



SDLCA Fall/Winter Sentinel

Winter is coming...

Message from the SDLCA

Understanding where your tax dollars are spent was a central theme to this year's Federal Election. At the SDLCA AGM this past summer one of our members in the audience asked the simple question of "what do our membership dues pay for?" While we provide very detailed financial statements at our AGM each year, we thought we would provide some clarity around the SDLCA finances. Below is a "Coles Notes" summary of where your valuable dollars are spent.

Generally speaking, each year the SDLCA takes in between \$3,000 and \$4,000 in membership dues. Income earned from other activities such as apparel sales provides an additional \$1,000 to \$2,000, leaving us with an annual operating budget of approximately \$5,000 (our aim is to run on a "break even" basis).

So, where does that money go? Our traditional "marquee" events – the Canada Day fireworks, the canoe race and the Concert on the Lake – cost us approximately \$1,000 in aggregate directly. However, by far our largest single expense each year is invisible to our members – insurance! We pay almost \$1,500 each year in premiums so that we can sponsor such events. On top of this we have a long list of minor operating costs

such as bank fees, website fees, postage and signage etc. that add up to about \$1,000 each year.

That leaves about \$1,500 remaining for our very important "strategic" spending initiatives. One of the most imperative is our membership in the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA). FOCA is the unified "voice" that represents all cottagers in protecting waterfronts across Ontario. As a lobbying group FOCA can demand a "seat at the table" where as individuals we cannot. Similarly, we also contribute to the Coalition for Equitable Waterflow and the Coalition for Haliburton Property Owners Association.

In addition, over the past three years we invested approximately \$2,000 to complete our Lake Plan.

Hopefully this has provided you with a better understanding of what your membership dues pay for. Stating the obvious, increasing our membership will both increase the reach of our association, as well as lessen the individual cost we each bear. So if your neighbors are not members please encourage them to join. In any event though, we will continue to operate with a balanced budget – too bad the politicians can't say the same!

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Currently we have 123 SDLCA members - up by 4 from 2014
- We do appreciate everyone's continued support. Please do take the time to renew your membership yearly and help us protect an asset of mutual value—the lake experience.
- [Visit our website to renew your SDLCA membership today!](#)

The Importance of Natural Shorelines

by Margaret Clayton our SDLCA Vice-President & CHA representative



Shoreline Naturalization Funding for Private Properties

The CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association) has been coordinating *Shoreline Naturalization Funding for Private Properties*. Although, 2016 space is limited, the program may be offered again in 2017. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact the [SDLCA](#) for further information.

There is nothing better than being at the lake in summer, sitting on the dock, swimming, canoeing, fishing, or tubing and water skiing. Salerno (Devil's) Lake is a healthy lake with good water quality, a healthy fish population, and a variety of plant and wildlife in and around the lake. A natural shoreline will ensure that Salerno will continue to be a healthy lake for future generations to enjoy.

For a lake to remain healthy, 75 percent of its shoreline should remain in a natural state, with a natural buffer extending 10 to 15 metres back from the shore. This area, referred to as the "**Ribbon of Life**", is where 90 percent of a lake's living organisms (plant and wildlife) reside. A natural buffer along the shoreline assists in filtering effluent from septs, and other contaminants from entering the water, and protects against soil erosion. It prevents water runoff and helps to nourish the plants and wildlife along the shoreline, as well as provide habitat for native species.

This past summer, a number of property owners on the lake reported problems with geese. A naturalized shoreline, minus the grass, would assist in mitigating this nuisance, and maybe even persuade the geese to travel elsewhere.

On **July 4, 2015**, the SDLCA hosted a Shoreline Naturalization Workshop facilitated by Ecologist Julia Sutton. An information session on methods and plants to use when re-naturalizing your shoreline was held at the Irondale Church, followed by an on-site demo at Ken and Sydney Clark's property on Tumble Down Drive.

