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### FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings Members of Woodland Dunes!  
 What an amazing summer it has been!  
 As I write this article, we are in the last week that our interns will be with us this summer. Our interns come from near and far. They have gelled into a great team and have accomplished much. To name just a few achievements, they planted over 750 trees, built a one-acre deer ex-closure, and mitigated invasive plants. They also taught many children, refreshed our front kiosk, and shared their perspectives



about marketing and communications. We will miss their energetic presence. Please check out their bios inside the newsletter.

Our volunteers contributed huge efforts this summer as well. We had boardwalks repaired and new ones built. Mulch was applied to several areas on our trails. They took care of the lawn maintenance and trimming around the nature center proper. They also power washed and stained the pavilion. You will hear more about these efforts in the winter wrap up newsletter.

Okay – I am not kidding this time—recall the Forget-Get-Me Not Creek Restoration Project that you have been reading about in nearly every newsletter for the past couple of years?? Well... after navigating a few roadblocks, we have a mobilization schedule that will kick off the week of August 19! We are extremely grateful

to the individuals and organizations that allowed the project to move forward because of their generous donations! The organizations/ individuals include The West

Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Donald DeBruyn, Phyllis Schippers and Timothy Maatman, The Kallies Foundation, Rae Gutschow, in memory of her husband Ernst W Gutschow, Louise Trickel, and a few anonymous donors.

Please look for your invitation to our member appreciation event and 50th Anniversary Celebration slated for November 9. You will get to hear and learn all about the Forget-Me Not Creek Restoration.

I look forward to seeing you there.

~ Sue Crowley, executive director

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**Open House & Bird Breakfast**

**We're 50!** And we had a great time celebrating at our Open House on Friday, May 17th with guided hikes, refreshments, door prizes, and fascinating stories of Woodland Dunes throughout the years. The following day, we held our 82nd annual Bird Breakfast sponsored by Festival Foods. Guided hikes, games, and a delicious ham & pancake breakfast!

Thank you to all who support us and continue to work toward conservation and environmental education. Let's make the next 50 years even greater!



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**WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD  
 AND MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE.  
 IT IS IN OUR HANDS  
 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

NELSON MANDELA

**Renew, Gift, or Increase the power of your paid membership today!**

Did you know that you can increase your support for Woodland Dunes at any time? The easiest way to do that is by giving monthly through an automatic credit card payment or checking account transfer. A \$10 - \$25 monthly donation, a sacrifice of a sweet treat just once a month, makes all the difference to us. Monthly support helps us the most because it keeps funds coming in year 'round, not just at membership renewal time. And we work hard with your dollars to preserve nature all 12 months throughout the year.

**Benefits of being a member:**

- Receive our quarterly “Dunesletter” newsletter and monthly electronic reminders of events happening at the Dunes
- Discounts on admissions to most of Woodland Dunes programs and events
- 10% discount in the Nature Shop
- The satisfaction of supporting a non-profit organization that is working hard to educate the community and preserve the natural world. Guarantors also receive special updates from the executive director two times a year.



**Habitat Management**

**2025 MEMBERSHIP**

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- \$25 Individual
- \$35 Family
- \$50 Patron
- \$100 Contributor

**Monthly Donor Installments  
 – this option helps us the most throughout the entire year!**

- Electronic Funds Transfer from checking
- Transfer \$\_\_\_\_\_ from my account each month  
 Please make my withdrawal on the  1st or  15th of the month.  
 Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization:
- I wish to start/change Electronic Funds Transfers. **I have enclosed a voided check (required).** I understand the amount indicated will be withdrawn automatically from my account each month until I notify Woodland Dunes Nature Center to stop.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- \$10/mo.  \$25/mo.  \$50/mo.  Other \$/mo.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please charge my credit card the above amount monthly.

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GUARANTOR LEVELS**

- \$250 Conservator  I would like to contribute to the endowment fund.
- \$500 Benefactor  Please contact me.
- \$1,000 Steward
- \$5,000 Guardian

If a membership is paid after September 1, it covers the end of the year plus the next year.  
 Please send this form and your tax-deductible membership to Woodland Dunes!

