More than 830 volunteers support the Preserve in 2015

By Bryn Scriver, Preserve Outreach Specialist

We are fortunate that so many people feel drawn to support the Lakeshore Nature Preserve with their time, skills, and experience. In 2015, 833 volunteers and 61 campus and community groups donated more than 3,200 hours of service to support the Preserve’s mission to...protect the undeveloped lands along the shore of Lake Mendota.

Not included in these numbers is the great effort put forth by the volunteer-run Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve, who worked in 2015 to promote the Preserve at public events, organized and led free public field trips and walks, engaged Eagle Heights Community children in nature themed activities, and raised funds for the restoration of Eagle Heights Woods.

In order to show our appreciation for all the volunteers who worked in the Preserve, this issue of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve E-Newsletter includes the names of each individual and group who volunteered in 2015.

If you volunteered in 2015 and your name was left out of this issue please accept my apology and contact me at bryn.scriver@wisc.edu.

Volunteers contribute to the Preserve as individuals, as members of community and campus groups, as students in classes, as groups of friends or family members, and as academic units. If you're part of a group that would like to get involved with the Preserve, contact Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer Coordinator at bryn.scriver@wisc.edu.
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Two Preserve residents benefit from Four Lakes Wildlife Center services
By Erin Lemley, Four Lakes Wildlife Center Certified Veterinary Technician

The staff of the Dane County Humane Society’s Four Lakes Wildlife Center (FLWC) would like to thank you for your support of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Two injured avian residents of the Preserve were recently cared for at FLWC and released back into the Preserve. We are lucky to live in a community that values urban wildlife and their habitat.

The first Preserve patient was a male Great Horned Owl found on the ground near Eagle Heights. A concerned citizen connected with Dane County Animal Services, who picked up the owl and brought him to FLWC. We performed diagnostics including bloodwork, x-rays, and an endoscopy, and determined that he was suffering from head trauma and related damage to his eyes. After a few weeks of medication and supportive care, we were able to move him to an outdoor enclosure to prepare him for release. On November 28th, two months after admission, the Great Horned Owl was released back into the Preserve by an FLWC staff member.

The second Preserve patient, a male Pileated Woodpecker, was injured when it flew into a glass patio door. Luckily, the bird was able to be safely captured and transported to FLWC. An x-ray revealed a broken coracoid, a bone in his shoulder; he spent 3 weeks in a wing wrap to allow the bone to heal. During that time, he kept us busy feeding him (he ate nearly 600 mealworms per day!) and providing him fresh logs to remodel (he was a very enterprising carpenter). After his wing wrap was removed, he moved outside to regain his flight strength before being released into the Preserve on January 22 by a FLWC volunteer and the person who rescued him.

The Four Lakes Wildlife Center is a program of the Dane County Humane Society, located at 5132 Voges Road in Madison. We see over 3,000 injured and orphaned wild animals per year. We are a non-profit organization that does not receive any government funding for our work with wildlife—**we are supported through community donations.** FLWC is recruiting volunteers through April 1, for our busy summer season. To make a donation or become a volunteer, visit the DCHS website at [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org).

If you find an animal that you believe needs assistance, please call FLWC at 608-287-3235 to discuss the situation. If necessary we can make an appointment so that you can bring the animal in for care.
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Willow Drive mound and habitation complex to be listed on National Register of Historic Places  By Daniel Einstein, UW Historic and Cultural Resources Manager

Over a thousand years ago native people gathered to bury their dead in a row of earthen mounds. They chose a spot near the mouth of a meandering stream, where it emptied into the bayside wetland of a glacial lake. Their choice of this spot was linked to a spiritual and ritual tradition that today we do not fully understand. However, it is clear that we share with these people the same human impulse that draws us today to serene places where water and land meet.

Today we refer to this burial mound site as the Willow Drive Mound Group—a reference to the name given to a former roadway currently known as the Temin Lakeshore Path. You can find these mounds just to the east of the mouth of Willow Creek, north of the Natatorium.

Stewarding this ancient effigy mound site is an integral part of the mission of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. In the past 15 years the University has dedicated significant resources to protecting our archaeological heritage—resulting in both the stabilization of the earthen mound features and the ecological restoration of the plant community that surrounds the site.

Hundreds of hours of labor by student and community volunteers and UW Grounds and Preserve staff has resulted in a transformation of a site previously choked by non-native trees and shrubs. In addition, a service road and two metal sheds were removed. Today a visitor to the site can view an open oak woodland landscape that more closely resembles what the original mound builders may have seen when they lived and worked there.

