

# Center Focus

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SCHLITZ  
Audubon  
NATURE  
CENTER

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## Sept/Oct 2011

### Plein Air Art Exhibit

Thursday, September 15  
See page 2 for details.

### Bird Seed Sale Coming in October

See page 2 for details.

### Homeschool Day

Thursday, September 22  
See page 10 for details.

### Halloween Hike Adventure

Saturday, October 22  
See back page for details.

### Nature Preschool Study Tour

Friday, October 28  
See page 6 for details.

### Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

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### Open 7 Days a Week

9:00am - 5:00pm

\$6 Adults, \$4 Children

Free Admission to Members

## Do We Really Need Change?

By Margarete Harvey

*President, FOSANC Board of Directors*

When Elizabeth (Buffy) Cheek wrote her last letter to you, she called it "Time for Change". I am not sure that I agree. It may be time for a little bit of editing, but mostly it is TIME TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE.

Our Center is such a fabulous place that it is my pledge to you, our 2,600 FOSANC members, that as the new president of the FOSANC Board of Directors, I'll do my utmost to keep the Center the bubbling hive of activity that it is right now. Why change a good thing when it is definitely not broken?

If you had visited the Center over the summer months you may have been in danger of tripping over a little camper holding the hand of his/her parent and risking the other hand by touching the glass housing of Emerson, the snapping turtle. Will he snap or will he disdain any human provocation? It is heartwarming to see so many young children and their excited faces preparing to find out about nature's wonders.



Then there is the throng of volunteers, ready to sign up for the day's push against invasive plants or the effort to rescue newly planted quaking aspen from strangler weeds. Where else can one find people happy to come to work, rain or shine, in 80-90 degree weather, to preserve the living plant collections? This is a group where young and old work next to each other, where even overseas visitors with time on their hands are made welcome and where anybody with an inquisitive mind can learn about pre-settlement vegetation in Wisconsin.

There are the Center's visitors just coming in for a breather after hiking our woodland trails or the loop to the sandy shoreline of Lake Michigan ready for a cup of coffee or a bit of temptation in the Center's gift shop, while upstairs out of view of the public a devoted staff is planning for the next season of programming and fundraising.

So, our Schlitz Audubon Nature Center needs very little change. After 15 years of diligent and caring work by Buffy Cheek and her staff, it has been left to us in the best of shape, both physically and financially. We would do well if we proceeded along a similar trajectory and protected Buffy's legacy.

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## Development Updates

By Debby Fulton, Director of Development

### Plein Air Art Exhibit Thursday, September 15 5:30 – 9:00pm

Perhaps during one of your visits to SANC, you have stumbled across two women painting. Lynn Rix and Pamela Ruschman are two extremely talented artists that have been painting over the past year at SANC, capturing every season. Their work is Plein Air art, in French meaning "in the open air". Lynn and Pamela select a different location each week no matter what the weather brings; rain, wind, sunshine, snow, cold or a hot summer day.



On September 15th, Lynn and Pamela will be exhibiting 80 oil paintings that capture all four seasons here at the Center. We are thrilled to announce they have generously committed to donating 40% of each sale to SANC.

Audubon Preschool Teacher Liesl Schultz will also be showcasing a photography exhibit, *Little Hands, Big Discoveries*. The exhibit includes a collection of over 20 portraits that capture nature-based exploration by SANC preschoolers' throughout the year.

Join us for this wonderful evening, to see SANC through the eyes of these artists and help us raise funds to support environmental education. Registration is encouraged; call 414-352-2880 ext. 0.

### Bird Seed Sale



This year, SANC will be partnering with Wild Birds Unlimited, located in Mequon, to offer members and friends a chance to purchase bird seed at a discounted price. Wild Birds Unlimited will be donating a portion of the sales to SANC to help support educational programs.

During the month of October, bird seed orders will be taken by SANC and Wild Birds Unlimited will have your seed ready for convenient pick-up or storage at their Mequon store. Take advantage of this limited time offer of discounted bird seed prices only during the month of October. Order a year's supply of bird seed to feed your feathered friends and only pick-up what you need. No more storage bins in your garage filled with seed, and more importantly each time you pick up one of the bags you ordered, it will be tasty and fresh for the birds.

Later in September, watch for an order form in your mail, visit our Website, or pick up a form at SANC to order your seed and help support educational programming.

## Board Elections

On June 28, 2011, the following board members were appointed to another three-year term: Suzy Boerke, Roman Draba, Kevin Facinelli, John Grunau, Nicholas Pabst, Cynthia Palmersheim.

The following FOSANC officers were elected: Margarete R. Harvey, *President*; Leo D. Freeman, *Treasurer*; Timothy J. Gerend, *Secretary*; Jane B. Bell, *VP Development*.

## Thanks

Thank you to retiring Director Peter T. Uihlein, who has served on our behalf for many years.



# News From the Raptors...

By Diane Visty, Raptor Manager

## New Feathered Teachers Join Our Collection

I am excited to introduce you to our two new raptors. The first is a female American Kestrel that is one year old. She has been named Mallory, for the malar stripes all kestrels sport on their faces to help with sun reflection. Found as a young fledgling, she was imprinted by well-meaning people and cannot be released to the wild. Mallory is a fastidious eater, a good flyer and a real beauty.