This year's constant rainfall seemed to be making up for last year's drought year. Looking back at last year's planting, many of the trees and shrubs are burgeoning upwards. Thankfully for us, they were planted in a drought because the swale they now live in is back to its usual jungle-like density of grasses, alders, and freshly fallen ash.

This year we planted somewhere that was a little easier for us to navigate - north of our Goldenrod Loop. This spot had a mix of plant communities: sedge meadow openings, alder thickets, colonies of balsam poplar, stands of ash, and, of course, a mix of invasives. Our vision was to include a new cast of trees and shrubs to mitigate the loss from Emerald Ash Borer as well as add a wider diversity of species to ensure climate resilience. The main tree species we planted this year were Bur and Swamp White Oak, Black Willow, Cottonwood, Silver Maple and River Birch. We had smaller quantities of Bitternut Hickory, Sycamore, Bald Cypress, and Black Tupelo to expand diversity and experiment with assisted migration of more southern species.

To accomplish this planting and the other projects slated for this year, we hired three qualified habitat restoration interns as well as a Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) Intern. The interns started the season off diligently planting around 750 trees and shrubs, finishing in record time at the end of June. Along with volunteers, we also spent time clearing large swaths of invasive bush honeysuckle in the planting area to give our stock and the onsite natives some breathing space to regenerate.

In early July, our team collaborated with Stantec and Glacierland staff to treat barberry and honeysuckle along the Ice Age and Conifer Trails that were cut in the winter of 2022. We covered over 40 acres of invasives, which we will continue to monitor in the future. Such a large project area makes me hopeful for the future - that we can continue to enhance the habitat we're tasked with stewarding.

The final major project our team worked on was a one-acre deer enclosure along the northern part of our Conifer Trail. Earlier in the

season, this swale had over a foot of water in some places, and with consistent rain, it was impossible to place our posts. Once July rolled around, the swale drained pretty quickly. We were then able to clear a path around the boundary of the enclosure, place our posts, tackle invasives that were present, and finally attach the heavy-duty fencing. This one-acre deer enclosure's canopy is nearly 100% mature green ash. Protecting this site will allow us to observe and document the natural regeneration of the understory once those trees perish, as well as protect the trees and shrubs that will be planted by next year's interns.

As my first summer as land manager comes to an end, I feel lucky to have had such a great first crew of interns collaborating on these big projects. I know each of them will go off to do wonderful things in the realm of wildlife ecology and restoration. And it will be exciting to watch these projects evolve and grow over the coming years.

– Max Kornetzke, land manager



Unless otherwise stated, registration is required for all programs. Please note registration deadlines and program location. To register, email Jess at [jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org) or call 920-793-4007.

## Fall Bird Walk

**Saturday, September 7th  
7:00am**

Join local birder, Joel Trick, for a guided bird walk. Bring binoculars and meet under the pavilion behind the Nature Center. Registration required by Thursday, September 5th, space is limited and program is weather dependent. Walk will last at least one hour, but may be longer if the birding is good. Sponsored by The Winston Group.



## Fall Star Parties

**Saturday, September 7th, 8:30pm**  
**Saturday, October 5th, 8:00pm**  
**Saturday, November 2nd, 7:00pm**

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. You can even bring your own telescope if you need help figuring out how to set it up. Weather and sky conditions permitting. Program takes place outside the Nature Center. Registration required by the Thursday before each session. Sponsored by The Winston Group.



## Raising a Wild Child

**Thursday, September 12th: Grasshoppers**  
**Thursday, October 10th: Fall Leaves**  
**Thursday, November 14th: Seeds**  
**Session 1: 9:00-10:15am**  
**Session 2: 10:45am-Noon**  
**Members: \$2/child**  
**Non-members: \$3/child**

Experience the wonders of nature with your 2-5 year old child with 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, majority of the program takes place outdoors. Registration is required by the Monday before each session, space is limited. Sponsored by Geoffrey & Carla Liban.



