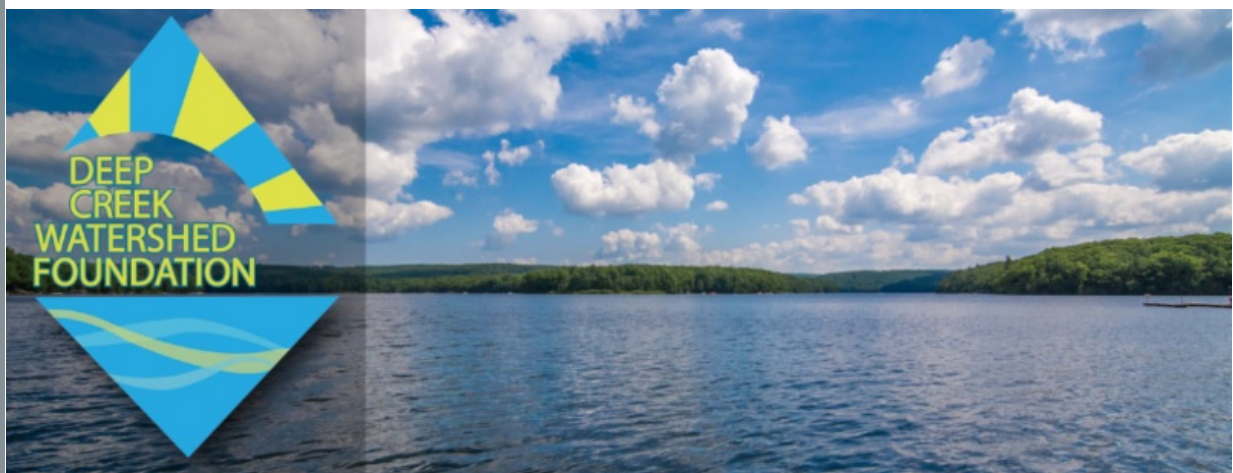




**Thanks to our Gold Sponsors , First United Bank & Trust,
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**The marinas and business noted below were kind enough to
donate a portion of their earnings from a recent Boat Show to
DCWF. We are grateful for their generosity!**

**Left to Right: Joey, Deep Creek Mastercraft & Sports = Scott &
Tyler, Bill's Marine - Sandy & Bob, DCWF - Jordan, Deep Creek
Marina - Travis, Silver Tree Marina**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Bob Hoffmann



Hi Folks,

I hope you all were able to get through the Winter months in fine form, especially if you wintered in Garrett County which received more than nine feet of snow!

We at the Foundation are already hard at it as many of our projects are weather dependent and it is finally beginning to look like Spring! I should mention that two of the articles in this DCWF Spring Newsletter first appeared in the Property Owners' Association of Deep Creek Lake Spring Dispatch. President Bob Sutton graciously permitted us to reprint them. First is an article entitled **"Deep Creek Centennial Update"** by **Chris Nichols** which speaks to the year-long celebration this year of the **100th Anniversary of Deep Creek Lake**. The 100th Anniversary Committee has lined up a variety of activities for the entire family that I strongly encourage you to be out and enjoy!

Secondly, is the article entitled, **"Steering Committee Serves Watershed Management Plan"** which is very interesting if, for no other reason, because every project the Foundation undertakes is in support of one or more of the goals of that plan so the plan is an underpinning of the Foundation for sure!

In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of Deep Creek Lake, the Foundation shared in the expense with the POA of a **3-D rendering of the lake and watershed which will be wall mounted at the Oakland**

Transportation Museum in the near future. We will let you know when it is available for viewing!

There was a bill that was introduced in the Maryland General Assembly but only lasted a short time then was withdrawn due to its unpopularity that would have permitted fracking for oil and gas.

Two long time supporters of Deep Creek Lake and its watershed passed away this year in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. **Ed and Jeanne Neff** were supporters not only in word but in financial deeds as well. In their honor, the **DCWF Board voted to allocate \$1,000 from our general fund to the restricted fund for the Tribute Park, a planned project on our list of "to do's"**. Many others who have supported the lake and watershed in similar manners are to be remembered as part of that park as well.

