



Center Focus

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Participate in the 2009 Annual Christmas Bird Count

Join us for the 109th Annual Christmas Bird Count on **December 19, 2009**. Counters are needed to cover areas in the Milwaukee count circle both in the field and at backyard bird feeders. For more information or to volunteer please contact the new count compiler, **Andrea Szymczak** at harrierhawk1@hotmail.com or **Marilyn Bontly** at mbontly@wi.rr.com or **414 228-0314**.

Last year the Milwaukee circle counted 75 species of birds including 6 raptors—Bald Eagle, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-tailed, Rough-legged Hawk and American Kestrel. State high totals for Ring-billed Gull, Cooper's Hawk, and Bufflehead were tallied. The only White-winged Scoters in the state were seen in Madison and Milwaukee. A Northern Mockingbird and Harris's sparrow were also counted.

Please contact us by November 13 if you are interested in volunteering for the longest citizen-run survey in the country.



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Mission Statement

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

Nov/ Dec 2009

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Support SANC with a donation to our annual fund drive before the end of the year.

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Xtreme Raptor Day
Saturday, November 7
Entrance fee for all who attend
See page 3 for more details

New 2010 Raptor Calendar Available

See page 3 for more details

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A Time to Give Thanks

By Elizabeth Cheek, Executive Director



With Thanksgiving coming up, I've been thinking about all the things I'm thankful for at the Center. The first thing that comes to mind (because it's usually on my mind) is that I am thankful that the Center has been able to keep its programs going and has continued to make an impact in the community during this difficult economic time. We have had to lessen some staff hours in order to make budget, but by being downright miserly and having everyone working even harder than usual, we have kept the same number of programs and classes going, and even increased some.

I am thankful that we were able to do a major remodeling of two regular classrooms to change them into one additional preschool room in order to meet the early childhood needs of the community. After attending an annual conference in New Hampshire for nature center directors this summer and hearing about the dire economic straits that most centers across the country are in, I realized that getting the vote of confidence from donors for this preschool addition is even more remarkable than I had thought.

I am thankful that, with the addition of the new preschool room and lots of staff ingenuity, we were able to greatly increase the number of young children attending summer camp. Last summer we taught 680 children, and this summer we increased that to an amazing 930 kids.

I am thankful to our recently retired Land Steward, Wendy Walcott, for giving us 10 years of her amazing knowledge and passion for natural plants. When we built our new building, Wendy told me we didn't need to hire a landscape architect because "we could do it better." And she and her team did. The stunning beauty of the Center's land during the growing season is a tribute to all that Wendy and her loyal volunteers accomplished here. She has certainly left her mark on the Center.

I am extremely thankful for our hardworking staff, who believe in our mission and who work very hard to fulfill it. None of them take home fat paychecks, but their passion for the environment and for what we do is what drives them.

Finally, I am truly thankful to all 560 adult and student volunteers for giving us the very valuable gift of their time. They help us keep our costs lower and our impact higher, and we couldn't succeed as we do without them.

Thank you to all.



Photo by - Bob Bailie

Land stewards hard at work planting natural plants at SANC.

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Development Updates

By Debby Fulton, Director of Development

SANC Hits the Jackpot!



— POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO —

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center was one of 20 charities chosen as the lucky winner of Potawatomi Bingo Casino, "Miracle on Canal Street". We, along with 19 other charities, will receive a portion of the Bingo winnings from September through the first week of December. Our special thanks to Potawatomi for this generous program.

There are many others that we need to THANK. On behalf of the board and staff I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our donors who have helped to keep our mission alive. During this difficult economic time it is even more important that we continue to receive gifts and acknowledge each and every one of you who have made a difference in the lives of thousands of individuals who visit the center each year. We have hit the Jackpot. When it comes to our donors we could not have done it without you! Our donors have made it possible for us to:

- Serve 35,000 students in natural science classes during this past year.
- Expand one of our Preschool classrooms to serve even more children, both during the school year and at summer camp.
- Offer scholarships to 3,100 students from the Milwaukee area.
- Continue to care for our 15 live birds-of-prey. These non-releasable birds are used as environmental educational ambassadors through onsite and outreach programs.
- Support our team of land stewards to take care of the 185 acres which is used each day to educate and be enjoyed by all.

