



# SPIDER LINES

## From SCLA President Larry Keller

Dear SCLA Members,

It's going to be a joyous summer after this long snowy winter! We have a number of great SCLA events coming up, starting with our **SCLA Annual Membership Meeting**. We'll hold it outdoors again this year at the Town of Spider Lake town hall pavilion on Saturday, May 27, from 9–10am. The “doors” will open at 8:30am for registration and coffee. Please come and stay for conversation following the meeting!

Coming up in July is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade and the SLEEK event on July 8 (see page 3). The summer season culminates with the annual picnic on September 3. In addition, this year our education committee has scheduled three awesome Wine and Wisdom events focused on shoreland restoration topics. We are really excited about this series. You can read more about it on page 5. A brand-new membership directory will be sent out to SCLA members in May.

The landing monitors will be back to work at the Clear Lake and Heinemann landings in May to help keep aquatic invasive species (AIS) out of the lakes. Our lake monitor volunteers will be conducting their twice-annual AIS inspections in the chain beginning in June. Meanwhile we continue implementing the many other elements of the [Comprehensive Lake Management Plan](#) (CLMP) that the DNR approved last year. And the DNR is wrapping up its Fishery Management Plan for the Spider Chain. You can keep tabs on the [Spider Lake Pike Project](#), which works to eliminate invasive Northern Pike from the chain. Suffice it to say there are a lot of good things going on around the lakes!

If you are interested in volunteering to help SCLA support any of these activities, please let me know, or email us at [spiderchainoflakes@gmail.com](mailto:spiderchainoflakes@gmail.com). We have openings in each of our committees, led by our dedicated group of committee chairs: Aquatic Invasive Species (Ray Langer), including the Lake Monitor Volunteers (Dave Mickelson); Education (Gina Blayney); Membership (Lynn Kane); Philanthropy (Jerry Keating); Communications (Martha Coventry); and Finance (Kathy Schmidt). And if you are not currently an SCLA member, you can click the “Join” tab on [our website](#).

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I hope each of you has a great soft water season. Please remember to observe the boating rules including the Town of Spider Lake ordinance that permits water skiing and boat speeds greater than 10 miles per hour *only* from 11am–3pm, except on Fawn Lake, where speeds greater than 10 miles per hour are never permitted. Observing these limits protects our fragile shoreline, nesting birds, and the lake bed.

Let’s keep this place great by working together!

Larry Keller  
 SCLA Board President  
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Larry with a Northern Pike, 2022

## 2023 SCLA EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>SCLA Annual Meeting</b>	Saturday, May 27, 9–10am, Spider Lake Town Hall Pavilion (outdoors) Doors will open at 8:30am for registration and coffee
<b>Boat Parade</b>	Fourth of July Boat Parade, details to follow.
<b>Wine &amp; Wisdom</b>	Thursday, June 8, 4–5:30pm, Blackiron Bar & Grill (Native Plants) Thursday, August 3, 4–5:30pm, Blackiron Bar & Grill (Fish sticks & Blankets) Thursday, September 7, 4–5:30pm, Blackiron Bar & Grill (Rain gardens)
<b>SLEEK</b>	Saturday, July 8, 9:30–11:30am, Hoeschler cabin, 12223 N. Heinemann Rd. on Hannah Bay
<b>SCLA Annual Picnic</b>	Sunday, September 3, 12pm, Boulder Lodge on Ghost Lake

## SLEEK is back at Spider Lake!

The Spider Lake Environmental Education for Kids program (SLEEK) will be held on Saturday July 8, 2023, from 9:30–11:30am. The location will be at the Hoeschler cabin at 12223 N. Heinemann Rd. on Hannah Bay.

SLEEK is a two-hour program run by the naturalists from the Cable Natural History Museum. This year's program will be Insect Investigations. Children will search for live insects and discover what makes these critters so important for pollination and all living things in our backyard. Colorful bug nets will be provided.

Bring your children and grandchildren, ages 4-14. Parents are encouraged to join all the educational activities making it a family event.

SLEEK will raise awareness and teach stewardship of the Spider Chain of Lakes' precious resources that we all cherish. It is an environmental and ecological experience to last throughout a child's life!



