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Field trips and Outreach:

Bolstered by James Berkelman's Forest and Wildlife Ecology 110 students, the autumn field trips continue to be well attended and appreciated. Thanks to Adam Gundlach's flexibility, his Restoration Ecology tour of Eagle Heights Woods was rescheduled from a rainy Sunday, October 7 to a sunny October 21.

In response to a request from Jerrod Buckner, of the Morgridge Institute, Friends member and Arboretum guide **Diane Dempsey**, and Arboretum Guide Jennifer Mitchell led a group of Boys and Girls Club children on an Oct. 22nd trip into the Preserve. Due to risk management and other concerns, the Preserve is paying the guides for that tour. Continuing communication with Laura Wyatt and Bryn Scriver is exploring the difficulties and possibilities of planning other tours for children.

Project Proposals:

Seth McGee, of the Friends Project Committee, submitted two 2019 Project Proposals earlier this month:

1. To fund, with \$7,500, work in the Preserve by the five Prairie Partners Interns for one day a week during the 2019 growing season. Key components of the intern experience include restoration work, supervised by Preserve staff, and approximately six educational programs, with which the Friends will assist.
2. To fund the May 2019 Wildflower Planting Event. \$1,200 will purchase plugs of native wildflowers and grasses. **Gisela Kutzbach**, **Steve Sentoff** and **Glenda Denniston** will consult with Preserve staff to determine planting location, species, and maintenance.

Bits and Pieces:

- The Friends will collect native plant seed at Pleasant Valley Conservancy on two different occasions in 2019. Preserve staff will specify desired species and determine when (just before snowfall) and where seed scattering will occur.
- On October 1, **John Magnuson** presented the summary of the observations and recommendations, from the June 20th tour of the Class of 1918 Marsh, to the Facilities Planning and Management staff. With their feedback, modifications were made to that summary for his presentation to the Preserve Committee today. **Roma Lenehan** is helping to gather relevant documents to organize a history of the Marsh.

Submitted by Doris Dubielzig, President