



The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation

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Keeping a Great Lake great since 1998!

September at The Coastal Centre

September has come and gone and we've been hustling at the Centre wrapping up summer projects and preparing for the impending cold of a Canadian winter. The team at the Centre were able to take part in a Coastal Plant Identification workshop with Horticultural Professor Lynn Short at Pinery Provincial Park. The sensitive dune ecosystems host a number of coastal plants that can be seen consistently along the Lake Huron shoreline including sandbar willow, sand cherry, Marram grass, and Bull thistle, many of which have been growing concerns for home owner's due to the increased water levels.



This month, we awarded Kari McCormick of Kincardine a beautiful 10'4 paddleboard, courtesy of Bruce Power, as a result of our raffle that helped fund community projects and environmental initiatives at the Coastal Centre. Erinn Lawrie assisted with a Bayfield Beach Memorial Cleanup where over 70 participants worked to clear the beach of litter in honour of Brandon Lemieux's life and love for the beach. Hannah Cann attended and facilitated discussions at the Blue Bayfield Sustainability Summit that hosted over 100 people interested in water quality, concerns and protection.

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Lake on a Pedestal

by Tineasha Brenot, Coastal Technologist



Everyone values Lake Huron differently. I connect with the beautiful “West Coast of Ontario” sunsets and the unique ecosystems that line the lakeshore that so many of you are lucky to call home. We recognize the natural beauty and its values, but let’s look at Lake Huron at a broader perspective. Here in Goderich we have the largest underground salt mine in the world running 1,800 feet under Lake Huron. That’s as deep as the CN tower is high! Did you know that Lake Huron was historically two lakes separated by a geographic feature known as the Alpena-Amberley ridge? It’s thought that this divide was an important hunting area for First Nations communities roughly 9,000 years ago after relics of caribou hunting camps were found preserved nearly 250 feet below the surface. Manitoulin Island holds its own records for being both the largest freshwater island and for having the largest lake within a freshwater island in the world. When we’re looking out into the crystal blue waters, it’s easy to get lost in the beauty of it and forget how incredible of a water system the Great Lakes are on a global scale. Lake Huron is economically, ecologically, and culturally important to Ontario historically, currently and in the future. Let’s make sure we continue to protect and preserve it for the generations to come.



New Addition: Hannah Wiebe

We are excited to welcome our new co-op student, Hannah Wiebe, to the Coastal Centre. Hannah is a student at GDCI looking to gain applicable experience with the Coastal Centre. She’s enthusiastic about learning about the constant changing planet and will be assisting with social media, data entry and organization of events with the Centre. We look forward to working with her over the course of her term!

The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation supports the Canadian coastline of Lake Huron. We foster communication and partnerships between environmental agencies and organizations, working towards a sustainable and resilient coast. We provide education, resources, and information on lake-wide issues and our programs reflect the inter-connectivity between land and water.

By supporting the efforts of the Centre, you can help to ensure that we pass on a positive environmental legacy to future generations.

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