



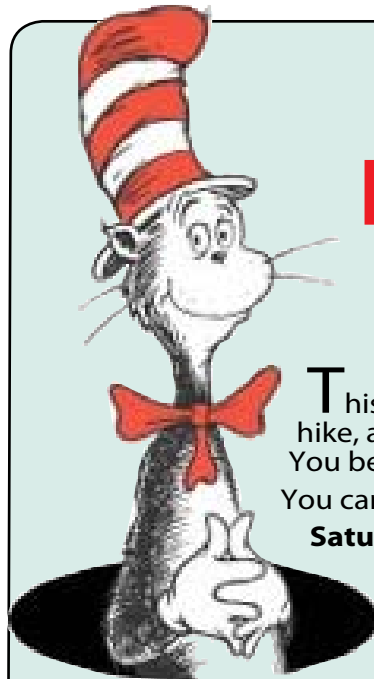
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 19 & 20**

Last year Schlitz Audubon Nature Center created a new event for the Milwaukee area. This year's event will be even better. **The Great Outdoor Weekend** will offer activities at many area nature centers, parks, and outdoor green spaces for the public. We want everyone to learn about the many places to visit for family recreation and to understand that it's healthy to get children outside to play.

- Join us at SANC for:
- **Guided Hikes**
 - **Ponding**
 - **Live Animals**
 - **Geocaching**

Back by Popular Demand

Nature Art Fair Nov. 14 - More details will be in our next newsletter. In October the **Birdseed Sale** will be back. See order form in our next newsletter.



SANC with Seuss Halloween Hike 2009

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

This year's Halloween Hike will have a Dr. Seuss theme. Could you, would you, enjoy a hike, and learn all about words, birds, snakes and lakes and still have fun on the run? ... You bet.

You can join us for this year's silly SANC Halloween Hike adventure on **Saturday, October 24 with hikes between 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM**

ADULT \$8 CHILD \$6

The hikes will run at 10 minute intervals, so when registering, please indicate which time slot you would like. Call 414-352-2880 ext 0 to register

Enjoy exciting crafts, live raptors, turtles, snakes and s'mores at this year's great adventure.

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Schlitz Audubon Nature Center connects people with nature and inspires them to become responsible stewards of the natural world.

Center Focus

Geo Coordinates: N 43° 10.498 W 087° 53.110



July/ Aug 2009

Join our growing E-mail list
Get advance notice of programs and events by receiving our weekly e-news - contact bbailie@sanc.org

Full Moon Family Hike
TUESDAY, JULY 7
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SANC
Connection**
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Cachin' and Campin'**
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Pond Creature Catching
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
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for more details

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9 AM – 5 PM \$4 Adults
\$2 Children 12 and under
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A Window of Opportunity

By Elizabeth Cheek, Executive Director



All of us are aware (or should be) of the potential for skin damage from excessive exposure to sunlight. However, research is now finding that there may be as much risk if we avoid the sun altogether. Our bodies need vitamin D, which is manufactured by skin exposed to sunlight. We need it for bone strength, and a number of studies have found that low levels of vitamin D lead to substantially higher increased risk for cancer of the breast, prostate, colon, bladder, lung and other cancers. Low levels of vitamin D are also associated with substantially higher rates of heart disease and stroke, as

well as type 1 diabetes and multiple sclerosis. Even the flu has been linked to low levels of vitamin D.

In our distant past, humans lived near the equator and were exposed to higher amounts of ultraviolet light, which produced higher levels of vitamin D in their bodies. But today, people who live in northern latitudes (that's us) do not get enough vitamin D from the sunlight during our winter months because winter sunlight has insufficient ultraviolet-B rays. "We were designed to live in sunshine," said John Whitcomb, medical director of the Aurora Sinai Wellness Institute in Milwaukee, in a recent local newspaper article; "Every year we go through this five-month stress test." So during our winter stress test, we need to resort to fatty fish, fortified milk and vitamin D supplements (though experts have not yet agreed on recommended levels) to maintain a high, healthy vitamin D level in our bodies.