## Ferns and Clubmosses 101

**Tuesday, September 17th  
9:00-11:00am**

**Sliding scale suggested donation \$1-\$10**

Join Dr. Keir Wefferling, Curator of the Gary A. Fewless Herbarium at the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity and an Assistant Professor of Biology at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, for this introductory class of ferns and clubmosses. We will discuss the lifecycles and address any preconceptions about these plants, then go for a walk in the preserve and identify several species of ferns and lycophytes. Registration is required by Friday, September 13th. Space is limited. Sponsored by The Winston Group.



## Fall Field Trip Highlights - For Adults!

**Thursday, October 10th  
1:00-2:30pm**  
**Sliding scale suggested donation \$1-\$10**

Have you wanted to experience a school field trip at Woodland Dunes? Channel your inner first-fourth grader and join us for some of our fall field trip program highlights for adults! Learn about owls, predator/prey adaptations, deer, trees, and more! This program will take place outside on a trail; we will walk about 1/3 of a mile. Registration required by Monday, October 7th. Sponsored by the Winston Group.



## Backyard Bird Feeding

**Thursday, November 7th  
6:00pm**

**Sliding scale suggested donation \$1-\$10**

Join us for an interactive presentation about feeding your backyard birds with Whitney, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Green Bay and Certified Bird Feeding Specialist. Examine seed blend samples and a variety of feeders, and learn about other ways to provide habitat for birds in your backyard! Bird feeders will be available for purchase. Registration appreciated by Tuesday, November 5th. Sponsored by the Winston Group.



~New Program~

## Wild Wanderers

A complimentary program to the Raising a Wild Child Series, Wild Wanderers is for children ages 5-8 years old (older and younger siblings are welcome to join) and an adult. Take a deeper dive into various nature topics through guided activities, games, and nature hikes! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Some portions of this program will be led by staff, while others will be for families to explore on their own. Dress for the weather - a majority of the program will take place outdoors. Registration is required by the Monday before each session, space is limited.

**9:00-10:30am**

**Members: \$3/child**

**Non-members: \$4/child**

### Saturday, September 28th: Fossils

- Explore the geologic history of Wisconsin through hands-on fossil exploration activities.

### Saturday, October 26th: Owls

- Learn more about an owl's unique way of eating, hunting, and seeing through various activities and games.

### Saturday, November 23rd: Canines

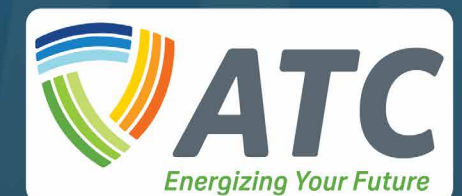
- Foxes, Coyotes, Wolves, oh my! Come learn about the cool canines that live in this area and what awesome adaptations they have to make them such great hunters.

# The Enchanted Forest

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 5th  
4:30-7:30 pm**

**Journey along a candlelit trail and meet some of Mother Nature's misunderstood (costumed) animals and learn why they are important in nature. This is an educational evening, not a scary one. Non-scary costumes and warm clothes are encouraged. Space is limited, groups sizes are kept small. Timeslots start at 4:30pm and are offered every 10 minutes.**

Member: \$5 per person; Non-member: \$7 per person  
Children ages 3 and under- FREE  
Reservations Required and opens Monday, Sept. 17th  
Call or email early to reserve a timeslot as this event sells out!  
Sponsored by ATC.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 50 Hikes for 50 Years

Join us for the final hikes of our 50 Hikes for 50 Years series!

To celebrate Woodland Dunes turning 50 years old in 2024, we are offering 50 guided hikes throughout the year. Some of these hikes will be on a specific topic while others will be open to whatever nature presents to us that day. All hikes will be guided by staff or a guest leader. Spend this fall and winter hiking all the different trails here with us!

