

Bella Rebecca Stewardship Award Nomination

This award will be presented each year at the BRCA AGM to those individuals within the BRCA Community who exemplify stewardship in their community efforts, along with the care and changes to their property within all 7 targets of our Stewardship Initiative. It is our objective to promote stewardship through example among our peers, therefore ALL members are eligible and the annual number is not restricted.

Nominee: _____

Person Nominating: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate within each category how this individual has met or exceeded the stewardship objectives. Examples may be how this person reforested their shoreline, removed an old boathouse, changed the colour of their roof or cottage to blend into the shoreline, acquired or donated property to preserve the area, lead programs to assure that non-residents using our lakes maintained the water quality, or contributed to the social aspect of our lake community.

Water Quality: _____

Fish & Wildlife: _____

Shoreline: _____

Trees & Vistas: _____

Development: _____

Character: _____

Social Life: _____

Please forward this form with your dues payment OR to any member of the BRCA Executive OR to your Lake Representative (noted in Directory & www.brca.on.ca). The deadline for nominations is May 1.

Bella Rebecca Community Association Stewardship Initiative - Executive Summary

Our **VISION** for the future of our lakes is . . .
 "A place where water quality, wildlife habitat, natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and peace and tranquility are maintained and improved for present and future generations to enjoy"

We will protect the natural, social & historic character of Rebecca & Bella Lakes, through a balanced approach in education, communications & voluntary compliance over legislative & regulatory constraint, within our targets:

Water Quality	Strive to rehabilitate the water quality of both Bella and Rebecca Lakes to pristine levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - monitor & preserve our waters - update septic systems - initiate & attend education programmes
Fish & Wildlife	Support a sustainable fish population including optimal habitat for naturally reproducing lake trout and small mouth bass, and maintain stability in the biodiversity of wildlife species and their habitat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - monitor & preserve - raise awareness
Shoreline	The protection and rehabilitation of the shoreline (littoral, riparian and upland areas) should be promoted to increase the amount of natural shoreline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preserve natural shoreline - encourage restoration of shorelines - appropriate boating behaviour
Trees & Vistas	The natural vista should be maintained. Buildings and structures should have a minimal impact on shoreline, and all shoreline structures other than docks are to be discouraged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stress maintenance of viewscape
Development	A cooperative working relationship has to be fostered between all community members to ensure that new development respects the environment and character of the lakes, as well as maintains property values.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - control public access to lakes - awareness of Stewardship Plan for realtors/buyers/LOB
Character	The historical, cultural, natural & recreational character of the lake is to be recognized, protected and restored, where appropriate. Future development must complement and be compatible with the historical, cultural and natural character of the lakes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encourage cottagers to build with stewardship sensitivity and with surroundings in mind - collect history of the area
Social Life	A range of social and recreational should be promoted that is consistent with the natural character of the lakes, preserves the health and ambience of the lakes, as well as fosters a sense of community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BRCA membership - Safe boating, & consideration of others - Foundation membership - Involvement in the community