

Center Focus

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July/August 2011

Hatha Yoga for Health and Wellness

New classes now offered!
See page 9 for details.

33rd Annual Lorrie Otto Wild Yard Tour

Saturday, August 6
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Kirtan with Ragani

New program offering!
Friday, August 12
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Ponding Fever: The Final Fling

Tuesday, August 23
See page 10 for details.

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Open 7 Days a Week

9:00am - 5:00pm

\$6 Adults, \$4 Children

Free Admission to Members

Honoring an Influential Leader

By Debby Fulton, Development Director

Just a few weeks ago, the Center held their 8th Annual Gala. Over 200 people attended the event and celebrated 40 Years of Nurturing Nature and Minds. For the past several years during the event the Friends of Schlitz Audubon Nature Center presents their OWL award. This award is given to an organization or individual in our community that exemplifies environmental stewardship and leadership. This year the team selected Buffy Cheek as the 2011 OWL award recipient.

As Executive Director for the Center since 1997, Buffy's commitment to environmental responsibility and leadership helped to build the first LEED certified building in Wisconsin, created a nationally known nature preschool, and tripled the Center's educational science classes to serve 35,000 school children annually. Buffy has also served on the Executive Committee of the Board of the Association of Nature Center Administrators (ANCA) for several years. She consulted for nature centers around the country, and has spoken at national conferences on various subjects including green buildings, nature preschools, capital campaigns and the role of board members. It is because of her leadership, dedication, commitment and effort to help inspire individuals and other organizations to the importance of environmental stewardship that made her the perfect choice for this award.



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Buffy is greeted by the Preschool students who visited her to perform their Valentine's Day song.

As many of you know, Buffy has announced her plans for retirement. In the last *Center Focus* she stated that she had "greatly enjoyed the adventure". On behalf of the staff, we too have "greatly enjoyed her and her leadership on this adventure". We would like to wish her the best, and thank her for all she has done to make this Center what it is today.

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Development Updates

By Debby Fulton, Development Director

Annual Gala Enjoyed by Many...

On June 3rd, 215 guests arrived at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center to enjoy an evening with associates, friends, family and other SANC members. The weather was perfect and many guests took advantage of the guided hike offered to all prior to the evening festivities. The event began with a silent auction, followed with dinner catered by Lee John's Catering, and ended with a live auction, which included a special appeal for scholarship funds.

This year's theme "40 Years of Nurturing Nature and Minds" was presented through hundreds of pictures displayed, capturing the 40 years of SANC's history.



Guests filled the auditorium to bid on their favorite silent auction item, or visit with one of our resident feathered ambassadors.



Jennifer Nordstrom, teacher from Milwaukee College Prep School, an independent charter school located in the Metcalfe neighborhood, explains the importance of student scholarship support.



Gala Chair Pam Geimer, (left) along with her husband and past board president Steve, congratulate Buffy Cheek on being selected as the 2011 OWL award recipient.



Over 83 silent auction items were available for guests to bid on.

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News From the Raptors...

By Diane Visty, Raptor Manager

You Don't Have to be Big to be Powerful!

Just take a look at Alex. She is 10 years old and is already inspiring her friends and neighbors to care for owls.



Alex found me in the Exhibit Hall last October and was all excited about owls. She had come from seeing the movie, "Guardians of Ga' Hoole" and wanted to help owls. Normally we do not accept anyone under 18 years old to volunteer with the Sky Hunter's Program but as I soon learned, Alex was one determined child. She called me to set up a meeting and present me with her plan, her goals, what she needed to do to accomplish her goals and her timeline (4 months). She was quite persuasive and had her parent's full support.

To learn more about raptors and our education mission she came every Saturday morning and volunteered with our all-adult crew. Alex cleaned the owl cages, chopped up mice to feed, helped with the daily data entries of food and bird weights, and asked a lot of questions. Each week she came with a smile and did whatever needed doing. In the mean time she started a Website about SANC and the Sky Hunter's Program to help with fundraising to pay for the food and care of her owl friends. The Website, <http://alexandrasproject.weebly.com>, was an idea Alex had all on her own and has been a great outlet for telling her story and for getting others involved in her cause.

She also created a great poster displaying our birds so she could tell her friends at Tae Kwon Do and at her school about why owls are important and what she did as a volunteer. She was so attentive to detail that I felt she could be trusted to handle one of our screech owls, Ochre. They have now become great friends!

