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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well, life continues to be quite different since writing earlier in the year, at least for the humans of Woodland Dunes. I'm thankful that the plants and animals in our preserve, even though they have their own set of challenges, they don't have to deal with the complexities that accompany people during a pandemic. Birds are finishing their annual nesting and many are preparing to migrate. Wildflowers are blooming or setting seed, frogs are everywhere, and insects are reaching their yearly peak. It's up to us to be like them, making the most of the situations we are given.

Our new addition is open for business, although some finishing touches and fundraising still remain. Our land management team has managed to plant thousands of trees to help the forest cope with the emerald ash borer - we will miss our wonderful interns who accomplished most of this. Our education team has remained busy providing small programs for families, online education opportunities, and educational social media tidbits. Our core activities remain unchanged, although we are restricted to working with fewer people.

Currently, our priority is to care for the safety of

our visitors, volunteers, and staff. Our programs will continue to take place outdoors. Visitors and program participants are asked to use a face covering as our staff does. We're doing a lot of sanitizing, and visitors are asked to remain in the new addition while the old building is for staff only. We are doing these things not only to protect people, but also because we want to do our part to end the pandemic so life can get back to some sort of normalcy.

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In the meantime, we'll continue to do everything we can to fulfill our mission. Volunteers are beginning to work again in groups, carefully, and if you walk Willow Trail you'll encounter a new boardwalk over the wet spots. (The heavy rains we've had the last couple of years have made the trail impassable for long periods of time.) The new boardwalk will really help people enjoy what may be our best birding trail.

You'll notice a change in our schedule of events due to COVID issues. We'll still be offering both family and adult programs, but we may not be able to schedule them as we have in the past. Please watch the calendar of events on our website or posts on Facebook for upcoming offerings. In the meantime, stay well!

~ Jim Knickelbine, Executive Director



chimney so that the swifts can continue to successfully nest here. Also, our Dorothy Star Garden has been improved with a new paved walk, more native plants, and lots of extra care. Our permeable pavement in the parking area is also working well and is able to absorb the heavy rains we receive.

Just as the pandemic has affected many aspects of our personal lives, it's also challenged us in terms of fundraising for this project.

As a result, we need to raise \$400,000 more to put us over the finish line. This new addition is the looking glass of our preserve and highlights our uniqueness where you may find such rarities as the sweet colt's foot flower, four-toed salamanders, rusty patched bumblebees and red-shouldered hawks. If you can, please help us achieve our goal. Payments can be made in many forms including stocks and over a flexible time period. Naming rights are still available. If interested in helping, please contact Nancy at: [nancyn@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:nancyn@woodlanddunes.org) or call 920-793-4007. We've really done so much, but we need to do a little more to make our vision a reality.

**We Are OPEN**

Despite the challenges of a viral pandemic, construction continued into the spring and summer on the building addition and remodeling. Hamann Construction and the subcontractors did an excellent job while facing material shortages and other issues. We are happy to say that the new structure and remodeling is now complete. We are open, however, limiting the number of people in the building at one time. We are excited and looking forward to having a

grand opening when it's safe to do so. Until then, we encourage you to visit our beautiful new addition and see what you've helped us accomplish. Because we feel that nature should be free and accessible to everyone, there is still no charge to walk our trails or enjoy our Center. We've created new displays to help orient our visitors and educate them about the preserve. Our geothermal system is up and running, and we've installed deterrents on the windows to lessen bird collisions. We've rebuilt our old

*Please stop out and enjoy the progress we're making!*

**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
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**Who are the Alyeas?**

By Nancy Nabak

**Jack and Laurel Alyea** are the inspirational and generous lead donors of our beautiful Nature Center addition. Not many people know who the Alyeas are, so it's our honor to introduce you to them and their acts of kindness.

**Back story:** Fred Alyea grew up in Waukesha, WI near Chuck Sontag, our esteemed

Board member and local avian expert. The two were neighborhood pals who solidified their friendship as birders when they were just 10 years old and have remained in each other's lives since.

**Where Woodland Dunes comes in:** Over the years, Alyea would visit Sontag in Manitowoc and they would resume their birding adventures on Woodland Dunes ground. Enjoying the wonders found here, Alyea felt compelled to share his interest in Woodland Dunes with his brother, Jack. The stars were aligned when he did because at the same time, Jack and his wife Laurel were looking to help just such an organization. After learning about our humble beginnings, yet impactful conservation efforts and education programs, they were convinced that we were a fit like birds of a feather.

