



Wooden Canoe Heritage Association, Ltd.  
DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

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Hello Canoers!

We had a nice turnout for our February meeting. Thanks to Jim & Betsy Wilson for both hosting and presenting the program. They had done a program at the assembly last year about how to take better photographs, and most of our members had missed it for various reasons. So they did a reprise and everyone learned a thing or two, followed by lots of good food as always. Look for some spectacular photos in future newsletters☺

You will remember that the WCHA Board of directors met last month just outside Philly and Susan Christie volunteered her and Lane to host both the chapter members and the board members for dinner. There were several chapter members that took advantage of the opportunity despite the weather and the board was very glad to get to spend some time with everyone discussing both the organization and life in general. Thanks Susan and Lane for your hospitality. I expect that this may happen again so be prepared to participate if you can. I'll let you know early 2019.

Our March meeting will be on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. We'll be meeting at the home of Jen and Ed Clarke. Directions and contact information are on the next page. The topic of the day is camp cooking. The idea is to share with others what you have and what you know. That's a pretty broad topic, so go with it where you will, but I suspect there may be some good eats at the end of this one! They have a round outside fire pit with wood which could hold 4 dutch ovens. They have a grate on legs to go in the fire pit. They will have charcoal available, or you can bring your own if you like. They do not have a gas grill but have a large charcoal grill could hold 2 dutch ovens. Ed will have some bricks available. They also have a metal fire bowl that Ed will use to heat up the coals for people to cook with. If there are any special needs let them know and they'll try to accommodate. So, whether you're an experienced camp cook, of just beginning, bring along any equipment you have, recipes that are good, ideas that work, whatever, and prepare to share. As always we'll wrap up indoors with a covered dish supper, mostly made up of the results of the cooking part of the meeting. Please let Ed & Jen know if you're coming so they can prepare. You can reach them at [clarke.helm04@yahoo.com](mailto:clarke.helm04@yahoo.com) or 609-704-5113

Mary Gauld, the lady who coordinates the children's program at assembly, contacted me a while back. For those who know Mary and her family, their daughter Emily will be getting married the weekend after assembly this summer. By her own admission, poor planning, but exciting none the less. In any case, she will be missing some of the time at assembly, and also is trying to do some of her planning ahead of time. So, she would like to know the following

- Are you planning on attending with children? If you're even thinking about it, please let her know so she can have some ideas of numbers and ages
- If you can lead a project of any kind, for any age, please volunteer. Since she won't be there all the time she can't do it all this year. There will be other helpers to work with you.

- If you can be a helper for some of the time please let her know that too.
- If you can think of any other information she might need to know, ideas that would be helpful, or anything else she would love to hear from you.

You can contact Mary by email at [gauld@mcmaster.ca](mailto:gauld@mcmaster.ca). If you would prefer to contact her by another method you can get in touch with me and I can give you whatever information you need.

We discussed annual dues at the last meeting and some of you have sent me checks already. It was decided to keep collecting dues and to keep the amount at \$15 per family. If you're writing a check please make it out to me as that's how the bank account is set up. My address is at the end of this newsletter. Or if you're coming to the meeting in March you can just give it to me then.

Also, while I'm thinking about it, if you're currently receiving the newsletter as a paper copy in the mail, and would prefer to have it send by way of email (either instead of paper or in addition to paper) please let me know and I'll be glad to set that up.

Make sure you have your calendar marked for our first paddle of the year on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll be enjoying a new section of the Rockaway River. More details next month, but I'm told it's a beautiful stretch of water.

That's it for now, hope to see you soon...

*Jean Bratton*

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