From the Director

This will again be a very interesting and exciting summer at our nature center. Our staff and so many volunteers have put in long hours in preparation for meaningful projects that will benefit wildlife and our community for years to come.

Thanks to the generosity of Jack and Laurel Alyea and others, our new Chickadee Landing viewing area is complete. Native, bird friendly landscaping was planted in memory of Mary Haupt by her family, and an outdoor viewing/sitting structure is being built as well. Volunteers from the Grace Congregational Church Appalachian Service Project will be constructing that, as well as a new tool shed for our Dorothy Star butterfly garden.

Laurel Alyea has also donated a wonderful telescope that will be used for astronomy programs and classes. We will be building a small structure to house that instrument, or perhaps a modification to our existing barn for that use. Speaking of our barn, it is sorely in need of a new roof. The old one has deteriorated significantly and must be replaced soon or the structure will be significantly damaged. Any donations toward a new roof would be greatly appreciated.

We are planning to work in cooperation with Wisconsin Public Service to restore a wetland within our preserve that was drained by ditches for agriculture. The plan is to remove thousands of yards of soil, leaving us with a restored wetland of about 8 acres in size along Woodland Drive, south of Goodwin Road. The project has been designed and permits applied for, and we hope to begin construction in mid-summer.

We will again have the pleasure of working with three college interns this summer, thanks to a generous donation by the Hooper Foundation. The students will be helping us with both our education and land management programs. All three are either education or natural resource majors, and will be great additions to our staff.

We are working with the Natural Resource Conservation Service to include our preserve in several different land management programs. We will continue to work on improving our forest by managing invasive species and promoting natives that benefit wildlife, and much of our grassland habitat will receive plantings to improve habitat quality for pollinating insects. This will take place at both the Woodland Dunes and the Bugler Preserves, and we will be unique in this area in providing a large sanctuary for bees and butterflies and other wildlife such as grassland birds and other animals. This will be a very special project that will take years to complete, but given the plight of pollinators in recent times, we are excited to be able to provide such preserves.

If you drive along Columbus Street or Goodwin Road, you will see what our Barberrians have been up to- acres of land cleared of buckthorn and honeysuckle and planted with native trees and shrubs. These projects are part of our Restore the Shore effort, which has received additional support from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and will include additional habitat improvement projects in and adjacent to the Woodland Dunes Preserve.

I hope you can visit to see these projects for yourselves, and enjoy the many programs our education staff has planned for the summer. We are all a part of these efforts, and are vital to their success.

Jim Knickelbine
Summer Events

Contact Information:
Woodland Dunes Nature Center
3000 Hawthorne Ave
Two Rivers, WI 54241

Phone: (920) 793-4007
Website: www.woodlanddunes.org

Nature Center Hours:
Monday- Friday: 9am-4pm
Saturdays (April-October): 9am-12pm

Yoga at the Dunes
Wednesdays, June 3rd - July 8th
8:30-9:30am

Adults $55 for all sessions
Children 4 & up $25 for all sessions
$12 drop-in rate each day

Join certified yoga instructor Jennifer Jelenic for a gentle yoga session surrounded by the beauty of the outdoors. No prior yoga experience necessary. Be prepared to practice outside and bring a yoga mat, water bottle and wear comfortable clothing (limited supply of mats on site). If weather conditions are poor, class will take place inside the Nature Center. For more information, contact Jennifer at 920-242-4811 or jjelenic03@yahoo.com. To pre-register, call Woodland Dunes at 920-793-4007 or email Jess at jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org.

Guided Nature Hike
Friday, June 5th
8:30am

Donations are appreciated. Join a Woodland Dunes naturalist for a one-hour guided nature walk and bring binoculars if you have them.

Birding with Bernie
Saturdays June 6th & July 4th
9:00am-12:00pm

Donations are appreciated. Relax and enjoy the new bird viewing area inside the Nature Center. Join seasoned birder Bernie Brouchoud and identify and observe the birds as they come to the feeders. Stop in anytime between 9:00am and Noon.

