



# *The* HERON

Bimonthly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to  
Carol Jewett for the  
April refreshments, and to  
Earl Jewett and  
Evelyn McLean-Cowan  
for door prizes.

### **Welcome New Members**

Roman Williams  
Karl Zieret  
Linda Schneider  
Ron Cross  
Sally St. Peter  
Mary Filion-Zuelsdorf  
Laurie L. Buhrow

*Please attend our programs and  
events and become involved.  
We look forward to meeting you!*

### **Photography Contest**

Audubon members, bring your  
photos to the banquet.  
Judging will begin at  
6 pm with Audubon members  
voting for their favorites.

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[www.fldlaudubon.org](http://www.fldlaudubon.org)

## **MAY BANQUET**



*Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 7:30 pm*

### **Birding in Bolivia**

*Speaker: Bill Volkert, Wildlife Educator and Naturalist  
Moraine Park Technical College Cafeteria*

Enjoy a presentation of spectacular diverse landscapes  
and the specialized bird species that inhabit them.

### **Annual Banquet**

*MPTC Park Terrace Restaurant (Parking Lot B)*

*5:30 pm Social, 6 pm Photo Judging*

*6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Program*



## **BANQUET RESERVATION FORM**

Complete this form and mail by May 8 with check to:  
Ken Fisher, 602 Ruggles Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
or call Ken: 921-0366 or email: [kjfish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjfish@sbcglobal.net)\*

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The menu will be catered by Boda's. Each serving will include tenderloin tips  
on noodles, chicken cordon blue with rice, California blend vegetables, a three  
bean salad, cheese cake dessert, and tea/coffee. A vegetarian lasagna will be  
available for anyone choosing the strict herbivore option. \$16.50 per person  
(includes tax and gratuity). Make checks payable to Fond du Lac Audubon.

\*If responding via email, bring check to banquet.

omnivore    strict herbivore

*Maximum seating for dinner: 40 people. Bring your own beverage for the pre-dinner social starting  
at 5:30 pm. MPTC allows wine, soda, or beer, but no hard liquor. Moderation please, and plan to  
share with others. Bill Volkert's program – Birding in Bolivia will take place in the cafeteria at  
7:30 pm and attendance is open to anyone.*

## **Ledge Passport Stamping Dates— Assistance Needed**

Fond du Lac County Audubon's Passport to the Niagara Escarpment Program is almost a reality. Child-appealing materials have been distributed, and we are ready to start the program. Based on the community response, we are expecting good attendance on each of our special stamping dates. Volunteers are needed to set up/pack up the stamping station and materials, stamp passports, award patches and certificates, lead hikes or direct children to trails, and talk to children about the ledge. An information sheet about the Niagara Escarpment is included in the stamping kits, and each of the facilitators will have materials at the site about 20 minutes before the stamping starts. Just bring a lawn chair and a big smile to greet the children. Contact Kathleen Stetter (920-872-2250 or [Stetter@Centurytel.net](mailto:Stetter@Centurytel.net)) if you are available to help.

### **Ledge Stamping Dates**

May 1, 9 am–noon, Kiekhaefer Park;  
*Facilitator: Earl & Carol Jewett*

May 8, 9 am–noon, Izaak Walton;  
*Facilitator: Kathleen & Dave Stetter*

May 16, 12–2 pm, Hobbs Woods;  
*Facilitator: Margie Winter*

May 23, 2–4:30 pm, Breakneck Hill;  
*Facilitator: Diana Beck*

May 23, 1–3:30 pm, Hobbs Woods;  
*Facilitator: Amy Haak*

June 12, 9:30 am–noon, Breakneck Hill;  
*Facilitator: Diana Beck*

June 20, guided hikes start at 11 am & 12:30 pm,  
Belle Reynolds School; *Facilitator: Liz Roy*

August 1, 11 am–3 pm, Izaak Walton; *Facilitator: Liz Roy*

August 8, guided hikes start at 11 am & 12:30 pm,  
Belle Reynolds School; *Facilitator: Liz Roy*

September 18, 1–3:30, Hobbs Woods; *Facilitator: Amy Haak*

September 26, 10 am–1 pm, Hobbs Woods;  
*Facilitator: Margie Winter*

October 9, 9 am–noon, Kiekhaefer Park;  
*Facilitators: Earl & Carol Jewett*

## **Audubon Photography Contest**

See the January/February or March/April newsletters (also on website [fdlaudubon.org](http://fdlaudubon.org)), or contact Diana Beck: 922-7931 or [dbeck7931@charter.net](mailto:dbeck7931@charter.net).

