

Center Focus

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May/June 2011

Early Openings for Birders

Sunday, May 1 - Friday, June 10
Our grounds will be open at
7:00am for birders and hikers.

Free Bird Hikes in May

Saturday, May 7, 14 & 21
See page 11 for details.



Aldo Leopold's Green Fire Movie

Thursday, May 12
See back page for details.

Raptor Photo Shoot

Saturday, May 14
See page 9 for details.



Annual Gala

Friday, June 3
See page 2 for details.

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Open 7 Days a Week

9:00am - 5:00pm

\$6 Adults, \$4 Children

Free Admission to Members

Time for a Change

By Elizabeth Cheek, Executive Director



In 1997 when I became Executive Director, I wrote in my first newsletter article about some of the challenges that lay ahead for our Center. About the biggest challenge, I said, "Our building was built 25 years ago to handle five staff and 12,000 visitors; we now have 30 staff and 70,000 visitors. How can we continue to respond to Milwaukee's needs for natural science education?" (I didn't mention in my article that the building was full of mold and that mushrooms were found growing in the carpet.)

We proceeded to solve that challenge quite handily. We went into capital campaign mode, planned and strategized, raised nine million dollars, and built the greenest building in Wisconsin at that time, which earned a Gold LEED certification. We also included space for a nature preschool in the building, an idea way ahead of the curve in environmental education. It all went extremely well. The building now houses a staff of 50, we serve 35,000 kids in the Milwaukee area, and the Center has annual visitation of 145,000 people. The nature preschool was filled with a waiting list for both classrooms when we opened the new building in 2003, and it has been so successful that we added a third preschool room last year by knocking out the wall between two regular classrooms used by our popular grade school and high school classes. We fixed up two larger classrooms in our lower level for these older kids, and now every space in our building is well-utilized.

In addition to constructing the new building, we built a pavilion on the old building's site, built a raptor building and a subsequent addition to the raptor building, which allowed for the growth of our popular raptor programs, and added new exhibits to our Great Hall. In addition to the thousands of urban children we serve in grade schools and high schools, we've added urban nature preschool classes. Our adult education programs have also grown tremendously, truly making the Center a place for life-long learning about the natural world.

All of these successful accomplishments, along with the fact that our fund drive again reached its goal last year in one of the most difficult economic times we've had, makes it a good and non-stressful time to change leadership. I will retire as Executive Director at the end of June, and I know that the new person, whoever he or she may be, will come in with new vision and energy to continue to move the Center forward.

I have greatly enjoyed the adventure of being Executive Director. Winston Churchill said, "If you find a job you really love, you'll never work again." I was fortunate to have found that job. Thank you to all of you for supporting our mission and being involved in the Center. It's a fabulous place!

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Development Updates

By Debby Fulton, Director of Development

Guess Whooo Is Turning 40?

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center (SANC) opened its doors to the community in 1971 and is celebrating 40 years of "Nurturing Nature & Minds." On the evening of June 3rd, the Center will be filled with guests enjoying themselves at our eighth Annual Gala. The proceeds from the Gala will directly support all of our programs here at SANC. Consider joining us and take a trip down memory lane with friends, family, and business associates.

We want to thank our Chair Pam Geimer and the Gala committee, Sherry Bourgeois, Laura Humber, Stacey Koss, Courtney Lutz, Stephanie Maxon, Diane O'Connor and Jane Segerdah for all of their hard work thus far. For more information, check out our website at www.sanc.org or contact Debby Fulton at 414-352-2880 ext. 152.



Thank You to Our 2011 Gala Sponsors (as of March 30)

- Pentair Residential Filtration
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New Board Member

Congratulations and "Welcome" to the newest member of our FOSANC Board of Directors.: Kevin Facinelli, VP of Marketing and Product Development at Johnson Controls



News From the Raptors...

By Diane Visty, Raptor Manager

Birds of Prey Program is Riding a Spring Tailwind!

SANC's hawks, owls, falcons, eagle, and turkey vulture have had an opportunity like never before to meet up with folks on their own turf.

March was our first opportunity to be featured at the **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show**. This event truly gave us an opportunity to connect with all the different kinds of sports enthusiasts and great outdoors people in the state of Wisconsin. Each person who stopped at our booth had a unique story to tell about a personal experience they had with a raptor. It was incredible!