Alex's time with us is over but the impact she had on the program continues. I know that she will always share her passion for owls and I look forward to her 18th birthday so she can become a regular volunteer here in our Raptor Department!



Alex extended a helping hand to the Raptor Staff by cleaning cages and feeding the raptors.

Bird Spotlight

By Ellen Schneiderman, Raptor Educator

Striking, regal, bold and loyal, the Bald Eagle is synonymous with the USA. But, we almost lost them to DDT. Fortunately, their population has grown steadily since the pesticide was banned in 1972. Glory, SANC's handsome male Bald Eagle, is the epitome of eagleness: 7 ½ foot wingspan, bright yellow feet and trademark white head and tail... I'm fairly certain he knows he's the real deal! Feisty, devoted, smart and sometimes silly, Glory keeps us on our toes. Currently Glory is prepping for his hectic summer schedule by taking daily baths and basking in the sun. Why not bask in some glory yourself and sign up to sponsor our Glory! It's downright patriotic!!

GLORY Bald Eagle



Visit Glory at the Harley-Davidson Museum each Sunday from 10am-2pm through September.

For more information about sponsoring our Raptors, please visit the 'Raptors' section on our Website, www.sanc.org, or call us at 414-352-2880 for sponsorship information.

On the Ground

By Matt Smith, Land Manager

Fire as an Ecological Management Technique & Teaching Tool

Before the farming and logging days, Schlitz Audubon was dominated by a thriving Lake Forest; you would have probably had to walk west a ways before encountering a prairie. So why is there prairie here today? After the heavy impacts of logging, farming and grazing, certain areas of our landscape were kept as open field. Years after becoming a nature center, the decision was made to diversify the landscape by turning some of these open areas, dominated by European pasture grasses, into a more diverse prairie. Our first prairie was seeded around 1978 by Richard Barloga, as well as some consequent ones. This was an excellent addition to the Center even though the ecosystem was marginally out of place. Over the years, Schlitz Audubon has added 18.5 acres of prairie that have served to teach many children and adults about Wisconsin's ecological heritage, as well as increase local diversity. We plan to turn our remaining 6.54 acres of old pasture fields into a more continuous and diverse prairie for grassland bird species.



Matt Smith lights a safe backing fire close to the building as volunteers stand by with water

We have been using fire as a means to maintain the health of the prairies at Schlitz for many years. This year's prescribed fire (formally known as 'controlled burn') season was extremely successful; we were able to burn 12 sections of the property totaling 6.47 acres. Despite the problematic burning conditions this season, there were a couple of perfect days where all fire conditions were in prescription.

In a prairie burn, fire consumes plant litter exposing bare soil to the sun. The direct contact of light onto bare soil raises the soil temperature, and warms dormant prairie plants underneath providing for an earlier start to their spring. Fire will also scar and set-back woody plants that encroach the prairie and threaten to shade it out. Burning a prairie in the fall as opposed to the spring can have different desirable effects. Over time, spring burns in a restored prairie will cater to grass domination, while fall burns will favor the flowering plants. The catch is that our fall burn seasons can be smaller windows of time to accomplish prescribed burns when compared to the spring. As tempting as it may be to burn an entire prairie in one season, it is important to keep a different portion unburned in order to leave habitat for birds and insects, as well as let the ground rest. Depending on the environment, this portion could be anywhere between one third to one half of your prairie.

If you wish to contribute to the conversion of our old fields into diverse prairie please contact our Development Director, Debby Fulton, at 414-352-2880 ext. 152 to make a donation.



Matt Smith completing the unit and transporting water and fuel



Land management team keeping the fire within the unit



Volunteer Judith Huff stands by with water to squelch the fire

NATURE STORE NECESSITIES

Binoculars by Vortex

Check out the variety of Vortex binoculars available in our Nature Store. The **Vortex 8x26 Vanquish** uses high-density glass and fully multi-coated optics to render images crisp and bright. And these binoculars weigh a mere 12.7 ounces. The **Vortex Spitfire** binocular has multi-coated optics and waterproof, fog-proof protection. It is also compact enough to keep in a pocket. The **Vortex Crossfire** lets you step into a world of optics that make the journey into the wilderness even more enjoyable.



Vortex Vanquish



Vortex Spitfire

Bead Loom Bracelets

This kit contains simple instructions for 7 boutique-quality bracelets and more than enough beads to make them all. The kit includes an easy-to-use fold-out loom.