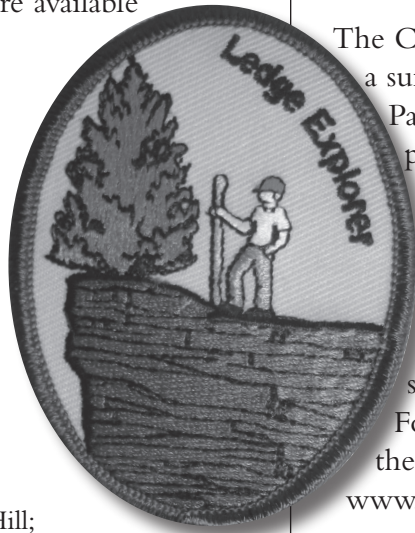
## **Save Shaganappi from Garlic Mustard**

The invasive garlic mustard has been found, and if efforts are not made to contain it, then it will slowly take over. Audubon needs your help on these dates: Saturday, May 15; Wednesday, May 19; Saturday, May 22; and Thursday, May 27. Meet at 9:30 am at the Park 'n Ride at the northeast corner of Fond du Lac. The parking lot is located near the intersection of the 151 bypass and WH or Winnebago Drive. We will carpool to Shaganappi, just off Velvet Beach Rd. near the county line. We will spend two hours pulling and making piles for the county crews to haul away. We should be back to the Park 'n Ride by 12:30 pm. Wear gardening clothes and shoes, and bring a pair of garden gloves. A kneeling pad can be helpful as well. No experience is necessary.

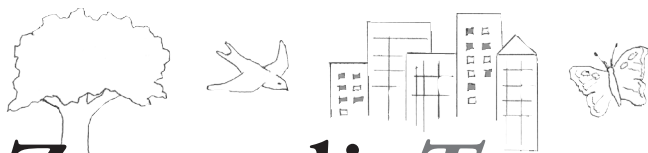
## **Livin' on the Ledge Program**

The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac is offering a summer program that complements Audubon's Passport to the Niagara Escarpment. The free program is open to 7 to 10 year olds on either Tuesdays, July 13–August 3 (9:30–10:30 am) or Saturdays, July 17–August 7 (9–10 am). Children will learn about caves, rocks, plants, and effigy mounds, as they discover the natural wonders of the Ledge and how it shaped lives of people in our community.

For more information or registration contact the Children's Museum: 920-929-0707 or [www.childrensmuseumfdl.org](http://www.childrensmuseumfdl.org).



*Enjoying the Costa Rica Adventure*



# Zoopolis Tour

## Nature in the City

**Sunday, August 8 • Fond du Lac**  
**11 am–6 pm Ticket Price: \$10**

Audubon presents the 2010 Zoopolis Tour featuring seven private properties that feature biodiversity, earth friendly practices and wildlife habitat. Each site is unique. See woods, prairie, meadows, ponds, birdscaping, and organic gardens.

*Purchase tickets in the Education Office in the UW-FdL Administration Building and at the Fond du Lac Visitors and Convention Bureau. Tickets can also be purchased at the sites:*

**BJ & Dan Belzer—W3617 Hillside Circle, St. Peter**

**Amy Sheldon & Tom Etheridge—  
W3870 Bittersweet Lane, St. Peter**

**Paisley Harris and John Morris—  
W4124 Kiekhaefer Parkway, Taycheedah  
Val & Jim Parman—**

**W4711 Golf Course Drive, Taycheedah  
Evelyn McLean-Cowan & Mike Cowan—  
529 Willow Drive, Fond du Lac**

**Bob Denslow—269 Taft Street, Fond du Lac**

**Sandra & James Smet—552 Vermont Street, Fond du Lac**

*For more info: 920-922-7931 or dbeck7931@charter.net*

## **Costa Rica Hiking Adventure Tour**

The Costa Rica Hiking Adventure Tour, January 11-19, 2011, is sponsored by UW-Stevens Point Adventure Tours and the Aldo Leopold Audubon Society. If any of our members sign up for the trip, the tour company will donate \$50 to our Fond du Lac County Audubon. The cost is \$2050 and includes meals, ground transportation, guides, hotels, etc., but not the international airfare. There is room for 16 people and registration closes before October.