But in summer, it's easy to do. A Jane Brody article in the New York Times states that as little as five to 10 minutes of sun a day on unprotected hands and face can replenish the body's supply of vitamin D (then you can apply your sunblock), and the rest can be stored in body fat for later use.

We are currently in the middle of the half-year period when the sun provides us with all of the nourishing vitamin D that we need. Rather than looking out of your window, use this "window of opportunity" and head outside to take advantage of what nature has to offer – for free. You'll be healthier for it.

Photo by - Bob Bailie



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Development Updates

By Bob Bailie, Marketing Coordinator

Spring Gala "Nature's Treasures"

In a year when many organizations cancelled or scaled back on gala events, SANC went ahead with this year's gala in fine style.

We are proud to announce that it was an overwhelming success. The event was chaired by Meg Kinney and Cindy Palmersheim.



Michael Youngman of Northwestern Mutual Foundation holds the Owl Award for environmental stewardship presented to the foundation.



Sue Shunta and Chris Petherick leave with a totem pole they purchased during the silent auction.



Co-chair Cindy Palmersheim, Board President, John McGregor, and co-chair Meg Kinney.

Northwestern Mutual was awarded the OWL Award for their commitment to the environment and sustainability.

Over 180 guests were treated to wonderful food by Shully's Cuisine & Events. In keeping with the theme of "Nature's Treasures," this year's food was locally grown organic and sustainable.



Buffy Cheek (Executive Director of SANC) greets Roman Draba of WE Energies.

A special thanks to everyone who worked so hard on this event and to everyone who attended. Thank you for helping us to raise money for exceptional environmental education programs at the Center. Save the date for next year's gala on May 7, 2010. See you there!

Green Living Tips

By Moya Mowbray, Environmental Educator

If You Can't Defeat Them Eat Them

An army of aliens, reeking of garlic, has been creeping through Wisconsin woodlands and killing off native wildflowers. The name of this pungent foe is Garlic Mustard. Over the past several years I have decided to fight this tasty enemy by eating it. My friends and family have enjoyed garlic mustard stuffed manicotti, garlic mustard and yams, and garlic mustard soup. Admittedly, there have been a few recipes they have not enjoyed. My garlic mustard pesto almost always brings requests for more:

3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 garlic clove
2 Tbs pine nuts or walnut pieces
2/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
2 cups garlic mustard leaves with 2 cups basil leaves

Chop the garlic, nuts and leaves in the food processor. Add the oil a bit at a time until you get the consistency you want. Add the grated cheese by hand last. The pesto is great on pasta, or spread on crackers!



- CALENDAR - continued

Hangin' with Hyatt: Cachin' and Campin'

The campout is back and better than ever, now with geocaching! Registration and tent pitching is from 6 to 7 pm. At 7, Jim will give you the ins and outs of geocaching. After that you'll search the center for caches. Be back by 9 pm so we can head over to the amphitheater for a campfire. After that, we'll fall asleep under the stars. Wake up between 7 and 9 am for the continental breakfast inside the building. Please bring a tent, whatever gear you need to camp, and a flashlight.

DATES: FRIDAY, JULY 31 TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

TIME: 6:00 PM FRIDAY TO 10:00 AM SATURDAY

*****FEE:** M: CHILD/ADULT \$50 FOR 2-4 PERSONS

NM: CHILD/ADULT \$60 FOR 2-4 PERSONS

LEVEL: FAMILIES

31st Annual Lorrie Otto Wild Yard Tour

Join us for our exciting annual Natural Yard Tour started by the "Queen of the Prairie," Lorrie Otto. We will tour a minimum of 12 private gardens, some of the most beautiful restored natural landscaped yards in the area. These yards contain plants that are native to Wisconsin's prairies and woodlands. We will board the bus at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. Please bring a bag lunch and beverage and be on the bus by 8:30.

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

TIME: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

*****FEE:** M: \$20 NM: \$25

LEVEL: ADULT & COLLEGE

Summer's Full Moon Walk

Explore the Center's wildlife communities at a time when no other people are around and when wildlife is much more active. Join Don Quintenz and venture out in the refreshing coolness of a summer evening to spy on the daily stirrings of the many animal species that avoid human eyes. The music of the earth's first animal song will be heard and searched for. If skies are clear, a telescopic view of Jupiter and the first discovered and largest moon in the solar system will be shared.

