



Preserve Staff Recognized with Teamwork Award

The Lakeshore Nature Preserve staff team of Gary Brown, Adam Gundlach, Connor Kotte, Bryn Scriver, and Laura Wyatt was recently recognized with a UW-Madison Facilities Planning and Management (FP&M) Teamwork Award. Nominated by the chair of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee Professor Sara Hotchkiss, the award recognizes teams that:

- Maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, supervisors, or customers
- Encourage teamwork by recognizing and promoting employee strengths
- Acknowledge the strengths of all employees and encourage teamwork
- Collaborate and cooperate when solving problems
- Support UW-Madison values to achieve positive results together

In the nomination, on the topic of collaborating and cooperating when solving problems, Hotchkiss wrote, *The [Preserve] team has been using innovative and cooperative approaches to the challenge of managing a large landscape—and they have not stopped with the bare minimum maintenance activities. Even accomplishing minimum maintenance would be a triumph with a team of this size... but the team is consistently finding more ways to support biodiversity, ecosystem services, education, wellness, the UW-Madison community, and the City of Madison. In fact, rather than being frustrated by their relentless and accumulating task lists, they have insisted on creating opportunities to accomplish a higher quality of care for the land and the community of users.*

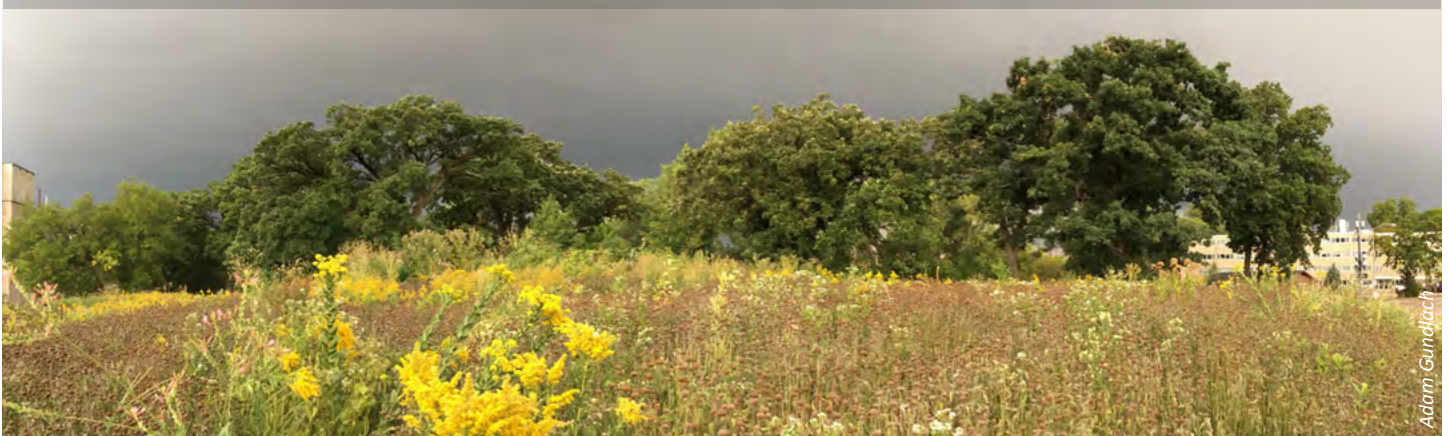


The Lakeshore Nature Preserve team (left to right: Gary Brown, Bryn Scriver, Adam Gundlach, Laura Wyatt, Connor Kotte) was highlighted in a video awards presentation. [WATCH THE VIDEO!](#)

[Watch the Teamwork Award section of the 2021 FP&M Employee Recognition Awards presentation](https://go.wisc.edu/fpm-award-lake) (<https://go.wisc.edu/fpm-award-lake>) to meet the Preserve staff and learn more about what they do.

Other FP&M employees were recognized with awards for: Customer Service, Going Above and Beyond, Unsung Individual, and Creative Solutions. To learn about these award winners and get a glimpse into how FP&M employees keep the campus running, watch the entire video.

