



Friends OF THE
LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

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Field trips

Science Expeditions April 7, 2019, 2 – 3:30pm, at Picnic Point, has expanded to 5 exploration stations. Bryn Scriver's seed-ball-making station will provide seeds from five prairie species.

Olympia Mathiaporanam has recruited 8 to 10 Bradley Hall student volunteers to assist the experts at each station.

The 2019 April – August Spring/Summer Field Trips offer 16 different experiences.

Projects and activities

Five Citizen Science projects:

Bat Brigade On Tuesday, UW students Alder Levin and Cecelia Shortreed provided the Board with a summary of their 2018 accomplishments and plans for 2019 data collection.

Bluebird Houses Male bluebirds have already returned! We'll continue with the same eight boxes as in 2018, hoping for better success, and showcase the boxes on a 4th Sunday Bird & Nature Outing.

Clean Lakes Alliance Lake Forecasting Steward Luke Wynn will train our 5 volunteers in the sampling protocols on Wednesday, April 24, at the University Bay boat landing.

iNaturalist Almost 2500 observations submitted on the Preserve have been made by 118 different people, but most contributions come from Friends.

Purple Martin House should open in late March with new starling-resistant front panels.

18th Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 7 – 9pm (refreshments at 6:30), Arboretum Visitor Center Auditorium. Keynote speaker is **Matt Reetz**, Executive Director, Madison Audubon Society, "The incredible lives of migratory birds". Gary Brown, Preserve Director, will describe the strategic planning process underway, and Sara Hotchkiss, Preserve Committee Chair, will review Research in the Preserve. Election of the 7 nominees to the Board will also take place.

Friends Board Strategic Planning Focus Group Monday, April 29, 5 - 6:30pm. We'll meet with consultant and facilitator Lori Scroggs and Director Gary Brown.

Garlic Mustard Pull Sunday, May 5, 1-4 pm, will be led by **Roma Lenehan** and Preserve staff.

Spring Planting Saturday, May 18, 9am – Noon, will be along the new trail that leads from the Frautschi Point parking lot to Biocore Prairie. The Friends will provide funds for Preserve staff to purchase plants.

The 2019 Budget was amended on March 5 to include a \$1000 stipend for student research with the Bat Brigade and \$150 to support our Clean Lakes Alliance Lake Forecasting stewardship.

Submitted by Doris Dubielzig, President