FROM THE DIRECTOR

We've planted 35 more acres with native wildflowers for pollinators at the Bugler preserve this spring. We're also establishing more than 60 acres of new pollinator plantings, with an emphasis on monarch butterfly habitat in other areas. Wetland restoration at the recently acquired Henry Preserve on Woodland Drive is also moving forward. Offsite, we’re working with the City of Manitowoc on the newly designated Manitowoc Lakefront Birding Area in honor of Dr. Charles Sontag. Invasive control and native plantings on the Manitowoc Containment (or CDF), has become an important priority at this stopover site for migratory birds. In Two Rivers, we are finalizing restoration plans for the mouth of Forget Me Not Creek. This is the future site of the Spirit of the Rivers sculpture, to be installed next year.

Not to be forgotten are the many education programs planned for the summer. Spring and fall are busy with school groups, but summer has become a season of constant activity for visiting children, parents, and grandparents who are taking advantage of the opportunities presented by our creative educators. My personal favorite is still the celebration of International Mud Day. Our goal is to help make the summer months better for every living thing that touches the soil of our preserve.

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~ Jim Knickelbine, Executive Director

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**Tropical Blast was a Blast!**

Whoop, whoop! Over $27,000 was raised during our Tropical Blast fundraiser on Saturday, February 24th at the Silver Lake College Atrium.

“Winter was the perfect time to think about caring for nature, anticipating the break of spring, and raising money to support the needs that go along with warm weather education programs,” stated Nancy Nabak, event organizer.

Thanks to all of our supporters, especially our main sponsors: BayCare Clinic, Fricke Printing Services, Investors Community Bank, TransCanada, Country Visions Cooperative, Inman Jewelers, Lee & Eileen Kummer and 103.1 WOGB Radio.

Kay Baum, Bonnita Budysz, Lynn Burzynski, Judy Goodchild, Susan Koor, Ellen Lewellen, Wendy Lutzke, and Jason Ring made up the stellar planning committee for the evening. We couldn’t have achieved the level of success that we did without their energy and commitment to Woodland Dunes.

The tropical night consisted of live steel drums and delicious Caribbean-style food catered by Silver Lake College. Guests also participated in live and silent auctions and enjoyed the tropical festivities of live steel drums.

Our Dash at the Dunes raised over $7,000 on a sunny April morning after days and days of rain. More than 200 dedicated participants walked, ran, and slogged their way through the muddy trails to make a difference for Woodland Dunes. We are so glad you made us a part of your spring day. Also, a big thank you goes out to the 30 volunteers who once again made this event possible. Overall winners in the race were Kendra Sampson and Cody Harris.

**Thank you to our main sponsors for our 1st Annual Tropical Blast:**
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**Dash At The Dunes Huge Success!**

Congratulations to all who participated! We look forward to seeing you again next April 21st!

**Thank you to our Dash Sponsors:**
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**5 Stars on Facebook!**

“Woodland Dunes offers a great opportunity to get outside and enjoy a natural area year-round. Hiking, snowshoeing, birding, and numerous educational opportunities for the young and young at heart abound.”

— Shelly Roth Randerson

**Gardening Volunteers Needed!**

Do you have a green thumb? Do weeds drive you crazy? If yes, please contact Nancy to help us have another spectacular year! nancyn@woodlanddunes.org or 920-793-4007.
Birding with Bernie
Saturdays, June 3rd & August 12th
9:00AM - Noon
Donations Appreciated

Relax and enjoy bird watching in Chickadee Landing - 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.

Yoga at the Dunes
Wednesdays, May 24 - June 21 (Spring Session)
Wednesdays, July 19 - August 16 (Summer Session)
9:00 am - 10:00 am
$55 per 5-week session
$12 drop-in

Back by popular demand, join registered yoga instructor Jennifer Jelenic for our third annual Yoga at the Dunes! Enjoy an all-levels (beginner-advanced) yoga practice set in the annual Yoga at the Dunes! Enjoy an all-levels yoga instructor Jennifer Jelenic for our third annual Yoga at the Dunes! Enjoy an all-levels (beginner-advanced) yoga practice set in the Nature Center in case of inclement weather. Birding with Bernie Brouchoud and identify and observe the birds as they come to the feeders. Stop in anytime between 9:00am and Noon.

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Hidden Treasures – Fresh Water Mussels of Wisconsin
Tuesday, June 6
9:30 am - Noon
Ontario and Michigan mussel-monitoring programs need your help! Join Jesse Weinzinger, DNR Conservation Biologist, to learn about local freshwater mussel ecology, their importance, and how you can contribute to their preservation. Also, get hands-on experience searching for mussels on the East Twin River. Registration required by Thursday, May 28. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Raising a Wild Child Preschool Program
Thursdays, June 8, July 13 & August 10
9:00 am - 10:30 am
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! Older siblings are welcome during the summer months. Registration required by the Monday before each program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather.