*Mark your calendars! More information will be sent closer to the event.*





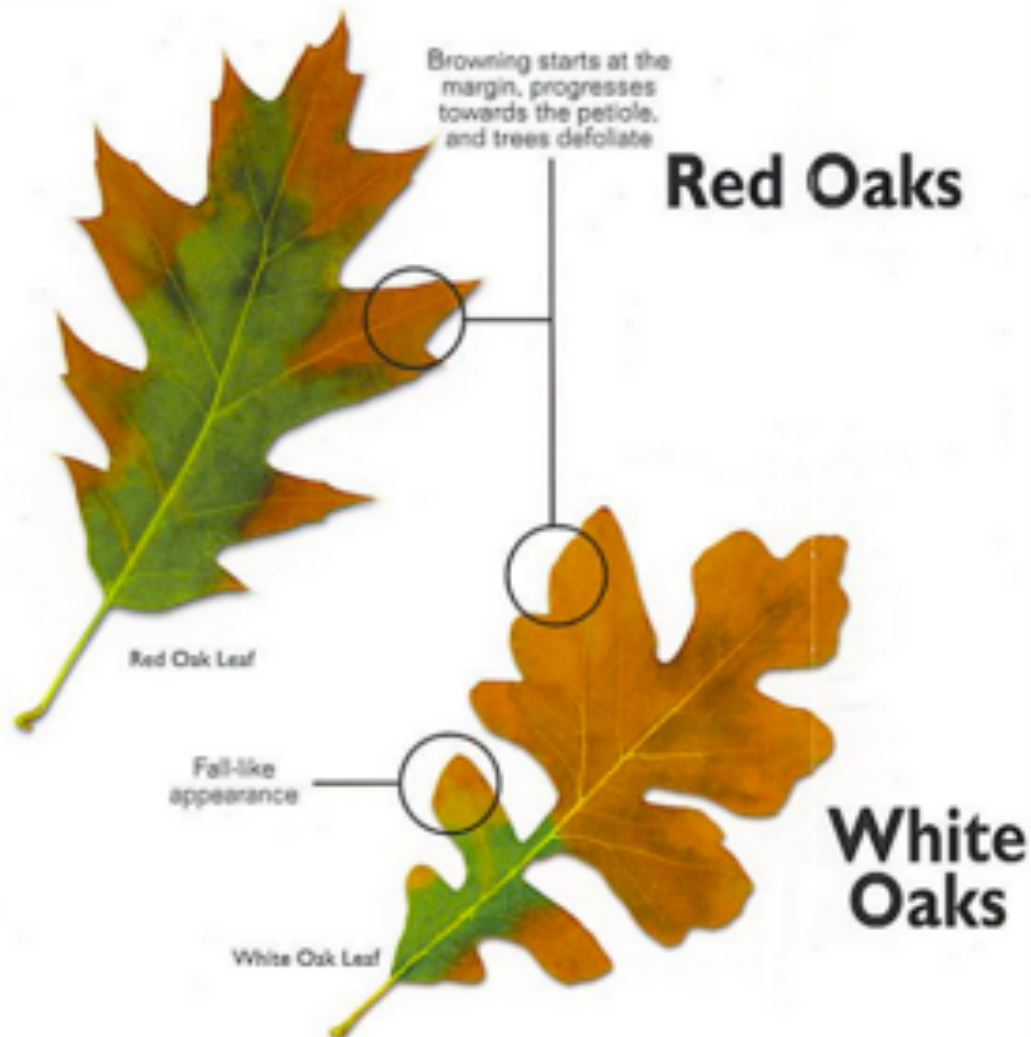
# Oak Wilt

Learn about deadly oak wilt!

Oak wilt is in the Towns of Round Lake and Spider Lake. Oak wilt kills trees in the red oak group (red, black and northern pin oaks), and also harms trees in the white oak group (white, bur and swamp white oaks). According to the [WDNR](#), once wilting symptoms are apparent on a red oak, the infected tree will lose most of its leaves and die within approximately one month. The fungus *Bretziella fagacearum* causes oak wilt by growing through the infected tree's water conducting system, causing the tree to wilt and die. See image.

