

The Wilderness Center Newsletter



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Distinguished Service Awards Presented at the Volunteer Safari Party on August 4th

On August 4th The Wilderness Center hosted its annual Volunteer thank you party. This year's theme was "Safari," and there was an animal scavenger hunt, a costume contest and Elephant Bowling.

We had a roasted pig by Strasburg Meats, cheesy potatoes and two wonderful authentic safari salads donated by Chuck Hass.

The Distinguished Service awards were presented. This is the highest award The Wilderness Center can give to the volunteers who have given so much of their time and talents to us.

This year's recipients were Barbara Bartchy, Brian Gray and Chuck Hass. See page 5 for more information.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who attended and made the evening such fun!

Birdseed Sale Order enclosed -Deadline Oct., 27 Birdseed Sale & Pick-up Nov. 11-13

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The Enchanted Forest 6:30 & 7:30 PM Fri., Oct. 7 & Sat., Oct. 8



"Magic" fills The Wilderness Center trails during the Enchanted Forest. Children have a fun—but not scary—experience. Come in costume if you'd like! Walk through the Enchanted Forest and meet various creatures of the night such as Dirt, Raccoon, Luna Moth, Skunk, Spider and Slug, who will tell you about their nocturnal lives! The Enchanted Forest is a fun, educational experience for children 4 to 10 years old. (They should bring their parents and grandparents along, too.) Visitors are escorted around the trail by volunteer leaders called Fireflies, who light the way with lanterns. Along the trail, you stop for brief programs by the creatures inhabiting the Enchanted Forest. After the walk, refreshments are served in the building. You MUST pre-register. Please see enclosed program guide for registration information.

To save costs and paper, please contact Vicki at vicki@wildernesscenter.org if you would like to receive your newsletter online instead of in the mail.

**VISIT US ON FACEBOOK AND
TWITTER!!!!**

Heiligenschein

OK, I admit it. I'm kind of a weather nerd. It's getting worse as I get older. Every once in a while, I find something weather-related I just really want to share. Here goes... heiligenschein!

I'm sure you've experienced heiligenschein. Think of a morning after a cool, clear night. The sun is out, and the dew is on the grass. Maybe you mowed recently. If you stand so your shadow is on the grass but the sun is behind you, you'll see a sort of halo around your head. No, you're not a saint (or maybe you are, but it has nothing to do with this sort of halo). You're seeing heiligenschein.

The word, from German, translates literally as "holy shine." It really does look like you have a halo!

People have been trying to figure out what causes heiligenschein for years. I had always thought it was reflection of the sunlight by the dewdrops. But it turns out to be much more than that. In fact, a little logic shows that it can't be simple reflection because the round dewdrop would reflect light in all directions.

When the dew is on the grass, it isn't actually ON the grass. Grass blades have little tiny hairs, and the dewdrop rests on the hairs. A dewdrop is, essentially, round so can act like a lens. Light hits the dewdrop lens, goes through, and is focused on the grass blade. That makes a bright spot of light on the grass. Some of the light from the bright spot is scattered, but most retraces its path through the dewdrop and exits as collimated light, which means that all the rays are parallel. The explanation was first given by Lommel in 1874.

Since you have the sun behind you, your eyes see the light heading back toward you. If your friend is standing next to you, it will look to you as if he doesn't have a halo (of course, to him, it will look as if you don't). The collimated light doesn't shine sideways from his shadow to your eyes.

Have a little fun and try a heiligenschein experiment with your camera. You don't need a fancy one—even your cell phone camera will do. Take a picture of your heiligenschein, holding your camera to your eye. You'll see it! Now take another picture, this time holding your camera on your belly or out to the side as far as you can reach. If you understood the previous paragraph, you'll already know where the halo will appear. If you didn't, try the experiment and you'll get it!

