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Photography by Nancy Nabak unless otherwise noted.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's been an interesting winter season at the Nature Center. The construction on our building addition continues to move along, and so does our efforts to fund the project. The crew from Hamann Construction and the subcontractors are impressive. They've worked through a lot of cold weather to get to the point they are now and have done a great job. Of note are some environmentally friendly measures that we're incorporating into the building: several different methods to discourage birds from hitting windows, heating and cooling the addition using geo-thermal technology, LED lighting, a charging station for electric vehicles, and our driveway and parking area will be permeable - allowing rainwater to filter and recharge groundwater. By incorporating these measures, we know we're doing the right thing for the wildlife in our preserve and beyond. Because these aspects require that we continue to raise funds, you'll continue to hear me ask for your financial help. Together, we can achieve greatness.

As you may have read, our Motus receiver is now up and running. This is our next step in collecting data about birds that either live in or migrate through our preserve (in addition to counting and banding them). Motus was developed in Canada by researchers as a relatively low-cost and easily installed wildlife monitoring system. It consists of three antennas installed on a mast with leads down to a small computer that's configured to "listen" for signals transmitted by small "tags" that are worn by birds or other animals. Our system is part of the sub-network of stations in

Wisconsin coordinated by the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory near Port Washington. WGLBBO is putting together a network of Motus stations along Lake Michigan from Green Bay to Milwaukee and then west to the Mississippi River. There's also a separate network around Chequamegon Bay in Lake Superior.

Thanks to the Wisconsin DNR and a building that houses their air monitoring equipment, we have a secure place for our Motus set-up. The receiver was installed in late summer as the computer stored data until we could send it to Motus headquarters - which happened recently. We recorded

two Swainson's thrushes that were tagged in British Columbia (one of which was also detected in Saskatchewan). A third bird, a Virginia rail that had been tagged in Ohio, was also detected. This rail appeared to be a real wanderer and was discovered in many different locations.

A big advantage to Motus is that once the birds are tagged, we don't need to recapture them to learn about their movements - we can just wait for them to visit us. I'm sure this will be an interesting venture. We are grateful to Steve Lankton for his donation that made this possible.

There is so much happening this year in addition to these two projects- trees to be planted, trails to be improved, visitors to engage, and many children to be taught. As you see all that's happening throughout this newsletter, know that you help make this possible.

~ Jim Knickelbine, Executive Director

“ 2020 brings trees to be planted, trails to be improved, visitors to engage, and many children to be taught. ”



## Bruce Berres

**How long have you volunteered at Woodland Dunes and why did you decide to get involved?** I have been a Woodland Dunes volunteer for about five years. My start coincided with my work with the Lakeshore Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Association. Woodland Dunes allows the trail on the property, plus we are able to store our equipment on site. Woodland Dunes and the Ice Age Trail both promote the public enjoyment of our great outdoors.

**What do you most enjoy about being involved with Woodland Dunes?** I really enjoy working out doors on the trails. It is fun and good exercise.

**What are some of your favorite pastimes or hobbies?** My hobbies include lots of golfing, bike riding, and entering running events of which the Dunes Dash, in April, is one of my favorites. I think I have run in all but one of them.

**Words of wisdom for other volunteers?** Volunteering is a wonderful way of being involved within your community for the benefit of all. I especially like and appreciate the “Dunes” educational work with the youngsters in the area. I believe this is vitally important.



# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't do what we do without you!

If you are a member and not receiving monthly electronic calendar updates from us, please let us know. You may have a firewall that filters us out. Call Nancy to make sure you are getting updates, if wanted.

920-793-4007  
or [nancyn@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:nancyn@woodlanddunes.org)

## HELP WANTED!

Once again, we will be receiving a large shipment of trees and shrubs in the spring. We are looking for a group of enthusiastic volunteers to help us unload a semi full of 2,500 trees and shrubs the morning of Tuesday, May 19 at our Bugler Nature Preserve. Many hands make light work. Last year we had a phenomenal turnout and completed unloading the trailer in record time. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. RSVP to Jeni Klein at [jenniferp@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:jenniferp@woodlanddunes.org) or 920-793-4007 to get on our email list for more information and details.



