



Friends OF THE
LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting on April 9 was very well attended with about 125 participants. **Doris Dubielzig** gave a review of the 2018 accomplishments, **Sara Hotchkiss** spoke on the topic of the Preserve as an outdoor laboratory and **Gary Brown** presented an update on the Strategic Planning process. **Matt Reetz** from the Audubon Society gave an engaging talk on "Flock and Awe: The incredible (and perilous) lives of migratory birds." Elections were held for new Board members **Eve Emshwiller**, and **MJ Morgan**, returning Board members **Olympia Mathiapparanam**, **Seth McGee**, and **Paul Noeldner**, and student Board members **Tom Bryan** and **Matt Chotlos**.

New Officers

At the May board meeting of the Friends, **Doris Dubielzig's** term as President ended. The directors elected a new executive committee with **Steve Sentoff** as President, **Seth McGee** as Vice President, **Steve Sellwood** as Treasurer, and **Paul Quinlan**, who will continue as Secretary.

Field trips

Science Expeditions April 6, 2019, had 5 exploration stations, but bad weather kept attendance disappointingly low.

Wildflowers of Bill's Woods April 28, 2019, **Glenda Denniston** led a wildflower walk to view the spring ephemerals in Bill's Woods. Luckily the snow that fell the previous night had melted off by the afternoon.

Warblers of Frautschi Point May 15, 2019, **Roma Lenehan** will lead a birding trip to spot spring migrants.

Projects and activities

Earth Day Conference The Friends and the Preserve staff had an exhibit table at the conference on April 22. **Bryn Scriver** and **Adam Gundlach** represented the Preserve, **Gisela Kutzbach**, **Doris Dubielzig** and **Steve Sentoff** represented the Friends.

Strategic Planning On April 29 members of the Friends' Board of Directors participated in the Focus Group session for the Preserve's Strategic Plan.

Garlic Mustard Pull **Roma Lenehan** and **Bryn Scriver** led this event on May 5. A good crew turned out and the weather cooperated. The density of garlic mustard was quite low and so we were able to clean out a fairly large area in Frautschi Point Woods.

Spring Planting Saturday, May 18, 9:30am – noon, will be along the new trail that leads from the Frautschi Point parking lot to Biocore Prairie. The Staff have ordered the plants and the Friends will provide the funds to cover the cost.

Clean Lakes Alliance Lake Forecasting Steward 2019 On April 24 **Luke Wynn** of the Clean Lakes Alliance did the training for the Friends' Lake Monitoring team. Monitoring will be done at the boat launch in University Bay twice weekly through September.

2019 Prairie Partner Summer Interns Five interns were selected. One has recently dropped out. Work is underway to fill the vacant slot.