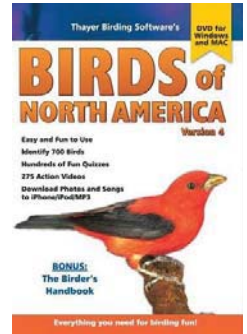
Garden Art Kit

Twist beautiful copper and colorful thin wire into stunning garden sculptures adorned with beads and marbles. Brighten an outdoor landscape or add a little whimsy to a potted plant.



Thayer Birding Software

This exciting interactive DVD makes learning about birds fun and easy. Even download photos and songs to an iPhone, iPod or MP3 player. As an extra bonus, *The Birder's Handbook*, is included on this DVD with hundreds of articles on every aspect of bird behavior. Use on a Mac or PC.



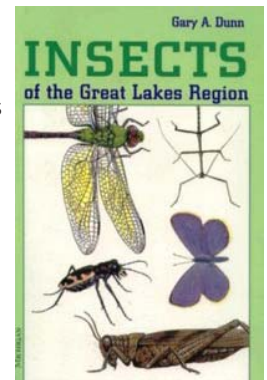
3-D Puzzles

Check out the many woodcraft construction kit puzzles. Choose from owls, frogs, sailboats, butterflies and many more. Great for adults and kids!



Insects of the Great Lakes Region by Gary A. Dunn

This book is the first comprehensive guide to document the rich and diverse insect fauna in the Great Lakes region. It contains over 200 illustrations of the insects found in yards, gardens, fields, and forests. Great illustrations supplement easy to understand information on the region's wide array of insects.



GREEN LIVING TIPS

Water Footprint of the Modern Lawn

by Jackie Keltner, Environmental Educator

You might remember an article in the last SANC newsletter about the online water-use calculator, h2oconserve.org, for calculating water usage. The Website gives lots of ideas for conserving this precious resource. With the summery days around us now, let's consider the grass outside our doors and how it might not need as much water as you think.

Why a Lawn?

The typical U.S. lawn originated in northern Europe, where grazing sheep kept turf grass smooth as a carpet. And a visually open expanse meant castle soldiers could spot interlopers approaching. European settlers, wanting some of the familiarities of home, brought these ideas to the U.S. Eventually the monoculture turf grass lawn became a status symbol of modern North America, even though we no longer have sheep or castles. But turf grass, native to Europe, thrives in cool, wet climates. Even Kentucky bluegrass is not from Kentucky. The nature of turf grass is to go dormant (brown and resting) with heat and dryness, and it can go three weeks without water! Luckily, it's adapted to green up when the growing conditions are right, like in our cool, damp autumn. So rather than water regularly, you could just let your lawn rest and be dormant in the hot and dry summer. If the root zone is moist two inches below the surface (check before watering), that's enough water in the soil. If you do need to water, try to do it early in the day, and when there is little wind. This will reduce moisture lost to evaporation. Less watering means you can get a little rest, too, since you won't need to mow so often! *(I like a little dormancy for myself from time to time.)*



Early Childhood News

Focus on our Preschool Families

By Patti Bailie, Preschool Director

Over the years we have had so many wonderful preschool parents that are talented musicians, artists, entrepreneurs and so much more. It is impossible to mention them all. But here are two that you might want to know more about:

MARY KARLZEN AND THE CHICKADEES

The Chickadees are a female music group (Mary, Carmen, Anjil, and Rosie) that record and perform fun and educational children's songs in the Milwaukee area. We often take credit for the formation of this group because Mary Karlzen, an adult singer-songwriter for many years, started writing songs about nature for children when her two girls attended our nature preschool. She first performed some of the songs at our ice cream social six years ago. Since that first concert, the Chickadees group formed, a CD "Songs from the Great Outdoors" followed, and bookings at places like Summerfest have become the norm. The Chickadees will release their second CD "The Tadpole Wiggle" at a CD release party on June 30 here at the Center. Sharing nature with young children is our mission, but sharing it through song is done best by the Chickadees! Check out their Website for music videos (shot at SANC) and where you can see them perform this summer. Visit www.thechickadees.net. Call our front desk at 414-352-2880 ext. 0 for tickets to the June concert.



The Chickadees performed at the Preschool Ice Cream Social at SANC on May 10.