REGISTER NOW!

# 5K DASH AT THE DUNES

10th Anniversary!

**5K Trail Run/Walk Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, April 18th**  
**10:00 am**

Be watching for new happenings to  
celebrate 10 years of dashing for nature!

Register now at the lowest fee by going to our site:  
[woodlanddunes.org/dash-at-the-dunes-5k-trail-run](http://woodlanddunes.org/dash-at-the-dunes-5k-trail-run)

Sponsorship opportunities are available to help us  
celebrate this milestone. Please contact Nancy at  
[nancyn@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:nancyn@woodlanddunes.org)  
or by calling 920-793-4007.



**DASH with us to help support our beautiful habitat  
& children's nature-based education programs!**



To our community and business leaders, please consider a gift that accompanies naming rights, permanence, and great visibility. Please call me or send an email for naming right levels and more information: [nature@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:nature@woodlanddunes.org), 920-793-4007.

Thank you! – Jim Knickelbine, Executive Director

### **Woodland Dunes Pledge Card** *Campaign for the Nature Center Building Addition*

I/We are pleased to support your efforts with a gift of:

\$500    \$1,000    \$2,500    \$5,000    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Land Management

## New Trail Markers

If you are out enjoying the nature trails off of Goodwin Road, you may notice something different. Thanks to a grant from the Natural Resources Foundation, we were able to purchase and install new trail markers, maps, and rules signs on Trillium, Black Cherry, and Yellow Birch trails.

Currently, we are working with Denmark Community School to build a removable boardwalk for the wettest areas of Willow Trail (funding from Pivot Rock Foundation). This will alleviate issues caused by flooding in the spring, as well as ensure that our education programs will continue during high water levels, such as those we've been experiencing the last couple of falls.

Also, watch for new trail markers and signs on Willow Trail (and its loops) in the future as we become more user-friendly in our trail systems!

*Jennifer Klein, Land Management Coordinator*



FROM THE

## Butterfly Garden

### A Garden View!

**Did you know? The Dorothy R. Star Butterfly & Bee Garden fills the view from the north-facing windows in the Nature Center's new addition. How exciting that our pollinators will get top billing come spring! Because of this, plans are developing for updates to the garden entrance, path, and seating that will enhance both the view from the windows and the visitor experience within the garden. We're also investigating the addition of some shade-tolerant pollinator plants to beautify some of the area closest to the building—more opportunities for our birds, bees and butterflies!**

**If you're interested in helping to maintain the garden's double "Star" status, please contact Wendy at [wendyl@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:wendyl@woodlanddunes.org) to get on the 2020 email list! We had amazing helpers last year who made all the difference in keeping the garden beautiful. I'm looking forward to time in the garden with you this year!**

*Wendy Lutzke*

*Butterfly & Bee Garden Coordinator*

## Candlelight Night

*By Jessica Johnsrud*

It was a beautiful evening for the Candlelight Night event! Over 200 people enjoyed experiencing the preserve in the evening. Many used snowshoes and followed the luminaries along part of Willow Trail and Goldenrod Loop, and solar lights were set out on Cattail Trail. Astronomers Ben and Al were in the Sky Shed and the fire was warm and toasty for making s'mores. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers and sponsors who helped make this event possible! Sponsors: ATC, Thrivent and Kohl's Action Team.



## Director to Present at Monitoring Conference

Woodland Dunes Executive Director, Jim Knickelbine, will be a speaker for the 9th Wisconsin Citizen-based Monitoring Conference being held March 20-21 in Manitowoc. According to Eva Lewandowski of the DNR, Jim's proposal was accepted after committee review. Jim will speak on Bird Monitoring at Woodland Dunes and Surrounding Areas.

