

# Newsbulletin

## September 2000

### Corn Roast a Success

Corn Roast 2000 was held at Chaffey's Lock on August 5, 2000. The daylong event featured lots of corn and refreshments, the Fast and Furious Sea Trials, live bands and hot air balloon rides. The event was even busier than last year's inaugural event with 1400 people attending. The **Licari Family** from Indian Lake piloting their craft, HMCS Vernon, withstood a strong challenge from The Wave, representing the Chaffey's Locks Heritage Society, to win the Rideau Cup.

The crowd consumed 3000 ears of corn. **Peter Klukach** deserves honourable mention for his efforts in personally husking 2400 ears of corn.

The **Swartz Family** from Indian Lake designed and produced 120 t-shirts to commemorate the event. They were sold out by 2:00 p.m. and made a contribution of \$1,000 to the Trust. They have promised to be back next year with an even larger supply of Corn Roast 2001 t-shirts.

The event was a resounding success with everyone having a lot of fun while raising in excess of \$8,000 for the work of the RWLT.

The organizers would like to thank all of the volunteers that worked to make the event a success as well as our corporate sponsors, Enbridge Gas, Mitel, Hersheys, Molsons, Rideau Home Building Centre and Parks Canada.

Next year's event is scheduled for August 4, 2001 and promises to be even better. We understand **Nick Brown** has more great ideas!

### Drive to Preserve Red Rock

The fundraising drive to preserve Red Rock is about to enter its final push. As many of you are aware two anonymous donors have pledged the magnificent property known as Red Rock to the Rideau Waterway Land Trust. This 8-acre property is located on the north shore of the Big Rideau Lake and features a large granite rock that protects one of the few natural sand beaches along the Rideau Waterway. A favourite summer memory for generations of Rideau families has been boating to Red Rock to enjoy a day of swimming and picnicking while admiring the beautiful view of Big Rideau Lake.

The volunteers of the Trust, led by **Peter Hannah**, have set out to raise the remaining money to pay the acquisition costs as well as the monies necessary to increase the Land Management Endowment Fund in order that we can accept this property knowing that the funds will be available to care for it in perpetuity.

The Trust has targeted to raise the remaining \$30,000 by the end of November in order that we may accept this generous donation. If you can help contact Peter at 613-272-2169 (weekends) 613-728-3571 (days).

## **Annual General Meeting**

Don't forget to mark September 16<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Hopefully everyone received his or her invitations recently. Once again we will be holding our Annual General Meeting at the Opinicon Hotel in Chaffey's Lock. The business meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Garden Room followed by a reception and dinner of Prime Rib or Roast Cornish Hen. All members, donors and guests are encouraged to attend the AGM and join us for dinner afterwards.

Please return your RSVP's as soon as possible and if you have any questions please call **Sharon Walker** at 272-0172.

## **Friends of the Environment**

Friends of the Environment Foundation, which is supported by Canada Trust and its customers, continues to support the Rideau Waterway Land Trust. The Kingston and Ottawa Chapter recently combined to contribute \$8,000 to the RWLT.

The Friends of the Environment Foundation has contributed annually, since 1996, to the Rideau Waterway Land Trust and continues to be our leading corporate/foundation donor.

## **Walnut Island**

Several years ago **Peter Walker** donated a registered building lot on Walnut Island to the Trust with the understanding, that due to the fact this property did not meet the Trust's criteria it would be sold and the proceeds would be applied to acquiring property that did meet the criteria of the Trust.

The RWLT works with donors to accept gifts of property or other items including art, common stock even boats

and cars with the understanding that they will be disposed of in a timely manner and the proceeds applied to projects of the Trust.

The Board of Directors of the Trust has made a decision to sell Walnut Island and apply the proceeds to our land acquisition program.

This 1.5-acre building lot is located on Walnut Island in Sand Lake. The lot has 215 feet of water frontage, is well wooded and has an excellent building site with a western exposure. The property has been appraised at \$37,000. If you are interested, or know a person who might be, please contact **Dave Walker** at 613-359-3667 or e-mail at [rwlt@sympatico.ca](mailto:rwlt@sympatico.ca).

## **Board Members**

The Board of Directors has reluctantly accepted the resignation of **Andy Greiner** from the Board of Directors. Andy has been a member of the Board since 1996 and is a past treasurer. We would like to thank Andy for his contribution over the years.

The Trust is pleased that **Frank Symons** has stepped forward and will allow his name to stand for election as a member of the Board at the AGM on September 16. Frank and his wife Christina live on the Big Rideau Lake near Rideau Ferry and have a genuine interest in the well being of the Waterway. Frank will bring many years of management experience as well as a background in science to the Trust.

## **Need Information**

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