

# Lac Lawrann Winter 2010 CONSERVANCY

• NEWS AMONG FRIENDS •

## From the Friends' President *by Paul De Chant*

Lac Lawrann is a nature conservancy and like nature, change and evolution is a part of its DNA. As nature changes and evolves, so does LLC. This is my first note to you as President of the Friends of Lac Lawrann and I hope you will bear with me as the attempt is made to share some thoughts about my journey at LLC. I joined the friend's board in 2002, a year after **Gary Britton** had taken over the presidency. Over the course of the next 8 years the Friends organization grew and evolved, as did the conservancy. We enjoy an "at your doorstep" location as part of the West Bend City Park system. The 137 acres within LLC's borders encompass an enormous diversity of habitats. A mere 30-minute walk will take you through prairie, pine plantation, oak and maple forest, wetlands and back. In the process you will also walk through thousands of years of Glacial Wisconsin history. And all this "nature" is within the city limits of West Bend. Some have referred to LLC as one of the best-kept secrets of our community. Well, sometimes secrets need to be shared with all to be saved in their entirety.

The Friends Group and LLC grew and evolved under the careful leadership of Gary Britton. Its DNA was primed and set to undergo a series of changes that, unlike natural

evolution that occurs at random, are directed to forward progress. Education and family programs at LLC have reached volunteer carrying capacity and await more

volunteers to engage even larger numbers of students and families. The land calls for more of us to assist with trail management and invasive species control. And the plans for the education center await the moment to break forth with a major announcement. (Seriously, stay tuned for a major announcement!)

So, as nature evolves, so does Lac Lawrann within our community. The difference between nature and LLC is that you are and or could be involved in helping guide the conservancy that Lawrence and Ann Maurin envisioned for our community. Under the leadership of Gary Britton and the volunteers at Friends of Lac Lawrann Conservancy, the things that we are known for, the Flower Sale and This Old Barn, have built a strong and sturdy foundation. The blueprint for the rest of LLC's structure is taking shape along with

the education center's plans. I invite all of you to get out this holiday season to walk, snowshoe, and cross country ski the trails, and consider treating your family or someone else to a membership in the Friends of Lac Lawrann to help keep "Nature at your Doorstep." ❄️



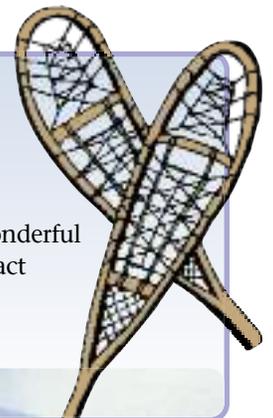
*Snowy, winter weather at  
Lac Lawrann*

## Winter Wonderland Family Fun at LLC

**Mark your Calendars! February 19th from 1-5 PM**

Enjoy the magic of the winter season at Lac Lawrann Conservancy with a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family. Outdoor activities including cross country skiing, ice skating, snow shoeing, sledding, snow fort building, survival skills class, nature related craft activities and

much much more! We'll have a warm bonfire to roast marshmallows and hot chocolate too. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity! For more information contact **Dawn Pilney** at [dawnpilney@att.net](mailto:dawnpilney@att.net) or call: 262-306-7192.



## New Members:

Steve and Candy Sarauer  
Rita Shanahan

## Donations

### *In honor of Karen Skuldt*

- Agnesian HealthCare

### *In honor of LLC volunteers*

- Linda Kleinhans

### *In memory of Richard Driessel*

- Clair and Nancy Bigler
- Gary Britton

### *In memory of Roger Bauer*

- Aimee Knosher
- Bob & Carol Broman
- Dan & Joanne Kline
- Jim and Nancy Curtes

## In support of This Old Barn:

Doug and Sharon Ziegler

Gary and Jean Britton

Don Cohen

Phill Crass

Joe Csuk

Jim and Nancy Curtes

Richard and Margaret Driessel

Richard Gerhardt

Geof Maclay

Ruth Marie Maschmeier

Julie Romagnoli

John and Mary Rozek

Sandy and Todd Sprinkmann

John and Barbara Trimble

Michael and Barbara Tyree

Fred and Sherry Ullius

Ron and Wendy Wosoba

Washington Co. Fair Park  
"Celebrate Families"  
Sunday, Feb. 13th, 2011  
11am - 4pm