Registration is required for all hikes as space is limited. Registration is required by the Friday before each hike (or sooner). A staff member will email you the meeting location and trail conditions. Unless otherwise noted, all hikes will be about 1 mile or less. Sponsored by The Winston Group.

### #36 Vultures, Opossums, Beetles, Oh My

Thursday, September 5th | 9:00 AM

Celebrate International Vulture Awareness Day on a guided hike where we talk about various scavenging animals. Trail TBD

### #37 Can You Find 50?

Tuesday, September 10th | 1:00 PM

Join us for a hike where we try to find 50 different living things in 50 minutes! Trail TBD

### #38 Forest Floor Discoveries

Thursday, September 19th | 1:00 PM

Discover the treasures of the forest floor on a guided hike along Yellow Birch Trail

### #39 Remarkable Raptors

Wednesday, September 25th | 3:00 PM

Let's talk raptors! Hike Blazing Star Trail to learn about the diurnal raptors of Woodland Dunes

### #40 Seed Hike

Thursday, October 3rd | 10:00 AM

Learn how to identify flowering perennials by their seedheads and plant structure on a guided hike with our land manager

### #41 Whoo Is That Owl?

Friday, October 11th | 1:00 PM

Learn about what owl species can be found here at Woodland Dunes while walking Willow Trail

### #42 Mary Oliver & Aldo Leopold Hike

Wednesday, October 16th | 3:00 PM

Enjoy the musings of Mary Oliver and Aldo Leopold as you hike along Yellow Birch Trail

### #43 Fall Colors Hike

Tuesday, October 22nd | 10:00 AM

Observe the changing fall leaf colors while hiking along one of our trails. Trail TBD

### #44 The Not So Spooky Stroll

Wednesday, October 30th | 2:00 PM

The creepies, the crawlies, and the things that fly in the night... hike Willow Trail and learn about some of the "spooky" critters of the Dunes

### #45 Sunrise Walk

Wednesday, November 6th | 6:30 AM

Watch the sunrise from the observation tower and enjoy a short walk afterward

### #46 Sunset Walk

Tuesday, November 12th | 4:30 PM

Enjoy a guided sunset walk. Trail TBD

### #47 Happy Birthday Woodland Dunes! History of Woodland Dunes Hike

Monday, November 18th | 9:00 AM

Celebrate Woodland Dunes turning 50 while discussing how the organization came to be. Note: This is the same history hike we have done in the past. Trail TBD

### #48 Time for Turkeys

Wednesday, November 27th | 1:00 PM

Let's talk turkey! Join staff on a guided hike where we talk about those that gobble, what's a snood? And more! Trail TBD

### #49 Come See the Conifers

Friday, December 6th | 2:00 PM

Join staff on a guided hike to learn about Wisconsin's native conifer species and how to identify them. Trail TBD

### #50 Final Hike - 50th Hike for The 50th Year

Saturday, December 14th | 1:00 PM

Join Woodland Dunes' executive director for the final hike in our 50 Hikes for 50 Years series. Trail TBD