Heiligenschein is only one example of light being reflected back in the direction it came with the help of transparent spheres. You're trying to avoid another example when you reset that camera to reduce red eye. You notice it when your cat's or dog's eyes shine in the dark. Your ophthalmologist uses it when she examines your eyes. But most of all, you

use it every time you drive at night, as your car's headlights illuminate reflectorized signs.

Pretty nerdy, right? And, if you found it interesting enough to have read this far, I suspect you have the potential to be a weather nerd, too!

By: Joann Ballbach, Education Director

Arnold W. Fritz **December 22, 1930 to August 14, 2011**

Founder of The Wilderness Center

Founder of Canton Audubon Society

Man of Vision and Dedication

In the early 1960s, **Arnold (Arnie) W. Fritz** attended a meeting of the National Audubon Society where he learned about Kalamazoo Nature Center starting up in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He thought such a facility would be good for northeast Ohio. It was a vision. It was a passion. He used the passion to make the vision a reality.

Fritz was a biology professor at Malone College. He had the ability to organize and motivate others. His vision of a community nature center inspired a host of volunteers to create a nature community center for Stark, Wayne, Holmes, Tuscarawas Counties, and surrounding areas.

Fritz served as the first President of The Wilderness Center. He served for the first 10 years of the Center's existence. He continued to serve on the board of directors for the remainder of his life. For a brief time in the early 1980s, he took on the title of Executive Secretary and essentially served as the interim Executive Director.

Nature was one of **Fritz's** many passions. Communicating the wonders of nature to others was an important part of his life as a college professor and as leader of The Wilderness Center.

It would be impossible to even estimate the amount of volunteer time **Fritz** contributed to making The Wilderness Center a success. There was no volunteer job at the Center that was too small or too big. He did everything from fund raising with high-level philanthropists to physical labor to help The Wilderness Center become the community institution it is today.

In addition to a career as a college professor and founder of The Wilderness Center, his Free Methodist faith and family guided his life.

Fritz's life served as shining proof that one man can make a difference.

Welcome New Members!

Lowell & Sue Andolsen
Mr. Troy S. Dunn
Pamela Jordan
Bill Mikusa
Mike & Connie Reding
Phyllis Sasso
Dennis & Ruth Shiffer
Melinda & Mark Snider
Theresa Taylor
Matt Wade Family
Maria Zombory-Zsendovics

Two full time job openings at The Wilderness Center

There are two job openings coming up at The Wilderness Center. They are Development Director and Foxfield Preserve Steward.

The Development Director, **Tammy Seikel**, will retire late this fall after two years as a volunteer and 16 years on the payroll. This is a professional fund raising job.

Jennifer Quinn left the job as Foxfield Preserve Steward over a year ago due to a family emergency. We hired Jeff Watson, a volunteer part time, to handle Foxfield. **Jeff**, a retired school administrator, loves the job, but decided to retire again this winter. We are looking for a full-time person to handle all aspects of Foxfield Preserve.

Both jobs require a college education. Both jobs require "people people." They must be good at interpersonal, written, and public communication.

For more information on the jobs, send an e-mail to: **Gordon Maupin**, gordon@wildernesscenter.org.

**MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT
TO US!
PASS THE NEWS ALONG TO
A FRIEND.**

Receive the monthly newsletter with programming and information

Help provide nature trails, exhibits and educational experience for people of all ages

Early enrollment and discounted fees for TWC programs

10 % Discount on The Wilderness Center Nature Bookstore merchandise and 15% on birdseed

An Invitation to Join The Wilderness Center

The Wilderness Center is a self-funding, nonprofit organization, founded in 1964, dedicated to connecting our community with nature, educating people of all ages, conserving natural resources, and practicing environmental stewardship.

Teaching 15,000 school children yearly. Participating in nature research of the Great Lakes Region. Protecting 2,922 acres of forest, streams, prairie and farmland. Providing answers about the natural world for the community.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting | \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$90 |
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Membership lasts one full year from date of payment.

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- By Mail
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| Street Address or Box Number | | |
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| Telephone: Home: | | Work: |
| Email address: | | |

Thank You, Volunteers!

