

ANNUAL REPORT

Preserving the Preserve

by Gisela Kutzbach

This year Friends members gave generously of their time and talents to our education and outreach activities, fieldwork, and operations. Your financial gifts supported both ongoing operations and special projects. Thank you to all involved.

reach out

Our family-friendly outreach and field trips attracted over 600 visitors in 2016. Particularly popular was the Destination Stations at Picnic Point, part of the UW Science Expedition, with opportunities to identify rocks, learn about effigy mounds, identify trees, and observe wetland creatures. Shorewood 5th graders experienced stories of Eagle Heights Woods. The 4th Sunday Bird and Nature walks developed a loyal following. New field trips included a Cultural Bike Ride along the old Madison Park and Pleasure Drive and Groundwater Resources in the Preserve. Participants often comment on how much they appreciate these opportunities to learn about the Preserve. **Share your passion for the Preserve.**

volunteer

Many Friends volunteered for field and organizational tasks, including the spring planting at Frautschi Point and the Garlic Mustard pull that yielded 50 plus bags. Many joined Preserve Volunteer work days, monitored the Bluebird Trail, or served on committees, events, and projects. Board members coordinated the newsletter, field trips, annual meeting, communications, membership, finances, and special projects, working closely with Preserve staff. Check out the work party dates on page 3 or contact preserveFriends@gmail.com. **Join our vibrant group of volunteers.**

support

The Friends' finances remain strong. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to fund five summer Prairie Partner interns, contribute to the Preserve Stewardship Fund, purchase nursery plants, and support the Eagle Heights Woods Rejuvenation Project. **Help us continue funding Preserve projects.**



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Annual financial report—2016

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$87,602
Income	\$19,784
Memberships	\$15,750
Donations and memorials	\$3,930
Eagle Heights Woods Project donations	\$50
Dividends and interest	\$54
Expenses	-\$17,483
Summer interns	-\$6,547
Gifts to Preserve	-\$4,000
Eagle Heights Woods Project, transfer to	-\$3,154
Special projects	-\$1,000
Committees, supplies, newsletter	-\$961
Postage	-\$851
Annual meeting	-\$522
Plantings/seeds for Preserve	-\$448
ENDING BALANCE	\$89,903

DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

Help us thank the following for their years of dedicated service:

Pat Becker, newsletter co-editor (6 years)—*plus a special thanks for continuing on as co-editor!*

Susan Carpenter, annual meeting organizer (6 years)

Gretel Dentine, treasurer (3 years)

Diane Dempsey, interim member (1 year)



Linda Deith



Arlene Koziol



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get involved!

Volunteering is a great way to help out at the Preserve and meet fellow Friends. See page 3 for opportunities.