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Wisconsin's Proud Conservation Legacy: Is it in danger?

Spencer Black to keynote annual meeting

By Spencer Black

You're invited to the *Friends of the Lakeshore Preserve* Annual Meeting on Tues., April 5, at 7 pm (light refreshments at 6:30pm), at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Spencer Black will discuss: "Wisconsin's Proud Conservation Legacy: Is it in danger?" The meeting is open to the public.

Wisconsin has long been a leader in thoughtful stewardship of our natural resources. Nationally and even internationally known environmental leaders trace their concern for the outdoors to their Wisconsin home. John Muir, father of the National Park System, grew up in Marquette County. Wisconsin's former Governor and US Senator, Gaylord Nelson, initiated Earth Day. Aldo Leopold, a Professor here at the UW Madison, was the prime exponent of the "land ethic."

Based on this rich tradition, Wisconsin has long been recognized as a national leader in conservation. Our recycling law was the first comprehensive statewide program and is still one of the strongest in the nation. Our Stewardship Fund has inspired similar land conservation measures and our efforts to

What:
Friends Annual Meeting
Guest speaker: Spencer Black

When:
 Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 pm
 6:30 pm for Refreshments

Where:
 Arboretum Visitor Center

Public is Welcome.
Please Bring a Friend.

safeguard our waterways and our drinking water supplies have led the nation.

Our devotion to natural resource protection has been decidedly bipartisan and enjoyed overwhelming public support. Recently however, many of the environmental protections that have long been taken for granted have been weakened, repealed, or come under attack.

From his perspective of chairing the Assembly Natural Resources Committee during three decades, Black will reflect on our environmental history and our conservation future.



Spencer Black served for 26 years in the State Legislature. He was Chair of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Minority Leader. Black authored numerous environmental laws including the Stewardship Fund, the Mining Moratorium Bill, the Lower Wisconsin Riverway, the statewide recycling program, and the endangered species match grant. He is currently Vice President of the National Sierra Club, Adjunct Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at UW Madison, and a newspaper columnist.

Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Spring 2016 Field Trips

Evening Owl Prowl in the Preserve, March 11 (Friday) and March 12 (Saturday) 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Explore Picnic Point and other areas of the Preserve by evening in a search for resident great horned and barred owls, and possibly screech owls. The Friends co-sponsor this Madison Audubon Society field trip. Bring flashlights or headlamps; binoculars are available on loan. Because these hikes are limited to 20 people, please RSVP to register. Meet at entrance to Picnic Point, in Lot 129. Leaders: Carolyn and BJ Byers (255-2473) carolyn.byers@madisonaudubon.org

Birding and Nature Walk with Paul Noeldner, March 27 (Sunday) 1:30pm – 3:00pm. The Friends and the Madison Audubon Society co-sponsor birding and nature walks in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve with Paul on the 4th Sunday of every month (see the website for details). Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot at 2002 University Bay Drive. Leader: Paul Noeldner (698-0104) paul_noeldner@hotmail.com

UW Science Expedition, April 3 (Sunday) 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Learn the natural and cultural history of Picnic Point with Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Gather at the stone gate entrance to Picnic Point a few meters north of Lot 129, 2004 University Bay Drive. Friendly guides will accompany small groups of visitors to four different stations in the Preserve, where they can learn from experts in geology, Native American mounds, and trees and wetland ecology, and children can engage in related activities. Visitors to the 2016 UW Science Expeditions will join us. Leaders: Sue Denholm sueatholm@ameritech.net, Doris Dubielzig dubielzig@sbcglobal.net, and Gisela Kutzbach gisela.kutzbach@wisc.edu

Bird Banding at Biocore Prairie, April 16 (Saturday) 8:00am – 12:00 noon. Come by any time between the listed hours and learn about bird banding (hands on if you wish). See birds up close and find out about the contributions of banding to our knowledge of birds and our conservation efforts. Co-sponsored by the Madison Audubon Society. Park at the Frautschi point parking lot and walk up to the Biocore Prairie above the Eagle Heights Gardens. In case of temperatures near 50 degrees or rain, call the leader by 6:00 am to check whether banding is on. Leader: Mara McDonald (274-2534) mamcdona@wisc.edu

