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FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have planned and planned for this time . . . our sweet and all-too-short summer. Extraordinary thanks to all of our volunteers who are making our projects and dreams a reality.

These important volunteers include John Durbrow and Pat Dewane, who along with the West Foundation have made our acquisition of wooded land on the very south end of our preserve possible. Because this land is so close to the shore of the Lake, it can be an especially important migratory stopover area for songbirds. We've applied to the Wisconsin DNR for assistance with a restoration of the wooded wetland on this site and are awaiting a response.

While restoration projects are important for the welfare of birds and other wildlife, we also need to do the same for our organization. Every time someone gives a donation to us, they do so with the trust that we will be here forever to take care of the land and continue our nature-based programs.

For many years, our emphasis was on assembling the pieces of our preserve and building our education program, which is where we directed our resources. Now, we are working toward sustaining them. Our Finance Committee and Board have done an outstanding job over the last year building toward that goal. Similarly, four families in particular have wished to donate

to an endowment for Woodland Dunes: Pete and Judie Stuntz, Jack and Laurel Alyea, Bob and Grace Peppard, and Steve and Gail Winter. Steve and Gail Winter worked with George Reis to establish an Education Endowment specifically for the benefit of Woodland Dunes.

Currently, we are working with the Lakeshore Community Foundation, who will manage our general endowment. We are continuing to receive inquiries about our endowment and are pleased to be working with professionals who will manage our donor's dollars (your hard earned money) in the best possible way.

Making financial choices for an organization is in some ways similar to managing home finances. We can always look around and find things that need improving in our facilities, but it's very important to put some funds away for the long-term welfare and stability of the organization. We celebrate that we have reached this milestone in the life of the organization.

As we launch headlong into another busy summer, I thank everyone who has contributed to this long-term, sustaining effort. If you have any questions about contributing to Woodland Dunes in a planned or long-term manner, please feel free to contact me. And thanks to all of you for your support.

~ Jim Knickelbine, Executive Director

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Remembering Bernie Brouchoud

This is the time of year that birdwatchers long for. Right now millions of migrant birds of all kinds are returning to and passing through the area. As I write, orioles are gulping orange pulp and grape jelly while warblers are singing in the trees. The trees themselves are getting ready to blossom. Despite the hardship of winter, and a blizzard just three weeks ago, new life presses on and washes over the land.

It was in this season more than 80 years ago, that Bernie Brouchoud was born. Bernie was the founder of Woodland Dunes and was the most curious person I've ever known. He spent countless hours of his boyhood in Mishicot and Two Rivers, exploring the woods. He taught himself about birds and wildflowers and grew to know them in extraordinary ways. He befriended local naturalist and bird bander, Winnie Smith of Two Creeks, who wrote this column years ago, and he later attended the University of Wisconsin to study more formally.

“A man with a great legacy has left a large gap in our community. There would be no Woodland Dunes without him.”

Bernie lived an unconventional life, and although his early passion was for natural history, jobs in the field were not easily found. Bernie always kept nature in his life, however. He was a Fuller Brush salesman, which allowed him to be out on the road where he could keep track of birds. He ran a gas station that had a bird banding station in the backyard. He managed a produce department of an A & P grocery store, yet found time to band birds before or after work.

More than 50 years ago he recognized the importance of the big woods between Manitowoc and Two Rivers. This area was full of birds and he banded tens of thousands of them there. He also worked with groups of students in the process. Bernie talked with others and assembled a group focused on preserving what is now Woodland Dunes. He orchestrated the first land purchase by the non-profit in 1975. Bernie was the first President of Woodland Dunes Board of Directors, and for more than 30 years, its Executive Director. He received many awards for his work in conservation, including those from the Isaac Walton League, the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, and the Manitowoc County Conservation Hall of Fame. But his greatest accomplishment – his wonderful and loving family.

Bernie demonstrating banding saw-whet owls to a group



Bernie's twinkling grin

Wanting to learn about bird banding, I first visited the newly created Woodland Dunes in 1975 as a high school student. In the 1980s, I found a pelican in the West Twin River and decided to stop in the little nature center to find out if they were common. This was the first time I really talked with Bernie one-on-one. He convinced me that I should put my conservation degree to work and become a volunteer. A few years later I would join him on the staff, part-time. I'm glad he gave me the nudge.