September Volunteers

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|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Becky Anania | Tim Lavy | Jeff Watson |
| Fred Anania | Carl Lavin | Patti Watson |
| Kathy Bailey | Lola Lewis | Will Watson |
| Ron Barickman | Debbie Liknes | Jean Weaver |
| Jim Barnes | Emily Liknes | Sam Weaver |
| Barbara Bartchy | Gary Liknes | Kathy Weckbacher |
| Lynn Bassetti | Sally Little | Wanda Wentling |
| Barb Bauer | MaryJo Lundenberger | Howard Wise |
| Ken Blanchard | MaryLou Lundenberger | Chuck Yehl |
| Theresa Blanchard | Maurice Lundenberger | |
| Norma Breehl | Lundenberger | |
| Rick Breehl | Maurice Lundenberger | |
| Herb Broda | Robert McAfee | |
| Dan Buehler | Larry McGrath | |
| Lois Carr | Patsy McGrath | |
| Bill Castro | Dick Miller | |
| Nancy Castro | Jane Miller | |
| Sandy Chenal | Milo Miller | |
| Bob Connor | Meredith Morgan | |
| Mary Ann Connor | Linda Mutchler | |
| Sue Cook | Paul Mutchler | |
| Dick Corban | Arlene Nussbaum | |
| Ken Craddock | Dale Nussbaum | |
| Jeff Dafler | Esther Norris | |
| Jim Dangle | Rita Palaski | |
| Bob DeHoff | Nancy Pickard | |
| Alan Dolan | Alan Poorman | |
| Sarah Douglas | Jim Pryor | |
| Pat Dutton | Monty Reed | |
| Kay Earney | Connie Reding | |
| Luke Easter | Ralph Regula | |
| Aiden Erb | Tim Regula | |
| Alyssa Erb | Lynette Reiner | |
| Patty Erb | David Rice | |
| Susan Evanoff | George Rickenbrode | |
| Kathy Everhard | Nancy Rickenbrode | |
| Larry Everhard | Robert Rohrbaugh | |
| Peggy Ewing | Samuel Root | |
| Walt Fink | Dave Ross | |
| Fred Finney | Alice Schmitthenner | |
| Bonnie Fisher | Fritz Schmitthenner | |
| Arnold Fritz | Penny Seibert | |
| Jean Fritz | Terry Seibert | |
| Barbara Gercken | Bob Shedlarz | |
| Andrea Gillis | Rich Shernit | |
| Brian Gray | Joanna Sinker | |
| Charlie Grell | Priscilla Sinker | |
| Char Greenfelder | Marv Smith | |
| Fred Grosse | Sandy Smith | |
| Andy Haag | Arletta Snyder | |
| Rick Haines | Su Snyder | |
| Helen Harper | Pat Soehnlén | |
| Chuck Hass | Ashten Spencer | |
| Kryn Henderhan | Renee Spencer | |
| Dave Herbster | Brian Spring | |
| David Hoecker | Neel Summers | |
| Phil Hoyle | John Swartz | |
| Rosemarie Hunt | Janice Tipton | |
| Steve Jones | Pat Tirabasso | |
| Kitty Johnson | Cheryl Villard | |
| Sue Keller | Flo Vinkovich | |
| Judy Kenny | John Waechter | |
| Tom Kenny | Ron Wallick | |
| Chuck Kraus | Monica Watkins | |
| Del Labo | | |

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH COLLEGE OF WOOSTER “WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE”

The students from the **College of Wooster WVN Agency** are wonderful volunteers! They have worked with The Wilderness Center for several years now and are part of our Citizen Conservation Program.

The students are a group of 15-20 that help with Land Stewardship, Land Conservation Projects and special events that include the Enchanted Forest and the Birdseed Sale.

They are hard workers and have fun while they are working. **Gary Popotnik** works with them, and they are diligent and dependable.

