



June 2018 Annual Work Trip Report

Work Trip Dates:	Saturday, June 16 through Sunday, July 1
Participants:	Jeff and Cyndi Alder Pam and Jeff Bahr Linda Alder Laura Lee Christian Hett Larry and Susan Hare (August trip)
Projects scheduled:	<p>At the Spring 2018 Meeting, it was agreed that the following four projects would have top priority—depending upon weather, skill level, and availability of labor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install GIFs for electrical safety.• Level the Big House.• Replace (build) Big House steps to kitchen.• Replace crumbling mortar on Little House chimney.
Projects added:	New adjustable-panel door for Birch Lee guest house and window.
Projects remaining:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level BH porch• Build BH kitchen steps• Install underground conduit to BH pump and build pump house• Install siding on BH addition• Remove rafters and install beam in BH living room• Build new entry way into BH• Reconstruct old BH outhouse and roof• Repair outside electric to BH steps• Put new roof on Ice House• Prep LH for kitchen replacement• Replace rock dock structure• Replace main dock structure
Projects completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some Big House rewiring was completed• Little House chimney and other structures chinked• Major portion of Big House leveling is done• Glass panels replaced in BH windows

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Arrived on the Islands June 16th, 2018. Installed pumps and general clean-up. Everything looked pretty good including the docks. No major trees down or other damage.

Lee Island - Little House

Lin started the priority chinking process on the Little House chimney and I was able to finish this job in August. The rock pile corner support holding up the corner of the LH porch was also chinked for structural and safety reasons. This priority project turned out better than expected and will have lasting results. The Birch Lee chimney will be evaluated and repaired as necessary in 2019.

Lee Island - Big House

Leveling and supporting the Big House foundation was another key project requiring an extensive time commitment from the assigned work crew. Seven braces were secured and cemented in key locations greatly improving the horizontal parallel of the structure. A new and safer location for the entry steps to the porch has been identified and will be constructed in 2019 along with other cosmetic and mechanical repairs. Several trees were marked for professional trimming and/or removal including the large pine tree growing through the gable end of the addition.

Speaking of professional help, Larry was able to repair and replace most, if not all, of the broken glass panes in the BH along with assisting me in rewiring a lot of the BH electric. Two new ceiling fans were installed in the original BH bedrooms and Cyndi was able to clean and organize the tool room.

A new couch with a pullout bed was acquired for the BH living room providing additional sleeping space to this previously partitioned area. I was also able to deliver to the island a large amount of 1x4x10 foot trim boards to replace many of the deteriorated pieces on the cottage and out-buildings, and burn a large amount of brush and building waste on our most recent October trip to the islands.

Birch Lee - Guest House

A key project involved replacing the small window on the gable end of the guest house. This job would have been much easier to accomplish prior to the installation of new cedar shingles on the gable end of the cottage the previous year. Several of the recently replaced cedar shingles had fallen off over the winter months due to the wrong fastener being used to attach the siding. Dad made the same mistake on the original shingles used on the house. In the future, pre-drilling a hole in the shingles and using a roofing nail should provide better results if this project progresses to the other three sides of the building. I found an original bundle of cedar shingles that can be used along with the leftover shingles. All are stored in the boathouse.

The corner trim on the guest house was also replaced and painted green. We ran out of the green paint but left a sample on the island with the paint code on the back in case additional material is needed.

The old entry door on the guest house was woefully constructed and dysfunctional so a new door was designed and fabricated to fit the needs of the building. The final product, complete with a fixed screen opening and sliding privacy partition, proved to be an ideal addition to the space and simplistic to operate...or so we thought. The design features apparently were not intuitive and should have included operating instructions. This situation

has been remedied and proper operation is shown in the illustrations on the attached picture pages. Reference them if you are still confused.

Birch Lee - Boathouse

The boathouse was purged of the mildewed items in contact with the wet floor so a hinged container was used to store many of the air mattresses and other water toys in this space. The boathouse floor has been continually subjected to Spring flooding the last few years so it would be wise to leave valuables in other, protected locations. Between the two islands 1015 pounds of garbage and debris were hauled to the dump with a total disposal cost of \$54 dollars.

Photos