## Music Once Again Filled the Air



Big Cedar Bluegrass Band entertained us on a mild fall evening in This Old Barn! The temperature was "light jacket weather" that was perfect for indoor and outdoor concert seating and we are pleased to report that it was a successful event. Volunteers hurried to prepare the food and serve the beverages. Guests lingered over an extended dinner hour giving them time to purchase last minute Raffle Tickets. The winners this year were:



<b>Jim Wahlgren</b>	\$500 Cash
<b>Dave Asmus</b>	Balloon Ride
<b>Joe Csuk</b>	Rustic Cabin Get Away
<b>Willard Rusch</b>	Big Cedar Bluegrass Concert Tickets
<b>Al Carrier</b>	Packer Tickets
<b>Joe Csuk</b>	Threshing Dinner at the Farmhouse
<b>S.E. Rank</b>	UWWC Fine Arts Tickets

## Threshing Dinner for Eight at the LLC House

The winner of the 2010 dinner was **Joe Csuk** of West Bend. It was held on Saturday, October 9th, hosted by the LLC Volunteers, with a wonderful menu, thanks to more LLC Volunteers.

Joe's guests included three generations of his family. They were Joe, his wife, **Gail**, their son, **Robert Csuk**, their daughter & son-in-law **Angel & John Yako**, their granddaughter, **Kayla Yako** and her friend, **Garrett Knowles** and family friend, **Rene Hackney**.

Everyone had a very enjoyable evening. Jim & Debbie, Co-Chairs for TOB, were presented with a thank you note from Joe as he and his guests departed. Included with the note, was a generous donation to LLC. And after the event, Joe delivered a framed picture of the cast of volunteers that were at the Farmhouse hosting and serving the event!

Like so many of the LLC events, the Volunteers and Guests at Lac Lawrann Conservancy are a wonderful combination.

*-Submitted by Debbie Spaeth, Co-Chair 2010 TOB Concert*



## Packer Game, Transportation & Tailgate Raffle Ticket



This was once again hosted by **Craig Hoepfner** and his wife **Judy**. **Al and Pat Carrier** were the lucky winners and "great people to be with". They enjoyed the event-- especially the

outcome! Cowboys and their "ex coach" didn't!

We thank everyone for supporting our TOB Fundraiser and hope you will try your luck again next year. 🍀



# Board of Director Elections *By Gary Britton*

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At its annual meeting September 29, the Board of Directors reelected three current board members, elected two new members to the board, and elected officers for the 2011 fiscal year. Current board members reelected to serve another three-year term include **Jill Badzinski**, **Sherry Ullius** and **Dan Wilson**. New members are **Barbara Tyree** and **Candy Sarauer**. All five will serve through October 2013. Tyree and Sarauer replace Sue Bausch and Gary Britton whose terms expired this year. Bausch, who is the Public Information coordinator for UW-Washington County, will continue to assist Lac Lawrann with publication of its annual report.

Britton served as president for 10 of the 12 years that he was on the board. During the last two years he and the board have been working on plans for a new building at Lac Lawrann that will provide year-round facilities in support of the educational and outdoor recreational activities at the Conservancy. Britton will continue working with Lac Lawrann volunteers and staff during additional planning and fund-raising for this educational building and will now focus his attention on these efforts. A new structure of officers and board leadership was described in the summer newsletter. Under this structure officers elected for the coming year are **Paul DeChant**, President; **Dan Wilson**, VP for Buildings and Grounds; **Nancy Curtes**, VP for Educational Programs; **Sue Millin**, VP for Marketing and Membership; **Jill Badzinski**, Secretary; and **John Rozek**, Treasurer.