Kids’ Nature Club
June 11th - Nature Art
July 9th - Soil and Decomposition
August 13th - Trees

All programs are 9:00-11:00am
$2 per participating child
Enjoy a guided nature walk followed by a guided nature activity. Please bring weather appropriate clothing, binoculars if you have them, a water bottle and comfortable shoes/boots. Kids’ Nature Club is for all ages, especially young children. Children/teens must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP to Margaret Pauwels at obyrml@yahoo.com or 732-1562, by the Monday before the program.

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
Wednesday, June 24th
12:00pm

Woodland Dunes volunteers are invited to a picnic lunch made by the staff. Sit back, relax and let the staff thank you for everything you make possible at Woodland Dunes. All volunteers invited. Please RSVP by June 22nd. Held at the Nature Center.

The Wonder of it All: Firefly Night & Star Party
Saturday, June 27th
8:30-9:45pm

Members: $4, Family $10;
Non-Members: $5, Family $15

An indoor program about fireflies will be followed by a walk to look for these amazing insects. A mile walk round trip will take us to the firefly field and back. Recommended for children ages seven and older. Registration required by June 24th. After, scope the night sky with an astronomer, sky conditions permitting. Sponsored by the Dominion Foundation.
**Summer Events**

**Little Wings Family Program: Mud!**
Monday, June 29th
4:00-5:00pm

$3 per child

Celebrate International Mud Day at Woodland Dunes! Explore soil, paint with mud and make mud pies. After, let your little ones explore the Little Wings nature play area or walk the trails. Nature activities best suited for ages 4 to 7, but all ages welcome. **Registration appreciated by June 26th.** Be prepared to get muddy! In the event of poor weather, there will be an indoor activity available.

**Guided Nature Hikes**
Friday, July 3rd
9:00am and 1:00pm

Donations are appreciated. Join a Woodland Dunes naturalist for a one-hour nature hike and bring binoculars if you have them.

**Nature Time Tuesdays**
July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & August 4th, 11th
1:30-3:00pm

Donations are appreciated. Families are invited to drop in anytime at the nature center between 1:30-3:00 and take participate in a nature-themed activity.

**Little Wings Family Program: Birds**
Friday, July 10th
10:00-11:00am

$3 per child

Help your child build a bird nest, feed the babies and watch out for the predators! After, let your little ones explore the Little Wings outdoor play area, walk the trails, check out an Adventure Backpack or have a picnic lunch. Nature activities best suited for ages 4 to 7, but all ages welcome. **Registration appreciated by July 8th.** In the event of poor weather, the program will be moved indoors.

**Outdoor Movie Night: Up**
Saturday, July 11th
7:30-10:00pm

Movie shows at sunset (8:45pm)

$20 per car load; $5 per adult; $4 per child ages 3 and up Children ages 2 and under are free

Come to the Nature Center and enjoy kids’ activities before the showing of the movie “Up” on a 25-foot blow up screen outdoors. Concessions available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and relax with friends and family! No registration necessary.

**Little Wings Summer Camp**
July 13th-17th
9:00am-12:00pm

Members: $95
Non-Members: $115

Every day is an adventure for Little Wings campers! Explore the outdoors and learn about all things with wings! Each day will include a snack, crafts, free play in the Little Wings nature play area and lots of outdoor exploration and activities! Families are invited to join their campers for a celebration on Friday at 11:00am. **Registration required by June 30th, space is limited.** Register online at www.woodlanddunes.org/little-wings-summer-camp/ or call the nature center at 793-4007.

**Exploring the Landscape Family Series:**
**Summer**
Saturday, July 25th
9:30-11:30am

Donations are appreciated. Join us for a series focusing on nature play and exploration for families with young children (children 10 and under). Enjoy summer activities that encourage outdoor play for both caregivers and children. The whole family is welcome to participate! **Registration required by Thursday, July 23rd.** Dress for the weather.

