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MAKING THE JOURNEY AS REWARDING AS THE DESTINATION

How is the Real Estate Market?

The following graphs will give you some of the information that you need to understand what is happening in Muskoka real estate this year. Because of the date this newsletter goes to print, these statistics end on May 31st. Go to our web site www.johnandthelma.com to find our blog www.muskokablog.ca for updates on real estate statistics for each month over the season.

As of June 10th there were 116 listings for properties on Lake Muskoka, 30 listings on Lake Rosseau, and 37 listings on Lake Joseph, for a total of 183 cottage listings. (This includes any river properties from which you can boat directly to any one of the three big lakes)

Sales on the Three Big Lakes: Jan - May 2008

DOLLARS	LK MUSKOKA	LK ROSSEAU	LK JOSEPH
0 - 499,000	8	1	0
500,000 - 999,999	5	3	2
1,000,000 - 1,999,999	7	3	3
2,000,000 - 2,999,999	2	0	0
3,000,000 - 3,999,999	1	0	0
4,000,000 - 4,999,999	0	0	0
5,000,000 - 5,999,999	0	0	1

Between April and May 30th there have been 16 price reductions on Lake Muskoka, 7 on Lake Rosseau and 3 on Lake Joseph, for a total of 27 price reductions over the months of April and May. About 90% of the listings that had price reductions during this time, were on the market last season, for a higher price.

From June 1st - 15th, there were 15 price reductions across the 3 big lakes, 7 of which were new on the market this spring.

Yearly Sales Comparatives: January - May 2008

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
LK MUSKOKA	24	31	28	41	31	40	36	19	40
LK ROSSEAU	6	10	13	13	12	10	12	5	8
LK JOSEPH	7	10	16	6	16	5	14	8	6

Healthy Eating with No Fuss

This past winter I was able to take cooking lessons at a Williams Sonoma store close to where we holiday in Florida. It was here that I was introduced to the “Vegetable Chop”, which is a handy little gizmo that quickly chops fruit or vegetables into small uniform pieces, ready to be used in salads, soups, stews, or desserts. It easily handles most vegetables, except for sweet potatoes and turnips.

Even your children could chop all the vegetables to put into a dinner salad in less than a minute, without worry of injury to their fingers. This is a great time saver for the cook, and an easy way for others to assist with meals.

I have seen these little chop boxes at numerous locations with prices from \$10.00 to the more expensive one available through Williams Sonoma, for which I paid \$29.00. It comes with names such as the Vidalia Chop Wizard and the Progressive International Onion Chopper through Amazon.com. In Barrie, I saw them at Home Outfitter's. Recently we have enjoyed chopping some pear into our salads, and then using the new President's Choice Honey Pear dressing to compliment it.



What Makes a Cottage Appealing?

We have a series of Special Reports and Podcasts that will be coming out over the summer, that address how you can make your cottage most appealing for the least money and effort, by working knowledgeably applying principles discovered by research teams at University of Washington in Seattle. We have collected information from the leading writers on design, and have interviewed local experts, to provide this information for you.

Watch our web site (www.johnandthelma.com) and our blog (www.muskokablog.ca) for releases of these Special Reports and Podcasts.

Help For Diversity of Diets

It is common these days to be faced with a variety of dietary needs around your dinner table, whether it be family or friends with lactose or gluten intolerance, or simply people choosing a vegetarian diet.

While in Muskoka, you can get help by ordering dishes that meet your needs through the Deli at the Muskoka Natural Food Market in Bracebridge 705-645-5471

We cannot have milk or wheat, and so when I am rushed, I often order a homemade casserole or a salad that I can serve for dinner. I am very fond of the red lentil maple salad, for which I now have the recipe. Contact me if you would like to receive this recipe.

If you order in advance, the delicious dishes will be waiting for you to pick them up when you arrive in Muskoka. Anything that makes life easier at the cottage is a good thing.

Stimulating Dinner Conversation

It may promote interesting dinner discussion among family and friends to share what neuroscientist Joseph Ledoux from New York University learned about memory. He learned that each time a memory is used, it has to be restored as a new memory in order to be accessible later. The old memory is either not there, or, is inaccessible. This means that your memory about something is only as good as your last memory about it. What are the implications of this constantly reconstituted sense of reality for court cases? for self knowledge? for learning?

Act in Time

I recently had an episode of back and jaw pain that made me worry, with my family history of heart and stroke, whether these could be symptoms that I should be paying attentions to.

Although I have read over the list of symptoms many times, I felt anxiety and a need to have something concrete to refer to. Being out of town, it was frustrating that I was not close to my computer to be able to check on the web.

For this reason, I have created a small document that I can keep in the cottage, the car, the boat, and in John's golf bag which outline symptoms that are significant, and put the emergency telephone numbers I need, at my fingertips. I will keep a travel size of aspirins with this document, in case the symptoms point to possible stroke.

Contact us for your copy of Act in Time, a document that provides you with information on symptoms, and reminds you that you have only three hours to act if you are to benefit from the clot busting drugs that may save your life.



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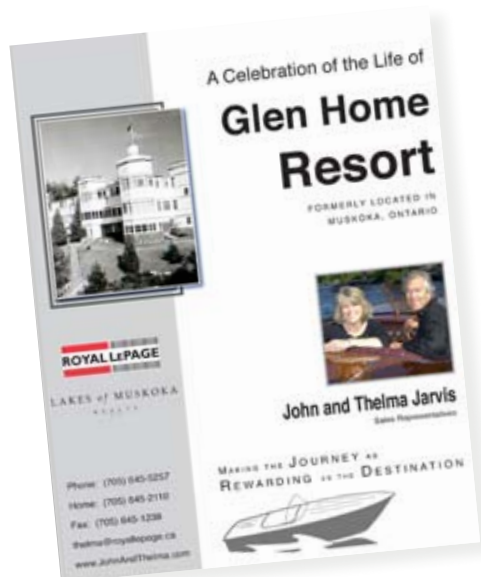
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A Celebration of Glen Home Resort

You are likely aware that the old Glen Home Resort, most recently called Marygrove, has been demolished. I was fortunate enough to have had a tour of this magnificent old building in 2004, and have a large collection of pictures taken that day, as well as many resources that came from Paul Love and the Muskoka Lakes Museum.

In order that this significant part of Muskoka's cultural history be more easily remembered, we have put together a booklet that contains both the history and colour pictures of the exterior, and the interior rooms, including the kitchen, dining room, lounges, and bedrooms.



This will be available, as all our Special Reports are, in an emailable form, as well as an enhanced podcast, if you would prefer that format. An enhanced podcast is a recording that also has still pictures inserted into it, and can be used with an ipod or your computer through iTunes.

The podcast is available for downloading on our web site: www.johnandthelma.com. Contact us at 645-2110 or thelma@royalpage.ca if you want a copy of the Special Report.

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