



## Message From The President

Dear Grindstone Lake Friends,

Another summer is upon us and I'm sure all of us couldn't be more delighted to be here on Grindstone Lake, a real gem. First, however, let me thank you profusely for all your support that was provided for the kickoff of the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan in 2021. That support supplemented the DNR grant such that completion is possible.

Now for a few updates and 2022 plans from your Grindstone Lake Association Board.

- **Clean Boats, Clean Water (CBCW)**

Continue our focused effort on the monitoring at the boat landing. Welcome Christy Dundee, our 2022 Clean Boats Clean Waters Monitor

- **Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (2022-23)**

Shoreland, water quality and invasive species surveys completed. Lake property owners survey completed with 52% response rate! Advisory Board meetings being scheduled. Comprehensive Lake Mgt Plan to be completed in 2022.

- **Shoreline restoration**

Providing homeowners with information and grant opportunities for shoreline restoration and maintaining/improving water quality

- **LoonWatch**

Continue annual participation. Install temporary Loon nest alert signs for Loon protection

- **Communication**

Keep GLA members and other interested parties informed and involved

- grindstonelake.org website, emails, newsletter, meetings

Clearly communicate volunteer opportunities to increase involvement and expand capacity

- **Collaboration**

Work with WI DNR, local governments and other lake associations

- **Grindstone Lake Foundation**

Establish long-term protection and restoration

The Grindstone Lake Association Board looks forward to seeing all of you in person at our Annual Meeting in 2022. Seeing friends and making new friends is one of the many joys of lake life. Let's continue to keep our lake safe and healthy.

Donna Carlson, President GLA  
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**We'll be on the lookout for you wearing your Grindstone gear.**  
<https://grindstonelake.org/grindstone-lake-logo-wear>

## Grindstone Lake Association & Grindstone Lake Foundation Annual Meeting, Bog Tours, and Social Saturday, July 9, 2022

**8:30** Registration and Coffee

**Bass Lake Town Hall**  
14412 W County Hwy K

**9 - 10:30** Annual Meeting

The agenda will include an update on our Grindstone Lake projects for this year including the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan.

The Grindstone Lake Foundation will present an update on the acquisition, protection efforts and future of the Cranberry Bog.

Discussion and information will be available on Shoreline Restoration: Recommendations and Funding for 2023 and beyond.

**11:00 am & 1:00 pm**

Grindstone Lake Foundation Tours of Cranberry Bog  
**Meet at the Bog**  
14912 W. County Road K, 54843

**3-5:00 pm**

Grindstone Lake Association & Foundation **SOCIAL**

Meet and greet your friends and neighbors!

**The Boulevard**  
14392 County Road K, 54843  
Cash Bar and light snacks



**Please RSVP for Bog Tours and/or Social at [president@grindstonelake.org](mailto:president@grindstonelake.org)**





## GRINDSTONE LAKE ASSOCIATION 2022 – 2023 BOARD MEMBERS Roles and Responsibilities

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**We'll be on the lookout for you  
sporting your Grinder Gear!**



### Christy Dundee CBCW Boat Monitor for 2022

Christy is a graduate of UW-Whitewater where she majored in Biology (with an emphasis on Ecology) and minored in Environmental Studies.

While pursuing her undergrad, Christy served as a research assistant for the Nature Conservancy of East Troy, where she worked to help control the Purple Loosetrite population in the area.

Christy was attracted to the CBCW program as she enjoyed that research work and seeks to expand her knowledge on ecosystems, ultimately looking to focus her career in/around the area of environmental studies. Christy currently resides in Rice Lake, and will be moving to the greater Hayward area early this summer. Please stop by and say 'Hello!'

## Clean Boats Clean Waters

Thanks to a grant subsidized by the WI DNR, Grindstone Lake once again participated in the Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program for the 2021 boating season and will also be participating in 2022! Through the CBCW program, inspectors are trained to conduct boater education and inspections to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) at public boat landings statewide.

Based on data gathered from the '21 monitoring season, just over 20% of boaters entering Grindstone Lake have been on another water body within the past 5 days, which further reinforces the importance of having an on-site presence to educate and perform regular checks for AIS while boaters are entering and leaving the lake.

### Other interesting stats from the 2021 season include:

- 314 inspection hours on Grindstone Lake during the peak boating season.
- Inspections were performed on 1,017 boats entering and exiting Grindstone Lake.
- 2,160 people were contacted and informed of AIS risks during the course of our monitoring efforts.

Grindstone Lake will be participating in the DNR's upcoming programs to promote awareness of the risks that invasive species pose on our local waters. Please stop by Grindstone's main landing on the following dates to say hello to Grindstone's new CBCW Monitor, Christy Dundee, show support for these programs and collect your free towel from the DNR!

### Drain Campaign: June 3rd-5th Landing Blitz: July 1st-5th

While GLA has been fortunate to secure grants from the WI DNR to subsidize this program, volunteers are essential to fulfill our portion of the grant requirements. Should you be interested in lending a hand with the CBCW program, please contact Rich Post (richpost1@outlook.com) for information.

## GRINDSTONE LAKE GEAR

Orders taken: July 1-20, 2022

The Grindstone Lake Association is pleased to continue to make our Grindstone Lake Gear available. We are offering our top sellers while adding new ideas.

Enjoy and show your love for  
our Gem of a Lake.



