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Preserve Committee Meeting

Friends Report: <https://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com>

Will Vuyk, President

Since we last met in February the Friends have a number of exciting updates to share.

### **Poetry**

The first of these updates is concerning our “It’s in Our Nature” poetry open mic event that occurred on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>. The event was a great success, featuring 12 speakers including students, university faculty, and community members. Our combined attendance, adding in-person and virtual participants, exceeded 30 people. We were able to secure last-minute support from the Madison Journal of Literary Criticism, and they plan to publish a two-page spread on the event, featuring the Friends, the Preserve, and the poems presented. We will also be working with Bryn to coordinate how we may display the poems from our collection in the form of an audio trail through the Preserve. We currently have two virtual audio trails, one from our 2021 event and one from our 2022 event. The 2022 trail remains incomplete, but is an example of how these poems can continue to live on in an interactive way. We look forward to cooperating with Preserve staff to make our 2023 audio trail.

2021 Poetry Audio Trail:

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1Ty5-F18E30zFONvwZ0vf\\_ID2n7WsgY9q&ll=43.08808876971272%2C-89.42769965000002&z=15](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1Ty5-F18E30zFONvwZ0vf_ID2n7WsgY9q&ll=43.08808876971272%2C-89.42769965000002&z=15)

2022 Poetry Audio Trail (incomplete):

<https://arcg.is/1XGeT4>

### **Community Science – “sampler” events and vegetation surveys**

Directly after last month’s committee meeting, Friends board members Josh Sulman, Anne Pearce and I met with Preserve staff to discuss opportunities for community involvement in long-term ecological monitoring projects within the Preserve. The Friends plan to host two “Citizen Science Sampler” events - one in the spring (date TBD) and one in July – to introduce our membership and others in the community to opportunities to contribute to ecological research. While talking with Preserve staff we narrowed in on vegetation surveys in Eagle Heights Woods as a place to focus community interest and plan to work with Adam and Susan Will-Wolf to see what support we can provide to bolstering the sampling that has already been occurring.

### **Community Science – salamander surveys and “Friends for Amphibians”**

In addition to vegetation surveys there has also been considerable interest in herpetological surveys of frogs, salamanders and snakes. Friends board member Josh Sulman is contacting DNR Conservation Biologist Richard Staffen to learn more about salamander survey opportunities, and I have been in touch with Jessica Hua in the F&WE department coordinating a project we are calling “Friends for Amphibians”. The Hua lab is interested in cultivating a network of community partners to help study urban wetlands around Madison and their

amphibian residents. We currently have buy in from representatives from Madison's Friends of Urban Nature, the Friends of Cherokee Marsh, Wild Warner, the Friends of Pheasant Branch, Friends of Owen Conservation Park, Friends of Edna Taylor Conservation Park, and the Aldo Leopold Nature Center. The first meeting to discuss plans for "Friends for Amphibians" will be March 15<sup>th</sup> at Steenbock Library from 2:00-4:00pm.

### **Spring Newsletter**

The Friends spring issue of our newsletter "PRESERVE!" is finished and is currently being mailed out. It will be available on our website soon after the physical copies are delivered.

### **Friends 2023 Annual Meeting (See poster made by Sarah Congdon on last page)**

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

In-person at the UW Arboretum or virtually via Zoom

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and socializing.

The public is welcome. Please bring a friend.

All are invited to the Friends' 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting! Those who arrive early will enjoy time to socialize, view exhibits and find their seats before the official program begins at 7:00 pm CST. Those who wish to attend virtually should look for more information soon on our website. Distinguished speakers Tamara Thomsen and Dr. Jim Skibo will guide us on a deep dive into the discovery and recovery of two ancient canoes from the bottom of Lake Mendota. The Director of the UW Office of Sustainability, Missy Nergard, and Preserve Assistant Director, Laura Wyatt, will speak on the state of the Preserve. Additionally, UW Landscape Architect Rhonda James will update us on the Preserve Master Plan and Outreach Center Projects. Friends President Will Vuyk will deliver the Friends' Annual Report, and the Board of Directors will honor its retiring members before introducing our newest nominees. Mark your calendars for a full evening of learning and friendship!

At the event we will be saying farewell to our board members Cole Roecker (Student Representative), Kelly Kearns (Nominations Committee Chair), Nancy Breden (Vice President), and Paul Quinlan (Secretary). Malachi Persche, Michelle Chung and Ingrid Jordon-Thaden have been nominated to new board positions, along with Yara Al-Rayyan and Mason Polencheck as student board representatives.

### **Upcoming Field Trips**

Please watch our website to stay up to date with Friends activities!

<https://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com>

### **March 11, 2023**

**The Mounds of Observatory Hill and Willow Creek.** *Saturday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.*

Join UW Historic & Cultural Resources Manager Emeritus Daniel Einstein on a visit to the effigy mounds of Observatory Hill (the lovely bird and two-tailed water spirit) and Willow Creek and learn about the mound builder culture and possible interpretations for the meaning of the shapes. Einstein will also discuss current

land management methods and protocols adopted by the University to care for the mounds and other archaeological sites on campus. Meeting place TBD. Leader: **Daniel Einstein** (daniel.einstein@wisc.edu).

### **March 26, 2023**

**Early Bird Migrants.** *Sunday, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.*

Spring is just around the corner! Join Dane Gallagher for early spring magic! The bays, shorelines, woodlands, marshes, and prairies of the UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve offer food and shelter for a variety of species of birds. This means the Preserve is a great place to find returning migrants. Meet at the Picnic Point entrance kiosk, 2000 University Bay Drive. Leader: **Dane Gallagher** (dane.gallagher9@gmail.com)



FRIENDS OF THE LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

# 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 12 — 7:00 p.m. CDT

UW Arboretum Visitor Center  
2880 Longenecker Dr, Madison, WI 53713

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

## The Mendota Canoe Project: Discovery, Preservation and Ongoing Research

GUEST SPEAKERS

**Dr. James Skibo**

State Archaeologist and Curator of Archaeology  
at the Wisconsin Historical Society

**Tamara Thomsen**

Maritime Archaeologist at the Wisconsin Historical Society's  
Maritime Preservation and Archaeology program



Meeting will also be streamed on Zoom.  
[go.wisc.edu/5hx895](https://go.wisc.edu/5hx895)

**Open to the public,  
bring a friend!**

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for exhibits,  
refreshments and socializing

To minimize the spread of COVID-19, we recommend that guests wear a mask at this event.



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