# T H A N K Y O U

## Memorials/Honorarials

*In memory of Edward Pintok  
Charles & Marilyn Sontag*

*In memory of Robert Holmes  
Friends of Cindy Carlson*

*In honor of Greg Scheuer  
& Merrie Star Scheuer  
Mark & Joanie Scheuer  
Chris & Kristin Scheuer  
– Dorothy Star Bee  
& Butterfly Garden*

*In memory of  
Georgia Beamish  
Helen Bleser*

*In honor of Winnie Drape  
– Education programming  
Nancy Horvath*

*In memory of  
Donald Baumann  
Craig & Cindy Paily*

*In memory of Tom Steltz  
Helen Bleser*

*In memory of Barb Schmelzle  
Jim & Theresa Schmelzle*

*In memory of Esther Schaafl  
Family of Esther Schaafl*

*In memory of Earl Herbert  
Mona Moen*

*In memory of  
Allan "Barney" Barner  
Coworkers of Sue Holzer  
Theresa Kronforst  
& AJ Ashenbrenner  
– Schroeder Bros.  
Department Store*

*Dawn Bossler  
Paul & Jayne Schultz  
Sandra Stadelman  
Jeffrey & Victoria Boyer  
Shirley Barner  
Richard Sauve  
Dan & Fran Ouradnik  
Victor & Marilyn Ponce  
Roger & Marilyn Barner  
Deb Hendrickson*

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–gift membership

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Green Bay Packers Foundation

American Endowment  
Foundation

HJE Osbourne Family  
Charitable Fund

Pivot Rock Fund –  
Willow Trail Improvements

William & Pamela Krieger  
Charitable Fund: Our mission

is two-fold; To protect our  
globally important habitat  
by maintaining its ecological  
integrity, and to educate our  
community in understanding  
and appreciating the value  
of nature.

## New Members

Sheena Holewinski

Jennifer Anne

Elizabeth Runge

Kathleen Welch Kuik

Bob & Georgia Fey

David Larson

Jeff Edgar

Ron & Jan Mosher

## Fund Drive Donors

Carol Benthien

Judith Badura

Janice Tetzlaff

Patricia D'Aoust

## Woodland Dunes Endowment Fund

Dolly McNulty

## Building Addition Donations/Pledges

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in memory of Tom Foster

# 2020 WSO Convention has some interesting new wrinkles

By Tim Hahn and Nancy Nabak  
WSO Convention Committee

Get ready for Great Birding on a Great Lake! Two Rivers, located on the breezy shores of Lake Michigan, will be hosting the 81st annual WSO convention on May 14-17. Attendees will enjoy a wonderful weekend full of field trips, social events, and educational presentations.

## Thursday, May 14

Check-in begins in Two Rivers Central Park where we'll host a Member Appreciation Picnic followed by a performance from the Oneida Nation Smoke Dancers. Our annual awards banquet will take place in the Two Rivers Community Center afterwards. Lastly, there will be an optional night hike at Point Beach State Forest where we'll search for Eastern Whip-poor-wills and other nocturnal creatures.

## Friday, May 15

Friday is all about the birding field trips! All day field trips will start before dawn with carpool and coach bus options available (extra fee). Shorter field trips also will be offered to Collins Marsh in the morning and along the lakeshore/Two Rivers area in the afternoon.

Check-in continues at the Lighthouse Inn, which will serve as convention headquarters the rest of the weekend. Beginning-birder hikes will take place at Woodland Dunes Nature Center, and a Big Sit will take place at the Manitowoc Containment on Lake Michigan where birders will have the opportunity to learn shorebird and gull ID with Chuck Sontag and gull expert Amar Ayyash.

To close the evening, birders can recount their day's highlights at a Birds N Beers at a location yet to be determined.

## Saturday, May 16

New this year is the opportunity for guided field trips by kayak or bicycle. What better way to experience the birds than by "green birding?" Both are dependent on weather and water conditions.

Members of the local Bird Brunch Bunch will guide nearby hotspots.

Woodland Dunes will host a community-wide Bird Breakfast for casual birders who wish to forgo the field trips. The ham and pancake breakfast (nominal fee) is open to the public, and there will be activities for children, as well as guided bird hikes and a live raptor presentation.