A late summer storm casts an eerie glow over Willow Creek Woods



From the Director...

By Gary Brown, PLA, FASLA



As the pandemic wears on, the Lakeshore Nature Preserve continues to see record-breaking use by our campus colleagues. Be it for research, rest or relaxation, or for small groups of physically distanced teaching and those seeking respite from our sheltered days at home, the Preserve and all its resources have been there for us.

Preserve staff have worked hard to ensure we have a safe and enjoyable place to get out and be in nature. Several hardworking, safe, and face-covered volunteers joined staff to pull garlic mustard, remove invasives, and scout for hazards along our trails all during these uncertain times. With you, our volunteers and supporters, at our side, we have been able to maintain a sense of normalcy in the Preserve. Thank you for all that you do!

I'm also happy to report that we will be updating the 2006 Preserve Master Plan this fall which will guide land management activities and provide valuable support for activities that support the university's overall mission of teaching, research, and outreach. Together with the recently completed 2020 Preserve Strategic Plan, the Preserve will be able to chart a course of long-term support and strategic direction. Please watch for public meeting notices on how to participate in the master plan update process. Thank you again for all you do to help keep the Preserve available for future generations of Badgers! On, Wisconsin!

Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, fire circles remain closed and Preserve hours are sunrise to sunset.

Check the Preserve website for updates and changes.



Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan to be Updated

By Rhonda James, Sr. Landscape Architect

The 2006 Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan will be updated beginning this fall. We extend a very special thanks to the Friends of the Preserve for their generous donation toward this project's expense.

This planning process provides the opportunity to review the Preserve's infrastructure, land use, broad land management strategies, and protection of its distinctive natural, cultural, and educational features. Situated on 300 acres of Ho-Chunk ancestral lands, the Preserve supports the University's mission of teaching, research, and outreach in countless ways and remains a respite to many during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please see the [Lakeshore Nature Preserve website](#) for evolving information on public engagement opportunities during this planning process. At this time, as consultant contracts are in progress and COVID-19 is still changing conditions, the planned engagement schedule may shift.

To develop a master plan that best serves the University and community, surveys and stakeholder input collected during the Preserve Strategic Plan will be reviewed and coupled with public engagement, currently planned as three public sessions. These sessions will all occur in a hybrid in-person/on-line arrangement and include the opportunity for online remarks:

PUBLIC SESSION #1, late fall, 2021: present and collect comments on draft goals and guiding principles, existing conditions, issues, needs, and opportunities.

PUBLIC SESSION #2, early spring, 2022: present and collect comments on draft recommendations developed in response to public engagement session #1, site analysis, staff and committee input; also collect comments on prioritization criteria.

PUBLIC SESSION #3, late spring, 2022: present and collect comments on the draft master plan.

The UW-Madison Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee will be involved in working sessions prior to each public engagement session and they will receive updates at their regularly scheduled meetings.

The Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve will have representation at the work sessions. The Friends Board will also receive updates at their meetings throughout the process. Friends' members are invited to all the public engagement sessions for the opportunity to share their thoughts, as well as on-line via the project website.

The master plan update process will take staff and stakeholders through the steps leading to a list of prioritized recommendations designed to facilitate the vast needs of the land, the university, and its community within this 300-acre living outdoor laboratory treasure.

Rekindled Fire Management

By Adam Gundlach, Preserve Field Projects Coordinator

After COVID-19 restrictions extinguished the 2020 spring burn season, and only a portion of Biocore prairie burned in the fall, the spring of 2021 was a welcome return to torch-bearing and teaching in the Preserve. The season started March 20th when a combination of Preserve staff, student volunteers, and a crew from Quercus Land Stewardship Services completed the first burn of the Willow Creek Woods savanna restoration in 4 years. An additional burn was also planned that day for the prairie planting around the Lot 60 swale, but extremely dry conditions made potential spot fires into neighboring University Bay cattail stands too great of a risk.

