

TOWN OF NEW GLARUS

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Town of New Glarus Parks Commission, County of Green, will conduct a meeting for the transaction of business as is by law required permitted at such meeting as follows:

LOCATION: New Glarus Town Hall
26 5th Avenue
New Glarus, WI 53574

DATE: Wednesday, September 18, 2019
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Proof of Posting
- 3) Welcome New Parks Commission Members
- 4) Approve Parks Commission Minutes
 - a) 7/11/2019 Parks Meeting
 - b) 8/22/2019 Parks Meeting
- 5) Public Comments
- 6) Review Budget to Date
- 7) Consider Holiday Advent Window Participation
- 8) Review Tell Guild Request for Help with Shooting Park
- 9) Review Estimated Costs of Hoesly Pond Improvements
- 10) 2020 Grants
- 11) 2020 Workshops
 - a) 175th Anniversary
 - i) Large Photo Collection
 - ii) Coordinate Free Concert in August for Anniversary
 - iii) Follow up on Cow/Milking Demonstration at the Town Hall
 - iv) App for 175th Anniversary events and walking tour
 - v) Report on the ag community's potential involvement in the 175th Anniversary activities and parade.
 - vi) Follow up on Potential Parade Float
 - vii) Status Update from Kim Tschudy on possible Schützenfest on the 175th Anniversary weekend.
 - viii) Update on walking tour flyer and setting up his commemorative model of historic New Glarus in the Town Hall
 - ix) Invitation to residents to help with planning 175 activities
 - b) 2020 Photo Contest
 - c) Birdhouse Workshop
- 12) Schedule Next Meeting
- 13) Adjourn

POSTED: New Glarus Town Hall 08/29/19
New Glarus Garage 08/29/19
New Glarus Post Office 08/29/19

Harry Pulliam, Chair
New Glarus Parks Commission



Pattie Salter, Clerk-Treasurer

Pursuant to applicable law, notice is hereby given that a quorum or a majority of the New Glarus Town Board or Plan Commission Members may attend this meeting. Information presented at this meeting may help form the rationale behind future actions that may be taken by the Town of New Glarus Board. Persons requiring additional services to participate in a public meeting may contact the Town Clerk for assistance at 527-2390.

OFFICE OF
Town of New Glarus
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019
MINUTES

ATTENDING: Harry Pulliam, Chris Narveson, Dana Emmerton, and Jason Neton

Also Attending: Kim Tschudy, Kevin Lague and Dan Ziegler

- 1) **Call to Order:** H. Pulliam called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.
- 2) **Proof of Posting:** C. Narveson attested to proper posting.
- 3) **Approve Parks Commission Minutes**
 - a) 06/13/2019 Parks Meeting: C. Narveson moved to approve the minutes as presented. D. Emmerton 2nd. Motion carried.
- 4) **Public Comments:** D. Emmerton noted that there is a big bump on Argue Road near her house and asked if there are plans to repair it. C. Narveson reported that there is a culvert that needs to be replaced. The materials are ordered and expects it to be completed towards the middle of August.
- 5) **Kim Tschudy:**
 - a) Shooting Park Barn - Kim Tschudy and Harry Pulliam thought getting a timeline of New Glarus banner made up.
- 6) **175th Anniversary – July 30-August 2**
 - a) H. Pulliam reported that he and K. Tschudy attended the second meeting of the 175th Anniversary celebration. The Canton of Glarus Switzerland has committed \$100,000 to the project. Some of the funds will be spent on transportation and some on the activities in New Glarus. Approximately 200-600 people traveled from Glarus Switzerland for the 150th Anniversary.

K. Lague noted that there is a lot going on the weekend of the Anniversary celebration including Fire Fest and Volksfest. K. Lague thought it would be fun to build a stone pizza oven and serve pizza followed by a barn dance out at the Shooting Park. K. Lague noted that the Shooting Park has been used for weddings, graduations and Volksfest. H. Pulliam noted that fireworks are planned for the 175th anniversary party.
 - i. Large Photo Collection – No Action
 - ii. Coordinate Free Concert in August for Anniversary – No Action
 - iii. Cow/Milking Demonstration at the Town Hall.
- 7) **Update on Wilhelm Tell Shooting Park:**
- 8) **Update on Hoesly Pond:**
- 9) **Potential Grants:** No action – Revisit next month.
 - a) **Review Budget to date:** No action – Revisit next month.
- 10) **Member Vacancy:** D. Emmerton moved to publish recruitment ad in the Post Messenger for 2 weeks. J. Neton 2nd. Motion carried. Also include the colorful recruitment brochure in our next mailing
- 11) **Workshops:**
 - a) **2020 Photo Contest:** H. Pulliam introduced the 2020 Photo Contest flyer. We will publicize the contest after Alison gives us the go ahead. No action – Revisit next month

- 12) **Schedule Next Meeting:** Next meeting scheduled for August 22 at 7 p.m.

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THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019
MINUTES

- a) 175th Anniversary
 - i. Review Photo and Select Images for Collages
 - ii. Coordinate free concert in August for the anniversary
 - iii. Follow up on Banner for the anniversary
- b) Review Member applications
- c) 2020 Grants

13) Adjourn: D. Emmerton moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. J. Neton 2nd. Motion carried.

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OFFICE OF
Town of New Glarus
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019
MINUTES

ATTENDING: Harry Pulliam, Chris Narveson, and Jason Neton. Dana Emmerton was absent.

Also Attending: Mona Sue French, Mark Pernitz and Kim Tschudy

- 1) **Call to Order:** H. Pulliam called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **Proof of Posting:** C. Narveson attested to proper posting. There were not enough members present for a quorum.
- 3) **Discussion and Introductions:** H. Pulliam welcomed Mona Sue French and Mark Pernitz as potential Parks Commission members.

Kim Tschudy reported that he still has approximately 40 bluebird house kits and would be happy to offer another workshop or two on building bluebird houses. No action was taken. Revisit the topic at the September meeting.

175th Anniversary: Kim Tschudy reported that he attended the 175th planning meeting on August 22 at the Swiss Center of North America. No committee appointments were made.

- 4) **Schedule Next Meeting:** Next meeting scheduled for September 11 at 7 p.m.
 - a) Review Tell Guild request for help with the Shooting Park
 - b) Review Estimated costs of Hoesly Pond improvements
 - c) 2020 Grants
 - d) 175th Anniversary
 - i. Large Photo Collection
 - ii. Coordinate Free Concert in August for Anniversary
 - iii. Follow up on Cow/Milking Demonstration at the Town Hall
 - iv. App for 175th Anniversary events and walking tour
 - v. Report on the ag community's potential involvement in the 175th Anniversary activities and parade.
 - vi. Follow up on Potential Parade Float
 - vii. Status Update from Kim Tschudy on possible Schützenfest on the 175th Anniversary weekend.
 - viii. Update on walking tour flyer and setting up his commemorative model of historic New Glarus in the Town Hall
 - ix. Invitation to residents to help with planning 175th activities
 - e) Bluebird House Workshop
- 5) **Adjourn:** C. Narveson moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. J. Neton 2nd. Motion carried.

Sorted By: **Budget Category**
 Selection: **Expenses**

Budget Detail Year

This Year; Months 1 through 12

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Group	Account	Description	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year-to-Date	Budget	Remaining
	53635	Recycling	1,926.14	1,926.14	1,926.14	1,926.14	1,926.14	1,926.14	1,926.14	1,926.14					15,409.12		9,090.88
DOM	Weed and Nuisance Control															1,000	
	53640	Weed and Nuisance Contro							95.83						95.83		904.17
Culture & Recreation																	
DRB	Parks Contribution to Town Park/Trail Sinking Fund															4,500	
	59200	Transfers to Sinking Funds															4,500.00
DRD	Parks Per Diem															2,586	
	57620	Parks Per Diem															2,586.00
DRF	Trail Development															500	
	57620-02	Trail Development															500.00
DRG	Maintance/Restoration of Bluebird Ridge Cons.															738	
	57620-11	Maintenance/Restoration of BBRC															738.00
DRH	Arbor Day Tree Planting															300	
	57620-06	Arbor Day Tree Planting			600.00										600.00		-300.00
DRJ	Parks Workshops/Projects															3,900	
	57620-03	Parks Workshops		616.09	537.66	781.06	-66.75	650.00							2,518.06		1,381.94
DRL	Parks Recruitment															100	
	57620-09	Recruitment	18.34	27.38											45.72		54.28
DRM	Parks Photo Contest															1,400	
	57620-13	Parks Photo Contest						845.55							845.55		554.45
DRN	Krafty Kids Donation															500	
DRO	Swimming Pool Scholarships															26	
	57620-10	Village Pool Scholarship															26.00
DRP	Plants for Town Hall															150	
DRR	Parks Professional Memberships/Subscriptions															300	
	57620-08	Parks Memberships/Subscriptions							300.00						300.00		
DZI	Library															1,500	
	51121-01	Jt Library Per Diem															1,500.00
Capital Outlay																	
DUM	Capital Outlay - New Town Hall															1,500	
	57000	Capital Outlay - Town Hall															1,500.00
DUQ	Other General Gov't.																
	57190	Other General Government	9.23												9.23		-9.23
DWA	Hwy. Equip. Outlay - Mini Excavater Trailer															20,000	
	57324	Hwy Equipment Outlay															20,000.00
DWI	Valley View Reconstruction															400,000	
	53315-02	VALLEY VIEW ROAD RECONSTRUCTION		2,160.00	13,070		6,160.00	1,920.00		4,033.50	1,610.00				28,953.50		371,046.50
DWJ	Durst Road Reconstruction															75,000	

Dear New Glarus Business owner and downtown Locations

Last December (2018) I started the Adventsfenster (Advent Windows) originating from Switzerland. The community and participating locations loved it. I had a lot of fun organizing it and I already have a lot of business owners that would like to participate this year. First, I would like to give the locations that didn't have a spot last year, a chance to do a Window in December 2019. And then randomly select Businesses to participate in 2018.



What is a Adventsfenster?

- *Short, it is a Downtown Life Sized Advent Calendar*
- **Adventsfenster** are common mainly in smaller towns and villages of Switzerland, such as Buchs- Rohr or Kriens. But also the bigger cities like Lucerne do it.
- This is how it works: In the month of December up until Christmas (December 1st to December 24th), all over the village or neighborhood there are 24 locations, it can range from houses to schools to local businesses, who decorate one or more of their windows in a holiday/ winter theme (sometimes it's even a front yard, entrance or small area in front of the house.) During the decoration process and until a window is publicly revealed on its allocated day, the windows stay closed and the **design hidden from the public.**



Designs usually include a combination of black paper for the different shapes and colorful dragon paper (transparent paper, see pictures) that will let light shine through from inside the room. But there are also inside and outside decorated windows and painted artworks. The scene can be anything from stars, animals, nativity scenes, angels, candles, etc.

- Every evening from December 1st to December 24th there will be **one** window "revealed" at a set time. People are invited to gather in front of the building to watch how the picture is revealed. The ceremony is up to the "window-opener". Many times music or a Christmas carol will be part of the ceremony. Some people even offer little snacks like cookies, peanuts or Lebkuchen and/or a hot drink (cacao, tea, Gluhwein, coffee etc). Some people pray together, giving out candles or offer discounts. After a bit of chatting with the neighbors and friends, people return to their homes.



- Once opened, the windows will stay lit every night at least until Christmas Eve, and in some communities there is a tradition on Christmas Eve to go see all 23 earlier Adventsfenster before heading to number 24. This can be an organized activity or free will.

- It is a tradition of many families to gather and see the opening of the windows. Some go to two, three, twenty or all of them. As an example, when I was a child we went to Lucerne to see the windows with my dad. And several years we also participated in the fun of hosting a window with my Mom.

In school we used to do all the school windows. I have many great memories of painting and crafting with family and school friends.

Why New Glarus

- It is after all a Swiss Town. Adventsfenster are a big tradition and a little piece of “home” that I miss a lot. It was great to see the community and tourists alike going out and seeing something that is common among Swiss communities. It is a great opportunity for each business to show off their treasures, and get some new customers, through daily events happening throughout the village.



It has been awesome to see families and residents, from New Glarus and surrounding areas, coming downtown and doing some local holiday shopping, and seeing the storefronts in a different way.

How it works

- Most people like to do the windows as a family project. Kids and parents are crafting, coloring, sewing, cutting and painting together.
- Every window has to show the Number of the day that you are assigned. On that day you will be **revealing / showing off your window**.
- Get the word out to your customers.
- Until your assigned day is coming up, you need to have the Window covered or not ready yet. Have your artwork covered at all times and don't use the artwork in ads. I would recommend having the number displayed in the days leading up to the reveal. It will get people interested in why it is covered. People want to come and see what you are doing, and see your artwork.
- You can plan your opening as fancy, special, big or small as you wish. Ideas are to do something special **only** for the community that is coming to see the opening (like 10% off an item, a craft project, a drawing or whatever you like).
- The window can either be done by yourself or have someone do it for you (asking a crafty family or individual, daycare, school kids, Church etc.) Just make sure you can tell a story about it. Have a 2- 7 min story/ presentation of your Adventsfenster that you can share with the community (**a poem, rhyme, funny story, something to think about or a traditional story**). The window can be painted on, done with 'Scherenschnitte', fabric, stuffed animal, paper cut outs, 3D decoration, etc. let your fantasy bloom!