Beyond Backyard Birding, April 21 (Thursday) 6:30pm – 9:00pm and April 23 (Saturday) 8:30am – 11:00am. Both the evening and day trips are especially for birders looking to grow their skills. Have your bird questions answered and get help identifying all of those small streaky brown birds as we visit both prairie and woodland habitat. We may even hear some owls as dusk falls. Madison Audubon can provide binoculars on loan. Meet at entrance to Picnic Point, Lot 129, and bring your whole family. Please RSVP to register. Leaders: Carolyn and BJ Byers (255-2473) carolyn.byers@madisonaudubon.org

Birding and Nature Walk with Paul Noeldner, April 24 (Sunday) 1:30pm – 3:00pm. (See March 27th for details.)

Frautschi Point Mothers Day Wildflower Field Trip, May 8 (Sunday) 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Explore Frautschi Point and the adjacent areas for spring ephemerals and other tender new growth that

is now poking up in the Preserve along the lakeshore. Identify such beautiful flowers as Wood Phlox, Violet, Bloodroot, Jacob's Ladder, Wild Strawberry, and many others. This is a family-friendly hike. Meet at Frautschi Point parking lot. Leader: Glenda Denniston (231-1530) denniston@wisc.edu

Warblers of Frautschi Point, May 11 (Wednesday) 7:30am – 9:30am. We will focus on seeing warblers through the leafy foliage and will look for other spring migrants. Meet at the Frautschi Point parking lot on Lake Mendota Drive. Leader: Roma Lenahan (238-5406) rlenahan@charter.net

Birding and Nature Walk with Paul Noeldner, May 22 (Sunday) 1:30pm – 3:00pm. (See March 27th for details.)

Lake Mendota Boat Trip, June 14 (Tuesday) 9:30am – 12:00 noon (weather date, Thursday, June 16, 9:30am - 12:00 noon). Learn about Lake Mendota and the shoreline of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve from a different perspective aboard LIMNOS, the research vessel for teaching, research, and outreach operated by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Limnology. Because group size is limited to 12, reserve your place for this always-popular field trip by email to the leader. Meet at Hasler Limnology Laboratory one block west of Memorial Union. Leader: John Magnuson (jjmagnus@wisc.edu)

Birding and Nature Walk with Paul Noeldner, June 26 (Sunday) 1:30pm – 3:00pm. (See March 27th for details.)

Groundwater Resources of the Preserve, July 10 (Sunday) 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Learn about the hydrogeology of the Preserve from the shores of Lake Mendota to the uplands by Eagle Heights. By visiting wells and viewing maps, guests will leave with a better understanding of the groundwater resources beneath their feet in the Preserve. A special tour of a Madison Water Utility well #19, located next to the Eagle Heights Gardens, will provide insight into how area residents obtain their drinking water. Trip leader is a hydrogeologist and outreach specialist with the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point. Leader: Mike Parsen (228-3048) michael.parsen@uwex.edu

Birding and Nature Walk with Paul Noeldner, July 24 (Sunday) 1:30pm – 3:00pm. (See March 27th for details.)

Native Pollinators in the Preserve, July 31 (Sunday) 9:00am – 11:00am. Join us in searching for pollinators in the Preserve while learning about diversity, lifestyles, and the importance of pollinators. Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot. Leader: Susan Carpenter (886-7504) susan.carpenter@wisc.edu

A Different "View" of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve, August 7 (Sunday), 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Enjoy a sensory tour of the Preserve by sight, sound, taste, smell, and feel, and experience a new appreciation of its natural beauty. Connect with nature in a different way for new awareness and understanding. Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot at 2002 University Bay Drive. Leader: Paul Williams (274-1958) phwillia@wisc.edu

Birding and Nature Walk with Paul Noeldner, August 28 (Sunday) 1:30pm – 3:00pm. (See March 27th for details.)