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

TIME: 7:30 - 9:30 PM

*****FEE:** M: \$12 NM: \$14

LEVEL: ADULT

A Day at the International Crane Foundation

Spend a summer day in the Baraboo hills visiting the renowned International Crane Foundation. It is the only place in the world where you can see all 15 crane species and is known world wide for conservation of endangered species. Our guided tour will include the Exhibit Pod, Whooping Crane Exhibit and newly opened African Crane Exhibit. We will enjoy a box lunch in a natural setting. In the afternoon take an interpretive tour of a restored nature trail, visit the chick exhibit area, the art gallery, or the gift shop. Transportation, interpretation, fees and lunch are included. Handicapped accessible.

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

TIME: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

*****FEE:** M: \$90 NM: \$104

LEVEL: ADULT

Pond Creature Catching

Ponds are teeming with life above and below the water surface. Join us as we net, scoop and strain for pond creatures around, in and under the water world. Each family will be outfitted with a creature catching kit and we will catch as many creatures as we can. A few nets will be on hand in case we see larger pond life such as frogs and turtles. We'll end with a "creature feature" starring the creatures we caught projected - on the big screen for closer inspection. This is a fabulous way to get up close and personal with the pond life at SANC. Please wear clothes and footwear that you don't mind getting muddy. Families with children of all ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*****FEE:** M: ADULT \$10 M: CHILD \$6

NM: ADULT \$12 NM: CHILD \$8

LEVEL: FAMILIES

Necedah Whooping Crane Observation

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge is one of two experimental sites for whooping crane reintroduction. Join us for an early morning venture (5:00 am) into the refuge to a blind where we can observe the different crane chicks being trained by ultra lights. We will be going late enough in the season that we will be able to view between 2 to 3 chick groupings. The rest of the day we will acquaint ourselves with the Refuge's multiple offerings including a chance to view the greatest concentration of redheaded woodpeckers in the state and the reintroduced trumpeter swan.

Sign up early since we are limited to 14 people. The cost includes interpretation, transportation, lunch on Wednesday and breakfast on Thursday, lodging and all fees. A dinner, and lunch are at one's own expenses. Contact Mary Fitzgerald at 414-352-3880 X201 for more information.

DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 TO THURSDAY AUGUST 20

TIME: 9:00 AM WEDNESDAY - 5:00 PM THURSDAY

*****FEE:** M: \$179 NM: \$205

LEVEL: ADULT

SAVE THE DATE

**JOHN WESLEY POWELL'S
WATERFORD HOME SITE
SEPTEMBER 9 OR 12**

**SANDHILL CRANE MIGRATION AT
BONG NATURE AREA
SEPTEMBER 26 OR 29**

**FALL CANOE
OCTOBER 17**

**ICE AGE HIKE
OCTOBER 14 OR NOVEMBER 10**

MONTHLY PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Fireside Conversations

Learn as a group with thought-provoking, environmentally-related topics or readings. We will base our discussions for July (chapters January - March) and August (chapters April - June) on Aldo Leopold's famous Sand County Almanac. For newcomers missing the discussions of earlier chapters will not prevent you from participating in and enjoying the current discussions. Light refreshments will be provided.

DATES: MONDAY, JULY 13
MONDAY, AUGUST 10
TIME: 1:30 - 3:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: \$10 NM: \$12 PER SESSION
LEVEL: ADULT

Schlitz Audubon Bird Club

Check out the summer bird activity at SANC. We will be going out on bird hikes, with the prospects of increasing our bird lists for 2009. Join us for some summertime fun.

DATES: WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
FEE: FREE TO MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS
LEVEL: ADULTS AND TEENS

Discovery Nature Hiking

Walk along the meadows, woods, wetlands, and lake shore of the Center while Don Quintenz interprets the scenery and helps answer the questions that nature evokes in us. The entire program is taught on the trail. Physically you need to be able to walk any of the loop trails at the Center taking short but frequent stops.

