

12/06/22
Preserve Committee Meeting
Friends Report
Will Vuyk & Anne Pearce

The Friends Board will be voting on our 2023 budget at our December Board Meeting tonight (12/06/22). We have continued to stay in touch with Dr. Siddharth Kulkarni and Guilherme Gainett of the Sharma Lab and hope to assist them both actively and financially with their proposed community Arachnid Bioblitz project in the Preserve this coming spring and summer. We have also suggested that they look into a Preserve Student Engagement Grant for more funding as students will certainly be involved in and benefit from this project.

Our support for the Arachnid Bioblitz Project is in line with our recent push to support long-term monitoring efforts in the Preserve, through our existing citizen science projects and beyond. We look forward to talking with Preserve Staff about their ideas and how we can best help collect, document, and organize data in the Preserve.

Scuba-diving archaeologist Tamara Thomsen has agreed to be Annual Meeting speaker in 2023. Tamara was responsible for the re-discovery of the two ancient canoes recently recovered from Lake Mendota, not far from the Preserve. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 12th at the UW Arboretum visitor center. All are invited!

We have all been inspired by the Natural Resources Foundation's DEIJ Community of Practice (<https://www.wisconservation.org/community-of-practice/>) and our Outreach Committee is actively investigating how our organization can be more diverse, equitable, inclusive and just. We hope to be transparent with this process as we move forward.

Please see our website (<https://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com>) for further information

Upcoming Friends Field Trips:

December 10

Winter Waterfowl Wonder. *Saturday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m*

As smaller ponds and lakes start to freeze each winter, migrating waterfowl gather on the larger lakes where the water remains open longer. We'll first set our sights on University Bay to look for gulls and waterfowl, including tundra swans. We will also keep our eyes and ears open for resident winter birds along the shore. Dress warmly! Meet at the Northeast portion of UW-Madison Lot 60 (800 Walnut St.) This field trip is in partnership with the UW-Madison student chapter of the Audubon Society. Leaders: Cole Roecker (cjroecker@wisc.edu) and Anne Pearce (anne.pearce@wisc.edu).

December 25

Friends' Favorite Places. *Sunday, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.*

Need a nature break from the festivities? Join Master Naturalist Paul Noeldner and other Board Members of the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve for a free, family-friendly, guided walk on easy hiking paths through the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. Learn about the places they love in the Preserve and hear about Friends' citizen science and volunteer projects. See the Preserve for yourself and explore the places that you have learned about. Meet at the Picnic Point entrance kiosk, 2000 University Bay Drive. Leader: **Paul Noeldner** (paul_noeldner@hotmail.com)

January 21, 2023

Nature Writing Workshop. *Saturday, TBD*

Writing about nature is one of the best ways to understand and appreciate the world around us. But writing is hard! Fortunately, the inspiring Marjorie Rhine, Professor of English at UW Whitewater, will lead a writing workshop that will help us discover, organize, and express our nature experiences. Location and time TBD. Leader: **Marjorie Rhine**(merhine@wisc.edu)