder, DNR, and other pertinent information related to our lakes.

NOTE: Please email us your current email address for our records to ELRA@EmilyLakes.org

If you have any friends or neighbors that would like news about what is happening, please provide that information too.

Thanks again, members and friends!

Scenic Values and Visual Qualities

Condensed from " Guide for Buying & Managing Shoreland.DNR

Many people value natural river and lakeshore. Visual quality comes from a sense of the untouched "natural" look. Shoreland management recognizes this value and tries to achieve it by setting minimum standards. Shoreland property owners have the privilege and the responsibility to preserve and develop their land in harmony with the natural environment. Voluntary compliance in the following areas, along with meeting the requirements of local zoning, will help achieve this goal.

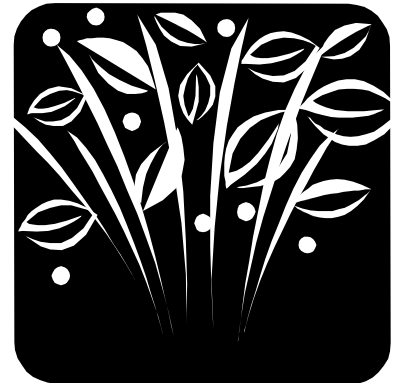
Vegetative Screening-Native vegetation along the shore presents the most natural edge to water bodies. Preserving the natural vegetation protects the integrity of the shore. Plant additional native vegetation and replace diseased trees to improve the visual quality and screening effect.

Structures usually make the most dramatic change to the appearance of the shore so they should be designed as sensitively as possible.

Building Materials: Select materials that are natural or have a natural appearance that blend in with the surroundings. This is important for siding as well as roofing materials.

Color: Color adds to our environment. However, too much or inappropriately bright colors in the landscape can appear harsh. Carefully select your structure's color to blend in the surroundings. Use accents to add color. Flowers and vegetation provide good accent colors.

Accessory Structures: If an accessory structure is needed, limit it to one. Excess structures add visual clutter to the shoreland. Incorporating storage and other uses into the main structure can eliminate the need for additional structures. If required, the structures must meet the local shoreland zoning ordinance. Use the same design principles as above and locate the structures away from the view of the lake and public roads.



Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, How I wonder where you are?

It's Friday night and we have just arrived at our lake cabin. It is so peaceful; so tranquil. The perfect escape from the tension, the traffic, the city lights—well, not the city lights. Unfortunately, we have to close our shades at night and miss the lovely moonlight sparkling on the water because several yard lights glare into our eyes from across the lake.

Light pollution is increasingly becoming a recognized problem. You can google it . It is amazing how far and bright a light can be when reflecting across water. Answers to the light pollution problem on our northern lakes are pretty straightforward. Light fixtures that stop glare and/or light trespass on our neighbors or across the lake are readily available in stores that handle outdoor lighting. Light shields will direct our light down where we need it. Motion lights turn off when we are done moving around outside.

Let's be good neighbors and shield our lights, turn them off and stop the glare. Then we can rediscover the stars, and the moon and let them be our night-lites.

Submitted by Jane Schulte, ELRA member

Fairview Conservancy: A Low Impact Development

BAELN's 2006-2007 Season—Healthy Communities: What You Can Do is pleased to offer...

Thursday, June 14, 2007 - at the Fairview Conservancy - Free. All are invited.

Speaker stations from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m., with a networking reception hosted by

Syvantis Technologies from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

This BAELN event will be held at the Fairview Conservancy, 13760 Bluestem Court, Suite 150, Baxter, Minnesota. (Directions: At the intersection of Highways 371 and 210 in Baxter, follow Highway 210 West. Take the next right onto Fairview Road N. At the T turn left and follow Fairview Road N past Hawthorne Suites to Bluestem Court. Look for the Fairview Conservancy sign and a large solar panel.)

