

Lac Lawrann Summer 2009 CONSERVANCY

• NEWS AMONG FRIENDS •

From the Friends' President *by Gary Britton*

While **Lana Voigt**, her committee and approximately 100 volunteers were busy planning, promoting, setting up and hosting the very successful annual Wildflower and Perennial Sale this spring, other volunteers were involved in several additional activities for Lac Lawrann. Many of these were a result of the January strategic thinking retreat that was reported in the spring issue of this newsletter. A brief description of some of these activities follows.

1) The board's Executive Committee has been meeting regularly to carry out its part in reaching the goals established during the January session. It established an ad hoc Building Committee consisting of **Cindy Boettcher**, **Paul De Chant**, **Craig Hoepfner** (chair), **Rob Jacques**, **Jo Sadownikow** and **Dan Wilson**. That committee has been reviewing earlier space needs analysis in order to establish minimal requirements for a year-round building and the projected costs for such a building. They will report their findings to the board at its June meeting. Also, the Executive Committee has expanded the Educational Program Committee and is examining the current structure of the board's committees and officers.

2) The Policy Committee held its annual tour of the Conservancy, and associated meeting, in April. Their agenda included a walk to, and examination of, Rainbow Lake from both the condominium and Wallace Lake Road access points. They also appointed **Bob Broman**, Friends of LLC board member, **Joanne Kline**, Policy Committee member, and **Kate Peterman**, naturalist, to form the core of a new Master Plan Committee. This committee will develop an updated comprehensive master plan for

Lac Lawrann Conservancy.

3) The Leadership Greater West Bend (LGWB) team of **Tim Dehring**, **Deb Lauenstein** and **Craig Walker** made the final edits in the flyer and poster they designed for LLC as part of their LGWB project to help Friends of

LLC increase its number of members and volunteers. Through the team's efforts West Bend Mutual Insurance donated the printing of 4000 flyers and 200 posters. The flyers include a membership form and are being distributed at Conservancy events and through student participants in LLC field trips and other activities. The flyers were used at the flower sale. You may already have seen the posters on display at various institutions and businesses in the community. A special thanks goes out to this enthusiastic and creative group of new volunteers!

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the above

activities, or if you would like to become involved as a member of one of the Conservancy's committees, be sure to contact one of the board or staff members, or attend one of the board's meetings. As we continue to expand the Conservancy's activities, the board is seeking to expand participation on its committees as well. You will note that each of the groups and committees mentioned above involve members of Friends of LLC who are not on the Board of Directors. We appreciate the extra efforts that these members and other volunteers have made on behalf of the Conservancy and those it serves. Through these efforts we will achieve the vision adopted by the board at its March meeting that "Lac Lawrann Conservancy is a hub for all people to enjoy, experience, learn, and care for nature". 🌿



Hike-a-doodle-do nature observers



Wildflower Sale Numbers Are In *by Lana Voigt*

The numbers went like this. We are 92 volunteers ages 9-95. We worked on 16 official work days and 2 sale days, March to May. Organizing the 22nd Wildflower and Perennial Sale required no less than 94 phone calls and 176 emails. This undertaking led to the accumulation of 1483 hours of digging, potting, pricing, watering, moving, carving, hammering, ordering, selling and countless other duties. Not to mention the 17 fabulous lunches we enjoyed, and the countless laughs and smiles we shared.

Add it all together and the result is 6600 plants, 13 willow trellises, 8 Aldo Leopold benches, 10 bird houses, 12 bundles of red dogwood, 12 wooden plant hangers, and 50 plus artistic creations by J. Rimmel. Now factor in 14 radio coupons, 39 volunteer certificates, 55 yard signs, 4 sandwich board signs, 100 flyers and 3 newspaper ads and everything is set.

The weather Saturday morning, the day of the public sale, started out in the 40's with wind and rain. Amazingly, as we started the opening ceremony at 8:50, the sun began to peak through and the rest of the sale was in the high 50's and pleasant. The crowd was

steady throughout the sale and feedback was positive. We had made a decision to lower our prices in response to the struggling economy and we feared that final number might

be significantly lower also. We were thrilled to hear that receipts came in at \$20,876.00 only \$500 less than last year's all time high! We have much to be proud of as we look forward to next year. 🌱



Buyers, sellers and plant experts mingle at the sale

Don't Forget!
"This Old Barn"
September 18th

Note of Thanks *by Debbie Spaeth*

Thanks to all of the LLC volunteers who helped to distribute the publicity pieces for the LLC Flower Sale. This includes the flyers at businesses, the small pads at checkout counters, the yellow yard signs and the sandwich boards around WB and surrounding communities. I did a short survey of customers as

they arrived at the sale and found that people were impressed with our advertising signs and flyers. As a matter of fact, most people mentioned seeing information in multiple locations. This happens because of all of you. Thanks very much for your help in the Publicity for the LLC Flower Sale. 🌱

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In honor of Story Time in the Schools

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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 **\$239** to help with programs and expenses.
THANK YOU!!

No Child Left Inside Farmington Elementary School

By Kate Peterman

Since the popularity of the book *Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder* by **Richard Louv** and the creation of the No Child Left Inside Act, more and more schools are thinking about getting children outdoors and the great benefits it provides. One such example is Farmington Elementary School.

