

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakefest 2008 Enjoyed by All

On Saturday, August 13, more than 100 participants enjoyed Cayuga Watershed Network's 11<sup>th</sup> annual Lakefest, held this year at Goose Watch Winery in Romulus NY. The day was windy but warm, sunny and clear. This was a special occasion for us as we returned to the site of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lakefest.

This year we went back to our roots – gathering donations from local industry and stores. We are particularly grateful to Goulds Pumps, ITT and Wal-Mart in Seneca Falls for monetary donations. First on the agenda was a picnic lunch, provided courtesy of eight local groceries around the watershed, produce from a local farm, and breads from two bakeries. Dessert consisted of cookies provided by the Watershed Network Board and Committee members, and ice-cream bars provided by Seneca County Dairy Princess, Jackie Stilwell of Interlaken. As we ate, we enjoyed the mellow tunes of *Wendi Hunter and the Hunter Family*.



*Wendi and the Hunter Family*

Many valuable door prizes were available, and a silent auction was also held. We are grateful to the many donors around the lake for contributing these items. In the tent adjacent to the eating area, there were many

*Lunch*



interesting and educational displays. Interactive displays (e.g. tracing contaminants through the soil, painting "critter magnets", prospecting for fossils) were particularly popular

with the children, as were live critters. Games for kids were also provided. In addition to many

*Jackie Stilwell, Dairy Princess*



*Nunsense*



*Live Critters*



*Learning about Pollutants!*



repeat displays, we were delighted to welcome several new groups. Kids of all ages enjoyed *Pam Bryan and the Waterloo Library*



*Painting Critter Magnets*

Players who performed scenes from "Nunsense". During the annual meeting, awards to "Lake-Friendly Farms" were presented, and the annual Morehouse Award was presented to Finger Lakes Land Trust by Claire Morehouse, in memory of her late husband Dave – a founding member of the Watershed Network and an activist

in the promotion of good watershed practices.

*Claire Morehouse (right) presents Morehouse Award to Executive Director of Finger Lakes Land Trust, Andrew Zepp*