~Example: The Bakery could make a display with dolls sitting around a fire and listening to Grandma reading them a story out of a book, while the kids are eating some yummy cookies and enjoying a glass of warm milk. Feel free to check out the New Glarus Adventsfenster Facebook Page. Or ask someone who participated last year

Always make sure you have the **NUMBER VISIBLE.**

- Every store/ business is welcome to offer some hot cocoa, tea, treats, etc. It is also nice if you have some Christmas carols , music (maybe the alphorns, accordion, flute, Yodel, Maennerchor, Kinderchor, etc.), maybe have a local crafter, bookwriter, etc, present at your opening day.
- "The 'Window' Story" has to be written down (or printed) on a one-page paper (please have two printed). It needs to be placed in the window after your opening for people to read. I would like to collect the second one for our After- Christmas tour
- **Please do not just write or present a sales window!**
- I'm very happy to help you get started with anything you may need. Perhaps an idea for a window/ story, find help to decorate or anything else. I do have daycare and other groups that are very interested in decorating a window. (If you would like to donate your window, please let me know)

Details

- Dates to fill are December 1st to 23rd (December 24th will be the Swiss Church. December 6th is taken)
- Windows should be lit up every day until 10pm.
- Windows should not be changed until after December 31st.
- YOUR Window opening time (you can have the Store open or closed, it's up to you) is **6 PM** (any feedback on the time is appreciated. If you need to change your time, please let me know)
- The "ceremony" should be about 20-60 min long. (Depending on your event)
- I would appreciate any help in advertising (The Facebook page- New Glarus Adventsfenster- is up and running. I will start posting participating locations to help people get excited for December. When I have all locations, I will contact Karin for a special ad in the Buyers Guide) I will also hang up flyers. Please invite your customers to come see you and the rest of the town.
- After Christmas, I will host a Community Window walk. (Some stops in a couple locations for a treat or hot beverage was a great hit last year. If you would like to offer anything, please let me know. Also on the walk I will hand out a community favorite ribbon. If you have been chosen for the ' Community Favorite Window of 2019', it will get you a spot for a window in 2020 (if you like) - 2018 Winner was The Vault, feel free to check out their ribbon and ask them all about it.)



Please feel free to contact me anytime, and I hope I can add you to my participating list of businesses to do a ADVENTSFENSTER for 2019.

Thank you very much for your time,



Jacqueline Judd (608-636-3241) - jackie.judd.scheurer@gmail.com



ADVENTSFENSTER 2019

- If you wish to participate, make sure you are available for organizing the unveiling and your window can be **LIT every night until 10pm** through the **END of December 2019**.

Owner/ Contact Person	Best Phone number to reach	e-mail
Your Business or Location	Address	

- **Available dates are December 1st through 23rd**

Preferred dates/ days of the Week (please provide at least 3)*	Dates and days of the week that are <u>NOT</u> possible
Create your own window? Want to donate?	Your theme/ story/ idea

*your preferred dates or days are **NOT guaranteed**, I will do my best to accommodate everyone's wishes.

Anything I need to know/ Input?	Specials and/or events you would like to include on the day of your unveiling?
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Pattie Salter

From: Pattie Salter
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 9:46 AM
To: wrf0@tds.net
Cc: Harry Pulliam (hfpulliam@tds.net)
Subject: RE: Park Board Vacancy

Thank you Mona Sue.

Thank you for your interest in serving on our Parks Commission. It sounds like you would be an asset to our Parks Commission.

I have sent your information on to Harry Pulliam, our Parks Commission Chairman. He should be reaching out to you shortly.

Warm Regards,

Pattie Salter

-----Original Message-----

From: wrf0@tds.net <wrf0@tds.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 9:41 AM
To: Pattie Salter <psalter@townofnewglarus.com>
Subject: Re: Park Board Vacancy

Pattie,

I am forwarding the requested information for the Parks Commission.

I grew up many moons ago in a farming community in Iowa. I attended college for one year. married and we became a military family with many moves. While my husband was in the military, from which he retired, I participated in volunteer positions that benefited military families.

When we lived in Turner, Oregon I was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Town Council. I was elected to two terms on the Town Council. While living in Turner I was President of the school booster club, which raised enough money to continue school activities for the students after a tax referendum failed. I have worked outside the home for over 20 years. I currently volunteer for the Monroe Clinic. Growing up in a rural community much like the New Glarus area has made me appreciate the importance of green spaces. I would like to reach out to members of the community in a volunteer role.

Mona Sue French .

698/843-3481

----- Original Message -----

From: "Pattie Salter" <psalter@townofnewglarus.com>

To: wrf0@tds.net

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 1:07:26 PM

Subject: RE: Park Board Vacancy

Mona Sue,

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding your interest in serving on our Parks Commission.

Could you please send me a short description of yourself and your interest in serving on our Parks Commission. Once I receive this information, I would like to forward it on to Harry Pulliam our Parks Commission Chairman so he can reach out to you.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Pattie Salter, Clerk-Treasurer, WCPC, CMTW Town of New Glarus

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-----Original Message-----

From: wrf0@tds.net <wrf0@tds.net>

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 11:55 AM

To: Pattie Salter <psalter@townofnewglarus.com>

Subject: Park Board Vacancy

I would like to submit my name for the Park Board vacancy.

Thank you

Mona Sue French

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Pattie Salter

From: Mark Pernitz <mpernitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 1:15 PM
To: Pattie Salter
Cc: hfpulliam@tds.net
Subject: Re: Town Parks Commission

Hi Pattie and Harry--

Phone numbers are: (wk) 608-283-1727; (H) 608-527-6877; (cell) 608-219-6877.

Thanks--Mark

On Mon, Jul 22, 2019 at 1:03 PM Pattie Salter <psalter@townofnewglarus.com> wrote:

Mark,

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding your interest in serving on our Parks Commission.

You sound like you have excellent experience that would be an asset to our committee. I will forward your interest on to Harry Pulliam our Parks Commission Chairman for review. Please let me know what your phone number is so I can ask Harry to reach out to you.

Sincerely,

Pattie Salter, Clerk-Treasurer, WCPC, CMTW

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From: Mark Pernitz <mpernitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 12:59 PM
To: Pattie Salter <psalter@townofnewglarus.com>
Subject: Town Parks Commission

Hi Patti--

We met in spring when I registered to vote and then when I voted early. My wife, Sue Ellen Ostrom and I moved to Valley View Road last fall.

I read in the newspaper that the Town is looking for additional members for its parks commission. I would be interested in serving on the commission. I've had similar experience in serving on Dane County's Lakes & Watershed Commission (6 years) and the Lake Waubesa Conservation Authority (~10 years).

What do I need to do to pursue this?

New Glarus FFA Alumni Hoesly Pond Project 8/1/11

Our Vision at this time is a community park that people could enjoy a pond, fishing and the general beauty of the area. We envision a shelter with picnic table and benches and a stocked fishing pond.

The New Glarus FFA Alumni began the process for this project with discussions with the Village Board in 2008, with their approval we applied for the permits from the DNR and as of July 4, 2011 (Independence Day) we started the process of draining the pond for dredging. Draining then dredging is the first steps in bringing the spring fed pond back to life.

This proposal was put together with the information available at this time on where the Pond Project is going. We realize that actual costs may vary and project needs and obstacles may occur, but this is what we believe to be our needs at this time. The items on the list are our wish list for this project over time; we realize that this is dependent on permits and funding. We believe we have the support of the community and are hoping that people and businesses will assist us in making this project a reality. We have our own fundraising opportunities but will also be looking for assistance from others.

Thank You for any help that you can provide. Any questions please feel free to contact:

Bret Hoesly-608-214-1546

New Glarus FFA Alumni President

Dan Ziegler-608-235-8455

New Glarus High School Agriculture Instructor

New Glarus FFA Alumni Secretary

Ed Wettach-608-558-5835

New Glarus FFA Alumni Member

New Glarus FFA Alumni

Proposed Budget—8/1/11

Draining of Pond-----	\$2,000
Dredging-----	\$7,000
Culvert-----	\$2,600
Culvert end that has flow control-----	\$1,000
RipRap for Pond-----	\$5,000
RipRap for north end marsh protection-----	\$7,000
Windmill Aerator-----	\$2,000
Hauling Dirt away-----	\$4,000
Landscaping-----	\$5,000
Fencing-----	\$1,500
Shelter-----	\$8,000
Picnic tables/Benches-----	\$3,000
Donor Recognition plaque/sign/Bricks/?????-----	\$????

Total estimate as of 8/1/11-----\$48,100

Actual Expenses/estimates as of 11/1/11

Draining of Pond-----	\$2,410.80
Dredging-----	\$11,718.50
Culvert-----	\$1136.80
Culvert end that has flow control-----	\$1145.60
RipRap for Pond-----	\$3609.75
RipRap for north end marsh protection-----	\$7,000
Windmill Aerator-----	\$2,000
Hauling Dirt away-----	\$4,000
Landscaping-----	\$5,000
Fencing-----	\$1,500
Shelter-----	\$8,000
Picnic tables/Benches-----	\$3,000
Donor Recognition plaque/sign/Bricks/?????-----	\$????

Total/estimate as of 10/17/11-----\$50521.45



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Valid Until: 12/30/2017
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Prepared For:

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-Jeff L., Sandy Creek, NY

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We love our dock blocks boat lift! It rode out the hurricane with NO problems and currently is home to our 17 Montauk Whaler. Thinking about adding a second one in the spring!

-F. Hassell, Folly Beach, SC

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ALL NECESSARY MATERIALS INCLUDED

FULL FLOATERS



HALF FLOATERS



TOOL KIT



CONNECTING PINS



STRENGTHENING BARS



NUTS



BOLTS



PLUGS



ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE

KAYAK RACK +
KAYAK HANDRAILS



\$720 + \$450

HANDRAILS



\$30

CLEATS



\$50

REVERSE
WINCH



\$850

SWIM LADDER



\$625



**Dimensions: x
0 Square Foot Dock**

Price per block includes all necessary connecting pins, strengthening bars, nuts & bolts. Accessories Sold Separately.

Product Details	Qty	Sale Price	Total
Full Floaters Grey (DB-002)	144	\$85.00	\$12,240.00
Assembly Tools (DB-022)	1	\$150.00	\$150.00
Assembly tools			
Freight	1	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Hand Rails (DB-021)	30	\$30.00	\$900.00
		Sub Total:	\$14,890.00
		Tax:	\$0.00
		Grand Total:	\$14,890.00

60 Day Money Back Guarantee

If the customer is not 100% satisfied with their order, the order may be returned at their expense. Pictures verifying the dock was assembled and a detailed description of the problem must be provided to DBNA to qualify. The docking system cannot have been used for any commercial purpose or special events. This is not a loaner program and will not qualify as such. Once the dock has been inspected and all undamaged parts have been returned, a check will be issued within 30 days or less for all returned undamaged components. This limited-time promotional offer is not a modification of the DBNA warranty.

Drawing of your Dock

See a draft drawing of what your dock could look like in the supplement to this proposal. Drawings are rough estimates of how your dock could look but are not part of this proposal. Final assembly is made at the discretion of the customer.

SC Carolina Residents are subject to SC Sales Tax.

Customers located out-of-state are responsible for paying their state's tax requirements. Please consult your local taxing authority for more information.

Confirming Your Order

To place your order; call, text, or email me the proceeding sales agreement. 50% deposit is due to lock in pricing. Pricing is subject to change upon expiration of this quote. Full payment is due before delivery is booked.

Sales Agreement

Dock Blocks of North America, LLC (DBNA) is the licensed manufacturer and authorized distributor of the Dock Blocks by Pier Plas product line. This contract is entered into between DBNA and the customer below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Purchase amount: _____

The customer agrees to the terms and conditions of the sale included in the proposal as well as the following:

- DBNA is not liable for any misuse of the product or injury that may occur due to the negligence or intentional misuse of purchaser, an invitee, or other individuals or entities not a party to this contract.
- DBNA is not responsible for maintenance of your product or permitting requirements.
- DBNA does not install and is not liable for installation.
- DBNA is not responsible for collecting or remitting sales tax on this sale unless delivery or pick-up takes place in South Carolina. Please be advised, you may be responsible for remitting use tax if you are the end-user of this product. Please consult with your tax advisor on compliance with the regulations required by the taxing authorities within your jurisdiction(s)."
- DBNA is not responsible for inaccuracies in measurements of docking system or boat specifications. Blocks may conform to the shape of heavier boats in places where additional weight is added.