We would like to thank **The College of Wooster** for the opportunity to serve as their WVN Agency and thank the **students** from the College!

TINKERER WANTED

Are you a tinkerer? Any good with small electrics? Our 20+ year old laminator desperately needs you! The drive and speed settings just aren't working. Would you tinker with it to see if it can be fixed? Contact **Joann** at TWC, 877-359-5235 or joann@wildernesscenter.org. Thanks!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need Volunteer help in our Nature Store on Fridays and Saturday afternoons. Our training program is easy, and if you can help four hours a month, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact **Vicki** at vicki@wildernesscenter.org or call her at 1-877-359-5235 if you are interested.

ENCHANTED FOREST

It is that time of year again! It takes over 100 volunteers each evening to put on Enchanted Forest. on Oct. 7 & 8. We need Fireflies, characters, help in the office and bookstore and more. If you can help, please email **Vicki** at vicki@wildernesscenter.org or call her at 877-359-5235 and let her know which evening you can help!!!

BIRDSEED SALE

Volunteers are needed again for TWC's annual Birdseed Sale on Nov. 11-13. We arrange shifts on the 11th & 12th from 9-1 & 1-5 and on the 13th from 1-5. If you can help, please email **Vicki** at vicki@wildernesscenter.org or call her at 877-359-5235 and let her know which day you can help!!!

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED



Barbara Bartchy

The Wilderness Center recognizes and honors **Barbara's** many years of dedicated volunteer service in our Office/nature store and for her help with Special Events.

Barbara has been a regular Tuesday volunteer for The Wilderness Center for many, many years. She answers the phone, takes reservations, waits on customers in our nature store, and works on mailings. She crochets and knits while she has down time and donates one of her hand-made creations for our annual auction.

Barbara also helps with the newsletter mailings and has helped with many special events that include Romantic Moonlight Serenade, Earth Day, the Native Plant Sale, Nature Fest and the Enchanted Forest.

Barb is fun to be with and always has a great sense of humor in the office!

Thanks **Barb!!!**



Brian Gray

The Wilderness Center recognizes and honors Brian's many years of dedicated service as a volunteer for the Astronomy Club, our office/nature store and many Special Events.

Brian has volunteered his time and talents in many capacities for the Astronomy Club over the years and enables the club to have public programs and star watches, meetings and many other activities.

Brian has volunteered in our office/nature store and is very efficient at answering phones, taking reservations, waiting on customers in the bookstore and handles logging all the volunteer hours each year.

Brian also volunteers for special events such as Earth Day, the Native Plant Sale, Romantic Moonlight Serenade, and Nature Fest, and is a firefly for Enchanted Forest.

We never worry about the office when **Brian** is in charge!

Thanks **Brian!**



Chuck Hass

The Wilderness Center recognizes and honors **Chuck's** many years of dedicated service as a volunteer for the Office/Bookstore, Greeter, Wild Cooks Classes, and cooking each year for our Enchanted Forest.

Chuck is a wonderful volunteer who greets for us and welcomes people to The Wilderness Center. He also works the Nature Store when needed on Sundays.

Chuck also collects, organizes and conducts our Wild Cooks class several times a year. This is a very popular class and after collecting edible plants in the woods, they have a wonderful lunch.

The biggest event that **Chuck** volunteers for each year is our Enchanted Forest. **Chuck** gets donations and cooks dinner for several hundred volunteers on both Friday and Saturday evenings. Our volunteers rave about his food each year, and we know that volunteering for this event has increased since he started serving everyone dinner!