PAINTINGS OF SANC

Pam Rushman, one of our preschool moms, has been painting scenes of the nature center all year. She is an award-winning artist that has been capturing the beauty of the nature center in her paintings on a weekly basis. Check out her blog called "Wonder: My journey capturing moments of wonder on canvas" at <http://pamelaruschman.blogspot.com/>. Pam and her friend Lynn will be featuring their work at an Art Exhibit held September 15 here at SANC.



Check out more beautiful works of art produced by Pam at the Art Exhibit on September 15.

Kid's Quips

*I like to discover everything.
Everything that is new. I like
to hike to Lake Michigan.*

-- Brian (age 5)

GOODBYE, MARY!



One of our preschool teachers, Mary Meier, is leaving us this summer. She taught in the Chickadee Room for two years and was a preschool mom the year before that. She and her family are moving to Virginia. We are sad to see her go, but wish her and her family the best!



PLANET VOLUNTEER

By Laurie Haig, Volunteer Coordinator

Thanks a bunch!

Whew! This spring saw hundreds of volunteers here in corporate and school groups. We can't thank them enough for all the work they did. But we can mention them by name. Kohl's Department Stores Corporate Offices spent a few weekends here planting trees at Boardwalk Pond, sprucing up the raptor facility, getting our firewood under control, prepping the pavilion grassy area for new sod, and helping with odds and ends inside projects. Also, we had crews from Johnson Controls, Lifetouch Technologies, BizLab, and the Service Club of Milwaukee girls here all pitching in to plant, pull invasives and generally whip this place into shape. The Whitefish Bay Earth Club is winding down their school year, and they've been regulars since September. Their club president was even voted Prom Queen this year – how cool is that!?



Thank you to our volunteers from Kohl's

Spring Gala Volunteers

We are just past our successful Spring Gala, and we thank all the staff and volunteers who planned and hammered out details for months. This was a hard-working crew the night of the event, as well. Also, the secret is starting to get out about how much fun it is to volunteer for that evening. It's almost like two parties going on at once, but I've said too much already...

Summer Camps Underway

Summer camps are in full swing at this point. With about 45 student volunteers helping with the camps and our summer interns, we are off to a productive start.



Our training sessions in May helped them think like leaders in outdoor group situations. And we've already established the fact that "Angry Birds" will not be a game we play this summer! We also have a first this year: one of the students from the original preschool class is volunteering for our camps. What other 12 year olds would know the property as much as our former preschoolers? We will see more of these knowledgeable kids as they join our volunteer program for the next several years.



Admission Booth Volunteers

Another fun summer volunteer program is our weekday booth volunteering. Students and adults alike can put the brakes on their fast-paced summer by taking a week-long morning or afternoon shift at the admissions booth. Taking in cash admissions, and handing out trail maps or bits of information on trail conditions, or what we recently spotted while out and about are the duties of this program. One volunteer is doing a shift in June because her grandkids are in the summer camps at that time. Another needs volunteer hours for her club, and a third already volunteers at the booth on weekends, but wants to be here more! We might just have a couple of spots left for you to claim, so contact me to see what's available.

For all your volunteer inquiries, contact Laurie Haig, the Volunteer Coordinator at 414 352-2880 x144 or lhaig@sanc.org.

New Members

Peter Ackerman
 Isabella Agostinelli
 Mary Albrecht
 Reid & Sara Alexander
 Nicole Angresano &
 Josh Mersky
 Bryan Atinsky
 Christopher & Catherine Austin
 Bryon & Ki Baker
 Chuck & Anne Baynton
 Liz Beach
 Katherine Beard
 Christian A. Benske
 Susan & Peter Birmingham
 John Bobrowich
 Vicki Bott & Matthias Jonas
 Andrea Bowen
 Kristin Bowers Family
 Marge Brewer
 Mark & Megan Brewer
 Ericka & Mike Burzynski
 Monica Cardenas
 Pam Casper
 Ney Collier
 Juliet Conlon
 Ted & Kimberly Connolly
 Rachel Cruse
 Dragomir Culav
 Karen & Milt Dabbert
 Elizabeth Dailey
 Tyler Daniel
 Anne Davidson-McNitt
 Linda Eliopoulos