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
Tuesday, June 13
Noon

We’re inviting all Woodland Dunes volunteers to a delicious picnic lunch created by the staff. Sit back, relax and let us thank you for everything you make possible! Please RSVP by Friday, June 9. Held at the Nature Center.

Moths and Other Insects After Dark
Thursday, June 15
8:30 pm
Experience the “night life” exploring the biodiversity of moths and other nocturnal insects with Kyle Johnson of UW-Madison Entomology Department & Minnesota Biological Survey (MN-DNR) and Jay Watson, Terrestrial Invertebrate Ecologist - Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation (WI-DNR). Learn about moth basics than see many of them up close as we use lights and baits to bring them near. Recommended: bug spray, protective clothing, headlamp and appropriate dress for weather. Mothing will continue late into the evening, so an afternoon nap is recommended! This program is appropriate for children 6+ who are interested in moths. Registration required by Friday, June 9.

Firefly Night
Saturday, June 17
8:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Members: $4/ $10 family
Non-members: $5/ $15 family

You’re invited to an evening light show at Woodland Dunes! The night will begin with an indoor program about fireflies, followed by a walk to look for these glowing insects. We’ll walk one mile (round trip) to the firefly field and back. Recommended for children ages seven and older. Registration required by Wednesday, June 14.

Little Wings Family Program: International Mud Day!
Thursday, June 29
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Members: $2/child
Non-members: $3/child

Celebrate International Mud Day by exploring soil and making mud pies! Activities best suited for ages 3 to 7, but all ages welcome. Be prepared to get muddy! Bring an extra change of clothes and some plastic bags for the messy ones. In the event of poor weather, there will be an indoor activity instead. Registration appreciated by Monday, June 26.

Summer Star Party Series
Saturday, June 17; 9:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Saturday, July 15; 9:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Saturday, August 12; 9:00 pm - 10:30 pm
Join astronomer Al and Ben to view night sky constellations, the moon and other celestial objects through the big telescope in the Sky Shed. Bring a lawn chair and your own telescope or binoculars if you wish. Takes place with weather and sky conditions permitting outside the Nature Center. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

What Are Robber Flies?
Friday, July 21
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Join Mike Reese, DNR award winner for “Outstanding Achievements in Citizen-based Monitoring,” for a short presentation on robber flies then head into the field to look for those interesting insects. There are 55-60 robber fly species known from Wisconsin, and last year five new species were added to the state list! Mike will also point out other insects including butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies. Dress for weather and bring binoculars (close-focusing are best). Registration required by Tuesday, July 18. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Owl Fest
Saturday, July 29
9:00 am - Noon
Members: $5/individual/$15 family
Non-Members: $8/individual/$20 family

Join us for an exciting evening learning about Wisconsin owls! Participate in kid’s activities, nature walks, and an owl-hooting contest (children only). Meet live owls and raptors during presentations by Wildlife of Wisconsin. This event is for owl lovers of every age and family-friendly oriented. Takes place at the Nature Center.

Nature Time Tuesdays
Tuesdays, July 11 - August 8
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Donations appreciated

Families are invited to drop in anytime between 1:30-3:00 and participate in a nature-themed activity. Takes place at the Nature Center rain or shine.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Wings Family Program: The Amazing Moon
Friday, August 4
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Members: $2/child
Non-members: $3/child

Learn about the moon and its phases through a story, an activity, then make your own delicious moon chart to take home! Activities are best suited for ages 4 to 7, but all ages welcome. After the program, explore the Little Wings Nature Play Area or walk the trails with your family. Registration appreciated by Monday, July 31.

Fall Migration Bird Walks
Fridays, August 25 - September 29
8:15 am - 9:30 am
Donations appreciated

You are invited to join Woodland Dunes staff on a weekly bird hike during the peak of 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.

Little Wings Family Program: Summer Camps
Woodland Dunes offers a variety of fun and educational summer camps for children ages 4-12 years old. For more information or to register your child for camp, visit woodlanddunes.org/summer-camps/
Kudos to Jeni Klein, Certified Arborist

Land Management

Land management activities are really ramping up now. Fox Valley Technical College’s Wildfire Program staff and students recently came out and burned approximately 36 acres of fields, which were then seeded with wildflowers and native grasses. To date, we have over 200 acres of land planted for pollinator habitat. More acres will be added this growing season and will not only benefit pollinators, but also many other grassland species.

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It’s also the perfect time of year for treating invasive species such as Dame’s rocket and reed canary grass. As the summer progresses, invasive species removal will shift toward sweet clover, wild parsnip, and Phragmites as well as buckthorn, honeysuckle and barberly. Our invasive workdays are scheduled for every Wednesday from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Our interns will once again be at various boat landings, educating the public on invasive species as part of our Phragmites treatment project on the East and West Twin Rivers. We are in the fourth year of this project, which involves treating Phragmites and planting and seeding with native species where the Phragmites was removed.

For more information about the invasive species workdays or to register, call Jeni at 920-793-4007 or email jenniferp@woodlanddunes.org.

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