Speakers include:

- Janelle Riley, Syvantis Technologies: Fairview Conservancy's purpose and goals
- Dan Froemming, Fairview Conservancy: Green building principles and techniques
- Tim Ramerth, Westwood Professional Services: Engineering a low impact development
- Jason Edens, Rural Renewable Energy Alliance: Solar energy
- Sarah Stai, Westwood Professional Services and Cheryal Hills, Region Five Development Commission: Fairview Conservancy's outreach program
- Dave Johnson, Anderson Brothers Construction: Permeable asphalt
- Jackie Froemming, University of Minnesota Extension: Rain gardens
- Bonnie Hiniker, Sunshine Gardens: Indigenous plant species

End your day with a visit to Fairview Conservancy. This BAELN event boasts an indoor / outdoor tour of the Fairview Conservancy with stations at various points of interest. At each station the speaker will present

the low impact technology or methods used. Stations will include green building principles and techniques, permeable asphalt, engineering a low impact development, rain gardens, solar energy, Fairview Conservancy's principles and goals, and Fairview Conservancy's outreach program.

Fairview Conservancy is a 4.5-acre demonstration project in Baxter, Minnesota. The Conservancy encourages commercial landowners and developers in north central Minnesota to implement conservation design alternatives. The Conservancy's approach is practical and cost-driven, utilizing business principles to influence businesspeople.

The ultimate goal of Fairview Conservancy is to convince municipalities to create sensible ordinances that support conservation design.

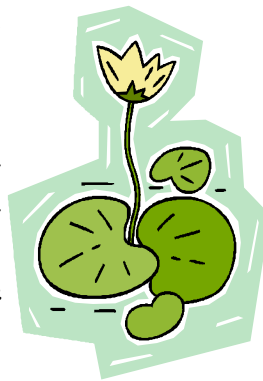
A reception will follow from 4:30-6:00 p.m. with locally grown and produced foods provided by Syvantis Technologies, and musical entertainment provided by Hans Blix and the Weapons Inspectors. Please contact Janelle

Riley to register for the reception at Janelle.Riley@syvantis.com or (218) 828-9550.

You may direct your questions concerning this presentation to Eleanor Burkett at (218) 828-2326 or toll free at 1-888-241-0720.

BAELN works to create opportunities for people in the environmental field, and the community, to receive timely information on environmental and sustainability issues, along with the chance to network with others. This season's theme is Healthy Communities: What you can do. As we learn what is happening in our communities, what can we do to make a difference?

BAELN is a collaborative effort of the following organizations: 1000 Friends of Minnesota, Central Lakes College, Crow Wing County Soil and Water Conservation District, Initiative Foundation, MN Department of Natural Resources, MN Department of Transportation, MN Pollution Control Agency, The Nature Conservancy, Paul Bunyan Trail Association, and the U of MN Extension Service. For more information on BAELN, please contact Stephen Mikkelsen at (218) 855-5001, or toll free at 1-800-657-3864.



STATE FOREST CLASSIFICATION FOR ATV USE

This Classification Ruling Affects Emily State Forest-South Side of Mary Lake!!

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The public review draft of the forest classification proposal and the recommended forest road and trail designations for state forest land in Crow Wing County was released on Monday, April 16th. The public information meeting is scheduled for:

5 to 8 PM
Thursday, June 21
at the Northland Arboretum in Baxter.

The public comment period on the draft plan will be open until July 6th.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR FISHING TERMS?

Hook—(1) A curved piece of metal used to catch fish. (2) A clever advertisement to entice a fisherman to spend his life savings on a new rod and reel (3) The punch administered by said fisherman's wife after he spends their life savings.

Line—Something you give your coworkers when they ask on Monday how your fishing went the past weekend.

Lure—An object that is semi-enticing to fish, but will drive an angler into such a frenzy that he will charge his credit card to the limit before exiting the tackle shop.

Reel—A weighted object that causes a rod to sink quickly when dropped overboard.