In 2004, the site was provided with an added level of protection when it was added to the catalogue of cemetery sites governed by the Wisconsin Burial Sites Law. This past February, an additional level of recognition and protection was added with the listing of the mounds and the adjacent habitation site on the State Register of Historic Places. The site will now be forwarded to the National Park Service for addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination to the historic registers was the result of years of research and efforts to understand the complexities of the site—and document the archaeological resources in the adjacent restored oak savanna. Much of the research work was performed by George Christiansen III, who also prepared much of the archaeological information on the Preserve’s website.

Not only do the newly designated Willow Drive Mounds and Habitation Complex provide an opportunity to engage in on-going ecological restoration research and teaching, the habitation site also holds great potential for learning more about Wisconsin’s ancient past.

No other university in the world has as many effigy mound sites and other archaeological resources as the UW-Madison campus. Ours is a special stewardship responsibility, not only to the first peoples who inhabited this place, but to all who live and learn here now, and in the future.
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F.H. King beehives produce sweet rewards  By Jade Kochanski, F.H. King bee intern

The F. H. King Students for Sustainable Agriculture beehives sit nestled in an old field between Picnic Point and the Biocore Prairie. The habitat is rich with foraging resources for honeybees. Thanks to the conservation efforts of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve, Biocore, and the nearby Eagle Heights Community Gardens, a plethora of flowering plants offer nutritious and diverse food sources for our beehives and the native wild bee communities.

F.H. King offers educational opportunities throughout the year including workshops led by our beekeeping interns and local beekeepers, hands-on demonstrations using beekeeping equipment and live bees, and honey taste tests. We love showing and sharing our hives with anyone who is interested. Currently we have three different varieties of hives: a Langstroth, a top-bar, and a Warre hive. Each hive demonstrates a different strategy for managing European honeybees. Stay tuned for some sweet events later in the growing season!

Recently retired UWPD Officer Jean Van Den Bogart shares her thoughts on the Preserve

The Preserve staff thanks Officer Jean Van Den Bogart, who recently retired from the UWPD after 29 years of service, for her dedication to keeping the Preserve safe and enjoyable for all visitors. Jean also played an important role in training veterinary student volunteers for our Dogs on Leash campaign.

We asked Jean to share her thoughts on the Preserve...

“UW-Madison has many special places to visit and one of my favorites is the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. I know that many people feel the same way. People come from all over the world to visit campus and many spend time in the Preserve. Visitors include researchers, birders, runners, families of UW Hospital patients, and many others who just want a quiet experience. I liked to visit the Preserve to get away from the hustle of busy streets.”

“Take a walk, look into the sky, and breathe. Leave your worries behind, or put your world into perspective but don’t leave your litter. Take photographs but not plant or animal life. The Preserve is there to enjoy, not to destroy! Please follow the posted regulations and help the natural areas survive and thrive. If you want to leave your footprint then volunteer to help to keep these precious areas safe and healthy.”

Officer Van Den Bogart will be missed. She was a great promoter and protector of the Preserve. We wish her a very happy retirement.
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We’ve Moved!

Not the Preserve...that still hugs the shores of Lake Mendota, but you can now find Preserve staff working out of new offices on the 4th floor of 30 North Mills Street.
Eagle Heights Woods project update
By Adam Gundlach, Preserve Field Projects Coordinator

Over the winter months, the crew from Good Oak Ecological Services has been busy whittling away at the dense thicket of buckthorn that had come to dominate much of the understory in the Central Zone of Eagle Heights Woods. Their efforts have added an additional five acres to the original 2.5 acres cleared in the Indian Mounds Zone in 2014, and reinserted the term “open” back into this portion of oak woodland.

The craggy dolomite rock outcrop that marks the south end of the Mounds Zone is now clearly visible as you hike up the main north-south trail from Shady Lane. Trunks of majestic oaks and hickories (among others) now stand free and clear after years of suffocating undergrowth.

All brush removed was chipped onsite and staged along trails, awaiting the busy hands and strong backs of Preserve volunteers. As winter has quickly given way to spring, plans to expand the use of prescribed fires in the newly-cleared area are being drafted. The growing season will also bring another round of vegetation monitoring through the Central Zone, an endeavor that will be made significantly easier by the removal of thorny brush.