We applaud our donors and ask that you continue to partner with the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center.

Green Living Tips

By Bob Bailie, Marketing Coordinator

Just Say No to Paper!

The future was supposed to bring us jet packs, flying cars and the paperless office. Well, none of these predictions really came true but as individuals we can develop habits that can make the promise of the paperless office a reality.

The web has made us less dependent on the printed versions of catalogues, newspapers and magazines, but progress has also created a culprit in our fight to eliminate paper use. That culprit is office printers. While these printers are very affordable, their ink is not. Other problems are the cost of paper has skyrocketed, excess paper leads to office clutter, and using paper depletes trees.

The temptation to use hard copies is great, but sometimes there is no better way to get rid of using a printer than to go cold turkey. I used to work at a news office in Omaha where each of us had a printer. We would print out our photos, stories and captions. One day all our printers were missing. The high cost of ink, paper and printer maintenance had gotten out of hand, and we were told to do without. After much grumbling, we just started e-mailing photos and stories. After about a week most of us discovered our workflow was much faster, our desks quieter and our trash bins and desks less cluttered.

At SANC we monitor our paper use and our color copies. We figure it saves time, paper, money and also helps save the planet, making it a real "win, win" solution.



— CALENDAR — continued

Brain Development The Natural Way

Did you know that 85% of the human brain develops after birth? Join early brain development specialist and award winning author Deborah McNelis, for an interactive program on how early experiences have an impact on the developing brain in profound and often invisible ways. Using everyday examples, recent research and interactive props, Deborah makes brain development concepts easy to apply to real life situations. Brain development isn't about pushing children to learn more at early ages or having the perfect toys. It's about providing rich learning experiences and loving interactions when children need it the most.

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

TIME: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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

LEVEL: ADULT



Telescopic Viewing of the Night Sky

Come to the dark skies of the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center and have an unforgettable view of the wonders of deep space through a 13" telescope with astronomer Rob Powell. View the Andromeda Galaxy, the famous Dumbbell Nebula, the Seven Sisters star cluster, a globular cluster of thousands of stars, and the double star Polaris or North star. While we wait for our turn at the telescope we can keep an eye out for the "shooting stars" of the Leonid meteor shower that occurs that night.

Call 414-352-2880 ext. 156 Tuesday after 9:00 AM for a status update. If we postpone to the cloud date, we will host the program with Rob's power point presentation and activities that will educate and prepare for viewing the sky on our own. Meet inside the Center.

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

(CLOUD DATE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18)

TIME: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

*****FEE:** M: \$15 NM: \$18

LEVEL: ADULT



Winter Wanderings

Wander through a winter wonderland. The program begins with an indoor play performed by the Elementary Audubon Teachers. Help us find out how animals survive the winter in Wisconsin. Search outdoors for winter wonders. Animal signs, birds, mammals, snowflakes and sparkles will fill our senses as we develop an appreciation for this important season.

DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

TIME: 3 SESSIONS, 1 1/2 HOURS EACH

9:00 – 10:30 AM

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

1:00 – 3:30 PM

*****FEE:** M: ADULT \$7 M: CHILD \$6

NM: ADULT \$10 NM: CHILD \$8

LEVEL: PRESCHOOL-2ND GRADE, FAMILIES

Repamphibiantile Sunday

Brrr! It's too cold for the reptiles and amphibians, so we're going to hang out inside the building with "Reptile Man" Jim Hyatt and his friends. Meet frogs, snakes, turtles, and salamanders. While you're having fun, your folks can shop in our bookstore. See you there!