One of our Board Members has resigned as he and his wife are moving out of the area. We wish all the best to **Joe Zamoiski** and his wife Barbie as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

We have added **Bob Raley**, General Manager, Thousand Acres Golf Club, to our Board. Bob brings a love of Deep Creek Lake and the science it takes to keep it healthy. Bob has a Master's Degree in Agronomy and a willingness to work in a variety of areas for the Foundation! In addition we have brought **Hannah Patton, PhD**, onto the Board. Hannah is an environmental engineer with experience in drinking water and waste water treatment, water quality monitoring, and acid mine drainage remediation. As a professional in the environmental sector and a community member in Garrett Co., Hannah understands the importance of protecting the Deep Creek Watershed. We have also reached out to **Russ Dijak**, co-owner of Solnet Web Design with his wife Jess and our web master, to also function as an Advisor to our Board so he can help us as we sometimes struggle with how to better leverage technology. I know we will continue to grow and technology will be key to that growth.

Welcome Bob, Hannah, & Russ!

Some of you may have noted we are planning four fundraisers this year instead of the normal two.

Coming up FIRST is the Red Barn Event on May 31st. See details below! Get your tickets quickly as the event is getting close to selling out.

Next will be the DCL 100th Par Tee Kickoff Party on July 7th. You definitely don't want to miss this fun evening with Brenda McDonnell's Seafood Boil and entertainment by the Sugarfoot Stompers!

Then, on July 8th, Thousand Acres Golf Club is hosting a charity golf tournament for the DCL100 Par Tee Golf Classic with Deep Creek Watershed Foundation as the beneficiary! Thank you Thousand Acres Golf Club!

These two back-to-back events are for both golfers & non-golfers!

Tickets for these three events are now available on our website.

Lastly, is our pub event is currently scheduled for September 15th. More information on this event later.

We will once again offer a **Rain Barrel Education and Distribution Project** for those interested in helping to control erosion around their homes. Watch for more on this endeavor and feel free to reach out to Ashley Bodkins, Project Manager, at abachtel@umd.edu if you are interested in obtaining a free Rain Barrel.

We are also continuing our partnership with DNR in the 10 in 10 Project designed to gradually revegetate parts of the DCL shoreline. Watch for more about the Demo Garden near the State Boat Launch where native plants are on display. Once again, **our main focus will be on Water Quality as we conduct a bioassessment of the water flowing into DCL from the 29 tributaries to ensure there are no negative trends since we did this three years ago.** We continue to share the data and analysis of it gained with both DNR and the Health Department for their benefit.

As it is plain to see, we remain very busy as we do our best to further implement the Watershed Management Plan so your donations and support continue to be critical to our success. We thank you for your continuing support and assure you it makes our projects possible. **Please do your best to continue supporting our efforts!**



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Tickets Available NOW - "Pickin' and Grinnin' in the Barn" ***May 31, 2025***

Get ready for one of Deep Creek's most beloved annual traditions! On **Saturday, May 31**, join us for **"Pickin' and Grinnin' in the Barn"**, an evening of delicious food, lively entertainment, and community spirit — all in support of the Deep Creek Watershed.

The festivities kick off at **5:30 PM** with cocktails and appetizers, followed by a **fine dining experience** catered by none other than **Maryland's 2023 Restaurateur of the Year**. The mouth-watering menu will feature **lamb chops, grilled skirt steak, seafood lasagna roll-ups, chicken fricassee**, and much more.

The night's entertainment features **The High and Wides**, a celebrated string band hailed by *The Washington Post* as "the apostles of hillbilly boogie." *Baltimore Magazine* adds, "From fiery barn burners to heartbroken ballads, this talented string quartet is celebrating the region's rich bluegrass history, carrying the torch for the Old-Line legends who came before." You won't want to miss their energy and artistry!

Adding even more excitement is our famous:

Silent Auction — offering an incredible array of **gift ideas, artwork, local experiences, and two exclusive vacation packages!**

This event is **always a sell-out**, so don't delay — **get your tickets early** and be part of a wonderful evening that benefits the beauty and vitality of our watershed.

This event is supported by Gold Sponsors, First United Bank & Trust, and Total Biz Fulfillment!

Thank you to all our wonderful Sponsors!

[GET TICKETS HERE](#)



DCL 100th "Par Tee" Kickoff Par Tee & Golf Classic! July 7–8, 2025

Join us as we celebrate Deep Creek Lake's centennial with a weekend of great food, music, golf, and giving back! The festivities kick off on **Monday, July 7 at 5:30 PM** with the **Par Tee Kickoff** at the beautiful **Red Barn Inn in Swanton**.

Enjoy a festive **Seafood Boil** provided by **Ace's Run**, featuring freshly grilled seafood buckets served with potatoes and corn — all prepared on-site! Dance and dine to the sounds of the **Sugarfoot Stompers**, known for their lively New Orleans-style jazz, and don't miss the **auction** featuring fantastic items and experiences.