Our second addition is a smoky, cinnamon brown colored male Screech Owl, named Tucker. He and Mallory have both come from the Raptor Rehabilitation Center of Kentucky. His color is striking, as he is not the typical gray phase or red phase screech that you would expect to see. Tucker joins us after being hit by an automobile that resulted in the loss of sight in his left eye.

We cannot wait for you to meet our new charges at our Word with a Bird programs. Please think about sponsoring them so we can get them off to a good start in their new home!



Mallory, American Kestrel



Tucker, Screech Owl

**SAVE THE DATE!**

*Xtreme Raptor Day*

**Saturday, November 5**

**10:00am – 4:00pm**



A special day devoted to our raptors and their fans!

Flying Demos • Presentations • Displays  
Talon Quest Adventure Hike

*Join us for this great family event!*

## Volunteering: It's For the Birds and You!

By Ellen Schneiderman, Raptor Educator

When you hear the phrase, "it's for the birds" you might not be inclined to think too highly of the subject. But in this case, volunteering for the birds is pretty darn cool! As the premier raptor education program in the state, the Sky Hunters birds, volunteers and staff inspire over 67,000 people annually at 400 different programs. Our birds visit venues such as Harley Davidson Museum, State Fair, The Milwaukee Public Museum and The Milwaukee Sports Show. But it isn't all fame and glory...there is a fair bit of cleaning involved. Of the 13 birds in our care, not one has figured out how to clean their own water bowl, rake their mew or do any of the daily chores that keep them safe, healthy and happy. So, how does it all get done? An amazing group of dedicated volunteers.

The program has grown so much over the last year we find ourselves in need of more help. As a raptor volunteer you would come one set day a week Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to noon to help with cleaning, bird handling and sharing your knowledge through programming. We ask that you sign on for an initial one-year commitment. Volunteering for Sky Hunters really is for the birds and it could be for you, too!

Intrigued? For more information, please contact Ellen Schneiderman at [eschneiderman@sanc.org](mailto:eschneiderman@sanc.org) or 414-352-2880 ext. 205.

# On the Ground

By Matt Smith, Land Manager

## Bringing Cedars Back to the Lake Forest

There are thousands of square miles of lowland white cedar forests in the great lakes area; however, the upland white cedar forests of the Lake Michigan coast are much rarer, being maintained by the dynamic geography of lake bluff processes and the cool humid lake effect atmosphere. As a geologist, Dr. Rodger Kuhns considers our lake forest a 'dynamic and migratory set of plants that were able to colonize ravine slopes and the receding lake bluffs.'

So how are these things relevant to Schlitz Audubon's landscape? Along with white pine, white cedar was one of the most defining components of the early northern-hardwoods forest of our landscape in 1835. On this basis, at any time, the original forest at Schlitz could have included thousands of white cedars. An area only a few miles north of Schlitz, supports a virgin stand of white cedar less than 80 years old growing on clay bluffs and in ravines (Figure 2). That stand, along with the mature stand shown in Figure 1, is evidence that white cedar thrives here in protected places.



Figure 1. Mature coastal white cedar with old growth character over a ground layer of ivory sedge. (©2011 Richard Barloga).



Figure 2. Virgin white cedar stand opposite Figure 1. This stand is less than 80 years old. (©2011 Richard Barloga).

Freshly exposed clay slopes can become colonized by pure white cedar stands (Figure 2). Such stands can blanket the land in a way that can locally alter climate – it can hold snow, retard spring, and at the same time provide bird refugia and thermal cover for a host of mammals.

In 1910, many conifers, including native white cedar and non-native spruce, were planted on our property as a border. Since 1910, more white cedars have been planted and have done very well, but a growing deer population has significantly suppressed natural regeneration. Currently, our land management department is working to bring cedar back into the forest at the Boardwalk Pond area (Figure 3), where we are considering protecting the entire area from the deer by installing a suitable fence. We have also potted 1,400 northern white cedar in the Native Plant Nursery to accelerate growth, and prepare them to succeed in the wild (Figure 4). Within two years, we expect that their growth will ready them for out-planting adjacent to existing islands of cedar. Connecting high quality islands of habitat will increase the wildlife benefits and expand restoration.

If you wish to donate funds towards our planting efforts, please contact Debby Fulton at 414-352-2880 ext.152 or at [dfulton@sanc.org](mailto:dfulton@sanc.org).