Thanks **Chuck!**

Botanizers Club

On August 6, **Marvin Smith** led a Club Member-only field trip to Pine Hill Park (Crall Woods) in Ashland County. Pine Hill Park encompasses two parks in one, with the 139 acre Sauer's Farm Park and Crall Woods, which is a protected Natural area with 45 acres of old growth forest. Crall Woods has been declared a National Natural Landmark site by the National Park Service. **Marv** pointed out the trees and their unique features and had some great information to share from his reading and research. The wildflowers found flowering included a nice patch of Cardinal Flower in its fabulous red color., small-flowered Leafcup with a small bloom of yellow on fairly good-sized leaves and Large-flowered Aster, to name a few. **Ann Ely** was so thoughtful and brought a cooler of ice and water to cool us off after the hike. **Sandy Smith** furnished cookies. Our hero of the day had to be **Jeri Stitt**, who took **Marv** at his word that the trail would be flat and easy walking. It was a good trail once you got up the hill of loose gravel to the flat part. For those steady on their feet, this was not an issue, but for **Jeri** and her trusty walker it was a challenge. With determination and a great attitude she finished the hike with us and still had a smile on her face. We are looking forward to a few more hikes before the weather changes and we will need to be indoors once more. Enjoy the beauty that surrounds you today.

Until next time, **Sandy Smith, Club President**

Backpackers/Dayhikers Club

On August 21, **Janice Tipton** led thirteen dayhikers on a four mile trek at Brecksville Reservation, Deer Lick Creek Trail. Dinner was enjoyed at Creekside Grill afterwards

On September 2-5, **Bob Geiser** led nine people on a three day backpacking trip at Cranberry Creek, near Elkins, WV. They hiked the Big Beechy Trail, Middle Fork Trail, Laurelly Branch Trail, North-South and Tumbling Rock Run.

On September 11, **June Bretzin** led a dayhike on the Adams's Run trail (Hamptom Hills Metro Park).

On September 18, **Donna Zintek** led a hike at Alderfer-Oenslager, Wolf Creek near Medina.

On September 23-25, **Dan Andrews** led a backpacking trip at Mid State Trail, PA.

Needle Crafters

Since we moved to Tuesday meetings, we often meet in the Wildlife Observation Room.

Come to the next meeting, bring your project, and join in. The Needle Crafters are now meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10 AM.

Nature Photo Club

The monthly Photo Club meeting is Sat., Oct. 22nd at 9:30 a.m. and the shooting topic is "Harvest". This will be the men against the women in a shootout. Bring up to 6 images on the subject

Nature Book Discussion Club

The selection for the October 1 meeting is *The Big Year* by **Mark Obmasick**. It is a dramatized account of a year in which three men compete to see who can identify the most species of birds. One of the book's characters is based on a local man. The book has been made into a movie with **Steve Martin**.

We especially invite bird watchers to come share their perspectives of the book. Meet at 2 PM, Saturday, October 1.

At the August meeting, we discussed *Silent Spring* by **Rachel Carson**, considered by many to be the turning point of this country's environmental movement. We also considered plans for the coming months: November 5, *My First Summer in the Sierra* by **John Muir**; December 3, *Last Child in the Woods* by **Richard Louv**, January 7, *Shipbreaker* by **Paolo Bacigalupi**.

Geocaching Club

The Geocache Club is gearing up for its fourth annual fall geocaching event, AUTUMN GEOFEST IV, to be held on Saturday, October 15, at the Center. The event will run from 8 AM-5 PM with registration from 8-1 and all cachers on the trails by 2 PM. There will be door prizes, 50/50 drawing and a raffle for \$200 in gift cards. All drawings will be held between 1-2, and you must claim your prizes by 4:45 that day. There is no fee, and the event is open to all cachers... beginners and the more experienced. We will have over 100 caches on five trails and in the parking lot. Food will be available for a donation from 11-1. Pre-registration is not required. Club Members, don't forget we need door caches donated for this event. For complete details, please check out geocaching.com or e-mail **Rita** axetowax@yahoo.com.

Our next geochat will be held in September at a location to be announced. Watch Geocaching.com for details.