Produced under a 2014-2015 grant from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board with financial support from the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation.
Summer Events

Wild Food, Wild Medicine
Tuesday, July 28th
5:30-7:30pm
Members: $23; Non-members: $28

Take a walk on the wild side with herbalist Linda Conroy! We will take a walk and explore the plants that are edible and medicinal, sometimes both at the same time and some that are invasive species. In addition to learning about the plants, each person will take home an herbal remedy that is made during class! Registration and payment required by Thursday, July 23rd.

West Twin River Paddle
July 25th
9:00am
Meet at the County Boat Launch in Shoto

Join the Friends of the Twin Rivers for a leisurely paddle from Shoto to Two Rivers. To register, or for more information, call 793-4007.

The Wonder of It All: Native Pollinators
Thursday, August 13th
1:00-2:30pm

Donations are appreciated. Join Terrestrial Invertebrate Biologist with the Wisconsin DNR Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation, Jay Watson, for an introduction to native pollinators. Jay will provide an overview of different pollinators, their importance and discuss current threats and ways to benefit them in our own backyards. After, the group will search outside for native pollinators near the Nature Center. Registration required by Monday, August 10th. Sponsored by the Dominion Foundation.

Farm to Table Dinner Fundraiser
August 1st at 5:00pm at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc

$50 per person: includes 1 beer, wine or soda, dinner and dessert

Last year, Farm to Table Dinner Fundraiser was newly added to the August calendar in addition to the ever-popular annual Getaway Fundraiser event in November. Farm to Table was so successful and enjoyable, that the two events will be combined in 2015.

This year, the combined Farm to Table Dinner Fundraiser will support our environmental education programs. Guests will enjoy local beer, wine, and soda, live music by Wild Irish Gerry, dinner made with fresh ingredients from Taproot Farm, and a silent and live auction.

We are very grateful for the wonderful community members who have donated auction items in the past. This year, local businesses will be highlighted. Please consider donating item(s) to this worthwhile event. Contact Corrissa Frank at 793-4007.

Registration required - visit www.woodlanddunes.org/ farm-to-table-dinner/ or call the nature center.

Menu:

Salad: Made with domestic and wild greens with a choice of two dressings

Main Dishes:
Farm fresh chicken and root vegetables in a garlic cream sauce
Pasta with ragout of lamb, beef, veal, and fresh tomatoes
Seasonal Vegetarian Option

Dessert: Fresh berry and rhubarb crisp with ice cream

Event Schedule:
Social hour including local beer, wine and soda, live music, and silent auction: 5:00pm-6:00pm
Dinner: 6:15pm-7:00pm
Dessert and live auction: 7:00-7:30pm
Silent auction wrap up and mingling: 7:30-8:00pm

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Thank You

Education Support
Thank you to all Teacher Naturalists (TN) who helped with spring programs! We could not offer these programs without you!

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In memory of Laverne Carey
Doris A. Magyar – Butterfly Garden
In memory of Mary T. Kozelka
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Members Inadvertently Omitted from the Winter Dunesletter-
Please accept our apologies:
Philip & Margaret Rees

Volunteer Spotlight- Susan Knorr

How long have you been involved with Woodland Dunes and why did you become involved?
I started volunteering 15 years ago to fulfill a promise I made to Winnie Smith, one of the founding members of Woodland Dunes. When we were negotiating to buy her house, she learned that I had been a publications manager and had experience with non-profit organizations. She decided that she wouldn’t sell us the house unless I promised to volunteer. When Jim Knickelbine took over as director, he asked me to join him as assistant director. We had quite a few interesting years, with considerable growth in programs and facilities. A few years ago, I decided to retire.

What do you most enjoy about being involved with Woodland Dunes?
I enjoy working with people who are dedicated to the preservation of our natural landscape. These days I volunteer as a board member, chair the development committee, help at special events, and greet guests at the front desk.

What are some of your favorite hobbies?
In my spare time I work on my writing skills. My husband and I like to spend a couple of months a year exploring cities we enjoy, and visiting our children. Now that it’s warmer, I spend a lot of time outside, experimenting with new plants for my gardens.