Photo by Bob Bailie



Tallulah, SANC's Turkey Vulture, models her iridescent feathers at the Sports Show

Starting May 21, Glory will be back at the **Harley-Davidson Museum** from 10am-2pm each Sunday throughout the summer ending September 4. He will also play an encore November 5 and 6 for Harley's big Veteran's Celebration. It is a special opportunity to visit and share with the riders their love of the bald eagle as an expression of freedom and our national symbol.

Finally, and very exciting for our department, we will be adding a new program called "**Lake Michigan...a Migratory Path to Survival.**" Courses will be developed for the schools, public, and on-site programming. The information will highlight the importance of the Lake Michigan Coastal Flyway as a resting spot for many of the 300 bird species that use SANC's property. Our "feathered teachers" will be an integral part of this program and, for the first time, take an active role showcasing their prowess in a free flight demonstration on the Center grounds.

Each of these unique programs has an audience with a different focus but we all share a love for the specialness and beauty of raptors. Because of these birds we can gently spread our environmental message to be good stewards of the land, air and water we all share.

FREE ADMISSION FOR VETERANS ON MAY 28

SANC will be honoring the service of our Veterans this Memorial Day by providing free admission to the Center for Veterans, active military, and their families on **Saturday, May 28**. The Birds of Prey program will hold a special program featuring our national symbol, a Bald Eagle named Glory. This program starts at 1:00pm, followed by a meet and greet.



Bird Spotlight

By Ellen Schneiderman, Raptor Educator

He flies through the air with the greatest of ease but he doesn't need any trapeze! Acrobatic, enthusiastic, wicked-smart! Those are just a few of the adjectives that describe SANC's male Harris' Hawk: Cysco. Native to the desert southwest, Harris' hunt and raise young cooperatively. At 16 and retired from falconry, Cysco consistently wows audiences with his antics. Our most vocal bird, Cysco chirps, whistles, purrs and makes one sound, as best described as: ear-splitting jackhammer nails on a chalkboard (only more grating!). Currently, Cysco is expending much of his boundless energy nesting: sticks precisely placed, talons curled under. If we're lucky, Cysco will "coo" and let us help. You can help too! Your donation can "feather" Cysco's nest and make it a Spring to remember!

For more information about sponsoring our Raptors, please visit the 'Raptors' section on our Website, www.sanc.org, or call us at 414-352-2880 for sponsorship information.

CYSCO
Harris' Hawk



On the Ground

By Matt Smith, Land Manager

We stand to lose all of our unprotected ash in the wake of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This means we will lose several key species in our Lake Forest. Here at Schlitz Audubon, we are taking several steps to protect forest richness for future generations.

The four species of ash growing on the Center grounds are slightly different than the same species growing further north, east, south, and west. Ash populations here along the coast are adapted to this soil, the local native plant predators, and climactic conditions driven by the lake. On some scale we have land-races of tree species that are particular to this area. The truth is there is much yet to be known about ash species –at a time when we are losing them.

In other areas hit with mass infestation, when all mature seed producing trees have been killed, we find that no seeds are germinating in the soil. This is because there are no seeds remaining. The softer seeds of ash are both quickly consumed by animals and break down in the soil. Fortunately, ash seed can remain viable up to 35 years, with proper storage.

We are currently working with Robert Karrfalt (President of the National Seed Laboratory), and Jane Carlson (Forest Health Program Coordinator with the WI DNR) to harvest, protect and store seed from the four species of ash that grow on our property. Robert is going to train our staff on how to harvest and judge when the seed is ripe enough to collect. We will collect 1,000 seeds per tree, record pertinent data about each parent tree and its site, and send the package to be stored at the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation in Fort Collins, Colorado. This stored seed will be returned to Schlitz when it is safe to plant ash once again.

Because of a 2010 donation through Valent's Legacy Tree Program, we have their chemical "Safari" to treat approximately 200 of our ash trees for five years. This means we will be able to protect a population of seed trees in our research area which will allow us to harvest seed, and possibly help us recover from the drastic effects of canopy loss.

We are racing against the inevitable. Much more help is needed to ready our Lake Forest for the onslaught of EAB through tree planting, acquisition of appropriate equipment, and extra staff. Please contact Debby Fulton, 414-352-2880 ext. 152, to contribute to this historic conservation effort.

For a consultation to evaluate your ash trees and help with your own restoration plan, please contact Matt Smith at 414-352-2880 ext. 244 for more information.