All you need to be a member of our club is to be a member of TWC and e-mail me with your contact info. For comments, questions or suggestions for the club, please e-mail **Rita** at rita@yahoo.com

Bird Club News

The end-of-summer birding has been very good this year. Several TWC birders joined other Ohioans in Hocking County for the fledgling Mississippi Kite and parents. It was a great experience. The youngster perched high on a dead tree and waited patiently as the parents snatched one cicada after another to satisfy his hunger. Every so often he would take to flight and soar magnificently, as kites do, only to land with a jerk as he honed his new skills before migrating to his winter home. How lucky we are to have observed this! After this excitement, two of our birders headed south to Plain City to Glacier Ridge Metro Park (just northwest of Columbus) where a KING RAIL had been seen. They were not disappointed – along with sightings of the King Rail, they had at least 8 Virginia Rails in plain sight – OHIO BIRDING IS THE BEST!!!

Then, our annual shorebird trip this year greeted our group first thing in the morning at the Lorain Impoundment with eight (8) AMERICAN AVOCETS. This species has been abundant this year in northern Ohio from Lorain to Conneaut; birders have had lots of viewing experiences. For the day we also added Wilson's Phalarope, Stilt Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, Solitary Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper and Long-billed Dowitcher to our trip list. Thanks to **Ben** for another GREAT trip.

TWC Bird Club has several upcoming day trips planned, along with our third Saturday of the month walks at The Center. Why not join us? AND, mark your calendars for the Annual Backyard Bird Feeding Program scheduled for Saturday, November 19 at 11 AM. Bring your kids, your grandchildren or even your neighbor kids for a fun and interesting look at backyard birding. Learn more about our feathered friends, their habits and how to attract them to YOUR yard! After the program, we will again be making PINECONE BIRDFEEDERS for everyone to take home – the birds just love them!!

Until next month – May you always hear the whisper of wings...

For more information on how to join clubs, or upcoming club meetings, please visit online at www.wildernesscenter.org

Astronomy Club

Heavy clouds covered the sky on August 5th at our monthly Public Star Watch. **John Waechter** gave the planetarium show, that included a slide show by **Joann Ballbach**, about the NASA Space Shuttle program. **Ron Wallick**, **Brian Gray** and **Fred Grosse** also helped out. Come join us on the first Friday of each month.

Our club meetings are held on the last Friday of each month in the Astronomy Education Building, starting at 7:30 PM. The October program, will be by club member **Bill Castro**, "Filters for Visual Observing".

On September 30th the astronomy club will hold a special program "Stargazing 101", a basic observing and telescope education program authored by **Bill Castro**. This program is designed for Wilderness Center members and the general public as an introductory astronomy education course. A planetarium show and observing will follow if clear. The fee for this program is \$ \$10 for TWC members, \$15 for nonmembers; it includes a Telescope Observing manual, an 8.5 inch planisphere and a red LED flashlight.

Check our web site at www.twcac.org for current news and updates.



Wanted: Bake Sale Items!

Want to help raise money for displays at TWC? Bake some cookies!!! We will have a bake sale table at the Nature Festival Arts and Crafts Fair. We welcome cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, etc. Please, no cream, custard or pumpkin pies. You can package your cookies or brownies by the dozen or half dozen, or allow us to package them for selling. Please drop off baked goods the week of the Arts and Crafts Fair or on Saturday, November 5, before noon.

Earthly Delights Items

Art

Civil War Harpers Weekly Framed
William B. & Sharon Young
Large 18th Century Map of British Virgin Islands
Framed
William B. & Sharon Young
Wood Duck Painting by Linda Scheck
Martin & Wendy Nuetzel
Heron Painting on Slate by Linda Scheck
Martin & Wendy Nuetzel
National Audubon Society Bird Guide
William B. & Sharon Young
Cleveland Browns Framed Photo
Cleveland Indians Framed Photo
Augusta Farewell Framed Photo
In Step Framed Photo
Famous Par 3s Framed Photo
Lou and Babe Framed Photo
Crooked Vine Framed Photo
Hogan's Perfect Swing Framed Photo
St. Andrews Farewell Framed Photo
OSU Heisman Framed Photo
Hall of Fame Legends Framed Photo
Small Pebble Beach Premier Framed Photo
Heritage Charity Auctions & Awards
Thomas Kincade "Sweetheart Cottage II"
Peffer Gallery
"Persian Indigo" Mixed Media
Joe Martino