Preserve staff and volunteers continued April 2 with burns of the Picnic Point rain gardens, Indian burial mounds, and south shore units. The day ended with a burn of the small prairie planting at Raymer's Cove, framing the large shoreline white oak in flames and smoke as dusk settled in.

The Quercus Land Stewardship crew returned April 4 to conduct multiple burns, including the first burn of the Second Oak project area at the south end of Frautschi Point, where tree thinning was performed around a group of white oak trees the prior winter. After completing the Second Oak unit, the crew split up to complete the day igniting the Eagle Heights Woods burial mounds unit and portions of Biocore Prairie that had not burned in November 2020.

On April 22, Preserve staff sought to make use of persisting dry conditions to conduct a late-day woodland burn at the base of Picnic Point targeting

swaths of garlic mustard seedlings and brush regrowth. Though fire managed to carry through a few areas of dry oak leaf litter, in other areas with green patches of garlic mustard the fire sputtered and extinguished itself, falling short of the desired objective.

When the smoke lifted and the ash settled, the spring 2021 burn season returned fire to the land around all Indian burial mound groups in the Preserve ([Picnic Point](#), [Eagle Heights Woods](#) and [Willow Drive](#)). Burning is an efficient management technique to maintain the open woodland conditions that were likely present when these mounds features were first molded on the landscape.

On several burn days, the Preserve hosted student volunteers from the Landscape Architecture 375: Prescribed Fire—Ecology & Implementation course. Led by Jeb Barzen, current Board Chair for the [Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council](#), the course seeks to introduce students to fire's role in ecosystems, its present-day uses, and techniques for implementing prescribed fire. Students are required to complete the entry-level wildland firefighter training standards ([S-130](#), [S-190](#), [L-180](#), [I-100](#)) set by the [National Wildfire Coordinating Group](#) (NWCG). Preserve staff assisted course instructors in leading live fire field exercises at the UW Arboretum, and the Preserve benefited from student volunteers on several days, as they fulfilled the course requirement to participate on at least 3 prescribed burns.

All told, spring 2021 was a leap toward recovering lost land management time on university lands from 2020, as the

[UW Arboretum celebrated](#) a highly successful fire campaign as well. Thanks to all who help carry on the important work of fire management across Wisconsin's natural areas.



Bryn Scriver

Students join Preserve staff and contractors to burn Willow Creek Woods restoration.



Adam Gundlach

Smoke settles on a prescribed burn at the Raymer's Cove Prairie.



Andy Kraushaar

Preserve staff helped lead students in live fire exercises at the UW Arboretum for the Prescribed Fire—Ecology & Implementation course.



April 4, 2021



May 14, 2021



June 16, 2021

Adam Gundlach

These photos show the progression of vegetation regrowth from April 4 to June 16 after a prescribed burn in Biocore Prairie.

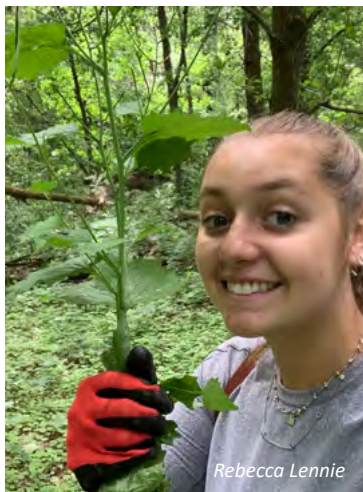
Introducing Student Team Members

By Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator

When gift funds allow, Preserve staff is fortunate to be able to benefit from student employees. Not only do they provide extra hands for managing the Preserve, but they also bring novel perspectives and enthusiasm.

This spring we hired two undergraduate students, Ben and Rebecca, to anchor our garlic mustard pulling team. With Ben and Rebecca working to remove invasive garlic mustard plants in some of the most heavily infested and least accessible areas of the Preserve, our team of staff and volunteers was able to remove garlic mustard across most of the affected areas of the Preserve.

