



# Woodland Dunes Nature Center Dunesletter

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## From the Director

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Forty years. Half a lifetime. A milestone. The beginning of a legacy, perhaps. A very happy anniversary that began in early 1974.

Nine hundred and ninety-three birds were banded that year at Woodland Dunes. Eight of those birds were recovered elsewhere. Three had lived- a sharp-shinned hawk caught at Cedar Grove, a rose-breasted grosbeak caught at Whitefish Bay, MI, and a red-tailed hawk found entangled in WI. The remaining birds-a flicker, woodcock, red-tailed hawk, house sparrow, and ovenbird, were found dead or were shot within a year. Such are the perils birds face. All of them are long gone now, and we know nothing of the remaining 985. But what has happened to the place they were banded is remarkable.

The minutes of the first organizational meeting I can find from 1974, written by Lyn Brouchoud who is still our secretary, mention the name Woodland Dunes Wildlife Study Area. Bird observatory and nature center were two alternative descriptions mentioned. Some ambitious goals included preserving all forested land in Manitowoc County, and banding 25,000 bird annually, in addition to providing education programs.

Our forest thinks nothing of forty years. That community has survived for thousands. For most of that time the land took care of itself. Later, it took care of our community, feeding and housing and warming people, and it did so for more than a hundred years. Now, we take care of the land, and in return it feeds our souls, and those of the countless beings that share it with us.

Children, now old-timers, loved this place. They come back and visit, and talk fondly about how they would roam the forest and follow it's streams which held nicknames like the Nile River and Forget-Me-Not creek. The woods was large enough to justify a packed lunch to sustain an all-day outing. They shared the ridges and swales with grazing cattle, mink ranches, and egg farms, but still found the wilderness they needed in the ferns and frogs and bunchberries. One had tears in his eyes when he expressed his gratitude that it had been preserved.

The spirit of those children still lives here- a desire for exploration rather than consumption. Bernie shared that curiosity, and revealed the spirit to us through his interest in birds. It turned out that spirit resided in thousands of us, who together have made this place possible and have sustained it for forty years.

As we celebrate our forty years, remember what's important. Every plant, animal, and person of Woodland Dunes is a part of the same community, and we're all needed to sustain each other.





# CALENDER OF EVENTS



## Updates:

All hiking trails, except Cattail Trail and part of Willow Trail, will be closed from November 22nd - Dec. 10th for the gun deer season.

## Closed for the following holidays:

November 27th & 28th  
December 24th, 25th & 31st  
January 1st

## Contact Information:

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Two Rivers, WI 54241

Phone: (920) 793-4007

Website: [www.woodlanddunes.org](http://www.woodlanddunes.org)

Like us on Facebook and stay updated on events!

## Herbal Gift Making Class

Tuesday, December 9th  
6:00-8:30pm

Members: \$35  
Non-members: \$40

Join herbalist Linda Conroy for this fun, hands on class! Make approximately 6 herbal items to give this holiday season! Gifts may include lip balm, felted soap, herbal condiments, dream pillow, herbal tea blend herbal massage oil. Learn about herb varieties while crafting too. All supplies provided; decorative packaging provided as well. **Registration and payment required by Wednesday, December 3rd.**

## Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Saturday, December 27th  
9:00-11:30am  
\$2 per child

Enjoy a friendly morning counting birds for the National Audubon Society's 115th Christmas Bird Count. Small groups led by experienced birders will walk a trail, document bird species and tabulate results. The bird count is for children ages 8 and up.

Kids ages 4-7 can join us for the Budding Birders program while their older siblings are on the trail. Learn about birds and help decorate a tree for the birds! Kids must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration required by December 22nd.** Call 920-793-4007 or email [jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org).

## Kids' Nature Club

Second Thursday of the Month  
9am Guided Nature Walk  
10am Guided Nature Activity  
\$2/participating child



All families with children and teens are invited to the Kid's Nature Club! Enjoy a guided nature walk followed by a guided nature activity. Please bring weather appropriate clothing, binoculars if you have them, a water bottle and comfortable shoes/boots. Kids' Nature Club is for all ages, especially young children. Children/teens must be accompanied by an adult.

RSVP to Margaret Pauwels at [obyrrml@yahoo.com](mailto:obyrrml@yahoo.com) or 732-1562, by the Monday before the program.

