



Friends OF THE
LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

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Field trips

The Friends sponsored two field trips in February.

February 22, Fourth Sunday Nature Walk, Chuck Henrikson (~35 participants). A variety of native winter birds were seen, including a Barred Owl.

February 25, Open Mic Night, Robin Chapman (~25 participants). This event was held in the Biocommons and was an opportunity to share poetry, prose and music relating to nature. The objective was to pull in a more diverse community and some more students. Although it may not have been too successful in that regard, it did attract some potential new members and a number of members who find it physically difficult to participate in regular field trips. We consider this experiment a success and anticipate doing something similar in the future.

Heritage Marker

Eve Emshwiller (Department of Botany) has submitted an application for one of the Heritage Marker grants, partnering with the Horticulture Department, Biocore, Nelson Institute of Environmental Studies, the Preserve and the Friends. This envisions bringing in six different speakers from three First Nations and focuses on the historical and cultural relationship between nature and indigenous people.

Annual Meeting

The Friends annual meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Arboretum Visitor Center. The featured speaker is John Lyons and his topic is "Little Fish – Big Impact" on the fish fauna of Lake Mendota. The event is free and open to the public. Join us at 6:30 for snacks and socializing.

Spring Newsletter

Our Spring newsletter is complete and is being distributed.