Rebecca Lennie is a sophomore from Wauwatosa majoring in Conservation Biology. According to Rebecca, she made connections while working at the Lakeshore Nature Preserve that will stay with her throughout her career, as well as learning the importance of time management and commitments. Rebecca said, "I have been able to see first-hand how much of an impact that invasive species can have and just how abundant they really are. I have most enjoyed being able to make a change while working here, no matter how small it is, it's still a step in the right direction and that's something." She added, "Working outside in the summer is a bonus too!"



Ben Kotte is a junior from Oak Park, IL majoring in Environmental Science. When asked what he will take away from his time in the Preserve, Ben said, "The thing that stands out most to me is the very high level of planning, care, and work that it takes to maintain the Lakeshore Nature Preserve and other natural areas." He too enjoyed spending his days working outside, but added, "I think the most enjoyable part is seeing and learning about all the different types of plants and wildlife." Ben was able to stay on as a student employee after the garlic mustard pulling season to help maintain a clean and safe facility—conducting site checks on fire circles, trails, benches—learn about and remove other invasive plants, and take over management of the Picnic Point visitor counter data.



At midsummer we were able to add one more student to our seasonal team. Zoe Horns is a graduate student in the Dept. of Planning and Landscape Architecture. Her research focus is Restoration and Wetland Ecology, with particular interests in soils, hydrology and plants. Originally from Minneapolis, MN, Zoe earned her bachelor's degree in Applied Ecology and Environmental Science from Michigan Tech. Zoe was eager to join the team to give back to a place she has enjoyed walking, running, and exploring nature. She also wanted to hone her plant identification skills and learn new vegetation management techniques. Zoe has been an integral part of the Preserve team, weeding and watering the newly replanted Limnology Garden and tackling invasive species like porcelain berry vine.



Student employees learn the tools of the trade while working in the Preserve. Ben Kotte pushes the brush mower through tall vegetation near Caretaker's Woods.

Prairie Partners Interns Return to the Preserve

By Adam Gundlach, Preserve Field Projects Coordinator

Thwarted in 2020 by campus-wide COVID-19 restrictions, the Lakeshore Nature Preserve was unable to participate in the Prairie Partners internship program. The partnership administered by Madison Audubon Society shares five interns between five local conservation organizations. The interns work one day a week at each providing the organizations with much needed labor and youthful energy and the interns with experience and a growing professional network.

This year, the Preserve is back in the program and benefitting from an all-Badgers crew featuring graduating seniors and returning undergrads.

Joining us this year are interns: Emma Raasch, Cara Farrow, Luke DeBiasio, Kyle Hulbert, and Bill Davis.

If one thing is clear, it's that this group is serious about making an impact on natural resources management, having already gained a wide range of on-the-job and academic experience prior to the internship.

Though the job revolves around restoration ecology in all its facets, the practical application in the field means the crew spends the summer becoming a highly specialized herd of herbivores. Clipping and cutting, ripping and plucking, collecting and hauling, sowing and gawking (observing, that is). The intern experience is largely one immersed in the varying textures of vegetation and the tools and techniques used to mold plant communities to meet our desired forms and functions.

In addition to removing invasive plants, the interns collected vegetation data from Eagle Heights Woods, plugged native plants in the Limnology Garden at the eastern terminus of the Lakeshore Path, and repaired trails on Picnic Point.

We can't host the interns without the help of others. The Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve generously funds the program each year and a cadre of experts provide educational enrichment throughout the summer, introducing the interns to a range of topics including limnology, lichens, birds and bird banding, prescribed fire, and canids.



The interns spent their first day at the Preserve planting native grasses, sedges and forbs in the rain.



Emeritus Professor John Magnuson schooled the interns on lake monitoring aboard the Limnos II.



The interns examine lichens under the tutelage of Emeritus Senior Scientist Suzy Will-Wolf.

Scenes from Recent Volunteer Events



Left: Master of Public Health volunteers weed around the Frautschi Point kiosk. Right: Master of Business Administration volunteers collect seed in Biocore Prairie. Both groups have a long history of volunteer service in the Preserve.