Dining

\$5 Gift Certificate-Menches Brothers
\$25 Strasburg Meats Gift Certificate
\$20 Hibachi Japan Gift Certificate
\$50 Carrabas Gift Card
\$25 Panera Gift Card
\$50 Chili's Gift Card
\$25 Texas Road House Gift Card
\$25 Macaroni Grill Gift Card
\$25 Olive Garden Gift Card
\$25 Outback Steakhouse Gift Card
\$20 Applebees Gift Card-Apple Group

Entertainment & Getaways

4 Canton Ballet's "The Nutcracker" Tickets
Canton Ballet
One Night Stay on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
Harbor Shores
Overnight Stay & Breakfast at Spread Eagle
Tavern & Inn
David W. Johnson

2 Passes-Warther's Museum
2 McKinley Museum Passes
McKinley Presidential Library and
Museum
4 Passes-Laser Quest
4 Passes-Spring Hill Historic Home
Two Model Boats-William B. and Sharon
Young
Large Coffee Table Birds of Prey Book
William B. & Sharon Young
Abraham Lincoln Book
William B. & Sharon Young
\$100 Gift Certificate and Jewelry Care
Basket
Craig Personal Jewelers
\$50 Gift Certificate & Key to My Heart
Necklace
Dunkin Diamonds
Earth Tones Acrylic Necklace
Anne-Marie's Fine Jewelry and Gifts
Flowers of the First Ladies China: Lucy
Hayes and Jane Pierce
National First Ladies Library
Homemade Basket Full of Goodies-
Zoar Village
2 Gund Teddy Bears-
Keillor's A Teddy Bear Shoppe
60 Minutes Little Black Book Spa Service
Headliners Salon and Day Spa
\$25 Hair Shoppe & Spa Gift Certificate
Spa at Atrium
Makeover Package & Take Home Lavender
Mint Collection- Hairs to You
Home and Garden
"Blue Sky & Sunshine" Quilt
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William B. & Sharon Young
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William B. & Sharon Young
Hand Made Solid Oak Bench-William B.
& Sharon Young
Blue Bird House-William B. & Sharon
Young
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Scentsy Warmer & 3 Scents-Nancy Wai-
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Gardening & Bird Feeding Basket
Pettiti's Garden Center

Sham Wow!-Fitness Quest
Toro Electric Blower Vac-Bair's Inc.
Seashell Mirror-2 Hr Consulting Services
Dan West Interior Design Inc.
Beginning Gardener's Basket
William B. & Sharon Young
Autumn Table Decoration-
Canton Flower Shop
Autumn Wreath-Kim Unsworth-American
Eagle Post Topper-Ron Barickman
Live
One Week in Gulf Shores, AL
Ken & Theresa Blanchard
Party for 10 at The Canton Club
Steve & Jenny Coon
Sports & Fitness
XL Polartec Jacket-William B. & Sharon
Young
3 Passes for 18 Holes-Zoar Village Golf
Course
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Leg Magic-Fitness Quest
Mt. Union Jacket-William B. &
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Ronald Royer

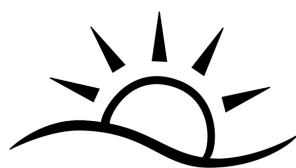
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Inside The Wilderness Center- Finale-Almost!

In our installments of this series, I have left the most difficult ones for last-**Gordon Maupin** the Executive Director, and **Gina** and me, the Development Department.

