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# UP THE "CREEK"

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE MEDUXNEKEAG WATERSHED

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### DID YOU KNOW

- The Meduxnekeag River Association will be speaking with participants at the Woodstock Bass Tournament regarding aquatic invasive plants - a real threat to our waterways!!
- There are 26 fish species known to occur in the Meduxnekeag River—see our website for a full listing

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MUSIC ON THE MEDUXNEKEAG

FINAL CONCERT OF  
THE SUMMER MUSIC  
SERIES WILL BE ON  
AUGUST 24TH, 7PM  
AT THE PRESERVE -  
200 RED BRIDGE  
ROAD

#### FUNGUS FORAY

WE ARE PLANNING  
AN AFTERNOON  
WALK ON THE  
PRESERVE IN  
SEPTEMBER - KEEP  
YOUR EYES ON THE  
WEBSITE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

#### WATER CLASSIFICATION PUBLIC MEETING

COMING IN  
SEPTEMBER

## Water Quality Report Complete

We're now in the final stages of the Water Classification process for the Meduxnekeag. Our Water Quality Report detailing the research findings is now available on our website ([www.meduxnekeag.org](http://www.meduxnekeag.org)). We're meeting with institutional and individual stakeholders this summer to discuss the findings, and plan a **public meeting** for final review of recommendations in September. In summary: research shows that the Meduxnekeag watershed streams have generally good water quality, rating B or higher on the provincial scale.

## Annual Dinner and Auction raises nearly \$20K

Our 2006 dinner & auction cleared over \$19,000, thanks to dozens of individuals and businesses who donated items for the auction and the 220 supporters who attended. Income from the auction, along with other donations, continues to reduce the mortgage on Bell Forest.

## School Classes Tour Preserve

More than 600 students accompanied by about 100 teachers and parents took guided walks on the Meduxnekeag Valley Nature Preserve trails in May and June. Students ranged in age from kindergarten to Grade 12. One of the high points occurred with a Debec Elementary class on the Blue trail when we heard a Barred Owl call from down near the river, and by imitating it, we were able to entice it closer: it settled on a branch about 10 metres from the trail and remained long enough for all the students to get a good look. Transportation costs for school tours are paid from the "table donations" at the annual dinners.



Your Environmental Trust Fund at Work!  
Votre Fonds en fiducie pour l'Environnement au travail!



## **Music on Meduxnekeag**

Our summer *Music on the Meduxnekeag* series – organized by volunteer Amy Anderson – wraps up with an outdoor concert at the meadow on the Meduxnekeag Valley Nature Preserve (200 Red Bridge Road) on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Previous concerts at the Farmers Market in Woodstock, St Marks Church in Jackson Falls, and the WI Hall in Richmond Corner have drawn audiences of 25 to 50 people.

## **Meduxnekeag Environmental Awareness Showcase**

Five elementary schools participated in our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Meduxnekeag Environmental Awareness Showcase in April. The Showcase was co-sponsored by the Association and the Bugle-Observer, with a generous donation of grand prizes (sleeping bags & solar/wind-up radios) from Barrett Corp. The more than 30 volunteer judges had an even harder time this year, deciding among hundreds of high quality student projects on the theme of “150 Years of Environmental Change.

## **Wildflower Walk**

This year’s annual Wildflower Walk on the Sunday of the Victoria Day weekend drew 65 participants to Bell Forest. Naturalist Jim Goltz led the walk, identifying the unique, interesting, and rare plants which thrive in the habitat there.

## **Fungus Foray Planned**

Early fall is a good time to see and identify many of the dozens of different kinds of fungi – wild mushrooms – which flourish near the trails in the Meduxnekeag Valley Nature Preserve. We’re planning an afternoon walk with a fungus expert; details will be posted on the website once confirmed.

## **Website Popular**

Our website [www.meduxnekeag.org](http://www.meduxnekeag.org) is now averaging about 2400 visits - 12,000 to 13,000 hits - per month.