



Friends OF THE
LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

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The Friends focus their work on raising public awareness and appreciation of the Preserve, along with supporting this Committee and Preserve staff through stewardship, education, and projects/research. Collaboration and regular communication with Preserve staff are essential for the Friends efforts.

Field trips

Among the most valuable contributions by the Friends to the Preserve is the educational outreach to the community and university through field trips. The first three field trips of 2018 attracted 60 participants. This is only the second year of winter field trips. Special topics were animal tracking in the snow and a visit to the Comparative Ocular Pathology Lab of the Veterinary School.

Activities

At the February meeting the Board discussed the updated activity matrix of ongoing and potential projects, including new suggestions by Preserve staff. John Magnuson's presentation on the Class of 1918 Marsh led to discussing the possibility of small-scale demonstration projects on marsh improvement.

The communication committee continues work on coordinating outreach efforts with Preserve staff and improving the Friends website.

Spring planting location this year will be by the kiosk at the entrance of Picnic Point and along the path to the Point.

The Board approved to double the Friends contribution to the Preserve's Stewardship fund in 2018, compared to 2017.

Annual Meeting

The Friends annual meeting will be held on April 3, 6:30 pm at the Arboretum auditorium. Keynote speaker will be Robert Birmingham of the State Historical Society, who will speak about the effigy mounds in the Preserve, recent archaeological findings, and plans for developing a First Nations Heritage Tour for children. Representing the Preserve will be Director Gary Brown and Field Projects Coordinator Adam Gundlach.

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