Signed

Date

Please return to: Dock Blocks of North America, LLC 2851 Industrial Ave. North Charleston, SC 29405
1-877-478-8440 Phone
(206) 888-4007 Fax
sales@dock-blocks.com

LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY AND LIMITED LIABILITY

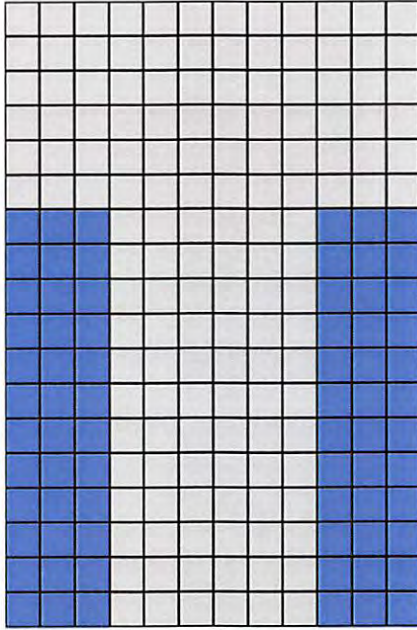
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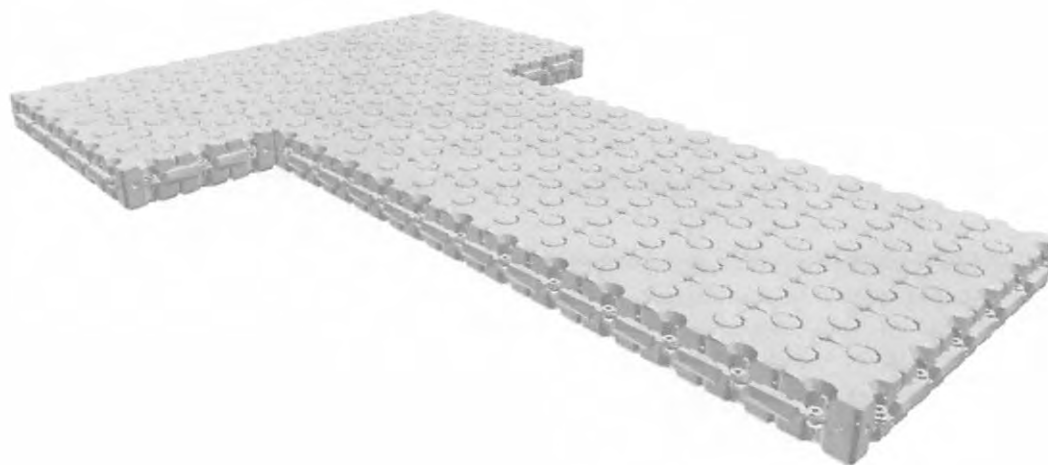
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Dock Dimensions			
	Width	Length	Area
Feet	20.00	30.00	400.00
Blocks	12	18	144

Dock Parts				
	Amount	Part Price	Price per Part	Total Price
Full Floaters	144	115.00	16560.00	16560.00
Half Floaters	0	115.00	0.00	
Strengthening Bars	52	0.00	0.00	
Bow Guides	0	0.00	0.00	
Full Pins	258	0.00	0.00	
Half Pins	0	0.00	0.00	
Nuts and Bolts	60	0.00	0.00	
Plugs	144	0.00	0.00	

Dock Accessories				
	Amount	Part Price	Price per Part	Total Price
Handrails	30	30.00	900.00	900.00
Cleats	0	50.00	0.00	
Swim Ladders	0	625.00	0.00	
Kayak Rails	0	300.00	0.00	
Kayak Racks	0	725.00	0.00	
Reverse Winches	0	850.00	0.00	
Boat Boosts	0	2950.00	0.00	
Beams	0	250.00	0.00	
Decking (sqft)	0	35.00	0.00	

Grand Total	17460.00
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New Glarus

Presented By

Commercial Recreation Specialist

and



SITE PLAN

ADA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINE - ADAAG CONFORMANCE

ELEVATED	ACCESSIBLE	RAMP	ACCESSIBLE	GROUND	TYPES
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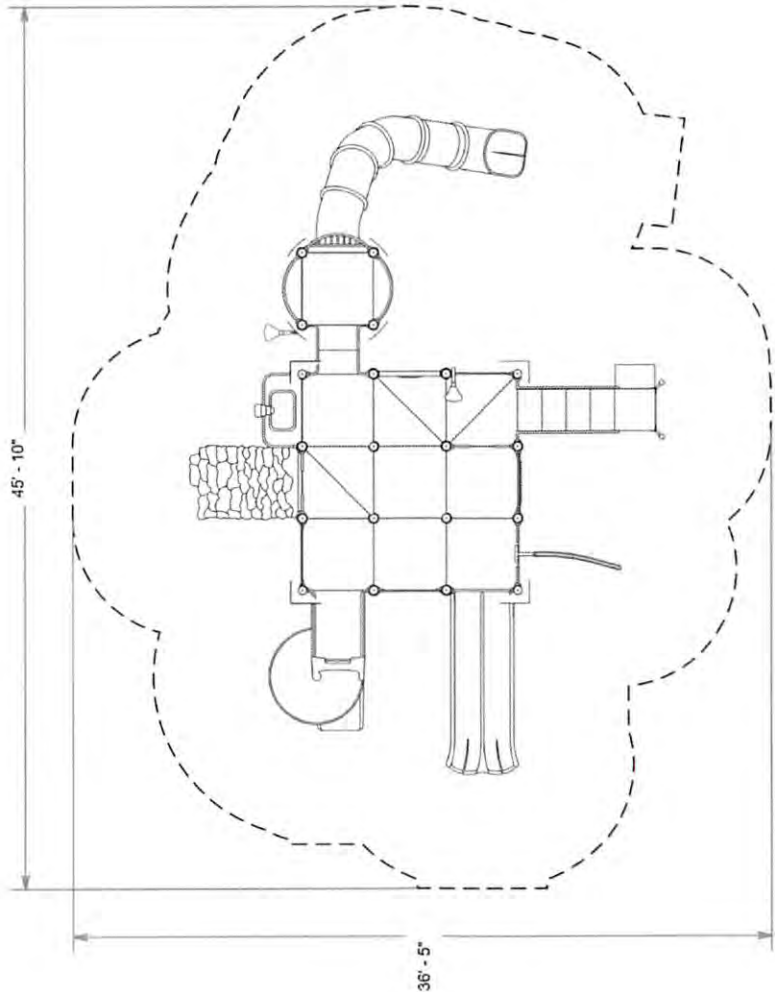
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GENERAL NOTES:

This Preliminary Site Plan is based on measurements that were provided in the initial planning phase. All dimensions must be verified prior to the submission of a purchase order. Playcraft Systems will not be held responsible for any discrepancies between actual dimensions and dimensions submitted in the planning phase.

The Minimum Use Zone for a play structure is based on the product design at the time of proposal. Components and structure designs may be subject to change which may affect dimensions. Therefore, before preparing the site, we strongly recommend obtaining final drawings from the factory (available after the order is placed and included in the Assembly Manual).

WARNING: Accessible safety surfacing material is required beneath and around this equipment that has a critical height value (fall Height) appropriate for the highest accessible part of this equipment. Refer to the CPSCS Handbook For Public Playground Safety, Section 4: Surfacing.



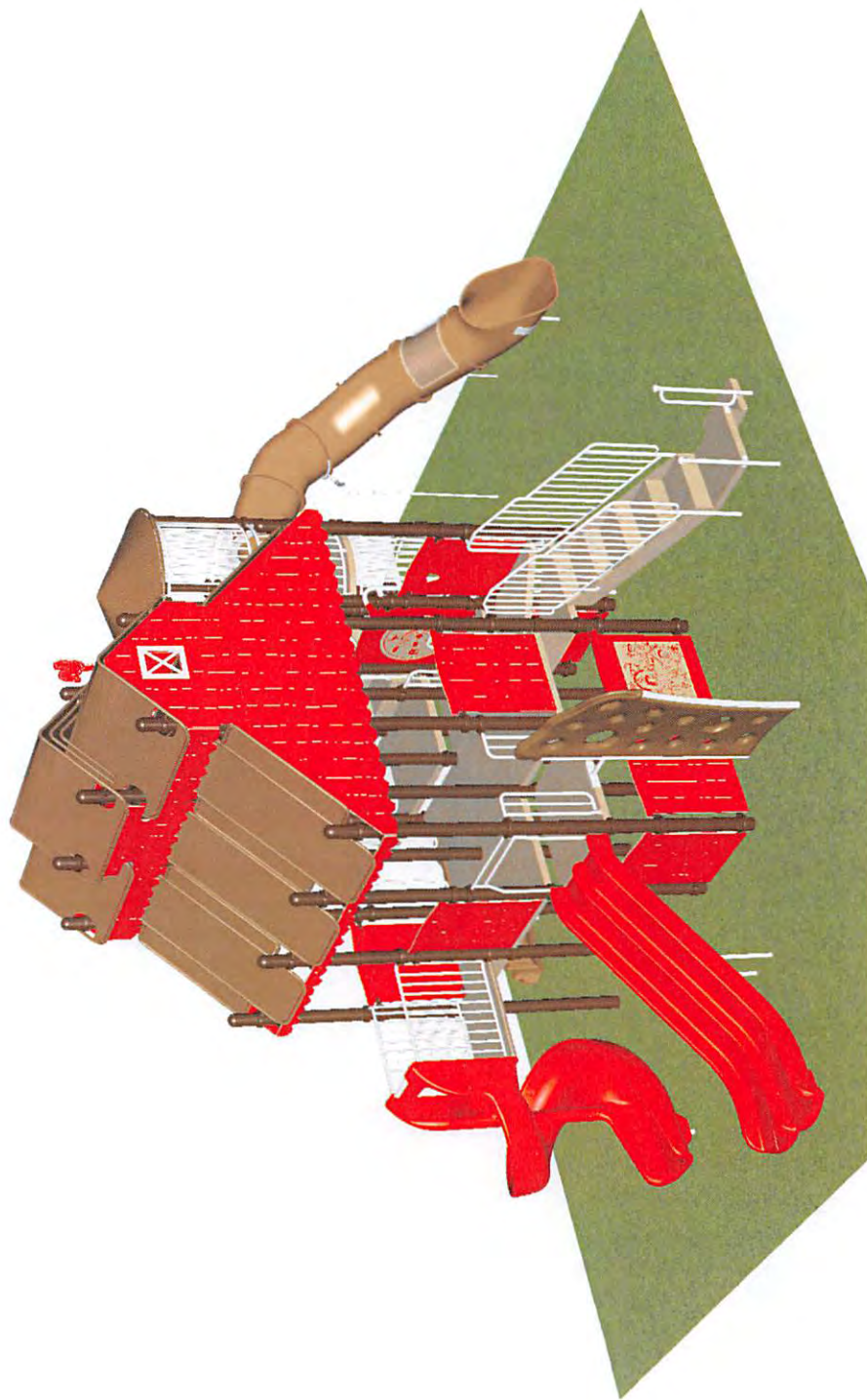
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MIN. USE ZONE: 46' x 37'