Bernie retired from his Executive Director position in 2004, but remained active in the organization for the rest of his life.

From the first 40-acre parcel of woods purchased in 1975, the nature preserve has continued to grow to the 1,500 acres it is today. Each year, thousands of school children come to learn and thousands of people visit to enjoy the preserve and its trails. While Bernie worked single-handedly for a long time, the demands of our education programs and land management have grown to needing six staff people.

Bernie Brouchoud passed away last week. A man with a great legacy has left a large gap in our community. There would be no Woodland Dunes without him. Although he is no longer with us in the physical sense, his presence will always be felt and he will be remembered. It's almost a gift of nature that he passed during this special time of year. It's as if his spirit was lifted by the beautiful birds he loved so much and carried tenderly on their journey in the sky.

Planned Giving Lasting Act Of Kindness



Are you passionately interested in our mission of habitat protection and nature-based education? Do you wish to see Woodland Dunes sustainable years from now? If so, you can make a gift that will support Woodland Dunes and its mission in perpetuity by contributing to our endowment fund.

Your generosity is an act of great vision. You will leave a legacy that ensures Woodland Dunes serves the community for many future generations.

To contribute to the endowment fund, please contact Executive Director, Jim Knickelbine, at 920-793-4007 or email: nature@woodlanddunes.org.

Land Management

Connections In the Preserve

Woodland Dunes was founded on a love for birds. Today we continue to improve the land that feeds and protects them, while managing for other interesting wildlife and the enjoyment of our community.

We recently received a two-year grant from the U.S. Forest Service to plant approximately 4,500 trees and shrubs in our forested wetlands. We will plant half of the trees this year and half in 2019. This amazing amount of valuable work wouldn't happen without the help of our volunteers. This grant will both enhance the quality of our coastal wetlands and help us manage the inevitable loss of ash trees due to the emerald ash borer.

We are improving bird-nesting sites and adding three more purple martin houses by the lighthouse in Manitowoc, while adding tree, shrub, and wildflower habitat there as well. We are also enhancing 200 acres of prairie habitat this fall.

We do these things to maintain the connection between humans and their environment. A great example of this can be seen at our nature center, where we have an osprey platform. Ospreys have been actively nesting here since the platform was put up. Thanks to many community partners, including our land management volunteer Steve Lankton, we've improved our webcam technology to offer live views to the world at large of our Osprey raising their young.

For more information about the invasive species workdays or to volunteer, call Jeni at 920-793-4007 or email jenniferp@woodlanddunes.org.

– Jennifer Klein, Land Management Coordinator



Dorothy Star Butterfly Garden

We're all a-buzz in the Butterfly & Bee Garden! An eager group of volunteers is ready to welcome our flying friends as the garden blooms into spring colors!

The mission of our garden is to ensure a suitable and sustainable environment for butterflies, bees, dragonflies, and similar creatures to allow them to thrive in all stages of their life cycles. We provide a sunny location protected from wind. We nurture nectar and host plants, and we grow native plants and selected non-native plants proven to be effective for the life cycle of our targeted creatures.

We recently became a registered Monarch Waystation, so check out our sign as you enter the garden! We are also developing an organized composting system. We'll highlight those projects and more in future newsletters.

Upcoming activities in the garden include a family art activity on June 11 called "Rockin' the Butterfly Garden" which is offered in partnership with Rahr West Art Museum and sponsored by Manitowoc County Master Gardeners. There's also a composting program on July 26 called, "Household Composting: It's in Your Hands," featuring Jon Reisenbuechler as guest speaker. You'll also see us during Bird Breakfast, Owl Fest and, of course, any day when we're busy weeding, mulching, watering, and all the other fun things we do there!

Our garden couldn't thrive without dedicated volunteers. We're always looking for people who love spending time in sunshine among gently fluttering butterflies and colorful flowers... while listening to the friendly chirping of birds and the busy hum of bees. Please contact Wendy at wendyl@woodlanddunes.org if you'd like to help!