Known distribution of EAB as of Nov. 2010, provided by USDA, <http://www.ars.usda.gov>



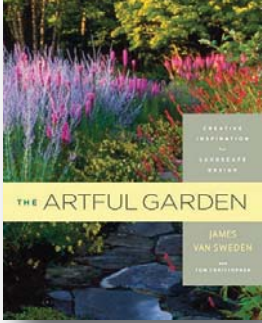
Ash branch bearing seed, photo provided by Purdue University



EAB driven ash tree removals in St. Paul Minnesota (MPR Photo/Jeffrey Thompson 2009)

NATURE STORE NECESSITIES

Great Gift Ideas for Mother's Day!

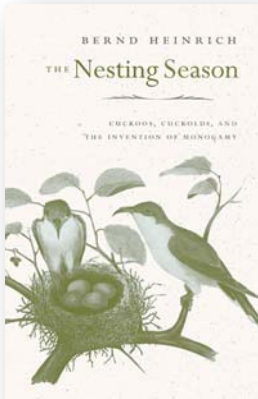
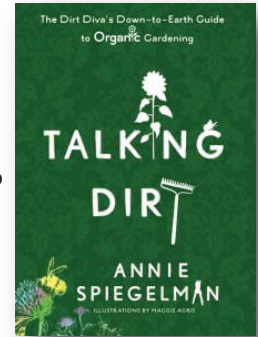


The Artful Garden by James Van Sweden and Tom Christopher

Guided by world-renowned landscape architect James van Sweden and horticulture expert Tom Christopher, any gardener can learn the secrets of the gardener's art and absorb the essence of inspired garden design. Van Sweden reveals the secrets of famous gardens around the world and encourages you to find inspiration in the arts, music, sculpture, and even dance. The book is richly illustrated throughout and both tells and shows, sharing with beginning and experienced gardeners a wealth of inspiration and practical help.

Talking Dirt by Annie Spiegelman

The author's upbeat, down-to-earth wit and wisdom create the perfect primer for anyone with a passion for homegrown vegetables or fresh-cut flowers, no matter what your skill level, location, or resources. This 'Dirt Diva' dishes out useful information, fun facts, and handy tips that any gardening novice, geek, or seasoned pro will be thrilled to have at his or her fingertips.

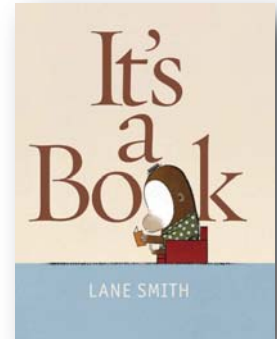


The Nesting Season by Bernd Heinrich

Heinrich studies birds in the great tradition of Audubon, and with equal perception. It is beautifully illustrated by the author and illuminates courtship, reproduction, and chick rearing. His insights into egg colors and patterns alone make the book invaluable.

It's a Book by Lane Smith

This book is a delightful manifesto on behalf of print in the digital age. This satisfying picture book has something to say to readers of all stripes and all ages.



GREEN LIVING TIPS

What's Your Water Footprint?

by Moya Mowbray, Environmental Educator



Whenever I climb the center's 60 foot tower and gaze out over Lake Michigan, it's hard to believe that we could ever run out of water. Yet, as the planet becomes more and more crowded, and competition for water from industry, fuel and food increases, we need to be concerned about water usage.

After calculating my water footprint on h2oconserve.org, I was reminded not only of the water we directly consume through drinking, cooking, showering, flushing, watering, and washing, but through the products we buy, energy we use, and foods we eat. The online calculator uses data from the water footprint network, EPA, US Geological Survey and other sources to estimate one's "water footprint". Calculate your water footprint. You might be surprised!



Early Childhood News

Deep Teaching: Growing Peace

By Patti Bailie, Preschool Director

Last March, the Center hosted a national forum on early childhood education in order to explore the common elements of nature education, peace education, and spirituality for young children. Funded by the Biosophical Institute (a foundation for peace), noted experts came together to discuss the intersection of these three fields in teaching young children. The result of this forum was the development of a teacher workshop called "Deep Teaching: Growing Peace."

In March of this year our preschool teachers and several education staff piloted the two day workshop. We re-examined our core values, reflected on our teaching, and sought ways to make these implicit ideas more explicit in our teaching. We will have the opportunity to give feedback to improve the workshop content and experience in the coming months.



Ann Pelo, Ruth Wilson, Deborah Schein, Jenny Booth, and John Hoff attend this year's workshop.

Patti Bailie receives 2011 Kiwanis Milwaukee Award

Patti Bailie, Preschool Director at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, was recently selected by the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee to receive the 2011 Kiwanis Milwaukee Award. Patti was chosen because of her instrumental role in the development and implementation of the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center's nature-based preschool. She is also one of the educators who helped the writers of Sesame Street develop a nature-themed curriculum for the 2010-2011 seasons. Patti's undying commitment to children and her dedication to changing the world one child at a time makes her a great fit for this award.

