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Preserve Committee Meeting

Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Report

Will Vuyk, Friends Board President

<https://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com>

Field Trips

Since the last Preserve Committee meeting the Friends have continued to work with the Preserve and the Friends of Urban Nature to host public field trips in the Preserve. More information about past field trips can be found on the Friends website linked above. Upcoming field trips in March include:

Sunday, March 24

Early Migrants (FUN)

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Join our birding guides Chuck Henrikson and Master Naturalist Paul Noeldner for early spring magic! The equinox says that spring has sprung. The bays, shorelines, woodlands, marshes and prairies of the Preserve offer food and shelter for a variety of bird species. This means the Preserve is a great place to find returning migrants. Meet at the Picnic Point entrance kiosk, 2000 University Bay Drive. Leaders: Chuck Henrikson and Paul Noeldner (paul_noeldner@hotmail.com).

Spring 2024 Newsletter

Earlier this month the Friends released our 2024 Spring Newsletter which can be found here: https://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com/uploads/2/6/9/3/26931781/flnp-spring-2024-newsletter_web.pdf. This issue includes, among other things, a feature article on the Preserve as a "living lab" by Friends student board representative Yara AL-Rayyan, our complete spring and summer field trip schedule, and an article by Preserve Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator Bryn Scriver on the recently constructed firewood racks on Picnic Point.

Friends 23rd Annual Meeting

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Wednesday April 3, 7:00 pm

In person at the UW Arboretum Visitor Center

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and socializing.

The public is welcome. Please bring a friend.

All are invited to the Friends' 23rd Annual Meeting! Those who arrive early will be greeted with time to socialize, view exhibits and find their seats before the official program begins at 7:00

pm CST. We will not be offering a virtual attendance option this year. In her talk “Dilution is NOT the Solution to Pollution: How Amphibians, Parasites and You Can Help Us Understand the Complex Effects of Pollutants on Wildlife”, distinguished speaker Dr. Jessica Hua will present on her lab’s research and community engagement efforts relating to the impacts of pollutants on amphibian populations. Look forward as well to updates on the Frautschi Center Campaign and more news from the UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve Team. Friends President Will Vuyk will deliver the Friends’ Annual Report, and the Board of Directors will honor its retiring members before introducing our newest nominees. Bring friendship and your one-of-a-kind self! We hope to see you there.

Please see the next page for this year’s annual meeting poster.

At the FLNP Annual Meeting, board president Will Vuyk, board treasurer Steve Sellwood, field trips committee chair Signe Holtz, and student representative Mason Polencheck will be retiring from the board. Board nominees include Steve Holtzman, Thomas Jilk, Jeff Koziol, and Logan Dachel. Current board member Ingrid Jordon-Thaden is expected to become board president once Will Vuyk steps down. More information about all of this can be found in the Spring 2024 Newsletter linked above.

Science Expeditions, April 5-7th

While traditionally organized by the Friends, the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Science Expeditions stations are being managed this year by the UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve. The Friends will still assist by manning the tree ID station by the access road gates.

Friends of Amphibians, 2024

The Friends of Amphibians Citizen Science Network had its first meeting in 2024 last week on March 7th. It was decided that we will continue with the same slate of surveys this year as last year (call surveys, die-off monitoring, water quality testing, and larval trapping). The Hua Lab will make a new facebook page from where to coordinate efforts, and a website to host a data dashboard and training information. For the time being, this information remains on the FLNP website here:

<https://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com/citizenscience.html/#friendsofamphibians>

We are looking forward to another successful season of amphibian monitoring!



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23RD ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 3 — 7:00 p.m. CDT *(In person only)*

UW Arboretum Visitor Center
2880 Longenecker Dr, Madison, WI 53713

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dilution is NOT the Solution to Pollution:
How Amphibians, Parasites and You Can Help Us Understand
the Complex Effects of Pollutants on Wildlife

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Jessica Hua

Associate Professor
UW–Madison Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology

Open to the public, bring a friend!

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