Lunch at the Lighthouse Inn will be served at 11 a.m. and is included in convention registration. WSO's annual meeting will follow, along with an educational segment on topics including gull identification, invasives in the lakes, aerial insectivores, water quality, and scientific illustration by convention t-shirt designer Becca Jabs. A research poster discussion will feature some of Wisconsin's brightest biology students from universities around the state.

Saturday evening festivities begin with a social hour cash bar at 5:30, with our banquet at 6:30. Then we'll turn our focus to the highlight of the convention, keynote speaker Dr. Ben Zuckerberg, who will present "Climate Change: How Birds are Dealing With It and What Atlas Findings Prompt Us to Do."

## Sunday, May 17

All-day field trips resume on Sunday. Destinations will allow for "going home" trips so birders can limit their driving time after a long weekend. Woodland Dunes will again have its hiking trails open from sunrise to sunset, and a beginner birding hike will be available in the morning.



Here's a sneak peek at the t-shirt logo for the 2020 WSO Convention. The artwork was done by Rebecca Jabs, who will be presenting on her scientific art illustrations at the convention. Shirts can be ordered along with convention registration, which will begin March 1.

## Lodging options; mention WSO for group rates:

### Village Inn On the Lake

3310 Memorial Dr, Two Rivers, WI 54241  
(920) 794-8818

26 standard rooms at rate of \$90 per night

6 Woodside suites - \$149 per night

RV sites available for \$38-\$50/night

Limited pet-friendly rooms upon request

Free beverage ticket for bar at check-in  
villageinnwi.com

### Baymont by Wyndham Manitowoc Lakefront

Fee is \$89.00/night plus tax.

2 double beds, standard room.

101 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

(920) 682-7000

ASK FOR WSO BLOCK FOR DISCOUNT

wyndhamhotels.com/baymont/  
manitowoc-wisconsin

## Winter Tree ID & Beyond

Tuesday, March 3rd  
1:00-3:30pm

Spend the afternoon with forester Sue Crowley to learn winter tree identification and threats affecting



Wisconsin forests. Woodland Dunes' Land

Management Coordinator, Jeni Klein, will provide an update on how Woodland Dunes is addressing some of these factors. We will spend the first part of the program indoors, then spend the remainder of our time (~1 hour) on the trails identifying trees. Space is limited, registration required. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

## Raising a Wild Child Preschool Program

Thursdays March 12th, April 9th & May 14th  
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! Registration required by the Monday before each program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather. Sponsored by the Edward Jones Office of Carla Liban.



## Restoring a Salmon Stream: A Community & Family Story

Wednesday, April 15th  
6:00-7:00pm

\*Program takes place at the Lester Public Library.

Biologist and writer Scott Freeman tells how his family joined hundreds of school children and dozens of private and public agencies to restore an abused salmon stream on Washington state's Olympic Peninsula. This is a story of hope and hard work-about the large challenges we face and the small triumphs we live for. You'll learn about wildlife comebacks, small trees that get big, and how Aldo Leopold's family legacy continues three generations later. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Friends of the Twin Rivers Watershed, Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership and Woodland Dunes.



## Midwest Crane Count

Saturday, April 18th  
5:30-7:30am

Only a few Sandhill Cranes were left in Wisconsin in the 1930's, but due to protection, their population now exceeds 10,000. Each year, volunteers visit designated sites in Manitowoc County to count courting sandhills in a coordinated effort. If you would like to help, or join a seasoned crane counter to learn the technique, contact the nature center at 920-793-4007.



## Beach Clean Up

Saturday, April 25th  
9:00-11:00am

Join the Friends of the Twin Rivers for a spring beach clean-up in Two Rivers along Lake Michigan. All supplies will be provided. Contact Don at ddebrun80@gmail.com for more information and to register.