–Wendy Lutzke
Environmental Educator/Butterfly Garden Coordinator

Heard Around the World

Woodland Dunes is getting the word out on the battle of invasive species through the PlayCleanGo program of the Minnesota DNR. Our activities to enhance the Manitowoc containment with volunteers, including 3rd and 5th graders from Madison Elementary School, were published in their spring newsletter. The PlayCleanGo readership ranges from Alaska, Canada, the continental US, and Mexico. Woodland Dunes hits a homerun internationally!

Nice job Jen, Jim, and all the volunteers who made this happen and are still working on it today!

Story here: www.playcleango.org/partner-news-spring-2018



Jim Knickelbine, UW-Manitowoc Distinguished Alumnus Award

Congratulations to Jim Knickelbine, Executive Director of Woodland Dunes Nature Center upon receiving the *Distinguished Alumnus Award* on Friday, May 4 from UW- Manitowoc.

Here is a bit of what Dr. Charles Sontag, who was Jim's teacher and mentor, had to say while presenting the award to Jim.

"It is my great honor and pleasure to be presenting Jim Knickelbine with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. When this remarkable young man appeared in class, I knew he was going to make good things happen.

His academic skills and hard work ethic transferred seamlessly to his role first as a naturalist and then as Director of Woodland Dunes. Woodland Dunes is now both his classroom in the community, and the environment that he helps to protect. His message is both urgent and profound. In his role as Executive Director, he has transformed Woodland Dunes from a best-kept secret to an internationally known natural area and educational facility.

Woodland Dunes is now serving as a model for nature centers to serve the needs of the environment.

Jim is one of those remarkable individuals that come once in a lifetime, and it was my good fortune that he came early in my life. Congratulations to Jim on this richly deserved recognition of *Distinguished Alumnus of UW-Manitowoc.*"



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Woodland Dunes Nature Center would like to congratulate Dr. Barry Bast who also received the UW-Manitowoc Distinguished Alumnus award this year. Dr. Bast has been a long time supporter of Woodland Dunes and a great asset to our community.

Congratulations, Dr. Bast!
Well deserved!



Dash At The Dunes Laughs At Snowstorm!



Congratulations to overall winners:

Female: Jennifer Choudoir, Time: 19:14

Male: Robert Finke, Time: 17:34

Thanks to our sponsors who helped us raise over \$11,000 for programming at Woodland Dunes:

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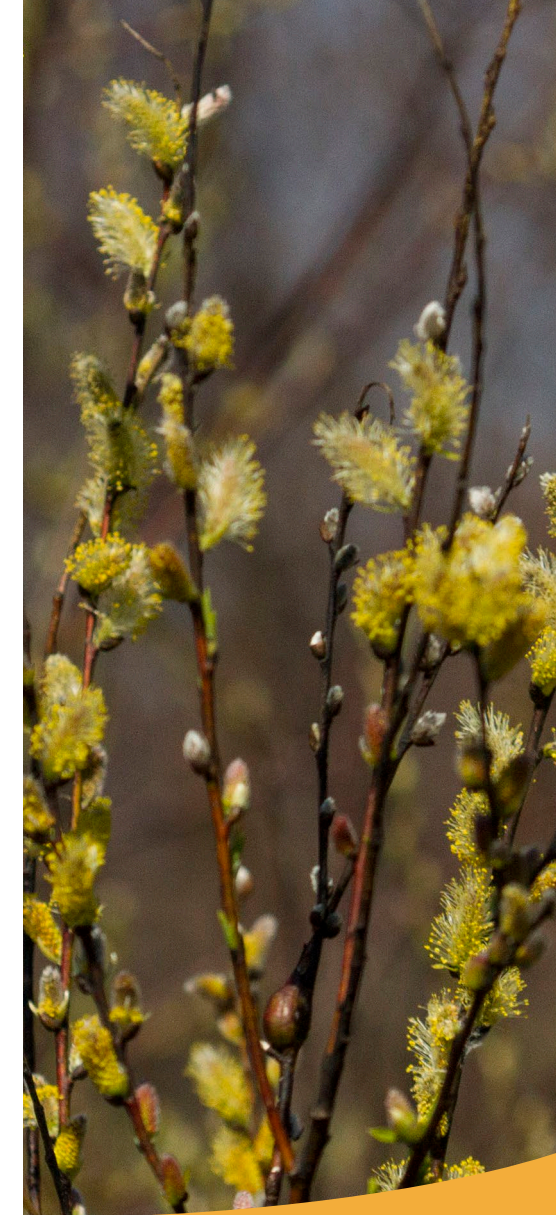
A big thank you to our 30 volunteers who worked on the course and kept the participants safe, fed, door-prized, and happy!