Erika Fowler
 Paula Gilson
 Golden Family
 Thor Gran III
 Mitchell & Deborah Grayson
 Lisa Greco
 Dennis and Ann Griffin
 Gretchen Grimm &
 Daniel Weintraub
 Jorge Guillen
 Christine Gurses
 Danielle Hahn
 Cindy Hansen
 Tammy Hanson
 Ellen Harvey
 Sarah & Trey Helms
 Meilin Hmang
 Heather Holden Brooks
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 Joe Horstmeier
 Tom and Heather Hudson
 Bill Hunt
 Heath & Dezarae Jones-Hartwig
 Lynn Jordan
 Charles and Patti Kahn
 Debbie Katzman
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 Adam King
 Bob & Beret Kohn
 Susan Kolano
 Nancy Kreinus
 Justin Krupski

Karen Laatsch
 Olga M. LaCroix
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 Julie & John Langebartels
 Carolyn Lawrence
 Benjamin Levin
 Seth Libman
 John Linehan
 Mary & Jarrod Luedtke
 Chris & Donna Manke
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 Anne Metcalfe
 Jean & Jim Meyer
 Barbara Miles
 Joe & Jennie Minessale
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 Julie Panepinto & David Brousseau
 Tamar Peltz
 Meredith Pence
 Harvey Pogoriler
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 Michael Poser
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 Christopher Rautmann
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 Fran & Edd Romans
 Chip Roska
 Kristi Rosselot

Katie & Jeff Ruidl
 Cathy Sanfelippo
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 Kurt Wiedenhoft
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Honorariums

Barbara Becker
 Mrs. Irvin M. Becker

Barkhaus & Patel Wedding
 Maureen & Michael McCabe

Alex Castroverde
 Daniel Casey
 Jefferson Deangelis
 Thomas M. Harkless
 Michael Holloway
 Richard Lagerman
 Kelley McClendon
 Mark Pollaci

Raptor Sponsorships

Samuel Pikefsky-Christiansen
 Hawk (No Specific Bird Mentioned)

Roots Nature Club
 Orion (Barred Owl)
 RT (Red-tailed Hawk)

Memorials

Frederick "Fritz" Brockhus
Christine Croyin Leschin
Harold "Hal" Stein
Martin Thurnbauer
 Todd & Jody Herbert (*To be added to the Bruce Ethan Herbert Education Development Fund*)

Marjorie Heckert
 Janis Maguire

Bryce Ethan Herbert
 Carol Fry (*To be added to the Bryce Ethan Herbert Education Development Fund*)

Helen Hugg
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Raymond Kimpel
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Mark Shelmowski
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Memorials

Rachael Salmon
 Anonymous
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 Jeanne Gaenslen
 Amy Gigure
 Anna M. Gyuro
 Rebecca Harms
 Ken & Julie Howard
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 Kathryn & James Lewis
 Jacqueline McKendrick
 Anne & James Mentkowski Family
 David & Mary Miller
 Caroline O'Leary
 Carol & Robert Russo
 Nancy Salmon
 Dan Sapiro
 Mary Ellen & Scott Stanek
 Greg Van
 Nancy & Rick Vollbrecht
 Monica & Jeff Weis

Thank You

Susan Little & Kent Connaughton
 11 bags of niger seed

David & Mary Ann Stolp
 580 china bowls

William Towner
 2 pairs of snowshoes

Jackie & Jeff Jordan
 Art supplies

Tom & Harriett Russell Family
 Wood chipper
 15 heavy-duty fence posts
 Barrel composter

The Chickadees
 Children's concert for our preschool ice cream social

Westlawn Elementary 3rd Grade
 Two strainers for ponding

Wish List
Step ladders (2-step)
Gently used fanny packs
.Microscope for Raptor Program

CALENDAR

July & August 2011

Hatha Yoga for Health and Wellness



Reduce stress, increase your flexibility, and enrich your sense of well-being. The first trial class is free! There is no class on Monday, July 4.

DATES: Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
TIME: Mondays: 9:15–10:30am or 5:45–7:00pm, Thursdays: 5:45–7:00pm, Saturdays: 10:00–11:15am
FEE: For program fees, please call (414) 352-2880 ext. 0.
LEVEL: Families

Sky Hunters: Word with a Bird

Get a beak-to-beak view of one of SANC's feather ambassadors. A raptor handler will be showcasing one of our many birds of prey. SANC's falcons, hawks, owls, Turkey Vulture and Bald Eagle will appear on a rotating basis. Stop by each weekend to check them out. Please note: There will be no program on Sunday, August 7, Saturday, August 13 or Sunday, August 14 – visit our raptors at the Wisconsin State Fair that weekend.