For many years Farmington Elementary School 1st Graders have attended Lac Lawrann's Nature's Neighborhoods Program in the spring. About 5 years ago they decided to create a prairie garden at their school. Each year after the Wildflower Sale we would donate left over plants to help encourage their endeavor. The prairie continues to grow and they don't need any additional plants from us. What a success story!

When "Story Time in the Schools" took off, there was always interest on the part of Farmington Elementary. This year both the first and second graders were able to take part

in the monthly program. Four Lac Lawrann Story Time presenters visited the school to share environmental themed books and something hands-on only Lac Lawrann volunteers could do. The hands-on materials might be a bear hide and skull or seeds of all kinds. This really helps the students visualize and connect with nature.



Farmington students getting in touch with nature

A year ago in August, Lac Lawrann helped connect **Lora Schreiber**, fourth grade Farmington Teacher, with **Dick Finch**, LLC volunteer and photographer/author. That relationship has blossomed. Last fall Mr. Finch had an opportunity to share his photos and poetry with students at Farmington, and then challenged them to write an

ending to a story he had left unfinished. Numerous students responded with excellent conclusions, and the two best in each grade were rewarded with a copy of his book "Visions from Stony Creek". Recently the 4th graders visited Stony Creek at Mr. Finch's upstream conservation area.

Lac Lawrann volunteers are happy to be a part of leaving no child inside at Farmington Elementary School. 🌱

Volunteer Appreciation "There She Is Again!" by Nancy Curtes

Wherever you look at a Lac Lawrann function, work day, special event, educational opportunity, or outreach program, it seems that **Julie Romagnoli** is always there. A few years ago her husband, Guy brought her to the Lac Lawrann Flower Sale as a treat for Mother's Day. Being obsessed with plants and gardens, she delighted in the outing and became hooked on LLC.

Since she was still employed, her volunteer hours were limited at first gradually increasing until last year when she retired and started her full time career with "Friends of LLC". **Joan Rosenberger** and **Lana Voigt**

grabbed her on the Flower Sale committee and she began assuming more and more responsibility helping to make it another outstanding success.

Julie is also "crazy" about hot air balloons. She has attended the rally in Albuquerque, New Mexico and she got to fly with pilot, **Debbie Spaeth**, for a special birthday present.

Being so busy hasn't interfered with her studying and completing a Master Gardeners Program this spring which assures us that she will always be supporting environmentally sound horticultural practices. When **Sherry Ullius** asked her to become involved with "Story Time" and follow the Teacher Naturalist on field trips she enthusiastically agreed to give it a try.

The Wisconsin Museum of Art in West Bend is sponsoring "Catch Art in Action" which encourages families to "drop in" for special activities. **Kate Peterman** asked Julie if she would represent LLC to help the children learn how to contribute to their landscape by planting something in their yard or garden. Of course she said yes and spent all Saturday

afternoon instructing different age participants how to replant flowers left over from our sale.

Our thanks go out to Julie and all volunteers who support LLC and make our mission so important in their lives.

The next Wisconsin Museum of Art program will focus on "Animals and Plants" Saturday, July 18th. Visit online at www.wisconsinart.org 🌱



Julie shares her passion for plants with a young audience

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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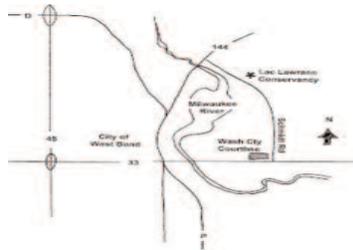
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What's happening this Summer

Educational Programs

- *Hike-a-doodle-do* – Fridays in June or Aug.
- *Campfire Cooking* – Saturday, June 13
- *Jr. Naturalist Camp* – 6-7 years, June 15-18 or July 13-16
8-9 years, June 29-July 2
10-12 years, July 27-30
- *Riveredge Speaks Out* – June 16 @ Riveredge, 7pm
Natural Lawn Care – Darrell Smith
– July 21 @ Cedarburg Cultural Center, 7pm
Ecology Underground-The Hidden Life of Soil – Terri Balsler
– August 18 @ Riveredge, 7pm
Lake Michigan- How Clean or Polluted are our Waters – Sandra McLellan
- *Migration Headache* – Saturday, June 20
- *Muckin' in the Mud* – Saturday, June 20
- *Amazing Race* – Saturday, July 11

- *Outdoor Survival* – Saturday, July 11
- *Trees Please* – Saturday, July 18
- *Native American Skills* – Saturday, August 8
- *Butterflies and Flutter-bys* – Saturday, August 15
- *Milwaukee River Adventure Camp* – August 29-30

Volunteer Days of Interest

- *Conservancy Stewards* – Wednesdays, 9-12pm
- *Friends board, PRF Conference Room* – Wed, June 10, 7pm
- *Amazing Race at LLC* – Saturday, July 11, 9am
- *This Old Barn preparations and set up* – Sept. 15 & 17, 9am
- *This Old Barn* – Friday, September 18, 6pm
- *This Old Barn clean up* – Monday September 21, 9am
- *Luminary Walk* – Saturday, October 17, 7pm

Italicized events denote work days. We need your volunteer support. Sign up for all educational programs with the West Bend Park, Recreation and Forestry Dept. All activities are at Lac Lawrann unless otherwise noted.