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

TIME: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

*****FEE:** FREE WITH CENTER ADMISSION

LEVEL: FAMILIES



Winter Solstice Morning Celebration

Join David Stokes for a Celebration of the 'day the sun stood still! Winter Solstice marks the longest night, the shortest 'day', and a time to reflect, review and hope. Beginning inside the warmth of the Audubon Center we will sing songs, listen to stories and share. Then just before sunrise, when the earth turns, we will head outdoors to witness the morning. Wear warm layers, boots, mittens and bring a small candle.

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 AM

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

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

LEVEL: FAMILIES

Fun in the Winter Sun

Hey kids, are you looking for something to do over winter break? Parents, do you need a few moments for yourself during this hectic time of year? Then bring the kids to the center and spend the morning hanging out with us! You'll see some great mammal furs and skulls, make an animal track to take home and meet a live animal friend. Of course, we'll also head outside for a trail hike to see who is awake and active this time of year. We'll finish it off with a bit of hot chocolate. Please choose from one of the two dates.

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 OR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

TIME: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

*****FEE:** M: \$10 NM: \$14

LEVEL: CHILDREN AGE 6 – 12

Hangin' with Hyatt: Extreme Geocaching

Okay. If you folks want your geocaching, Jim's going to give it to you. Jim will give you the ins and outs of geocaching. Then, you're on your own. Try to find your caches in the snow and wind if you dare.

DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

TIME: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

*****FEE:** M: ADULT \$6 M: CHILD \$4

NM: ADULT \$7 NM: CHILD \$5

LEVEL: FAMILIES

SAVE THE DATE
WINTER RIVER SNOWSHOE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

FULL MOON SNOWSHOE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

CELTIC HARP CONCERT
SUNDAY, MARCH 21

AUDUBON'S LAST TRIP OUT WEST
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

*** INDICATES THAT PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, 414-352-2880, EXT. 0 MEMBERS=M NON-MEMBERS=NM

MONTHLY PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Alphabet Hikes For Young Children

Alphabet Hikes combine nature exploration and learning letters the natural way! They are designed for preschoolers and their adult partners. Sign up for each session separately.

T is for Turkey

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
TIME: SESSION I 9:00 – 10:15 AM (2-3 YEAR OLDS AND ADULT)
 SESSION II 10:30 – 11:45 AM (2-3 YEAR OLDS AND ADULT)
FEE: M: \$10/PAIR NM: \$14/PAIR
LEVEL: 2-3 YEAR OLDS (EACH CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
TIME: SESSION I 9:00 – 10:30AM (4-5 YEAR OLDS AND ADULT)
 SESSION II 1:00 – 2:30 PM (4-5 YEAR OLDS AND ADULT)
FEE: M: \$10/PAIR NM: \$14/PAIR
LEVEL: 4-5 YEAR OLDS (EACH CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

E is for Evergreen

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
TIME: SESSION I 9:00 – 10:15 AM (2-3 YEAR OLDS AND ADULT)
 SESSION II 10:30 – 11:45 AM (2-3 YEAR OLDS AND ADULT)
FEE: M: \$10/PAIR NM: \$14/PAIR
LEVEL: 2-3 YEAR OLDS (EACH CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
TIME: SESSION I 9:00 – 10:30AM (4-5 YEAR OLDS AND ADULT)
 SESSION II 1:00 – 2:30 PM (4-5 YEAR OLDS AND ADULT)
FEE: M: \$10/PAIR NM: \$14/PAIR
LEVEL: 4-5 YEAR OLDS (EACH CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)



Discover 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: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

TIME: 1:30 – 3:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: \$5 NM: \$7
LEVEL: ADULT



SPECIAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Fall's Full Moon Walk

Venture out on a moonlit evening to discover the ecology of night. We will try to have time for are viewing into an ancient pond, lighting fires from a natural gas source, telescopically viewing the "man in the moon", watching muskrats swim to and from their dens, and enjoying the sparkles of Lake Michigan's shimmering water. If skies are clear a telescopic view of Jupiter, with the first discovered and largest moon in the solar system, will be shared.



DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: \$12 NM: \$14
LEVEL: ADULT

Xtreme Raptor Day

Enjoy a day totally devoted to these magnificent birds with activities, fly-ing demonstrations, owl pellet dissection, raptor focused talks, educational booths, SANC'S own live birds of prey, unveiling of the 2010 Sky Hunters Calendar and of course a whole new *Talon Quest Adventure Hike*. With this extensive all day event, rain or shine, there will be a fee to enter the grounds for both members and non-members.

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 (RAIN OR SHINE)
TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: ADULT \$5 M: CHILD \$3
 NM: ADULT \$7 NM: CHILD \$5
LEVEL: FAMILIES



Hiking the Ice Age Trail

Join Education Director, Don Quintenz and discover the incredible diversity of living creatures and plants of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. Explore the Ice Age Trail in the Cedar Lake section at the new Polk Kames State Park. This trail has hills, so you must be physically capable. Transportation and fees are provided. We will provide a bag lunch.

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
TIME: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: \$52 MN: \$60
LEVEL: ADULT

Hangin' with Hyatt: Frightday the 13th

Everybody says this day is terrible. Jim doesn't think so. He's bringing his friends like snakes and toads and will show you that they're not that bad. He'll also be talking about wolves, bats, rats, and much more. He's hoping some of his young friends will want to sing, laugh, and have a great time.

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 PM
*****FEE:** M: ADULT \$6 M: CHILD \$4
 NM: ADULT \$7 NM: CHILD \$5
LEVEL: FAMILIES

Nature Uncovered

Well, actually, it could be quite covered indeed: with a fresh blanket of snow! 'Tis the season to get outside and explore. Animal life abounds in the wonderful world of winter. Join Education Specialist and all around sleuth Tom Finley as he unravels just who's been making tracks at the Center. Hike the trails seeking out signs of deer, raccoons and other warm blooded critters. After, we'll enjoy hot chocolate inside the building. Don't forget to bring your boots.

DATES: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
TIME: 10:00 – 11:30 AM
*****FEE:** M: ADULT \$7 M: CHILD \$6
 NM: ADULT \$10 NM: CHILD \$8
LEVEL: FAMILIES

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

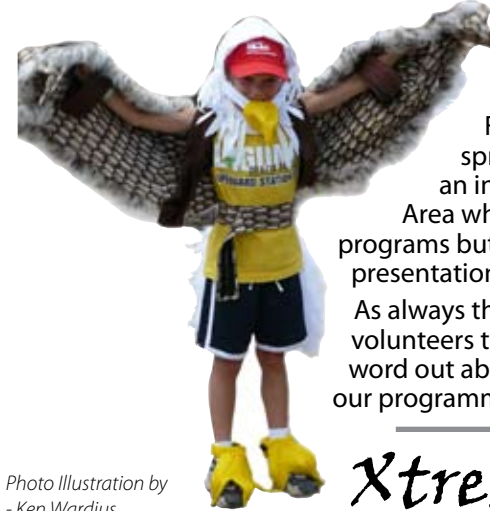


Photo Illustration by - Ken Wardius

Sky Hunters: Birds of Prey Program Big Hit at Wisconsin State Fair

For our 6th year at the Wisconsin State Fair a few new touches were added to spruce up the program. We had a "What does it take to be a bald eagle?" which was an introduction to our flying program, and a separate Wheel of Raptors Encounter Area where folks could learn about their raptor neighbors. We were rained out of a few programs but our raptors and sharp volunteer crew still helped SANC staff complete 71 presentations during the 11 day run.

As always the WE Energies staff were the perfect hosts who took great care of our birds and volunteers throughout the event. Big thanks to them for giving us the opportunity to get the word out about the Schlitiz Audubon Nature Center to over 9,000 visitors who participated in our programming.

Xtreme Raptor Day



Save the Date, **Saturday, November 7th** for the second annual *Xtreme Raptor Day*. The event **beginning at 10am and ending at 4pm** will be chock full of fun activities for children and adults alike.

