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Sales Representatives

MAKING THE JOURNEY AS REWARDING AS THE DESTINATION

Cottage Sales

Cottage sales had dipped in May, but they gained strength in June, despite the terrible weather. From January 1st to June 30th 2009 there have been 53 cottage sales across Lakes Muskoka, Rosseau and Joseph, compared to 46 in 2008, 82 in 2007, and 89 in 2006, in the same time period.



For a complete analysis of listings, sales, price reductions, list to sale ratios, and inventory levels, you can request our Muskoka Real Estate Market Report to be emailed to you. If you want to contact us, we would also be happy to answer any questions you have.

We are never too busy to ensure that you and your family or friends get the best service possible. We know the market and are ready to help you with your real estate needs.

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Foil the Worms!

When a worm gets into your computer it heads right for your contact list and sends itself to all your addresses recorded there.

One way you can trick the worm is to make the first address in your contact list be AAAAAAA@AAA.AAA Since this is not a valid address, you will receive a notice from your computer that your message could not be sent, and this will tip you off that a worm is operating in your system. This enables you to get help quickly. Being unsuccessful with the first send may also stop the worm from continuing; however you still need to have your computer thoroughly checked.



For information on Muskoka Cottage Sales, please go to our web site



Bring Outdoors In

Hosta leaves serve as wonderful fresh flowers in your cottage.

The leaves last a very long time and can be used alone, or in a group arrangement. Select a leaf or two from your favourite hostas, or grow some hostas in an out of the way place so you can cut their leaves without having to alter the appearance of your garden specimens.

If you are not fond of the dropping petals, now is the time to cut back the blooms coming out on hostas, leaving them strictly as foliage plants.

Hidden Veggies for Your Health

Broccoli and other vegetables with antioxidants are very good for you.

Here is a very pleasant way to get more of them into your diet. If you put frozen vegetables into your smoothies, they serve the purpose of ice cubes, as well as thickening the drink, and have almost no taste when combined with fruit.

We put two pieces of frozen broccoli into our fresh banana, frozen orange juice, and milk smoothie.

You cannot taste the broccoli in the drink at all, but we are ensuring that we have a quick start to our day with a breakfast full of natural nutrients and fiber.

This could be your children's' favourite way to eat broccoli!



We make it our business to know the Muskoka Real Estate market, thoroughly.

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Listen; It is a Sign of Love

Historians are increasingly interested in safeguarding our most cherished treasure: our family histories and personal stories. Story telling is not passed on through generations to the extent that it used to be. In the States they designated the first annual National Day of Listening, and are collecting personal stories to be stored in the Library of Congress.

It is so easy, these days, to use your computer, camcorder, or digital recorder to record and store family stories; so don't put off doing it. By recording their history, you are telling your family members that they are important, and they won't ever be forgotten. Some of the best family stories revolve around the enduring themes of humanity; birth, death and love, but it is also significant to understand how daily life was different during an earlier period. Listening is an act of love for you to give, and the recordings will be a gift of heritage for future generations. My sisters and I are meeting to start our own recordings of times during our childhood. We were surprised to realize how long ago the 50's was, and how little the younger generation in our family knows about those times. The memories of our youth are still very precise and clear, and the process of making the recordings is enjoyable and bonding.

In Muskoka, history seems especially important and valued. Make this summer in Muskoka a time to record interviews or reminiscences with family members or close friends. Don't let the stories of your family disappear with the older generations. Don't wait too long to do this, because as people age, they may not be able to remember the stories as clearly or accurately, or tell them in as animated a way. Just do it.

One way to get started is with some conversation starters, like:

- Tell me about a time you really laughed hard at something that happened at the cottage
- Tell me about your experience during Hurricane Hazel (or any other historical event)
- Every generation has to struggle. What were some of your struggles?

You can Google "National Day of Listening" for additional ideas, and go to "You Tube" to see a video on how to get started.

Water Tests Can Affect You

The thing about timing is that you can never predict in advance when it is going to be important! So it is best to have some level of preparation.

You may not be currently interested in selling your cottage, but you never know when that situation is going to change quickly. At least half of my clients did not know a year in advance that they were going to sell their cottage. The decision to sell often comes quickly, and is precipitated by some life change or by the timing suddenly being right for some reason.

You will need a water test if you are going to sell your cottage. Even if your water comes from the

lake, mortgage companies are now requiring a potable water test in order to provide a mortgage. As an asset, your cottage can be a source of collateral to you, but should you require money on short notice, you will need a potable water test. Whether you want to use your cottage as collateral, or a Purchaser needs a mortgage, you may be in the position of requiring a water test on short notice. If you do not have a UV system in your cottage, it may take you more than 7-10 days to get the filter installed and the test results back. In that time you could lose a deal.

Consider getting your water system in shape and testing your water in advance of requiring it. If you would like more information on having this done, don't hesitate to contact us. 705-645-2110

Geo-cache with your Kids at Johnson's Cranberry Marsh in Bala

Geocaching (pronounced geo-cashing) is a high tech treasure hunting game that's played all over the world! A geocacher can place a geocache in the world, pinpoint its location using GPS technology and then share the geocache's existence and location online. Anyone with a GPS device can then try to locate the geocache.

You need a GPS device, but if you don't have one, you can rent one at Johnson's Cranberry Marsh. Follow the co-ordinates to find the treasures the marsh has hidden. The rules are simple. Once you find the geocache: 1) sign the log book, and 2) if you remove something from the geocache, replace it with something of equal or greater value. That's it! To learn more about geocaching go to www.geocaching.com



Shoelaces That Don't Slip

On a rainy summer day, why not have some family activity that is interesting, useful and challenges your brains?

Knot tying is a skill that every cottager needs, so why not increase your skill in this area, as well as learning everyday applications for this new knowledge. Wouldn't you like to know how to tie a shoelace that will not slip, or to be able to tie a bow that sits perfectly straight? There is a website that shows you how to do just that. Athletic shoes are the height of fashion these days, and there are so many interesting new ways to tie shoelaces, that you likely have no idea about. For Instance, have you ever tried two colour checkerboard shoelace tying? Go to fieggan.com/shoelace to learn all the science and skill behind knot tying.

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