News Briefs

Learn the natural and cultural history of Picnic Point with *Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve*-

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Friends-sponsored Engineering Capstone Project is underway-

A team of Civil and Environmental Engineering Students is busy at work on an engineering design project in the Preserve. They are developing practical designs for mitigating stormwater erosion along the corridor between the Eagle Heights Community Gardens and Bill's Woods. As part of this project, the design team seeks to decrease nutrient transport from the gardens composting areas and increase infiltration within the study area. The project began in late January and will be completed in May 2016. You can follow their progress on our website: <http://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com> and learn more about the Capstone Partnership here: <http://www.engr.wisc.edu/cee/cee-capstone-partnership.html>

A Big Thank You: Sue Denholm, Michelle Louis and Will Waller, three outstanding board members, will retire from the *Friends* Board this year after six years of service. Sue Denholm was instrumental in developing engaging outreach activities in the Preserve for the community and especially children, and was co-chair of the Eagle Heights Woods fundraiser. Michelle developed a new design for the *Friends* Newsletter, PRESERVE!, was editor for four years, and also designed the brochure for the recent fundraiser. Will Waller, representing the Eagle Heights Garden community, has been a determined and accomplished leader for the past two years as our board president.

West Campus Master Plan Project Update: The 4th in a series of 6 public open houses presented the latest version of the UW's West Campus Plan on Feb. 24th. Lakeshore Nature Preserve Director Gary Brown, who serves as the Campus Planning Director and Campus Landscape Architect on the Master Plan Committee, led the meeting. About 40 people (a quarter of them *Friends*!) attended the two-hour presentation and discussion at Gordon Commons Dining and Event Center.

Mary Jukuri, from the SmithGroup JJR consultant firm, and representatives from Hoerr Schaudt (landscape architecture) and Kimley-Horn (transportation) presented the Preliminary Draft Master Plan. Now 60% complete, the plan includes the preferred alternatives based on stakeholder and public feedback since October, and reveals the Master Plan

Committee's preliminary recommendations for (re)development, landscape design, and transportation. Of particular concern to *Friends*, the latest version of the Master Plan will:

1. "Preserve and enhance the natural lakeshore edge as a campus amenity," with no alterations to the University Bay shoreline. The existing University Bay boat landing and adjacent parking are retained in the new plan.
2. Link enhanced storm water management of Willow Creek with walkways and landscapes that will attract student traffic, gatherings, and contemplation.
3. Replace Parking Lot 60 with a track & field and soccer complex. On those former playing fields, construct a 4- to 5-story parking structure that would be surrounded by new (medical) research buildings.
4. Modify the University Bay Drive curve at Picnic Point to accommodate a new building for Preserve staff outside the Picnic Point entrance wall. This concept was first suggested in the 2006 Lakeshore Preserve Master Plan.
5. Leave the existing recreational fields, south of University Bay Drive and adjacent to the Class of 1918 Marsh, untouched.

Friends is actively monitoring the progress of the West Campus Master Plan. To follow and participate in the evolution of the new developments, see the interactive site: <http://www.masterplan.wisc.edu>.

Volunteer in the Preserve

Volunteering is a great way to enjoy the Preserve. Tools and training provided. Dress to work outdoors, and prepare to meet new people and have fun. Youth and groups are welcome with advance notice. For more information, please contact Bryn Scriver, Preserve Outreach Specialist, bscriver@fpm.wisc.edu, 220-5560.

Sat March 12, 9am-Noon, Frautschi Point lot
Sat April 2, 9am-Noon, Picnic Point lot 129
Sun April 10, 9am-Noon, Picnic Point lot 129
Sat April 23, 9am-Noon, Picnic Point lot 129
Sun April 24, 9am-Noon, Picnic Point lot 129
Sat May 7, 9am-Noon, Picnic Point lot 129

Sat May 14, *Friends* Garlic Mustard Pull, 9am-Noon,
Frautschi Point lot (see back pg.)

Sun May 22, Spring Planting Festival with *Friends*, 9am-Noon,
Frautschi Point lot (see back pg.)