10-11am The 2010 Sky Hunters Calendar signing by our raptors

10am-4pm **Events in the Exhibit Hall and Hearth Room**

- Live raptors to visit and learn about
- Raptor Education Table
- Pellet Dissection Activity
- Xtreme Portraits with your favorite raptor
- Craft Activities
- Gallery exhibit of outstanding "Raptors in Focus" entries

11am-3pm Talon Quest Adventure Hike – Pick up your Xtreme Passport with its new super secret map and head out onto our trails to find our raptors in their natural environment.

12:30-1pm and 3-3:30pm Rob Hults, fresh from 6 months in Ireland, will present: A Day in the Life of an Irish Falconer

1:30-2:30pm Raptor Force Video

Sky Hunters 2010 Calendar

The 2010 Sky Hunters calendar will be available for sale on *Xtreme Raptor Day* featuring the winner of our juried Sky Hunters photo contest held in September.

Bird Spotlight - Consider Sponsoring Me!

Glory

Bald Eagle

Glory injured himself while learning to fly. He spent time with humans while recovering, when he would have normally been taught by his parents all the eagle social skills required to get along with other eagles. As a result, he identifies himself with people and not other eagles. He has been known to build a nest and try to find a staff person to share it! A fish eagle by design and a hunter at heart, Glory enjoys catching fish in his pool, as well as sunning and shredding his rope toys.

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

On The Ground

By Tara Beauchine, Land Steward and her "Burn Buddies"

Land Stewards Are "Hot"

Photos by - Bob Bailie



Volunteer Land stewards keep a close eye on the burn.



Tara Beauchine ignites vegetation during a prairie burn. Don't try this at home, Kids!

Has the cool autumn weather brought a chill to your bones? We have just the thing to heat you up, a prairie burn. Fall and spring are the perfect times for prairie burns. These are the times that the prairie plants are dormant and will not suffer from the fire. At the same time, some of the less desirable plants will. These burns help rid the prairie of unwelcome species and replenish the soil with rich, helpful nutrients that allow the native species to flourish, growing back stronger and healthier.

A prairie burn is by no means random. It is a controlled, calculated burn orchestrated by trained individuals. Fortunately, our Land Steward is trained and certified by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to intelligently conduct these burns. Each volunteer has a specific responsibility. This will ensure their safety and the safety of the surrounding land.

The fall burns have successfully come to pass.... but there is always the spring. Until then, enjoy the snow!

Blue Birds at SANC

By Ellen LaFouge - board member of the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin

In late March we installed a small "trail" of four bluebird nest boxes along SANC's western and eastern grassland loop trails. Eastern Bluebirds need a territorial forage area of 1-3 acres of predominantly open habitat to raise their young. In natural conditions they will occupy old woodpecker holes but take readily to nest boxes placed in good bluebird habitat. The nest boxes were built by the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (B.R.A.W.), of a favored and well tested design that is shallow, narrow and with an oval hole small enough to usually dissuade starlings and cowbirds from entering. The boxes were monitored weekly, starting in early April through the end of August. Monitoring includes checking on the status and well-being of the nest, recording nesting data of all cavity nesters who use the boxes, and sending final results to the Annual Nesting Survey compiled each year by B.R.A.W. It didn't take long for the SANC bluebirds to find and claim the new nest boxes.

Under good conditions bluebirds will usually have two broods per season (and sometimes attempt three), and the SANC blues proved the norm, with two of the boxes containing four eggs. Sadly, one of the second nesting attempts ended in failure due to undetermined causes, but by August 21 a total of 14 young Eastern Bluebirds had successfully fledged from the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center bluebird trail. Tree Swallows, who only nest once per season, fledged 10 young, and a late starter House Wren pair built a nest in a vacated box at the end of August and successfully raised 4 chicks. Thanks to the natural grassland habitat at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, those four nest boxes proved attractive and productive for our treasured Eastern Bluebird and other cavity nesters as well.

Photos by - Ellen LaFouge



— CALENDAR —

November & December 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.

DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

THERE WILL BE NO RAPTOR SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7 DUE TO EXTREME RAPTOR DAY
SEE PAGE 10 FOR MORE DETAILS.