DATES: TUESDAY, JULY 21
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
TIME: 10:00 - 11:30 AM
*****FEE:** M: \$5 NM: \$7 PER PROGRAM
LEVEL: ADULT

SPECIAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Full Moon Family Hike

Bring the family to see the full moon rise over Lake Michigan. We will explore the woods and ponds at dusk and see who else is out and about at Audubon after hours. Dress for the weather (cooler by the lake) and bring a flashlight. Families with children of all ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. Call SANC now to reserve a spot!

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 7
TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: ADULT \$10 M: CHILD \$6
NM: ADULT \$12 NM: CHILD \$8
LEVEL: FAMILIES



SPECIAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Summer Matinee

Education Specialist Tom Finley has a variety of engaging science-based programs that will be held in our auditorium. These hour-long presentations are great for all ages. Each session features really cool stuffed animals from our collection, cute and cuddly puppets, and general frivolity. Volunteer kid-helpers from the audience will be called upon to contribute to the silliness. July's program will be called "Mammals are Amazing" and August's will be "Wild About Weather".

DATES: SUNDAY, JULY 12
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
TIME: 2:00 - 3:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: ADULT \$6 M: CHILD \$5
NM: ADULT \$8 NM: CHILD \$7
LEVEL: FAMILIES

Monday Night Magic

Join our Education Specialist Tom Finley for a summer evening hike. Just the right time and distance for the little ones, these nights are devoted to exploring popular locations such as the tower, lake and forest. Listen to frogs, observe pond life and maybe watch bats flutter about. Feel free to bring along binoculars and nets.

DATES: MONDAY, JULY 20
MONDAY, AUGUST 17
TIME: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: ADULT \$7 M: CHILD \$6
NM: ADULT \$9 NM: CHILD \$7
LEVEL: FAMILIES

Ten Chimneys Garden & House Tour

Visit one of the most inspirational historic homes and gardens tour in the country-owned by Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine. A docent-led walking tour of the Main House will take us into each room virtually barrier free, highlighting the flora décor. The exterior tour will be led by a "master-gardener" docent. Begin the tour at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, or at the Watertown-Plank Road park-and-ride or join us at Ten Chimneys. Bring a bag lunch. Transportation, interpretation and all fees included.

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 21
TIME: 9:00AM - 4:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: \$53 FOR COMMUTERS \$41
NM: \$58 FOR COMMUTERS \$46
LEVEL: ADULT

Summer Canoe on Fountain Lake at John Muir's Boyhood Home

Enjoy a leisurely paddle on the spring-fed 30-acre Fountain Lake part of the 70 acre Muir Park and State Natural area in Marquette County. Spend the entire day paddling around or stop to go on a two-mile hike. We will visit the fen, wet-mesic prairie and oak savanna that were part of Muir's family farm. Alternatively, take a short hike to the Fox River flowage a favorite nesting area for sandhill cranes. No canoeing experience is necessary, but if you have none you may be put with another person if you have difficulty. Interpretation, transportation and canoe equipment provided. Bring your own lunch, snacks and water.

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 25
TIME: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: \$85 NM: \$98
LEVEL: ADULT

Cancellation by participant up to 14 days before a program will be refunded less a \$10.00 fee. Cancellation by participant less than 14 days before a program will receive no refund. Upon SANC cancellation of a program, a full refund will be given to all registered participants. These policies will not affect the authority of the program leader to make exceptions for special considerations.

News From The Raptors...

By Diane Visty, Raptor Educator



STATE FAIR HERE WE COME! August 6th - 16th



Photo by - Bob Baillie

Raptor volunteer Ellen Schneiderman, presents Nala, a peregrine falcon, to a full crowd at We Energies "Energy Park" during last year's Wisconsin State Fair.

presentations showcasing SANC's majestic birds of prey at We-Energies Park located on the south end along the 84th street border of State Fair Park.

It is hard to believe but in just one month we will again be loading up the birds and heading off to our most favorite and largest program of the year - - the Wisconsin State Fair. For each of our eleven days at the fair, **SANC's Sky Hunters: Birds of Prey** program will be the headliner for three major programs and two mini programs at We-Energies Park. This will be our 6th year that the Sky Hunters are at State Fair. The birds will be interacting with over 10,000 children and adults from around the state. Just like any athletes, our hawks, owls, eagles, falcons and vulture will be taking the month of July to prepare, fluffing out their feathers, putting on new equipment and getting their flight routines down for this marathon event.