Angela Currie

Purple Martins are Thriving in the Preserve

By Gisela Kutzbach, Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve member and volunteer

The partnership between humans and Purple Martins began long ago when early Native Americans hung gourds, counting on these social birds, living in colonies, to chase away hawks and vultures. The largest of our native swallows, they are beloved for their acrobatic flying and endearing day-long chattering and gurgles. Lacking natural, multiple cavity nesting sites, martins are now dependent on the housing their human “landlords” provide.

In 2017, the Friends of the Preserve installed a Purple Martin house near the Biocore Prairie, perched on a 15 foot high pole, within view of the lake and next to the Eagle Heights Community Gardens. The location provides sweeping flyways and plenty of insects to prey on. This citizen science project provides homes for martins and entertainment for visitors and gardeners. The Friends maintain the house and monitor it closely.

The 2021 breeding season was by far the most successful. The monitoring team readied the house in mid-March, adding more gourds, just in time for adult martin scouts to check it out. From that time on martins circled the house to indicate their intent. Nest building activity began in early May with two adult pairs, the males glistening with iridescent deep purple backs and black underbellies. They lined their gourd nests with a few sticks and a layer of green leaves from the nearby apple trees on top of a foundation of pine needles provided by Friends volunteers. The females began laying eggs on May 20 and incubating began the day before the last egg of a clutch of six was laid.

In the meantime, a large group of subadults—one-year-old Purple Martins still lacking iridescent colors—arrived. They quickly started

their nest building, occupying two gourds and three nest boxes. On June 12, the monitoring team now checking the house twice weekly, was ecstatic to report 7 nests with 25 eggs and 6 four-day-old babies. By June 16, there were 24 eggs and 11 nestlings! The subadults’ broods began hatching later in the month. Purple Martins spend 26-32 days growing up in their nests, consuming large numbers of dragonflies, flies, butterflies, grasshoppers, bees, and other insects that both parents stuff down their gaping beaks.

Breeding season also has its challenges. In mid-June, there was an invasion of blood-sucking mites, but all nestlings survived. Also, European sparrows destroyed all the Purple Martin eggs in one nest. By the end of July, all of the Martin nestlings had fledged, daring the dive from their high perch and gliding into flight patterns.

The Friends volunteer monitors are thrilled to report a total of 26 fledglings from the initial 35 eggs. They look forward to yet higher occupancy of the house next year, as Purple Martins like to return to their nesting locations. What a chatter it will be!

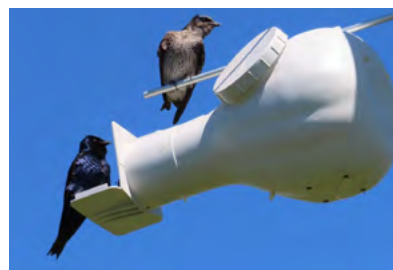
Learn more, watch a video, and enjoy a virtual tour of the Purple Martin house on the [Friends field trips web-page](#).



Seth McGee



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Top to bottom: Biocore interns pose for a photo after a close look at the house. A martin returns with an apple leaf to line its nest. The colony is bustling with 11 martins and 1 tree sparrow. An adult martin (left) and subadult martin (right) perch on a gourd. Three-day-old purple martin nestlings.

The Preserve Lost Two Supporters

By Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator and Gisela Kutzbach, Friends of the Preserve member and volunteer

It is with sadness that we report the loss of two supporters of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve—Tom Brock and Stephen Sentoff.

Tom Brock was a charter member of the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve and the E. B. Fred Professor of Natural Sciences Emeritus at the UW-Madison. Many people are aware of Tom's academic work as a pioneering microbiologist and of the work that Tom and his wife Kathie undertook to restore 140 acres of land in the driftless area of Wisconsin at [Pleasant Valley Conservancy](#). However, Tom and Kathie were also instrumental in the early days of the Preserve.