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 (EXCEPT NOVEMBER 7)

TIME: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

FEE: FREE WITH CENTER ADMISSION

LEVEL: FAMILIES



Boomers and Beyond

The "Boomers and Beyond" program will continued to be offered the first Thursday of every month. 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. November's class will learn about the various root types and how they complement one another in a community of plants. December's class will explore our research area in winter to look for the signs of our more timid wildlife.

DATES: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

TIME: 9:00 – 10:30 AM

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

LEVEL: ADULTS

Fireside Conversations

Learn as a group through thought-provoking, environmentally-related readings. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 PM.

We will base our discussions for November on Aldo Leopold's famous Sand County Almanac (first 3 of 6 essays in "The Quality of Landscape") and December (last 3 essays). 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, NOVEMBER 9

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

TIME: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

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

LEVEL: ADULT

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Schlitz Audubon Bird Club

Soon the fall migrants in their splendid fall colors will be gone. A bird walk will precede our meeting, so be sure to bring your warm clothing and binoculars. November will be our Christmas meeting. There will be no December meeting.

DATES: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

TIME: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

FEE: FREE TO MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

LEVEL: ADULTS AND TEENS

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.

KAREN KOLBERG AND SKY SCHULTZ, PH. D.

These two very entertaining presenters, will present the *Marvelous, Magical, Mystical Poetry of Rumi and Hafiz*. This playful and profound presentation is based on a tiny fragment of the sweet wisdom of the 13th and 14th century ecstatic Sufi Poets, Rumi and Hafiz. Come to the Beloved's door and hear them speak of life, love, nature and the connection to the Divine.

DATE: Tuesday, November 10

TIME: 7:00–8:30 PM

TOM GALTEN AND ECKHART TOLLE'S TEACHING

Tom Galten will facilitate a discussion of Eckhart Tolle's teaching and its potential implications for us all. Since the publication in 1999 of his first book, *The Power of Now*, Eckhart Tolle has promoted the spiritual growth and development of millions of seekers worldwide. At the root of his appeal is Tolle's extraordinary capacity to make personally relevant the spiritual wisdom of the ages, both of the east and of the west, and with simple clarity, connect his listeners and readers with a dimension of themselves with which they are often hardly even aware.

DATE: Friday, November 20

TIME: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

MYTH OF RELIGION: THE SOLAR MESSIAHS

Following a short video that discusses the astrological underpinnings of numerous prophets and messiahs over the millennia, Don Quintenz and John Hoff will lead a discussion around how this understanding might affect our own thinking as it relates to our religious traditions and beliefs. Note that this program will be presented twice in December

DATE: Tuesday, December 8

TIME: 1:30–3:00 PM OR

DATE: Tuesday, December 8

TIME: 7:00–8:30 PM

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided for these programs

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

LEVEL: Adult

Scott, Alleyne, Vincent and Gwendolyn Alderton
Cory, Jeremy, and Darla Ampe
David E. Anderson
Ehsan Azimi
Cindy and Rob Bacskai
Martin Baltmanis
Mary Banach
Sarah and Steven Behnke
Michael Boltz
Jackolyn Bowers
Floyd and Jill Bretzman
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David Brousseau
Sarah Brucker
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Kathryn Campbell
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Nature Store Now!

Showcasing the newest items in the bookstore and gift shop



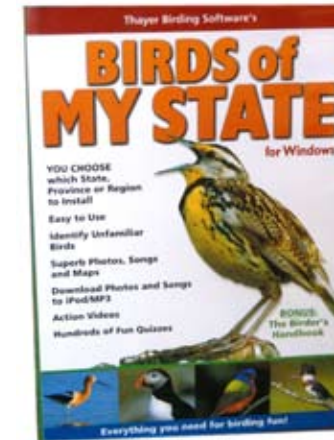
Glass Treasures - These glass treasures from Peggy Karr Glass have many uses. They can be used as suncatchers, package toppers, napkin rings, party favors, teacher gifts, etc. They measure approximately 3", and are packaged in their own gift box with a clear acrylic top.