Even more exciting this year, We-Energies Park has been chosen for the grand opening ceremonies of the State Fair, on Thursday August 6th. So... consider this an invitation and please come on down to the State Fair and join us for one of our

A Breath of Fresh Air

Recently the raptor program has been struggling to maintain a high quality of air exchange in our building for the health of the birds. The Callen Construction and Diamond Electric companies came to our rescue. They teamed up and donated the appropriate exhaust system and installation. In these tough economic times it is reassuring to know that there are local companies that share our love of nature and support the work we do at SANC. A special thanks to them and all of the folks that support our Center!



Bird Spotlight - Consider Sponsoring Me!

RT

Red-Tailed Hawk

RT was less than a year old when she flew into the territory of a pair of red-tailed hawks. She didn't respond to their initial attempts to force her from the area and she lost the aerial battle that followed. A father and his son witnessed the fight and found her alive but with a deep gash from her chest to her eye. The pair of red-tails returned to make sure RT was dead, so the young boy covered her body with his and saved her life! She is our longest resident and her favorite meal is quail.

For information on sponsoring our raptors please visit www.sanc.org and click on "Raptors" or call us at 414-352-2880 x 0 and we will mail you a sponsorship brochure.



Photo by - Bob Baillie

Raptors In Focus

Natural Outdoor Birds of Prey Photo Shoot & Contest Saturday Sept 12 or Sunday Sept 13

Show off your photos by participating in a juried show. Prizes will be awarded to amateur participants in different categories and age groups. Judging criteria will include visual and technical merit, composition and creativity. The "Best of Show" image will be featured in SANC's 2010 Sky Hunters Birds of Prey calendar. All images will be displayed at Xtreme Raptor Day, November 7th. Professional photographers will be juried separately. **More details at:**

http://www.bobbailie.com/Raptor/Raptor_Photo_Contest.html

On The Ground

By Wendy Walcot, Land Steward Volunteer

Baby Food



The grass is thick, and our flowers, and possibly our vegetables, are just taking hold in our gardens. Most started life in the seed flats of commercial nurseries. Perennials are burgeoning in the warm black dirt of our decorative borders. Is it already too late to divide the Siberian Iris and give hunks of it to our friends? Perhaps we have planted a tree for shade, maybe one to replace a dying Austrian Pine. It's leafing out and looking eager for growth. Maybe a row of shrubs forms a screen between us and the neighbor, and maybe it is even thick and unruly enough to harbor a robin's nest. Late spring is a time to enjoy our well-kept property, and do what we can to enhance the scene.

This is also the time for raising a family, or even two, if you are a bird, or a snake. We may choose our shrubs for fall color and fruit production, hoping to enhance our wildlife habitat, but we rarely think about spring food for the birds and other small animals. Adult birds eat fruit and seeds in the fall, but hatchlings of most species survive on insects alone, and larval insects at that, like caterpillars. Insects, like caterpillars? Insects are not part of our plan for that new tree, our flats of brightly colored annuals, or our vegetables--most

especially not for our vegetables! Insects might have survived over the winter in our perennial flower beds, but only if the beds were not cleaned of dead leaves and fallen twigs until well after the last hard frost of early spring. Many insects need specific host plants to reproduce. Many exotic ornamentals are insect resistant because their co-evolved insects have not made the trip across the ocean with them. Conversely, native trees sometimes cannot resist a plague of exotic pests, such as gypsy moth, which then provide a brief flush of food for birds but not a sustained diet.

Summer in the suburbs is starvation time. The problem is lack of insects, and nearly all our common garden practices conspire to limit native insect production. Pervasive planting of non-native trees, shrubs and plants deprives local butterflies of a place to lay eggs. Many are plant-specific, knowing that their caterpillars demand only one kind of leaf to survive when they hatch. Other butterflies and beetles over-winter in dead wood, or under loose bark of dying trees. Many need porous ground, which they find only under dead leaf litter and rotting twigs and branches. One study at Riveredge Nature Center confirmed what students are discovering everywhere:

native versions of common plants support many insects, but the Eurasian versions have next to no life on them. These volunteers harvested invasive, introduced *Phragmites australis*, or common reed, from a roadside near the nature center. Other volunteers searched for stems of *Phragmites* in the Cedarburg Bog. Back at the lab, the grasses from the Bog, thought to be a native strain, were full of insect life, but the grasses from the extensive roadside stand were barren.