### Choose from these exciting items:

- T-shirts in Tri-blend with sizes in Ladies, Men's, Youth and Toddler
- Full-zip hooded sweatshirt
- Unisex Fleece Joggers
- Ball Cap with soft lived-in feel and look
- Outdoor wide-brimmed hat
- Boater tote bag

### Hidden Bay Graphics, Hayward, WI

is making the ordering process  
quick and easy for you.

All ordering available on-line at

<https://stores.inksoft.com/grindstonelake>

- Place your order online beginning July 1 thru July 20, 2021
- Pay for the order when it is placed and choose from pick-up or shipping options.
- Once the order period is over (July 20th), Hidden Bay Graphics produces the orders.
- Easy-to-follow ordering instructions are in a custom banner at the top of the online store.



Place your order now for Grindstone Lake Gear!

Ordering also available at

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Comprehensive Lake Management Progress		
Activity	Completion	Purpose
Water quantity and water quality analyses; nutrient analyses of lake	✓	Measure daily flow into Grindstone Lake and the outlet. A precipitation data logger will also be placed onsite to measure daily precipitation. Water quality samples to identify nutrient concentrations and water clarity.
Shoreland Survey	✓	Characterize shoreland features (within 35 ft. of shore) to identify healthy habitat and areas that may need assistance to benefit the lake ecosystem and health.
Aquatic Plant Survey	✓	Compare plants throughout the lake to compare with 2007 data; identify invasive species.
Lake Property Owner's Survey	✓	Identify lake property owners' perspectives on the GLA, usage of Grindstone Lake; values and attitudes toward the lake, perceptions on volunteering and participating in future implementation activities.
Comprehensive Lake Management Plan Development	All year 2022	Complete Comprehensive Lake Management Plan for Grindstone Lake for DNR review and approval. GLA develops implementation plan for DNR review.
Lake Management Plan Implementation	Ongoing through 2032	GLA pursues 2023 implementation work plan. Board reviews the implementation work plan and outcomes in April of each subsequent year (2023-2032) GLA Board identifies implementation effort needed in the next year(s). GLA Board identifies and submits grant proposals for implementation funding.

**GRINDSTONE LAKE FOUNDATION** WE DID IT!! We made our goal and retired the Bog mortgage!! We own the property free and clear. The Foundation could not have accomplished this without the support of our Grindstone Lake Community.

The Foundation is committed to the maintenance and enhancement of Grindstone Lake's classification as an Outstanding Resource Water. Phase One of our endeavors has been achieved: The Foundation has clear title to the land and with the Wisconsin DNR Surface Water Grant, there is a conservation easement on the property to permanently protect it.

The Foundation goals for the management of the Bog continue to be:

1. Protect and enhance the water quality, fishery, scenic beauty,
2. and other natural features of Grindstone Lake;
3. Create opportunities for the community to access the lake shoreline and shoreland areas for low impact recreation and enjoyment; and
4. Promote public education on the natural and cultural history, natural lands and habitat, lake and shoreline protection, and land-water interactions.

Phase Two of the Foundation's plan is to create a safe, accessible recreational/educational area with trails and picnic areas and to restore the wetlands and upland prairie. We encourage your participation in this next phase.

Cindy Parker, President, Grindstone Lake Foundation



### Loon Watch 2022



Grindstone Lake Association will be placing loon nesting signs near the critical habitat around nesting sites as a reminder to slow down and stay back. Loons typically only have 1-2 chicks so it is vital to protect the nesting sites giving the juveniles the best chance at survival during this key period.

Grindstone typically has two nesting pairs of loons; one near the islands and the other in Little Grindstone. You may also see 6-8 non-mating residents and visitors from other nearby lakes throughout the summer months. Lucky those of you who were able to see the migrating loons that stopped by shortly after ice out for a week or two on their journeys north. It is not uncommon to see rafts of 20-30 loons in the main basin of the lake feeding on the leftover pods of baitfish from last year.

If you are going to watch these beautiful birds, remember they are wild creatures and can easily become stressed by boats driving too close. It is best to stay a minimum of 4-5 boat lengths away, turn your engine off, and admire them with binoculars. If they don't feel threatened, you may be rewarded by a loon swimming near or diving under your boat.

For more information about loons or the Loonwatch Program, visit Northland College's website at: [www.northland.edu/centers/soei/loonwatch/](http://www.northland.edu/centers/soei/loonwatch/)



### Lakes and Rivers Convention

Grindstone Lake Association and Foundation Presidents Donna Carlson and Cindy Parker were invited to speak at the 2022 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention: Protecting What We Love for the Future. Grindstone Lake: Driven to Preserve a Natural Treasure.

Their presentation focused on the efforts of the Grindstone Lake Foundation to protect the 57-acre cranberry bog on the southwest shore of Grindstone Lake. Topics included the process of acquiring the former cranberry bog, fundraising through donations and a Wisconsin DNR Surface Water Acquisition Grant, envisioning the future where the lake is protected and the land is considered an asset to the community.



Donna Carlson left, Cindy Parker right





Here's to great seasons  
... and many s'mores!



**Grindstone Lake Association! MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2022 \$40.00**

We want to keep in touch with you. **Please Print Legibly**

**I am renewing** my membership **or**  **I am joining** for the first time (WELCOME!)



Your dues payment to the Grindstone Lake Association is tax deductible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Property Address (Fire Code and Street) # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Additional has been included for Lake Plan Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_** (\$40 dues + additional donation)

Make check payable to **Grindstone Lake Association**

Please mail your check and this form to: Grindstone Lake Association, Box 292 Hayward, WI 54843

**You can also renew on our Website [www.grindstonelake.org](http://www.grindstonelake.org)**