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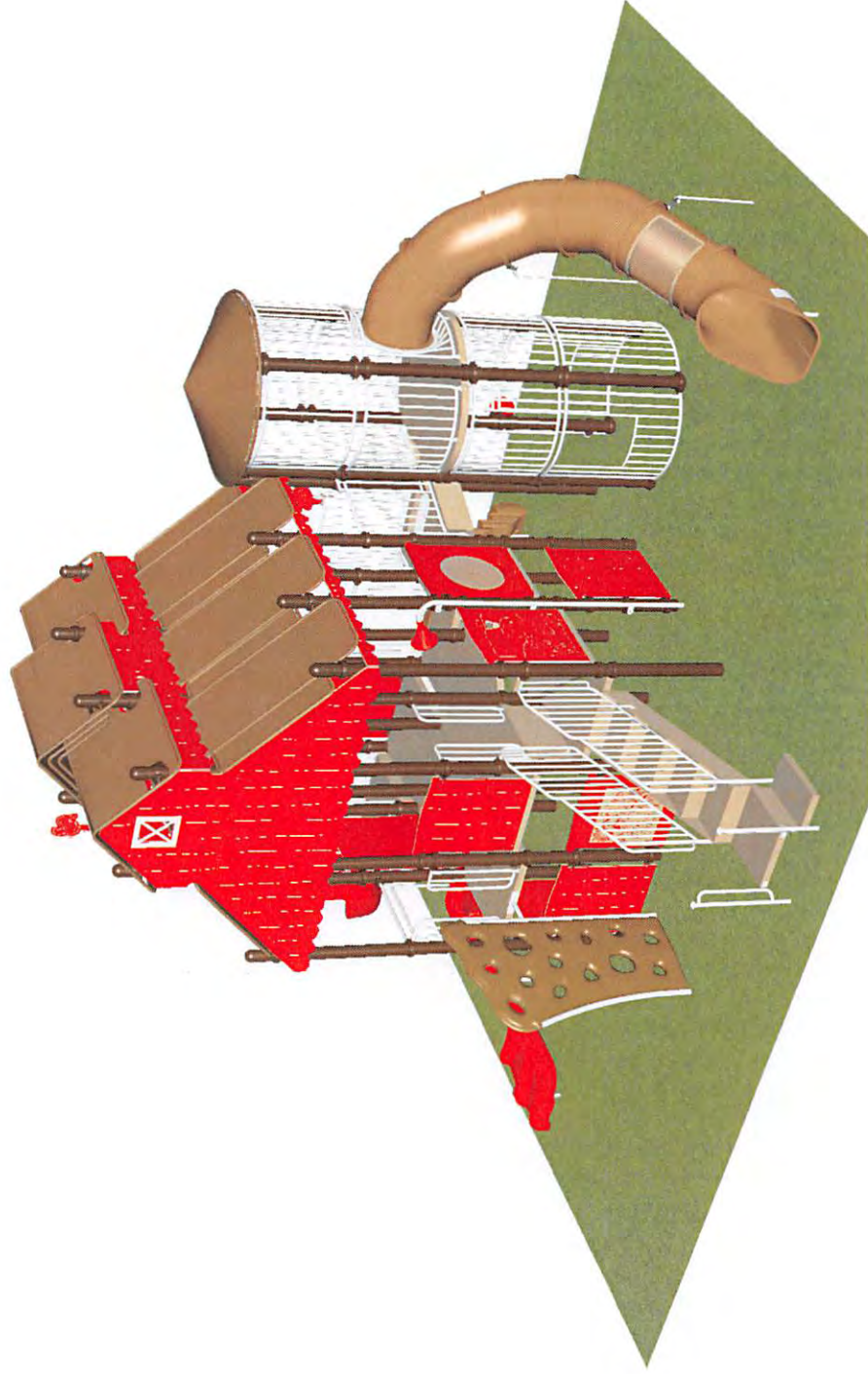
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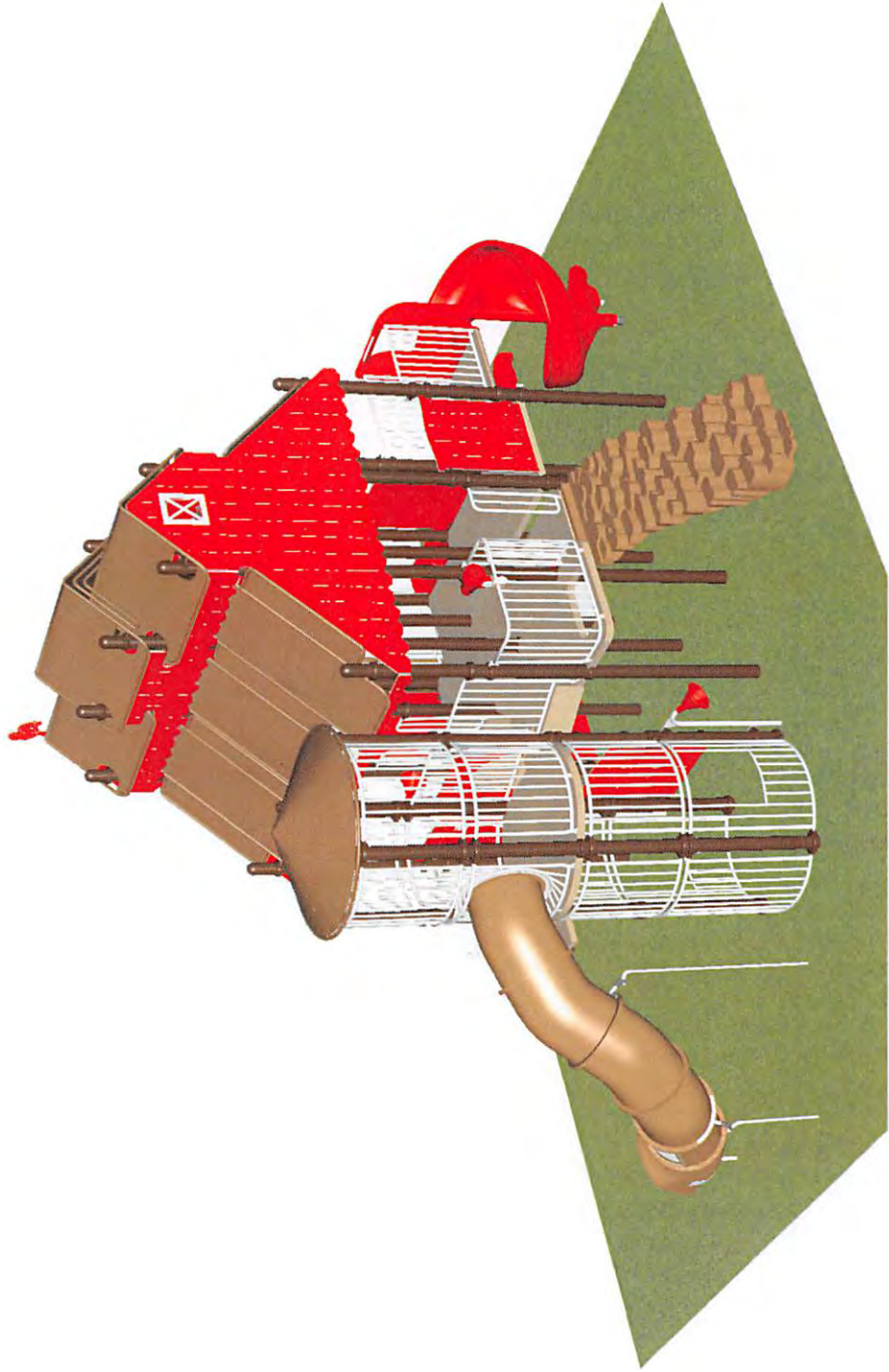
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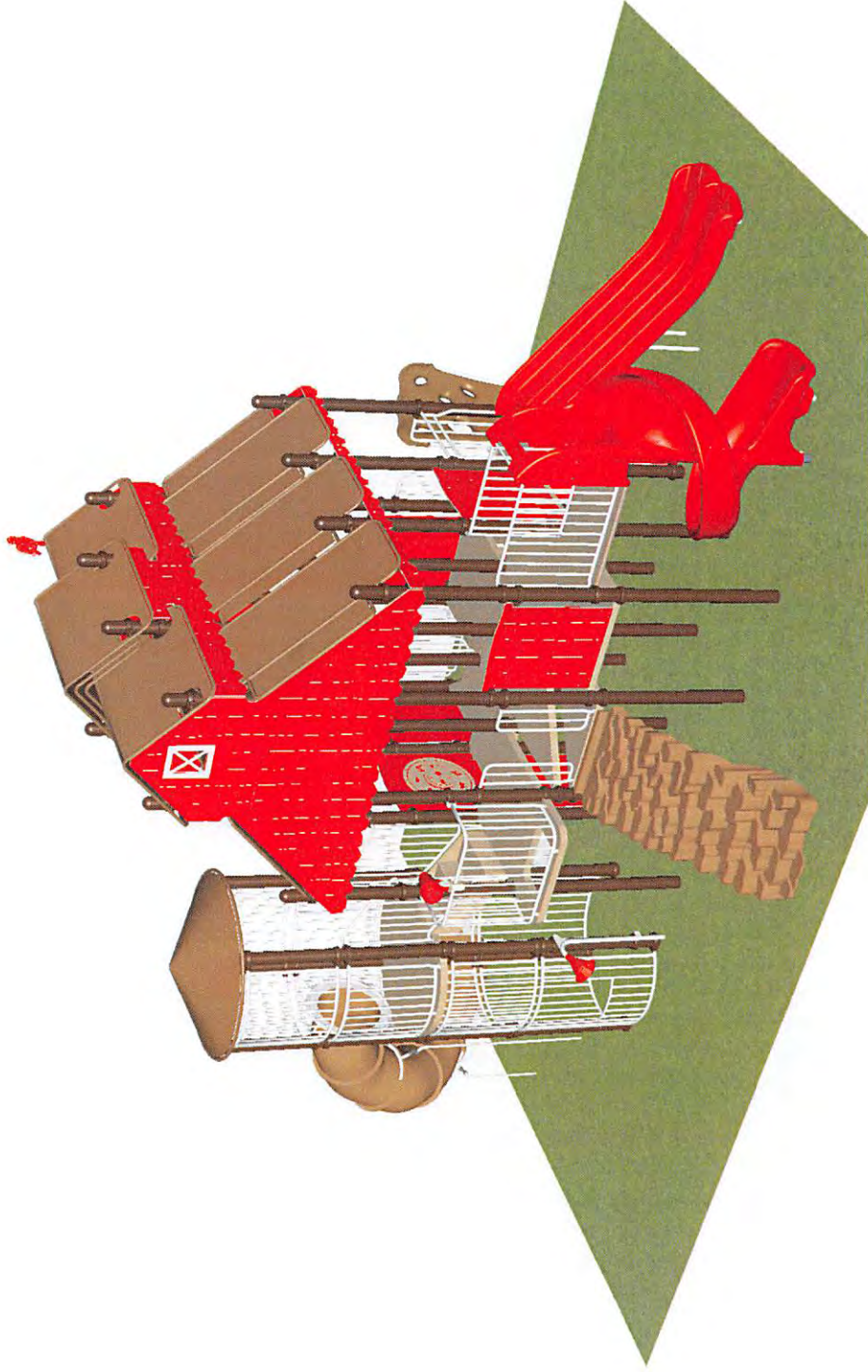
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January 23, 2019

TO: Potential Grant Applicants –
• Stewardship Local Assistance grants
• Land & Water Conservation Fund grants
• Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants

FROM: Cheryl Housley, Community Services Specialist – South Central Region

SUBJECT: Grant Applications must be postmarked May 1, 2019

The Department of Natural Resources is pleased to inform you that application materials for Stewardship Local Assistance, Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), and Recreational Trails grants are available on the DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stewardship/grants/applylug.html> (see application tab). The application materials are combined again this year for all three programs.

Applications must be postmarked or dropped-off no later than May 1 to be considered for funding. PLEASE clear cached data/history on your internet browser, or these new forms will not display accurately.

The following sections are somewhat different from previous years and are fillable forms:

- Section 1 & 2 (Project Information & Background): <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/forms/8700/8700-191.pdf>
- Stewardship, LWCF & Rec. Trails ranking questions (see guidance doc. pgs. 16-29 & answer template)

Guidance with ranking questions:

https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stewardship/documents/2019_FY20_StewLUGRTALWCFAppBook_DIST.pdf

Answer Template: <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/forms/8700/8700-338.pdf>

We encourage you to obtain the application materials from our website. A limited number of paper copies are available from our office. Again this year, we ask that you submit both paper and electronic copy (CD or flash drive) of the completed application. Please provide each document as a separate electronic file, rather than one large electronic file (such as a scanned PDF of the entire application).

State Stewardship and Federal LWCF Applications. FY20 Stewardship is pending a new biennial budget year, however we anticipate that local assistance funding level will remain at \$6 million. The Federal LWCF grant funding level is unknown at this time due to the ongoing federal budget process, but applications for this program will be accepted anticipating funds will be delegated National Park Service to Wisconsin. Successful projects may be reimbursed for up to 50% of the eligible total costs. If your community is planning to acquire recreational land, develop outdoor recreation facilities, or update existing facilities to ensure accessibility, an application form is available at the above link. The application covers the state Stewardship subprograms of Acquisition and Development of Local Parks, Urban Rivers, and Urban Green Space as well as the federal LWCF grants.

If your community has a LWCF-only eligible project, i.e. active recreation such as new or renovated ballfields, splash pads, tennis courts, etc. Please prepare a LWCF-only unique application for these types of projects.

Federal Recreational Trails Applications. Recreational Trails funding will be available again this year. At this time, the funding allocation is also unknown due the ongoing federal budget process. Successful projects may be reimbursed for up to 50% of the eligible total costs. **This year, there is a maximum grant award amount of \$45,000 per project.** This program can be used as a funding match for projects in the Stewardship Program as well as the Snowmobile, ATV and UTV programs; however, separate applications must be submitted for Snowmobile and ATV grants.

A prerequisite for applying for state Stewardship or Federal LWCF grant funds is to have a current (within the last 5 years), local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan that has been adopted by your unit of government and submitted to DNR for eligibility approval. Your plan must include a specific reference to the project(s) for which you will be seeking grant assistance. If you plan to apply for grant assistance in 2019 but do not have current eligibility or are uncertain of your eligibility, please contact us to review your outdoor recreation planning needs and status as soon as possible.

If you intend to apply for grant assistance to acquire land or an easement, please contact us as soon as possible. Acquisition projects take more time to implement because appraisal and land and easement acquisition requirements must be met for your project to be eligible for grant assistance.

If your park development project involves both passive and active recreation items, you must submit two cost-estimate worksheets: one for the passive, “nature-based” Stewardship-eligible amenities and a separate one for active LWCF-eligible recreation items.

As you may be aware, **all land acquisition project applications** must now be reviewed to determine if the project will provide public access for “nature based outdoor activities” (NBOA, defined as hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, and cross-country skiing). One or more of the NBOA activities may be prohibited or restricted **only** if necessary to protect public safety or to protect unique plant and animal communities. Because of this policy, if you are planning on submitting an application for land acquisition **it is very important that you contact us as soon as possible.**

Public demand for outdoor recreation and preservation of natural resource areas continues to grow. We encourage you to consider applying for matching grant assistance in 2019 and look forward to our ongoing partnership to provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities in Wisconsin. This may be a great opportunity for you to address a local priority outdoor recreation need at a reduced cost to your residents.

Please Remember: **This year’s application deadline postmark deadline is Wednesday, May 1, 2019.** If you have questions or need assistance, do not hesitate to contact us before the postmark deadline about potential grant projects at:

Phone number: (608)275-3218

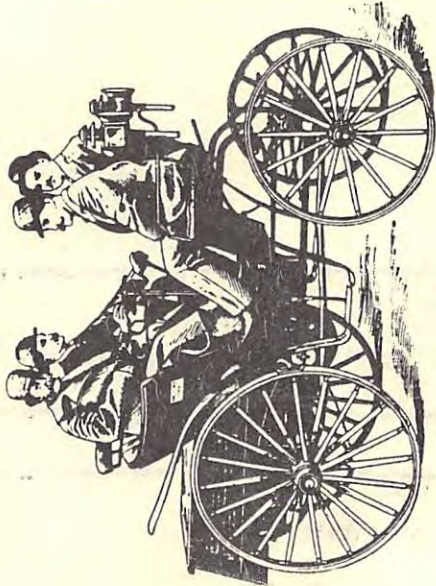
E-mail: cheryl.housley@wisconsin.gov

If you are interested in other available grant programs administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, please access our Community Financial Assistance web site at <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/>. We look forward to hearing from you and continuing the terrific accomplishments we’ve made together in conservation and outdoor recreation!

NOTE: **Mail your completed application to:**

**Cheryl Housley
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
3911 Fish Hatchery Rd
Fitchburg, WI 53711**

NEW GLARUS OCTOBERFEST FALL COLOR-BARN-HISTORY SELF GUIDED AUTO TOUR



This trip is 30 miles long and takes 2-3 hours depending on how many stops you make. Plan on spending 30 minutes each at Prima Kase, Postville Blacksmith Shop and 15 minutes at Greens Prairie Cemetery. Prima Kase hours are Saturday 9-3 and 10-2 Sunday. Postville Blacksmith shop will be open from 9-12 and 1-4 both days. No state park sticker is required at the New Glarus Woods State Park. The mileage at the end of each stop on the tour is the distance from the previous stop. This tour begins and ends at the New Glarus Information Booth. The barns are not open to the public. Please remain within the road right-of-way when stopping.

#1-OLD LEAD TRAIL MARKER, HWY 69 New Glarus Woods State Park. 2 Mi.

#2-STAUFFACHER FARM-N7422 HWY 69. The barn nearest the road is a three story barn which enabled the farmer to drive into the top story to unload corn Etc. to feed the hogs housed on the ground floor. A visionary idea for its time. .5 Mi.

#3-VOEGELI FARM-N7190 HWY 69. This farm celebrated its 100th Anniversary as a Brown Swiss farm this past Tuesday. This barn along with the previous barn were featured in Jerry Apps Barns of Wisconsin. The barn was built by the Rolph Bros., Monticello using 56 foot long single piece beams brought in from the west coast. The pasture in the foreground was the site of the first Swiss cheese factory in Green County. .5 Mi.