Photos by - Kirrh Woods



Downed birch logs provide precious insect habitat, better for baby birds than any bird feeder.

Plant native trees to feed native birds, all year long but especially in spring!

— CALENDAR —

July & August 2009

MONTHLY PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Hatha Yoga for Health and Wellness

Learn how to reduce stress, increase your flexibility, and enrich your sense of well-being. The first trial class is free!

DATES: EVERY MONDAY & SATURDAY

TIME: 9:15 – 10:30 AM OR 5:45 – 7:00 PM MONDAY
10:00 – 11:15 AM SATURDAY

*****FEE:** FOR PROGRAM FEES, PLEASE CALL 414-352-2880, x 0

LEVEL: ADULT

Raptor Saturdays!

In this family program, handlers allow a close-up view of falcons, hawks, owls, a turkey vulture, and one of our bald eagles. Sharp talons, curved hooked beaks, binocular vision, and incredible hearing make these raptors specialized birds of prey.

DATES: SATURDAY, JULY 4
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

TIME: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

FEE: FREE WITH CENTER ADMISSION

LEVEL: FAMILIES



Sky Hunters: Word with a Bird

Get a beak-to-beak view of one of SANC's feathered ambassadors. A raptor handler will be showcasing one of our many birds of prey. Each of our falcons, hawks, owls, vulture, and eagles will appear on a rotating basis. Stop by each weekend to check them out.

DATES: EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

TIME: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

FEE: FREE WITH CENTER ADMISSION

LEVEL: FAMILIES



There will be no Sky Hunters: Word With a Bird program on August 8,9,15,16. We will have the birds at the Wisconsin State Fair. They will be featured in live flight demonstrations plus much more. Come to the fair and visit us at We Energies "Energy Park."

Boomers and Beyond

The "Boomers and Beyond" program will continue to be offered the first Thursday of every month. As always, we will start with socializing and coffee and treats, and then we'll head out on the trails if favorable conditions exist to engage in nature's instructive process. July's class will visit a very unique back-yard bog with a great variety of insect-eating plants that was installed by a Nicolet High school student, Evan Barrientos. We will car pool the short distance from the Center. August's class will explore "The Ecology of Mystery Lake". We will canoe out over the deepest section to learn the differences between a lake and a pond and the important to the life forms there. No canoeing experience is needed.

DATES: THURSDAY, JULY 2
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

TIME: 9:00 – 10:30 AM

*****FEE:** M: \$10 NM: \$12 PER PROGRAM

LEVEL: ADULTS 50 AND ABOVE

The Spiritual World of Nature

The "Spiritual World of Nature" program is a monthly series that strives to make connections between nature and our individual and collective spiritualities. The series is about our spiritual connection to nature, whether that be how nature is a part of and promotes spirituality in a particular religion or tradition, or how we should relate to nature from a spiritual perspective.

Dottie Giggs Nature Photo Slide Show

Due to the great response to Dottie Giggs' May Spiritual World program she will be back with a repeat performance. Dottie Giggs, a photographer extraordinaire, will again present her slideshow of photographs, largely nature and floral, which are paired with quotations from the Baha'i Sacred Writings. The slideshow includes very beautiful and meditative instrumental music. She has been a violinist in the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra for 35 years. Light refreshments will be provided.

