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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

We hope you are enjoying the fits and starts of spring here along the Lakeshore. I always enjoy the slow progress of the season along the Lake, and how the wildflowers and tree buds seem to take their time developing as compared to inland locales. Spring doesn't have to hurry as far as I'm concerned, summer will be here soon enough.

As always, the plans we lay in winter burst forth into action now. You'll notice a few changes around our headquarters- new displays in our building, including some wonderful Native American artifacts from Pete Koch, Craig Kohls, Ernest Link, and James Urbanek. We always appreciate the fact that Native people lived here for many, many centuries without destroying the land and were able to use local materials to fashion the tools they needed to prosper.

We will again be working on Cattail Trail, replacing the boardwalk in segments. The new portions in comparison, remind us how badly we need to continue to replace the older boardwalk that has served us so well for decades.

Our small army of volunteers has worked to improve our preserve habitat this spring, and we are applying for more funding to purchase additional native plants. At the same time, we are upgrading the protection level for plants that were installed in the last few years - lest the hungry deer browse them completely. Overall, we've been very happy with the survival rate of the trees and shrubs, although we've been surprised by the taste that deer have for white pine.

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

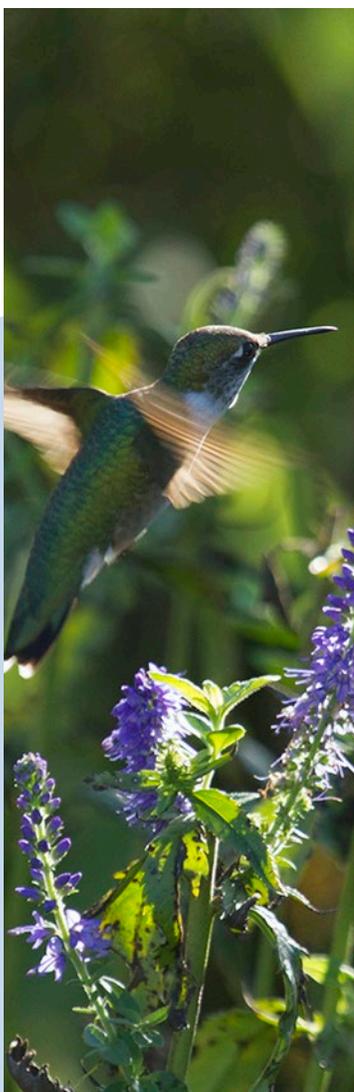
Lakefront Birding Area in honor of Dr. Charles Sontag. Invasive control and native plantings on the Manitowoc Containment (or CDF), has become an important priority at this stopover site for migratory birds. In Two Rivers, we are finalizing restoration plans for the mouth of Forget Me Not Creek. This 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. We hope that in visiting you find something that is meaningful and joyful for you, and that you feel a sense of community with us and with every creature. Have a warm and wonderful summer.

~ 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 25th 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 Knorr, 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 as well as a gem sift.

Mark your calendars for next year's Blast – Saturday, February 24, 2018 ~ 5:00-9:30 p.m. Silver Lake College Atrium!



## Dash At The Dunes Huge Success!

### Wanted

Exciting experiences to auction at our 2018 Tropical Blast. Do you have a week's timeshare that you're willing to donate? How about tickets for 2 to an exciting destination? Boating excursion? Or other memorable event? Please contact Nancy to help us have another spectacular year! [nancyn@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:nancyn@woodlanddunes.org)

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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.

**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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- Run Away Shoes

### Gardening Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a green thumb? Do weeds drive you crazy? If you can answer yes to either of these questions, we'd love to have you help in our Butterfly Garden this summer. We can create a schedule that fits your needs and ours at the same time. Please contact Nancy if you would like to make our flower beds and garden a special place for all who visit: [nancyn@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:nancyn@woodlanddunes.org) or 920-793-4007. Thanks!



### 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



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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 natural beauty of the outdoors. Class meets inside the Nature Center in case of inclement weather. Bring a yoga mat, water, and dress for movement/weather. Children welcome. Contact Jennifer at [yogafern108@gmail.com](mailto:yogafern108@gmail.com) with questions. To register, contact Jessica at 920-793-4007 or [jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org](mailto:jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org). Pre-registration recommended, minimum of 5 registered participants to run each session. Make-up opportunities available if you cannot attend all 5 weeks consecutively. Limited supply of mats on site.

## Hidden Treasures – Fresh Water Mussels of Wisconsin

Tuesday, June 6  
9:30 am - Noon

Once abundant in both numbers and diversity, many freshwater mussel species are now in danger of local extinction. Therefore, the Wisconsin Mussel Monitoring Program needs 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, June 1. 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 then 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. Nothing will continue late into the evening, so an afternoon nap is recommended! This program is appropriate for children 8+ who are interested in moths. Registration required by Friday, June 9. Space is limited. This program is weather dependent. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

## 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.



## 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 astronomers 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.



## 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 Bird Walks

Fridays, July 7 & August 4  
8:15 am - 9:30 am  
Donations appreciated

Join Woodland Dunes staff on a bird hike and help document birds in the preserve. Meet at the Nature Center and bring your binoculars. This is a weather dependent program. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



## Nature Time Tuesdays

Tuesdays, July 11 - August 8  
1:30 pm - 3:00 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.



## 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 these 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 morning 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.

## 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.



# SUMMER CAMP

## 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/](http://woodlanddunes.org/summer-camps/)



## 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.

Another bio-diverse project is taking shape at the containment disposal facility in Manitowoc. A portion of the CDF was control-burned this spring by the Manitowoc Fire Department and will be planted with wildflowers and native grasses. In addition, we planted 100 trees and shrubs on this site with students from Madison Elementary School. All of this activity is part of a larger project to create quality stopover bird habitat at one of the best birding areas in the state.

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 barberry. 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](mailto:jenniferp@woodlanddunes.org).

## Kudos to Jeni Klein, Certified Arborist

Land Management Coordinator, Jeni Klein, is now a certified arborist credentialed through the International Society of Arboriculture. She is a member of both the International Society of Arboriculture and the Wisconsin Arborist Association. Her years of experience in forest management at Woodland Dunes (removing invasive trees, selecting and planting natives, assessing hazard trees, etc. . . ) qualified her to take the arborist exam.

The complex exam covered topics such as tree biology, nutrition, plant disorders and diagnosis, risk management, soil science and more, including climbing and working in trees. She passed the exam in February and now must complete 30 continuing education units every three years to maintain her certification.

Jeni's certification is important to us because it allows her to assess and make important decisions affecting the overall health and diversity of the forest within the preserve, as well as keeping the trails safe for our visitors.

Thanks and congratulations, Jeni!



# THANK YOU

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## Volunteer Highlight

We'd like to highlight our amazing group of volunteers that came together for the first time in order to create an extremely successful fundraiser for Woodland Dunes. Each one of our Tropical Blast team members brought excitement, energy and their own special talents to create a hallmark event for both our community and Woodland Dunes. They spent nine months meeting,



*This dream team consisted of (left to right): Susan Knorr, Wendy Lutzke, Bonnita Budysz, Judy Goodchild, Kay Baum, and Ellen Lewellen. Also part of the team but not in photo: Jason Ring and Lynn Burzynski.*

planning, securing donations, making centerpieces, crafting nameplates and cleverly designing a wine raffle and auctions to create a lively atmosphere for our attendees. This was the first time this group had worked together and they did it cohesively with a true sense of style and fun. Their good work is reflected in the fact that we sold out nearly a month in advance. Congratulations and thanks to all of you!



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