Sun June 5, 9am-Noon, Picnic Point lot 129
Sat June 25, 9am-Noon, Frautschi Point lot
Sat July 16, 9am-Noon, Picnic Point lot 129
Sat July 30, 9am-Noon, Frautschi Point lot
Sat Aug 13, 9am-Noon, Picnic Point lot 129
Sun Aug 28, 9am-Noon, Frautschi Point lot



To see more information on "how to dress" for volunteering go to:
<http://lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu/work/volunteer.htm>

Note: Work parties may be cancelled in case of severe weather (snow storms, thunderstorms, temperatures below 10 degrees F or above 100 degrees F), or if the ground is too muddy or snowy for work.

Great Blue Heron strike.

Photography by Arlene Koziol



Tell us little bit about yourself. I studied nursing and sociology at UW Madison in the 60's. My husband Jeff and I worked and raised a family in the Chicago area for 37 years. I owe my love of the outdoors to my Dad, who was an avid hunter and fisherman. He taught me patience, to be kind to the environment, to understand habitat, and how to move quietly in the field.

How did you get started doing conservation photography? At 40, I was told that I could not participate in active outdoor sports because of arthritis. While I was tutoring in Chicago Public Schools, the digital revolution in photography started. I bought a digital camera and began photographing classroom activity. Returning to my childhood love of birds I became interested in photographing nature. In conservation photography, what one does with the photo is as important as the beauty of the image. When people think of conservation photography, they often think of iconic images that grace the pages of National Geographic. I have found that I can make a difference in local conservation by donating my images to conservation and education.

Making a Difference,

With Arlene Koziol, Conservation Photographer & Friends Member



Grizzly bear cub nursing.

One Image at a Time

By Michelle Louis & Arlene Koziol

You've probably found yourself in some sticky situations in wild places. Any stories you'd like to share? We were photographing Grizzly bears at Silver Salmon Creek, Lower Cook Inlet, Alaska. A female sow was walking with her cub on the other side of the creek, several hundred yards away. Our guide told us that earlier in the season this female had another cub that was killed by a male to increase his reproductive potential. (Female bears will not go into estrus as long as they are nursing.) The sow and her cub quickly crossed the creek towards us. The female laid down on her back about 20 feet in front of us and started to nurse her cub. Within the next few minutes, 19 more Grizzly Bears came down to the creek to look for salmon! Our guide assured us that everything was all right, so we photographed until the bears moved on.

Any special experiences in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve you'd like to share? My favorite experiences in the Preserve have been doing photography with my grandchildren. Photography slows them down and they become more observant. They ask questions like "what does that bird eat?" or "how do birds live through thunderstorms?" We later print out books of their experiences using their Preserve pictures.

What's the best advice on photography you've been given? "Luck favors the prepared." Be ready to take the picture. Have your gear ready. Your camera should be second nature to you. Be patient and focused.

Any words of wisdom to aspiring photographers? Study natural history. Know your subject so you can anticipate behavior. Spend time in the field just observing with binoculars. And study work you admire.

Do you have a website to share with people interested in viewing your work?

Arlene Koziol | Flickr - Photo Sharing!

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/29411257@N00/>



Exploring the Preserve.

2015 Plant Surveys in Eagle Heights Woods, Part One - The Central Zone

By Susan Will-Wolf and Ann Burgess

To know in future what has changed, we need to document what is there now. In early May, 2015, a team of Friends volunteers (Ann Burgess, Glenda Denniston, and leader ecologist Susan Will-Wolf) conducted surveys (over three days) of trees, saplings, shrubs, and ground layer plants of the EHW Central Zone (S to SE of the heights) in eleven 100 square meter plots randomly located across the area. In early July, they repeated the surveys (same pattern, different plots) joined by the Preserve's Field Projects Coordinator Adam Gundlach and the team of six Prairie Partner Interns (Fall 2015 newsletter), with their help completing the entire survey in just one day!

Comparing spring and summer ground layer vegetation for the area allowed the team to summarize seasonal changes. For the bigger woody plants in the Central Zone, the two surveys were combined for a larger sample and more precise summaries.