## Spring Migration Bird Walks

Fridays, May 1st-May 29th  
8:15-9:30am

You are invited to attend a weekly, guided bird hike during the peak of the spring migration. Meet at the Nature Center and bring your binoculars. All walks are weather dependent and sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



## Wild Wisconsin Canines

Thursday, May 7th  
6:00-7:00pm

Join Wildlife Biologist, Steve Easterly, for a fascinating program about wolves, coyotes and foxes. He will discuss the biology, ecology and history of each, as well as the similarities and differences between these wild Wisconsin canines. Registration appreciated by May 4th. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



## Bird Breakfast & Migration Celebration

Saturday, May 16th  
8:00-11:00am

Adults \$6, Children \$5; Kids under 4, free (includes breakfast)

You are invited to our annual celebration of spring and the return of many of our migratory songbirds in the newly expanded Nature Center! Enjoy a ham and pancake breakfast, guided bird and nature hikes and meet live birds at a program with Wildlife of Wisconsin. Kids' activities will be on-going throughout the morning. Join us as we honor the Alyea family for their generous donation making the Nature Center addition possible. This event is fun for everyone!





## Spring Star Party

Saturday, May 16th  
9:30-10:30pm

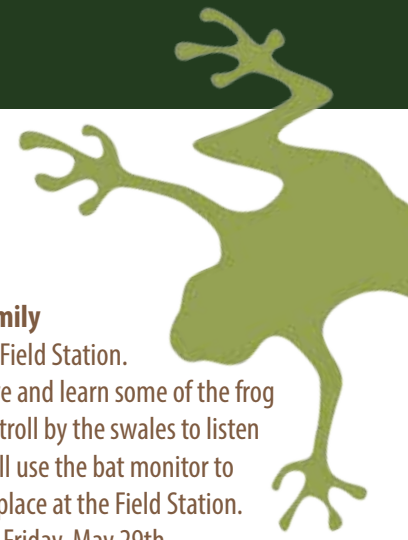
View night sky constellations with astronomers Al and Ben, along with the moon and other celestial objects through the big telescope in the Sky Shed. Bring a lawn chair and your own telescope if you wish. Weather and sky conditions permitting. If cloudy conditions, make up date is Saturday, May 23rd at the same time. Watch Facebook and the website for changes. Program takes place outside the Nature Center. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



## Evening Frog Program

Wednesday, June 3rd  
7:30-8:30pm  
Members: \$4/person or \$10/family  
Non-Members: \$5/person or \$15/family

Join us for a fun evening program at the Field Station. Meet amphibians that live in the preserve and learn some of the frog calls common at this time of year. Then stroll by the swales to listen for singing frogs. If conditions allow, we'll use the bat monitor to see what bats are active. Program takes place at the Field Station. Space is limited, registration required by Friday, May 29th. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



**Summer Camp Registration is Open!**  
Summer fun is at Woodland Dunes! Nature camps help kids foster a deeper connection to the natural world through exploration, hands-on activities and play. Camps fill quickly, register online soon! Full camp descriptions and information can be found online at: [www.woodlanddunes.org/summer-camps](http://www.woodlanddunes.org/summer-camps)

### Little Wings Summer Camp

4-6 years old,  
not completed  
kindergarten  
Tuesday, June 23rd  
to Friday, June 26th  
9:00am-Noon



### Frogs, Toads & Salamanders Summer Camp

4-7 years old  
Friday, July 10th  
1:00-3:00pm



### Habitat Explorers Summer Camp (new camp!)

7-11 years old  
Wednesday, July 15th  
to Friday, July 17th  
1:00-3:30pm

### Water is Wonderful Summer Camp

7-11 years old  
Thursday, July 30th  
1:00-3:30pm



### Nature Princess Summer Camp

4-6 years old  
Wednesday, August 5th  
9:00-11:30am





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## WOODLAND DUNES NATURE CENTER

*Become a member or give a gift membership!*

### Headquarters & Nature Shop

Hwy 310 West of Two Rivers

#### Hours

Monday - Friday: 9 am - 4 pm  
Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm (April - October)

#### Contact

Phone: (920) 793-4007

Email: [nature@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:nature@woodlanddunes.org)

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

Facebook: Look up Woodland Dunes in Two Rivers, WI and like our page!

#### Staff

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<i>Communications &amp; Development Coordinator</i>	Nancy Nabak
<i>Land Management Coordinator/ Tech Support</i>	Jennifer Klein
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Tina Kvitek
<i>Environmental Educator/ Butterfly Garden Coordinator</i>	Wendy Lutzke

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