Rod—An attractively painted length of fiberglass that keeps an angler from ever getting too close to a fish.

Tackle—What your last catch did to you as you reeled him in, but just before he wrestled free and jumped back overboard.

Tackle Box—A box shaped alarmingly like your comprehensive first aid kit. Only a tackle box contains many sharp objects, so that when you reach in the wrong box blindly to get a Band Aid, you soon find that you need more than one.

Test—(1) The amount of strength a fishing line affords an angler when fighting fish in a specific weight range. (2) A measure of your creativity in blaming that darn line for once again losing the fish.



NEWSLETTER NOTICE

This is the last newsletter that will be mailed to everyone who owns property on any of our lakes and river. From now on, only paid ELRA members will receive the newsletter. This savings in postage and printing will assist us in funding other projects affecting our waters.

Newsletters will be available at some businesses in Emily.



How to Help Your Lake Association Grow By Ken Scribner

- Volunteer on a committee (there are many things that we would like to do, but we need volunteers to help!)
- Send comments, suggestions to the Board (we are not always aware of situations and need your help to address concerns)
- Make a tax-deductible contribution to the association
- Write a story for the ELRA newsletter
- Write or send an interesting article to the Newsletter Committee that you think might be of interest to our members (you may wish to suggest a topic that you would like to have researched, etc.)
- Send an action photo of our members for the web site
- Ask a friend to join (or give a gift membership in their name)

2006 WATER QUALITY REPORT

TSI Range

0-40

45-51

51-70
problems

Tropic Status

Oligotrophic

Mesotrophic**

Eutrophic*

Characteristics

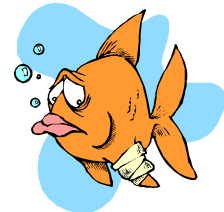
Clear water, low-nutrient, few aquatic plants

Temporary algae, abundant aquatic plants

Persistent algae, aquatic plant

Emily Lake* averaged a **TSI of 58.6 for 2006**, compared to 53.8 TSI in 2005; declining further into the eutrophic range.

Lake Mary** remained in the mesotrophic range at **49.5 TSI for 2006** from 50.9 TSI in 2005. The change is slight, but in the right direction.



PUG HOLE UPDATE

Our last report to you was that the City of Emily had requested a meeting in a letter sent to the DNR regarding the classification of the water body in the pug-hole area. The DNR made the decision stating that the water body was classified "lake" in their records and the classification would not change. Therefore the City would need to allow lot frontage of a minimum of 100 feet of shoreline per lot.

The City of Emily Planning and Zoning commission applied several restrictions including: increased setbacks on 7 of the 12 shoreland lots, no removal of native vegetation within the total setback of each lot, (except that needed for a walkway to the lake and septic systems would need to be out of the setback). combined dockage on lot 11 for lot 12, so no dock would traverse the emergent plant area. The bluff area on lot 1 is not to be disturbed.

Much discussion on storm water control took place. A storm water permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is required. The developer, Dan Miller, of Whitetail Properties, Inc. has been cooperative with the city and reduced the number of back lots locating the road on a more level area limiting the amount of grading and improving the overall storm water management approach.

The Emily City Council approved the preliminary plat for the Pine Shadows Addition on April 10, 2007.



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REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE!

The Emily Lakes and River Association has a NEW website.

<http://www.emilylakes.org>

You can find information about the Calendar of Events, the Board of Director' Meeting Agendas/Meeting Minutes, as well as copies of this newsletter, Membership Information, Committee Activity and various ELRA Projects. The ELRA is excited to use this forum along with the Newsletters to keep you informed.



Emergency Phone Numbers

TIP—for fish and game violations: 1-800-652-9003 (callers may remain anonymous)
Conservation Officer (located in Cross Lake) 1-500-730-0985 (cell) / 1-218-692-5017 (home)
Please do not hesitate to use these numbers if you see any problems on your lakes/river.

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