

FINANCES AND ACTIVITIES

2019 Annual Report: All the Ways You Contribute

Steve Sentoff, Friends president

The Friends continue to contribute to the Preserve in many ways. Through monetary donations, volunteering and engagement, you have helped protect the Preserve and influence its direction.

Our largest single commitment for the last few years has been funding the Prairie Partner Interns. In 2019 we spent \$5,705 for five undergraduates from UW-Madison and UW-Stevens Point to work ten weeks in the summer. This is a terrific educational opportunity for them and also ensures completion of a significant amount of restoration work. Energetic interns cleared brush, pulled garlic mustard and surveyed tracts of vegetation, among other tasks. The Friends also contributed \$4,000 directly to the Preserve's Stewardship Fund, used for general management needs.

We also sponsor a number of activities in which volunteers can work in the field. The Garlic Mustard Pull and Spring Planting events in Fruitschi Point Woods drew dozens of willing workers who made a difference. And throughout the year our Citizen Science teams worked diligently, managing the blue bird nesting boxes and purple martin house and collecting data on water quality along the lake. These efforts amount to several hundred hours of time contributed to the Preserve.

Less tangible, yet vital to our mission of connecting people to the Preserve, is the Friends' outreach work. In 2019, over 600 people attended our field trips, led by knowledgeable and enthusiastic experts who give their time freely. These events covered a full range of topics from flora and fauna, history and geology to ethnobotany and climate change. Our newsletter has generated many favorable comments and is another way that we can keep you informed. The Class of 1918 Marsh and the connections between the Preserve and Lake Mendota received special attention in this year's issues. In addition, the Friends took our message to the broader Madison community through participation in civic events, such as the Nelson Institute's Earth Day conference and the UW South Madison Partnership's Community Fair.

All these connections translate into additional support for the Preserve. And not least, many Friends members contribute funds directly through the UW Foundation; they also volunteer their energy and time through the drop-in work days and Preserve Steward program offered by the staff.

Thus, you should be pleased and proud of our diverse contributions. I want to thank you for what you've done to help strengthen the Preserve in 2019. And for those of you making other direct contributions, we thank you twice!



Summer 2019 Prairie Partner Interns, representing the Friends' commitment to the next generation of conservationists.

2019 Annual financial report

Steve Sellwood, treasurer

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$104,581
Income	\$22,358
Memberships	\$13,235
Donations and memorials	\$7,510
Bank adjustment	\$50
Dividends and interest	\$1,563
Expenses	-\$15,400
Summer interns	-\$5,705
Gifts to Preserve	-\$4,000
Committees, supplies, newsletter	-\$2,203
Postage	-\$1,239
Plantings	-\$574
Annual meeting	-\$139
Special projects	-\$1,540
ENDING BALANCE	\$111,539

Volunteer work parties

Volunteering is a great way to enjoy the Preserve. Long pants (not leggings) and closed-toe shoes are required; tools and gloves are provided. Groups and youth are welcome with advance notice. For more details, contact Bryn Scriver, 220-5560, bryn.scriver@wisc.edu.

TIME: 9:00 a.m.–noon

Date		Meeting place
Mar	8 Sun	Fruitschi Point lot
Mar	28 Sat	Picnic Point kiosk
April	18 Sat	Picnic Point kiosk
April	26 Sun	Picnic Point kiosk
May	3 Sun	Garlic Mustard Pull Fruitschi Point lot 1–4 p.m.
May	16 Sat	Spring Planting Fruitschi Point Lot