

Lac Lawrann Summer 2007 CONSERVANCY

• NEWS AMONG FRIENDS •

From the Friends' President *by Gary Britton*

During recent visits to the Conservancy I have been pleased to observe activities that indicate our mission of "Preserving and enhancing Lac Lawrann Conservancy as a nature sanctuary for all to experience" is being carried out.

I noticed, and in some cases assisted, volunteers and our naturalist removing garlic mustard, dame's rocket and other invasive plants and then subsequently planting native species in their place. This activity certainly preserves and enhances Lac Lawrann as a nature sanctuary. On other visits I saw groups of students experiencing Lac Lawrann as they were led on field trips by our naturalists. These educational field trips are some of the most important activities that take place at Lac

Lawrann; for they provide not only a wonderful experience for these students at the end of their school year, but also an outdoor education that will enable them to enjoy, understand and appreciate the natural world about them in the years ahead.

In order to provide additional nature based programs, the Conservancy has a goal to construct a year-round nature center building. One of the annual activities that raises funds to enable us to do this is the flower sale. This year the flower sale resulted in gross receipts of over \$17,000 and a net profit of \$13,000. In addition to this,

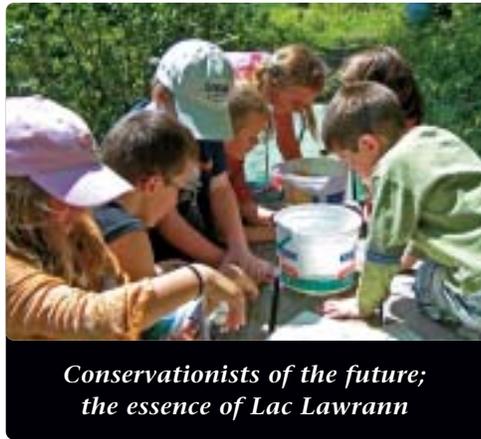
the sale brought in additional members for Friends of LLC and the sale of raffle tickets for this fall's This Old Barn, the other annual fund-raiser. Volunteers working on the sale were able to take advantage of two current works in

progress at the farmstead. Namely, the renovation that is underway on both the house and the barn. Several rooms of the house are essentially completed and were used extensively by volunteers during their work in conjunction with the sale. The repaired floor throughout the barn and the additional space available as a result of removing the loft provided a larger and more conducive area for setting up plants, crafts and informational displays.

The new sliding doors and the new

emergency exit doors enhanced the barn's appearance. The remaining work is expected to start back up again in the middle of June with a planned completion by the end of summer.

I would like to close by expressing my thanks and appreciation to **Kate Peterman**, our naturalist, all of the volunteers, and the members that make the activities I have mentioned above possible. It is the dedicated effort and contributions of each of you that enables the mission of Lac Lawrann Conservancy to be carried out. 🌱



*Conservationists of the future;
the essence of Lac Lawrann*

On the Go? Stop For A Brat!



Last year we had a fun time grilling up brats at Gehring's Meat Market. It turned out to be a great fundraiser and an opportunity to sell raffle tickets for "This Old Barn". This summer's dates are: Friday, July 27 (10am-5pm) and Saturday,

July 28 (9am-1pm).

Drive up Hwy 41 and exit on Hwy K then go north to 5618 Hwy K in Hartford.

Want to help out and work a shift? Call Kay at 644-7418 or Kate at 335-5085.

Don't Forget!
"This Old Barn"
September 14th

Beginning to Look Like a Home! *By Joan Rosenberger*

As work progresses on the Schmidt House, it is taking on a home like appearance. Before the flower sale, **Tony Spaeth** hung two mirrors donated by **Helen Kristaponis** and an embroidered picture donated by **Helen Yordi**. **Don Cohen** installed the light/ceiling fan donated by **Gene and Delores Kenney** in the office. He also installed a light/ceiling fan in the dining room and lights in the front hall and new kitchen. The front hall is painted thanks to **Kay and Herb Kieferndorf**. The steps need paint, but we intend to keep the banister as it is with just cleaning. The worn look is nice.

The biggest change is the restored front porch, which should be completed by the time you get this newsletter. Tony removed the brick and installed the door to the porch. **Ryan Johnson's** vocational building construction West Bend High School class built the porch following the old outline from the original porch. A BIG THANK YOU to Ryan and his students. Also thanks again to **Mike Melaney** our electrician from Moraine Park. He hooked up more

outlets before the sale, so we didn't have trouble with power outages.

Joan Ziegler donated a little table that fits beautifully

in the back hall and a small round table for the corner of the kitchen. We are waiting to get the pantry painted before unpacking a set of beautiful china dishes given by Joan. We will have to have a party to show them off! **Nancy and Jim Curtes** donated a full size stove for the kitchen. With the bigger oven we will be able to heat brats in a Nesco for the blue grass concert. Tony Spaeth donated the cedar flooring



West Bend High School Students Construction Class has been busy working on the front porch of the farmhouse

for the porch. **Thank you to all!**

We are still looking for old wood storm windows. 10 storms 31 X 62; 4 storms 31 X 32; and 2 storms 28 X 48. Storms that are slightly larger can be cut down and ones slightly shorter can be made longer. We can also use other household furnishings. Rugs, tables, cabinets, chairs, etc. Contact Joan Rosenberger 262-692-2491. 🏡

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. These contributions help with programs and expenses.

THANK YOU!!

Special Donations to Friends of LLC

In Honor of Betsy Winkvist
Staff Parish Relations Committee
Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church

Story Time Program
Fair Park School P.T.O.