#4-FREITAG ESTATE FARMS N7049-53, HWY 69. The barns on both sides of the road utilize louvers in barn walls to help cure the hay and ventilate the barn. The white house was used by the hired man and the owners lived in the larger red brick home. .5 Mi.

#5 PRIMA KASE CHEESE-W6117 CTY HWY C. This four corners was typical of rural Wisconsin in the 1940's-50's when small rural businesses served a much larger farm population. The far end of the green home near the garage served as a country store.

Washington Mill, Implement and Town Hall still serve neighboring farmers. On rainy days farmers would gather at the implement or mill to discuss crops and issues of the day. 4.9 Mi.
#6-HEFTY-BLUM HOMESTEAD FARM-W6303 HEFTY RD. This farm has been in the Hefty-Blum family since 1848 the same year Wisconsin gained statehood. The stone barn was built in 1861 and is still used today. The stone silo was destroyed in the early 1950's. 2.4 Mi.

#7-LIMBURGER CHEESE MONUMENT-W6355 MEADOW VALLEY RD. This is the site of the first limburger cheese factory in the United States. Please read the inscription on the plaque. Today only one factory, Chalet Cheese Coop. located eight miles south is the only factory in the U.S. still producing limburger cheese. 1.4 Mi.

#8-DON ELMER BARN-W6408 HWY H. This barn is typical of the Pennsylvania Dutch hillside barns also favored by the Swiss. This barn is featured in, Barns of Wisconsin, available at Simple Gifts Gallery. 2.9 Mi.

#9-W6604 HWY H. The native limestone building built into the hillside was used for a cheese storage building for a number of years. It's built of native limestone. .9 Mi.

#10 POSTVILLE BLACKSMITH SHOP-N8126 POSTVILLE ROAD. Owner Bob Bergman purchased the building and equipment in the late 60's. Bergman, who had no experience in blacksmithing began with only a book on blacksmithing. Today he enjoys a nationwide reputation for his iron work. Open 9-12, 1-4 Saturday and Sunday. 3.8 Mi.

#11-GREENS PRAIRIE CEMETERY, POSTVILLE ROAD. This cemetery once contained the grave of one of the LaFollette family, the premier political family of Wisconsin at the turn of the century. The last burial was in the early decades of this century when an unknown transient was buried here. Within the cemetery you will see many varieties of plants native to the 5,000 acres of prairie which once existed here. Tours of the prairie will be held from 12-3, Sat. check tourist information booth for Sunday hours. .7 Mi.

Return to New Glarus, 8 miles

MONTICELLO

HWY 39

CTV C

#5

CTV N

#4

HEFTY RD

#3

#6

DISCH RD

CTV J

#2

MEADOW VALLEY RD

#7

CTV NN #1

HWY 69

CTV II

#8

#9

#10 #11

CTV II

POSTVILLE RD.

CTV A

NEW GLARUS

TO NEW GLARUS

HWY 39



Workshop Planning Checklist

PRE-GAME: WORKSHOP TIMELINE

8 weeks

- Select the Theme/Topic
- Select the preferred date, time, and location
- Contact Speakers confirm date & availability (_____)
- Gather Pictures and Bio of Speakers (_____)

7 weeks

- Set the budget
- Choose the venue
- Create the guest list
- Create invitations & get quote from Postal Connections (_____)
- Create Facebook Post (_____)
- Create Website Post (_____)
- Create Eventbrite Event for Registration (_____)

6 weeks

- Finalize the guest list
- Reserve the location & discuss any special arrangements: parking, seating, audio/visual equipment, menu (_____)
- Start planning your opening & closing remarks (_____)

5 weeks

- Mail invitations (include directions & parking instructions); ask for a 2-week RSVP (_____)
- Email board and committee members invitation (_____)

4 weeks

- Check-in with Speakers - Is everything coming along ok? Are there any special needs? (_____)

3 weeks

- Begin follow-up calls or emails to invitees who haven't responded (_____)

2 weeks

- Confirm all arrangements with the venue (food, seating, parking, special equipment) (_____)

1 week

- Post reminder on Social Media and Website
- Ensure you have all the material you need for that day: handouts, business cards, name tags, sign-in sheet and thank-you gifts/honorariums (_____)

DAY OF THE EVENT

- Arrive at least an hour early to set up and familiarize yourself with the venue. (_____)
- Greet everyone as they arrive; name tag and sign-in (_____)

POST-GAME: FOLLOW-UP

After the event

- Send a personalized thank-you note to Speaker (_____)
- Review/Critique Event
- Send Event Re-cap to Post Messenger

Shopping List

1-3 Days before event

- Snacks
- Plates, utensils, etc.
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2019 1st Place Photograph by Noah Dalsing

2020 PHOTO CONTEST

SHADOWS OF THE PAST

2020 Town of New Glarus Parks Commission Photo Contest

The Town of New Glarus Parks Commission is excited to announce this year's photo contest "Shadows of the Past"

Deadline to turn in a digital file and printed 8" x 10" photo is May 4, 2020. Submissions can be dropped off at the Town of New Glarus anytime between now and May 4, 2020.

- Details on Back -

**Help Bring Farm
Life in Green
County into Focus!**

Great Prizes!

Students 6th-12th

1st Prize \$200

2nd Prize \$100

3rd Prize \$50

Adults

One Prize \$300

**Entries Due
by May 4,
2020!**

TOWN OF NEW GLARUS

26 5th Avenue – PO Box 448
New Glarus, WI 53574

608/527-2390

<http://townofnewglarus.com>

July 1, 2019 - May 4, 2020

TOWN OF NEW GLARUS PARKS COMMISSION

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

- Amateurs only. No professional photographers may enter – your photo is not eligible if you've ever been paid for a photo. (*Previous Town of New Glarus photo contest winners do not count as professional photographers.*)
- One Entry per person
- Pictures will be judged according to two age groups: Children in grades 6-12 and adults.
- Photos must be labeled on the back with the photographer's name, age, and contact information, and the **address or fire number of the property**.
- Photographs must have been taken within the last 12 months.
- Photos must be of farmers, animals, antique machinery or buildings located in Green County.
- Photos must be 300 DPI or larger and/or be able to be printed in clear 11" x 14" format.

Additional Notes:

- We'd suggest that the structures have a historical aspect to them.
- Natural is better, but editing is allowed.
- Students: First prize \$200, second \$100 third \$50. Adults \$300.

Deadline to turn in a digital file and printed 8x10 photo is May 4, 2020.

New Glarus High School Art Teacher, Alison Winters Hanson will be collecting entries at the High School. (You can also turn in photos and files to the Town of New Glarus any time prior to this date.)

The Town of New Glarus reserves the right to retain and use original photos.

All entries will be featured on a collage used by the Town.



**“Free Birdhouse Building Workshop”
Saturday – November 11, 2017
1-3 pm**

Sponsored by: Town of New Glarus Parks Commission
Location: New Glarus Town Garage
200 Railroad Street (next to the old lumber shop)

Guest Speaker

Kim Tschudy, Former Co-Chair Green County Bluebird Restoration Project

Federal Refrigeration of Belleville donated all the lumber needed to make these kits. In keeping with the Town of New Glarus’ environmental stewardship, all materials except the nails are recycled and the wood has been carefully cut to minimize waste. Space and materials are limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Please bring a hammer.



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Resilience Frames Prairie Management & (Should) Manage Expectations

By Jim Rogala

Those of us who were at this year’s TPE conference in Menomonie were introduced to resilience during the keynote address. As a review, resilience is simply the ease at which a disturbance can move a system from one state to another. For us prairie enthusiasts looking to apply these concepts to prairie management, disturbances might be such things as fires or intense woody species removal through herbicide use or grazing by goats. General states might include functioning prairies/savannas, degraded prairies/savannas, and reconstructed prairies, fallow fields or cropland.

Note that resilience is not a judgment on quality, but rather just the ability to be changed from one state to another.

As most of us know all too well, shifting from some of these states to another can be difficult, and thus, those states are considered resilient. Note that resilience is not a judgment on quality, but rather just the ability to be changed from one state to another. Also, the shift from one state to another can be rapid (such as plowing a prairie to convert to cropland) or slow (such as absence of disturbance leads to a degraded prairie.)

Furthermore, a state can change somewhat without moving to a new state.

Let’s apply the principles of resilience to restoring degraded prairies/savannas. Unfortunately, degraded systems are often resilient! The degraded state of a prairie/savanna could be a result of changes in fire frequency, grazing (too much or too little), climate or other drivers, or combinations of these. Reversing one or more of these drivers does NOT rapidly convert a degraded remnant back to a fully functioning remnant.

Degraded systems usually become degraded through a slow process, and one might expect a shift back to a functioning prairie/savanna state might also be a slow process. A degraded prairie is often degraded because of invading woody species. Using the example of prescribed burning as the disturbance, a fire will not rapidly kill all the woody growth and cause a shift from a degraded state back to

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Our Mission

The Prairie Enthusiasts seek to ensure the perpetuation and recovery of prairie, oak savanna, and other associated ecosystems of the Upper Midwest through protection, management, restoration, and education. In doing so, we strive to work openly and cooperatively with private landowners and other private and public conservation groups.

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Seeking Smart People & Smart Phone Photographers

Chris Kirkpatrick, Executive Director

This summer marks my seventh year with TPE and completes our 50th land protection project. One of the special responsibilities that comes along with completing all these projects is the care we give these sites by burning, brushing and planting more prairies and savannas. Now that TPE is accredited, one additional activity we must do is complete an annual visit to all our conservation easements and fee-owned properties to complete a monitoring report. We now need volunteers to help with the monitoring.

Besides documenting the results of our management, and protecting the land use on the conservation easements, doing these visits gives us a chance to see firsthand the amazing places TPE's chapters have protected throughout the years. Most of these visits are done in the late fall, and consist of walking the property boundaries and taking landscape photos at certain points and corners. Once done with the visit, a written report with photos and a corresponding map are kept on file.

Last year, TPE invested in a software platform called Landscape (www.landconservationsoftware.com), owned by Caleb Pourchot of Madison, Wis., who created the software program while working for Groundswell Conservancy. This new cloud-based software enables monitors to use a smartphone to take pictures, use the GPS to mark its location, and load everything into the software program on line. Things have come a long way since I was taking 35mm film photos for the first conservation easement baseline back in 2003. Now I can walk the property with my cell phone, take the pictures and fill the report out with my computer back at my desk, and save it all electronically.

In 2018, TPE added seven new sites that will need to be monitored this fall. We have had a dedicated but small group of conservation easement monitors for the past several years, and most of our site stewards also have completed an annual monitoring report. With our growing land protection program, we need to find additional volunteers to help.

I'll be hosting an on-line **Property Monitoring Training Program at 7 p.m. Sept. 18**, with the goal of training new volunteers to help TPE and its chapters continue to monitor our protected lands. If you enjoy taking hikes on TPE's sites, can navigate a property using a map, and are interested in using the technology of your smartphone to help TPE in carry out its mission, please consider an RSVP to TPE's Property Monitoring Training. You can reach me at 608-638-1873 or executivedirector@theprairieenthusiasts.org, and I can help get you out on the prairie!



President's Message – Private Landowners and TPE

Scott Fulton, President

One of the strategic initiatives we have been working for some time is how to better serve TPE members who are private landowners with their own remnants or restoration projects. These members are often among our most passionate and knowledgeable, and certainly contribute a great deal to our mission and organization. However, we have been hearing from many of them that they sometimes do not feel very well-served by TPE. Much of the focus of most of our chapters is volunteer-based land management, either on TPE-owned preserves or public lands such as state natural areas. Landowners feeling overwhelmed by the amount of brush cutting, invasive removal and other management tasks on their own property are certainly not going to have the energy to be an active volunteer with the local chapter.

Part of our organizational response to this challenge has been to form an ad hoc committee to try to better understand the needs of our landowner members. Last year, this committee ran a survey on this subject that received over 100 responses, the results of which were nicely summarized by Jim Rogala in the November 2018 *Prairie Promoter*. Executive Director Chris Kirkpatrick and I have had many direct conversations about needs with landowners over the past couple of years, including those who are active members and those who are not currently part of TPE. We have also had some very interesting recent conversations about this topic with people from other conservation organizations as well as land management professionals.

All this information gathering points to a very consistent set of needs, which include:

- Detailed, current information of all kinds on restoration ecology and best management practices
- Access to high quality professional services (a major issue in some parts of TPE's service area)
- Help with finding and applying for funding for restoration projects
- Assistance with land protection, including serving as the land trust for conservation easements
- Endowments for ongoing, long-term management
- Implementation of ongoing, long-term management (see my column in the February 2019 *Prairie Promoter* for some of the challenges associated with this)

It is very clear that there is a significant unmet need which is very much connected to TPE's overall mission and general capabilities. This represents a substantial opportunity for us to increase our impact. However, it is also very clear that while supporting private landowners is the focus for a few of our chapters, in general this is not a good fit for most of our chapters. The strategic question for us to consider is should we add capacity to be able to meet the needs of landowners (probably in the form of additional staff or partnerships) or stick to the volunteer/chapter-based model we have now?

Please let us know what you think (president@ThePrairieEnthusiasts.org).

Welcome New Members

Feb. 9 - May 31, 2019

Terry Baker
 LeAnna Bender
 Botanical Club of Wisconsin
 Cynthia Christensen
 Brian & Jill Cipra
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 Kussmaul
 Pat Clark
 Kevin Clinton
 Michelle Cochran
 Fred Cruse
 Donna Davis
 Mary Deja
 Ken Erickson

Lois Flis
 Larry Galer
 Helena Agri Enterprises
 Gudrun Jack
 Curt & Melissa Jacob
 Justin Kania
 Bill Kleiman
 gift membership from Tom &
 Jenny Mitchell
 Janice Krane
 Sheila Landsverk & Ron Hunt
 Asenath LaRue
 Lauren Loomis
 Mary Montag

Natural Land Institute
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 Christopher Noll
 Ariana Porcello
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 David Rollay
 Ben Sandee & Liz Jesse
 William Stein
 Dan Unruh
 Debbi Walters
 Andrew Williams
 Wisconsin Historical Society

a functioning prairie/savanna. In fact, short-term effects of reintroduction of fire might have some undesirable effects such as increased number of stems of clonal species and re-sprouts from most species.