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

## Meet Al Kluczinske

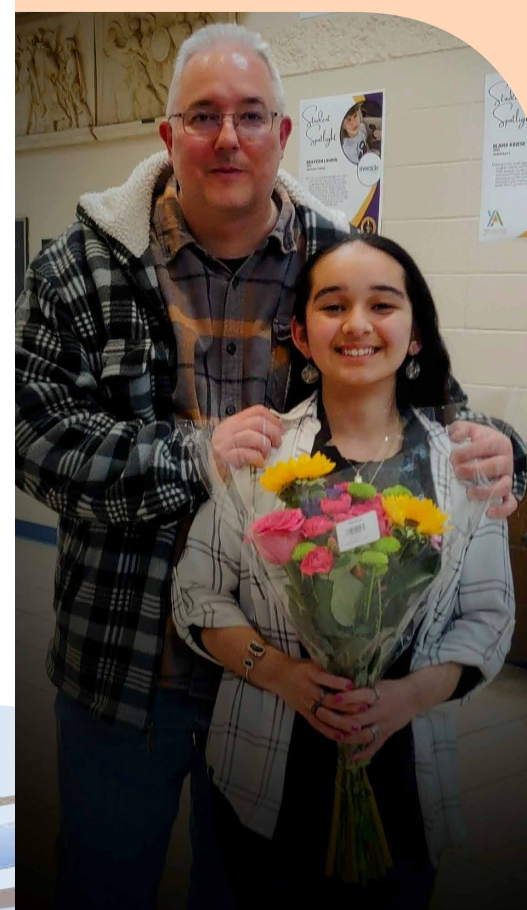
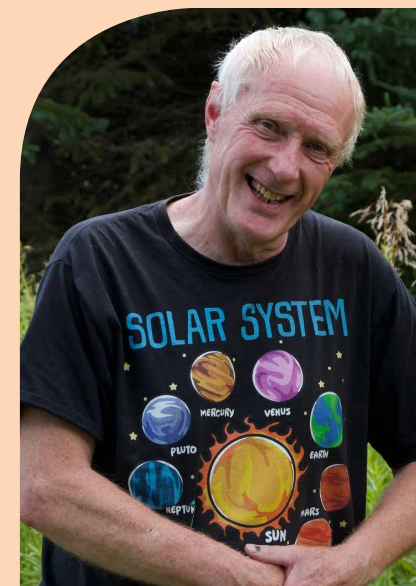
*How long have you volunteered at Woodland Dunes and what made you become involved?*

Oh I don't know, it's more than ten years... I got started because I was out here one time and a science teacher was doing a program and I figured I could do the same. That was back when Kelly (Eskew) was here. She was very encouraging.

*What do you most enjoy about being involved with Woodland Dunes?* Meeting the new people. I enjoy doing the star parties, being under the stars, and just enjoying the people.

*What are some of your favorite pastimes or hobbies?* Astronomy is my main passion. I put together space-themed Lego sets, too. I've got all kinds of them. I also enjoy gardening.

*Words of wisdom for other volunteers?* Get involved. Always give it your best. Even though you're volunteering, give it your best and keep it your passion.



## Ben Birr

*How long have you volunteered at Woodland Dunes and what made you become involved?* Possibly 15 years? Or more?

*What do you most enjoy about being involved with Woodland Dunes?* It's a beautiful place with nice people. And they let me do astronomy in the awesome sky shed.

*What are some of your favorite pastimes or hobbies?* Visual astronomy and astrophotography, music, and walking in pretty places like Woodland Dunes and state parks.

*Words of wisdom for other volunteers?* Always have a hobby, they keep life interesting.

# Save The Date



# Tropical Blast 2025

Set aside  
**Saturday,  
February 22, 2025**  
for the Ninth Annual Tropical Blast  
fundraiser to benefit  
Woodland Dunes  
from 5:00 to 9:00pm!

We'll be back at the beautiful Sepia with fantastic food and tropical fun.

Get your friends together and spend a night in the Caribbean with tropical drinks, raffles, auctions and more! Sponsorships are now available. Please help support our important conservation efforts and nature-based education programs.

Contact Nancy at:  
[nancyn@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:nancyn@woodlanddunes.org)

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

# Nature Corner



American Redstart

Summer Bird Surveys have been conducted here since the mid-1960s. Our founder Bernie Brouchoud began these surveys before Woodland Dunes Nature Center & Preserve was even established. Since then, Woodland Dunes staff and volunteers have been going to various points across the preserve each summer, beginning in early June and ending in mid-July to document what bird species we hear/see during a 10-minute count.

We are thankful that we can go out for just a few minutes and still hear/see so many amazing birds, a testimony to all the hard work that staff and volunteers put in to make this preserve such a wonderful place for birders and birds alike!

This year a total of 90 bird species were documented here during the summer bird surveys.

