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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The seasonal change is upon us. A lot of us eagerly anticipate the seepage of white, gray and brown from our daily landscape and the emergence of those lovely fresh, tender, first leaves of green and blossoming flowers that let us begin again. The beautiful umbrella canopy of mayapples is one of the delights of the spring season. These clonal plants emerge in April with dark green shoots and then, by their namesake month, May, unfold their leaves to create a miniature, shaded forest only a foot or so from the ground.

As with season changes, so too we are experiencing change. Some long-term board members have stepped down, allowing for others to fill their big shoes. Tom Kocourek, Charles Sontag, Susan Knorr, and Bruce Robinson are off on other adventures while still maintaining their membership support. We are extremely grateful for their dedicated commitment to sustaining Woodland Dunes with time, talents, and financial support. Tom led us as President from 2011 through 2025! Charles Sontag has been with us through thick and thin from the very beginning. Susan Knorr has played many roles, from staff

member to board member, committee member, and front desk volunteer. Bruce contributed his expertise in building and grounds, for which we are so grateful.

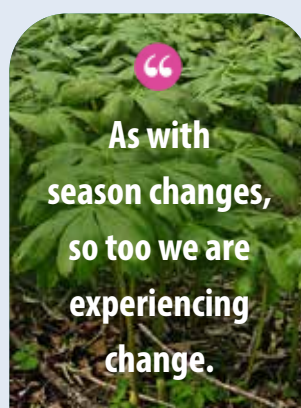
Mark McLaughlin is now at the helm as we collaborate to keep our organization healthy and to grow strong in support of our mission. Mark is a long-time member, who also volunteers as one of our teacher naturalists. He knows firsthand the impact of teaching children and adults about nature. New people are joining the team. Logan Rooney will contribute to both our Development and Education Committees and Joel Trick is slated

to lead our property committee with his wealth of plant, bird and nature knowledge.

If you have not already heard, we have hired a new Development Director, Jason Prigge. I am grateful and excited to welcome Jason to the Woodland Dunes crew. He will be focusing on fundraising, infusing new ideas into our connections with you and the community. As it is said although I'm not sure by whom, "Change is inevitable and growth is optional." We choose growth.

Lastly, I am so grateful and always humbled by your generosity. Because of your individual and community support, we can affect the changes we wish to pursue in making our Nature Center a place for all to visit and enjoy. A project you will want to watch for is a refresh of our Little Wings Play Area. We will have a new fence and some new features for all to explore. As spring breaks, we come experience change and growth.

~ Sue Crowley, Executive Director



Retiring Board Members 2025



L to R: Charles Sontag, Tom Kocourek, Susan Knorr



Serviceberry by Kennedy Zittel



Introducing Our Development Director

For me, being part of the staff at Woodland Dunes feels less like a job and more like finally landing in the right ecosystem.

I've always lived at the intersection of art, communication, and community. As a plein air painter (creating art from outdoor observation), I'm used to standing quietly in a landscape for hours, studying light, texture, movement, and mood. It has always been a meditation for my spirit. Nature doesn't perform for us, it invites us to slow down and meet it in the moment. Woodland Dunes is built on that same posture of respect. Listening comes first. The work follows.

As a marketer, I've spent years translating values into stories people can understand and feel. Good marketing isn't about hype, it's more about clarity and trust. Woodland Dunes doesn't need spin, it needs stewardship. It needs thoughtful storytelling that honors science, accessibility, education, and the quiet magic of preserved spaces. Helping connect donors, visitors, and neighbors to that mission feels honest and grounding. The message is real because the work is real.

As a longtime community advocate, this role feels especially aligned with my interests. I've seen what happens when communities invest in places that invite reflection instead of consumption, peace instead of noise. Woodland Dunes is one of those rare anchors, a place where kids discover tadpoles and birds instead of a new game on a device. It is a place where adults can find a quiet moment, and conservation isn't an abstract idea but a lived practice. Being part of the staff means helping protect not just land and the rich history here, it's a way of relating to the world that just feels right.

Woodland Dunes is a perfect fit because it doesn't ask me to compartmentalize who I am. All the things that I am, the artist, the communicator, the advocate of the Coolest Coast, all those things belong here. It feels purposeful to me.

The work here is connected to land, to science, to future generations, and to the community. I'm proud to be part of a staff that leads with care, curiosity, and integrity. The future is bright.

This isn't just where I work. It's where my values can show up to do something useful and I am grateful for that. Everyday.

