



*Friends* of the  
**Lakeshore Nature Preserve**

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## **Report for the Preserve Committee meeting May 12, 2016**

1. The Friends outreach activities this spring have been successful.
  - Raising awareness of the Preserve, its unique mission and public accessibility, is an important goal for the Friends. Building on our experiences of the past 3 years, we improved the effectiveness of outreach events.
  - Partnering with the UW Science Expedition weekend, the Friends revamped the event from a 'Guided tour' to '4 Exploration stations' at Picnic Point, with hands-on activities for families and short lectures. About 10 Friends and naturalists from the Leopold Center helped make this event a success, attracting about 100 participants.
  - The outreach activities in the Eagle Height Community Center were rewarding as we reached many children as well as adults, during the Seed Fair, with a special activity on earth worms, and during Earth Day week, with a Preserve trivia game.
  - Our exhibit at the Nelson Institute's Earth Day Conference provided valuable exposure for the Preserve to a receptive large group of people as well as an opportunity for the Friends for networking with other area organizations.

For details on April outreach activities, see

<http://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com/people--events.html>

2. At the May 3 Board meeting of the Friends, the 2016-17 Executive Committee was elected.

Gisela Kutzbach, President

Peter Fisher, Vice President

Gretel Dentine, Treasurer

Doris Dubielzig, Secretary

We also welcomed new Board members Linda Deith, Seth McGee, and Paul Noeldner.

3. This month's special events, in collaboration with Preserve staff, aside from field trips, are the Garlic Mustard Pull on May 14 and the Spring Planting Festival on May 22.
4. The Friends' supported Prairie Interns, under supervision of Project field manager Adam Gundlach, will begin work on May 23.