## Welcome to New Board Members

New board member Candy Sarauer works in human resources for Regal Ware. She is on the board of directors for both Friends of Abused Families and



*Candy Sarauer*

Leadership Greater West Bend, is a Loaned Executive for the 2010 United Way Campaign, and a docent and member of the Washington Co. Historical Society. Candy loves the outdoors, and when she, her husband and their two sons moved to a 160 year old farmhouse in 1992, Candy promptly added a large vegetable garden and numerous flowers. She thinks Lac Lawrann is beautiful and looks forward to contributing to its continued success.

Barb Tyree was born and raised in West Bend, moved out of state following college, and later returned to West Bend to raise her own family. She worked for the City of West Bend as City Clerk for over 26 years and retired in 2008. Gardening has always been her passion and she will receive her Master Gardener certification in January 2011. She is an active volunteer at Lac Lawrann, working at the flower sale and with flower garden maintenance. Her interest in gardening and the community go beyond that as she will be assisting with the West Bend Community Gardens next year and plans on taking advanced Master Gardener courses through Washington County. Barb looks forward to working as a member of the Board and expanding her involvement in Lac Lawrann. 🌸



*Barb Tyree*

## Remembering Roger Bauer *October 10, 1926 – October 10, 2010*

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It didn't take Roger long after becoming a Lac Lawrann volunteer before he offered to develop new field trip curriculum K-Grade Five. He and **Betty Glennon** teamed up to make the words on paper come "alive" on the trails of the conservancy! He then became one of the regulars to lead school groups.

And next, the volunteer naturalists were eager to learn how he made it all look so easy when working with a bunch of rambunctious kids. Roger's group always returned to the shed excited about exploring nature with their leader, Mr. Bauer. We all benefited from Roger's respectful enthusiasm for the outdoors.

Paul De Chant adds "Roger was a great guy. He was a professor of mine at UWSP back in 1970.

Roger was the teacher I had right before I went out to student teach in front of 150 eighth graders. I felt confident that I was up to the challenge partly because of his class. He opened my eyes to a lot of good science teaching techniques. His teaching style and encouragement helped me to develop and keep an open mind about always looking to improve what I was doing in the lab and classroom with my students."

Roger, we will miss your smile, your friendship and your quiet teaching style. Your respect for the environment and how you shared it will be carried on by your friends here at Lac Lawrann. Thank You! 🌸

# LLC to Get a Facelift in 2011

With 2011 knocking at the door, members of the marketing team are already sharpening their pencils, and dusting off their keyboards, getting ready to give Lac Lawrann Conservancy a branding facelift.

The purpose is to increase visibility and the perceived value of LLC in our community and beyond. With a new tagline of **"Nature at your Doorstep"** the marketing team will develop an updated outreach strategy to better meet the needs of our growing organization. Some things to watch for are:

- An interactive website
- New kiosk signage and maps
- Updated display boards
- Online newsletters & email blasts
- An activity booklet and a series of collectible LLC baseball cards for kids
- More educational programming for adults and children

We welcome any new ideas from our LLC friends. Please send your suggestions to Sue Millin at [millinco@sbcglobal.net](mailto:millinco@sbcglobal.net).

## LLC Holds First Family Fun Night *by Sue Millin*

Over 150 Decorah Elementary students and their families attended LLC's first Family Fun Night on Friday, October 1st. LLC sponsored the family night to encourage children and parents to reconnect with nature. Grandparents, parents and children of all ages participated in activities at ten stations, such as a nature hike scavenger hunt, tree id game and an animal tracking activity.

Special thanks to Paradise Theatre for providing popcorn, the Decorah PTO for the apple cider and to the 27 volunteers who manned the activity stations. Fun was surely had by all. In fact, the evening was so successful

LLC will be expanding it to at least two more schools next year.

One of the goals of the Friends of Lac Lawrann is to bring Washington County residents out to the conservancy more often. In addition to the family fun nights, LLC also plays host to summer camps, and sometimes leads excursions into the meadow at night to watch for shooting stars. For more information on LLC programs or if you, your school or organization would like us to host an event please contact Kate Peterman at [petermak@ci.west-bend.wi.us](mailto:petermak@ci.west-bend.wi.us). 🌲



# The Twelve Days of Volunteering by Kate Peterman

(Creatively sung to "Twelve Days of Christmas")

On the *first day* of volunteering, one person said to me,  
"I'd like to groom the trails that I ski."