This kickoff event is open to everyone! Come celebrate the lake's 100th in style!

Then on **Tuesday, July 8**, grab your clubs for the **Deep Creek Lake**

100th Par Tee Golf Classic at the stunning **Thousand Acres Golf Club**.

- **Continental breakfast** starts at **8:30 AM**
- **Tee-off** is at **9:00 AM** with a fun **scramble format** — perfect for golfers of all levels.
- After the round, enjoy a **catered BBQ** feast featuring **Beef Brisket, Pulled Pork, Grilled Chicken, hearty sides, and cornbread!**

Form your own team or register as a single and meet new friends on the course!

We'll have **tons of skill prizes** plus **awards for the top three teams**. It's a day of friendly competition and lakeside camaraderie.

This **charity event**, sponsored by **Thousand Acres Golf Club**, benefits the **Deep Creek Watershed Foundation**, helping us preserve and protect Deep Creek Lake and its watershed for future generations.

Get your tickets and tee times now —
it's going to be a PAR-TEE to remember!

Save The Date: September 15th
for our Fall pub event!
More info soon!



Educational Activities – Northern Middle School Science Students Visit Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center

The DCL100 Committee made local student educational activities on Deep Creek Lake one of its top priorities for the 100th-anniversary celebrations. To make these activities possible, the

Deep Creek Watershed Foundation and the DCL100 Committee are funding several field trips, including the costs for transportation, substitute teachers, and equipment.

A series of field trips was held this spring with ~375 science students from Northern Middle School visiting the DCL Discovery Center for hiking tours, hands-on presentations, nature observation, and watercolor painting to learn about the ecology and conservation of the animals and plants of the lake and surrounding forests. Northern Middle School Science teachers, Darren Wilburn, Tanner Faith, and Lorie Burdock, collaborated with the DNR Parks staff, Christine Smith, Kaitlyn Mitchell, and Roy Musselwhite to develop the field trip. The goal of these field trips is to deepen students' understanding of Deep Creek Lake's ecology and teach them how to be good stewards of their local watersheds.

Students learned about the importance of water quality testing to determine whether water is potable. Using only their senses, they tested five water samples of varying clarity, colors, and smells. Despite appearances, the brown and dark purple water samples (cocoa powder and purple food dye, respectively) were safe to drink. pH testing of the clear, odorless water sample revealed an acidic solution.

Students drew their ideal river or lakefront property to understand better how our activities can pollute rivers and lakes. They discussed how the different activities and structures may or may not contribute to water pollution at the site and downstream. Students' dream properties included dragons, roller coasters, dirt bike trails, forest hiking trails, cabins, and recycling plants. Two serious entrepreneurs covered every inch of their property with revenue-generating activities with two houses for rent (one a motorhome), wind turbines, a solar panel field, a convenience store, McDonald's, four docks to rent, a soccer field and a boat house with club fees, and a smaller cabin for them to live. Several students articulated the point and nonpoint source pollution affecting Deep Creek Lake. The group also did a great job identifying all of these in the students' ideal lake property visions.

Christine Smith, a Deep Creek State Park ranger, presented a hands-on activity about the natural history of reptiles and amphibians that call the Deep Creek Lake watershed home. Students could touch and see a corn snake and a box turtle, two of the Center's live animals.

Look for additional educational activities supported by the Foundation in our next newsletter too.

Molly Ramsey
Garrett County Watershed Coordinator

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

UPCOMING SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

– Save the Date

On **October 25, 2025**, the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation will have a Scientific Symposium on Important Problems at Deep Creek Lake. The Symposium will take place for most of the day at Garrett College.

Guest speakers will address Progress on the Watershed Management Plan, Water Quality Monitoring, Sub-aquatic Vegetation, Development and Potential Use of A Water Budget Model, Sediment Mitigation and other topics. Funding for Symposium came from Theodore Giovanis.

Please save the date for this informative Symposium.

10 AND 10 PROJECT



UPDATE

We are happy to announce that Kevin Speray of the DNR Lake Management Office is our new partner representative for our 10 in 10 Project. I met with him earlier this month to look over the garden and we spotted mountain mint popping up in several places. After last year's drought, we are hopeful that many of the plants will survive.

The "10 in 10" program focuses on providing trees and planting supplies to lakefront property owners, with a special emphasis on properties with less than 10% existing vegetation.

This year we are hoping to put down substrate for the walking paths. We will put up a temporary "Garden Under Construction" sign with information about this joint DNR project and our commitment to the Watershed Management Plan. We will also be putting plant markers with supporting plant information and QR codes about the various vegetation in the garden.