Gifts Support the Preserve

While the University supports Preserve staff salaries and contributes services through the Division of Facilities Planning & Management, private gift support is the critical component that enables the operation and continued management of the Preserve. We thank the following donors who responded to our 2015 year-end appeal:

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2015 Preserve Volunteer Groups

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Alliant Energy—Clean Lakes Alliance Renew the Blue Volunteer Day  
Alpha Epsilon Delta  
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Alpha Phi Omega  
Army ROTC  
Association for Women in Communications  
Badger Business Professionals  
Badger Volunteers  
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Blackhawk Church  
Bradley Learning Community  
Bradley Volunteers  
Builder Boys  
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Center for Limnology  
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Circle K  
Clasen Quality Coatings  
Covance—United Way Days of Caring Delta Chi  
Filament Games—Clean Lakes Alliance Renew the Blue Volunteer Day  
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Naval ROTC  
Nordic Consulting  
Ogg Residence Hall  
Pi Lambda Phi  
Powers Knapp  
Pres House  
Sierra Student Coalition  
Sigma Alpha Omega  
Society for Human Resource Management  
Society of Women Engineers  
Spectrum Brands  
Students for the Preserve  
Thompson Investment Management—Clean Lakes Alliance Renew the Blue Volunteer Day  
United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)  
UW Competitive Cheerleading Club  
UW Forest and Wildlife Ecology  
UW Health Sustainability Committee  
UW Homecoming Committee  
UW Horticulture 120  
UW MBAs with a Heart  
UW Pre-Dental Society  
UW Student Chapter of the Wildlife Soc.  
UW-Oshkosh Volunteers on the Move  
West High Student Council  
Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.

New volunteer initiative for the Preserve  
By Laura Wyatt, Preserve Program Manager

We want to get rid of more invasive weeds and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to form a “Weed Warrior” group for the Preserve.

The Preserve is pleased to announce that due to the generosity of a very special friend, we will be able to expand our ability to manage and remove troublesome and invasive herbaceous plant species within the Preserve. This special gift, applied over a four-year period, will allow the Preserve to add an additional seasonal team member who will not only target specific weed species for removal, but also expand our mapping capability and enable the Preserve to expand our outreach to students and adult community volunteers.

Our current drop-in bi-monthly volunteer program has been wildly successful with 833 individual volunteers donating more than 3,200 hours during 2015. This addition of part-time staff will enable us to facilitate the interests of volunteers who would like to participate in a regular, reoccurring activity on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

As a new initiative, details are still being developed. If you think you might be interested in joining this emerging new effort, please contact Bryn Scriver at 608-220-5560 or bryn.scriver@wisc.edu. Once more details are available, you will be the first to know.

Group photos by Bryn Scriver.
Prescribed fires are usually set in early spring (March through May) and sometimes in late fall. They are conducted within a strict set of parameters (the prescription) that include temperature, wind speed and direction, relative humidity, and fuel conditions, among many others. Before and during each burn, the fire manager checks that all current and expected parameters are within prescribed ranges to conduct a safe fire, have good smoke lift, and meet the land care goals. Prescribed fire crew members have taken wildland fire training and use full protective clothing and equipment.

Neither the Arboretum nor the Preserve is located within a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources fire protection area. Both get permission from the City of Madison or the City of Fitchburg (depending on prescribed fire location) and notify local officials before every fire is ignited.

Smoke may be the most visible sign for visitors, neighbors, and travelers on nearby roads. Visitors to the Arboretum and the Preserve might see posted signs alerting the public to burn activity and closed trails, or swaths of blackened areas after a burn.

For information about prescribed fire at the Arboretum, please call the Visitor Center at (608) 263-7888 from 9:30am- 4:00pm weekdays or 12:30- 4:00pm weekends. For information about prescribed fire in the Preserve, call the Program Manager at (608) 265-9275 from 8:00am- 4:30pm weekdays. Local fire departments and UWPD are notified in advance of every prescribed fire.

Spring is prescribed fire season

The spring prescribed fire season is getting underway at the UW–Madison Arboretum and Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Both manage many acres of remnant and restored prairies, oak savannas, and woodlands—native Wisconsin ecosystems that are fire dependent. Prescribed fire restores a natural process, stimulates native vegetation growth and seed production, improves wildlife habitat, and provides valuable training and research opportunities.

The ecological benefits are many, and the safety of crew and visitors is always a top priority. Prescribed fire can burn very hot and fast. If you happen to be visiting the Arboretum or the Preserve during a fire, please follow these safety precautions.

- Always stay off trails and firebreaks that are closed for a prescribed fire, and do not go off trail.
- Keep a safe distance from smoke, flames, and heat.
- Do not interfere with or obstruct the movement of crew, equipment, and vehicles.
- Do not distract a prescribed fire crew.

Mopping up after flames are out is also a critical time for safety and fire management, so please continue to observe these precautions around any site with an active fire crew.

Many of Wisconsin’s ecosystems are fire dependent, and prescribed fire simulates the role historically played by wildfire or fire set intentionally by Native Americans. Photo by Lina Ekholm.

