

Who are the Conservation Award Committee Members?

Wendy Hampson has been cottaging at the lake all her life. The Hampson family have been property owners for 94 years when her grandfather bought a derelict 100-acre farm fronting on Lake Kashagawigamog in 1925. Her love of nature and the lake has come from many years of catching frogs, snakes, working the property and just loving being at the lake. Wendy was an Athletic Therapist at Laurentian University in Sudbury for her career and spent as many vacation days as she could at the cottage. In 2012, she and her husband Jim built their retirement home on the property and retired there in 2012. Wendy is the LKO membership director.



Kathleen Conlan is Wendy's sister and it was her idea to begin a conservation award. She is a natural to be on the committee because it was due to her family cottaging experience at the lake and her father's influence that led her to a life-long career as a marine biologist. She is a senior researcher with the Canadian Museum of Nature and is internationally renowned for her work on pollution in the Antarctic and Arctic. She is a cottager having taken over the Hampson family cottage next to Wendy's home.



John Sheard also has a long history of being a cottager on the lake, his parents having bought 50 acres back in 1966. His love of the lake comes from a lifetime of coming up to the cottage including years of making maple syrup in their maple bush and boiling it down on their original cast iron stove in the cottage. He says that over the years he and his wife Michèle have seen many changes at the lake, some good, some bad. They spend as much time as they can at the cottage and are very much committed to living in harmony with the environment and seeing the lake residents, human and animal, prosper and stay healthy...even those massive dock spiders! John is an internationally renowned pianist with 8 CD's to his name. He was music director and pianist for Stuart McLean's 'Vinyl Café' from 1997-2016.