**Projects with a heart:** Jack and Laurel's first generous gift was a 30-foot Observation Tower to give our guests a majestic eagle eye view of the Preserve. Next, they built our nocturnal night-sky viewing shed and then funded our much needed barn renovation. Chickadee Landing, a popular indoor bird viewing area, was later added in honor of their sister Betty's caretakers.

Sadly, Jack passed away in 2012, but Laurel has generously continued to support the Woodland Dunes' mission. Her donation in Jack's honor was the largest and first gift to construct the new 5,000 square foot addition to the Nature Center.

**Love spreads:** Jack's four siblings have also shared in their love and enthusiasm for Woodland Dunes. Fred, Bob, Jim and Marian have supported our internship program, worked on the design of each project, supported various programs on the Preserve and ensured Laurel's financial contributions have been administered according to her wishes. All siblings have been at the unveiling of each new project – traveling from GA, CA, IL and Wisconsin.

**So who are the Alyeas?** They are a family with a heart of gold. They are a family with a legacy that shines in all seasons, and they are a family that has helped fashion a place of splendor for humans and wildlife to exist in harmony.

**BLAST WITH A TWIST!**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

Mark your calendars and watch for details of an event like no other with a twist! Get ready for tropical fun in February!

Sponsorships now available!  
Contact Nancy at 920-793-4007.

**Job Announcement**

Woodland Dunes is looking for a bookkeeper and office assistant. The position is for 16 hours per week, with flexibility in scheduling. Duties include processing donations, payments, payroll, financial reporting for grants, insurance, and assistance with donor acknowledgement and preparation of financial reports and the annual budget. Our bookkeeper works closely with the Executive Director and other staff.

Experience with standard office software and Quickbooks is preferred, and some familiarity with donor software is a plus. Anyone interested in this position or having questions can email a resume to [nature@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:nature@woodlanddunes.org).

**Celebrating Owls For A Week!** By Jessica Johnsrud

This year, we celebrated owls for an entire week instead of just one day. They're worth it, right? Owl Week was held July 19th - 25th and offered small, in-person programs, virtual programs and even a self-guided activity. Families enjoyed programs about owls and an owl scavenger hunt set up along Cattail Trail. Adults learned about owls of Wisconsin and enjoyed a short night hike. Local wildlife rehabilitators, Wildlife of Wisconsin, went live on our Facebook page introducing two of their ambassador owls to an online audience. Thank you to ATC for their sponsorship and the Lester Public Library and Manitowoc Public Library for your partnership of this educational week. It was a hoot!



Thank you to all of our Phatom 5K participants! We raised over \$8,000 with your support!



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## Sue Crowley

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

I have been involved with Woodland Dunes, intermittently, since the mid-2000s. Most of the time, I have assisted with tree-related programs, both in my role as DNR forester and personally. I love the forest, of course, but all habitats are fascinating and interconnected, so being able to share information about them is a passion. Woodland Dunes is fun place where people enjoy coming to soak up nature information and enjoy each other's company.

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

Did I mention passion? Well the strong dedication of the people, (staff & volunteers) who support and engage each other and any person that will listen about all things nature is the most enjoyable part of the preserve. The Dunes' grass roots mission to help educate us all while managing a diverse and unique piece of the planet is a gift to us all.

**What are some of your favorite pastimes or hobbies?**

I really enjoy road biking the back roads of Wisconsin and most recently the kayaking bug has struck. I find a lot of peace and relaxation on our two rivers. I wish I would carve out more time for leisure reading :-). Finally, the other pastime that never gets old is walking the dogs on the local beach--it is constantly changing!!

**Words of wisdom for other volunteers?**

Try it, you might like it and I love that I learn something new every time I show up.

**Anything else you'd like to add?**

Thanks for the opportunity to be part of this important, wonderful, educational group! It is amazing what can be done and be learned when we seek to understand.



Photo submitted



## New Swag!

We have new hats and t-shirts in the gift shop to celebrate our ridge and swale habitat with a bit of cheeky fun! Great for you and great for gifts! Woodland Dunes logo on both items. Stock up for birthdays, holidays and white elephants!



# Land Management

Another busy summer is coming to an end. Our interns and volunteers planted an additional 2,500 trees and shrubs – that’s busy! So far, we’ve planted a total of 7,800 over the past three years.