DATE: Thursday, July 9

TIME: 7:00–8:30 PM

DIFFERING VIEWS OF NATURE

Thomas Galten will share "Differing Views of Nature". He will discuss a variety of philosophical and religious traditions and ask whether any of them resonate today as humans face an unprecedented crisis in their relationship to the natural world. From a Judeo-Christian-Islamic understanding of the world as created artifact to the Hindu emphasis on Maya and the universal drama to the Asian understanding of Tao to the Native American participation mystique to Neo-Platonic monism, mankind's religions and philosophies have viewed nature from quite varying perspectives. Tom will lead a discussion on the implications of some of these perspectives for us today. Thomas Galten, MSW PhD, is a psychotherapist with Family Service of Racine. In addition to his clinical studies, Tom has done a considerable amount of work in comparative religion, theology and eastern philosophy and often seeks to integrate spiritual insights into his counseling practice. Tom believes that a re-balancing of humanity's relationship to the natural world will require much more than changes in social policy and politics; it, in fact, will primarily require a critical mass of transformation in collective human consciousness.

DATES: Tuesday, July 14

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

OR

Friday, August 14

TIME: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

THE WILDERNESS AND HUMAN SPIRITUALITY

Rev. Dr. James Rand, Pastor of the Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church, will speak on "The Wilderness and Human Spirituality" "To those devoid of imagination, a blank place on the map is a useless waste; to others, the most valuable part" (Aldo Leopold, Sand County Almanac). We will search for signs of hope in desert places including our lives, such as illness, death, and similar human losses.

DATE: Tuesday, July 28

TIME: 1:30–3:00 PM

SCIENCE & RELIGION

Astronomer Robert Powell will talk about the difference of opinion between Copernicus, Galileo, and the Church, and how the invention of the telescope helped to change the way we understand the universe. Discover how Aristarchus's sun-centered model of the solar system 300 years before Christ as well as the findings of Copernicus and Galileo shook the Vatican to its core.

DATE: Tuesday, August 11

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

*****FEE:** M:\$10 NM:\$12 PER PROGRAM

LEVEL: Adult

NEW MEMBERS

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Brad Abelt | Katie Jarvis | Amy, Dan, Jacob, Zach and Gabe Newman |
| Kola Alayande | Laura Jarvis | Gregory Norman and Margaret Stratton |
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| Mark Anderson | Kelly Jones | Craig Porter and Pat Donohoue |
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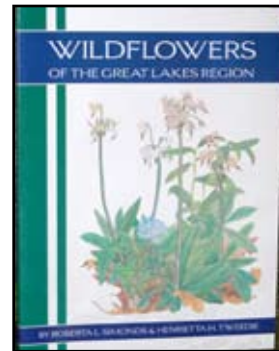
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At last-Summer is here! It has been a long time coming this year. It is so wonderful to feel the warmth of the sun, to see all the flowers in bloom- it should last longer. The store has wonderful items for all to enjoy. Birthday parties, wedding gifts, many one-of-a-kind items.

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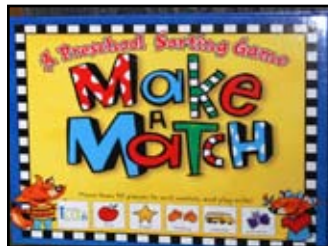
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- This great game of Dominoes reinforces numbers and counting while being fun. Just visually match the insects on the dominoes and count the number of creatures for that match.



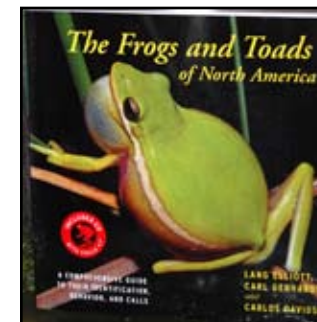
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The foxes need help sorting and matching animals, shapes, clothes, foods, and more. With 10 different games and more than 40 play pieces, Make a Match strengthens early math skills, reading skills, critical thinking and object recognition.



The Frogs and Toads of North America.-

This is the first book to feature all 101 species found in the US and Canada, including an audio CD of their calls. It is packed with natural history, information about range and habitat, descriptions of behaviors and calls. The accompanying 70 minute audio CD presents the calls of nearly every species.



Kid's T-Shirts - New this summer- Frogs and Toads and Icky Bugs. All the kids will like these.

Early Childhood News

By Marcie Oltman, Director of Early Childhood Education



Patti meets the real Elmo and his handler, Kevin Clash.