The Kiwanis Milwaukee Award was established in 1982 as a means to honor an individual whose recent actions have served as a significant source of pride for the Greater Milwaukee Community. The KMA Award is bestowed to a person who gives primacy to the human and spiritual values of life, rather than the materialistic values. The recipient of this award is also an individual who believes in treating other human beings the way that they would like to be treated in all human relationships and whose commitment in undertaking altruistic services helps to build a better community.



Photo by Bob Bailie

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Due to increased demand, we will continue to offer two K4 classes that meet four afternoons per week next year. There are still a couple of spaces left, so contact Laurie at 414-352-2880 x154 if you are interested in enrolling your child.

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer camp registration is ongoing, so don't forget to sign up soon. Download the registration forms at our Website, www.sanc.org, or stop by the front desk to pick up a brochure. Camps are filling up quickly, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible!

Kid's Quips

In response to the Chickadee spring song, "The Chickadee is right, spring is here!"

--Araamae (Age 4)



PLANET VOLUNTEER

By Laurie Haig, Volunteer Coordinator

Thanks!

We are right in the middle of our busy volunteer season. Already, our pancake breakfast was a success, thanks to the good mix of student and adult volunteers cooking and serving food, decorating pancakes, and thoughtfully cleaning up. Who knew that pancakes tasted SO MUCH better with a face on them?

Summer Help

If your student is burning a hole in his/her summer schedule at this point, have them volunteer for our summer camps. We might just have a few left for them to choose. You can't beat a free week for them here as they help younger kids! Contact me for available camps.

Attention college students! You remembered that you need an internship this summer, now that spring break is way in the rearview mirror? Consider a volunteer internship here. We have three types: one for preschool aged children with our summer camps, one for working with school aged (first to eighth grade), and one with our land stewards. All three are different, and the full scoop on them, including the application form, is on our Website.



Got a week to kill this summer? We need weekday admissions booth volunteers from Monday, June 13 all the way to Friday, August 26. Pick a week, then pick a morning (10am-1pm) or afternoon (1-4pm) shift. This important, but easy task of taking in cash admissions and handing out trail maps is a great way to knock off volunteer hours. Bring your book, iPod, crossword, or whatever else for when it's quiet. We'll train you the first day. Contact me for available shifts. Take more than one!

Volunteer Spotlight: Mail Crew

Since the 1970s, we've had a steady crew of volunteers who truly help us get our message out. We rely on the Mail Crew volunteers to stuff envelopes and zip code sort the very newsletter you are holding. They also help with many other mailings, such as the education materials we send to schools, and special invitations such as the Annual Gala. To let you know how things have changed over time, they used to have a floor-pump activated stapling machine to secure paper together. The US Post Office has changed a few rules, too, and our folks have been very adaptable to them. This hearty crew starts around 9am the twelve times a year when they come, and it's rare that they need to stay till noon.

Some of them have been around for decades, including Lorna Cadmus. In her upper 90's at this point, she found her calendar that said she started here in January of 1973 at 9am sharp. Lorna, whose daughter, current preschool teacher Lorna Hilyard, and then later her grandson were both married here at SANC, extended her love of the Center to generations after her.

We are very thankful to all the mail crews over the years, thinking of how many thousands of pieces of mail we've sent out since the early 1970s.

Volunteer Party: Monday, October 3, 2011

For all present and past Schlitz Audubon Nature Center volunteers- this one's for you! We are celebrating 40 years of volunteering here at the Center. We need to borrow old photos (they'll be scanned in the computer and returned to you), old memorabilia (Strawberry Sundae t-shirt, anyone?) and old memories to make a fun, story-filled evening. Mark your calendar and join the staff for a good evening of reminiscing. More details to follow. You can drop off photos any time between now and then, so start rummaging through your files. If you can identify the event, year and people of the photos, it would make our lives (and the presentation) so much better!

For all your volunteer information, please contact Laurie Haig at lhaig@sanc.org or 414-352-2880 ext. 144.



Thank you for your hard work, Lorna!