Gordon has been the Executive Director at TWC for 30 years now. That is quite a feat in itself. It's tough to describe what **Gordon** does, partly because I don't know everything he does and partly because the job is so vast. He has the day-to-day operational responsibility of The Wilderness Center, plus he must be plugged in to new trends in both the nonprofit world in general and nature center administration in particular. He is the face of TWC in the community and the leader and inspiration to the staff, volunteers and members. It is a big responsibility being the "buck stops here" guy for an organization with close to a \$1 million budget, 3,000 acres under management, and lots of moving parts. But of course he does have a great staff (ahem!) and dedicated volunteers so he doesn't actually have to teach classes, mow grass, or do the newsletter.

Maybe it's easier to detail some of the changes to the Center that happened under **Gordon's** leadership. First, the mission has grown from being an educational nature center to being a nature center and land trust. This change is significant because it allows TWC not only to teach the next generation to love and care for their natural heritage but also to ensure there is green space to inherit. **Gordon** brought to the organization new ideas in acquiring stewardship of land, including the use of conservation easements. He led TWC in a \$5 million capital campaign in the 1990s, when we were able to greatly increase the size of the Interpretive Building in response to the demand for services, and add both a maintenance building and an astronomy education building. He encouraged the development of our special interest clubs, which expanded membership as well as brought new educational programming to TWC, which far exceeded the expertise of the staff. Most recently, **Gordon** started Wild Ideas, the Podcast, which sends our educational programming literally around the world.

Last, but not least, **Gordon** directed the organization to become what he calls "ecopreneurial"-using the tools of business to finance our nonprofit environmental mission. The first venture was to do wetland mitigation. The money we receive goes to monitor the wetlands as well as to purchase more wetlands, which we can then use for additional mitigation work. Our next ecopreneurial venture was to start TWC Consulting Forestry. I talked about **Adam**, our forester, several months ago, so I won't repeat myself. Our most recent business is Foxfield Preserve, our nature preserve cemetery; as usual, **Gordon** was ahead of his time on that one. All three of these businesses provide income that we can use to preserve and steward land and to sustain our educational programming, so we don't have to ask the community for donations quite so often.

Next month I will finish up this series-I promise! As always, thanks for all that you do, and please remember us in your estate plans.

Tammy Seikel, Development Director



Tree of Life



In memory of **Alice**
 Jim & Jamie Harkey
 In memory of
Gearldean Parrot Andreas
 Paul & Gale Warinner
 In memory of **Carol A. Arnaut**
 Mike Holdford & Lisa Stamford
 In memory of **Gladys Bailey**
 Rich & Nancy Biggerstaff
 In memory of **Carole Bennie**
 Syl Steffen & Family
 In memory of **Matthew D. Bonner**
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who died 8-24-11
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 In memory of **Daniel John Hunter**
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Jack D. Knoblock
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Chip, Shelly & Bonnie Higgins

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Sonia Solomonoff
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In fond memory of **Bob VanKeuren, our Friday's symphony friend**
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TWC TRIPS

Costa Rica Ecotour- Jan.28-Feb. 7, 2012



Here is your chance to escape the cold of winter on one of TWC's biogeocultural ecotours to Costa Rica. This 11-day sojourn will include the highlights of this central American jewel of a nation. The trip will include visits to Monteverde Cloud Forest, waterfalls, a butterfly observatory, Braulio Carrillo National Park, a raft trip on the Sarapiquí River, Arenal Volcano, an aerial tram ride to view the tree canopy, Carara National Park, Manuel Antonio National Park, and a visit to the small country town of Sarchi.

Lodging will be in the Bougainvillea Hotel, the La Quinta De Sarapiquí Country Inn, and the Fonda Vela Hotel.

The cost includes; rooms, 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners and a host of activities.

Total cost of the trip is \$3,500 if a minimum of 8-13 people sign up. There will be some savings if more people join the trip. Airfare is not included as it changes hourly! Currently, airfare is a little over \$900.

If you are interested in joining this visit to the tropics, contact **Gordon Maupin at Gordon@wildernesscenter.org** for a detailed itinerary. To reserve a space on the trip, please send a deposit of \$500 per person.

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