Information on how to naturalize and maintain your shoreline can be found on the SDLCA website under the "[Your Property](#)" tab, as well as a list of native plants, and the "**12 Simple Steps Toward Shoreline Harmony**". Remember to use plants native to the lake when re-naturalizing your shoreline, as plants introduced from outside the area may turn out to be invasive and 'choke-out' the native species.

Click on the following to view videos:

- [Ribbon of Life](#)
- [Beginner's Guide to Shoreline Stewardship](#)

48th Annual Canoe Race and BBQ

This year marked our 48th Annual Canoe Race and BBQ. We had a total of 38 boats and 81 participants. Fun was had by all.



Next year the event will be hosted once again on Salerno Lake. Our goal is to work with our local ministries to clear the Irondale river for our 50th Annual Canoe Race and BBQ in 2017. Planning for the event will be starting this spring.

OUR 2015 Canoe Race FINALISTS are...
(see our next page)

2015 Canoe Race Times



Junior Canoe	1:15:59	1	Quinn Binnie and Charlie Alfredson
Junior Canoe	1:27:00	2	Robert Field and Duncan MacDonald
Junior Canoe	1:29:16	3	Morgan Boehm and Brianna Shokoff
Junior Kayak	1:11:37	1	Michael Field
Junior Kayak	1:13:35	2	Eden Bridgecook
Junior Kayak	1:58:26	3	Murray Russell
Junior Kayak	DNF	4	Aakash Nandy
Junior Kayak	DNF	5	Daniel Stimers
Woman's Canoe	1:14:51	1	Kim Stuart and Sarah MacDonald
Woman's Canoe	1:24:27	2	Lindsay McCabe and Sarah Lepage
Woman's Canoe	1:29:55	3	Katie White and Sarah White
Woman's Kayak	1:05:33	1	Rosalie Brown
Woman's Kayak	1:10:48	2	Mel Rayburn
Woman's Kayak	1:24:02	3	Taylor McCabe
Mixed Canoe	1:01:01	1	Brooke Jones and Tyler Orschel
Mixed Canoe	1:20:42	2	Sarah Holman and Zen MacLellan
Open	0:55:40	1	Eric Orschel and Sierra Orschel and Bill Bayard and Jacob Bayard
Open	1:11:29	2	Danielle Cassin and Caitlin Sabetti and Sarah Sabetti
Open	1:14:26	3	Peggy Boehm and Logan Boehm and Lisa Jackson
Open	1:19:17	4	Michele Diano and Anne MacDonald
Open	1:49:38	5	S. Russell and Katie Dick and Delia Russell
Open	1:51:18	6	Arnab Nandy and Anjalika Nandy and Natalie Stimers and Taylor Vens
Open	DNF	7	Avery Cavan and Blair Cavan and Carolyn
Men's Kayak	1:00:44	1	John Clarke
Men's Kayak	1:01:30	2	Jeremy Bridgecook
Men's Kayak	1:01:40	3	Kevin Mansfield
Men's Kayak	1:11:35	4	Eric Brown
Men's Kayak	DNF	5	Alex Zeldin
Senior Women	1:27:43	1	Kay Armatage and Barbara Holding
Senior Men	1:07:26	1	Bill Holding and Richard Hall
Senior Men	1:10:58	2	John Leonard and Stephen Hartwick
Men's Canoe	0:59:35	1	Alex McClea and Pete Bukovec
Men's Canoe	1:02:29	2	Nick Marek and Jordan Sampson
Men's Canoe	1:03:20	3	Bo Binnie and Nick Isaacson
Men's Canoe	1:08:58	4	Scott Woodard and Angus MacAvlay
Men's Canoe	1:10:54	5	David Bartley and Michael Bartley
Men's Canoe	1:21:24	6	Scott Danyshyn and Clayton Danyshyn
Men's Canoe	1:32:33	7	Robert Morgante and Lucas Morgante



Keeping our Pets Safe at the Cottage

by SDLCA member

Summer at the lake is delightful – once we've learned to live with different pests. First it's blackflies, then mosquitoes. Usually the hot weather of July brings out the deerflies and horseflies. But by August, we're home free! Late summer however is when we have a different kind of "pest". Maybe you've noticed the many species of mushrooms that pop up like magic. White, yellow, orange, burgundy – there are many beauties.