New Members

Alicia Bartz	Kate Kaiser
Alissa Gonyea	Katherine and Michael Glaisner
Amber Moreen	Katie Rostermundt
Amy and Dennis Connolly	Katija Pizur
Amy and Scott Kroeger	Kelli and Jeff Buchholz
Amy McWilliam	Kevin Klein
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Andrew Calvert	Knut and Christy Feiker
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Andy and Maggie Vap	Liisa Church
Anita Embleton	Lindsey Fenimore
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David and Margaret Cory	Patrick McNally
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Derek Cooper and Elizabeth Jablonski	Peggy and Jim Knorr
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Wendy and Troy Severson
Wendy Pawlak
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Wolfe Schmidt

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Suzanne Chavin
Matthew Dean
Jacob Gelfand
Tracey Gleason
Patricia Haes
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Ashley Kepping
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Dalal Preidel
Chris Prusha
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Nancy Chapman
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Lynn James

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6 pair of boots & 12 pair of mittens

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16 pair of socks & 5 neck warmers

Roy & Shelly Underhill
Turtle for our Preschool

CALENDAR

May & June 2011

Hatha Yoga for Health and Wellness

Reduce stress, increase your flexibility, and enrich your sense of well-being. The first trial class is free!



DATES: Every Monday & Saturday
TIME: 9:15–10:30am or 5:45–7:00pm
 Monday
 10:00 – 11:15am Saturday
*****FEE:** For program fees, please call (414)352-2880 ext. 0
LEVEL: Families

Sky Hunters: Word with a Bird**

Get a beak-to-beak view of one of SANC's feathered ambassadors. A raptor handler will be showcasing one of our many birds of prey. SANC's falcons, hawks, owls, vulture, and an eagle will appear on a rotating basis. Stop by each weekend to check them out.

DATES: Every Saturday & Sunday
TIME: 1:00 – 2:00 pm
FEE: Free with Center Admission
LEVEL: Families

Bird Identification Workshop

Are you one of those people who wish they could identify the birds they are seeing? This three-session workshop will give you new identification tools. The class is hosted by Don Quintenz on three weeks just before and during peak migration

DATES: Tuesdays, April 26, May 3, May 10
TIME: 7:30 – 10:00am
*****FEE:** M: Adults \$36, NM: Adult \$41
LEVEL: Adults



Boomers & Beyond

As always, we will start with socializing, coffee and treats, and then we'll head out on the trails, if favorable conditions exist, to engage in nature's instructive process. In May we will learn some of the most common bird songs and then use our newborn skills in the field. June's class will be cancelled due to the Door County Getaway adult program.

DATES: Thursday, May 5
TIME: 9:00 – 10:30am
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10, NM: Adult \$12
LEVEL: Adults

11th Annual Amphibian Search

Hey folks! It's that time of the year again. The frogs are back and so is the search for them. Join SANC's amigo of the anurans (frogs) and chum of the chelonians (turtles) Jim Hyatt as we put on hip waders and stroll through special breeding ponds. We'll use strainers and nets to catch frogs, toads, salamanders, and tadpoles. We will meet at the Nature Center in the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest at 9:00am. There is no state park fee if you stay around the Nature Center. If you decide to explore other areas in the state forest, a day fee will have to be paid. The fees are \$7 for a resident and \$10 for a non-resident. SANC will provide the waders. A map and list of things to bring will be mailed upon enrollment.

DATE: Saturday, May 7
TIME: 9:00am – 12:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Ad ult \$12, Child \$8
 NM: Adult \$15, Child \$10
LEVEL: Families



Raptor Saturdays!**

In this family program, handlers allow a close-up view of falcons, hawks, owls, a Turkey Vulture, and a Bald Eagle. Sharp talons, curved hooked beaks, binocular vision, and incredible hearing make these raptors specialized birds of prey.

DATE: Saturday, May 7
 Saturday, June 4
TIME: 1:00 – 2:00pm
FEE: Free with Center Admission
LEVEL: Families



Schlitz Audubon Bird Club

Many of the spring migrants have arrived and some will spend the summer here at SANC. Remember to bring your binoculars.

DATES: Wednesday, May 11
 Wednesday, June 8
TIME: 6:30 – 8:30pm
FEE: Free to Members & Volunteers
LEVEL: Adults & Teens



Raptor Photo Shoot

Come one! Come all! Back by popular demand, the Sky Hunters Birds of Prey will be on display for a 3-hour photo shoot. Don't miss this unique opportunity to capture our magnificent raptors in outdoor, natural settings on the Center grounds. Please be sure you can attend the rain date, if necessary, as no refunds will be given.

