



*Friends* OF THE  
LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

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In the annual cycle of the Friends organization, spring is the time for community building, as well as changes and adjustments.

The Annual Meeting is the one time during the year when the membership comes together. Its major draw is the public lecture by an expert speaker. But it also provides an opportunity to invite Preserve staff to present achievements and goals to the membership as well as interact with those who attend. Preserve committee members are also invited to learn about the Friends.

At the Annual meeting the membership elects a slate of new officers to the Friends Board. This year will bring a significant turnover with five new Board members to be elected. We will lose several experienced members, but we are confident our new members will bring fresh ideas and energy to the surprisingly complex task of running an NGO that collaborates with the university. There will be an orientation meeting for new Board members in April.

The transition of Board members also brings updating of the Friends Handbook of procedures. Since the Friends activities in the Preserve are subject to university and Preserve management regulations and procedures, we are working closely with the Preserve staff. Our special thanks goes to program manager Laura Wyatt for investing time and effort in this process.

Upcoming events

UW Science Expedition Sunday with four exploration stations at Picnic Point  
Purple Martin House installation and start up  
Bluebird Trail monitoring throughout the summer  
Garlic Mustard Pull  
Spring planting evaluation  
Earth Day activities, including exhibit at Nelson Institute Earth day conference  
Field trips

Submitted by Gisela Kutzbach, President