The trip will include a chocolate tour, canoeing the Puerto Viejo River, dance lessons, riding a zip line, a night hike, a pineapple tour, and visiting a biological station and Arenal Volcano National Park. Contact John Munson at 715-340-4855 or barbjohn@charter.net. More details will be posted on the Audubon website later.

## **Share Your Magazines**

After you have looked over your bimonthly Audubon magazines, we encourage you to pass them on. We will have a table at Prairie Fest on July 31, and would like any nature magazines from 2009 and 2010. Please bring them to the table or give them to a board member before the event.

## **Wild Feast Potluck**

While you are outdoors this spring and summer, keep the “Wild Feast Potluck” in mind. This delicious event will take place on September 8, 2010. Wild edibles from this summer can be frozen, so that we can share a variety of plants like garlic mustard or dandelion, which are collected in the spring.

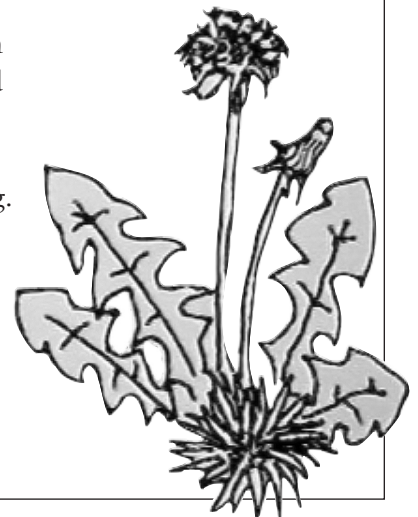
## **Volunteers Needed**

Contact Diana Beck 922-7931 if you can help with Prairie Fest or the Zoopolis Tour.

## **Audubon Activities on Saturday, May 8 Include Dandelion Festival**

After the Audubon Field Trip exploring the Izaak Walton Property, come to the Dandelion Festival (10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, May 8 at Sunseed Eco-Education Center at 110 Notre Dame Street, Mt. Calvary). There will be dandelion foods to taste and other food for purchase. There will be activities for children and adults including crafts, walking a labyrinth through the dandelions, storytelling, a wine-making demonstration by The Cellar at 1 pm, and information on the nutritional value and medicinal uses of dandelions. Anyone entering the cooking contest who is not able to have the food there by 11 am, please contact Diana Beck: 922-7931 or email dbeck7931@charter.net.

For more information on the dandelion festival and the cooking contest, visit [www.fdlaudubon.org](http://www.fdlaudubon.org) or [www.sustainfdlcounty.org](http://www.sustainfdlcounty.org).



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**M E M B E R S H I P**

**Special Introductory 1 Year Membership: \$20**

**Special Introductory 2 Year Membership: \$35**

**Special Introductory 1 Year Senior Membership: \$15**

- Yes!** I want to become a member of the National Audubon Society, and the Fond du Lac County Chapter. My annual membership dues entitle me to six issues of Audubon magazine, and all chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to:  
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY.
- I am not a member of National Audubon, but I am interested in receiving the chapter newsletter, *The Heron*, **via email**. I have enclosed **\$4.00** payable to:  
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- I am not a member of National Audubon, but I am interested in receiving the chapter newsletter, *The Heron*, **via mail**. I have enclosed **\$6.00** payable to:  
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Mail this form with payment to:  
Fond du Lac County Audubon, Membership Services  
W4148 Kiekhaefer Parkway, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

### *Save Egg Shells for the Birds*

Broken egg shell pieces help female birds obtain calcium. Acid rain causes calcium in the soil to be less available to plants and this has a ripple effect through the food chain. Sterilize and dry the shells in the oven at 250 degrees or hotter for 10-20 minutes. Then break them into small pieces using a rolling pin or a mortar and pestle. Mix them with bird seed. We can help birds especially during the breeding season.

## AUDUBON FIELD TRIP

### *Milk Source Dairy Tour in Rosendale*

Join Audubon for a tour of Milk Source Dairy in Rosendale on Thursday, August 26, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. At 10:30 am, meet in the southwest corner of Menard's parking lot to form a car pool/caravan to Rosendale. If driving from another direction, be at Rosendale Dairy at 11 am. Contact Diana Beck ([dbeck7931@charter.net](mailto:dbeck7931@charter.net) or 922-7931) to reserve a place. Tours are limited to 25 people and not recommended for children under 12. Rosendale Dairy has been controversial for the number of animals and possible contamination of ground water. This is an opportunity to see the dairy operations and judge for yourself. Some participants may want to proceed to Ripon for lunch at Fat Bruce's afterwards.