On the *second day* of volunteering, two said to me,  
"We'd like to lead scouts on the trails and see what we see"

On the *third day* of volunteering, three said to me,  
"We hope to cut more buckthorn, than can be."

On the *fourth day* of volunteering, four asked me,  
"Can we do some research on the trees?"

On the *fifth day* of volunteering, five asked me,  
"Let's work to build this trail, can we?"

On the *sixth day* of volunteering, six said to me,  
"Cutting woodchucks and spiders for Story Time's for me"

On the *seventh day* of volunteering, seven said to me,  
"We would like to restore interpark into prairie"

On the *eighth day* of volunteering, eight said to me,  
"We can't wait to sort flower pots in there, please."

On the *ninth day* of volunteering, nine said to me,  
"Special Events like This Old Barn, are done happily"

On the *tenth day* of volunteering, 10 said to me,  
"We'll teach school groups on a hike for some tea."

On the *eleventh day* of volunteering, 11 asked me,  
"Can we bring our whole family?"

On the *twelfth day* of volunteering, 12 said to me,  
"This is a great place; we all work wonderfully."



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I truly hope that you have been blessed by your connection to Lac Lawrann as much as I have. In this time of hustle and bustle, I think of how much you have taught me and how much you mean to me. Thank you to our one time and long term volunteers, you have truly made Lac Lawrann Conservancy. 🌱

*1. Before the restoration of Interpark, the land between LLC's Stodola Prairie and Royal Oaks Prairie, contained many invasive plants and divided two tracks of prairie. 2. Park staff worked many long days removing invasive plants during the restoration of Interpark. A contractor followed up with the larger and denser stands. Then park staff came back and sprayed herbicide to keep the woody species from returning and help restore prairie habitat. 3. The contractor working in interpark was able to take down the larger trees in a short amount of time. 4. Individual volunteers and groups, like this one from UWWC, make a difference at Lac Lawrann.*

Nature at Your Doorstep

City Hall Atrium  
"Friends & Volunteer  
Appreciation Party"

Sunday, Feb. 20th, 2011

3pm-6pm

"A Virtual Tour through the Conservancy"  
will be presented by Gary Britton

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

Craig Hoepfner,  
Director

Kate Peterman,  
Conservancy Naturalist

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### *Educational Programs*

- *Nature Story Time* – Thursdays, 10am, Niche
- *Riveredge Speaks Out* – Jan 18 and Feb. 15, 7pm, Cedarburg
- *Riveredge Speaks Out* – Jan. 25 and Feb. 22, 7pm, PAC
- *Winter Wonderland Family Fun* – Saturday, Feb. 19, 1-5pm
- *Nature Bingo* – Tuesday, March 29, 1-3pm
- *Spring Scavenger Hunt* – Thursday, March 31, 1-3pm
- *Pond Ecology: Home School Day* – Monday, April 18, 1-4pm
- *National Migratory Bird Day Walks* – Saturday, May 14, 9-11am
- *Scout Day* – Saturday, May 21, 1-4pm

**PAC** is the Washington County Public Agency Center at 333 E. Washington St. (enter off Indiana) • **Cedarburg** is the Cedarburg Cultural Center at W62N546 Washington Ave in Cedarburg • **Niche** is on the First Floor of West Bend City Hall • **PRF** Conference Room is on the 2nd floor of West Bend City Hall

### *Volunteer Days of Interest*

- *Niche Helpers* – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10am-1pm, Niche
- *Conservancy Stewards* – Wednesdays, 9am-12pm
- *Friends Board Meeting* – Wednesday, January 12, 5pm PRF Conference Room
- *Celebrate Families* – Sunday, February 13, 11am-4pm, Wash. Co. Fair Grounds
- *Appreciation Party* – Sunday, Feb. 20, 3-6pm, City Hall Atrium
- *Friends Board Meeting* – Wednesday, March 16, 5pm PRF Conference Room
- *Policy Committee Tour & Meeting* – Wed, April 20, 1pm
- *Wildflower and Perennial Sale* – May 7 (presale May 6)
- *This Old Barn* – September 16

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