Ride the Waves - This is a unique idea for themed decorating. The Wave sets on the tabletop, desktop, etc. as a moveable piece of art work which can be used as a buffet

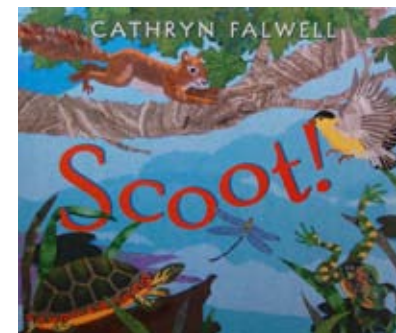
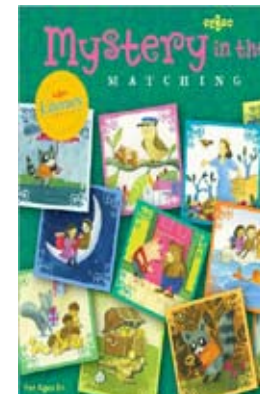
centerpiece, a holiday tableau, or even as a window display. Use as an accent or as a focal point.

Ball of Whacks - The Roger von Oech designed Ball of Whacks is a thirty-sided rhombic triacontahedron. The result is a fun set of magnetic building blocks with many uses. Use it to be a designer creating new shapes or to recreate its original shape.



Birds of My State- The #1 Birding CD-ROM. Birds of My State lets you choose which state of birds to install. This CD-ROM includes hundreds of top-quality photos and crystal-clear songs from the world famous Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Matching Games - Fun to play, these games heightens focus and attention to detail while enhancing spatial memory. These games are great played in multi-generational groups, and no reading is required. Choose from Mystery in the Forest, Robot, Life on Earth and Wildlife topics.



Scoot! By Cathryn Falwell - While their neighbors in the pond leap! Lurch! Scamper! And splash! Six silent turtles sit still as stones. Will the turtles ever move? Read this book and find out.

When the World is Ready for Bed by Gillian Shields. - It's bedtime, and the world is getting ready for bed. As the birds and flowers shut their sleepy eyes, a family of rabbits prepares for a good night's rest-brushing teeth, closing curtains, and sharing a story. With heart-melting illustrations and a text that's as soothing as a lullaby, the story quiets the littlest listeners.



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- ...Plow blade for John Deere Gator
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Early Childhood News

By Patti Bailie, Preschool Director

New Partnership

The nature preschool marked the start of its seventh year with the addition of a third classroom, the Goldfinch Room. In addition to increasing our nature preschool with two new classes, this room will be used for a new partnership with Malaika Early Learning Center (ELC). The mission of the Malaika ELC is to work collaboratively with families to establish a strong academic, social and emotional base in the lives of the children they serve. Their goal is to give all children a strong foundation, regardless of their socio-economic status or family structure. By partnering with Malaika, we will be providing a nature-based program every other week for each class of K4 and K5 children. The objectives of the partnership include providing experiences for the children to develop their curiosity, creativity and interest. Through experiences in the natural world they will begin to understand that this can be a safe environment to explore. We hope they will start to feel that they are connected to and a part of nature resulting in the development of empathy for the natural world and the desire to take care of our earth. We will also be very intentional on incorporating the Malaika classes into the rest of the preschool with joint programming whenever possible. Please help us welcome the Malaika Early Learning Center to the Schlitz Audubon Nature Preschool.

Farewell, But Not Goodbye

Jessica Herro has been a preschool teacher in the Cardinal Room for the past three years. This year she is on maternity leave as she gave birth to her second child, Iva Lenore, on September 8 (our first day of preschool). We hope to see her back as a substitute teacher later in the year. We wish Jess and her family the best of luck!



New Preschool Teacher

Please help us welcome Mary Meier to our preschool staff. Mary has worked with children and nature as a park ranger and naturalist in Tennessee and Ohio, and most recently at a nature-based preschool in Connecticut. She has

a B.S. in Biology and Environmental Science, and is currently working part time on her M.S. in Environmental Education. Mary lives in Whitefish Bay with her husband Brian, daughter Josie and son Ben. Ben attended our nature preschool last year and Mary was a substitute teacher for us throughout last year. Mary is in the Chickadee classroom teaching two morning classes. We are so happy she is part of our preschool family!