We find similar slow results when applying a quick removal of woody species using herbicides or grazing on a degraded site. The rapid removal of the canopy results in invasions by some opportunistic species. We know these species all too well - sunflowers, brambles and short-lived species. It may take decades for these species to come back into some kind of balance with less aggressive species. Even removed shrubs and trees can return either through re-sprouting or from a well-established seed bank.

The stability of a state can be influenced by non-native species. These species don't play by the rules that were established as our prairie/savanna ecosystems were evolving, as insect and disease controls for these species are absent in their new environment. Non-natives therefore have an advantage when invading areas with disturbance. The fact that the invasive non-natives have become so ubiquitous across the landscape further makes a degraded system more resilient and our quality remnants less resilient.

Another consideration at the landscape scale is fragmentation. Fragmentation, the isolation of similar natural

communities, can't be ignored when considering the state of individual remnants. In terms of resilience, the isolation may have altered the state through the loss of healthy genetics or complete loss of some species. This idea leads to our cautious use of disturbance during management that may result in species loss that can't be undone easily given the lack of proximity of sources for the species potentially lost. Our remnants are less resilient due to this fragmentation.

So where does all of this leave us when considering the effects of management on degraded prairies? Prairie restorationists are probably more patient than the average person, but our expectations are probably still too high. Some might consider the solution to be a heavy dose of frequent fire, herbicides or grazing. However, quick results are unlikely given the resilience of degraded systems, and things may get worse before we finally shift a degraded system back to the state of a functioning prairie/savanna.

Hopefully the rudimentary discussion on resilience provided here serves to keep our minds open to this topic when considering our management practices. Be patient and expect frustrations as we undertake the challenge of altering an undesirable resilient state to a healthy prairie or savanna.

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Brodhead Group Putts Back the Prairie

By Rob Baller

A small confederacy of ecological friends in the Green County, Wis., area last year pulled together more than \$500,000 to purchase the former Decatur Lake Golf Course, a few miles north of Brodhead. The course was created in 1925. Sitting along the north, upstream shoreline of the "Decatur Lake" dam on the Sugar River, the project is hoped to become a "model for transforming former golf courses into thriving ecosystems."

Steve Apfelbaum, owner of Applied Ecological Services (AES), one of the projects drivers (pun intended), remarked the owner decided to sell Decatur because golfing in general is waning. Last year, according to Apfelbaum, 19 golf courses closed down in Wisconsin. Many of Chicago's 45,000 acres of courses, he said, are becoming financially underwater. These open spaces are coming up for grabs.

Apfelbaum and several others have formed the Southwest Wisconsin Land Conservancy to facilitate re-purposing the Decatur course. They named their project Three Waters Reserve. Included is the 57-acre front nine and a clubhouse. Across the road is the 93-acre back nine purchased by family farmers Bryce and Jan Riemer, who are using the land for grazing.

According to Apfelbaum, the project may ultimately include both parts of the course, plus other land amounting to 163 acres. It's possible a senior apartment could be built

where previously there were sheds and buildings. The clubhouse may be remodeled into a restaurant for weddings and guests seeking quality, eco-friendly surroundings and locally-produced foods. The former Pro shop, lower level, may become a science and educational facility. Collectively, the site may serve as a regional conservation center where people gather to discuss watershed science, regenerative or sustainable farming, and many other ecological and planning interests.

After purchase last year, the fairways were planted with sunflowers to absorb phosphorus and to signal to the public the site was no longer a golf course. Open grown oaks are returning to savanna. The wettest open



Decatur Lake / Sugar Creek Subwatershed on the Lower Sugar River

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spaces may be planted to wet prairie, and the uplands planted to mesic prairie. Former cart paths will become hiking trails open to the public.

According to Apfelbaum, Decatur and other golf courses so-retired are a big opportunity for conservation.

Bryce Riemer, who is good friends with Apfelbaum, purchased the back nine to raise hair sheep (smaller, for meat), chickens and egg layers, and cattle - their number one enterprise. Among the Riemers' goals is to demonstrate for other farmers that regenerating soil structure doesn't take forever if you keep land under constant plant cover. Benefits include carbon sequestration, return of birds and monarchs, as well as quality pasture for livestock. The Riemers often sell their products directly to markets in Madison, or through buyer's clubs via their website at www.Riemerfamilyfarm.com.



Many Rivers Partners with Educators

By Jim Vonderharr

Many Rivers Chapter has recently started partnerships with several educational entities.

We were contacted in the spring of 2017 by Amber Gremmels, a middle school science teacher in New Ulm, Minn. The New Ulm School District has two vacant residential lots next to it that were just being mowed. She envisioned converting one of them to a prairie, and making it a learning experience for students.

Gremmels was looking for help. Our chapter worked with her, and over that summer we coordinated the clearing (Roundup) of about $\frac{3}{4}$ of one of the lots. That fall, fellow chapter member Henry Panowitsch and I broadcast seeded the plot with a mix of grasses and forbs. As expected, 2018 produced a typical first-year prairie project – a not-so-beautiful prairie. There were signs of desired plants, however, and this spring (2019) we mowed it. We are anxious to see what comes up and mow again throughout the growing season.



In the outdoor classroom, Jim Vonderharr shows the students the importance of watering prairie plugs. (Photo by Jim Lynch)

We may add some seedlings or transplants.

To allay concerns that the lot was just a neglected “weed patch,” a sign was posted announcing our intended results.

In the fall of 2018, we were contacted by Matt Nelson, a high school science teacher in New Ulm. The school is relatively new (maybe 3 years old) and outside of his classroom is a space designed to be an “outdoor classroom.” Matt wants to make it a prairie education tool. It consists of sections, a couple covered with rock and benches, and several with wood chips.

Once again, Panowitsch and I, accompanied by Jim Lynch, ventured to New Ulm and visited with Nelson. The three of us made an impromptu presentation to his students, and we then discussed options for the project. This time we decided to use a majority of the area for plant identification, which meant buying established seedlings. Because of the cost associated with this plan, we contacted the New Ulm Chapter of the Izaak Walton League for assistance. They have funds from charitable gambling available for investment in their community. They enthusiastically volunteered to support the project and have contributed \$1,000.

We also hope to help Nelson develop and stock a library with prairie resource materials. Buoyed by enthusiasm for these two projects, we have recently joined a group at Minnesota (Mankato) State University (MSU) that is working on a teaching curriculum that will include prairie education. Julia Batten, a Mankato East High School teacher is a member of the MSU curriculum team. We are hoping for the prairie “bug” to infect Mankato schools soon.

Cryptic Insects & Other Mysteries

By MJ Hatfield

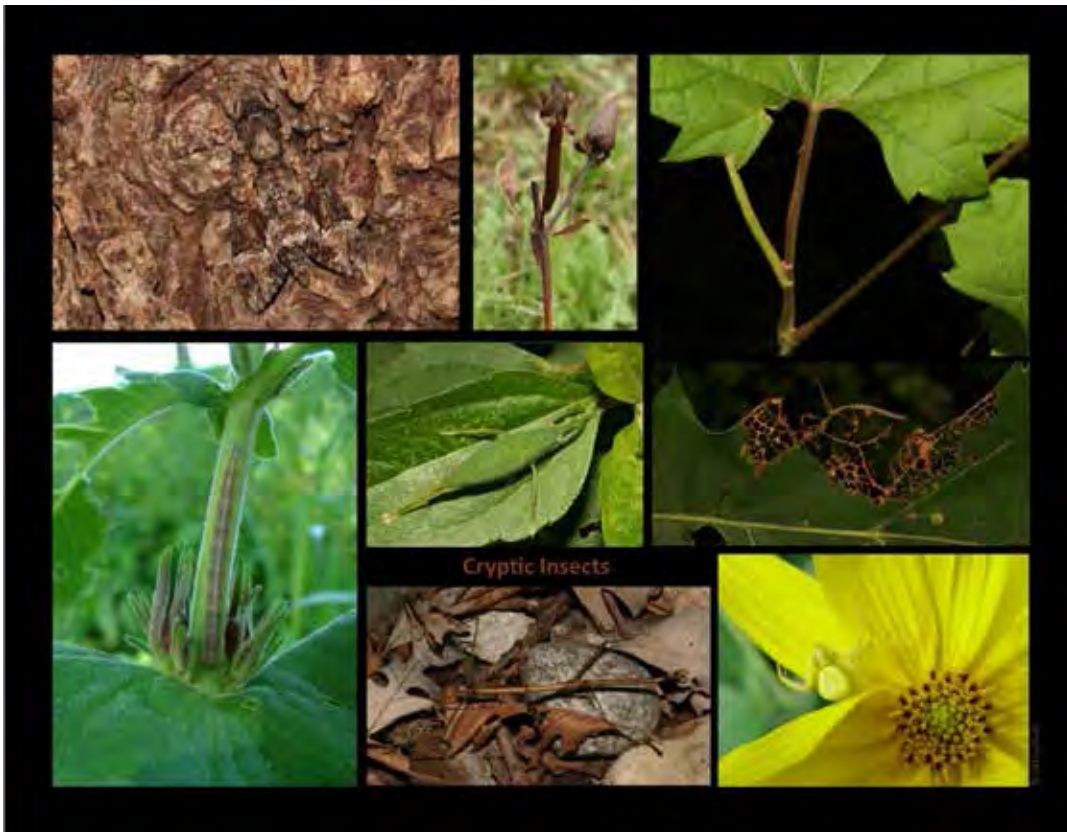
We may be most aware of pollinators, the insect visitors answering the come-on siren call of native and exotic flowers in need of pollen or nectar to ensure their survival. But what of the other insects, often hiding in plain sight, the herbivores voraciously chomping on flowers, leaves, stems and seeds, often host specific to a family, genus or even a species of plant? Do we notice them or signs of them?

This fall, occasionally walk slow and look close - even if there is work to be done. Discover herbivory you have probably previously seen but perhaps never noticed enough to wonder, who or what is doing that?

The on-line version of *The Prairie Promoter* has links to BugGuide with more information about each insect (or spider) in the collage.



Peering as eyes on last year's stiff goldenrod leaf are two galls of gall midges. We "see" where the midges lived and fed, and the leaf reacted by making the gall. (Photo by MJ Hatfield.)



- 1 Pink-spotted hawkmoth
 - 2 Gray half-spot
 - 3 Lesser grapevine looper
 - 4 *Sympistis forbesi*
(no common name)
 - 5 Common true katydid nymph
 - 6 Caterpillar, undetermined
 - 7 Northern walking stick
 - 8 Whitebanded crab spider
- (Photos by MJ Hatfield.)

'The Elemental Prairie' – Book Review

By Chuck Wemstrom

At a silent auction, I purchased “*The Elemental Prairie—Sixty Tallgrass Plants*,” with Watercolors by George Olson (2003) and an essay, “The Running Country” by John Madson (the essay is originally from *Audubon* magazine, 1972).

I bought it for the beautiful, full-page paintings of 60 of the most well-known prairie plants. Each painting is an absolutely beautiful work of art. I only wish the book were coffee table size, the bigger the better, the paintings are just wonderful.

Most people drive or walk by a prairie restoration or a prairie remnant and all they see are weeds. Olson sees the beauty in each individual plant; each one is unique.

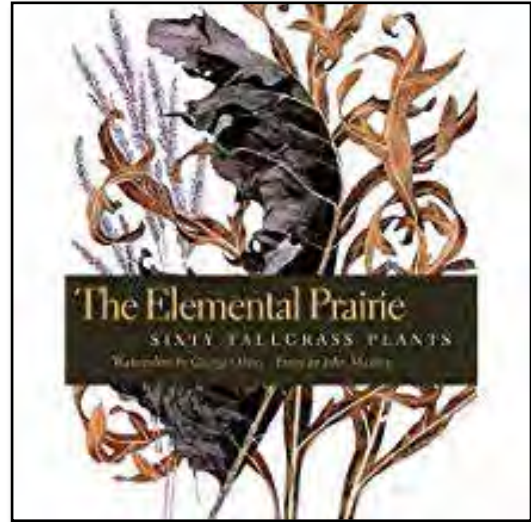
In the intro, he briefly (too briefly) describes his work. He gathers one or two species, takes them to his studio, “poses them,” does a preliminary drawing or two, perhaps does a small sketch and then experiments with paint. Working against time, he sketches his plant one more time and then creates “a finished work of art.”

He was a professor of art at the College of Wooster in Ohio for 37 years. When he studied native plants, he not only studied light and color, the elements of an artist, but he also learned from the “cumulative library of botanical associations, stories, literary references, practical uses, symbolism, and folklore.”

One of his favorite flowering plants is the purple coneflower. And one of his favorite images of the coneflower is a hand-colored engraving from the first volume of William Curtis’ *Botanical Magazine*, published in London in 1787. Like a good teacher, he can tell us all of this without sounding too esoteric.



Blue gentian drawing by Olson.



Book cover: *The Elemental Prairie—Sixty Tallgrass Plants*

The University of Iowa Press calls him “the father of the modern prairie restoration movement.” His landmark book, “*Where the Sky Began*,” originally published in 1982, they claim is a “classic tome and will serve as inspiration to those just learning about the heartland’s native landscape and rekindle the passion of long-time prairie enthusiasts.”

I asked a Prairie Enthusiast about his book, and she quickly answered, “A book I read about 30 years ago. I loved it...I do recommend it to others.”

After reading this short essay, I’m going to get a copy of Madson’s book. One of the most interesting parts of the essay is his discussion of the role of fire in the life cycle of a prairie. Madson believed that “fire was an effect of prairie rather than a cause.” He wrote that prairies are the result of low rainfall, evaporation from strong constant winds, low relative humidity and high temperatures. This is a much more complex and interesting scenario than simply fire.