DATE: Saturday, May 14
 (Rain Date: Saturday, May 21)
TIME: 9:00am – 12:00pm
*****FEE:** Adult (Age 19+): M: \$35, NM: \$40
 Student: M: \$15, NM: \$20
LEVEL: Students & Adults



Spring's Full Moon Walk

Explore the Center's wildlife communities with Don Quintenz in the quiet evening hours and when wildlife is consequently more active. Then embark on our discovery, which in spring includes woodcock dancing and frog calling. If the sky is somewhat clear, we will view the breathtaking planet Saturn, with its unforgettable ring system, through a large telescope.

DATE: Tuesday, May 17
TIME: 7:30 – 9:30pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$12, NM: Adult \$14
LEVEL: Adults

Horicon Marsh Birding Trip

Tour the world famous Horicon Wildlife Refuge, with skilled naturalists, Don Quintenz and Jean Strelka. Over 223 species of birds and other diverse wildlife call Horicon home. Discover this "Wetland of International Importance" by tour van, pontoon boat, and on foot. Transportation, interpretation, boat cruise, and fees are all included. Please bring your own lunch and snacks.

DATE: Thursday, May 19 and/or Tuesday, June 21
TIME: 8:30am – 5:30pm (May Trip)
 12:30pm – 9:30pm (June Trip)
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$65, NM: Adult \$75
LEVEL: Adults

Green Machine

Come explore the exciting world of plants and the life-sustaining process of photosynthesis with Jessy Knox. We will explore the diversity of plants found at SANC and learn the different plant parts by eating them in a "picnic". Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

DATE: Saturday, May 21
TIME: 1:00 – 3:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10, Child \$6
 NM: Adult \$12, Child \$8
LEVEL: Elementary aged children

Monday Night Magic

Enjoy a series of spring and summer evening hikes with Education Specialist Tom Finley. Just the right time and distance for the little ones, these hikes explore popular locations such as the tower, lake and forest. We'll listen to frogs, observe pond life and maybe watch bats flutter about. You're sure to delight in the sights and sounds of an early evening stroll at the Audubon Center. Nets are provided.

DATES: Monday, May 23
Monday June 20
TME: 6:00 – 7:30pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult : \$7, Child: \$5
NM: Adult: \$9, Child: \$7
LEVEL: Families

Discovery Nature Hiking

We will walk along the trails of the Center while Don Quintenz interprets the scenery and helps answer the questions that nature evokes in us. The entire program is taught on the trail. Physically you need to be able to walk any of the loop trails at the Center taking short but frequent stops. Note the different start times, May being earlier for bird activity.

DATE: Tuesday, May 24
Wednesday, June 29
TIME: 7:30 – 9:00am (May)
9:00 – 10:30am (June)
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$5; NM: Adult \$7
LEVEL: Adults

Veteran's Celebration

Saturday, May 28
See page 3 for details.

Door County Getaway

This year we will go to all new natural areas which will include a closed-to-the-public Land Trust area called the Gibraltar Ephraim Swamp, the beautiful Lautenbach Woods with its dramatic natural caves, Shivering Sands hemlock forest, Newport fern grotto, Washington Island's Jackson Harbor Ridges and Little Lake, and Potawatomi State Park. The evenings will include telescopic viewing of the skies and a presentation by Paul Burton on Door County.

We will stay at Lawrence University's beautiful Bjorklund campus. Commuters from Door County are welcomed. Interested persons should contact Mary Fitzgerald for specific information at 414-352-2880, ext. 201. Price includes interpretation, fees, lodging, and meals except for the dinner on our way home at a restaurant. (Add \$111 for a single room.)

DATE: Tuesday, May 31 – Friday, June 3
TIME: 8:00am Tuesday – 9:00pm Friday
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$546, NM: Adult \$628
Add \$111 for a single room.

LEVEL: Adults
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Hangin' with Hyatt: Summer Geocache

Planning to go geocaching this summer? Let Jim show you the ins and outs of this exciting outdoor activity. You will look for cache boxes on the Center trails. Find the box, grab your puzzle piece and head to the next box. Find all 7 pieces of the puzzle and hurry back to the Center to put the puzzle together. Jim can loan you GPS units, as long as you bring a drivers license. Learn how to geocache and spend the rest of the summer finding treasure!

DATE: Saturday, June 4
TIME: 9:00 – 11:00am
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10, Child \$6
NM: Adult \$12, Child \$8
LEVEL: Families

Pond Exploration at Audubon

Ponds are teeming with life. Join Jessy Knox and the Audubon Teachers as we scoop into the pond to catch and observe the exciting creatures around, in and under the water world. We'll end with a "creature feature" starring the creatures we caught projected on the big screen for closer inspection of their amazing adaptations.