**\*\*\*December we encourage you to participate in the Christmas Bird Count for Kids on Saturday, December 27th from 9:00am-11:30am. See information to the left.**

**\*\*\*January - no meeting**

**\*\*\*February 12th - Snowshoeing!  
Registration required,  
space is limited.**



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## Full Moon Walk

Monday, January 5th  
6:00-7:30pm

Donations are appreciated. Enjoy a self-guided walk, snowshoe or ski by the light of the full moon at our Nature Center! Bring family and friends along for this great experience. If there is snow, adult and kids' snowshoes will be available to rent on a first come first served basis for \$5 a pair. You can also bring your own snowshoes or skis.

## Bird Viewing Area Grand Opening Date TBA

Join us for the grand opening of the new bird viewing area inside the Nature Center! Generous support from Alyea family. Enjoy bird watching, song bird banding demonstrations (weather permitting) and coffee sponsored by SeedNBeans.

## Spaghetti Dinner

Monday, January 19th  
4:00-7:00pm

Location: Two Rivers Family Restaurant

\$8 per plate

Baked goods available for purchase

Enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner at the Two Rivers Family Restaurant and support Woodland Dunes Nature Center! All proceeds support our environmental education programs.

**No reservations required.**

## Candlelight Night

Saturday, February 7th  
6:30-8:30pm

Members: \$5; \$15 Family  
Non-Members: \$8; \$20 Family

Enjoy an evening stroll along a candlelit trail, live music and warm beverages.

Learn about winter constellations (weather permitting) and enjoy an outdoor fire. A fun, relaxing evening with friends and family. Adult and kid's snowshoes available for use (if there's snow) or bring your own. Baked goods available for purchase. Held at the Nature Center.



## Exploring the Landscape Family Series: Winter

Saturday, February 21st  
9:30-11:30am

Donations are appreciated. Join us for a new series focusing on nature play and exploration for families with young children (children ages 10 and under). Enjoy winter activities that encourage outdoor play for both caregivers and children. This is a program the whole family participates in!

Dress for the weather. Located at our Nature Center. **\*\*More information on page 6\*\* Registration required by February 18th. Sponsored by WEEB**

## Save-the-Date

**Dash at the Dunes 5k Trail Run/Walk**  
Saturday, April 25th

**Bird Breakfast and Migration  
Celebration & Grosbeaks Galore Workshop**  
Saturday, May 9th

Check on our website, [www.woodlanddunes.org](http://www.woodlanddunes.org) and our Facebook page for more information as the date for the event gets closer!

# Thank you

## **Education Support**

Thank you to all Teacher Naturalists who helped with fall programs! We could not offer the community these amazing opportunities without you!

## **Memorials**

*In memory of Dave Evans*

Donna Drexler

*In memory of Rita Londo*

Helen Bleser

*In memory of Mary Peterson*

Amy Mullins

*In memory of Donna Feest*

Helen Bleser

## **Sponsors:**

### **Farm to Table Dinner:**

Trusted Earth Farm  
Holiday Inn in Manitowoc  
Captain Walk's Winery

### **Owl Fest:**

Kohls  
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### **Fund Drive Donors**

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### **Grants**

Manitowoc River Watershed  
Project – LNRP  
West Foundation

## **Donations**

Greg Scheuer & Merrie Star –  
Butterfly Garden  
Bay Care Clinic Foundation –  
Dash at the Dunes 2015  
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Seeds 'n' Beans

## **Matching Funds**

US Bank  
Dominion Foundation  
Ameriprise  
Bristol-Myers Squibb  
Foundation

## **New Members**

Mike Skornicka  
Paul Klein

## **NEW Bird Observatory**

We are excited that work has begun on the new bird observatory at our headquarters. The addition will be twelve feet wide and four feet deep with plenty of window space (which will be bird-safe) overlooking our bird feeding area. If funding permits, we will add a second video camera that can be accessed from our website when the ospreys aren't on their nest.

The project is in memory of Esther Johnson and Jean Olson and is made possible through the generous contributions of Jack and Laurel and Fred and Charlotte Alyea. The foundation has been installed, and the remainder of the project will begin after Thanksgiving. We plan to use the observatory for our Christmas Bird Count for Kids in late December, and have a grand opening in January.