These quantitative descriptions of the area's vegetation are baselines against which to compare changes over time, including the effects of management. From the full information for individual plots, Preserve staff and others can also ask such questions as "What are the tree and shrub layer characteristics of plots with the highest density of native herbaceous plants?" The answers can help to guide specifically targeted management. In addition to the data acquired, the standardized methods, survey forms, and plant charts the team developed will be helpful for conducting future surveys. Here are some of the findings for the Central Zone, compiled by Susan in winter, 2016. Glenda and Susan also conducted surveys on the Eagle Heights Mounds; these findings will appear in the next newsletter.

CENTRAL ZONE FINDINGS: Native trees appropriate for a medium-dry southern Wisconsin oak forest dominate the canopy (average 66% cover) – see the woody plant table. The story is VERY different for saplings, suggesting in the next 50-75 years, tree composition of the woods will look very different without active management to maintain an oak forest. The most common sapling, Box Elder, is a lowland rather than upland forest native that is expanding in human-disturbed areas. Average shrub-layer cover per plot is 35%, sadly with exotic (*) European Buckthorn the most common shrub. Live plant cover in the ground layer was 31% in spring, 52% in summer. A total of 54 species of herbs and vine, shrub, or tree seedlings were recorded from the ground layer. Only 6 of these were exotic (*), but three of them appear in the table at right of those with >1000 plants/ha (= >400 plants/acre); Buckthorn is the most common. Only half the ground layer plants were seen in both spring and summer; both surveys were necessary for a full picture. Buckthorn, with many large plants and seedlings, is clearly the biggest exotic species management problem, and oaks that dominate the tree layer but have no saplings or seedlings are the biggest native species management issue.

Central Zone Woody Plants

(22 plots, spring and summer combined)

<u>Trees/Importance</u>	<u>Saplings/Density</u>	<u>Shrub layer/Cover</u>
White Oak /42%	Box Elder/35%	*European Buckthorn/17%
Black Cherry/12%	Green Ash/20%	Maple-leaved Viburnum/6%
Red Oak/11%	Bitternut Hickory/13%	Red Elderberry/4%
Green Ash/9%	Black Cherry/12%	5 other native shrub species/3%
Black Oak/4%	Hackberry /11%	*2 other exotic shrub species/2%
Shagbark Hickory/4%	6 other species /9%	6 species tall seedlings/1% (*1 exotic)
Sugar Maple/4%	No oak saplings	No oak seedlings
5 other species (*1 exotic)/13%		

Common Ground Layer Plants in the Central Zone

(11 plots spring, 11 plots summer) Plants/ha, spring or summer

Jack-in-the-pulpit	>9,000
Yellow-flowered Impatiens	>8,000
Virginia Creeper (vine)	>8,000
Enchanter's Nightshade	>7,000
Hackberry (tree seedlings)	>6,000
Ash species (tree seedlings)	>5,000
*Buckthorn (shrub seedlings or sprouts)	>4,000
Maple-leaved Viburnum (shrub seedlings)	>4,000
Chokecherry (shrub seedling)	>3,000
Racemed False Solomon's Seal	>2,000
Sugar Maple (tree seedlings)	>2,000
Moss (several species)	>1,000
*Garlic Mustard	>1,000
Gray Dogwood (shrub seedlings)	>1,000
*Norway Maple (tree seedlings)	>1,000



Glenda, Ann, and Susan (l to r) tally plant species in a one square meter plot for the spring woods survey. Photo by Gisela Kutzbach



An enthusiastic group enjoys one of many *Friends* field trips, "Native Pollinators in the Preserve." Special thanks to trip leader and *Friends* board member, Susan Carpenter, UW Arboretum's Native Plant Gardener. Photo by Arlene Koziol

Annual Report 2015 By Will Waller

Outreach and Support: 2015 was another great year for the *Friends*. We opened the season on March 1st with a 1918 Marsh tour discussing road salt challenges and closed it with a late December bird walk seeking a Barred Owl at the tip of Picnic Point. In all, the *Friends* sponsored 30 field events. We had eight outreach events, and two special volunteer events. The 4th Sunday of the month bird walks have become increasingly popular. Our thanks again to Paul Noeldner for initiating that program.