DATES: Every Saturday & Sunday
TIME: 1:00–2:00pm
*****FEE:** Free with Center Admission
LEVEL: Families



Chicago Botanic Gardens

The Chicago Botanic Garden is a "living museum" of over 24 separate gardens on 385 acres. With the summer garden radiant and lush we will explore the Buehler Enabling Garden with a Docent. After the tour, explore other gardens with a Master Gardner, or on your own visit the photographic show, the gift shop, tram tour, etc. In the evening we will enjoy music on the Esplanade featuring Spanish guitarists. Transportation, fees, boxed supper and concert are included. Handicapped accessible.

DATE: Tuesday, June 28
TIME: 12:00–10:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$95; NM: Adult \$110
LEVEL: Adult

Hangin' with Hyatt: Campin' and Canoein'

Looking to camp out this summer? Jim has got you covered. Check in and tent pitching starts at 6:00pm. At 7:00pm, we're off to Mystery Lake. Grab a net, hop into a canoe, and catch as many critters as you can. At 9:00pm, we'll head down to the beach for a campfire and smores. Hopefully you have enough energy to head back up to your tent and fall asleep under the stars. Wake up to a continental breakfast inside the building. Bring a tent, flashlight, and whatever else you need to camp overnight.

DATES: Friday, July 1 – Saturday, July 2
TIME: 6:00pm Friday to 10:00am Saturday
*****FEE:** M: Family \$75
 NM: Family \$85
LEVEL: Families



Raptor Saturday!

Join us for our July Raptor Saturday Program: A Day in the Life of a SANC Raptor. Our Sky Hunters team will be presenting both a Powerpoint of candid shots of the birds, as well as live action demonstrations during our event in the Auditorium. There will be no program in August – visit our raptors at the Wisconsin State Fair!

DATE: Saturday, July 2
TIME: 1:00–2:00pm
FEE: Free with Center Admission
LEVEL: Families



Pond Creature Feature

Ponds are teeming with life. Join Jessy Knox and the Audubon Teachers as we scoop into the pond to catch and observe the exciting creatures around, in and under the water world. We'll end with a "creature feature" starring the creatures we caught projected on the big screen for closer inspection of their amazing adaptations. Families are welcome. The program content is directed at Elementary aged children. Children under six must be accompanied by an adult.

DATE: Wednesday, July 6
TIME: 1:00–3:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Child \$6, Adult \$10; NM: Child \$8, Adult \$12
LEVEL: Families of Elementary aged children



Cudahy Woods and Franklin Savanna

Cudahy Woods features an outstanding example of the hardwood forests that once covered most of the County and includes three types of forest communities. A small stream runs through the woods. More than 160 species of native plants are in the area. Franklin Savanna is an outstanding example of the oak savanna community that once covered most of Milwaukee's County. Large open grown bur, white, and black oak dominate. Although the site suffers from past impacts, the structural integrity of the savanna is intact. Transportation, interpretation and fees are provided. We will bag lunch our noon meal. Pre-registration is required.

DATE: Wednesday, July 6
 Thursday, July 28
TIME: 9:00am–4:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$37; NM: Adult \$42
LEVEL: Adults

Boomers & Beyond

We will start with socializing and refreshments, and then we'll head out on the trails to engage in nature's instructive process. In July, we will learn about the beautiful and diverse dragonflies that patrol our ponds in search of insects. In fact, the dragonfly's alternate name is mosquito hawk! August's class will search out the many beautiful summer flowers that inhabit our diverse plant communities.

DATES: Thursday, July 7
Thursday, August 4
TIME: 9:00–10:30am
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10; NM: Adult \$12
LEVEL: Adults

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. Join us for some summertime fun.

DATES: Wednesday, July 13
Wednesday, August 10
TIME: 6:30–8:30pm
FEE: Free to Members & Volunteers
LEVEL: Adults & Teens



Family Hikes

Enjoy the great outdoors as a family! This program is geared for parents with young children from 2-5 years old. The session will include a hike to learn about our natural world with games, activities, stories, and lots of play sprinkled in. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

DATE: Friday, July 22
TIME: 1:00–2:30pm
*****FEE:** M: \$10 per child; NM: \$14 per child
LEVEL: Families

Discovery Nature Hiking

We will walk along the trails of the Center while Don Quintenz leads us to the seasonal events that stir our sense of beauty or imagination 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 26
Monday, August 15
TIME: 9:00–10:30am
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$5; NM: Adult \$7
LEVEL: Adults

33rd Annual Lorrie Otto Wild Yard Tour

Join us for our exciting annual Natural Yard Tour begun by the "Queen of Prairie", Lorrie Otto. We will tour a minimum of 12 private gardens, some of the most beautifully restored, natural landscaped yards in the area. These yards contain plants that are native to Wisconsin's prairies and wetlands. Come for a full day or a half day. We will board the bus at SANC. Please bring a bag lunch and beverage and be here on time.



