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LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

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### ***Field trips***

A very successful virtual “field trip” was held February 27. This was our second Open Mic poetry event and this year was held by Zoom. Robin Chapman hosted the event with 15 presenters and 35 attendees. The works highlighted connections to nature, but covered a wide range of topics. The meeting was recorded and we’re interested in exploring with the Preserve staff to see if some selections can be temporarily added to the Audio Trail.

### ***Garlic Mustard Pull and Spring Planting Events***

Plans are underway with the staff to hold our Garlic Mustard Pull and Spring Planting events in May. Special restrictions will be in place to ensure social distancing and conform to University policies. The wildflower plugs have been ordered and will be paid for by the Friends. We are cautiously optimistic that conditions will allow these events to be held, but of course, we will deal with changing circumstances as necessary.

### ***Annual Meeting***

Our 2021 Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 7. Our keynote speaker will be Emily Arthur, Chair of Printmaking in the Art Department. She is also affiliated with the Nelson Institute and American Indian Studies and will talk about her nature-inspired artwork. Save the date on your calendar.

### ***Changing of the Guard***

My term on the Friends Board will end with the election of new directors at the Annual Meeting. The Board has decided to distribute the work of the President, since no one had the time and energy to take on the full responsibility. Tom Bryan has agreed to be our representative to this Committee in the future.