~ Kennedy Zittel, naturalist

Alder Flycatcher	Chimney Swift	House Sparrow	Ring-billed Gull
American Crow	Chipping Sparrow	House Wren	Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)
American Goldfinch	Clay-colored Sparrow	Indigo Bunting	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
American Kestrel	Cliff Swallow*	Killdeer	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
American Redstart	Common Grackle	Least Bittern	Sandhill Crane
American Robin	Common Raven	Mallard	Savannah Sparrow*
American White Pelican	Common Yellowthroat	Marsh Wren	Scarlet Tanager
Bald Eagle*	Double Crested Cormorant*	Mourning Dove	Song Sparrow
Baltimore Oriole*	Downy Woodpecker	Mourning Warbler*	Swamp Sparrow
Barn Swallow	Eastern Bluebird	Northern Cardinal	Tree Swallow
Belted Kingfisher	Eastern Kingbird	Northern Flicker	Turkey Vulture
Black-capped Chickadee	Eastern Meadowlark	Northern Rough Winged Swallow*	Veery
Black-throated Green	Eastern Phoebe	Northern Waterthrush*	Virginia Rail
Warbler	Eastern Towhee	Osprey	Warbling Vireo*
Blue Jay	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Ovenbird	Willow Flycatcher*
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	European Starling	Pileated Woodpecker	White-breasted Nuthatch
Blue-winged Teal	Gray Catbird	Red-bellied Woodpecker	White-throated Sparrow
Brown Creeper	Great Blue Heron	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Wild Turkey
Brown Thrasher	Great Crested Flycatcher	Red-eyed Vireo	Winter Wren
Brown-headed Cowbird	Green Heron	Red-headed Woodpecker	Wood Duck
Canada Goose	Hairy Woodpecker	Red-shouldered Hawk	Yellow Warbler
Caspian Tern	Herring Gull	Red-tailed Hawk	
Cedar Waxwing	House Finch	Red-winged Blackbird	
Chestnut-sided Warbler			

\* Incidental sighting during the Summer Bird Survey season

# The Butterfly & Bee Garden

As a continuation from the last newsletter, I'd like to share more information learned through the Pollinator Steward Certification course I took last winter from Pollinator Partnership ([www.pollinator.org](http://www.pollinator.org)) This article will focus on less popular pollinators: bats.

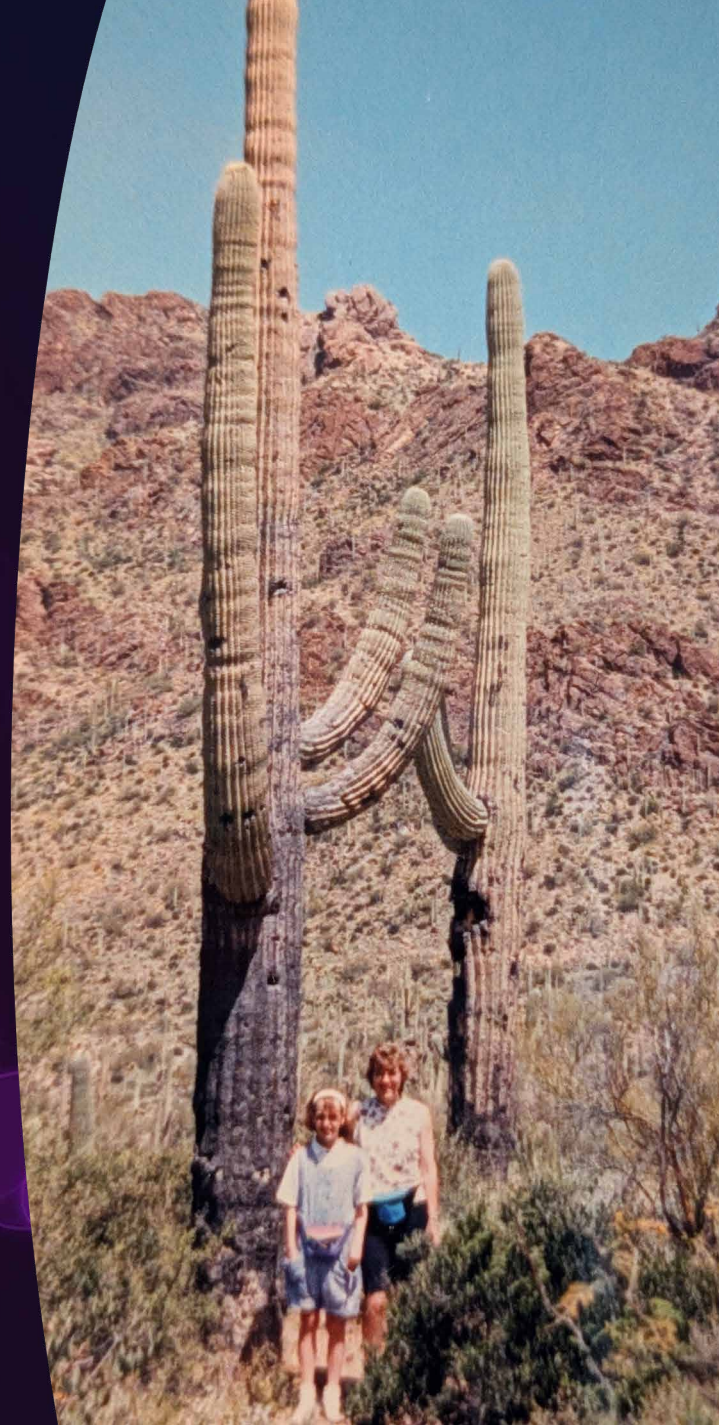
According to the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC), every continent that has a tropical ecosystem also has nectar-feeding bats. Throughout the world, bats pollinate over 500 species of flowers. The NAPPC Bat Task Force has created an excellent brochure that includes the following information: "Thirty-six species of American leaf-nosed bats and twelve species of Old World flying foxes are nectar bats with bodies specialized for visiting and pollinating flowers." Here in the Americas, nectar-feeding bats can be found from northern Argentina all the way up to California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