DATE: Saturday, June 4
TIME: 1:00 – 3:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10, Child \$6
NM: Adult \$12, Child \$8
LEVEL: Families of Elementary aged children

Repamphibiantile Sunday**

Who feels like holding snakes, learning about salamanders, and croaking like a frog? Jim Hyatt does and he's bringing his slippery and scaly friends for you to see. Get touchy feely with these lovable creatures!

DATE: Sunday, June 5
TIME: 12:00 – 1:00pm
*****FEE:** Free with Center Admission
LEVEL: Families

Summer Matinee: Ponding Fever

Summer is here and that means it's time to relax, get outside and explore the awesome wetlands of the Audubon Center. We'll take nets and scoopers to see what kind of critters dwell in these vital habitats. We'll go to Boardwalk Pond, Mystery Lake, and Teal Pond. We're sure to find lots of cool bugs and maybe some reptiles & amphibians.

DATE: Thursday, June 9
TIME: 10:00 – 11:30am
*****FEE:** M: Adult: \$7, Child: \$5
NM: Adult: \$9, Child: \$7
LEVEL: Families

Father's Day Firefly Frolic

Looking for something to do with Dad for Father's Day? Bring him (and Mom!) to SANC after hours for a family firefly frolic. Jessy Knox will share favorite facts about these flashy little beetles and then head outside to see how many we can count and carefully catch (and release!) Nets and jars will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Please wear long pants for running through the field and please no bug spray on those hands! Families with children of all ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

DATE: Sunday, June 19
TIME: 7:00 – 9:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10, Child \$6
NM: Adult \$12, Child \$8
LEVEL: Families of Elementary aged children

9th Annual Froggin' Festival

The frogs are back and so is the party! Join our amigo of the amphibians, Jim Hyatt, as he celebrates with live animals. There will be contests for kids and adults and critter catching. After the indoor stuff, we'll head out to the ponds to see what we can catch. We'll provide the nets, but bring your muddin' shoes and a camera.

DATE: Tuesday, June 21
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10, Child \$6
NM: Adult \$12, Child \$8
LEVEL: Families

Family Hikes

Enjoy the great outdoors as a family! This program is geared for parents with young children from 2-5 years old. Each session will include a hike to learn about our natural world with games, activities, stories, and lots of play sprinkled in. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

DATES: Friday, June 24 or Friday, July 22
TIME: 1:00 – 2:30pm
*****FEE:** M: \$10/child; NM: \$14/child
LEVEL: Families



Chicago Botanic Garden**

The Chicago Botanic Garden is a "living museum" of over 24 separate gardens on 385 acres. With the summer garden radiant and lush, we will explore the Buehler Enabling Garden with a Docent. After the tour, explore other gardens with a Master Gardener, or on your own visit the photographic show, the gift shop, tram tour, etc. In the evening we will enjoy music on the Esplanade featuring Spanish guitarists. Transportation, fees, boxed supper and concert are included.

DATE: Tuesday, June 28
TIME: 12:00 – 10:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$95; NM: Adult \$110
LEVEL: Adult

Hangin' with Hyatt: Campin' and Canoein'

Looking to camp out this summer? Jim has got you covered. Check in and tent pitching starts at 6:00pm. At 7:00pm, we're off to Mystery Lake. Grab a net, hop into a canoe, and catch as many critters as you can. At 9:00pm we'll head down to the beach for a campfire and smores. Hopefully you have enough energy to head back up to your tent and fall asleep under the stars. Wake up to a continental breakfast inside the building. Bring a tent, flashlight, and whatever else you need to camp overnight.

DATES: Friday, July 1 – Saturday, July 2
TIME: 6:00pm Friday – 10:00am Saturday
*****FEE:** M: Family \$75, NM: Family \$85
LEVEL: Families

Hand-in-Hand

Explore the natural world with your young child with this one-day program. We will hike, play, do an art project, and listen to a story. Each child needs to be accompanied by an adult for this wonderful one-on-one experience.

Several sessions are offered for each topic.



DATES:
Turtles: Tuesday, June 14
Turtles: Wednesday, June 15

Ducks: Thursday, June 16
Frogs: Wednesday, June 29
Frogs: Friday, July 15

Squirrels: Thursday, June 30
Squirrels: Friday, July 1

Butterflies: Tuesday, July 19

Birds: Thursday, July 21

TIME: 9:30 – 11:00am
FEE: M: \$20 for pair; NM: \$25 for pair
LEVEL: 2 & 3 year olds with an adult



Free Bird Hikes - May 7, 14 & 21

Paul Boyer will lead free bird hikes for adults on Saturday mornings in May. Paul is an expert birder and has been leading spring bird hikes at our Center for many years. Meet in the main parking lot at 7:30am.