Finance: The *Friends* finances are strong. 2015 reflects the highest level of financial support for the Preserve in *Friends* history. Our overall projects commitment was almost \$50,000. The first installment for the Eagle Heights Woods renovation was \$34,000. Our support for the summer interns was \$10,000. The balance of support included contributions to the Stewardship fund and continuing plantings on Frautschi Point.

Membership: Our membership remains stable and committed. We will renew our Board in April with three new directors who cover important member constituencies: birding, Bio-Core, and newsletter production. Three existing board members: myself, Sue Denholm, and Michelle Louis are retiring after six years of service. Sue has been a dynamo in outreach and fundraising. Michelle has shepherded our newsletter for many issues. I, for the most part, have been an enthusiastic cheerleader. There can be no Annual Report without acknowledging the enormous contributions of Roma Lenehan and Glenda Denniston as Preserve Stewards. And, we recognize the excellence of our website and our dedicated webmaster: Gisela Kutzbach.

Fundraising: Last summer the *Friends* undertook a great challenge - raising \$135,000 to finance the renovation of the Eagle Heights Woods. Our team: Gisela Kutzbach, Sue Denholm, and Peter Fisher did a superb

job. Their tireless work and advocacy for the project resulted in \$145,000 in funding... a remarkable success.

Annual Financial Report 2015 <i>Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve</i>		
	Details	Totals
Beginning balance		\$98,438.07
Income		\$43,704.40
Memberships	\$13,120.00	
Donations and memorials	\$25,550.00	
Eagle Heights Woods Project donations	\$4,980.00	
Dividends and interest	\$54.40	
Expenses		-\$54,540.55
Gifts to Preserve	-\$2,500.00	
Transfer to Eagle Heights Woods project	-\$33,765.00	
Plantings/seeds for Preserve	-\$2,148.37	
Summer interns	-\$10,350.31	
Annual meeting	-\$422.41	
Committees, supplies, newsletter	-\$2,552.02	
Eagle Heights Woods fundraising	-\$1,836.04	
Postage	-\$966.40	
Ending balance		\$87,601.92

2016 Nominations for the Friends Board. *The Friends Nominating Committee, Dolly Ledin, Will Waller (chair), and Michael Parsen recommend the candidates listed below. The Friends Board has endorsed this recommendation. Other candidates may be nominated by the membership at the Annual meeting.*

Amanda Budyak – Amanda has a BS in Forestry and Recreation Resource Management from UW-Madison. After graduation she was a Madison Audubon Summer intern, working for the Preserve, Prairie Enthusiasts, Pleasant Valley Conservancy, Holy Wisdom Monastery, and Madison Audubon. She continued with the Preserve and the Prairie Enthusiasts and subsequently was hired by the Savanna Oak Foundation to work at Black Earth Prairie and Pleasant Valley Conservancy, where she currently is the land manager. Amanda also works as an ecological restorationist for Integrated Restoration, LLC. This will be Amanda’s second 3-year term on the *Friends* Board.

Linda Deith – Linda works at the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey where she edits and designs publications, educational displays, and a website about Wisconsin’s rocks and groundwater. Before that she was the plant sciences editor at Extension Publications, editing all things plant-related for the general public and farmers. In the late ‘80s, Linda lived in Eagle Heights and spent many a happy hour exploring and appreciating the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. The Preserve is no longer in her backyard, but it’s still a favorite destination, whether on foot or while paddling its perimeter in her trusty kayak.

Seth McGee - Seth has a passion for teaching science in nature. As an instructor in the Biocore Program, he has spent the last 13 years using the Preserve as a living laboratory, where learning and research come to life for undergraduate UW biology students. Seth also serves on the Biocore Prairie management team and is committed to establishing a Preserve ecosystem that is as diverse as the visitors who pass through it. He recently developed a field guide app which helps users identify native plants of Wisconsin. He has a BS in Zoology and is a member of the UW Teaching Academy. When not weeding in the prairie or wading with students in Willow Creek, Seth enjoys exploring the Preserve with his two- and three-year-old naturalists-in-training.