Two species of lesser long-nosed bats (*Leptonycteris*) here in the United States are considered endangered and are important pollinators of night-blooming cactus. If you've ever enjoyed a trip to the American Southwest and appreciated saguaro or organ pipe cactus, agave, or century plants, you can thank these bats! While we won't find these species of nectar bats here in Wisconsin, it's a reminder that all pollinators are important even if they're not as pretty as butterflies or diverse as birds and bees.

For access to this pamphlet *Bats: The World's Tropical Pollinators* and others like it, please visit [www.pollinator.org/brochures](http://www.pollinator.org/brochures)

– Wendy Lutzke, butterfly & bee garden coordinator

Photo: writer and daughter are enjoying Arizona's saguaro cactus in the 1990s. Thank you, bats!



## It's all about the BAGS!

L to R: Executive Director Sue Crowley, and Al Kanugh, 2nd vice president of the Manitowoc -Two Rivers Lions Club. The club donated a bench to Woodland Dunes that was obtained by collecting and recycling plastic bags.

# SUMMER INTERNS



L to R: Natalie McNeely, Claire Bosselmann, Liam Guenin, Mary Kennedy, and Anna Kovach.

## Claire Bosselmann

Working at Woodland Dunes has been a reassuring experience. My love and knowledge of nature have bloomed, and I feel secure in finishing my education in Environmental Science with a focus on land rehabilitation at Montana State University this year. I've spent many humid days in the field planting trees, building fences, and removing invasive honeysuckle, buckthorn, and autumn olive. Every day here has offered new knowledge, whether it's applicable to my studies or just an interesting nature fact to keep in my back pocket. One of my favorite experiences has been bird banding, specifically the red-shouldered hawk, because it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with such a magnificent bird. Woodland Dunes has so much to offer the community as well as any out-of-staters like myself. Working within the woodlands and wetlands on various projects has provided a unique experience, allowing me to learn a lot about a new region of the world. I'm excited to share these experiences with my peers when I return home to the Pacific Northwest.

