

August

Announcements

Join Next Week's Port Elgin Sunset Beach Clean-up

We welcome you to join the Port Elgin Sunset Beach Clean-up on **August 18th from 7:00-8:00pm at the main beach**. Bring your partner, friends, and family to help keep your local beaches clean, safe, and healthy! Set up a blanket afterwards to enjoy one of Lake Huron's (hopefully) breathtaking sunsets!



This event is made possible by Community Foundation Grey Bruce.

[Register Now](#)

Froggy Fest

A Celebration of Conservation & Creativity

If you love art and conservation this is the event for you! Froggy Fest is a celebration of artistic talent while using Lake Huron as inspiration.

The festivities will be kicking off with an art exhibition titled For Water and for Home on **August 28th at 5:00 pm** at **Cait's Café** and **Part II Bistro on the square in Goderich**. This opening event will be a beautiful

exploration of the interconnectedness of us all. Every work of art sold will benefit local conservation nonprofits.



The **FEATURE EVENT** will be on on **Saturday, September 17th from 8:00am - 3:00pm** in **Courthouse Park along side the Farmers Market in Goderich**.

You won't wanna miss all the fun stuff to do, such as:

- Meet the incredible creepy-crawlies who call us "neighbours"!
- Dive deep into what makes our soil!
- Discover how plants cool our planet, prevent erosion and clean our water!
- Learn how to observe indicator species, cultivate native species and cut out invasive species to keep our local ecosystem happy and healthy!
- Hang with the great young people who are rising up to care for our earth!
- Join an amazing, local outdoors groups!

Come early to buy your Froggy Fest map for your chance at a fabulous **door prize**, stuffed with goodies from our local business partners! Hurry --**first 25 get a free**, hand-potted, Froggy-Fest drinking cup! **100% of map sales go straight to nonprofits**. Bring some spending cash, because our eco-vendors have snacks, refreshments and eco-swag for you.

Froggy Fest wraps up with an awesome **lunchtime concert** on the outdoor stage by Boy in December... everyone is welcome .We can't wait to play and learn and grow with you... see you there!

Great Goderich Shoreline Clean-up Fundraiser

Call for Sponsors!



Why Fighting Plastic Pollution Matters!

Disposable items, like straws, grocery bags, coffee cups and water bottles, contribute to the massive amount of plastic pollution in the Great Lakes. When wildlife encounters plastic pollution it can cause entanglement and

asphyxiation. When plastic is consumed by animals toxins leach into their tissue over time. If the animal is consumed by their prey, they also absorb the toxins caused by plastic pollution. Toxins are more prevalent the higher in the food chain. This process is called biomagnification.

Microplastic - An Emerging Issue

Lake Huron has a significant amount of large plastic fragments that will eventually break down into microplastics with higher densities being found close to shore. In 2021 we found that **83%** of lake water samples contained microplastic. Microfibers that are released from clothing in the wash were the most common microplastic found in both 2018 & 2021. Some microplastic is such as fibers are so small it can bypass screening at waste water treatment plants and contaminate lake water.

[Learn More About Plastic Pollution in the Great Lakes](#)

Why Support This Event?

This event is more than a beach clean-up. All money raised will go towards local conservation projects. By supporting the Great Goderich Shoreline Clean-up you will help educate and empower local community members, youth groups, and visitors through education and research programs to ensure the cleanliness and sustainability of Lake Huron beaches now and into the future. You will also help protect local wildlife from ingesting or becoming entangled in plastic as well as local businesses who depend clean beaches for tourism!

Become a Sponsor!

Are you a local business looking to promote your business while helping a worthy cause? Then become a sponsor of the Great Goderich Clean-up Fundraiser.

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- Media release
- Logo displayed on website and program material
- Social media post
- E-Newsletter feature
- Display banner at event



Beach Benefactor

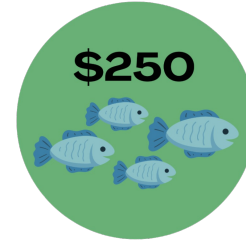
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- Logo displayed on website
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- Logo displayed on website
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The Bayfield Beach Shipwreck

A Story of Shoreline 'Protection'

In this segment of "What is Buried in Your Beach?" we will uncover how the Lynda Hindman shipwreck came to be a tourist attraction and conversation maker off the shores of Pier Beach in Bayfield.



Bayfield Pier Beach has been 'protected' by a variety of structural features over the years. This ranged from well designed and coastal engineered constructions to 'Do-it-Yourself' weekend style projects. Without a reliable management plan in place it was common to see the dumping of concrete slabs, the placing of concrete blocks (some with exposed re-bar) and triangular structures (known as Wave Busters and/or Lenson Mobile Breakwaters TM). The installation of steel, sheet pile walls, breakwaters and groynes extending into the water was (as is) a popular sight.

Yet the strangest story of shoreline protection in Bayfield is the Lynda Hindman shipwreck. What may have been assumed as an accident caused by a confused captain or a bad weather event was actually an attempt at wave protection for the adjacent property owned by Brigadier Dr. Morgan Smith.

The Lynda Hindman was originally known as the Steam Screw owned by William A. McGonagle. It was built in Lorain, Ohio in 1908 and it weighed 355 gross tons. It changed hands to another United States family in 1936 and was renamed Marguerite .W. before it found its home in Canada in 1954 with the Hindman family of Owen Sound. The tug boat was used for their lumber business



and spent most of its time in White Fish Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. Ruth Hindman was the first to officially own the boat within the family before it was passed onto Lynda Hindman, as we know it today. A vicious Lake Huron storm broke the boat free from its cables which caused it to be put out of commission. It was then relocated to the Goderich harbour where it sat with other scrap metal. It was purchased in 1973 by Brigadier Dr. Morgan Smith who towed it to Bayfield and pulled close to shore.

The following is an excerpt from a newspaper clipping that explains the history of the shipwreck

"I was at the Archive Building in Bayfield last week. They have typed (verbal) records about the Lynda Hindman. Apparently, several of these old steamships were moored at Goderich, Ontario in the 1970's awaiting dismantling for scrap sale. A resident of Bayfield purchased the stern of the Lynda Hindman and had it hauled from Goderich to Bayfield to use as a break wall. A mishap with storms and ice stopped this procedure and the stern now sits off the shore of

Bayfield, sticking out of the water about 12 feet. Most tourists believe it is a wrecked ship, but the truth is it is only the stern section and was left by this landowner in Bayfield 30 years ago. It now adds to the local lore."

Currently the Lynda Hindman sits underneath the surface of Lake Huron after disappearing from sight in 2018 due to high water levels. Although it didn't serve the shoreline with much protection from waves, it is part of the fascinating history of Bayfield.

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Disclaimer: There are alternate spellings of Lynda (Linda has been used in some historical text). Some sources state that the boat originated from Dunkirk, New York. We wrote the specifics of the boat's history based on a newspaper clipping sourced from the Maritime History of the Great Lakes.

Steam Screw WILLIAM A. McGONAGLE.* U.
S. No. 215880. Of 355 gross tons. Built at Lorain,
Ohio in 1908. Tug
110.0 x 28.1 x 15.0
* Renamed MARGUERITE W - U. S. - 1936
RUTH HINDMAN - Canada - 1954 [c 153120]
LYNDA HINDMAN - Canada - 1966
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