More shrubs will be planted in the fall. Our Demonstration Garden is slowly taking shape. Volunteers are welcome, please contact Carolyn Sheaffer at 301-616-5740 for more information.



Deep Creek Lake Centennial Update

By Chris Nichols

We've had a great kick-off for the Centennial and are gearing up for some more great events and the launch of our big projects in coming months.

Events: We started the year with a kick-off networking event in January attended by more than 100 people, highlighting the interest that everyone has in the Centennial. In February, we participated in the Deep Creek Dunk, helping to support one of the events that make our lake such a special and giving place. Throughout March, we held the DCL100 Lecture Series with a new topic every week throughout the month including the wildlife and fish of the lake, the operation of the dam and powerplant, and the history of real estate sales at the lake. Links to the recordings of the videos are here if you missed them: <https://dcl100.com/event-lecture-series/>.

And we're just getting started! Throughout April, we'll be having DCL Team Trivia Nights and a Picture Party where people can bring in their old photos of lake memories to have them digitized. At the end April, we're teaming up with Stage WEST to bring back The Taste of Garrett County event where area restaurants showcase their best fares. In May, we'll be putting on a Deep Creek Lake Adventure Challenge, a multi-stop competition with riddles and challenges. June brings "Deep Creek Lake Day" with free admission to the State Park, a free recreation fair and the Deep Creek Lake Lions Boat Parade. In July, we'll throw the Deep Creek Lake 100th Birthday Bash, a free or very low-cost public festival featuring bands, vendors and a special surprise grand finale. Dust off your gangster and flapper outfits for our "Roaring '20's Gala" in August and get ready for tricks and spills at our Watersports Exhibition in September. More events and details at <https://dcl100.com/events/>

We'll need volunteers for several of these events, so if you're interested in getting engaged, contact our Event Chair Missy Gralish at mgralish@gmail.com

Projects: The big permanent project we're planning is the installation of more than 20 new interpretive panels all around the lake. These panels will tell the story of the lake in terms of its history, science and lore. During the Centennial, we'll have an app which incentivizes you to visit all the signs to earn points and win some great DCL100 swag. You can check out the signs virtually here: <https://dcl100.com/signs/> and they'll be in the ground in April.

If you want to **show your Centennial spirit, we have yard flags and bunting kits available for purchase on our website** using the link below. For more DCL100 gear like t-shirts, mugs ornaments and more, check out the Tourist Trap and Bear Creek Traders for some really cool stuff!

<https://dcl100.square.site/>

We've had suggestions for a **mascot** based on the silhouette of the lake and creating an "official" Deep Creek Lake pennant as well. Would you like to help us design one of these? Contact us at deep.creek@dcl100.com with your ideas!

Outreach: One of the goals of the Centennial Committee is to ensure that the next generation of stewards of the lake understand and appreciate its value. To that end, we have been working with our local schools to generate new curriculum to be taught and organize science-based field trips to the lake. Through the support of our sponsors and partnering with the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation, we'll be helping to financially support these new initiatives which we hope will continue past the Centennial year.

If you want to make sure you're getting all the DCL100 news and info, be sure to sign up for the newsletter on the website and follow our social media for our Post-a-day series about the history, legends and lore of the lake!

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555276152057>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/deepcreeklake100/>

It's going to be a great year - we hope to see you out and about at the events celebrating what make Deep Creek Lake such a special place for all of us!

Steering Committee Serves Watershed Management Plan

By Sarah Myers

Communications Coordinator for Garrett County

The Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan provides direction for protecting, enhancing, and restoring the resources of the Deep Creek watershed. A plan was

developed and published in 2016 as a cooperative effort between state and county government agencies, business owners, and local citizens. This plan outlines an array of actions needed to address the concerns identified by this public-private partnership.

The Deep Creek Lake Administrative Council is represented by agencies with regulatory control in the Deep Creek Lake watershed including Garrett County Government, Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Department of Natural Resources that ultimately oversee the implementation of the plan. The Administrative Council is guided by the Steering Committee and comprised of local, state and community representatives. The council works through the steering committee to balance environmental conservation, recreation, and economic development while ensuring the long-term health of the watershed.



The Deep Creek Lake Administrative Council Steering Committee met in January to review and refine the priorities for the next two years, focusing on critical watershed management efforts and the implementation of targeted conservation strategies. During the meeting, members discussed emerging environmental challenges, assessed ongoing initiatives, and coordinated actions to align with the tasks and objectives outlined in the Deep Creek Lake Watershed Management Plan. Key topics discussed included water quality monitoring and protection, aquatic invasive species prevention, shoreline and watershed management, policy coordination and community engagement.