– Jason Prigge, Development Director

Habitat Management



Pedicularis canadensis by Max Kornetzke

Early this winter I seeded native wildflowers in and around our nine-acre deer enclosure and along the prairie edge where there is more dappled light. This is a part of our efforts to enhance the understory of an old hemlock-hardwood woodland for the endangered rusty batched bumble bee. The species seeded across the site include red columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), Short's aster (*Symphyotrichum shortii*) and wood betony (*Pedicularis canadensis*).

While all of these species offer important resources for native bumble bees in spring or fall, I am particularly fascinated by wood betony. It has unusual yellow, twisted tubular flowers that are attractive to many native pollinators. It's also a hemi-parasite, meaning it is partially parasitic on other plant species. In early spring, the wavy, lobed leaves emerge as a beautiful bronze-purple color, but shortly after turn green as they perform photosynthesis. In order to germinate successfully, this plant's seeds must fall near an adequate host, generally a sedge of short bunchgrass.

Our site is dotted with colonies of grove bluegrass (*Poa alsodes*), a native cool season grass with airy flowering stalks that give the forest floor a subtle

shimmer, and Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*), a common, short, woodland sedge that weeps over itself to form a flowing carpet across the forest floor. Both of these species are ideal hosts for wood betony.

Hemi-parasitic plants like wood betony play an interesting role in the lifecycle of our native plant communities. In a prairie setting, they are capable of decreasing the vigor of dominant bunchgrasses. Decreased vigor means more light, water and nutrient availability for other native wildflowers to take root. It is likely because of this process that wood betony abundance has been found to strongly correlate with species richness (the number of species present). Wood betony and other hemi-parasitic plants like it play a unique role in their ecosystems and are an important part of the native plant diversity.

By establishing these woodland wildflowers, in tandem with continued invasive species management, we will continue our efforts of increasing plant resources available for native bumble bees like the endangered, rusty patched, while also positively impacting the native species richness of our preserve.

– Max Kornetzke, Land Manager

Our weasel box research project has documented over a dozen species already on the cameras. Highlights from the last few months include a short-tailed weasel entering the tunnel, a mink running out of a box, and a raccoon posing outside of one of the boxes.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

heiknbrew 2026 ~ September 11, 2026

Registration will open in mid July. Look for the addition of some fun mocktails out on the trails!

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Saturday: 9 am – 12 pm
(April – October)

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Founders, previous board members, and previous executive directors are eligible for this honor.

2025 Inductees

Helen Bleser
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Donald DeBruyn
James Knickelbine
Ellen Lewellen
Robert Weinert
John Woodcock
Lucy Zeldenrust

Legacy Leaders

Designated to people who have passed away and have significantly contributed and shaped Woodland Dunes.

2025 Inductees

Bernie Brouchoud
Gordon Buboltz
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NATURE CORNER



Examination of feather shading to estimate the owl's age. Plumage patterns of random light and dark feathers indicate an older owl.

All banding, marking, and sampling is being conducted under a federally authorized bird banding permit issued by the U.S. Geological Survey's BBL

Northern saw-whet owls are the smallest owl in North America, standing around six to eight inches tall with a wingspan of 16 to 22 inches. They are similar in size to an American Robin. They are known for their round heads, large yellow eyes, and streaked brown and white feathers. They prefer dense conifer forests and mixed forests, roosting in evergreen trees during the day and hunting primarily small rodents and insects at night. Saw-whets are a very secretive species, so finding out information regarding their migration and population cycles has been challenging for researchers. Specifically, we are interested in where they go during migration, which owls are the ones that migrate (young vs. old, males vs. females, etc.), and how their population seems to fluctuate cyclically.

Woodland Dunes has been banding Northern saw-whet owls for over 50 years. Our founder, Bernie Brouchoud, was a federally licensed master bird bander who helped capture and record data on thousands of saw-whet owls. During banding, owls are captured in a mist net,

where they are then carefully removed and taken to the banding station. There, the licensed bird bander places a metal band on the owl's leg. This band contains a unique set of numbers used to identify that specific bird if it is caught again (which is the goal). Banders record the sex, age, weight, wing chord measurement, and note the plumage pattern. All of that data is submitted to the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory for other researchers to use to help solve the mysteries of the saw-whet owl.

Former executive director and federally licensed master bird bander Jim Knickelbine took over the operation of our banding station after Bernie retired... something that Jim continues to do even after his own retirement. Thanks Jim! In Wisconsin, there are currently only a handful of banding stations left that catch and study saw-whets, so we are honored to continue to be able to monitor this amazing species. We are also thankful for our sub-permit banders and trained volunteers - thank you! I am very excited to say that I have recently received my sub-permit for owl banding, and I am looking forward to keeping this research project going here at the Dunes long into the future.