This year we were fortunate to have four amazing land management interns. Not only did they help with tree planting and other projects, but they designed and implemented a research project and produced entertaining and informative videos for our Facebook page and YouTube channel. (If you haven’t seen these yet, I highly encourage you to check them out!)

Their research is a follow up of a graduate thesis project completed several years ago. The focus is on the negative impacts of the emerald ash borer and invasive shrubs species. The research is to determine our effectiveness over time in reducing that impact and on the quality and function of our forested coastal wetlands.

The interns also created a video series highlighting swale habitats, our trail system, invasive species, pond macroinvertebrates, and other land related topics of interest. These videos are as fun as they are informative and the passion these ladies have for the environment really shines through.

Another project of note, our wetland restoration on Woodland Drive, is hitting its five-year mark. We’re able to see the results of our efforts in the form of 20-foot-tall trees, functioning wetlands and prairies, and increased species richness in terms of plant life and wildlife. The reward? Going out into nature and simply observing life; wild, free, and thriving.

Jennifer Klein, Land Management Coordinator

## MEET OUR SUMMER INTERNS

**Jenna Brandl:** Spending my summer here at Woodland Dunes has been packed full of remarkable experiences and new skills. The most unforgettable skills I’ve learned as a Land Management intern include distinguishing different plants, trees, and animals while participating in surveys and independent studies for the Dunes. This internship has helped confirm my interest in working with wildlife and fieldwork as I pursue my Biology major and Marine Biology minor at Wisconsin Lutheran College. One of the most rewarding parts I’ve gained besides learning about the different species and invasives around Two Rivers has been the small family with my fellow interns I’ve made here at the Dunes (aka The Swalers). I’m so thankful for the opportunities that Woodland Dunes has given me and will return home with multiple new stories and skills.

**Isabella Scheibl:** My three favorite words to describe my second summer as a Woodland Dunes land management intern are knowledge, joy, and perseverance. Knowledge: I greatly appreciate how everyone at the Dunes encourages each other to grow. I was given free reign to conduct a research project on the canopy layer of the preserve’s forest. I have learned so much through the process of planning, communicating with others, and collecting the data. Joy: My co-workers and supervisors are the most effervescent group of individuals I have ever met. Whether it was a 7am bird survey or a 11pm bat survey, smiles and positivity radiated from the staff and volunteers. Perseverance: Sometimes I helped push the cart full of trees out of the mud, other times, I got it stuck in the mud. Either way, the other interns and I realized that no matter the circumstance, we could proficiently complete tasks if we pushed through together. Knowledge, joy, and perseverance are three things that I will take back to Wisconsin Lutheran College this fall. As I complete my Junior year in the environmental Studies program, I will continue to pursue the ecological restoration field for which Woodland Dunes has doubtlessly prepared me.

**Ariana Zimney:** The opportunity to become a Land Management Intern at Woodland Dunes this year has been both eye-opening and rewarding. Growing up in Two Rivers and attending many Woodland Dunes Nature Center events when I was younger made me even more excited to be able to intern here to help in any way I could. Throughout the internship, I have gained knowledge regarding environmental work and I have been able to focus on potential career choices or interests in specific fields. My favorite parts of this internship have been planting upwards of 2,500 trees in the surrounding woods, finding research plots to collect data, writing Ripples articles, and partaking in bird and bat surveys. I now can identify even more species of trees, birds, flowers, and have learned more about species in the surrounding marshes and ponds through pond dipping activities. Because of my internship, I have decided to major in Environmental Sciences and Sustainability and minor in Earth Science at Northern Michigan University.

**Kennedy Zittel:** My internship here at Woodland Dunes has been a very fulfilling experience. Ever since I was a little kid I knew I wanted to work with nature in some way or another, and after taking an environmental science course at UW Green Bay I knew I had found my calling. Working here as a land management intern has confirmed my desire to want to work in land management or related fields in the near future. My favorite part about this internship has been getting to learn more about the local flora and fauna every single day. I have also enjoyed going on bat and bird surveys, conducting research on invasive species in nearby forests, and getting to help plant 2,500 trees in the heavily Ash populated areas. Working with the incredible staff here at Woodland Dunes has created a wonderful learning environment and I have made new amazing friendships with the other interns as well. I am very grateful for this opportunity to learn more about what it means to work in land management and know that it will be immensely helpful for my future work.