Madson advocated that prairie remnants are important but that the remaining large pieces of prairie are essential. A true prairie needs to have the horizon and the prairie meet. He reminded his readers that human history is part of the prairie’s history. He describes a cemetery that had been abandoned over 100 years ago, and the prairie had come back. His poignant description is breathtaking.

The two parts of the book fit together nicely. Madson gives us the overview, the history of the plants and the people who have interacted with them over the years. Olson focuses on the beauty of the individual plants. The book will give newbies a great introduction to the world of prairies and experienced enthusiasts a sense of renewal and added inspiration.

Member Profile – Tom & Kathie Brock

By Willis Brown

What do TPE member and emeritus professor Tom Brock have in common with rock-n-roll star Steve Miller? In addition to never hearing of the other, they both were awarded Honorary Doctorate degrees from UW-Madison in May.

Tom received the degree for his pioneering work on thermophilic (heat-loving) bacteria he had isolated and characterized from the hot springs of Yellowstone National Park. He was also recognized for the work he and his wife Kathie Brock did in the restoration of their property, Pleasant Valley Conservancy (PVC). In a relatively small area (140 acres) they have restored several ecotypes- wetland, prairies, oak savanna and oak woods.

(Miller, as you might suspect, was honored for his music.)

In 1980 and 1984, Tom and Kathie Brock purchased the PVC property in two separate transactions primarily for recreation. Sometime later, when Kathie was volunteering for The Nature Conservancy (TNC), she heard about oak savannas - the critically endangered ecosystem once common in southern Wisconsin.

Tom also recalled seeing side-oats grama on the property and remembering it was a prairie plant. The presence of large bur and white oaks with the prairie plants suggested



PVC once was an oak savanna. Overtaken by honeysuckle and buckthorn, and other invasives, the Brocks turned their property from recreation to re-creation of the oak savanna and prairie.

They went all in starting in 1997, going so far as to hire the town of Vermont crew for a week to remove trees along the south slope below a prairie remnant (still referred to as *Kathie's Prairie*). They also had their first prescribed burn that year and hired some



Kathie Brock



Tom Brock

additional help. Soon after, in 1999, they hired Paul Michler and myself to cut and treat buckthorn. Our equipment in those days was marginal - one small Stihl brush cutter, a spray bottle of Roundup and a Geo Tracker - all borrowed from the Brocks.

In those early days, Kathie would sometimes locate desirable species along nearby roadsides and collect the seeds. One day she found a new species for us to collect. Before spreading the seed, she took a sample to Madison for positive identification. That proved fortunate as this was the first time any of us had encountered Japanese hedge parsley.

Rather than burning, large logs from the cleared trees, the Brocks would leave logs by the side of the road for neighbors to take for firewood. Some cherry and walnut logs were given away for lumber.

If you visit PVC, you may notice a relatively high number of paper birch in a fire-dependent area. Kathie likes these trees, so the area around them are cleared to avoid damage by fire. Happily, the birch seem to be good habitat for red-headed woodpeckers, a state endangered bird.

Tom and Kathie treated this property like a huge experiment. They kept extensive notes and have taken numerous photographs over the years. The property is divided into several management areas. A plant species list was prepared initially with about 300 species identified. A plant survey in 2008 identified 493 species present at PVC.

A geology professor was invited to come out to describe the geology. Once most of the invasive trees were removed, all trees over 10 inches DBH (a forestry term describing diameter at breast height) were tagged and geolocated. Over 4,000 trees were mapped this way and data entered as to



size, species and whether dead or alive. This data was useful in showing the extent of bur oak blight at PVC Tom reported in the April 2018 edition of *The Prairie Promoter*.

In addition, many trees were present in aerial photos from the 1930s. Some of the larger oaks have been aged, and the oldest is over 200 years

old. For several years, starting in 2003, Tom and Kathie hired summer interns to continue the restoration work. Always the professor, Tom would present a lecture on various topics on restoration during lunch. They are also willing to have research done on their land (with approval), including using plant hormones to control reed canary grass, or the study of great blue lobelia.

Tom conducted his own research on controlling invasives such as sumac and honeysuckle. He has published results of his work in *Restoration Ecology* and *The North American Prairie Conference Proceedings* in addition to *The Prairie Promoter*. They are always willing to share their experiences and show their results to various groups such as Madison Audubon Society, Blue Mounds Area Project, and Land Trust Alliance among others. They have guided tours of their property annually on Labor Day. They also host group tours to identify birds, butterflies and other fauna and flora.

Over the years, Kathie has propagated desirable plants from seed that were not present or present in small numbers such as purple milkweed, a state endangered plant. Purple milkweed appeared on their property shortly after initial clearing of non-savanna species. She transplanted the seed-

lings to appropriate areas, flagged them to determine survival rates and watered them if needed. In addition, Kathie has compiled data and produced a table of the best time of year to collect seeds from individual species.

They've collected and/or traded seeds with Goose Pond (Madison Audubon), Swamplovers and others. The result is a



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fabulous example of oak savanna (with added birches), remnant goat prairie, wetland, restored prairie and oak woodlands. The property was dedicated a State Natural Area on June 6, 2008. While Tom and Kathie received some money from grants, they paid for this beautiful restoration project essentially with their own money from which we all benefit and are grateful.

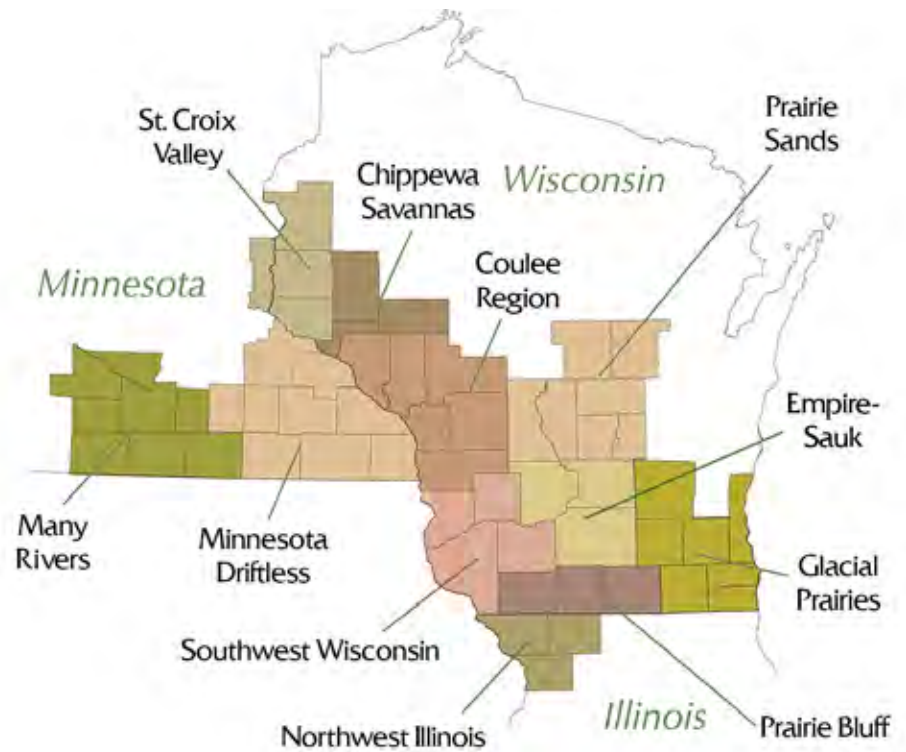
Salvaging Black Earth (Rettenmund) Prairie

About five miles north of PVC is Black Earth Prairie (BEP). It's a prairie remnant of spectacular diversity. Previously owned by TNC, BEP was suffering from benign neglect because, as a relatively small property for TNC, there were only 1-2 volunteer work parties each year. The southern end of this 17-acre prairie had been severely taken over by brush.

Tom and Kathie gave TNC money in 2003 to have the brush removed by contractors. They also restored the area by the entrance, which had become mainly brome grass. They then took over stewardship of the prairie in 2005 by hosting monthly work parties to continue controlling invasives, collecting seeds and managing controlled burns. Due to the unusual configuration of the property, burning only within the boundary was difficult, so they convinced the neighboring landowner to include part of his pasture in the burn unit. This produced an unintended benefit with the appearance of copious little bluestem and butterfly milkweed in the pasture. TNC transferred BEP to TPE in 2007. Tom and Kathie are the site stewards to this day.

Tom keeps a blog about PVC, found at pleasantvalley-conservancy.org. Tom recently compiled a history of the work performed over the years entitled *Restoring a Fragile Landscape*. The two volumes can be readily downloaded from their website. While the number of pages may seem daunting, they consist primarily of photographs, and one can quickly discern how much Tom loves controlled burns. PVC is open to the public. There are several hiking trails and even a boardwalk to access the wetland. Check it out if you can.

Chapter Updates



Chippewa Savannas

CarolJean Coventree

Co-hosting the annual TPE conference in March kept us hopping this winter. Special thanks to all our sponsors, speakers, donors and volunteers who worked the conference; you made it happen. We learned about climate change affecting our prairies, birding by sound, networking across generations, the connection between keeping good records and successful restoration projects, and more. We made enough money to cover expenses and fund some new equipment. Our thanks to all participants!

We recently created job descriptions for chapter leadership, which has helped us recruit some new leaders. We have a number of open positions you can view on our website. Join us. We've a great group. In April, we elected a new Chapter Executive Board. Returning folks include Amy Delyea-Petska as Communication Specialist, Annemarie McClellan as Secretary, Kathy Ruggles as Treasurer, Mark Leach as Scientist and Interim Board Director, and myself as President. New members include Matt Wysocki as Land Manager and Ingmar Amberson as Youth Representative. Ingmar has also become our chapter Webmaster, keeping our webpage updated.

Our management activities at Dobbs Landing continue. After creating firebreaks during a workday last fall, we had a wonderful burn this spring and seeded new grasses. This

winter our former president Kathy Stahl worked with Jessica Schoen, the Conservation Planner at Dunn County, to land a \$20,000 grant from the Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund for more prairie restoration. We are excited about restoring another area of this collaborative project.

This summer, we will continue counting plants and butterflies at Dobbs as part of the Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program. If you are interested in helping with the surveys contact us at theprairieenthusiasts.csc@gmail.com

This spring, we held a burn-training class with 20-plus in attendance, including a class of young people. Although it rained that day, we later held prescribed burns at the Voss property near Eau Claire and at Simply Dunn in Downsville.

John Thomas created a new oak frame for the touring display we use to publicize TPE-CSC at public events. Joe Maurer, another former president, is working with Delyea-Petska to complete the new display. We are fortunate to have their creative energy for this project.

Our Tiffany Bottoms spring fundraiser was rained out, but we rescheduled for Sept. 14. We also have a date for next spring's event - May 16, 2020. Mark your calendars for fun at this fabulous state natural area with our experts in forestry, birds and prairie management.

Empire-Sauk

Grace Vosen

Moely Volunteers Honored at Conference

The stewards of Moely Prairie received our chapter's "Volunteer of the Year" award at this spring's TPE conference. Rich Henderson presented the award, which honored the work of volunteers Amy and Rick Chamberlin, Paul Anderson and Denny Connor.

Moely sits just northwest of the village of Prairie du Sac, Wis. It's a sand prairie typical of the original Sauk Prairie, which once covered the land occupied by Prairie du Sac and neighboring Sauk City. Locally, Moely is known for a bountiful crop of prairie smoke. Its site stewards are dedicated both to documenting the native plant community and to further restoring it.

Dedication is required at this site where brush has grown so thick that volunteers refer to one area as "the jungle." But Moely's site stewards are remarkable not only for their brush-cutting prowess but for their outreach efforts in the local community. The chapter member who nominated them for this award cited their work with volunteers, local residents and civic groups.

In addition, the Moely stewards are proponents of citizen science and education. Four interns from Sauk Prairie High School will spend this summer at Moely tracking monarch butterfly populations.

In response to the award, Amy Chamberlin wrote:

"This recognition was so deeply appreciated but also unexpected as we truly have done this work from our hearts, day



Three of the four award-winning volunteers are (L-R) Rick Chamberlin, (author Robin Wall Kimmerer), Amy Chamberlin and Paul Anderson. Denny Connor is not pictured. (Photo by Curt Meine)

in and day out... We are even more committed and passionate about restoring Moely Prairie moving forward."

Prairie enthusiasm is alive and well at Moely as these volunteers pursue their mission of "putting the prairie back into Prairie du Sac."

Follow the progress at Moely Prairie by liking their Facebook page: For the Love of Moely Prairie.

Prairie Bluff

Tom Mitchell

Land Protection

Thanks to your contributions, we have reached our fundraising goal to purchase six additional acres of remnant prairie at Avon Ridge in Rock County. Your generous donations, plus matching Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funds from the Wisconsin DNR, will allow TPE to acquire Foslin Bluff, which is adjacent to the 16.5 acres we own in the Town of Avon. Volunteers from Prairie Bluff Chapter manage all eight TPE sites in Rock and Green counties.

Land Management

The chapter's burn season ended in May with our 20th prescribed fire of spring 2019, a difficult year for planning an ambitious schedule, with fewer than usual consecutive sunny, dry days. We put fire on the ground at 31 units, a total of 144 acres, all without accident or incident. Four of these sites are TPE-owned properties – Skinner Prairie, Vale Prairie, Iltis Savanna and Muralt Bluff – with the majority of the others privately owned by members of the chapter.

Thanks to our crew members: Chris Roberts, Steve Hubner, Jerry Newman, Jim Freymiller, Harvey Klassy, Gary Kleppe, Denny and Diana Oostdik, Frank Grenzow, Ralph Henry, John Ochsner, Nick Faessler, Beth Kazmar, Fred Faessler, Becky Kruse, Mike Davis and Tom Mitchell. Prairie Bluff Chapter has conducted 210 prescribed fires in the 11 years since we began record-keeping in 2009.