DATE: Saturday, August 6
TIME: 8:30am–4:00pm or 8:30am–12:00pm or 12:30–4:00pm
*****FEE:** Full Day: M: Adult \$25; NM: Adult \$30
Half Day: M: Adult \$13; NM: Adult \$15
LEVEL: Adults

A Day at the University of Wisconsin Arboretum

At the Arboretum we will visit the world's oldest restored prairie, Curtis Prairie, the gorgeous Oak Savanna of the Grady Tract, and the most beautiful prairie, the Green Prairie. Also we will visit sacred prehistoric effigy and burial mounds and visit two spring areas, one of which has the dramatic "boiling" springs. Transportation, interpretation, and fees are included. Bring a bag lunch, snacks and drinks. Pre-registration is required.

DATE: Wednesday, August 10
TIME: 8:00am–5:00pm
*****FEE:** M Adult \$65;
NM: Adult \$75
LEVEL: Adults



Kirtan with Ragani: Sacred Chants from the Heart

Welcome to the nation's largest independent, ongoing kirtan scene. The practice of kirtan involves the chanting of hymns or mantras to the accompaniment of instruments. No smoking, no beer, no light shows, no scantily-clad band members. Inspire and rejuvenate yourself with the ancient mantras of India. Light refreshments and food will be provided.

DATE: Friday, August 12
TIME: 7:30–9:00pm (Doors open at 7:15pm)
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10; NM: Adult \$12
LEVEL: Adults

Hangin' with Hyatt: Breakfast with Emerson

Doesn't it seem like Emerson is always hungry? Well, now you can feed him! Jim's bringing his slippery and scaly friends out for some breakfast. Bring your breakfast to eat and something for Emerson. You'll touch snakes, marvel at salamanders, hold turtles, and feed the big guy. Emerson likes: waffles, pancakes, grapes, strawberries, French toast, blueberries, blackberries, bagels, muffins... should I keep going? See you there!

DATE: Saturday, August 13
TIME: 9:00–10:00am
*****FEE:** M: Child \$3, Adult \$5
NM: Child \$4, Adult \$6
LEVEL: Families



Monday Night Magic

Enjoy a summer evening hike with our Education Specialist Tom Finley. Just the right time and distance for the little ones, these night hikes are devoted to exploring popular locations such as the tower, lake and forest. We'll listen to frogs, observe pond life and maybe watch bats flutter about. You're sure to delight in the sights and sounds of an early evening stroll at the Audubon Center. Feel free to bring along binoculars and nets.

DATE: Monday August 22
TIME: 6:30–8:00pm
FEE: M: Child \$5, Adult \$7
NM: Child \$7, Adult \$9
LEVEL: Families

Ponding Fever: The Final Fling

Time for one last chance to get outside and explore the awesome wetlands of the Audubon Center for this summer. We'll take nets and scoopers to see what kind of critters dwell in these vital habitats. We'll go to Boardwalk Pond, Mystery Lake and Teal Pond. We're sure to find lots of cool bugs and maybe some reptiles & amphibians.

DATE: Tuesday August 23
TIME: 10:00–11:30am
FEE: M: Child \$5, Adult \$7;
NM: Child \$7, Adult \$9
LEVEL: Families



Summer Wetland Canoe

What better way to enjoy a summer day than venturing out in a remote wildlife marsh! Join us for a leisurely paddle along one of Wisconsin's wonderful rivers at a new area. You may want to wear a swimsuit for a dip. No canoeing experience is necessary, but if you are new to canoes you may be put with another person for safety and additional help. Interpretation, transportation and canoe equipment provided. Bring your own lunch, snacks and water.