**Sydney Herman:** This summer, I had the amazing opportunity to work at Woodland Dunes as the environmental education intern. From program planning to tree planting and everything in between, my internship encompassed many educational and fulfilling experiences. The majority of my time was spent planning and facilitating programs, which allowed me to coordinate nature-themed activities for various ages. My favorite aspect was watching the kids get really excited and engaged in fun and sometimes dirty projects like: dissecting owl pellets, making mud pies, searching for land snails, and picking through a freshly scooped net of pond critters. I especially enjoyed the diversity of my responsibilities. In addition to planning programs, I participated in bird and bat surveys, wrote articles, designed various fliers, worked outside around the nature center, and improved upon my goals. I hope to transfer and build upon what I learned this summer as I enter my third year of college at St. Norbert College where I am studying biology and environmental science. The positive environment at Woodland Dunes would not be possible without the encouraging and hardworking staff, fellow interns, and volunteers who work diligently to inspire environmental preservation and education in the community.



Summer Interns from left to right: Jenna Brandl, Isabella Scheibl, Ariana Zimney, Kennedy Zittel, Sydney Herman.



# Chimney Swifts Get Help

At left: Three young Chimney swifts in the chimney at Woodland Dunes this August. A big thanks to Two Rivers Water & Light Dept. for assisting with their cherry picker to gain photos of the nesting swifts.

Brick chimneys, like the one at Woodland Dunes, may be a key component to conserving acrobatic chimney swifts. Currently, a pilot project is being launched asking Wisconsin residents and commercial property owners to report if their chimneys are being used by swifts through a simple 3-question online survey.

Conducted by the Wisconsin Chimney Swift Working Group, answers to the online survey will help shape a pilot project aimed at helping owners pay for chimney repairs, so they are more likely to keep the structures.

In light of helping this species, Woodland Dunes recently rebuilt its crumbling chimney on the old farmhouse.

"It's critical that we see chimneys as habitat," stated Nancy Nabak, member of the Working Group and Communication Coordinator for Woodland Dunes. "It might seem odd to think of chimneys this way, but swifts are very dependent on our structures and this project will help us identify ones in use and if necessary, hopefully preserve them." Nabak stated that staff was unsure if the swifts would use the "improved" chimney at the Dunes this spring, but like clockwork they were back and settling in.

Woodland Dunes has been home to families of swifts for many years. Each year, they return in the spring and build their tiny, cup-shaped nest low in the chimney – basically at the same level as the staff offices. In fact, two of the staff members are recording each time they hear activity in the chimney ranging from nest building to food begging and wings flapping against the chimney thimble pie plate (unused stove-pipe hole covering).



"Sadly, chimney swifts, like many other aerial insectivores including whip-poor-wills, nighthawks and swallows, are declining," said Rich Staffen, a DNR Natural Heritage Conservation biologist and working group member. "There are no definitive reasons identified yet for why this is, but the ongoing decline in insect populations is a major concern, and bird experts also know the removal of old chimneys or capping of them, is removing suitable nesting and roosting locations for these birds."

Chimney swifts nest in eastern North America (east of the Rockies) in the summer and migrate to South America in the fall. Historically, the birds congregated in large standing hollow trees in old-growth forests before they began their migration. However, as old-growth forests disappeared from North America, chimney swifts discovered that brick chimneys served as an easy and abundant replacement.

If you have a chimney that has swift activity, either nesting or roosting, please take this simple survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/LQ6MSRB](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LQ6MSRB)

## THANK YOU

### Memorials/Honorarials

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Jerry & Pat Henry

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Autumn Steltenpohl

Photo by Wendy Lutzke



## The Butterfly Garden Gets a Facelift!

In late June the Dorothy Star Butterfly & Bee Garden went through a transformation. First, Cornerstone Masonry poured a beautiful concrete path and patio, which allows accessibility for all visitors. Next, our staff, including our fabulous interns, carefully dug out our existing plants and laid them on tarps so that the weeds in the soil could be eradicated and fresh, landscaped topsoil could be added by Cretton Enterprises. Finally, Dunes and Cretton staff replanted all the flowers and added new plants to the garden, finishing off with a layer of mulch. This transformation took an amazingly short four days to complete! Since then, the weather has been kind with not too much heat, just enough sun and rain, and rainwater in our barrels for spot watering. Flowers are in bloom - bees are buzzing, butterflies are visiting and birds are enjoying the new birdfeeders and blossoms. Even more improvements will take place with the help of Two Rivers Rotary through a grant they received. They will add patio furniture, more border shrubs, and pond plants. It's truly a peaceful place to be. Please take a walk through or enjoy the view from one of the windows in our new building addition.