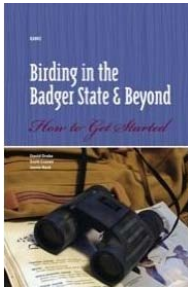


Figure 3. Very muddy volunteers watering-in freshly planted large white cedar trees. (Photo by Laurie Haig)



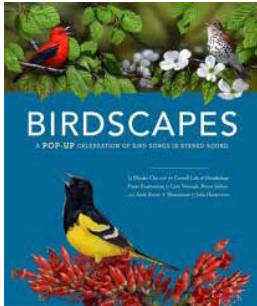
Figure 4. Myra Van Uxem potting young cedars for our Native Plant Nursery. (Photo by Marv Olsen)

# NATURE STORE NECESSITIES



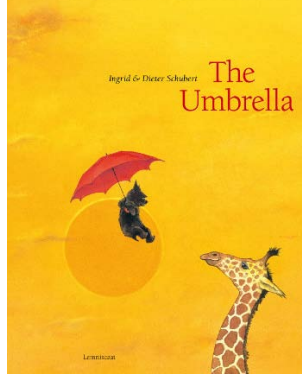
## Birding in the Badger State

Birding has become one of Wisconsin's most popular outdoor recreational activities. This book provides info on how to get started, including guidelines for selecting binoculars and spotting scopes, an overview of bird ID guides, and tips on good places for bird activity.



## Birdscapes

This pop-up celebration of bird songs is a great gift idea for bird enthusiasts. It's an engaging birding experience never before seen or heard in any book and brimming with choruses of authentic bird songs and calls.



## The Umbrella

Don't be fooled by this wordless picture book - it tells a thousand stories! A dog finds an umbrella in the garden on a windy day. The moment the dog fetches the umbrella, it catches the wind and pulls him skywards. This is the start of a fantastic journey around the world.

## Birthday Gifts & Goodies

Stop in our store for a one-of-a-kind birthday gift. We also carry many little trinkets that work great in goodie bags. Stop by to grab a unique gift today!



## Finger Puppets

Choose from a wide variety of animal or insect finger puppets. These cute, plush creatures make great gifts and will inspire the creativity in your child.



## T-Shirts & Sweatshirts

Check out our collection of t-shirts for the warm days of Fall and the variety of sweatshirts for the cool nights.



## GREEN LIVING TIPS

### *Water, The Liquid of Life: Can Anyone Own It?*

by Moya Mowbray, Environmental Educator

Lake Michigan dominates the easterly view from SANC. Although it looks endless, this glacial gem holds a limited resource: water. The Great Lakes Commission stated that in 2004, communities around the Great Lakes pumped 850 billion gallons of water from them daily. Maude Barlow, chair of the Washington-based Food and Water Watch, asks important questions: Who owns a community's water? Is water a private commodity to be bought and sold? Is water a basic right belonging to all citizens, the ecosystem and the future? For centuries, surface waters have been managed under the Public Trust Doctrine. This precept dates back to the Roman Emperor Justinian, was adopted into the Magna Carta, and became part of US common law. The Public Trust doctrine states that surface waters belong equally to all citizens and it is the government's role to manage it for the public good.

Water is a \$500 billion industry, and growing. Our Milwaukee Water Works is actively promoting water-intensive industries to relocate or expand in this area by offering a WAVE (Water Attracting Valued Employers) rate. The hope of the city is job creation; the fear of detractors is environmental degradation. In 2009, the Milwaukee Common Council considered privatizing its public water supply. The decision was tabled. Public ownership partisans felt that water access is a basic right for all, and privatizing water distribution would result in poor service, reduced water quality, and rapidly rising rates. Privatization advocates claim water is undervalued, and that charging its real cost will result in people valuing it more. I do not claim to have an answer to this dilemma. I do know we are fortunate to live by one of the Great Lakes, which holds the liquid of life. We must proceed carefully if we commodify this life-giving source.

# Early Childhood News



## New Preschool Teacher



We are pleased to welcome Kristin Gasser to our nature preschool. She will be teaching the Monday through Thursday afternoon K4 class in the Chickadee classroom with Liesl. Kristin has a B.S. in Biology and an M.Ed. in Education for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She has taught science, technology, environmental education and preschool. Kristin is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) and has spent time in the Galapagos Islands. Also known in the Chickadee Room as "Josie's Mom," Kristin's daughter attends SANP. We are excited for her to join our team.

## Kid's Quips

*"Camp was better than TV!"*

*--Ethan (Age 4)*

## Nature Preschool Study Tour

By Patti Bailie, Preschool Director



As our nature preschool begins its ninth year, our experience developing and implementing a nature-based curriculum has deepened over the years. We receive inquiries about our program often and wanted to find a way to share our experience and what we have learned. This fall we will be offering our first Nature Preschool Study Tour. This is open for any interested preschool teacher that wants to learn how to partner with nature in teaching young children. It is a one day program on Friday, October 28 from 9:00am – 3:30pm. The day will include a tour of the Schlitz Audubon Nature Preschool classrooms and outdoor play areas, a workshop focusing on how nature experiences promote brain development, and an outdoor hike with trail games and nature activities. This is an opportunity to delve deeply into how to set up a classroom that integrates nature, why nature experiences provide a great foundation for learning, and where to bring natural elements into an outdoor play space. See page 11 for registration information.

## Preschool Alumni Volunteer

Attending the nature preschool provides an entrance into a life-long connection with the natural world. This summer we had proof of that as one of the students from our first year came back as a volunteer with our summer camps. Brian Tsuji is the first of our preschool alumni to officially help the Center. As our alumni continue to grow up we hope to see more of them participating as volunteers here.