In the 1990s, as residents of Shorewood Hills, Tom and Kathie started volunteer work in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve (then called the Campus Natural Areas). The motivating factor was their discovery of garlic mustard in the Preserve in 1995. They alerted the Arboretum (who was then in charge of management) of the garlic mustard and sent them a check to help get control work started. Subsequently, the Director of the Arboretum Greg Armstrong asked the Brocks to organize volunteer activities. From April 1997-1999, the Brocks led regular Sunday volunteer parties, removing garlic mustard and cutting buckthorn and honeysuckle. The Brocks also helped raise money to hire the first Preserve Field Manager in 1997.

Over the years Tom maintained an active interest in the management of the Preserve by staying an active member of the Friends, attending Preserve stakeholder meetings, and providing advice from his years of experience restoring prairie and savanna. Preserve Field Projects Coordinator Adam Gundlach was a regular reader of [Tom's Blog](#). To learn more about Tom's achievements read UW News, [Tom Brock, who discovered world-changing extremophiles, dies at 94](#).

In June 2016 **Stephen 'Steve' Sentoff** and his wife Monica attended a Lakeshore Nature Preserve volunteer workparty where they cleared trails. They kept returning that summer to plants plugs, chip trails and remove invasive woody brush. By Autumn 2016 Steve had joined the inaugural group of Preserve Volunteer Stewards (volunteers who get extra training and commit to ongoing, independent volunteer activities).

It turned out that Steve was no stranger to ecological restoration having been a land steward for the West Chicago Prairie Stewardship Group for 26 years before moving to Madison. He put that knowledge and experience to work at Preserve volunteer workparties where he often helped instruct and mentor college-aged volunteers. In addition, he worked side-by-side with Preserve staff nearly every week on various restoration activities. In a short time

Steve became one of the Preserve's most trusted volunteers.

Steve and Monica joined the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve in 2017. In the same year Steve was elected to the Friends Board and then elected Secretary. In 2019 Steve became the Board President. As a member of the Friends Steve helped organize the annual wildflower plantings, introduced the use of the iNaturalist app, and helped initiate the Friends becoming a Clean Lakes Alliance Forecasting Steward on Lake Mendota.

Steve and Monica both worked as telecommunications engineers for Bell Labs before retiring in 2005 and becoming 'professional' volunteers in the Chicago area and then in Madison.

Preserve Field Projects Coordinator Adam Gundlach wrote of Steve, *If only words could do justice to a human life lived richly, selflessly, and full of wonder. Then and only then could we describe what Steve brought to the Madison community and the Lakeshore Nature Preserve.*

You can learn more about Steve's contributions on the [Friend's website](#) and in his [obituary](#).



Tom (seated on right) and Kathie Brock (behind Tom) graciously led a tour at Pleasant Valley Conservancy for Preserve staff in 2015.



Steve and Monica Sentoff pause from trail work in the Preserve's Frautschi Point Woods.

Preserve Committee Members Recognized

By Laura Wyatt, Preserve Program Manager

The Preserve Committee is an advisory group made up of faculty, staff, and student members, which advises UW-Madison administration and staff on policies for stewardship and use of the Preserve.

The charge of the Preserve Committee is *to ensure the integrity of these cherished campus resources through the provision of necessary and appropriate oversight, policies, guidelines, stewardship and management.*

Join us in congratulating current and former Preserve Committee members on outstanding achievements:



Chancellor's Hilldale Award for Excellence in Teaching
Janet McCray Batzli, Interim Director, Distinguished Faculty Associate Biology Core Curriculum Program (BIOCORE)

An innovative teacher and inspiring mentor, biologist Janet Batzli is known for shaping the entire lives of UW-Madison students, not merely their academic performance.



Beers-Bascom Professor in Conservation

Anna Pidgeon, Professor Forest & Wildlife Ecology

Awarded to a faculty member in CALS who has established and maintained outstanding research, teaching, and service in natural and environmental resources conservation and management. Professor Pidgeon is the first woman to receive this esteemed distinction.



American Phytopathological Society Fellow Award

Glen Stanosz, Emeritus Professor of Tree and Forest Health

The excellence, significance, and quantity of his contributions across a spectrum of research, teaching, and service to his profession and to the public mark him as an outstanding academic and scientific role model and communicator.