One variety must be avoided at all costs. ***Amanita muscaria***. They are poisonous, producing neuro-toxins.



There are different varieties of this mushroom, but what distinguishes them are little "tufts" or flaky patches on the cap. Like many poisonous mushrooms, they have a little gill like a tiny skirt below the cap. They may be a blood red to orange-red to yellow, like the photo below. They may also be white.

Dogs usually have no interest in mushrooms, but if they do eat this mushroom, the results will be fatal. Sadly, our daughter and husband lost their dog Savi at the end of August when she consumed a neurotoxin.

Dr. Aimée Filion at Haliburton Veterinary Services was wonderful but was unable to save her. Later a couple of *Amanita muscaria* mushrooms were discovered – we believe them to be the likely culprit.

Let us know if you have your own story to share about keeping our pets safe at the cottage.

Mark the Date - December 13 and 14

Source: <http://www.seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy-calendar-current.html>

Geminids Meteor Shower. The Geminids is the king of the meteor showers. It is considered by many to be the best shower in the heavens, producing up to 120 multicolored meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by an asteroid known as 3200 Phaethon, which was discovered in 1982.

It peaks this year on the night of the 13th and morning of the 14th. The crescent moon will set early in the evening leaving dark skies for what should be an excellent show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Gemini, but can appear anywhere in the sky.



2016 Spring Online Native Plant Sale

To learn more about the sale, go to <http://plants.haliburtonlandtrust.ca>

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is pleased to announce the 2016 spring online native plant sale. We have shoreline bundles that may be perfect for keeping your shoreline natural, and a number of other shrubs and trees that will beautify and increase biodiversity on your property.

Shoreline bundles contain 25 plants in total - five of each of the following species: Alternate-leaved Dogwood, Red Osier Dogwood, American Highbush Cranberry, Nannyberry and American Elderberry.

SPRING PLANT SALE - OPEN FOR ORDERS JAN 15, 2016.

Music on and around Salerno Lake *by Douglas Rodger*

2015 marked the 5th year of our Concert By The Lake series. Since our first Lake concert which featured Katherine Wheatley, we have presented a number of fine Canadian performers, (Zoey Chilco, Jerome Godboo & Eric Shenkman, Albert Saxby, Wendel Ferguson, Oh Susannah with Dean Drouillard and one British musician, Steve Payne.)

This year we presented Oh Susannah with guitarist Dean Drouillard. I must confess a bias - when I am booking these concerts, I am looking for acts that I personally want to see. I have the greatest respect for musicians who chart a path through a very difficult time in the music industry. They build their audience through talent, hard work and tenacity.



Oh Susannah with guitarist Dean Drouillard

The **Concert By The Lake** series has been blessed with great weather for the most part but as a precaution I had arranged to use the Irondale Heritage Church, (now run by a community group, Bark Lake Cultural Developments) as a backup venue just in case.

I was always interested in the idea of **bringing live music to the Irondale Heritage Church** and in 2015, I began working with Carol Simmons, President of Bark Lake Cultural Developments and the board to present the first of a series of concerts to serve as fundraisers to maintain the building, which dates back to 1887. Our first show presented Russell deCarle, the former vocalist for iconic Canadian country band Prairie Oyster, on May 30. The concert was a sellout!

From The Highlander newspaper "...the Russell DeCarle Trio, which includes Steve Briggs on guitar and Denis Keldie on accordion, kept the 100 or so concertgoers in a trance as they bobbed their heads and tapped their toes continuously throughout the night. "What a great place to play music," deCarle said. "It's fantastic."

In an email, Simmons said the fundraiser did wonders to raise the profile of the church. "Many of the guests had never been to Irondale before, others knew where it was but had not been in the church," she said.