Help protect oak trees from oak wilt — **don't prune or otherwise "wound" oaks from April through July.**

To learn more, watch the [WDNR's new video](#) about this devastating fungal disease.



## Wine and Wisdom is back in 2023...Join our Learning Journey!

Our SCLA Education Committee is undertaking a multi-year project to learn how we as property owners can maintain and restore our own shorelands to retain the pristine ecosystem that supports fish, water quality, and our property values. We are excited to bring back our Wine and Wisdom three-part series focused on shoreland best practices. We've recruited experts to teach us how to invest in our own properties in each of the three buffer zones.

Join us to gather, grab a beverage of choice, meet new lake friends and learn something new! Here is the lineup – watch for more details via email and the SCLA website:

<b>Native Plants:</b>	<u>Thursday, June 8, 4–5:30pm</u> at Blackiron Bar and Grill Natalie Erler, Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation
<b>Fish Sticks &amp; Blankets... Alternatives to Rocks:</b>	<u>Thursday, August 3, 4–5:30pm</u> at Blackiron Bar and Grill Max Wolter, Bureau of Fisheries, WI DNR
<b>Rain Gardens:</b>	<u>Thursday, September 7., 4–5:30pm</u> at Blackiron Bar and Grill Natalie Erler, Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation

And remember, we have our annual hands-on learning opportunity for our children, too. See article on SLEEK to be held on Saturday, July 8, 2023!



Bluebead Lily (*Clintonia borealis*)

### Ice Out

As late as yesterday ice preoccupied  
the pond — dark, half-melted,  
waterlogged.

Then it sank in the night, one piece,  
taking winter with it. And afterward  
everything seems simple and good.

All afternoon I lifted oak leaves  
from the flowerbeds, and greeted  
like friends the green-white crowns  
of perennials. They have the tender,  
unnerving beauty of a baby's head.

How I hated to come in! I've left  
the windows open to hear the peepers'  
wildly disproportionate cries.  
Dinner is over, no one stirs. The dog  
sighs, sneezes, and closes his eyes.

— Jane Kenyon, from *Let Evening Come*

## Thank You Donors and Volunteers!

Benefactors to the Preserve & Protect Campaign in the nine years since it was launched in 2014 are listed below. With your help, we achieved the objective of raising \$800,000 in endowment and \$400,000 in emergency reserve funds. Many, many thanks to you all!

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### Matching Gifts

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### 2022 Tributes & Memorials

Patricia Adson  
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 Jinny & Phil Brown  
 John Donner  
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 Phillip Mork  
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 Gerald & Corona Sanders  
 Paul & Martha Schweikert  
 John Seeger  
 Parents of Suzanne &  
 John Severson  
 Eunice & Ed Warren  
 Marilyn & Jack Weil  
 Carol & Kim Williams

***Please let us know if we have omitted or incorrectly listed your name.***

### ***A message of gratitude from Jerry Keating, SCLA philanthropy committee chair***

Spider Chain of Lakes is a priceless gem in northwest Wisconsin. I love these lakes and I know you all do as well. I want to extend a sincere thank you to the donors and volunteers who made our Preserve and Protect Campaign a success in 2022. **Our SCLA members joined together to donate over \$150,000, more than enough to release the \$100,000 match — and many thanks to the generous family who gave us that inspirational goal!** We met the campaign goal of \$800,000 in endowment and \$400,000 in emergency reserve funding. In 2014, SCLA members Michael O'Sullivan, Robert Lebby, Patrick Delaney, and Steve Smith led the launch of the Preserve and Protect campaign. We are grateful to them for their vision and hard work. And we are grateful to you, our members, for your ongoing support of our mission to preserve and protect these beautiful lakes.

## 2023 SCLA Membership Directories Mailed to Members

*Directories were mailed to all current members who elect in the renewal form to be included in the directory.*



### **About the SCLA directory:**

**SCLA respects members' privacy and we want you to do so too.** Only paper copies of the directory were mailed to members. The directory is not available digitally. It is for personal use only by active members of SCLA. Information should not be used for commercial purposes.