What a great way to bring in spring – dedicated Dashers laughed at the crazy snowstorm that hit just five days before our annual 5k trail run/walk and laced up their shoes anyway.

With a bit of calculated re-routing and a lot of help from the Two Rivers Police Department and Public Works Department, 230 walkers and runners took to Memorial Drive and Columbus street to make sure this annual event went on without a hitch. This was the first year the event was diverted from the wooded and scenic trails, but the participant's safety was our utmost concern.

Congratulations to all who participated!
We look forward to seeing you again next April!

- Nancy Nabak, Communication & Development Coordinator



A thank you letter to Jen, our land management coordinator, from a 7th grade student who had spent a day of learning about invasive species:

Dear Jenny,

Thank you for teaching us about invasive species (especially honeysuckle). It was fun clearing out the honeysuckle, almost as if it was kind of a puzzle to navigate. (I'm pretty good at puzzles.) All in all, thanks for the fun experience!

Sincerely,

J. Robisch

(professional honeysuckle disliker)

THANK YOU

Memorials

In memory of Violet Pintok
Cindy Lupin & Michael Pintok

In memory of Richard Gospodarek
Donna & Kenton Langman

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Stephanie Frey

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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Steve Lankton

How long have you volunteered at Woodland Dunes and why did you decide to get involved?

This is my second year volunteering at the Dunes. I think I first heard about the Nature Center when reading about the butterfly garden. As I learned more about the various Dunes initiatives to care for not only our native pollinators but also the great variety of bird life we have here, I knew I wanted to get involved

What do you most enjoy about being involved with Woodland Dunes?

There are several things that make this fun. One of them is meeting so many other like-minded people who care about nature in all of its forms. Another is the educational part of it; I have learned so much from both the staff and the other volunteers. But maybe the best part is actually helping to make a difference in this community.



What are some of your favorite pastimes or hobbies?

My primary hobby for 30 years was sailing. My wife and I visited most of the ports on Lake Michigan, which is actually how we found Manitowoc! When my wife passed away in 2009, I sold the boat and replaced it with a 1959 Morgan, a British roadster that I enjoy driving on the excellent back roads of both Wisconsin and Michigan. I have also become very interested in gardening, with a particular bias toward the pollinator-friendly natives. And as I have learned more about the great variety of birdlife we have here, I have become a huge fan, particularly of the raptors.

Words of wisdom for other volunteers?

I think there is often an inertia about volunteering which sometimes makes people hesitate to sign up. It's much easier to cheer from the sidelines. But actually being part of the effort is so rewarding, often with the advantage of meeting others who share your

interests. I have a friend in Illinois who is now 103 years old. I asked him for his secret to such an excellent quality of life for so long. He said there is some luck involved, of course. But he said that staying active, both mentally and physically, as well as maintaining those important social connections, stacks the deck in your favor. Volunteering is one way to do this.

Anything else you'd like to add?

I lived and worked in Chicago for 36 years before retiring and moving to Manitowoc. Yes, Chicago has more restaurants and entertainment options, but for me, the overall quality of life is so much better here. I think the generally slower pace of a small town leads to a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Chicago would kill to have our Wisconsin Maritime Museum; the quality of the collections there is astonishing. The Master Gardening groups in the area are active and healthy. And Woodland Dunes is making a difference in so many ways. It's a special place, and I enjoy doing what I can to help.

Summer Fun, Volunteer Fun!

Are you a tree hugger and willing to plant them as well? How about chatting up guests in the gift shop and answering phones? If these are a couple of your talents and joys, we'd love to have you help us this summer. We're looking for tree planters (individuals or groups) and front desk/shop help. Training is provided, 2 hours or less needed. Please let us know if you or a group would like to help us out. Contact Nancy at nancyn@woodlanddunes.org or call 920-793-4007.

