

The Cherokee Marsh News

The newsletter of the Friends of Cherokee Marsh

Butterflies and More Featured at Annual Meeting

Jan Axelson

One simple thing we can do to help butterflies is to plant partridge pea (*Chamaecrista fasciculata*), a native annual flower that is easy to grow from seed.

That advice is just one of the things we learned from Dr. Douglas Buege, President of the Southern Wisconsin Butterfly Association, at our annual member meeting at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center on January 18.

Before Dr. Buege's talk, Lesleigh Luttrell presented the treasurer's report (see page 3 for our year-end financial statement) and gave an update on the Cherokee Marsh Conservation Fund (see page 2).

Dana Erlandsen reviewed 2013's activities and dropped a hint about a celebration when the Cherokee Marsh Conservation Fund reaches \$10,000.

Elected to continue as directors for 2014-2015 were Jan Axelson, Paul Noeldner, Muriel Simms, Dick Walker, and Dorothy Wheeler. Continuing directors Timothy Baker, Janet Battista, Dana Erlandsen, Lesleigh Luttrell, and Justin Sargent are in the middle of their 2-year terms and thus were not up for election.

Following Dr. Buege's talk, folks had a chance to mingle and enjoy refreshments while door prizes were awarded.

After the member meeting, the directors met briefly to elect officers for the coming year: President Jan Axelson, Vice President Janet Battista, Treasurer Lesleigh Luttrell, and Secretary Dorothy Wheeler.



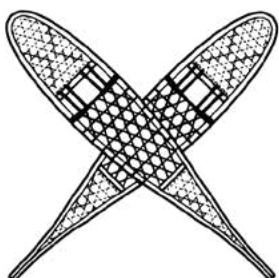
We learned that southern Wisconsin has many interesting and beautiful types of butterflies. Photo by Jim Hughes.

Thanks to Muriel Simms for donating tasty cheesecake for our refreshments.

Thanks to these generous Northside businesses for providing our popular door prizes: **Altered States Alterations, Benvenuto's Italian Grill, D & S Bait-Tackle, Culver's on Northport, Jim's Meat Market, Jung Garden Center, Northgate Barber Shop, and Northside True Value.**

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Moonlight Snowshoe February 8

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Conservation Fund Nears \$10,000

The Natural Resources Foundation reports that at the end of 2013, the the Cherokee Marsh Conservation Fund held \$8213.77, which includes contributions plus some dividends and gains on investment. Since that date, we've forwarded another \$985 in member contributions, putting the fund's balance over \$9000. We are very close to the \$10,000 needed for the fund to begin paying dividends to support conservation at Cherokee Marsh!

Donations of any amount are very much appreciated. Those who contribute at least \$100 will be recognized as Founding Donors—there is still time to add your name to the list below. To donate, use the form on the last page of this newsletter or donate at CherokeeMarsh.org.

Cherokee Marsh Conservation Fund Founding Donors

Thank you to our Founding Donors, who gave or pledged at least \$100 to the Cherokee Marsh Conservation Fund in its first year.

Margaret L. Anderson

Jan Axelson and Jim Hughes

Timothy and Elizabeth Baker

Janet Battista

Pat R. Brown

Thomas S. Cameron

Charles and Martha Casey

Virginia L. Davis

Steve Deatherage

Dana Erlandsen

Marcia Finger

Janet Freeman

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Kyle Lindemer

Lesleigh Luttrell

Robert Maurer

Tim Nelson, in memory of Linda Nelson

Paul and Barbara Noeldner

Ruth Oppedahl

Anne Pryor and Steve Ackerman

Michele Ritt and John Rademacher

Paul Rusk

Justin and Melissa Sargent

Tom Sather

Muriel Simms

Dennis Tande and Mary Manering

Richard and Margaret Walker

Jim Welsh

Dorothy Wheeler

Larry and Jane Wilson

Christmas Bird Count Produces Bluebirds & More

Highlights of the 2013 Christmas Bird Count on December 13 at Cherokee Marsh included nice views of a great horned owl in a tree, an eastern bluebird calling, a robin, a northern shrike (a songbird that feeds on small birds and rodents), a northern harrier cruising, and in a

bit of open water on the river, a small flock of gadwall ducks. Upstream at Token Creek a belted kingfisher was chattering. Counting at Cherokee Marsh were Jan Axelson, Paul Noeldner, Mike Rewey, and UW graduate students Aszya Summers and Kevin Riggie.

New! Enjoy Bird and Nature Walks Every Month

Paul Noeldner

Madison is celebrating becoming a Bird City by offering relaxing monthly bird and nature walks and informal talks at neighborhood parks and conservancies, including Cherokee Marsh. Discover welcoming paths to a variety of beautiful natural areas near where you live. Ask about the birds, animals and plants that surround us and how we impact and help them. Learn to enjoy healthy nature recreation activities year-round!

These Bird and Nature Walks are being sponsored by Bird City Madison Partners including Madison Parks, Madison Audubon Society, and the Friends of Cherokee Marsh.

Mark your calendar for these year-round monthly Bird and Nature Walks!