Paul Noeldner - Paul was membership and outreach chair on the Madison Audubon Board for many years and currently works with Wild Warner and Friends of Cherokee Marsh in advocacy and promoting organizational goals through newsletter articles and event information tables. He partners with Madison Parks, UW-Madison, and other groups to promote nature recreation, education, and outreach, and citizen science projects that engage the public and educate kids. Paul helps coordinate the informal Friends of Urban Nature that promotes multigroup initiatives such as the annual Bird City Celebration and the Sunday Bird and Nature Walks at the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Paul also helps coordinate 15 area Bluebird Trails, including the Biocore Prairie Bluebird Trail, and acts as an ornithology mentor at the Lakeshore Nature Preserve for UW Nelson Institute Capstone students.

Katya Mullendore - Katya is a senior double majoring in Geography and Environmental Studies. She is actively involved in campus initiatives. Past experiences include environmental educator with Badger Volunteers, intern at the WI League of Conservation Voters, and committee member for the Distinguished Lecturer Series. Currently, she serves as Social Media Coordinator/Treasurer for Geography Club. This is Katya’s second year as a member of Students for the Preserve, and she will serve as a key member in its revitalization in the spring. This will be Katya’s second 1-year term as student member of the *Friends* Board.

Mitchell Thomas - Mitchell is a first year veterinary student at UW Madison’s School of Veterinary Medicine. As a member of both the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve and the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin, he was instrumental in creating the Biocore Prairie Bluebird Trail. The last two summers he volunteered at Wildtracks, a manatee and primate rehabilitation center in Belize, and he is excited to return to Belize this upcoming summer. As a member of the Board he will work towards creating and improving habitat in the Preserve for birds and other wildlife. This will be Mitchell’s second 1-year term as student member of the *Friends* Board.

Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve

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 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

- I'm interested in volunteering. Please send me information by email.
 I'd like to go paperless & receive my newsletter by email.

MEMBERSHIP

Student _____ \$10
 Individual _____ \$20
 Household _____ \$35
 Steward _____ \$50
 Patron _____ \$100
 Other \$ _____

Please circle one:
 New Member Renewal

ADDITIONAL GIFT

Does not include membership.

Woodland _____ \$500
 Savanna _____ \$250
 Wetland _____ \$100
 Prairie _____ \$50
 Other \$ _____

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Ideas and *Friends* announcements for our newsletter and website are welcome.

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Come Volunteer with the *Friends*:

Garlic Mustard Pull

Sat., May 14, 9:30- 12:30

Meet at Frautschi Point Parking lot.

Bring friends and neighbors.

Many hands fill many bags.

Finish with garlic mustard/spinach quiche.

Annual Spring Planting Festival with the *Friends*

Sunday May 22, 9am - noon

Meet at Frautschi Point Parking Lot

Help plant woodland flowers & grasses.

Photograph the beautiful scenery.

Document the plantings.

11am break for light refreshments

and merrymaking.

Seating will be available.

RSVP and questions-
gisela.kutzbach@wisc.edu

Photo by Michelle Louis

New Volunteer Initiative for the Preserve

By Laura Wyatt,

Program Manager Lakeshore Nature Preserve

We want to get rid of more invasive weeds and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to form a "Weed Warrior" group for the Preserve.

The Preserve is pleased to announce that due to the generosity of a very special *Friend*, we will be able to expand our ability to manage and remove troublesome and invasive herbaceous plant species within the Preserve. This special gift, applied over a four-year period, will allow the Preserve to add an additional seasonal team member who will not only target specific weed species for removal, but also expand our mapping capability and enable the Preserve to expand our outreach to students and adult community volunteers.

Our current "drop-in" bi-monthly volunteer program has been wildly successful with 833 individual volunteers donating more than 3,200 hours during 2015. This addition of part-time staff will enable us to facilitate the interests of those volunteers who would like to participate in a regular, reoccurring activity on maybe weekly or bi-weekly basis. The initiative will also enable us to expand our mapping capabilities which are vital for monitoring our progress.

As a new initiative, details are still being developed. If you think you might be interested in joining this emerging new effort, please contact Bryn Scriver at bryn.scriver@wisc.edu or at 608-220-5560. Once more details are available, you will be the first to know!