## **Volunteer Spotlight**

Don DeBruyn



### **Get to Know Don DeBruyn:**

#### **1. How long have you been involved with Woodland Dunes?**

My wife and I have been financial supporters of Woodland Dunes for many years as guarantors. I served on the Board for 6 years (2006-2012) and have been serving on the Property committee now for 6 or 7 years. I have helped out with many special events and have also been able to help with removing invasive species. We believe in the mission of Woodland Dunes to preserve and educate people about our natural environment.

#### **2. What do you most enjoy about being involved with Woodland Dunes?**

I have always enjoyed nature, being outdoors, and learning new things about nature. I enjoy working with like-minded people on projects to preserve and enhance our natural environment.

#### **3. What are some of your other favorite hobbies or pastimes?**

I also enjoy gardening, bicycling and canoeing and walking our dog. I have an interest in renewable energy, and we have installed solar hot water and solar PV and solar heating on our house.

# 2014 Membership

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# Education



## Exploring the Landscape: A New Program Series for Families

Are you interested in getting outdoors with your family, but are unsure of where to start? Do you need fresh activity ideas or suggestions of where to play outside? Did you know Woodland Dunes has a kids' room and outdoor play area? Did you know it is free to use? You are invited to join us for the Exploring the Landscape series in 2015 to learn more.

With generous support from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), the series will offer families with young children the opportunity to explore nature through the four seasons. It will also highlight the resources that are available in the Little Wings room and outdoor natural play area at Woodland Dunes. Each program will be designed to engage the children and the caregivers, so parents can share in their child's wonder of the natural world. Caregivers, be ready to participate and play! Activities will change with each season and families will be sent home with information on the activities they participated in that day, as well as other ideas they can do on their own.

Why get outside with your young children? Children who play outside are more likely to care about the environment when they are adults. Also, research strongly suggests kids need connections with nature as a regular part of their healthy growth and development.

### Regular time spent in nature:

- Promotes better social and physical development
- Improves fitness and motor skills and well-being
- Reduces stress and anxiety
- Boosts collaboration and reduces violence and bullying

Please join us for some seasonal fun! The first program will focus on exploring the winter landscape and will be held Saturday, February 21st from 9:30-11:30am. Dress warmly for the cold as the majority of the program will take place outdoors. Boots, snow pants, hats and gloves are recommended for all family members (parents too!)

**Registration is required by Wednesday, February 18th**, so please call or email Jess at [jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org).

## Thank You West Foundation

Woodland Dunes would like to thank the West Foundation for the generous grant we received recently in support of our education programs. This support is vital and helps educate thousands of school children and families each year. Thank you for your continuous support!





# Land Management

Before



## Program Update



After



It's been an exciting year for land management. We secured a grant from the DNR to treat Phragmites on the West Twin River and East Twin River, up to the first dam, over 5 years. This year was an exceptionally good year as far as weather and water level for treatment, and we treated approximately 10 acres of Phragmites.

Although we had approximately 30 acres mapped, most stands were so dense that the middle could not be reached and will be treated in following years. We also received grant money through Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) to treat Phragmites on the Manitowoc River (1.25 acres) and at the Manitowoc County Recycling Center on County Road R (0.25 acres). Grant money through LNRP also allowed us to treat Japanese Knotweed along the West Twin River in Shoto.

Follow up treatment will be needed at all the sites for two to three years, and we have the funding to do it. It is important to partner with our neighbors and help them with invasive species management when possible, as these can act as source populations for our preserve as well.

Through other grants from US Fish and Wildlife Service, the West Foundation, WI Department of Administration's Coastal Management program, and many other partners, we (along with many volunteers) were able to plant over 2,500 native trees and shrubs this year. These replaced invasive trees and shrubs we removed with help from approximately 200 volunteers. This effort is part of a larger initiative called Restore the Shore. This project is aimed at removing invasive species and replacing them with native species which are beneficial to migratory song birds and other wildlife.

We look forward to continuing these efforts in 2015.

## Ways of Giving- Celebrate our 40th Year with Us!

Woodland Dunes is a non-profit organization and provides educational programs for youth and adults while maintaining 1,300 acres of land for the community to enjoy free of charge.

Over the past 40 years, we have banded over 30,000 birds and educated over 100,000 school children through field trips alone.

Please consider making a donation.

I wish to support Woodland Dunes with the following donation:

\$10\_\_\_ \$25\_\_\_ \$50\_\_\_ \$100\_\_\_ \$200\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_

Name(s) (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Woodland Dunes and return this form with your donation:

Woodland Dunes, P.O. Box 486, Two Rivers, WI 54241

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