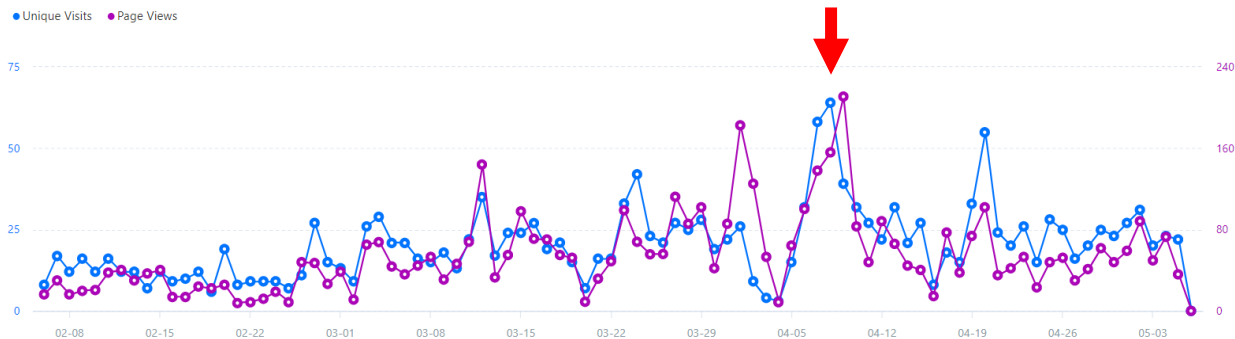




Field Trips

- Two self-guided field trips for May
 - Self-Guided Bird Tour: Class of 1918 Marsh and Picnic Point. By Roma Lenehan
 - Spring Wildflower Blooms and Research: a Self-guided Tour through Frautschi Point, the Biocore Prairie and Bill's Woods. By Olympia Mathiaram, Glenda Denniston, Doris Dubielzig, and Prof. Eve Emshwiller
- New 'Field Trips' tab on website under 'What We Do'
- Science Expeditions likely led to increased website traffic. Spiked of unique visits and page views April 9-11.



Page Views

4,903

+93% from last 90 days



Unique Visits

1,824

+55% from last 90 days



Annual Meeting

- Major retirements: Steve Sentoff, Doris Dubielzig, Lillian Tong, and Gisela Kutzbach
- New board members: Dane Gallagher, Signe Holtz, Anne Pearce
- Renewing: Matt Chotlos, Steve Sellwood, Will Vuyk
- Mid-term: Nancy Breden, Tom Bryan, Eve Emshwiller, Kelly Kearns, Olympia Mathiaram, Seth McGee, MJ Morgan, Paul Noeldner, Paul Quinlan
- Recording available online.

Website

- New layout is launched and being used. Initiated to fix a bug in the mobile version of the site, but also modernizes the look and feel.

Water Quality Citizen Science

- Matt Chotlos is assembling a water monitoring team as soon as on-site training at the Preserve is allowed.
- One of 80 near-shore stations on Yahara Lakes that reports to Clean Lakes Alliance. Twice weekly recordings by Friends and volunteers.
- Desired sampling time: mid to late May and carry on until late August/early September

Bird and Nature Fest on April 22nd

- Friends represented there by Olympia Mathiapparanam and Anne Pearce
- <https://isthmus.com/events/bird-and-nature-festival-annual/>

Garlic Mustard Pull

- May 2nd: 12 friends, directed by Roma Lenehan and Bryn Scriver removed 30 garbage bags, 50 gallons each.

Sprint Planting Event

- May 22nd 9am-noon, sign-up online. Poster enclosed.

Phenological observations (website blog)

- Purple Martins have returned! April 30th 6 were observed by Friends Chuck Henrikson and Will Vuyk while maintaining their nest box between Eagle Heights Community Gardens and Biocore Prairie.
- Wild turkey enjoying bluebells in upper Bill's Woods 05/03/2021, Glenda Denniston.
- Dutchmen's breeches and mayapples in Eagle Heights Woods 04/19/2021, Katrina Martin.
- Barred owl in Bill's Woods 04/13/2021, David Liebl
- Bloodroot and Hepatica in Bill's Woods 04/05/2021, David Liebl & Glenda Denniston.
- Sandhill cranes shouting at gardeners in Eagle Heights Community Garden 05/05/2021, Tom Bryan



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