Clean Boats = Clean Water!

Wanted: Aquatic Invasive Awareness volunteers.

Job: Watercraft inspectors "work" at boat ramps on the East Twin River and West Twin River to teach anglers and boaters how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species while conducting a survey. Volunteer hours occur with minimal supervision and involve talking with the public on a one-on-one basis.

In addition to conversing with boaters, watercraft inspectors offer educational materials to them. Work can occur on weekdays and weekends. The watercraft inspector is responsible for accurately completing surveys and submitting the information weekly to Woodland Dunes.

Volunteers will also conduct a visual inspection of boats to make sure they are clean, and instruct boaters on how to properly clean their boats and boating equipment.

A two-hour training session will be presented by Woodland Dunes' staff as well as initial in-field support to ensure volunteers are comfortable in their position. Volunteer hours can be worked in June, July and August. No previous experience necessary.

This is a perfect service project for teens or service groups who need to get community hours. *Inspectors provide their own transportation to the boat ramps.*

If interested or would like more information, please contact Jen at jenniferp@woodlanddunes.org or 920-793-4007.



Water Trail to Launch This Summer

Exciting times are ahead for kayakers and canoeing enthusiasts! Woodland Dunes has been working with a dedicated committee of volunteers headed by Mark Bittner of the Two Rivers City Council to develop a new Twin Rivers Water Trail system. This water trail will encompass launch sites and points of interest on the East and West Twin Rivers from Mishicot to Shoto. Seven launch sites have been identified along the 20-mile paddling trail, offering easy access to these wonderful and often overlooked rivers.

The committee is working with the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission on this project, with funding contributed by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, the West Foundation, and the Two Rivers Rotary club.

The project includes improvements to several sites for easier launching, installation of informational signs, and a website with a story-map about the trail.

Woodland Dunes will serve as headquarters for the water trail and will have information for the public about access and interesting

features for paddlers to experience on the route. Both the East and West Twin have many miles of wild shoreline with access points to the village of Mishicot and City of Two Rivers.

Trail signs and launch improvements will be completed by early June, as will the trail website. We'll also have a link on our own website, www.woodlanddunes.org

A group paddle is planned for July 14 on the East Twin River in conjunction with the Friends of the Twin Rivers.



Tropical Blast was a Blast!

I'm not sure what was more fun, the flip-flop scavenger hunt or watching one of our guests win two James Taylor concert tickets, but without a doubt the Tropical Blast on Saturday, February 24th was a hit!

With the help of amazing sponsors and a sold-out crowd of 160 generous guests, we raised over \$30,000 to support nature-based education programs at the Nature Center.

The energy of the guests and the rhythm of the steel drums were a perfect blend to create a perfect event.

Thanks to our Premier sponsors, BayCare Clinic, Bank First and 103.1 WOGB radio for leading this effort. Reaching our goal wouldn't have been possible without: Investors Community Bank, Dalebroux Jewelry, Lee & Eileen Kummer, TransCanada, Starfish Graphics, Fricke Printing Services, and Doug DeVries, Edward Jones.

A large thank you also goes to our Planning Committee: Kay Baum, Lynn Burzynski, Judy Goodchild, Susan Knorr, Ellen Lewellen, Wendy Lutzke, and Jason Ring. You guys continually strive for creativity, excellence and success. Thank you!

Be watching for exciting details of next year's Tropical Blast in upcoming newsletters!

- Nancy Nabak, Communication & Development Coordinator

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Douglas DeVries - Edward Jones



Testimonials ~ Recent Facebook Reviews ...

“Loved our family day at Owl Fest (2017)! Fun activities and welcoming hosts. Will definitely go again sometime!”

~ Elizabeth Harris, ★★★★★ 5 stars on Facebook

“Wonderful staff and beautiful preserve. Such a valuable space in our community!”

~ Candice Boutelle, ★★★★★ 5 stars on Facebook

“Great place to go to explore and learn. Tons to look at and do.”