See more at: <http://highlanderonline.ca/russell-decarle-plays-irondale-church?id=785>



Our second concert on August 29th featured another veteran Canadian musician, singer-songwriter Stephen Fearing (of Blackie & The Rodeo Kings) with opening act Ryan Van Lieshout. Once again we sold out the church and the audience was treated to a masterful and moving performance. I was very gratified that many folks who came to see an artist unknown to them, left as committed fans of Stephen Fearing. The atmosphere was electric and the audience paid rapt attention. People have suggested that we bring both Stephen and Russell back next year. It's certainly under consideration.

I've also created a few videos I've made over the past years (see below). It's by no means comprehensive - some are just snippets of songs - but they will serve to illustrate the venues and the artists. [MVI 2009](#) [MVI 2010](#)

Have a look around and stay tuned for more live music on and around Salerno Lake in 2016.

Practical Lake Protector Tips

Author Paul MacInnes, Chair of the C.H.A., is a passionate *Lake Protector*



If each of us becomes a **Lake Protector** our children will be able to enjoy some of our favourite things:

- The call of the loon
- Frogs by the shore
- Swimming in a clear, clean lake

We all care about the health of our lakes but who is looking after lake health? Governments of all stripes are cutting back on the people and programs that used to protect our lakes and give us up to date data on lake health indicators. Lake associations can help fill this void but only if all of us step up individually and become **Lake Protectors**. What can we do to make a difference? The C.H.A. has some of the most knowledgeable lake health scientists in Canada as scientific advisors and we asked them that question. Based on their advice here are the most powerful steps you can take to protect your lake.

Keep your septic system healthy – septs are the # 1 contributor of phosphorous to our lakes in Haliburton County – the more phosphorous the greater the chance of an algae blooms – take 20 minutes and watch “**Poop Talk**” at <https://vimeo.com/channels/lakeprotectors/63522168> and then take action by

- Keeping anything that can kill bacteria out of your septic system
- Minimize and spreading out water use
- Have your system inspected by an inspector who will take the lid off and do a proper physical inspection
- Have your tank pumped every 3-5 years

Re-naturalize your shoreline – natural shorelines deliver incredible benefits

- Filtering out pollutants such as phosphorous before it gets into the lake
- Providing habitat for all sorts of life that supports healthy loons, frogs, fish etc. Remember 80-90% of all life in your lake depends on natural shorelines
- Learn about the importance of Natural Shorelines by watching the “**Ribbon of Life**” at <https://vimeo.com/channels/lakeprotectors/90929405>
- *Keep in mind even a small area with native plants will help. if you have grass to the lake – simply stop cutting all or part of it and nature will re naturalize the area over time.*

Vote for people who care about and will act to protect our lakes - Municipally, Provincially and Federally. The last few years have seen major cutbacks at organizations that are responsible for lake health such as The MNR, Ministry of Environment, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and many more. The C.H.A. has the opportunity to work with many of these organizations and know that the people left are passionate about their jobs and work very hard. They need our support. Let the politicians know that the health of your lake is very important to you.

Support your lake association. The volunteers who hold positions with our local lake associations are fabulous people who give up much of their personal time to be Lake Protectors. They need your support. Volunteer for as little as 1-2 hours a year and help out. Stop them on the street or at your AGM and say – thank you – trust me it will mean a lot

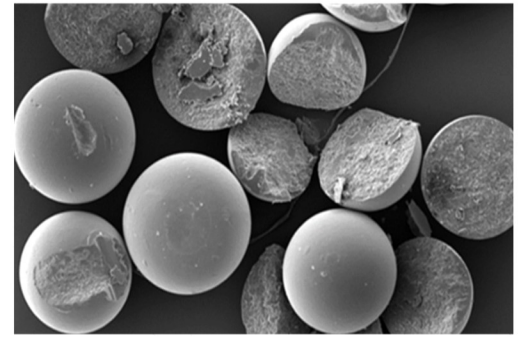
Back to Basics

by Douglas Rodger (with the assistance of The Guardian)

US Congress to vote on bill to ban microbeads hygiene products in US *House committee unanimously approves proposed legislation to phase out such personal care products, whose exfoliants can end up in rivers and lakes.*

From The Guardian, November 18, 2015

What are they? Microbeads, are minuscule bits of plastic, typically under 5mm in size, which are used as abrasive exfoliants in products such as toothpastes and facial cleaners.