A Special Thank You

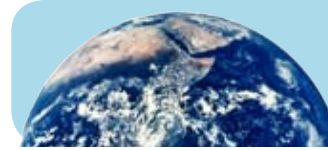
The Goldfinch Room has a new addition; a beautiful stained glass window between the bathroom and hallway. A special thank you goes to Beverly Gutschenritter, a local artist, for designing, creating, and donating the window to our nature preschool. The window displays a tree with all three of our classroom birds (Chickadee, Cardinal, and Goldfinch) in the different seasons of the year. Beverly is a mosaic artist who works with glass, tile, paper, and photography. She also does interior faux finishing. She can be reached at bgutsch@gmail.com if you are interested in seeing her artwork.



Local artist Beverly Gutschenritter hangs her creation in the new Goldfinch Room.

Kid's Quotes

"I'm so glad that it's Tuesday, 'cause that means today is Preschool Day and I can run in the rain, jump in the puddles and find frogs!"



Planet Volunteer

By Laurie Haig, Volunteer Coordinator

Plenty for Volunteers this Fall and Winter !

It's not too late to volunteer for the **Birdseed Sale and our Halloween Hikes**, both of which are on Saturday October 24. These are two very popular events for volunteers, as you enjoy the last of the multi-colored leaves on the property for the season.



One of our energetic volunteers Elder Moulton, pitches in to help load cars during our bird seed sale.

If you can't get enough of seeing the raptors here, why not volunteer for **Xtreme Raptor Day on Saturday November 7**. The activities take place all over the building. We have our regular fabulous volunteers who specifically handle the birds,

but you can help by doing the registration table and other projects. It's a good introduction to what kinds of things you could be doing if you were to sign on to be one of their regulars.

Volunteering is good for you and us too!

Numerous studies are available on volunteers and their benefit to non-profits. Without going to pie and bar charts, I'll sum it up by saying that, although reports indicate that volunteering is on the downswing in Wisconsin and the country, we actually have had a surge of younger volunteers. With many high schools and colleges in our area fitting in volunteer (or service learning) hours as requirements for graduation, coursework, national honors society or fraternal organizations, we have over 350 student volunteers from age 12 to mid-20s. Some are here for events only; some for the summer camps, the booth or special projects, and some come throughout the year to help the land stewards on Saturdays.



Betty Mazur helps with preschool paperwork.

This points to a very good reason for them (and adults too) to volunteer. It's a two-way street. We need help in any number of areas, and the students find out a little about themselves in the process. For example, they find out if they like working with an environmental non-profit versus one with a different focus. The next step is maybe to try



Busy volunteers working on a bridge to span over wetlands on our trails.

helping kids at our events or camps, or knowing that they like getting dirty and doing physical work outside. Or, there are "office kids" who are great organizers and knock some sense into us with their technology know-how. Many students volunteer in more than one area as they hone in on their interests. It starts to shape what they want to do in the future, including deciding they really don't like bugs, but are ok with five year olds. And it all helps ground them as people. They come here from their homes as far away as the east and south sides of Milwaukee, West Allis and even Kohler. They are as close as friendly biking-distance, too, in the North Shore.

You're never too old to volunteer!

No one is ever too old to volunteer. Many volunteers are interested in doing something else besides their daily job, and want to exercise their brain (or muscles) to enhance their appreciation of what surrounds them. Some find they have time for a day-of-event volunteering and some like a weekly or monthly routine. We even had someone volunteer here for 6 months while



A member of the hard working Ray's Team, Ken Fehrer puts the finishing touches on a memorial bench.

her husband's job brought them to Milwaukee temporarily and she went back to Arizona, bringing a wealth of plant and conservation knowledge with her.

Volunteering shapes you as it shapes us. Jump in! There are always new people to meet and tasks to learn, and a lot of projects to work on.

Volunteer Information

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