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Jennifer & Mark McLaughlin
Jason & Suzi Zipperer
Don St. Ong
Heidi Reader & David Wharfe
Tim Tetzlaff
Dash at the Dunes 5k Trail Run/Walk

Thank you to all sponsors, participants and volunteers for helping the Dash at the Dunes result in a very successful event this year!

The Dash started at Aurora Medical Center on Saturday, April 25th at 10am. We had 205 participate, and raised about $6,000 to support environmental education programs. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year on Saturday, April 23rd, 2016!

Bird Breakfast and Grosbeaks Galore Workshop

Even with the weather being a little chilly this year, Bird Breakfast and the Grosbeaks Galore Workshop was a lot of fun! About 100 people attended overall and enjoyed a ham and pancake breakfast sponsored by Browns of Two Rivers, coffee and a free sample of mixed bird seed from SeedsNBeans, on-going kids’ activities, nature hikes, free native shrub or tree, and bird banding demonstrations. Thank you to all of our volunteers that made this day possible!

Ospreys

The ospreys have returned to the nest outside our nature center and were one of the highlights for both Dash at the Dunes and Bird Breakfast. The camera fixed on the platform where the ospreys built their nest showed the pair on the monitor in our Edna Smith room during the events. A bird feeder camera has been added this year, funded by FORWARD Endowment - a great addition to our Chickadee Landing bird viewing area.
Program Update

It is going to be another busy, exciting summer at Woodland Dunes for land management. As part of a Coastal Management grant, we are removing invasive buckthorn trees, honeysuckle and barberry shrubs. Between Zander Park (City of Two Rivers) and the Woodland Dunes State Natural Area, 800 trees will be planted, which is part of our larger Restore the Shore effort. An eagle scout will be working on a bird park within the Zander Park restoration area as well. Our team will continue caring for the approximately 3,000 trees that were planted last year and some flower seeds planted in our restoration areas.

In partnership with WPS, we are restoring a large wetland along Woodland Drive. We are in our second year of controlling non-native Phragmites along the East and West Twin Rivers. This past winter, approximately 60 acres of Phragmites were mapped with the help of an intern from Germany. We are also considering mapping and controlling Japanese and common barberry within the preserve with a grant from the DNR’s private forest program.

Woodland Dunes will be seeking volunteers to come out for work days to assist with invasive species control and/or native species restoration planting. Through a grant from LNRP, follow up treatment will be conducted on Japanese knotweed near the Shoto Dam and Manitowoc Yacht Club, as well as Phragmites on the Manitowoc River and at the Manitowoc County Recycling Center. For more information on land management volunteer opportunities please contact Jeni at 920-793-4007 or jenniferp@woodlanddunes.org.

-Jennifer Powell

Ways of Giving

#1 Donate funds or items on our wish list below

Wish List:
-Donations towards a new barn roof
-ATV for land management use
-Bird Seed

#2 Attend Programs/Events

When you attend programs and events, you support our projects. All program and event fees fund our environmental education programs. Enjoy our programming with your family and feel good about supporting a great resource in the community!

#3 Membership
Become a member of Woodland Dunes Nature Center! An individual membership is $25 per year and a family membership is $35 per year. More information on page 10.

#4 Volunteer
We could not offer our programs and events without the help of volunteers. If you are interested, visit our website at www.woodlanddunes.org/volunteer.

#5 Search
Use GoodSearch for your search engine online. Pick Woodland Dunes as your nonprofit, and everytime you search, GoodSearch donatates a portion to Woodland Dunes.

Woodland Dunes is a non-profit organization and provides educational programs for youth and adults while maintaining 1300 acres of land for the community to enjoy free of charge. Please consider making a donation.

I wish to support Woodland Dunes with the following donation:

$10  $25  $50  $100  $200  Other______

Name (please print)_______________________ Phone____________________
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Please make checks payable to Woodland Dunes and return this form with your donation:
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