2025 Data:

- We had 39 owl captures
- 32 received a brand new band at our station
- Five were already banded when caught
 - Two were banded by our station previously
 - Three were banded by another station
- Two owls were caught twice in the season

Fun Note: We caught a saw-whet on 11/3/25 that was already banded. After we submitted the banding data, we learned that saw-whet was banded in Ontario on 9/29/25, meaning the saw-whet owl traveled around 700 miles in under two months from Canada to us!

By Kennedy Zittel, Naturalist



Wood Anemone
by Kennedy Zittel

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Kelly Vorrn

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

I have volunteered with Woodland Dunes since 2013. I strongly believe in their mission and know how important volunteers are to the organization's success.

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

I enjoy being a part of something that makes the world a better place. I love the natural and social communities Woodland Dunes staff cultivate. I love the education programs that create opportunities for young and old to engage with nature. I love that volunteers help keep costs lower allowing visits to the nature center and many of the programs to be donation rather than fee based.

What are some of your favorite pastimes or hobbies?

My favorite pastimes are exploring new places with my family and losing ourselves in fun when we play or create together.

Words of wisdom for other volunteers?

Staying active and engaged in community, being in a group of lifelong learners and having great excuses to spend time in nature— I think we benefit from volunteering more than Woodland Dunes does!

Midwest Annual 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, contact Jess Johnsrud at jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org.



Bloodroot by Max Kornetzke

The Butterfly & Bee Garden

The Dorothy R. Star Butterfly & Bee Garden is getting some new native plant additions!

Daffodils and tulips are beautiful and classic, but they don't offer much to our native pollinators. We will be adding some native, early-flowering species under the swamp white oak as we begin to establish a new shade garden. Other species in the garden have been selected for varied flowering times across the growing season to provide continuous resources for our pollinators.

There will be new native shrubs and many shorter prairie species added to showcase their beauty and potential uses for a home garden. Other new things include signage about forked aster, a rare species endemic to the midwest that we grew from local seed and planted into our butterfly garden. Signage will be provided through the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin's C.D. Besadny Conservation grant. Please stop in throughout the year to see how things are growing!

There will also be a new planting around the viewing tower kiosk to add color before you walk to our new and improved cattail boardwalk.

This year we will be looking for some help to transplant native seedling starts to larger containers for optimal root development before transplanting. These seedlings will be used in the Nature Center's landscaping as well as other restoration projects for pollinator enhancement. If that seems to be of interest to you, please reach out to Max at maxk@woodlanddunes.org and express your interest in helping with seedlings. Dates for this work to be determined based on weather and seedling growth.

- Max Kornetzke, Butterfly Garden Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Raising a Wild Child

Thursday, March 12th: Maple Syrup
Thursday, April 9th: Turtles
Thursday, May 14th: Nature Hike
10:45am - Noon

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

Experience the wonders of nature with your two to five 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; we will spend as much time outside as possible. Registration required by the Monday before each session; space is limited. Sponsored by Green Bay Packers Foundation.



Wild Families

10:00 - 11:00am
Members: \$3/child | Non-members: \$4/child
Wild Families is a program for families to explore various nature topics through hands-on

activities, crafts, games, and hikes. This program is best for ages 6-12 years. 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. Sponsored by Green Bay Packers Foundation.

Saturday,
March 21st
The Magic of
Maple Trees

Learn about the magical inner workings of maple trees, how they make their own food and taste one of the sweetest gifts from trees: maple syrup.



Saturday, April 11th
Spring Family Hike

Enjoy the sights and sounds of spring on a guided family-friendly hike down Black Cherry Trail. Bring a backpack, extra layer, and a water bottle. We recommend wearing tennis shoes/hiking shoes and be prepared for slightly uneven and muddy ground. Hike is 0.8 miles.

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

Bird Breakfast & Migration Celebration

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

Members: \$7/person | Non-members: \$9/person | Kids under 4, free

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day and the return of many of our migratory songbirds! Guided bird hikes will be available throughout the morning (please register for the 7am and 8am hikes starting April 27th) and self-guided activities for families will be available. We will offering a delicious ham and pancake breakfast. Our friends from Barnwood Coffee Company will be here serving their certified bird-friendly coffee. Reservations and details about the breakfast and guided bird hikes will be available on Monday, April 27th.



