



Friends OF THE
LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

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Field trips

All in-person field trips have been canceled since March and for the indefinite future. Recently we have been featuring monthly self-guided field trips with information posted on our web site and sent out to our members by email.

Prairie Partner Interns

This summer's program at the Preserve had to be canceled. We are planning to run this program again in the summer of 2021.

Sponsored Restoration Work Days

Our planned Garlic Mustard Pull and Spring Wildflower Planting events in May were canceled. The main order for plants for the Spring Planting was canceled, but some other shrubs and plugs were delivered. The Friends reimbursed the Preserve for these plants, which were planted by the staff, since volunteers were not allowed in the Preserve at the time.

Citizen Science

On a more positive note, our citizen science projects were able to continue, with appropriate COVID-19 safeguards. Our active projects include the Bluebird Trail, Purple Martin House and Lakeshore Water Monitoring.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting, originally scheduled to be held in April, was eventually held virtually on September 8. We elected three new members to the board of directors: Nancy Breden, Kelly Kearns and Will Vuyk (student). Gary Brown reported on the activities at the Preserve and the Strategic Plan and John Lyons gave the keynote talk: "Little Fish – Big Impact: 100 Years of Change in the Small-Fish Fauna of Lake Mendota". We had some technical glitches, but reached almost as many members as we normally get for our in-person annual meetings.