

Lac Lawrann Spring 2008 CONSERVANCY

• NEWS AMONG FRIENDS •

From the Friends' President *by Gary Britton*

In the Winter issue of News Among Friends I mentioned that the board was seeking proposals pertaining to a financial feasibility study for a possible capital campaign. After reviewing the written proposals they received, our committee recommended that the board evaluate presentations from two of the companies. The board heard the presentations at a special meeting on January 30 and unanimously decided to enter into a contract with the **Macklem Group** for a capital campaign feasibility study. The goals of the study will be to determine if it is feasible for Friends of Lac Lawrann to conduct a capital campaign to fund the construction of a new nature center building and to lay the ground work for such a campaign if it is feasible. A Planning Team consisting of Friends' members **Jill Badzinski, Sue Bausch, Nancy Curtes, Craig Hoepfner, John Rozek, Dan Wilson** (chair), and **Joan Ziegler** is working with **Sam Macklem** on the study. It is expected to be completed around the end of June. This is another big, exciting step for Friends of Lac Lawrann and marks the beginning of the next phase of implementing the plan adopted in 2006. In conjunction with the feasibility study, the board has also begun to update the Lac Lawrann Vision Statement that was adopted in 2005.

Other news from within the board includes the election of new board members (see the article later in this newsletter) which brings the total number of board

members to 15, where it will remain for the foreseeable future. Special thanks go to **Carol Peterchak** who had been a board member since 2000 and chose not to be elected to another term. Among her other contributions, Carol has been an active member of both the Wildflower Sale and This Old Barn committees and has agreed to continue serving on them. We appreciate her past contributions to Friends of LLC and her willingness to continue with dedicated service on these important fund-raising committees.

The board's Finance Committee has a new member, **Gary Christianson**. He is a longtime member of Friends of LLC and

owner of Fireside Books. We are grateful for the knowledge and experience that he brings to the committee. This is an example of how the board is reaching out beyond its own members in order to expand the participation and contributions that other volunteers and Friends' members can make. There is currently a vacancy for a non-board member of the Nominating Committee. If you would be interested in serving on this or any other committee be sure to let one of the board members know.

I hope that each of you gets a chance to enjoy the spring ephemerals once they start blooming at Lac Lawrann in a few weeks. And I look forward to seeing you on the trails or at one of the many events listed on the last page in "What's happening this Spring." 🌸



Soon Lac Lawrann will be filled with the sights & sounds of Spring

Can You Host a Flower Sale Yard Sign? *by Debbie Spaeth*

Thanks to the generosity of Serigraph, we now have beautiful yard signs to advertise the LLC Wildflower Sale. There are 50 signs that we would like to distribute around the county. The signs are durable enough to be used for many years. We are looking for a variety of locations (and

would also ask your help to return the signs to LLC for storage after the sale.) If you can help with placing a sign, please stop at Lac Lawrann on Thursday, April 17 between 9am and 3pm to pick up a sign. Or contact **Debbie Spaeth** (dasdeb@sbcglobal.net or 414-870-7120). 🌸

Don't Miss it!
"LLC Wildflower Sale"
May 10th, 2008

Earth Day Every Day

Earth Day really is every day at Lac Lawrann, with our focus on wildlife, outdoor education, and conservation, but Earth Day is also a special day to celebrate how far we've come.



Earth Day was started by our own former Governor **Gaylord Nelson** in 1970. He worked with many people to make April 22, 1970 a day to reflect on the health of our planet and the sustainability of our actions. Reflecting back on the first Earth

Day, Gaylord Nelson stated, "the objective was to organize a national demonstration of concern for the environment so large that it would shake up the political establishment and force the issue onto the national agenda". That's what it did. 20 Million Americans took to the street and area parks to demonstrate for a healthier planet. Since then environmental conditions and concerns have become part of our everyday life.

Please join us Tuesday, April 22nd from 4-6 pm at Lac Lawrann Conservancy to celebrate Earth Day with free guided hikes, displays from area environmental groups, refreshments and at 4:30pm the dedication of our newly remodeled barn.