SANC's Rainbow Connection

It's not easy being green on Sesame Street – until now. Beginning in November of this year, Sesame Street celebrates its 40th season with a focus on nature and the environment. The show's iconic urban set will also include more natural elements—flowers, trees, grass and ivy. New show segments include Elmo caring for a baby bird, helping Murray track animals using footprints as clues and discovering what wild animals eat while on a camping trip with Chris. Big Bird discovers a new habitat and Oscar's garbage can gets "beautified" with a garden.



What does this have to do with SANC? In 2007, our Preschool Director, Patti Baillie was invited to the Sesame Street Workshop in New York as part of an advisory panel providing expertise on nature and young children. Patti and others on the team provided input on show themes, information on science and young children and ideas for show segments. They also consulted on curriculum that will accompany the new season.

In March of this year, several of our nature preschool children and parents previewed new segments and scripts and provided valuable feedback. When Patti returned to New York to present the children's feedback first hand, the writers and producers learned from our three-year-olds that "Cardinals don't say 'peep, peep' they say 'cheer, cheer, birdy, birdy, birdy'" and that raccoon footprints don't look anything like the prints depicted in the show.



One of the Sesame Street writers signs her script for next year's Pancake Breakfast silent auction.

Here at SANC, we are inherently aware of the many benefits that come from connecting children and nature including confidence, physical development, brain development, improved visual discrimination, and a caring attitude. However, when a well-known show like Sesame Street comes to this awareness, it achieves a well deserved level of acknowledgement that is definitely overdue.



Preschool class watches a new episode of Sesame Street prior to giving their ideas and reactions to the new green series.

We will keep you updated on the show's schedule and any more interaction we may have with the folks at Sesame Street. Look for more national coverage in the coming months—the new green Sesame Street has already been featured on the Today Show and even the Daily Show with Jon Stewart. Michelle Obama has recently gotten in on the act by planting a garden for a Sesame Street episode. So, as you can see, we are in very good company.

It's finally easy being green on Sesame Street. This will undoubtedly have a national effect on providing more opportunities for children to spend time in the natural world and with SANC and Sesame Street leading the way.

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Planet Volunteer

By Laurie Haig, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Highlights

Summer is Back!



University School senior Alexa Dumif, scans in the last of the centers slide collection.

Spring is always a very busy season here. We've had many groups come and plant new trees, get rid of buckthorn, yank out garlic mustard and even participate in a prairie burn. Thanks go out to Lakeshore Middle School, Life Technologies, and Milwaukee Jewish Day School. They all scheduled a day to come get our property in shape for the

coming season. Also, we thank the graduating seniors of University School of Milwaukee for volunteering here their last two weeks of school in May. Our marketing department now has old technology brought up to 21st century standards, the raptor building has nicely stained siding, and we found even more garlic mustard to pull.

days. Our staff needs their help with weeding, planting and removing invasive species. Many students are able to get their volunteer hours in for clubs or school by coming. Be sure they dress for working outside, including tennis shoes or hiking boots (no sandals) and long pants.

Volunteer Information

For all volunteer information, contact Laurie Haig, the volunteer coordinator at 414 352-2880 x144 or lhaig@sanc.org.



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Chipping In

Thanks also go to our April trail chipping volunteers, as well as the morning and afternoon Earth Day volunteers. Everyone braved the cool spring weather to come help at the center.

Annual Volunteer Party

The annual volunteer party was a hit with staff and volunteers alike. This year, we all enjoyed the food from Shully's, who generously donated their services for the evening. Marcie Oltman, of our preschool, gave us an update of their ever-expanding curriculum.

Our popular summer camp volunteer program is just about ready to start. We have almost 40 student volunteers (plus a few adults) who will help the teachers with camps this summer. You may see them around in their blue t-shirts.

If your current high school or college students need to roll out of bed this summer, tell them about volunteering with the land stewards. This program runs all year from 9 -12 noon on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, and from 9:30 -12 noon on Saturdays. This is drop-in, so once I have their volunteer application (check the website), they can come on any of the above



A few scenes from this year's well attended volunteer party. This year we gave away stainless steel water bottles as a thank you. The volunteers learned to "do the salamander" from Marcie Oltman and enjoyed dinner courtesy of Shully's Catering & Cuisine