It's hard to imagine a more fractious and combative political entity these days than a US Congressional Committee as an election year approaches. Democrats and Republicans seem to regard each other as mortal enemies, and we have become inured to the posturing and the nasty accusations hurled back and forth on almost any subject.

So when a Congressional Committee comes forth with a unanimous report, it must mean there is something undeniable at issue. Thus the proposed bill to ban the use of microbeads in personal hygiene products.

What has this to do with Salerno Lake? Allow me to explain as best I can.

Microbeads, are minuscule bits of plastic, typically under 5mm in size, which are used as abrasive exfoliants in products such as body washes, toothpastes and facial cleaners.

They often evade water filtration systems and flow into rivers, lakes and streams, where they can be mistaken for food by fish. Pollutants can bind to the plastic, causing toxic material to infect fish and, potentially, the humans that consume them.

"Most people buying these everyday products are unaware of the damaging effects they are having on the environment," said Committee Chairman Fred Upton (Rep.). "However, they are being washed down the drain and reaching our waterways, so we must make sure that these soaps and toothpastes don't contain synthetic plastic that will ultimately contaminate our environment."

Mr. Upton added that microbeads are "big time pollution" and that he was concerned about their impact upon the Great Lakes, which contain 20% of the world's freshwater. Research conducted in 2013 by the State University of New York found that the lakes were riddled with microbeads, with Lake Ontario containing an estimated 1.1m plastic particles per square kilometer.

Separate research by Oregon State University found that a stunning 8tn microbeads a day are being emitted into bodies of water in the US. This plastic adds to the vast quantity of plastic floating throughout the world's oceans, with a recent study finding that up to 90% of the planet's seabirds have pieces of plastic in their guts.

Think about this; these bits of plastic often evade water filtration systems - that's in cities where there may be filtration systems. On our lake, there are no such systems. Every time we use a shower gel or a body wash, those bits of plastic are set into the ecosystem - forever. They do not disintegrate. No septic system or leaching pit will retain or remove them from our waste water. This is one lousy legacy for us to leave to Salerno Lake.

Here in Canada, Loblaws (which owns Shoppers Drugs) has promised to remove all microbeads from their products within a couple of years. We as individuals can do more than that. Remove all of these products from your cottage bathrooms. Inform your guests and renters that these products are not to be used at the cottage. Thankfully the old practice of lathering up and jumping in the lake seems to have declined, but given the way water runs downhill, every microbead you use ends up in our lake. (Remember; biodegradable soaps etc. only break down when in contact with microbes in the soil. If it goes straight into the lake, it is just more nutrient pollution to feed the algae.) The simplest basic natural products have the least impact on our environment.

Let's get back to basics please.

Loons on Salerno Lake by Kevin K. Pepper



With winter soon to be here at Salerno Lake the adult Loons would have begun their migration south in September.

The adult Loons will begin gathering on non-breeding lakes which allows the first year chicks to remain to feed without adult competition for fish. This allows their young wings to grow strong to finally migrate for the first time. This gathering of the adult Loons before the migration is called "Rafting".

Some of you on Salerno may have seen our last remaining Loon. At first you were not sure because the Loon has lost its brilliant colours and now has a whitest, gray, black appearance. This process the adult Loon experiences is called "Molting". The reason for this process is to replace worn out and frayed feathers. During this molt, all the flight feathers are lost at one time, making the loon temporarily unable to fly. The new plumage will be strong and tight to keep the Loon warm and dry in cold water. The Loons are big and heavy so it is critical they have a full and complete set of feathers to be able to complete the migration.

The Molting process will last about 2-3 weeks. At this time the Loons are in great danger. Not only are they unable to fly, but they must expend a lot of energy to grow feathers. Since they are using their energy stored they are less able to deal with illness or diseases. This can effect the overall health of the Loon and in some cases cause the Loon to perish.