All ages welcome. Dress for the weather. If you have questions, contact Paul Noeldner at 608-698-0104.

Sunday, February 2

and

Sunday, March 2

and

the first Sunday of every month in 2014!

All walks will take place from 1:30-3:00 pm

Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park, North Unit

6098 N. Sherman Ave. Travel north on N. Sherman Ave. to the main parking lot at the end of the gravel road.

For dates and times of Bird and Nature walks in other parks, see cityofmadison.com/parks/calendar



2013 Financial Statement

Friends of Cherokee Marsh 2013 Financial Statement	
Balance 12/31/12	\$7,174.49
Income	
Contributions	\$1,549.70 36 donations
Member Dues	\$2,073.23 97 memberships
Endowment	\$6,343.60 45 donors
Grant	\$450.00 Dane County (Environmental Council)
Interest	\$2.39
Total	\$10,418.92
Expenses	
Display Materials	\$118.52
Donations	\$100.00 Bird Protection Fund (speaker honorarium)
Education	\$500.00 Madison School District (field studies transportation)
Endowment	\$7,350.00 Cherokee Marsh Conservation Fund
Events	\$277.99 annual meeting/Earth Day
Fees	\$10.00 WI nonstock corporation fee
Insurance	\$350.00
Mailing Costs/PO Box Rental	\$290.66
Organization Dues	\$300.00 Clean Lakes Alliance/NH Land Trust/River Alliance
Printing	\$12.19 newsletters
Special Projects	\$450.00 Cherokee Marsh signboard update (grant funded)
Total	\$9,759.36
Balance 12/31/13	\$7,834.25

Events Calendar

Don't miss out on last-minute events that don't make it into this calendar. For the latest event information, *Like* us on Facebook, join our email group, or visit CherokeeMarsh.org.

If you want to be added to our email notification list for volunteer events, email info@cherokeemarsh.org.

Bird and Nature Walks

Sunday, February 2, 1:30–3:00 pm

AND

Sunday, March 2, 1:30–3:00 pm

Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park, North Unit

Family-friendly guided walk. See page 3 for more information.

Moonlight Snowshoe

Saturday, February 8, 6–8 pm

Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park, North Unit

Bring your snowshoes and explore Cherokee Marsh by moonlight. Enjoy a bonfire and hot cider. Sponsored by the Friends of Cherokee Marsh.

Location Information

Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park, North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Ave. Travel north on N. Sherman Ave. to the main parking lot at the end of the gravel road.

Cherokee Marsh Art Show Announced

The Northside Artists Group and the Friends of Cherokee Marsh are excited to announce an upcoming art show focused on Cherokee Marsh.

Raising Crane: Impressions of Cherokee Marsh

April 1–May 31

Lakeview Branch Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.

Public reception at the library, April 11, 6–8 pm

Sponsored by the Northside Artists Group and Friends of Cherokee Marsh.

Keep in touch!

"Like" our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/friends.of.cherokee.marsh

Join our email group:

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/cherokeemarsh

Thanks for Renewing!

Thanks to all who have renewed their memberships for 2013. If you haven't renewed or would like to join the Friends, please take a minute to fill out and mail in the form on the last page of this newsletter or go to CherokeeMarsh.org to renew online.



Dana Erlandsen pulls a winner from a top hat, and Lesleigh Luttrell presents the prize. Photo by Jim Hughes.

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To protect, preserve, and restore the beauty, value, and health of the Cherokee Marsh and upper Yahara River watershed.

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Janet Battista (Vice President)

Dana Erlandsen

Lesleigh Luttrell (Treasurer)

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Justin Sargent

Muriel Simms

Dick Walker

Dorothy Wheeler (Secretary)

Advisor

Don Hammes

Membership and Contribution Form

YES! I want to be a Friend of Cherokee Marsh.

The Friends of Cherokee Marsh are dedicated to protecting, preserving, and restoring the beauty, value, and health of Cherokee Marsh and the upper Yahara River watershed. Your contribution of time, talent, or funds will help preserve and restore the crucial wetland ecosystem of Cherokee Marsh.

Memberships are per calendar year. New memberships paid after June 30 are valid through the current and following year.

- Individual \$15
- Family \$25
- Mallard \$50
- Additional donation \$ _____
- Additional donation \$ _____ in honor of _____
- Additional donation \$ _____ in memory of _____
- Osprey \$100
- Sandhill Crane \$250
- Great Blue Heron \$500

Here is my additional donation to the Cherokee Marsh Conservation Fund.

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- \$ _____

Find out more about the Cherokee Marsh Conservation Fund at CherokeeMarsh.org/conserve

Name _____

Family member(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____ Second (family member) Email _____

Phone _____ Don't publicize my financial support.

I'm interested in helping with:

- Field work
- Publicity
- Tours
- Education
- Board/Committees

Other _____

Please mail this form and payment to:

Friends of Cherokee Marsh, PO Box 3390, Madison WI 53704

Thank you for joining us in our effort to protect this valuable resource!

The Friends of Cherokee Marsh is a Federal tax-exempt charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.