Spring Star Party

Saturday, May 9th | 9:30 - 10:30pm | Free

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 bring your own telescope if you need help figuring out how to set it up. Weather and sky conditions permitting. Program takes place outside in the Sky Shed by the Nature Center. Please register by Thursday, May 7th.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Learning Series

All programs in this series have a sliding scale fee of \$3-\$10 per person. This will be collected at check-in, cash is preferred.



Maple Syrup for Beginners

Tuesday, March 17th | 6:00 - 7:00pm

Learn the basics of making your own maple syrup. We will cover the tools needed, how to identify a maple tree and how to boil the sap to syrup. Learn from our staff and a backyard maple syrup maker and get a taste of this sweet backyard hobby. Please note, we will not be actively making syrup during this program. Registration required by Monday, March 16th.

Timberdoodle Observation

Thursday, April 16th | 7:15pm

Search for the sky-dancing American Woodcock and witness its elaborate courtship displays. After, look at stars, constellations and more through the telescope. Space is limited. Registration required by Monday, April 13th. The program is weather dependent.



American Kestrels and Nestbox Research in Wisconsin

Wednesday, May 13th | 1:00 - 2:00pm

American Kestrels are North America's smallest and most colorful falcon, but have been declining steadily over the last three decades. Danny Erickson, a wildlife biologist and master's student at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, will discuss this bird's natural history, research, and conservation efforts across Wisconsin. He partners with many citizen scientists, state and local conservation agencies, and stalwart kestrel enthusiasts, installing nestboxes to help monitor and conserve this icon of our grasslands. After an indoor presentation, optional field trip to the preserve to look for this bird. Register by Monday, May 11th.



Saturday Morning Bird Walk

Saturday, May 23rd | 7:00am | Free for all

Join local birder, Joel Trick, for a guided bird walk along the trails at Woodland Dunes. Look and listen for migrants and resident birds during the spring migration. Bring your binoculars and register by Thursday, May 21st. Space is limited, so register early! The walk will last at least one hour, but may be longer if the birding is good. Meeting location will be determined closer to the date of the walk. Program is weather dependent.

Dunes' Digest: A Lunch and Learn Series

Noon - 1:00pm

All programs in this series have a sliding scale fee of \$3-\$10 per person. This will be collected at check-in, cash is preferred. Join other nature enthusiasts for an hour of nature knowledge. This series will run November-April and offer a different topic and presenter each month. Bring your own lunch and we will provide coffee, tea, water and a sweet treat. Registration is required by the Monday before each program.

Wednesday, March 18th
All of This & Robins Too:
Wisconsin's Richness of Birds

Birds add to the quality of our lives in so many ways: they're colorful, they're fascinating, they eat bugs, and they add music to our world.

Wisconsin supports more than 400 species of wild birds, but how well do you know them? Bird expert

and Emmy-award-winning TV Journalist, Steve Betchkal, shares some amazing facts about birds—from migration to anatomy, with healthy doses of humor and conservation.



Wednesday, April 15th
Wisconsin Moths

Wisconsin moths are an important insect in our ecosystem. Join Kyle Johnson, entomologist for the Minnesota Biological Survey to learn about moth diversity, how to find them, and conservation concerns.

Guided Walks

Members: Free

Non-members: Sliding scale \$3-\$10/person

Join a staff member on a guided hike along one of our trails. Some hikes will have a specific topic, while others will be about whatever nature presents to us that day. Registration is required by the Monday before the hike takes place, as space is limited and meeting locations vary. Hikes will be under a mile long unless specified.

Awesome Opossum

Thursday, March 12th - 2:00 PM

Hike along one of our trails as we discuss the awesome opossum! Trail TBD.



Is It Spring Yet?

Friday, March 20th - 9:00 AM

Take an Equinox hike on one of our trails and observe the emerging details of Woodland Dunes. Trail TBD.

Animal Riddles

Wednesday, April 1st - 3:00 PM

I sleep during the day and fly at night... but have no feathers to help my flight... who am I? Join staff on a guided hike while they share some fun animal riddles! Trail TBD.



Forget Me Not Creek Hike

Wednesday, April 22 - 5:30 PM

Take a tour of the newly restored Forget-Me-Not Creek project with our director Sue Crowley and Fisheries Biologist Titus Seilheimer.

Morning Hike on Black Cherry Trail

Thursday, May 7th - 9:00 AM

Enjoy a peaceful morning hike along Black Cherry Trail with staff.



Woodland Wildflower Walk

Wednesday, May 27 - 5:30 PM

Stroll through the forest and look for spring wildflowers. Trail TBD.

SUMMER CAMP COMING SOON!

Woodland Dunes offers summer camps for children ages 4-15 years old. Camps help foster a deeper connection to the outdoors, are full of hand-on activities and are fun! The schedule will be available on the website soon with registration opening in mid-March. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates.