We need to hope our last remaining Loon survives the molting process so he or she can migrate safely and return next season.



Ever Wonder... Where Do Frogs Go in the Winter?

Source: Step Outside Nature Guide: Late November 2015

Quite soon, buried in shallow soil beneath leaf litter, some frogs will turn into frogsicles. As the temperature plummets, Wood Frogs and Spring Peepers, among others, fill their cells with glycerol, a natural antifreeze derived from sugar. This allows more than half the water in a frog to freeze, without disrupting cells, tissues or organs. Breathing and heartbeat stop as they become little blocks of ice, which can thaw and become active again in as little as an hour.

Ice Safety Source: <http://www.redcross.ca>

Did you know the colour of ice may be an indication of its strength?

- **Clear blue ice is strongest.**
- White opaque or snow ice is half as strong as blue ice. Contains air. Opaque ice is formed by wet snow freezing on the ice.
- Grey ice is unsafe. The grayness indicates the presence of water. Extremely dangerous!

Did you know ice thickness should be:

- 15 cm for walking or skating alone
- 20 cm for skating parties or games
- 25 cm for snowmobiles.



Will The Call Of The Loon Disappear?

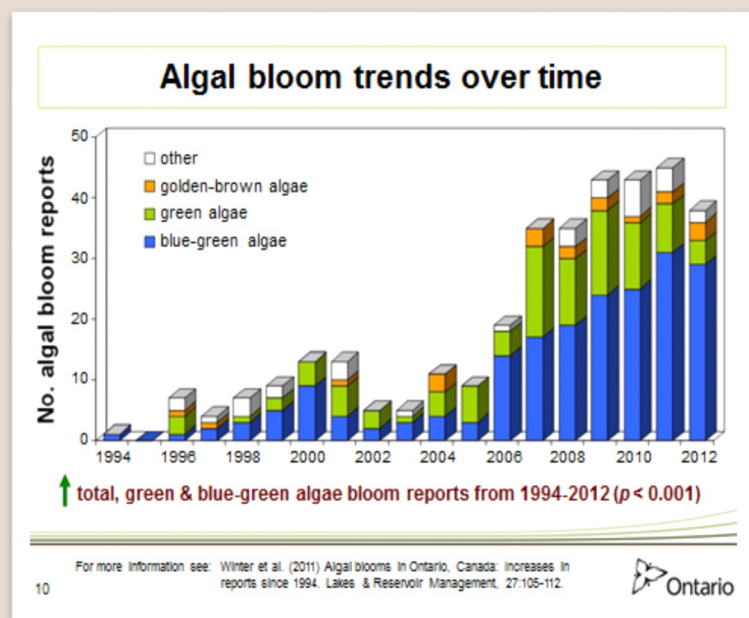
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This past September the Canadian Audubon Society released a study predicting that our children and grandchildren may not hear the call of the loon around our lakes. As lakefront owners talk, people with long experience on the lakes tell stories of

- how many more frogs, fish, crayfish etc. there used to be
- how the lake water was so much clearer and
- how algae and weed growth are increasing

Many wonder if the things they take for granted are threatened.

Let's explore one issue – Algae and Blue Green Algae Blooms in order to help us understand how things have changed. Here is a chart from the MOE showing the rapid increase in Algal Blooms.



We used to think that protecting our lakes from algae and most importantly blue/green algal blooms was simple. If we kept our phosphorous levels below a certain range then we were safe. But over the last few years algae blooms have occurred more and more frequently in lakes that previously were thought to have safe levels of phosphorous. The best lake health scientists are starting to understand that our lakes are being affected by what's called – Multiple Stressors. What are those stressors and how do they relate to increasing danger of algal blooms?

Decrease in Calcium levels – is leading to fewer Daphnia and less healthy Daphnia in our lakes. These tiny creatures are known as the living lawn mower for their ability to eat algae and thus keep algae levels under control.

