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Preserve Committee Meeting

Friends Report: <https://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com>

Will Vuyk

The Friends Board has not met since before the December Preserve Committee meeting, yet there are a number of new developments to share. Looking back at our December report, the first major change is the status of the Arachnid Bioblitz project. After the Friends decided to set aside \$1,000 of our 2023 budget to aid bioblitz events, arachnid researchers Siddharth Kulkarni and Guilherme Gainett informed us that they had found better funding opportunities elsewhere and would be pursuing those projects instead. They left the door open, however, for a future collaboration.

This frees up the Friends now to pursue our own citizen science and monitoring projects, which we are excited to talk with Preserve staff about directly after this meeting. This meeting is a continuation of the Friends position, which we first announced in June, relating to the importance of building long term monitoring programs in the Preserve – especially with the implementation of the new Master Plan. Several possibilities the Friends are most excited about include helping with vegetation, insect, or reptile/amphibian surveys. These would be in addition to our existing Purple Martin House, Bluebird Trail, and Clean Lakes Alliance Lake Monitoring projects. Friends board members Josh Sulman, Anne Pearce, and Matt Chotlos have been heading up this initiative along with President Will Vuyk. We await more information from Preserve staff as to how we can best be of help.

The Friends also have a number of events coming on the horizon. Our Spring Newsletter is in the works as we speak and should be on the presses by late February. We have finalized a list of spring and summer field trips that will be released in the newsletter. After that, the next big event will be our 4th Annual “It’s In Our Nature” Poetry Open Mic on February 25th (see poster and information on next page). All are welcome to attend, and we would appreciate any help in spreading the word about this event. We also look forward to providing our yearly \$4,000 donation match at Day of the Badger.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on April 12th at the Arboretum Visitor Center and feature speakers Tamara Thomsen and Jim Skibo who will inform us about their recent re-discoveries of two ancient canoes in Lake Mendota. Laura Wyatt has informed us that she, Missy Nergard, and Rhonda James also plan to speak at the event. Our thanks to them! We will also be saying farewell to our board members Cole Roecker (Student Representative), Kelly Kearns (Nominations Committee Chair), Nancy Breden (Vice President), and Paul Quinlan (Secretary). Malachi Persche, Michelle Chung and Ingrid Jordon-Thaden have been nominated to new board positions, along with Yara Al-Rayyan and Mason James Polencheck as student board representatives.

Additionally we are excited about events coming further down the line including UW Science Expeditions, our spring planting event, and garlic mustard pull.

The Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve *presents*

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Poetry Open Mic

3^{pm} Feb 25

Memorial Library
rm 126

Zoom

*Share the
unique beauty of
your Mind's Eye
through writing!*

Register here



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4th Annual “It’s In Our Nature” Poetry Open Mic Event

Insight

Saturday February 25, 3 p.m. CST
At UW Memorial Library Room 126
and virtually via Zoom

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Outside insights from within

As a poem, shared

Featuring poets of all experience levels, we hope to bring writers together to share their small curiosities, sweeping odes, or any piece of environmental writing in between. By writing we can capture the imagery of our mind’s eye, looking inward to draw emotion, beauty, and truth from the outside world.

The theme of our event this year is “Insight.” Every day our minds sift through a sea of thoughts and sensory impressions, casting the world around us in vivid shades of feeling only we can experience. What marvels exist only within our own heads! Share the beautiful singularity of your mind’s eye with us on February 25th.

Please register using the link below to:

- reserve your 3-5 minute spot to present your work at the Open Mic on February 25, 3 p.m.
- or attend as a member of the audience

Register and learn more about the event here:

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a4488HTNDT6PUlo

Please share this announcement and registration link freely with other creative writers, poetry enthusiasts, friends and family.

Questions? Email Will Vuyk at vvuyk@wisc.edu

Thank you for your consideration. We hope to see you on February 25! We await your insights eagerly.

Coming Friends Field Trips:

February 26, 2023

Winter Birds. *Sunday, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.*

Join Chuck Henrikson, birder extraordinaire, and enjoy some of winter's birds! Even with ice and snow, there are beautiful, bright, noisy birds to encounter at the UW Landscape Nature Preserve including blue jays, cardinals, tufted titmice, woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees, wild turkeys, owls, and more! Meet at the Picnic Point entrance kiosk, 2000 University Bay Drive. Leader: **Chuck Henrikson** (ckhenrikson@gmail.com).

February 25, 2023

"It's In Our Nature: Insight" Poetry Open Mic. *Saturday, 3:00 p.m.*

Featuring poets of all experience levels, we hope to bring writers together to share their small curiosities, sweeping odes, or any piece of environmental writing in between. By writing we can capture the imagery of our mind's eye, looking inward to draw emotion, beauty, and truth from the outside world. We look forward to sharing each other's "insight" at our 4th annual event. Leaders: **Will Vuyk** (wvuyk@wisc.edu). Location TBD (Zoom or hybrid).

March 11, 2023

The Mounds of Observatory Hill and Willow Creek. *Saturday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.*

Join UW Historic & Cultural Resources Manager Emeritus Daniel Einstein on a visit to the effigy mounds of Observatory Hill (the lovely bird and two-tailed water spirit) and Willow Creek and learn about the mound builder culture and possible interpretations for the meaning of the shapes. Einstein will also discuss current land management methods and protocols adopted by the University to care for the mounds and other archaeological sites on campus. Meeting place TBD. Leader: **Daniel Einstein** (daniel.einstein@wisc.edu).

March 26, 2023

Early Bird Migrants. *Sunday, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.*

Spring is just around the corner! Join Dane Gallagher for early spring magic! The bays, shorelines, woodlands, marshes, and prairies of the UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve offer food and shelter for a variety of species of birds. This means the Preserve is a great place to find returning migrants. Meet at the Picnic Point entrance kiosk, 2000 University Bay Drive. Leader: **Dane Gallagher** (dane.gallagher9@gmail.com)