Photos by Bob Bailie

Brian Tsuji of Mequon



# PLANET VOLUNTEER

By Laurie Haig, Volunteer Coordinator

## Summer Help

There's never a dull moment in the summer here at SANC for our volunteers. We had a good mix of regulars, corporate groups, summer-only students, and interns. We are so grateful for all their help these past several weeks. Our summer camps were as full as they could be, and the volunteers from age 12 and up were very important for our staff to have on hand. Our younger volunteers found the transition from participant to leader an important one. The seasoned high school students, some of whom we saw wearing a different SANC summer camp t-shirt every day, were happy to rediscover their love of kids and nature.



## Weekday Booth Volunteers

We are thrilled to report of the success of our Weekday Summer Booth volunteer program. We know some people park their car and head out on trails without checking into the building first. With our weekday booth volunteers in place, we are sure to capture the admissions that we otherwise would have missed. We are also able to welcome visitors and provide information. Look for this program again next year, and maybe even you will enjoy a weeklong morning or afternoon shift at our booth.

## Land Stewards

In June and July, we had employees of Johnson Controls, as well as members of the Service Club of Milwaukee come and plant trees. Throughout the summer, we have also had a nice mix of high school and college students, as well as adult volunteers working with our land stewards.



## Internship Program

We expanded our college internship program this year. With some funding, we were able to secure four young adults to work closely with our staff. Bill Shuster of Glendale, fresh from UW-LaCrosse with a degree in Geography and Environmental Science, fit right in with our land stewards. For the preschool summer camps, we had Emily Joerres of Milwaukee and a student at Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. Emily already volunteers at the preschool, so this was a natural progression for her. For the elementary level camps, we had Renee Barker of Minneapolis and U of Minnesota, as well as a repeat intern from last year, Ashley Hansen of Mequon and UW-Stevens Point. All of these interns assisted the staff at a higher level than the younger student volunteers. They were able to co-teach some classes and worked on special projects.

We thank all the interns for their creativity, ability to handle whatever we threw at them, and their enthusiasm as they spent their summer learning about the business of our nature center.



## Upcoming Events

Onto our upcoming events! Our annual Halloween Hikes are taking place Saturday, October 22 and the highly popular Xtreme Raptor Day on Saturday, November 5. Both of these events will need volunteers, so contact me if you're interested in helping out.

And to our adult volunteers, the annual Volunteer Party is on Monday, October 3. We're celebrating 40 Years of Volunteers, and hope to see some of you there. Remember to rummage around for old volunteer photos or memorabilia from past events. We'll return them to you after the event.

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



Thank you to our summer interns! Pictured left to right: Bill Shuster, Ashley Hansen, Renee Barker, Emily Joerres

## New Members

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Tom and Diane Abshire              | Mark Matthius                               |
| Alyssa Argall and Marc Tozzi       | Lisa Matzuk                                 |
| Laura Jean Bailey                  | Ellen McBride and Paul Navine               |
| Joanne Ballini                     | R. John McCaw                               |
| Chris and Lisa Block               | Mary Ann Mitchell                           |
| Susan Braeger                      | Gloria Moon                                 |
| Andrew and Laura Brusky            | Stuart Moulthrop                            |
| Deborah Buchanan                   | Thomas Mozer                                |
| Betty Bump                         | Daniela Niemetz                             |
| John and Jennifer Burfeind         | Erin O'Connor                               |
| John Burns                         | Joseph Pabst                                |
| Noel and Melissa Cain              | Tom Pauken                                  |
| Gloria and James Cook              | Dale and Diane Pautzke                      |
| Dan and Lisa Curran                | Gayle Pawlak                                |
| Lori and Nick Dacquisto            | Amanda Quester and<br>Bruce Boyden          |
| Diana Dahm                         | Lawrence and January Regner                 |
| Stephanie Dicks and<br>Matt Miller | David Rickert and Holly Leider              |
| Susan and Steven Dostal            | Michelle Roberts                            |
| Bob and Shirley Downey             | Brian Rogers                                |
| Matthew and Kelly Erickson         | Jerry Rousseau and<br>Dagmar Plenk          |
| Elizabeth J. Ermenc                | Karen Schaefer                              |
| Bill Ferris and Alice Gormley      | Julie Schauer                               |
| Ted and Shelly Fisher              | Chris and Laura Schilling                   |
| Jennifer Flaherty                  | Nathan Schleifer                            |
| Jessica Frank                      | Chris Schmidt                               |
| Dr. and Mrs. T. Clark Gamblin      | Patrick Schroeder and Holly Kaster          |
| Jackie Gasparov                    | Dale and Julie Shuster                      |
| Craig Gibbs and<br>Diane Schuler   | Paul M. Smerz                               |
| Thomas Goldman                     | Mary A. Sorenson Sorgi                      |
| Kara Hahn and Family               | Donna Stelter                               |
| Robert and<br>Jennifer Hogervorst  | Steven Szabo                                |
| Mary Hohlweck                      | Rena Szewczuga                              |
| Gina and Kirk Jaeckel              | Sandy Thau                                  |
| Jorie Johansen                     | Allison Thill                               |
| Thomas Johnston                    | James Toczyl                                |
| Tom Kness                          | Luis Tulcanaza and Maria Ryan               |
| Neil and Amber Knutson             | Victor and Jennifer Vercammen               |
| Kevin Koch and Jennifer Sher       | Sara and Michael Vitucci                    |
| David Koester                      | Gretchen and Tarey Voit                     |
| James and Christy Krivitz          | Tom, Lorri, Jessie and<br>Sara Weber        |
| Colleen and Matt Krueger           | Sarah, Mark, Lillian and<br>William Weseloh |
| Tracy Lazarus                      | Julie Wojcik                                |
| Dana Margolis                      | Mary Young                                  |
| Robert Marine and<br>Carol Colbeck | Mary Jo Zachow                              |