~ Chris Luebke, ★★★★★ 5 stars on Facebook

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yoga at the Dunes

Session 1: Wednesdays, May 23rd- June 27th (no class June 6th)
Session 2: Wednesdays, August 15th-September 12th
9:00-10:00am
\$55 per 5-week session or \$12 drop-in



Join registered yoga instructor Jennifer Jelenic for an all levels (beginner-advanced) yoga practice set in the natural beauty of the outdoors. Bring yoga mat and water. Dress for movement/weather (limited supply of mats on site). Children welcome. Make-up opportunities available if you cannot attend all 5 classes in the session. Class meets inside the Nature Center in case of inclement weather. Contact Jennifer at yogafern108@gmail.com with questions. To register, contact Jessica at 920-793-4007 or jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org. Pre-registration recommended, minimum of 5 registered participants to run each session.

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

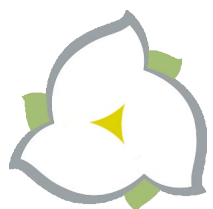
Tuesday, June 5th
11:30am

Woodland Dunes volunteers are invited to a picnic lunch made by the staff. Sit back, relax and let the staff thank you for everything you make possible at Woodland Dunes. All volunteers invited. Then stick around for the wildflower program with Rob Zimmer at 1:00pm. Please RSVP by Friday, June 1st. Held at the Nature Center.



Wild Seasons

Tuesday, June 5th
1:00-3:30pm



Join award-winning nature and garden writer, author and radio host Rob Zimmer for a breathtaking look at some of the lesser-known, rare, even endangered native wildflowers of our area. After the indoor program, join Rob for an intimate Wildflower Hike in search of treasured late spring/early summer blooms. Rob will also have a special signing of his books on the native plants of Wisconsin. Registration required by Friday, June 1st. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Rockin' the Butterfly Garden

Monday, June 11th
2:00-4:00pm

Enjoy an artist-led garden art activity to paint a rock with a nature theme to help beautify our butterfly garden!



All supplies are provided. Space is limited to 40 participants. Registration required by June 7th. Call 793-4007 or email wendyl@woodlanddunes.org. In partnership with the Rahr West Art Museum and sponsored by Manitowoc County Master Gardeners.

Raising a Wild Child Preschool Program

Thursdays, June 14th, July 12th & August 9th
9:00-10:30am

Members: \$2/child
Non-members: \$3/child

Experience the wonders of nature with your 2-5 year old through nature hikes, play, and guided activities. Help your child notice the natural world and ignite their curiosity! Older siblings are welcome during the summer months. Registration required by the Monday before each program. An adult must accompany children. Dress for the weather.



Summer Star Party - Moon Month

Saturday, June 16th
9:30-11:00pm



Join astronomers Al and Ben and view the moon in its first quarter. Observe night sky constellations and other celestial objects through the big telescope in the Sky Shed. Bring a lawn chair and your own telescope or binoculars if you wish. Weather and sky conditions permitting. Program takes place outside the Nature Center. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Girls In Science

Saturday, June 16
9:00am - 12:00pm

Girls rock! This free program invites middle and high school girls to meet amazing women in science fields who have ROCKED their career! They will get to interact and participate in hands on activities with the presenters in the fields of forestry, medical research and engineering. A free lunch with the presenters is also a part of this fabulous girl-power event. Registration is required by Friday, June 8. Space is limited.



Celebrate International Mud Day

Wednesday, June 20th
4:00-5:30pm
Members: \$2/child
Non-members: \$3/child



Celebrate International Mud Day by exploring soil and making mud pies! Activities best suited for ages 3 to 7, but all ages welcome. Be prepared to get muddy. An extra change of clothes and plastic bags are highly recommended. In the event of poor weather, there will be an indoor activity available. Registration appreciated by Monday, June 18th.

Birds 'N Brews

Thursday, June 21st
6:00-8:00pm



Are you interested in birds? How about wetting your whistle while talking about your latest trip or bird find? Join us at the Waverly Inn Pub & Pizzeria, 1402 16th Street, Two Rivers. No serious agendas, just socializing and enjoying like-minded people who care for birds! Sponsored by Woodland Dunes and Two Rivers Main Street.