Hasler Limnology Garden Gets a Facelift

By Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer and Outreach Specialist

The Hasler Laboratory of Limnology built between 1958 and 1963 is a working research station on the shores of Lake Mendota where it serves as the Preserve's Eastern Gate. Professor Arthur Hasler deliberately chose the location for the building to prevent an automobile road from being built along the lake as opposed to the bike and footpath that is still there (now called the Howard Temin Lakeshore Path).

In 1997 a native plant garden was planted on the west side of the lab in honor of Dr. Hasler's 90th birthday and in dedication to his love for the natural world and his protection of Madison's lakes and the natural areas on campus that now make up the Lakeshore Nature Preserve.

For many years, Hasler regularly led staff, colleagues, and friends in trash clean-ups throughout the woods, starting an ongoing tradition of clean-ups linked to a spring celebration at

the Lab. In more recent years faculty, staff, and students from the Limnology lab volunteered to weed and care for the garden.

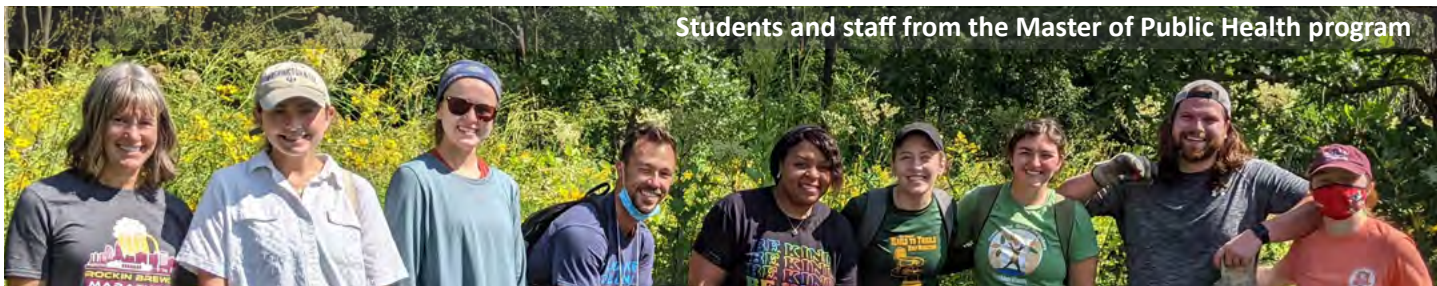
Recent construction work resulted in near total disturbance to the garden. Before construction work started staff and volunteers saved many plants, relocating them to other areas of the Preserve. With funds from the project the garden received a facelift with a new planting design and approximately 630 new plants. The plant plugs were installed by the Preserve's Prairie Partner interns and Preserve staff kept them watered through the summer. Volunteers from the Limnology lab helped staff mulch the plantings and UW Grounds installed limestone screenings on the path that bisects the garden.

Next time you visit the east end of the Preserve stop to enjoy the flowers already in bloom!



Top: Dr. Arthur Hasler planting the Limnology Garden in 1997.

Bottom: Prairie Partner intern Cara Farrow planting the Limnology Garden in 2021.



Students and staff from the Master of Public Health program

Drop-in Volunteer Workparties to Resume

By Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer and Outreach Specialist

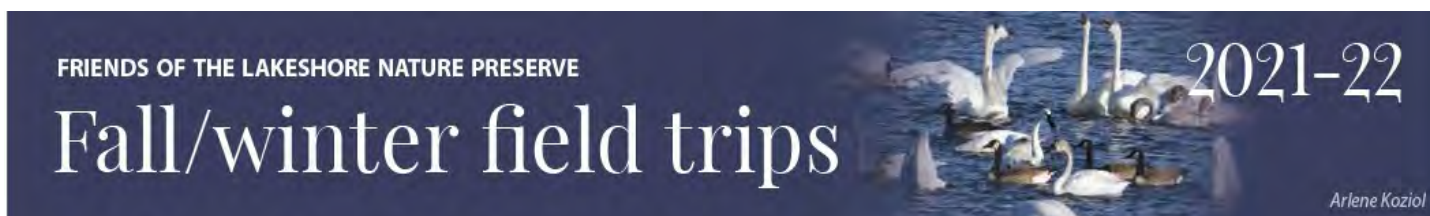
We are happy to announce that Preserve drop-in volunteer events will resume in October! Join other volunteers to help care for the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Learn about the natural world, work in a beautiful and beloved landscape, get fresh air and exercise, and meet new people or visit with old friends. Activities may include removing invasive plants, collecting native seed, and maintaining trails.