## Honorariums

### **Elizabeth "Buffy" Cheek**

Jim and Jane Bell  
David and Suzy Boerke  
Marilyn and Thomas Bontly  
Bob and Sherry Bourgeois  
Carol and Roman Draba  
Kenneth and Connie Fehrer  
Leo and Mary Ellen Freeman  
Helene and Steve Gyarmaty  
Jill Pedigo Hall  
Margarete and David Harvey  
Kevin and Meg Kinney  
Martin and Cindy Kummer  
Sam and Dave Macklem  
John and Debbie McGregor  
Diane O'Connor & Richard Sachs  
Geri and Marvin Olson  
Nick and Joyce Pabst  
Richard and Cindy Palmersheim  
Johan and Jane Segerdahl  
Jane J. Shero  
Peter and Pam Uihlein

### **Dayle Dieffenbach**

Kenneth R. Dieffenbach

### **Todd and Jody Herbert**

Earl and Janet Herbert (*To be added to the Bryce Ethan Herbert Education Development Fund*)

### **Mary and Ted Kellner**

Johan and Jane Segerdahl

### **Dr. Thomas and Harriett Russell**

Matthew Fricker  
Tammy Fricker

## Thank You

### **The Chickadee's**

Concert for Preschool Social

### **Vic Larson**

2 Step ladders for Raptor Dept.

### **Prairie Future Seed Co.**

Wildflower Plugs

### **Payne & Dolan, Inc.**

Skid Steer

## Memorials

### **John Buening**

Barbara Stover

### **Catheine B. Cleary**

Beth Witte-Cleary

### **Linda Haines**

Julie Simuncak

### **Charles Kaiser**

John and Linda Buntin  
Trina Grieshaber  
Rita Horne and Family  
Bob and Martha Jermé  
Joan Kaiser-Glaser  
Maria Werediuk  
Ben and Michelle Zander

### **Mae Nilsen Livens**

Geri and Marvin Olson

### **Calvin F. Pomerening**

Caryl Zaar

### **Rachael Salmon**

Giesa Family  
Tom and Ellen Luhman

## Wish List

### **Gently Used Fanny Packs**

For First Aid Kits

### **Microscope**

For Raptor Department

### **Hand Tools**

For Facilities Department

### **Copies of Your Big Backyard Magazine**

For Preschool Department

# CALENDAR

## September & October 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!

**DATES:** Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays  
**TIME:** 9:15–10:30am or 5:45–7:00pm  
 Monday, 5:45–7:00pm Thursday, 10:00–11:15am Saturday  
**\*\*\*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 feathered ambassadors. A raptor handler will be showcasing one of our many birds of prey. SANC's falcons, hawks, owls, vulture, and an eagle will appear on a rotating basis. Stop by each weekend to check them out.

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

### Boomers & Beyond

Join Monarch maniac Moya, one of our wonderful Audubon Teachers, and become a citizen scientist who will venture out with nets and catch, tag, and release monarchs as part of a North American study! October's class will not be held this year due to programming conflicts. Note: We are scheduling the class for a two-hour duration from now on instead of 1 ½ hours.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 1  
**TIME:** 9:00 – 11:00am  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$15; NM: Adult \$17  
**LEVEL:** Adult



### Raptor Saturday!\*\*

In this family program, handlers allow a close-up view of falcons, hawks, owls, a Turkey Vulture, and a Bald Eagle. Sharp talons, curved beaks, and binocular vision make these raptors specialized birds of prey.

**DATES:** Saturday, September 3  
 Saturday, October 1  
**TIME:** 1:00 – 2:00pm  
**FEE:** Free with Center Admission  
**LEVEL:** Families



### Bookworm Gardens & Woodland Sculpture Garden

A day in Sheboygan introduces us to two new unique gardens. Bookworm's six gardens create colorful, beautiful places that enhance the natural world and the imagination. Each garden features activity to stimulate learning. We will also visit the James Tellen Woodland Sculpture Garden with a Docent from the Kohler Arts Center. Transportation and fees included. Bring a bag lunch, snacks & drinks.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 8  
**TIME:** 9:00am – 4:30pm  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$69; NM: Adult \$79  
**LEVEL:** Adult

### Hangin' with Hyatt: Anybody for Geocaching?

Who wants to be outside, get exercise, and go hi-tech? You can, and it's called geocaching. Use a GPS unit to look for a cache box hidden on the trails. Inside will be a puzzle piece and coordinates for the next cache box. Find all the pieces and be the first group to dash back to the Center to win a prize! The Center will provide GPS units, and Jim will give you the lowdown on how to get started on your hunt.