Increased invasive species – Example – in Lake Nippissing which used to have the 5th largest fresh water fish population in Canada, the invasion of spiny water fleas has had very serious effects. As these fleas die they use up incredible quantities of oxygen in the lake water. As the oxygen levels drop, the phosphorous that has built up in the sediment on the bottom of the lake (from our septic systems) is released into the water column - increasing algae growth. The fishery in Lake Nippissing is now virtually destroyed.

Increasing Lake Temperatures – due to Climate Change our lakes are 1-2 degrees warmer than they were a decade ago – warmer water holds less oxygen and increases algae growth.

Scientists are looking at many more possible stressors and state that they do not have all the answers they would like to have – more research is needed. (*One scary piece of info is that the Dorset Environmental Science Centre is one of the key places where this research takes place – yet their staff has been cut by almost 2/3 in the last decade*)

So will we continue to hear the call of the loon? – Perhaps it's up to us.



19 MARCH 2016
8:30-9:30PM LOCAL TIME

Don't forget to switch off your lights for Earth Hour at 8.30pm on the last Saturday of March.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the campaign's beginnings in Sydney, Australia.

Flu Season—Disinfecting the Safe and Simple Way

Article by David Suzuki's Queen of Green provided by CHA

With flu season upon us, toxic cleaners can seem tempting. But natural alternatives like vinegar will usually do the trick. Keep yourself, your home and your family safe this flu season.

Assuming you are in good overall health, natural cleaning agents are a great choice, even when the flu bug strikes. The two most effective natural disinfectants are vinegar and hydrogen peroxide.

White vinegar found in most supermarkets is a five per cent concentration and kills about 80 per cent of germs. It's increasingly effective at higher concentrations, so look for seven per cent pickling vinegar. Buy a couple of bottles and stock up!

Hydrogen peroxide is simply water with an extra oxygen molecule (H₂O₂). Unlike chlorine bleach, it breaks down into oxygen and water and is kind to the environment. For most applications, hydrogen peroxide should be diluted to a three per cent concentration, which is how it is usually sold in pharmacies. Store hydrogen peroxide in a dark bottle out of direct sunlight.

On their own, vinegar and hydrogen peroxide are each strong germ killers. Used in combination, they're even better! According to research published in Science News, this pairing is 10 times more effective than disinfecting with either substance alone and **more effective than bleach** in the kitchen. Here's the catch: mixing them together cuts their germ-killing power, but using one after the other works well.

So when flu season hits, take a one-two approach:

- Wash hard surfaces with vinegar.
- Spray the same surfaces with a three per cent hydrogen peroxide.
- It doesn't actually matter which disinfectant is used first, but for best results apply one immediately after the other and let the surface dry. (Don't wipe the vinegar or the hydrogen peroxide away.)

Exception - Of course, there are exceptions. (*Pseudomonas*, for example, is a strain of bacteria that doesn't react to vinegar and that can be problematic for folks with cystic fibrosis.) If you're concerned about the nitty-gritty, do consult a health-care professional. Flu season is never fun, but at least disinfecting to keep the germs at bay doesn't have to be toxic!

A C.H.A. Note – bleach or any anti bacteriological products should never be used in a home with a septic system



Thank You

by Douglas Rodger

On the last Sunday in August, Barbara and I were in the process of wrapping up the cottage, knowing that we would not be back for at least a month and a half. I was surprised to suddenly see a couple of boats arriving - and friends bearing food and drink. Yes the members of the SDLCA Executive got me with a wonderful surprise party.



Margaret Clayton, Jacqueline Proud, Douglas Rodger, Wendy Kidd



Barbara Holding, John and Marilyn Leonard, Keith Cowan

I was given this stunning lithograph, by John Leonard. He makes these lithographs by drawing on limestone blocks and then pulling prints, which is a technique that goes back to Germany in the late 1700s. John also made a very droll and amusing speech, thanking me for, in my ten year tenure as EIPresidente, "not messing it up!"

I want to express my thanks to the Executive and the Association as a whole. I enjoyed my time as President and I plan to keep involved as long as I am on the Lake.

See you all next summer!



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