



*Friends* OF THE  
LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

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**Annual Meeting.** Very good attendance of 85 people, considering the exceedingly bad weather that kept many of our loyal members at home. Election of new Board members Steve Sellwood and Lillian Tong, returning Board member Gisela Kutzbach and student members Olympia Mathiapparanam and Mitchell Thomas. The Annual report by outgoing president Gisela Kutzbach focused on appreciation of Friends volunteers. Preserve director Gary Brown summarized important achievements and Adam Gundlach gave an excellent talk about the Eagle Heights Woods restoration project. Robert Birmingham gave the keynote address on effigy mound builders in Dane County.

**UW Science Expedition Sunday.** Although the weather did not cooperate, there was good attendance of about 90 people, mostly families. See the summary on the Friends website. The four exploration stations at Picnic Point were staffed with experts in their fields (Geologic Gems with David Mickelson and Carol McCartney of UW Extension Geologic and Natural History Survey; Tree Treasures with Diane Dempsey of the Arboretum; Birding Basics with Carolyn Byers of the Audubon Society and Paul Noeldner; and Mound Makers with Amy Rosebrough of the State Historical Society). An eight-page booklet guided families from station to station.

**Purple Martin House.** Spring set-up was accomplished on April 11. The house is now fully operational for the season. Although the first martins have been sighted in Madison, the persistent cold spell likely has caused starvation. The PUMA team with six members has met for review of procedures and scheduling of weekly monitoring.

**Bluebird Trail monitoring.** In progress.

**Bat study.** Undergrad Thomas Guerin, sponsored by the Friends for a summer research project, will continue the acoustic echoing study with the DNR in the Preserve.

**Earth Day activities.** Exhibit at Nelson Institute Earth Day conference is scheduled for 4/23.

**Friends Garlic Mustard Pull:** Scheduled for 5/6.

**Spring planting:** Scheduled for 5/19.

Submitted by Gisela Kutzbach, President