**DATE:** Saturday, September 10  
**TIME:** 9:00 – 11:00am  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$8, Child \$5; NM: Adult \$10, Child \$6  
**LEVEL:** Families



### Repamphibiantile Sunday\*\*

How about some herpin' fun? Touch live snakes! Wonder at frogs! Hug a turtle! Watch Emerson get fed! All this, and Jim Hyatt with all the herpetological knowledge you can handle. See you there!

**DATE:** Sunday, September 11  
**TIME:** 12:00 – 1:00pm  
**\*\*\*FEE:** Free with Center Admission  
**LEVEL:** Families

### Schlitz Audubon Bird Club

We will be checking out the fall bird activity here at SANC and perhaps going out to listen for owls. Bring your binoculars. You never know what we might come across on our adventure.

**DATES:** Wednesday, September 14  
 Wednesday, October 12  
**TIME:** 6:30 – 8:30pm  
**FEE:** Free to Members & Volunteers  
**LEVEL:** Adults & Teens

### Edible and Poisonous Wild Mushrooms of Wisconsin

Dr. Alan Parker, Professor at UW-Waukesha, specializes in fungi that abound in Wisconsin. Most make their appearance from August to October and seem to pop up almost overnight. Some are edible, others are poisonous, and still others are unique curiosities of the fungus kingdom. Feel free to bring fresh wild species for identification. After an overview of the ecology and identification of common mushrooms, we will venture out to an area rich with wild mushrooms. Transportation and fees provided. Bring a bag lunch.

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 14  
**TIME:** 10:30am – 4:00pm  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$48; NM: Adult \$55  
**LEVEL:** Adult



### Fall's Full Moon Walk

We will venture out on a moonlit evening to discover the ecology of the night. Among the wonders 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. This hike will be led by Don Quintenz.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 15  
**TIME:** 7:00 – 9:00pm  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$15; NM: Adult \$17  
**LEVEL:** Adult

### 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, September 20  
 Wednesday, October 26  
**TIME:** 9:00 – 10:30am  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$5; NM: Adult \$7  
**LEVEL:** Adult

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.

## Homeschool Day at SANC

Join us for an exciting day of nature-inspired activities developed to educate and entertain students of all ages. Our programs are designed for children who benefit from discovery-based learning and a hands-on approach to education. Contact Jim Hyatt at 414-352-2880 ext. 138 for more information.

**\*\*\*DATE:** Thursday, September 22

## Monday Night Magic

Enjoy a fall evening hike with our Education Specialist Tom Finley. Just the right time and distance for the little ones, we'll journey to the tower and ponds. We'll look for birds and 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, September 26

**TIME:** 6:00 – 7:30pm

**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$7, Children: \$4;  
NM: Adults \$9, Children \$6

**LEVEL:** Families

## Indian Cave Art of Southwestern Wisconsin

Join anthropologist/archeologist David Lowe as he takes us to little known sites of Indian Cave Art. The works consist of geometric shapes, animal and plant forms, and hunting scenes in the overhanging stone shelters and fissure caves that protected the Indians. We will stay at the Bethel Horizons Prairie Center just outside Dodgeville. Price includes interpretation, transportation, fees, lodging, and meals. Add \$32 for a single room.

**DATES:** Monday, September 26 –  
Tuesday, September 27

**TIME:** 8:30am Monday – 6:00pm Tuesday

**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$221; NM: Adult \$245

**LEVEL:** Adult

## Nature Adventurers: Autumn Colors



Come and explore the fall beauty of the Audubon. Red and orange leaves, blue Lake Michigan, animals getting ready for winter, and the changing season all await our exploration and discovery. We will hike, explore, learn and play during our time together. Nature Adventurers meets once a week for five weeks. Please have your child eat a snack prior to class and dress for the weather!

**DATES:** Wednesday's Sept. 28 – Oct. 26

**TIME:** 4:00 – 5:30pm

**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Child \$75; NM: Child \$85

**LEVEL:** K5 – 1st Grade

## Nature Explorers: Autumn Excursions

Come and explore the fall beauty of the Audubon. We will hike, explore, play and learn about the natural world during this changing of seasons. Fall colors, animals getting ready for winter, the cooler days and nights all provide great opportunities for us to be outside exploring. Nature Explorers meets once a week for five weeks. Please have your child eat a snack prior to class and as always, dress for the weather!

**DATES:** Wednesday's Sept. 28 – Oct. 26

**TIME:** 4:00 – 5:30pm

**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Child \$75; NM: Child \$85

**LEVEL:** 2nd – 4th Grade

## Family Owl Prowl

Spend an evening with your family searching the woods of Audubon for owls. Learn about owls and their silent ways. This program is designed for families. Please register early to reserve your spot!

**DATE:** Friday, September 30  
(Rain date: Sunday, October 2)

**TIME:** 6:30 – 8:00pm

**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Child \$8, Adult \$10;  
NM: Child \$10, Adult \$12

**LEVEL:** Families



## Viewing Sandhill Crane Staging Prior To Migration

Join Jeb Barzen, Director of Field Ecology for the International Crane Foundation, in viewing the sandhill fall migration. Jeb will take us to private lands on the important birding area (IBA) by the Leopold Foundation. Thousands of cranes use the IBA and it provides some of the most spectacular crane viewing in Wisconsin. Transportation and fees included. Bring a lunch, snacks & drinks.