Nature Time Tuesdays

Tuesdays, July 10th - August 7th
1:30-3:00pm
Donations appreciated

Families are invited to drop in anytime between 1:30-3:00 and participate in a nature-themed activity as a family. Takes place at the Nature Center rain or shine.



East Twin River Paddle

Saturday, July 14th
9:00-11:30am

Join the Friends of the Twin Rivers for a leisurely paddle on the East Twin River. Bring your own non-motorized watercraft or reserve a kayak when you register (limited availability). Registration required by Monday, July 9th. Call Jenn at 627-1799 or email jenn@lnrp.org. Sponsored by Friends of the Twin Rivers Watershed, Woodland Dunes and LNRP. In the event of poor weather, paddle will take place on Sunday, July 15th from 1:00-3:30pm.

Household Composting: It's in Your Hands!

Thursday, July 26th
10:00-11:30am



Jon Reisenbuechler, the Operations Manager for the Manitowoc County Recycling Center, will offer information and answer questions about methods for home composting. Following his talk, attendees can take a walk and chat with volunteers in the composting area at the Woodland Dunes Butterfly and Bee Garden. Register by Tuesday, June 24th. Sponsored by the Manitowoc County Master Gardeners.

Summer Star Party - Mars Up Close

Friday, July 27th
9:30-11:00pm



Join astronomers Al and Ben and observe Mars at its closest approach to Earth since 2003! Enjoy night sky constellations and other celestial objects through the big telescope in the Sky Shed. Bring a lawn chair and your own telescope or binoculars if you wish. Weather and sky conditions permitting. If it's cloudy, program will be held the evening of Saturday, July 28th. Program takes place outside the Nature Center. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



Owl Fest

Saturday, July 28th
9:00am-Noon
Members: \$5/person or \$15/family
Non-members: \$8/person or \$20/family

Join us for an exciting morning learning about Wisconsin owls! Enjoy kids' activities, guided nature walks, an owl-hooting contest for children and owl art with the Rahr-West Art Museum. Meet live owls and raptors during presentations by Wildlife of Wisconsin. This event is great for families, but all ages are welcome. Takes place at the Nature Center.

Taking Flight: A History of Birds and People in the Heart of America

Thursday, August 2nd
1:00-2:00pm

Michael Edmonds, Director of Programs and Outreach at the Wisconsin Historical Society and a long-time birder, will discuss his new book in this illustrated talk. Edmonds will explain how and why people in the nation's heartland worshipped, feared, studied, hunted, ate, and protected the birds that surrounded them over the last 12,000 years. From ancient American Indian shamans to modern conservationists, our predecessors thought about and acted toward birds differently than we do. Edmonds will share stories from his 30 years of research among unpublished manuscripts, rare books, archaeological reports, and historic places that led to Taking Flight. Whether you're a casual bird-watcher, a serious life-lister, or simply someone who loves the outdoors, you'll encounter new ways of thinking about birds, people, and the extraordinary history that connects them. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant and Manitowoc County Historical Society.

Summer Star Party - Perseid Meteor Shower

Saturday, August 11th
9:30-11:00pm



Sit back and relax with astronomers Al and Ben to watch one of the brightest meteor showers of the year! Bring a lawn chair and your own telescope or binoculars if you wish. Weather and sky conditions permitting. If it's cloudy, program will be held the evening of Saturday, July 28th. Program takes place outside the Nature Center. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Fall Migration Bird Walks

Fridays, August 25th- September 29th
8:15-9:30am



Donations appreciated

You are invited to join Woodland Dunes staff on a weekly bird hike during the peak of the fall migration. Meet at the Nature Center and bring your binoculars. This is a weather dependent program. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



Swift Night Out

Thursday, Sept. 13
Location and time to be determined, stay tuned!



A Swift Night Out is a continent-wide effort to raise awareness about and encourage interest in Chimney swifts. We'll observe potential swift roosting locations in downtown Two Rivers and count the number of swifts seen entering roost locations (chimneys). After the count, we'll gather at a local establishment and talk about our results and interesting observations of the night. Sponsored by Woodland Dunes and Two Rivers Main Street.

To register for any of our programs, please contact Jess at jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org or call at 920-793-4007.



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