Fire crew members have taken wildland fire training and use full protective gear. Photo by Lina Ekholm.
Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Free Guided Field Trips!

**Sun March 27, 1:30-3pm - Bird and Nature Walk.** Bird and nature lovers, students, families, and kids welcome! Held every 4th Sunday of the month. Explore the Preserve and the wildlife that lives there. Meet at Lot 129. Contact: Paul Noeldner (698-0104).

**Sun April 3, 2-3:30pm - Science Expedition at Picnic Point.** Learn the natural and cultural history of Picnic Point. Guides will accompany small groups of visitors to stations in the Preserve to learn about geology, mounds, trees, and wetlands. Children can engage in related activities. Meet at Lot 129. Contact: Gisela Kutzbach gisela.kutzbach@wisc.edu.

**Sat April 16, 8am-noon - Bird Banding Open House at Biocore Prairie.** See birds up close and learn about banding. Meet at Biocore Prairie. Contact: Mara McDonald mamcdona@wisc.edu.

**Thurs April 21, 6:30-9pm - Beyond Backyard Birding.** Especially for birders looking to grow their skills. Get your bird questions answered, and get help identifying those small streaky brown birds. Bring your whole family. Meet at Lot 129. RSVP to: caolyn.byers@madisonaudubon.org.

**Sat April 23, 8:30–11am - Beyond Backyard Birding.** Especially for birders looking to grow their skills. Get your bird questions answered, and get help identifying those small streaky brown birds. Bring your whole family. Meet at Lot 129. RSVP to: caolyn.byers@madisonaudubon.org.

**Sun April 24, 1:30-3pm - Bird and Nature Walk.** Bird and nature lovers, students, families, and kids welcome! Held every 4th Sunday of the month. Explore the Preserve and the wildlife that lives there. Meet at Lot 129. Contact: Paul Noeldner (698-0104).

**Sun May 8, 10am-noon - Mother’s Day Wildflower Field Trip.** Look for spring ephemerals and other tender new growth at Frautschi Point. Family friendly hike! Meet at Frautschi Point parking lot. Contact: Glenda Denniston denniston@wisc.edu.

**Wed May 11, 7:30-9:30am - Warblers of Frautschi Point.** We will focus on seeing warblers through leafy foliage and look for other spring migrants. Meet at Frautschi Point parking lot. Contact: Roma Lenehan rlenehan@charter.net.

**Sun May 22, 1:30-3pm - Bird and Nature Walk.** Bird and nature lovers, students, families, and kids welcome! Held every 4th Sunday of the month. Explore the Preserve and the wildlife that lives there. Meet at Lot 129. Contact: Paul Noeldner (698-0104).

**Tues June 14, 9:30am-noon - Lake Mendota Boat Trip.** (weather date Thurs June 16) Learn about Lake Mendota and the Preserve from a different perspective—aboard the Center for Limnology LIMNOS research vessel. Meet at Hasler Limnology Lab one block west of Memorial Union. Limited to 12. RSVP to: jjmagnus@wisc.edu.

**Sun June 26, 1:30-3pm - Bird and Nature Walk.** Bird and nature lovers, students, families, and kids welcome! Held every 4th Sunday of the month. Explore the Preserve and the wildlife that lives there. Meet at Lot 129. Contact: Paul Noeldner (698-0104).

**Sun July 10, 1-3pm - Groundwater Resources of the Preserve.** By visiting wells and viewing maps participants will have a better understanding of the groundwater resources beneath their feet in the Preserve. Meet at Lot 129. Contact: michael.parsen@uwex.edu.

Read full descriptions of field trips on the Friends website: friendslakeshorepreserve.com.

![Field trip participants look for “things with wings” — birds and pollinators — in Biocore Prairie. Photo by Gisela Kutzbach.](image-url)
Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by getting your hands dirty in the Preserve!

The Preserve is working with members of the Students for the Preserve and the Sierra Student Coalition to care for the Preserve on these special days! Everyone is welcome!

Earth Week Volunteer Opportunities
Mulch trails, pull garlic mustard, collect litter, plant wildflowers...
Wednesday April 20, 4-6pm at Muir Knoll (across Observatory Dr. from Bascom Hall)
Saturday April 23, 9am-noon at Picnic Point Lot 129 (2000 University Bay Drive)
Sunday April 24, 9am-noon at Picnic Point Lot 129 (2000 University Bay Drive)

Arbor Day Observance and Tree Planting
Plant trees and wildflowers...
Wednesday April 27, 4-6pm at Picnic Point Lot 129 (2000 University Bay Drive)

For additional volunteer opportunities visit our volunteer calendar.

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