## Show your love!

For this year's photo contest, please send us pictures that show **why the Spider Chain of Lakes is so important to you!** Photos of you, your family, your guests, skiing, swimming, boating, fishing, hanging out on the dock, snowshoeing... doing all the things that make these lakes special to you! We'll include them in the fall Spider Lines. Send your photos to [coven002@umn.edu](mailto:coven002@umn.edu) and please include any information you wish!



Kelly Delaney Graham

## What does SCLA do for you, your property, and this great chain of lakes?

A lot! And here's just a sample:

- Supports the fishery through Project Pike and by encouraging WDNR stocking events
- Preserves the water quality and shoreline health of the Spider Chain of Lakes
- Protects the lakes from new aquatic invasive species (AIS) by conducting incoming boat inspections
- Manages existing threats by assisting property owners with targeted shoreline AIS removal
- Monitors the aquatic plants and water chemistry of the lakes
- Promotes community by welcoming new members, hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and the annual picnic, and sponsoring periodic photo contests
- Maintains and distributes a directory of the members
- Provides informative seasonal updates through Spider Lines and monthly communications
- Maintains historical and other lake information on the SCLA website
- Hosts educational events like SLEEK and Wine & Wisdom
- Encourages native plantings through the annual plant sale
- Develops and implement a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan
- Interfaces with the Wisconsin DNR, Sawyer County, and Town of Spider Lake on issues affecting the lakes
- Obtains WDNR grants and manages financial assets to address short-term AIS emergencies and ensure long-term protection of the lakes



## PLEASE SAVE AND POST FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

### SPIDER LAKE REGULATIONS AND COURTESY CODE

#### Courtesy Code

The demands on Spider Lake increase each year with increasing numbers and greater power of motorized vehicles on the lake. Each Spider Lake resident has his/her own idea about what a lake can and should provide for him/her. Some Spider Lake dwellers want peace and quiet, while others prefer speed and adventure. Spider Lake can meet the desires of everyone if residents and their guests adhere to the lake regulations and maintain respect for all others.

#### Spider Lake Regulations

- Shoreline homeowners with private launch ramps should thoroughly search for and remove any vegetation or marine life on watercraft and trailers launched or taken out at their landing site.
- Water skiing is allowed between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm only.
- Boats and personal watercraft have a 10 mph speed limit at all other times and boats are limited to slow-NO-wake within 100 feet of the shoreline.
- Users of the picnic areas are required to clean up after each use.

#### State Regulations

- Heed all state and local boating and fishing regulations.
- Boats without motors always have the right of way.
- Personal watercraft are restricted to slow-NO-wake within 200 feet of the shoreline, or 100 feet of a vessel, dock, pier or raft.

#### Wildlife Preservation

- All water skiers and personal watercraft must stay in the middle of the lake to avoid sensitive wildlife areas.
- Avoid making wakes around weed beds and along the shorelines.
- Be respectful of the loons whose habitat we share.

### WISCONSIN BOATING REGULATIONS

#### Who May Operate/Age Restrictions

It is illegal for a parent or guardian to allow a child to operate a vessel in violation of the requirements below.

#### Motorboats (Other Than a Personal Watercraft)

- A person under the age of 10 may not operate a motorboat.
- A person 10 or 11 years old may operate a motorboat *only if* accompanied by a parent, a guardian, or a person at least 18 years old who is designated by the parent or guardian.
- A person 12-15 years old may operate a motorboat *only if*:
  - He or she is accompanied by a parent, a guardian, or a person at least 18 years old who is designated by the parent or guardian or...
  - He or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR
- A person at least 16 years old may operate a motorboat *only if* he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR. A person born *before* January 1, 1989, is exempt from the safety course requirement

#### Personal Watercraft (PWC)

- A person under the age of 12 may not operate a PWC
- A person 12-15 years old may operate a PWC *only if* he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR (Parental supervision is not a substitute for a boating safety course certificate as with other motorboats.)
- A person at least 16 years old may operate a PWC *only if* he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR. A person born before January 1, 1989, is exempt from the safety course requirement.
- A person under the age of 16 may not rent or lease a PWC.

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING SPIDER LAKE SAFE AND ENJOYABLE FOR ALL!**