No pre-registration required. Events start at 9 a.m. and end at Noon. Visit the [Preserve Events Calendar](#) for dates and meeting locations.

Please no groups or youth at drop-in events at this time; groups may contact bryn.scriver@wisc.edu to plan a separate group volunteer event.

- Tools and gloves provided.
- Dress to work outdoors; long pants and closed-toe shoes required. See [How to Dress for volunteering](#) for more details.
- Bring your own drinking water.
- Use the toilet before arriving. Toilet facilities are limited.
- Please arrive on-time as we will be walking from the meeting place to the work site.
- Cancelled in case of steady precipitation or severe weather—high winds, thunder/lightning, extreme heat or cold.

Contact bryn.scriver@wisc.edu, for more information.



NOTE: At this time, field trips are being scheduled as in-person. However, UW policy may change. The Lakeshore Nature Preserve follows UW guidelines, and these may require registration to limit numbers, masking, or even re-scheduling due to policy decisions.

PLEASE CHECK the [Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve website](#) for up-to-date information.

September

26 Fungi in the Preserve (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.) Join UW botanist Marie Trest for a guided outing to learn about the amazing variety of colorful and fascinating fungi existing in the Preserve and some common species that you might see. Meet at the entrance to Picnic Point, 2000 University Bay Drive. Leader: Marie Trest (marie.trest@wisc.edu).

October

10 Trees in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)

Learn about identification and ecological roles of many trees in the Preserve, just as they are putting on their fall colors. This is one of the prettiest times of the year to look at trees! Meet near the kiosk at the start of Picnic Point Trail, 2000 University Bay Drive. Leader: Paul Quinlan (pquinlan@cityofmadison.com).

24 Student Gardens at Eagle Heights (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.)

Nelson Institute PhD Tom Bryan will guide a tour of the student-led gardens and their research into sustainable agriculture at the FH King Gardens and CALS lands within the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Meet at the white shed at the entrance to the Eagle Heights Community Garden. The land on this tour will

be directly adjacent to the FH King Students for Sustainable Agriculture and the Eagle Heights Community Garden. Leader: Tom Bryan (608-738-5733, tbryan@wisc.edu).

January

16 Urban Canid Project (Sunday, 1:30–3:00 p.m.) Have you seen foxes or coyotes in Madison? In the Preserve? Do you wonder where they travel in our area? Learn about the Urban Canid Project which is monitoring these critters; also learn how to track animals in winter. Join Dr. Drake for a tour at the entrance to Picnic Point, 2000 University Drive. Dress warmly! Leader: Dr. David Drake (ddrake2@wisc.edu).

Preserve Gains New Donors with Day of the Badger

By Laura Wyatt, Preserve Program Manager

The Day of the Badger is a new digital fund-raising effort of the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association (WFAA). The Preserve participated for the first time April 6 & 7, 2021 with the Foundation, the Preserve, and numerous UW-Madison entities reaching out through social media to encourage Badger Nation to support their favorite cause with a donation through the WFAA.

The Preserve was fortunate to have the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve presenting a challenge and matching all donations to the Preserve up to \$4,000! Over the two-day period, 50 donors participated with a gift to the Preserve; 29 being totally new donors—this was their first gift to the Preserve!

We passed our [Day of the Badger](#) fund raising goal with donations of \$5,160 and received the \$4,000 challenge match from the Friends. The total raised was \$9,160. Thanks to Bryn Scriver for coordinating the outreach, the Friends for their challenge grant, and our many supporters for sharing the event through their own social networks—a team effort!



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