

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, projects, and operations. Thank you to all involved.

## reach out

Our family-friendly field trips attracted 500 visitors in 2017—a highly successful outreach to the community on behalf of the UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve. As part of the campus-wide UW Science Expeditions event in April, our Destination Stations at Picnic Point attracted over 100 adults and children. Families enjoyed opportunities to identify rocks, learn about effigy mounds, identify trees, and spot birds. The loyal following of the 4th Sunday Bird and Nature Outings was strengthened. New special topics field trips included exploring habitat diversity, animal tracking, and a cultural history walk for the PLATO lifelong learning hiking group. Field trip participants often share their appreciation of these opportunities to learn about the Preserve.

## 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.

## volunteer

Many Friends volunteered for field and organizational tasks, including the spring planting at Frautschi Point and the Garlic Mustard pull that filled more than 50 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](mailto:preserveFriends@gmail.com) for opportunities to get involved.



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## 2017 Annual financial report

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$89,903</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$20,695</b>
Memberships	\$14,760
Donations and memorials	\$5,875
Dividends and interest	\$60
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>-\$14,327</b>
Summer interns	-\$6,297
Committees, supplies, newsletter	-\$2,576
Gifts to Preserve	-\$2,500
Special projects	-\$1,300
Postage	-\$917
Financial review	-\$405
Annual meeting	-\$332
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$96,271</b>

## get involved!

**Share your passion** for the Preserve by joining our vibrant group of volunteers.

Volunteering is a great way to help out at the Preserve and meet fellow Friends. See page 3 for opportunities. To help with organizational tasks, contact [preserveFriends@gmail.com](mailto:preserveFriends@gmail.com).

## DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

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

**Galen Hasler**, volunteer coordinator and summer intern liaison (6 years)

**Mike Parsen**, chair of the financial, nominations, and projects committees (3 years)

**Carolyn Byers**, annual meeting coordinator (1 year)



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