**DATE:** Saturday, October 1

**TIME:** 1:00 – 10:00pm

**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$74; NM: Adult \$85

**LEVEL:** Adult

## Mindful Parenting Class\*\*

Learn the meaning and ideas of mindfulness as it relates to parenting and everyday life. This practice will decrease stress, bring greater wisdom, open heartedness and balance into our life. Mindfulness is a way of connecting with your children and others through a deeper awareness of yourself.

**DATE:** Fridays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, Nov. 4, 11

**TIME:** 9:15 – 10:30am

**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$65; NM: Adult \$75  
for series

**LEVEL:** Adult

## Animal Movie Night\*\*

Hi folks! It's starting to get cold outside, so come inside for fun. We'll start at 6:00pm with smores at the fireplace. At 6:30pm Jim will bring out his scaly and slimy friends. After that get your blankets and sleeping bags out and watch *Rango* on the big screen. Come for some Friday night fun!

**DATE:** Friday, October 7

**TIME:** 6:00 – 9:00pm

**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Child \$5, Adult \$8;  
NM: Child \$7, Adult \$10

**LEVEL:** Families



## Adult Owl Prowl

Spend an evening sleuthing for owls. Learn about their habitats and special adaptations. This program is designed for adults. Please register early.

**DATES:** Monday, October 10

(Rain date: Tuesday, October 11)

**TIME:** 6:30 – 8:00pm

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

**LEVEL:** Adult

## Fall Colors Canoeing

What better way to enjoy the beauty of fall than venturing out in a canoe during peak colors with a bunch of nature nuts! Join us for this autumn paddle along one of Wisconsin's wonderful wetlands. Canoeing experience is not necessary. If you have too much difficulty keeping up with the group, you may be paired with another person. Transportation, interpretation and canoe equipment provided. Bring your own lunch, snacks and water.

**DATE:** Saturday, October 15

**TIME:** 8:00am – 4:00pm

**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$62; NM: Adult \$70

**LEVEL:** Adult

## Night Viewing at Yerkes Observatory

Have you ever dreamed of looking at the moon, planets, or constellations through a large telescope? If the answer is yes, then now is your chance. We will offer nine lucky adults each night a chance to view the heavens from a 24-inch diameter telescope. The program will only take place if the weather is clear. Transportation and fees included.

**DATES:** Monday, October 17  
Tuesday, October 25

**TIME:** 5:30 – 10:30pm

**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$58; NM: Adult \$67

**LEVEL:** Adult

## Ice Age Trail at Lapham Peak State Forest

This hike is the peak time for fall colors. The 1 ½ mile trail will end at the Observation Tower, the highest point in Waukesha County. The hill was used by Increase Lapham as a signal station to receive meteorological observations from Pike's Peak. A brief history of Lapham and a visit to the park's historical sites will end our visit. Transportation, interpretation and fees included. Bring a bag lunch.

**DATE:** Thursday, October 20  
**TIME:** 9:00am – 4:00pm  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$52; NM: Adult \$60  
**LEVEL:** Adult

## Destination: Adventure Island

School is out for many kids, so please join expert explorer Tom Finley on an adventure of mystery and mayhem (let's stress the former rather than the latter). We'll traverse the trails at SANC and uncover secrets of the animal world. Journey to the forest to view fall color, visit Mystery Lake and climb a 60-foot tower. Did we mention you'll also meet Maria the beautiful rosy boa? Sign up for AM or PM session.

**DATE:** Thursday, October 27  
**TIME:** 9:30 – 11:30am or 1:00 – 3:00pm  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Child \$12; NM: Child \$16  
**LEVEL:** Children ages 6–12

## Nature Preschool Study Tour (For Early Childhood Educators)

Learn how to make the most of nature as a teaching partner. Tour the SANC Preschool classrooms and outdoor play areas, hike on the Nature Center grounds, and learn why nature is such a wonderful teacher. Discover the "Top Ten Ways" nature helps to develop young brains. Learn. Share. Experience.

**DATE:** Friday, October 28  
**TIME:** 9:00am – 3:30pm  
**\*\*\*FEE:** Early Bird Rate: \$85 (before Oct. 3); \$95 (after Oct. 3) Lunch Included  
**LEVEL:** Adult

## Geology of Northern Kettle Moraine

This natural treasure is world-renowned for its demonstration of ice age features. Join Jim Rosenbaum on an exploration of the many forms the ice sheet left on the landscape. At the Ice Age Center we will take advantage of various resources that help you understand the dynamic genesis of these glacial relics. This program requires the physical ability to hike up steep hills. Transportation, interpretation, and fees provided. Bring a bag lunch.

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 1  
**TIME:** 9:00am – 4:30pm  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$60; NM: Adult \$69  
**LEVEL:** Adult

## 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 & refreshments provided for all classes.*

### MINI-VISION QUEST WITH DENNIS HAWK

In an authentic Native American Vision Quest (Hanblechia - crying for a vision) one would spend four days and nights "on the hill", with no food or water...all the time praying for a vision to come. The vision is almost always enveloped in ceremony so that the person is sent out "in a good way."

