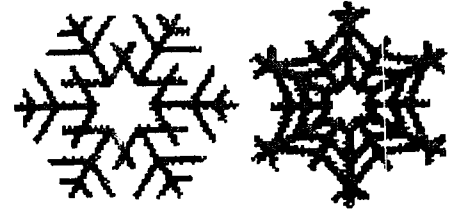


IN MEMORIAM Murray (Mo) Olyphant- 1923-2009



Murray Olyphant was a Renaissance man, his talents and interests, enthusiasm endless: family, nature, art, music, history, travel and on and on. We know him best as founder of Jaques Chapter (formerly Agassiz Chapter IWLA) in 1964 and creator of the IWLA Schuneman Wildlife Preserve located north of White Bear Lake. He started the chapter because of his concern for the BWCA.

He loved the 100 acre wetland known as the “Marsh.” : from the early days of digging potholes, to planting prairie and trees, acting as net man for birdbanding by his beloved wife, Janie. Always teaching about the natural world, Murray mentored many Boy Scouts in their Eagle projects and wanted the property to be an outdoor education center.

In his work life, he was an electrical engineer at 3M, held 11 patents and received many honors. He was an electronics enthusiast. After retirement from 3M he reinvented himself as a portrait painter and taught that phase of art. His pen and ink drawings were used in BWCA brochures and have decorated pages of the *Acorn* and *Waltonian*. He served as President of the White Bear Center for the Arts and encouraged the Northern Lights juried art show which is an annual affair as well as getting parents to teach art in the White Bear schools.

Music was another talent, playing the piano and keyboard, directing choirs, composing music and enjoying jazz.

Time with his family of three children, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren was especially enjoyable for Mo.

Murray was a wonder who opened the natural world to many. To honor his memory take a walk in the prairie or woods and observe nature.

A MEMORIAL TO MURRAY IS PLANNED. Jaques Chapter members are planning a memorial plaque noting Murray’s many contributions which will be sited at the Marsh with a tree to be planted in his honor.

How You Can Help at the Marsh

There are loads of jobs to do at the Marsh. Some of them can be carried out on an individual basis whenever you have time or the urge to get outdoors in a quiet, lovely spot. Others call for certain skills and have to be handled by experienced workers or professionals. A list of possibilities to choose from will be published in the next *Acorn*. List A will have jobs to do on an individual basis on your own time. List B will feature jobs that need teamwork and supervision.



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Scholarships Available for Summer Camp at Deep Portage

The Minnesota Division IWLA and Deep Portage Learning Center have developed a partnership to begin an Annual IWLA Northwoods Camp, a summer program to be held July 25-30 at the Learning Center which is near Hackensack, MN (in the Brainerd area). On a 6000 acre tract of managed deciduous forest, the Learning Center is one of three certified centers in the state. The summer camp is open to children 9-16 and parents and grandparents. The cost is \$400 per camper or \$700 for grandparent and camper or for parent and camper.

An intriguing list of activities available includes Invasive Species Watch, Environmental Advocacy 101, Sustainable Living, Shoreline Management, Canoe Skills, Climbing Wall, Bog Walk, Land Navigation, Fish Identification and Printing, Freshwater Testing and Macroinvertebrate Search, Campfire Songs and Stories, Natural Resource Planning, Outdoor Survival, Flyfishing and Tying, Intro to Archery, Campout and Cookout, Little Boy/Blind Lake Adventure. Lots of natural resources background in the curriculum.

Jaques Chapter IWLA will award several scholarships for the camp to campers interested in attending. You can get a scholarship application by calling Julie Henricksson at 651-426-2763. Find out more about Deep Portage at www.deep-portage.org or call toll free 888-289-9908.

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