## Liam Guenin

This summer has been flying by so far. Even though it's going really fast, I have been having so much fun. I am beyond happy that I decided to venture out of Houghton, MI down to Two Rivers this summer to be a Habitat Restoration Intern at the Dunes. I've learned so much and have had so many new experiences. Whether it be trekking through seemingly endless waves of mosquitos to treat invasives, tracking down bumblebees to take pictures for the Wisconsin Bumblebee Brigade, or even hunting down frogs, toads, and tadpoles for the amphibian day camp, I know that each day I come into work, there will be a whole new adventure to go on. I also can't talk about how great this summer has been without mentioning all the connections I've made with my fellow interns and Woodland Dunes staff. They've truly been such a welcoming group of individuals and I wouldn't be having nearly as good of a time without them. Although I don't really want the summer to be over, I am excited to bring all the knowledge I've gained from this internship back to Michigan Tech with me to continue my journey.

## Mary Kennedy

How fortunate I am to be the Education Intern this summer! My time at Woodland Dunes has provided me with many opportunities and knowledge. My main job is to help lead and assist summer programs. I love working with kids and find that to be the most rewarding part of my days each week. Alongside that, I have been able to participate in nature surveys, hikes, and other outdoor experiences. Learning about birds and their calls has also been of great interest to me this summer. Having the chance to be able to hear and see the many different species around the preserve has given me a newfound hobby. Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, and now attending Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, I have been able to experience a completely different environment while in Wisconsin. This internship has provided me with an immense amount of skills, and I am excited to take them into my senior year of college, as I feel I now have a clearer passion for pursuing a career in environmental education.

## Anna Kovach

My internship with Woodland Dunes this past summer has been a fulfilling and transformative experience. As someone most familiar with woodlands, having the opportunity to explore and learn about the unfamiliar plants and animals of wetland and prairie habitats was wonderful. During the first part of the summer, we planted trees to help restore the forest canopy lost to the emerald ash borer. This was especially rewarding for me because I have previously seen the damage caused by this beetle down in Appalachia, and I now know there are solutions to this devastating problem. Once all the trees were planted, we built a deer enclosure to slow down the excessive grazing of vulnerable plants. When we were not working on these two projects, we were most commonly removing invasive species or conducting surveys on bees, birds, and bats. One of my favorite experiences from the summer was the opportunity to observe the banding of red-shouldered hawk nestlings and to learn more about raptor conservation from an expert in the field. As someone interested in insects, I also loved getting to survey bees! I look forward to applying my new knowledge concerning habitat restoration to my studies as I finish the last two years of my Environmental Science degree at Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia.

## Natalie McNeely

Being a WAICU intern at Woodland Dunes has been a great summer experience. Throughout my internship, I have assisted and taught various summer programs, worked in communications and marketing, and helped plant trees and remove invasives with the land rehabilitation interns. During my time here, I have learned about many flora and fauna species and have grown more confident in my teaching and communication skills. I have also particularly enjoyed surveying for birds and bumble bees. I am originally from Neenah, WI, and I am attending school at Ripon College, where I am studying biology, environmental studies, and educational studies. I am still deciding what I want to do after I graduate next year, but this internship has allowed me to gain more experience and has been helping me decide what possible jobs or graduate programs I want to pursue.

# Thank You!

## Memoriams/Honoriams

*In Memory of Mary Kay Brisch  
Donald and Kristine Cisler*

*In Memory of Sandy Bull  
Lee and Eileen Kummer  
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*In Memory of Robert  
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## Special Membership Appreciation Presentation

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**

**1:00-3:30 pm**

## Woodland Dunes Nature Center

You're invited to a special presentation featuring Dr. Titus Seilheimer of Wisconsin Sea Grant and Melissa Curran of Stantec to learn about our \$800,000 Forget Me Not Creek restoration project and its positive impact on our Preserve.

Refreshments and beverages provided.

*Let's celebrate our first 50 years and learn more about our exciting plans for the future!*

Seating is limited so please register today by calling 920-793-4007 or email [nancyn@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:nancyn@woodlanddunes.org) by Friday, October 25th.

See you there!