Updates were provided on monitoring of water quality in the lake, sediment control, harmful algal bloom prevention and stormwater management strategies. The committee also reviewed the latest initiatives to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species, emphasizing boater education, decontamination stations and inter-agency cooperation.

A discussion on best practices for shoreline stabilization, buffer plantings and sustainable land use emphasized the importance of property owner participation in lake preservation efforts. And a constant and ongoing effort is to improve transparency and public outreach including updates on lake-related policies, upcoming educational events, and resources available to property owners and recreational users.

"The health of Deep Creek Lake is directly tied to the health of its watershed, and our coordinated approach ensures that we are addressing challenges proactively," said Molly Ramsey, Watershed Coordinator for Garrett County Government. "By fostering collaboration between local, state, and community stakeholders, we can protect this vital resource for future generations while supporting responsible recreation and the economic activity that supports the Garrett County area."

The committee will continue to work on the management plan and strategies and community members are encouraged to stay informed and

participate in lake preservation efforts by visiting <https://www.garrettcounty.md.gov/community-development/watershed-management/deep-creek-lake>.

Several Task Force meetings have been held in February and March to discuss management plan objectives around water quality, stormwater, sedimentation, water allocation, and climate resilience. These meetings will inform the work of the partners for 2025-27.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Molly Ramsey at 301-334-1923 or email mr Ramsey@garrettcounty.md.gov.

FREE RAIN BARRELS AVAILABLE SOON

Rain Barrels are a great tool for capturing a small amount of stormwater runoff and can provide a non-potable source of water for outdoor chores. Deep Creek Watershed Foundation is sponsoring a free rain barrel for 100 homes in Garrett County. There is a required educational component to earn the free rain barrel. Virtual and In-Person training options will be available in June. You must be willing to pick up your own barrel and transport it. The goal is to have one day for rain barrel pick-up. Date to be determined once barrels are ordered and delivered.



To sign up--- email or call Ashley at abachtel@umd.edu or 301-334-6960. Some people are already on the waiting list from previous years--- so don't delay, available spots are limited to 50 people.

VIRTUAL BRUNCH AND LEARNS:

Did you know that the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation partners with the University of Maryland Extension in Garrett County to provide Virtual Brunch and Learn Educational Series? Each session is about an hour and available to anyone who is interested in learning more about Deep Creek Lake and surrounding watersheds.



In case you missed the original Live sessions over the last few years, all of these presentations are still available to be replayed on the [University of Maryland YouTube Site](#):

- DCWF Session 1 – Lake Stakeholders and Organizations
- DCWF Session 2 – Buffer Strip, Erosion and Dock Do's and Don'ts
- Fisheries Management on Deep Creek Lake

- DCWF Session 3 - Watershed Update from Deep Creek Administrative Council
- Function and Maintenance of your Sewage Disposal System
- Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
- Deep Creek Arrowhead Cove Sediment Removal
- How the Water Budget Model Works
- Preserving DCL with Riparian Buffer
- Forestry Applications of sUAS (Drones) in Garrett County

(September 28th)

Furthermore, additional short videos on the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation Mission, Goals, Partners, Challenges, Projects and Successes can be reviewed on the [Deep Creek Watershed Foundation Web Site](#).

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Learn About our Projects on the DCWF Website

Our Board members have been talking with HOAs in the watershed and other groups about



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the work of the Foundation, and asking about projects that the Foundation might consider funding. If you have a group that wants us to visit and present our information, and have us hear your suggestions for watershed projects we might fund in the future, please let us know by contacting [Morgan France](#).

Our Funding & How We Choose Our Projects

Each of our projects is chosen in accord with the recommendations of the Deep Creek Watershed Plan. The Plan can be found at www.garrettcountry.org/watershed/dcwpmp.

Each project is closely examined by the people who make up our Board of Directors, and they make the selection of each project for funding. Each member of our Board of Directors, and each of our advisors, is a volunteer who has a strong connection to the Deep Creek Watershed. Their varied backgrounds and expertise make the Board of Directors and the advisors a highly effective organization for funding projects in the Deep Creek Watershed. The Board members and advisors are all profiled in our website, www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org.

Our investments in these and future projects are possible because of the generous, tax deductible gifts we get from those of you around Deep Creek Lake, throughout the Deep Creek Watershed and beyond.

Your contribution to the Foundation now at www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org will be a great investment in the terrific private-public water quality monitoring effort and the other projects funded by the Foundation.

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