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



A Legacy for Future Generations

DID YOU KNOW... Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve holds an endowment fund at the Lake Community Foundation. Our endowment fund began in 2018 with an initial balance of \$100,000. The endowment has grown to over 1.5 million dollars as of January 2026.

Our goal for the endowment is to support Woodland Dunes in perpetuity. Our policy is to use the allowable distribution every year to help pay for staff wages and health insurance. Otherwise, the endowment fund is a hands-off savings account-- unless we experience extremely dire circumstances that cannot be remedied another way.

Supporters contribute to the endowment in several ways. One way is that a supporter specifically designates a donation for the endowment. To do this, one would indicate that preference in the letter or email to let us know that is their wish. Another way that the endowment fund grows occurs when we receive a generous gift as the beneficiary of an estate. If the estate did not directly designate the donation to the endowment, our finance committee evaluates any immediate needs of our operation and then the majority, if not all, of the donation is deposited into the endowment fund.

Another common way a may arise is when a supporter who has a required minimum distribution (RMD) and can use a qualified charitable donation (QCD) to offset some of the tax liability while helping charities one wishes to support. Of course, you should consult with a financial advisor to see what is best for you.

So now you know that when you give to our endowment, it is a legacy for future generations who will enjoy the engaging education programs, hike our trails and support a healthy habitat for critters and humans alike. TO ENDOW means to provide with a quality, an ability, or an asset.

Thank You!

Donations are recognized on a quarterly basis. If you don't see your donation on here, it missed the cutoff and will be in the next issue. Thank you.

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Jeffrey & Julie Rathmanner

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Nancy Crabb with family & friends

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Dunes Staff Connecting with Community

We were looking for something to do as a team to help outside of our normal day-to-day activities. Jess suggested a couple of options and we decided on Tuesday Family Dinner for the Lighthouse Recovery Community. We all enjoyed putting together a taco tuesday dinner.

At right: staff preparing the meal.

At left: the Lighthouse after everyone enjoyed some good chow and camaraderie.



DONATIONS



L to R: Jess Johnsrud, Vonnice Holliday, Max Korneztke

Woodland Dunes Receives a Green Bay Packers Foundation grant in December. The funding will support children and family nature programs in 2026. We are grateful for the generous support.



Donations make a difference.

One day Nancy Crabb and two of her daughters had stopped by the nature center to explore what type of memorial they could contribute to the Dunes that would honor Ron Crabb, husband of Nancy, who passed away in October 2025. We identified a need for a new



staff refrigerator and a microwave. The staff microwave was from 1984 and still cranking. Funds were donated by family and friends. We are so grateful for this donation in memory of Ron Crabb. In sharing some memories we discovered that FOUR generations of their family participated in programs or hiked the trails at the Dunes.

It turns out the donation was also able to provide a new used camera for taking high resolution pictures, which led to another generous donation of camera lenses from our Photography Hub leader, Lynn Rennert. These pictures were taken with our new camera. **THANK YOU.**

NATURE POP QUIZ

Test your knowledge of all things nature.

QUESTION 1: What is the easiest way to tell the difference between a dragonfly and a damselfly?

- A. Behavior B. Color C. Size
D. Position of wings



Dragonfly by Lynn Rennert



Damselfly by Lynn Rennert

QUESTION 2: What is the most essential habitat for dragonflies?

- A. Urban Areas B. Upland Forests
C. Wetlands D. Grasslands



Marsh Marigold by Jess Johnsrud



Skunk Cabbage by Kennedy Zittel



Trillium by Sue Crowley



Jack in the Pulpit by Kennedy Zittel

QUESTION 3: What plant species emerges early in spring and can even produce heat to melt the snow near it?

- A. Marsh Marigold B. Skunk cabbage C. Trillium D. Jack-in the Pulpit

Answers 1-D 2-C 3-B

Renew your Dunes' Defender Membership

On behalf of the Woodland Dunes staff and board members, we would like to express our deep gratitude for your continued membership and support. We are 356 members strong and are committed to providing engaging nature programming and enhancing the habitat for nature's beings now and into the future.

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A FUN SPRING TRADITION!

**Saturday,
May 16th
8-11 am**



Members: \$7/person

Non-members: \$9/person

Kids under 4, free.

Includes: ham, pancakes, fruit compote,
real maple syrup and beverage

› Guided bird hikes (registration appreciated)

› Family-friendly activities

**More information will be available on our
website in April.**

**Funds raised support nature-based education
and land management programs.**