In Memory of Armin Schwengel

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UWWC Media Plans for Lac Lawrann *By Nancy Bigler*

This spring, as part of a class project, two teams of students at the University of Wisconsin-Washington County campus in West Bend designed professional media plans for the Friends of Lac Lawrann.

The students were enrolled in **Iva Thelen's** "Introduction to Mass Communication" class, which provides her students with first-hand experience working with a nonprofit agency or company to create, plan, develop and present a professional media plan for the organization. The students were assigned two objectives:

- To increase the public's awareness of the Conservancy and its programs.
- To increase the number of members and volunteers.

It was a wonderful learning experience for the students as well as for the Friends who met with the students. The two marketing plans provide Lac Lawrann with many creative ideas for new programs, activities, and ways to improve our media messages. The Friends' Marketing Committee will meet to review the plans and to discuss ways to implement them. 🏡

Brood XIII Returns *By Kate Peterman*

Living in the Chicago suburbs 17 years ago, I remember the last time Brood XIII was here - the earth moving, the bark on the trees seeming to walk, the terror in teenage girls, the almost deafening noise. Happening in all of northern Illinois and the southern quarter of Wisconsin, I was in the middle of it. Yes, it was the periodic cicada that caused it all.

This year they return. They have been living underground the last 17 years eating sap from tree roots and growing from tiny nymphs (young) to about 1.5" long. They are already starting to emerge from the ground and crawl up the trees. Once there, they molt (shed their exoskeleton) for the 5th and



final time. The adult will then live for about 5-6 weeks, eating woody plants and looking to mate.

The female lays her eggs in slits in the trees and shrubs. Six to seven weeks later the newly hatched nymphs fall to the ground and burrow for the next 17 years, while we await their return in 2024.

I am interested to see, or shall I say hear, how many cicadas we have here (on the northern border of their range). Sure there are cicadas every year, but these periodical cicadas are a thrill to see because there are just so many – up to 40,000 from the base of one tree. So be on the lookout for the black bodies, red legs and red eyes and listen for the loud males singing in the trees. 🌿

Into the Wild Blue Yonder

Lucky raffle winner **Michael Scheberl** said he “really enjoyed” his recent afternoon airplane ride with **Don Curtes** in his T-34 post World War II Warbird trainer. The thrill of flying over the beautiful southeastern Wisconsin countryside, seeing farmland, woods, streams and lakes from the air is something he’ll long remember. We wish to thank Don Curtes for his graciousness in donating this very special raffle prize. 🌿



Raffle winner Michael Scheberl with grandson Logan Gornjak

Wildflower and Perennial Sale



Helpful volunteers make great sales!

The 20th annual Wildflower and Perennial Sale will be recorded in Lac Lawrann history as a great success! Sunny skies, helpful volunteers, healthy plants and eager customers combined to push the preliminary sales figures to over \$17,000. The renovations to the barn have allowed us to improve the sale by enhancing the hospitality, education and craft areas. The artistry and carvings of **Joan Rimmel** added to the venue.

We wish to thank every volunteer who helped to make the sale happen. This sale takes hundreds of hours of planning, planting, and digging, lifting, moving, constructing, organizing, downloading, emailing, labeling, cooking and cleaning. Work days were not always balmy and jobs did not always go as planned. These volunteers always made the best of it. Then, as we would break for our fabulous potluck lunches, all the troubles were forgotten and we shared endless laughs, stories and recipes.

This is an amazing group! Thank you all.

Joan Rosenberger and Lana Voigt 🌿



What's happening this Summer



Educational Programs

- **Geocaching** – Sunday, June 3
- **Hike-a-doodle-do** – Fridays in June or August
- **Campfire Cooking** – Saturday, June 9
- **Jr. Naturalist Camp**
6-7 years – June 11-14 or July 9-12
8-9 years – June 25-28
10-12 years – July 23-26
- **Muckin' in the Mud** – Saturday, June 16
- **Paper Making** – Saturday, June 30
- **Introduction to Lac Lawrann** – Sunday, July 1
- **Outdoor Survival** – Saturday, July 14
- **Butterflies and Flutter-bys** – Saturday, July 21
- **Milwaukee River Adventure Camp** – July 28-29

• **Native American Skills** – Saturday, August 11

• **Trees Please** – Saturday, August 18

• **Sensory Safari** – Sunday, August 26

Volunteer Days of Interest

- **Conservancy Stewards*** – Wednesdays, 9-12
- **Friends Board Meeting** – Wednesday, June 13, 7pm, Niche
- **Grilling Brats at Gehring's Meat Market*** – Friday, July 27, 10am-5pm and Saturday, July 28, 9am-1pm
- **Policy Committee** – Wed., Aug. 15, 3pm, PRF Conference Room
- **Preparation "This Old Barn"*** – September 11 & 13, 9am
- **"This Old Barn" Event*** – Friday, September 14
- Tentative late afternoon dedication of restored barn
- 6pm - Food and Refreshments
- 7:30pm – Big Cedar Bluegrass Band Concert
- **"This Old Barn" Clean-up*** – Tuesday, Sept. 18, 10am

Sign up for all educational programs with the West Bend Park, Recreation and Forestry Department at 262-335-5080.

*Denotes work days. We need your volunteer support! All activities are at Lac Lawrann unless otherwise noted.

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.

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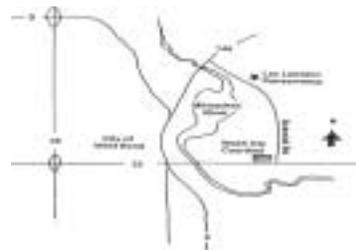
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