West Bend Mutual's Family Fun Day



In an effort to thank a supportive donor and reach out to people in the community we will be hosting a special event for West Bend Mutual employees and their families on Sunday, June 8th from 1-4pm. This Family Fun Day will take lots of volunteer

help. Are you interested in helping showcase the jewel that Lac Lawrann is? Volunteers can help by:

- Leading hikes
- Teaching or assisting with environmental games
- Manning a station on the scavenger hunt
- Answering general questions
- Making and dropping off snacks by 12:30pm

Giving of your time in any one of these ways will help us show a great supporter (West Bend Mutual's Charitable Trust) what they have helped us to become. If you are able to help in any of these ways please contact **Kate Peterman**.

21st Annual Wildflower Sale

We kicked the snow off our boots and turned up the heat in the farmhouse to kick off "Wildflower and Perennial Sale 2008". About 30 optimistic diggers, planters, marketers, cooks and sales people gathered to brainstorm ideas to make this year's sale the best ever. The Old Farmer's Almanac calls for average to above average temperatures for March, April and May. With that in mind we will eagerly look forward to the wonderful times we all share preparing for the sale.

This year we have purchased a small greenhouse.

It will be put up near the barn at the end of March and taken down after the sale. This will allow us to buy smaller less expensive plants and nurture them to sale size and quality. We all feel this is a great way to enhance the value of our plants and increase profitability.

The greenhouse plants will need daily attention- check temperature and possibly water plants. If you want to help with this in April or early May, call **Mary Stodola** at 334-5138 or email her at marysteinhart@yahoo.com.

Also new for this year's sale are lawn signs! These have been on our wish list for quite some time. Thanks to the combined efforts of **Jim** and **Nancy Curtes** who initiated the contacts and **Debbie Spaeth** who designed the signs and **Serigraph** who donated the printing and materials they are now a reality. We have 50 signs!! We look forward to seeing them strategically placed in town and in the country. The ideal spots are where there is foot traffic, stop signs or where traffic is moving at lower speeds. If you have any ideas or spots available, email me at Tess50@aol.com or call 414-881-4637.

See you in spring! 🌸

Lana Voigt



Jill Badzinski and Paul DeChant at work in the holding area at last year's plant sale



Maxine Ellis prepares for the sale

Schmidt House Wish List

- Shelves, cabinets, book cases
- 9X12 rug for parlor
- Chairs
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Runner for hall

WE CARE!

Remember to designate LLC's number 442240 in Pick N' Save's We Care Program. Sign up at the service desk with your advantage card and every time you use it while shopping a percentage of the total spent will be given to Friends. So far this year we have added \$247 to help with programs and expenses.

THANK YOU!!

Winter Gathering a “Growling” Success

Walking into the crowded room at the winter gathering you were able to see a flurry of friends chatting and laughing. After some brief thanks from **Kate Peterman**, LLC Naturalist, **Gary Britton**, Friends of LLC President, helped us to see the future of the Friends organization and how it is working closely with the Park, Recreation and Forestry Department to move forward with our mission of preserving and enhancing Lac Lawrann as a nature sanctuary for all to experience.



Randy Hetzel speaks with Lawrie Sharfenberg, Bev Hanson & Cindy Boettcher

Randy Hetzel surprised and intrigued us with his program on *Bears in North America*. His enthusiasm was

contagious. His stories were both worrisome and alluring at the same time. Randy's experience in the Rockies and Alaska working with bears made for a great program. We all learned a lot, especially about the bears found in



Speaker Randy Hetzel talks about his experiences with bears

like rice to bears, rice that moves”.

Like any Lac Lawrann event the food we ate (thankfully, no rice) was incredible and the company we shared couldn't have been better.

Overall it was a “growling” success! 🐾

Wisconsin. Perhaps the biggest lesson learned was that if there is carrion in the area – leave the area. Bears love old maggot infested meat, to quote Randy “maggots are

Meet the newest Board Members

At the Volunteer Appreciation Party, President **Gary Britton** introduced three new members of the Board of Directors who were elected during the last year.

Sue Bausch is the Director of University Relations for UW-Washington County. A lifelong resident of Washington County, she grew up on a farm north of West Bend and has always had a love of the outdoors and an avid interest in plants and gardening. A former Girl Scout leader, she remembers many visits to Lac Lawrann, and values the educational opportunities it offers so close to home. Other interests include hiking, biking, kayaking, traveling and enjoying the arts. Sue and her husband Brian, a part-time conservation warden and County Board supervisor, live near Fillmore.