Few of us will have an opportunity to do such a vision in our life-time, but now we will get to experience some of the benefits of a vision quest – a deeper, more profound experience in nature. This mini-vision will be a small time-out from life that will be rooted in ceremony. After an orientation and a sending-forth ceremony, Dennis will put each participant "out on vision" with the beauty of SANC as our questing grounds. After the vision, you will have the opportunity to share your experience and listen to the stories of others in a traditional Native American talking circle. You will be amazed by just how effective this short vision can be when done with intention and purpose. Dress for the weather because venturing outdoors is part of the vision! Dinner will be provided from Larry's Market.

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 13  
**TIME:** 2:00 – 8:00pm  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$40; NM: Adult \$45  
**LEVEL:** Adult

### AMISH: GUARDIANS OF THE EARTH

Amish advocate, author, and lecturer Richard Dawley will discuss Amish culture and spirituality that is rooted in the land. Contrary to our modern day culture that emphasizes materialism, technology, speed, and treating the land as a commodity, the Amish people view and relate to the world differently. Simplicity, reverence, and the quality of their relationships continue to be the hallmarks of their culture that is under siege. Come learn how their views and traditions might change your world.

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 11  
**TIME:** 7:00 – 8:30pm  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$10; NM Adult \$12  
**LEVEL:** Adult

### THE BAHA'I FAITH: A FIVE PART SERIES

In October and November we will explore the Baha'i Faith in a five part series. November's lecture topics will be promoted in the next newsletter.

October 17th we will have an "Introduction to the Baha'i Faith – God's Environmental Instructions for the 21st Century" presented by Robert Malouf, a very knowledgeable Baha'i scholar.

October 24th Colette Smith will share "Spiritual Expression for a Baha'i Artist". A key contributor guiding Colette's artistic journey is the spiritual perspectives and encouragement she has found in the writings of the Baha'i Faith. Learn how one artist attempts to mirror forth God's beauty.

October 31st Doug Jordan will present "Spiritual and Physical Observations of a Biology Teacher". A quote from the sacred Baha'i writings indicates Doug's focus: "By nature is meant those inherent properties and necessary relations derived from the realities of things. And these realities of things, though in the utmost diversity, are yet intimately connected one with the other."

**DATES:** Mondays: October 17 – November 14  
**TIME:** 10:00am – 11:30am  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: Adult \$10; NM Adult \$12 per session  
**LEVEL:** Adult



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## HALLOWEEN Hike Adventure

**Saturday, October 22  
4:00 – 8:00pm**

Join us for our annual Halloween event. This year's theme will focus on books by Jim Arnosky and his unique character "Crinkleroot."

Hikes will run at 10 minute intervals starting at 4:00pm. We will also have a Preschool Carnival, movies in the Auditorium, live raptors, and more! Call 414-352-2880 ext. 0 to register.

**Adults \$8  
Children \$6**



### **HAND-IN-HAND PROGRAMS**

Explore nature with your little one! We will hike, play, do art activities and listen to a story. Dress for the weather – we explore outdoors rain or shine. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **BUGS & BUTTERFLIES:**

**DATE:** Thursday, September 8  
Thursday, September 15  
**TIME:** September 8: 9:00 – 10:15am  
September 8: 10:30 – 11:45am  
September 15: 9:00 – 10:15am  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: \$12/pair; NM: \$15/pair  
**LEVEL:** 2-4 year olds

#### **TREMENDOUS TREES:**

**DATE:** Thursday, October 13  
Thursday, October 20  
**TIME:** October 13: 9:00 – 10:15am  
October 13: 10:30 – 11:45am  
October 20: 9:00 – 10:15am  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: \$12/pair; NM: \$15/pair  
**LEVEL:** 2-4 year olds

#### **POND LIFE:**

**DATE:** Thursday, September 29  
Thursday, October 6  
**TIME:** September 29: 9:00 – 10:15am  
September 29: 10:30 – 11:45am  
October 6: 9:00 – 10:15am  
**\*\*\*FEE:** M: \$12/pair; NM: \$15/pair  
**LEVEL:** 2-4 year olds



## Mission Statement

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

# FAMILY PORTRAITS AT SCHLITZ AUDUBON NATURE CENTER

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*Sunday, September 18, 2011*  
*(Raindate: September 25)*



On Sunday, September 18th, Visual Image Photography (VIP) will be on the grounds of Schlitz Audubon Nature Center (SANC) to offer a unique portrait opportunity for you and your family. This is a perfect time to receive professional quality photography at a special rate. Your sitting fee is only \$70.00 and includes a complimentary 16" x 20" color portrait of your choice. You will also be helping SANC because 50% of your fee will go directly to support educational programs here at the Center.

VIP also offers packages and holiday cards at special family prices. They have generously committed to donating 10% of each order back to SANC.

Don't delay! Call Leanne at 352-2880 x151 or e-mail [lholmes@sanc.org](mailto:lholmes@sanc.org) to schedule your session.



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