HOMESCHOOL DAY AT SANC

Thursday, May 12

Join us for an exciting day of nature-inspired activities developed to educate and entertain students of all ages.

Our programs are designed for children who benefit from discovery-based learning and a hands-on approach to education.

**Contact Jim Hyatt at
414-352-2880 ext. 138 to learn
more about the homeschool
program offerings.**

Cancellation by participants up to 14 days before a program will be refunded less a \$10.00 fee. After that time, no refunds. Upon SANC cancellation of a program, a full refund will be given.

The Spiritual World of Nature**

This series seeks to help us all connect more intimately with nature by getting in touch with the powerful spiritual side of the natural world. Pre-registration is encouraged and all programs are geared for adults. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided for all classes.

*****FEE: M: \$10, NM: \$12 (for each program)**

THE SPIRITUALITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Sister of St. Francis, Ann Kelley, will present the Spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis lived in conscious relationship with elements and creatures that led to his compassion toward them. At the heart of our ecological conversion is the invitation to see, feel and act in kinship with all creation in promoting its well-being. Let St. Francis help you to recognize the blessing of being sister or brother to all of creation and to discover your calling.

DATE: Tuesday, May 10
TIME: 7:00 – 8:00pm

SPIRITUAL UNITY WITH NATURE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

In May, Prof. Sid Syam will discuss ideas based on his book *Yoga of the Microcosm*, that promotes a peaceful, non-materialistic outlook centered on "religare," the spiritual connectivity with nature and the cosmos. Sid's journey rejects the unbridled pursuit of status, power, and wealth that characterizes society today, and embraces the wisdom of many faiths including Christianity, Taoism, Zen, and Hinduism.

DATE: Thursday, May 26
TIME: 1:30 – 3:00pm

DENNIS HAWK: CHANGING WITH THE SEASONS

In June, Dennis Hawk will welcome in summer, the time of gathering in all the good things that mother earth had provided as gifts for the people. Gathering food was ceremonial, giving thanks for what the plants and animals so freely give to us. Whenever we take something from mother earth, we leave something in return, especially tobacco and our prayers of gratitude.

DATE: Tuesday, June 14
TIME: 1:30 – 3:00pm

DENNIS HAWK: NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC & STORY

Native American, musician, composer and story teller Dennis Hawk fulfills his calling to share Native American wisdom and spirit through music and story. Guest musicians may surprise you, the spirit will move you, and audience percussion is welcome. Note that Dennis will also be presenting 'Changing with the Seasons:' earlier this day.

DATE: Tuesday, June 14
TIME: 7:00 – 8:30pm



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Friday, June 3

Franklin Savanna & Cudahy Woods
Wednesday, July 6
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Lorrie Otto Yard Tour
Saturday, August 6

UW Arboretum
Wednesday, August 10

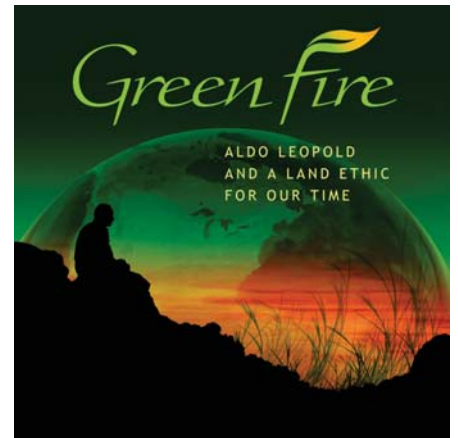
Summer Canoe Trip
Saturday, August 27

Cave Art Trip
Monday, September 26 through
Tuesday, September 27

GREEN FIRE MOVIE & DISCUSSION

Thursday, May 12
7:00pm - 9:00pm
M: \$5, NM: \$7
Pre-registration preferred

Join us for a "Green Fire" viewing and discussion. We will start with the first documentary ever made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold. "Green Fire" shares highlights from his extraordinary life and his vision for a land ethic for our time. Following the viewing, a discussion on Leopold's life, career and writings will be led by Lori Horbas, who took the Land Ethic Leader's training at the Aldo Leopold Foundation, and Don Quintenz, SANC's Director of Education.



Mission Statement

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center connects people with nature and inspires them to become responsible stewards of the natural world.