Jo Sadownikow, her husband **Kraig**, and three young daughters moved from Jackson to West Bend in 2006 and love living near Regner Park where they are close to all the activities around town. She has always enjoyed the outdoors, having spent a lot of time camping with her family while growing up and being involved in Girl Scouts for many years. She owns a small Real Estate Company dealing mainly in Commercial and Industrial Real Estate and Property Management. Kraig runs

American Design and Build, Inc. in West Bend. Jo has already contributed ideas to the LLC Marketing Committee and is anxious to continue learning more about the Conservancy in the year ahead.

Dan Wilson's interest in Lac Lawrann started from his friendship with Lawrence and Ann Maurin. He is Professor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin Extension's Department of Community Resource Development and was on the LLC Policy Board from its inception in 1980 until 2000 so he is very familiar with the Conservancy. During his 32 years as the Washington County Community Development Coordinator he facilitated scores of nonprofit organizations, including the Friends of LLC, through the process of shaping their futures. His background is in landscape architecture/horticulture with emphasis on native plant communities and strategic planning. Dan's hobbies include enjoying life with his wife, Ann, and their three sons, as well as canoeing, fishing, camping, bicycling, cross country skiing, and other silent sports.

We welcome these new board members and appreciate their commitment to helping Lac Lawrann fulfill its mission. 🐾

50+ Years of Land Preservation • 25+ Years as a Conservancy • 10+ Years Friends of LLC

Lac Lawrann Conservancy is part of the West Bend Parks System.

Craig Hoepfner,
Director

Kate Peterman,
Conservancy Naturalist

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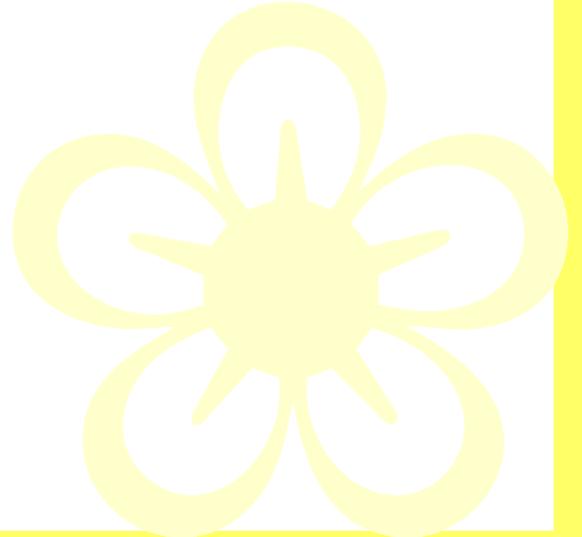
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What's happening this Spring

Educational Programs

(See Insert for Wildflower Sale Work Days)

- **Nature Bingo** – Tuesday, March 25
- **Spring Scavenger Hunt** – Thursday, March 27
- **Pond Ecology, Home School Days** – Monday, April 7
- **Spring Migration Bird Walk** – Saturday, April 26, 9-11am
- **Preschool Adventures** –
Wednesdays, May 14, 21, 29 and June 4
- **Night Hike, Things That Go Bump in the Night** – Friday, May 16
- **Scout Day** – Saturday, May 17
- **Hike-a-doodle-do** – Fridays, June 6, 13, 20, and 27
- **Invasive Plant Workshop** – Saturday, June 7, 1-4

Volunteer Days of Interest

- **Friends Board Meeting** – Wednesday, March 19, 7pm, Niche
- **Environmental Clean Up Day** – Wednesday, April 19, 9am
- **Earth Day Celebration & Barn Dedication** –
Tuesday, April 22, 4-6pm
- **National Volunteer Week** – April 27- May 3
- **Wildflower and Perennial Presale** – Friday, May 9, 3-6pm
- **Wildflower and Perennial Sale** – Saturday, May 10, 9-1pm
- **West Bend Mutual's Family Fun Day** – Sunday, June 8, 1-4pm
- **Friends Board Meeting** – Wednesday, June 11, 7pm, Niche
- **Business After Hours** – Wednesday, August 27, 4-6pm
- **This Old Barn** – Friday, September 14

For more information on the above please contact the Park Department at 262-335-5080. All activities are at Lac Lawrann unless otherwise noted.