Education

The TPE mission statement starts with land protection and land management and ends with education. The chapter has been participating for several years in Green County Conservation Days, held in spring and fall at Barry Prairie in Honey Creek Park on the west side of Monroe. Invited are all the fifth graders in Green County, public and private schools in Monroe, Juda, Albany, Monticello and New Glarus, so over the years we have introduced prairie conservation to hundreds of students and teachers.

Tonya Gratz, conservation technician with the Green County Land and Water Conservation, organizes the outdoor event. Chris Roberts, chapter president, and original prairie enthusiast John Ochsner were featured in an article in the Crops section of Agri-View, a newspaper insert from an agriculture website in a story by Mary Hookham that was

datelined Monroe, Wis., with the lead: “School kids in Green County are experiencing nature each spring and fall at Honey Creek Park in Monroe.” The writer interviewed Gratz, who explained that the school kids rotate through 10 educational stations to learn about nature and conservation. Other topics include fish, soil, trees, bees, birds, artifacts and watersheds. “This might help get them interested in something they wouldn’t otherwise be exposed to. Maybe we are opening new worlds to these students,” Gratz said in the story.

Other outreach and educational projects for this chapter in recent months include the annual Memorial Day event at Green’s Prairie Cemetery, where we join with the cemetery association to highlight the site’s rich natural and cultural history. Veterans of the War of 1812, Black Hawk War and Civil War are buried in the pioneer cemetery that we maintain with prescribed fire.

Beloit native Lytton Musselman’s informative and entertaining program about fire ecology at a longleaf pine savanna that he manages in Virginia was the topic of our May chapter meeting at Monroe Public Library. A botany professor at Old Dominion University, Lytton conducted plant surveys in Rock County during the 1960s as an undergraduate at Beloit College.

We led two well-attended TPE field trips this spring to Skinner Prairie and Meinert Prairie, our newest preserves,

both donations in 2018. Chapter vice president Rob Baller will offer his PowerPoint burn training session again in the fall of 2019. Upon completion of this one-day, indoor lesson, new crew can join TPE fire crews and gain valuable experience on the fire line.

Prairie Sands

Ray Goehring

Where’d You Get Those Peepers?

The May 4th weather was beautiful, the water was high, and the peepers came out in mass to serenade an intimate group of nature lovers at “Frogs, Bog and Hot Dogs,” a guided walk by Prairie Sands Chapter members Shelley and David Hamel at their Westfield bog. As the group walked the boardwalk and the slope surrounding the bog, the Hamels shared their knowledge of how the topography of rolling dry hill oak savanna created the conditions for this very special pitcher plant bog that hosts not only spring peepers but a long list of unique wildlife.



Walking the boardwalk. (Photo by Dory Owen)

David Hamel has purchased a remote microphone, as was voted on and agreed to during last December's chapter meeting, and this will be available for use at our next chapter field trip on July 21 at John Shillinglaw's Mekan Prairie.

Mark your calendars! Another fall Prescribed Burn Training will be offered this year on Oct. 26 and 27 by Jeb Barzen. He will offer training for both crew members and for more advanced fire leadership. More details will follow closer to the dates.



The hikers who explored the bogs & frogs are (seated L-R) Linda Baumann and David Hamel (standing L-R) Fred Wollenburg, Joan and John Klem, Karen Wollenburg, Karen Oberhauser (Director, UW Arboretum) and Shelley Hamel. (Photo by Dory Owen)

Southwest Chapter

Jack Kussmaul

Things have been relatively quiet at the Southwest Chapter this spring and early summer.

Various work parties were scheduled and then cancelled due to snow and/or mud. Weather was not cooperative for getting burns done, though we did get them in, among other places, at Thomas Wet and at Eldred.

Walter Mirk continues to plug away at Double Oak, Linda Lynch at Sylvan Road and Gary Eldred and his crew at Iris Drive. On May 25 we did get a small crew at Eldred Prairie to conduct our annual war against crown vetch. We found two fawns and the skeleton of one grown deer – the beginning and the end of the life cycle.

We may just be experiencing the calm before the storm. Our chapter will be hosting the TPE picnic at Gays Mills on Sunday, July 21, and co-hosting the conference and banquet in Platville on Feb. 29, 2020. Work has begun on both.



Fawn hidden at Eldred Prairie (Photo by Jack Kussmaul)



Thomas Wet prairie burn (Photo by Steve Querin-Schultz)

St. Croix Valley

Evanne Hunt

TPE at Green Day

Chapter member Barb Bend was one of the presenters at Green Day in River Falls, Wis., this year.

It was a beautiful, sunny spring day in May. Students enjoyed the Zap Board, which has both plant and some pollinator identification possibilities. After a discussion of native plants, their critical environmental role, and the importance of pollinators, the students were sent out to collect pollen with their Q-tips. There was a beautiful lawn of dandelions nearby with enough pollen and picking for 90+ students.

This event was organized by Aleisha Miller from St. Croix County Resource Management Department for the Montessori elementary and pre-schools in River Falls. There were stations set for both the morning and afternoon. Students engaged in hands-on activities focusing on water bugs, watershed, water cycle, invasive species, bird identification, senses activities and pollinators.

The day was a Who's Who of environmental resources in the area with presenters from the St. Croix Birding Club, Pierce County Land Conservation Department, TPE, St. Croix County Resource Management, St. Croix River Association, City of River Falls and individuals who volunteered their time.



Kids learn about prairies and show off their pollinator Q-tips. (Photos by Karen Olson)



Prairie Days

The chapter hosted our annual celebration of prairies on June 1. This year, we moved the date to June from August to take advantage of Free Admission Day at Willow River State Park.

There were wildflower and bird hikes, bee and snake exhibits, The Prairie Enthusiast's movie and more. Dr. Stanley Temple, Beers-Bascom Professor Emeritus in Conservation in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at UW-Madison gave his presentation: "What in the World Have We Done to Deserve All These Cranes?" He described the remarkable recovery of our Midwestern Sandhill Cranes, his research on their migratory behavior and the possibility of a crane hunting season.



Tim Halvorson helps kids toss bison chips at Prairie Day. (Photo by Evanne Hunt)



Future prairie fire crews learn the basics at Prairie Day.
(Photo by Evanne Hunt)

Camp St. Croix

Once again, the chapter helped the YMCA Camp in Hudson maintain its prairie. On April 25, a large group of volunteers conducted a prescribed burn of the three-acre north unit. (The Camp has four units that are burned in a four-year rotating pattern.)

Thanks to Alex Bouthilet, Bill Ramsden, Mike Miller, Susan Goode, Tim Halvorson, Loren Haas, Prescott Bergh, Mike Perry, Heidi Reinhardt, John Arthur and Evanne Hunt. In addition, Mary Welke came as an observer to take pictures for her art projects.

As usual, we had an enthusiastic audience!



Fire, fun and friends at YMCA Camp. (Photos by Mary Welke)

The Prairie Enthusiasts



Prairie Promoter Field Trip Guide: August - October, 2019

The Prairie Enthusiasts Field Trip Guide is a way to identify opportunities to get out on the prairie and enjoy a guided hike. **Full details and directions** are available on our website at www.theprairieenthusiasts.org, or call the office at 608-387-1873.

Contact your tour leader if you have a question about the trip or if the weather is questionable.

Aug. 8, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Sugar River Oak Savanna, Dane County, Wis.

This TPE preserve is a highly diverse 9-acre oak savanna with nearly 400 native plant species. It still shows a few signs of past use as a pasture, but 43 years of near annual fire has fostered a remarkable recovery. False foxglove, woodland Joe-pye-weed, and many other mid-summer savanna/woodland wildflowers should be in full bloom.

Trip leader: Rich Henderson, 608-845-7065



Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Prairie Days,” Simply Dunn, Downsville, Wis.

After a welcome, we start with two workshop time slots with concurrent sessions. Conservation easements, starting a prairie planting and identification of prairie plants are possible topics. We’ll eat a potluck lunch, listen to our keynote speaker and share some music. Prairie walks with experts on identification of birds and plants will follow. Free fun and information! To learn more, see our webpage at www.theprairieenthusiasts.org/content.asp?contentid=137

Aug. 10, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Rush Creek SNA Goat Prairies, Crawford County, Wis.

Come hike some of the largest hill prairies in Wisconsin! Characteristic hill prairie plants are found throughout a series of prairies on southwest facing slopes along the Mississippi River. Learn more about the site at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=170>.

Trip leader: Jim Rogala, rogala58@gmail.com, 608-799-6344; call or text

Aug. 10, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Sleepy Hollow Oak Opening, Crawford County, Wis.

Steve Querin-Schultz, landowner and TPE member, will host a guided walk to view the early stages of an “oak opening” re-creation. For the past three years, Querin-Schultz has cleared and changed the character of these nine acres of land. Learn some of the techniques that Querin-Schultz has used to reclaim the land and how to implement these practices on your own property. Following the hike, refreshments will be served and Jim Schultz, from Clintonville, will present “The Secret Lives of Native Plants,” which includes photos and stories of the bizarre and macabre activities that happen in native prairies.

Hosts: Steve & Martha Querin-Schultz, querin-schultz@hotmail.com, 608-872-2118, 608-220-8409 (cell), 43572 South Sleepy Hollow Rd, Gays Mills, Wis.

Bur oak and savanna at Pleasant Valley Conservancy. (Photo by Kathie Brock)

Aug. 22, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

West Dane Conservancy and Dessert, Dane County, Wis.

Enjoy a late summer evening hike through restoration of high quality remnant ridge prairies that have been managed for more than 40 years. TPE holds an easement on this privately owned site. There should be multiple species of gentian, goldenrod and asters flowering as well as lady's-tresses orchids in bloom. You are welcome to bring your dinner (arrive between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.) and eat at the tables in the shelter. Dessert will be provided after the tour. Join us and enjoy dessert in the twilight! *Land Trust Days* event.



Trip Leader: Doug Steege, 608-213-9641

Aug. 31, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Kalscheur Oak Savanna, Iowa County, Wis.

Come look for butterflies and flowers on this 19-acre preserve. It's topographically diverse with a south-facing aspect, and is covered by scattered oak trees and prairie openings. At the base of the slope, springs and ground water seeps flow into a stream-side wetland complex. So far, 243 native plant species have been identified on site. Rough blazingstar, and many other late-summer wildflowers should be in bloom.

Trip leader: Rich Henderson, tpe.rhenderson@tds.net or 608-845-7065

Sept. 1, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Schurch-Thomson Prairie in late Summer, Iowa County, Wis.

Come hike into the secluded valley of the Schurch-Thomson and Underwood prairies. Late summer wildflowers such as rough blazingstar, cream gentian, various prairie goldenrods and asters should be in full bloom. Be prepared for a long hike, some off trail.

Trip Leader: Rich Henderson, 608-845-7065 or tpe.rhenderson@tds.net

Sept. 2, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

La Crosse River State Trail's Rockland Prairie, La Crosse County, Wis.

Warm season grasses and late summer blooming species such as asters, blazingstars, gentians and sunflowers will be on display along the old railroad right-of-way at this time of year. Learn more at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=184>

Trip leader: Jim Rogala, rogala58@gmail.com, 608-799-6344; call or text

Sept. 2, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Rogala Prairies, La Crosse County, Wis.

Come see the results of management efforts to enhance and enlarge these recently protected hill prairies near Rockland. There are also prairie plantings on the lower slopes to see.

Trip leader: Jim Rogala, rogala58@gmail.com, 608-799-6344; call or text

Sept. 2, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Conservancy Annual Labor Day Tour, Dane County, Wis.

This property contains prairie remnants, wetlands, and extensive oak savannas and has been under intensive management for the past 20 years. At the end of the three-hour trip, light refreshments will be served.

Trip Leaders: Kathie and Tom Brock, 608-238-5050 (home, preferred) or 608-225-8239 (cell, on day of hike) or kmbrock@charter.net With Google Maps, search for 4609 Pleasant Valley Road, Black Earth, Wis. 53515

Sept. 7, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Prairie Butterfly Identification –Moore Hill Road Prairie, Allamakee County, Iowa

This is a premier prairie invertebrate site, and the focus of this hike will be on the last prairie skipper of the season—the Leonard's skipper. Also, see how the landowner "micro-manages" to maintain prairie invertebrates and reptiles.

Trip leader: Armund Bartz, 563-544-4331

Sept. 14, 7:00 a.m. to noon

Tiffany Bottoms State Natural Area Train Ride, Buffalo County, Wis.

Join us on a train ride, and prairie and forest walks, with experts in birding, forestry and prairie management. This is a fund-raiser for the Chippewa Savannas chapter. \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members.

Contact: theprairieenthusiasts.csc@gmail.com for more information.

Sept. 14, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Frontenac State Park, Goodhue County, Minn.

Join the Minnesota Driftless Chapter and the Wild Ones Twin Cities for a co-sponsored field trip. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people who represent a broad range of complementary interests and passions such as prairie conservation, native plant landscaping and pollinators. There will be multiple remnant and restored prairies and savannas sites available to explore, and mid-September wildflowers in bloom should include goldenrods, asters and sunflowers.

Contact: Steve Winter, stephen.winter@okstate.edu or 402-310-5460

Sept. 21, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Gentians at Hauser, Dane County, Wis.

Hauser Road Prairie straddles a scenic high ridge north of Waunakee, from which the State Capital can be seen. We have a good chance of seeing three or four gentian species. In addition, a number of late-blooming species should still be in flower, such as goldenrods and several aster species. A variety of grassland birds could be present or migrating. Migrating monarch butterflies should still be present.

Trip leader: Randy Hoffman, 608-849-4502 or greatnaturewi@gmail.com

To learn more, see our webpage at
www.theprairieenthusiasts.org

Thanks for your interest and support of these native prairies. We hope to meet you out there.

You are welcome to bring friends.



Photo of Frontenac State Park

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