We're thinking of adding an herb area between the garden entrance and the new back exit of the nature center. If you have interesting herbs in your garden that could be added to our herb area, please email [wendyl@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:wendyl@woodlanddunes.org).

Wendy Lutzke

Butterfly & Bee Garden Coordinator

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Program Schedule Change:

The pandemic has changed how we offer programs and has made it challenging to plan far in advance. In light of this, we have decided to release our program schedule one month at a time. This also allows us the opportunity to adapt our programs as needed. Our September schedule is included in this newsletter and we have more programs in the works for the fall. Please check our website calendar and Facebook page often, or feel free to contact Jess at [jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org) or call 920-793-4007.

As always, you are welcome to explore the trails from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. Thank you for your patience and flexibility and we hope to see you soon!

## Covid-19 Safe Practices:

Woodland Dunes has modified its programming to keep visitors and staff as safe as possible. We are limiting program sizes to a maximum of 10 participants and advance registration is required for all programs. Registration will close at least 24 hours in advance, by the date listed in each program or earlier if a program fills. Program participants and staff are asked to practice social distancing and wear masks (masks onsite if needed). We will be sanitizing equipment and facilities often. Please, do not attend a program if you are feeling sick or have any symptoms of illness. To register for a program call 793-4007 or email Jess at [jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org).

## Family Butterfly Fun

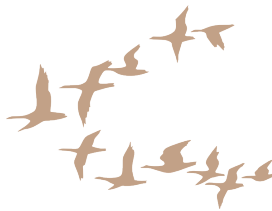
Families are invited to learn about butterflies through outdoor and virtual programs in September. Tune into the Manitowoc Public Library's Facebook page or Youtube Channel for a butterfly-themed virtual story time on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:30am. Enjoy a story walk at Woodland Dunes. Pages from the children's book *Where Butterflies Grow* will be laminated, attached to stakes, and installed along the first part of Willow Trail to the prairie (set up September 8th-September 15th). Flutter over to the Lester Public Library and pick up a butterfly to "fly" through self-guided activities in the library's beautiful gardens (Sept 8th-Sept 30th). No registration necessary for any of these opportunities.



## Fall Migration Bird Walks

**Fridays, September 11th-September 25th**  
8:15-9:30am  
Donations appreciated

You are invited to join Woodland Dunes staff on a short bird hike during 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.



## Raising a Wild Child Preschool Program: Grasshopper Theme



**Thursday, September 10th**  
Session 1: 9:00-10:15am  
Session 2: 10:45am-Noon  
Session 3: 1:00-2:15pm  
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! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather. Registration required by Tuesday, September 8th. Sign up for a session when you register. Sponsored by the Edward Jones Office of Carla Liban.

## Bats of Wisconsin

**Friday, September 11th**  
7:00-8:00pm

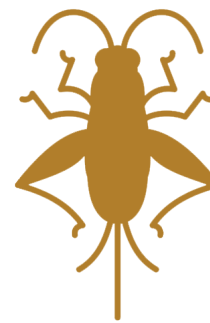
Learn about Wisconsin bats and how Woodland Dunes is monitoring them using surveying equipment made possible through a Wisconsin Citizen-based Monitoring Partnership Program. Weather permitting, we will take a short walk to demonstrate how the equipment detects echolocation calls and immediately identifies the species of bat. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



## Family Twilight Treks

**Thursday, September 17th**  
**Friday, September 18th**  
7:00-8:00pm  
Members: \$2/child  
Non-Members: \$3/child

Families are invited on a guided twilight hike in the preserve. Learn how certain animals are adapted to function during twilight and



nighttime, and what animals are hunting, walking or flying around while we are getting ready for bed!

## September Star Party

**Saturday, September 19th**  
Session 1: 9:00-9:30pm  
Session 2: 9:30-10:00pm

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. Weather and sky conditions permitting. Program takes place outside the Nature Center. Sign up for a session when you register. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



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Thank you!

To register for any of our programs, please contact Jess at [jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org) or call at 920-793-4007.



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