DATE: Saturday, August 27
TIME: 8:00am-4:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$61; NM: Adult \$70
LEVEL: Adults



Monarch Tagging and Migration Study

Join Monarch maniac Moya and learn all about these awe-inspiring insects. After learning some fun facts about Monarch butterflies inside, our group of "citizen scientists" will venture out with nets and catch, tag, and release Monarchs as part of a North American study. We will also make paper symbolic butterflies. These symbolic Monarchs will "fly" south and winter with Mexican school children near the winter nesting spots of their live counterparts. Our symbolic butterflies will fly back in Spring 2012, and participants will learn how to track Monarch migration online in conjunction with the "Journey North" program.

DATES: Sunday, September 4
Saturday, September 10
TIME: 1:00-3:00pm
FEE: M: Child \$6, Adult \$10
NM: Child \$8, Adult \$12
LEVEL: Families



Cancellation by participants up to 14 days before a program will be refunded less a \$10.00 fee. After that time, no refunds. Upon SANC cancellation of a program, a full refund will be given.

SAVE THE DATE!

Bookworm Gardens
Thursday, September 8

Fungi Talk & Hike
Wednesday, September 14

Plein Air Art Exhibit
Thursday, September 15

Full Moon Hike
Thursday, September 15

Cave Art Trip
Monday, September 26 through
Tuesday, September 27

Migrating Sandhill Crane Viewing
Saturday, October 1

Fall Canoe Trip
Saturday, October 15

Yerkes Observatory Night Viewing
Monday, October 17 or
Tuesday, October 25

Lapham Peak Ice Age Trail
Thursday, October 20

The Spiritual World of Nature**

This series seeks to help us all connect more intimately with nature by getting in touch with the powerful spiritual side of the natural world. Pre-registration is encouraged and all programs are geared for adults. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided for all classes.

*****FEE: M: \$10, NM: \$12 (for each program)**

THE LIFE OF ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

In July, Sr. Jane Russell will present a one-woman show that captures the life of St. Hildegard of Bingen, the 12th century visionary and mystic who was very in touch with the "viriditas" or "greening power" thought of as the spirit of creation. Dressed and speaking like Hildegard, she will sketch her life story and zero in on her spirituality, derived from visions. Hildegard was also quite an herbalist and healer.

DATE: Tuesday, July 12
TIME: 7:00-8:30pm

TOM GALTEN: SPIRITUAL ROOTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

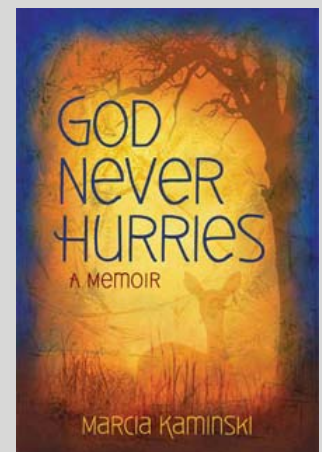
Tom Galten will discuss "The Spiritual Roots of the Environmental Crisis". Few people realize that it is the human failure to identify as an actual aspect of nature - as a species which "grows out of" nature as surely does every other plant or animal - which unconsciously drives all the other, more overt causes of our environmental crisis.

DATE: Saturday, July 23
TIME: 1:30-3:00pm

MARCIA KAMINSKI MEMOIR DISCUSSION

Come join the circle to share in author Marcia Kaminski's memoir *God Never Hurries*. Walk with her and a Shepherd/Husky named Bear into the natural world where she took heart-wrenching problems surrounding her aging parents' care needs and where she found courage, comfort and nature's timeless wisdom. You can be part of this discussion whether or not you have read the book that is available through the Audubon Center's gift shop or at www.godneverhurries.com.

DATES: Tuesday, August 9
Tuesday, August 23
TIMES: 7:00-8:30pm (Aug. 9)
1:30-3:00pm (Aug. 23)





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COME SEE OUR NEWEST WORK OF ART!

If you've had the opportunity to visit Classroom B on the lower level, you may have seen our newest work of art painted by Julie Roth. Julie is a student at the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design and was excited to paint a mural in a public forum since her former work has typically been in private residences.



Julie estimated that the mural took around 35 hours to complete, which she completed over seven visits to SANC. After first discussing the mural with Jim Hyatt, Julie drew on reference photos of various nature scenes for her inspiration: water with reflections, autumn trees, animals in the wild. She also mentioned that as an avid outdoors fan, she found inspiration all around her in her daily life.

"The brilliance of the colors and the effects of sunlight have always created an atmosphere that is hard to capture in a 2D representation," Julie said. "But the mural tries to embody the aura."

Thank you to Julie for helping to make our Center a more beautiful place – inside and out!

Mission Statement

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