



# *The* HERON

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

## SUMMER NATURE WALKS

### *Summer Evening Wednesday Walks*

Explore area nature trails with an Audubon guide.

**June 10**

Shaginappi County Park

**June 17**

Marsh Haven

**June 24**

Lakeside Park West

**July 15**

Greenway Arboretum

**July 22**

Oakfield Ledge State Natural Area  
(Breakneck Hill)

**August 5**

Riggs Park

**August 26**

Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum  
Mary Fran Merwin Memorial Prairie

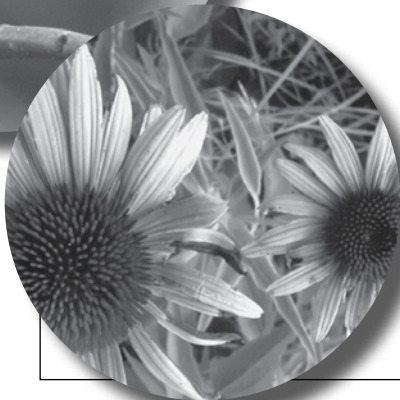
*All walks begin at 6:30 pm.*

*See page 2  
for more information.*

*Canceled if raining.*



*Kerry Schloff*



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## SUMMER EVENING WEDNESDAY WALKS

**E**xplore some of the trails in Fond du Lac County and City with an Audubon guide. Each walk will begin at 6:30 pm. Wear good walking shoes, bring insect repellent, and if available, a pair of binoculars. Enjoy these unique natural areas close to home.

### June 10 *Shaginappi County Park*

Drive north on Hwy 151 to just north of Pipe, turn left on Velvet Beach Road. Continue about ½ mile and turn into parking lot on the left.

Leader – Amy Sheldon 920-904-6076

### June 17 *Marsh Haven, Waupun*

Drive south on Hwy 151, then travel east on Hwy 49 for 2½ miles. To carpool meet at the southwest corner of the Fleet Farm parking lot at 6 pm.

Leader – Liz Roy 920-921-2281

### June 24 *Lakeside Park West*

Access from Hwy 45 by Supple's Marsh. Meet near the dog park at the north end by the lake.

Leader – Diana Beck 920-922-7931

### July 15 *Greenway Arboretum along the east branch of the Fond du Lac River*

Meet at the west side of the parking lot at the south Pick n Save store at 55 West Pioneer.

Leader – Evelyn McLean-Cowan 920-929-9350

### July 22 *Oakfield Ledge State Natural Area (Breakneck Hill)*

GPS Coordinates: 43.646659,-88.582132

From the intersection of County Hwys B and Y south of Oakfield, go south on B 3.2 miles, then east on Breakneck Road 0.6 mile to parking area at top of hill. To carpool meet at the southwest corner of the Fleet Farm parking lot at 6 pm.

Leader – Diana Beck 920-922-7931

### August 5 *Riggs Park, Ripon*

Drive west on Hwy 23. On the east side of Ripon, turn right on Douglas Street.

Leaders – Kathleen and Dave Stetter 920-872-2250

### August 26 *Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum and the Mary Fran Merwin Memorial Prairie*

Meet in the east parking lot shelter at the UW campus at 400 University Drive.

Leader – Margie Winter 920-517-5416

## SUMMER NATURE ACTIVITIES

### Spring into Summer Nature Fest

June 7, 12–3:30 pm

*Mauthe Lake Recreation Area*

Something for all ages at different activity stations.

*Off County Road GGG south of County Road SS near New Prospect. Ice Age Visitor Center 920-533-8322*

### Summer Saturday Evening Events

*Ice Age Visitor Center, 7 pm on Saturdays*

*Call 920-533-8322 for more info and a brochure*

### The Energy Fair, June 19–21 *Custer*

The Energy Fair brings over 15,000 attendees together to learn about clean energy and sustainability. *midwestrenew.org*

### Rookery Boat Trip on Lake Winnebago, 5 pm–Sunset, week of July 19

See pelicans, cormorants, and possibly herons and egrets. Watch our Facebook page and website for info. *fdlaudubon.org*

### Art in the Prairie, Wednesdays June 24–July

15, 10 am–noon *Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum*

Creative projects and painting for 8–12 year olds.

*Register: 920-313-0190 (limited spots)*

### Prairie Fest, July 25, 10 am–3 pm

*Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum*

Activities for the whole family. Enjoy prairie tours, arts, demonstrations, and presentations by local experts. Audubon will have an activity for children. *On the UW-Fond du Lac campus, 400 University Dr. [gottfriedprairiearboretum.org](http://gottfriedprairiearboretum.org)*

### Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton

*[bubolzpreserve.org](http://bubolzpreserve.org)*

### Ledgeview Nature Center, Chilton

*[ledgeviewnaturecenter.org](http://ledgeviewnaturecenter.org)*

### Horicon Marsh Education & Visitors Center

*[horiconmarsh.org](http://horiconmarsh.org)*

### Marsh Haven, Waupun

*[marshhaven.com](http://marshhaven.com)*

## Thinking of Purchasing a Pet Bird?

Instead of buying a bird from a pet store or a breeder, consider adopting a bird from a bird rescue. There are many birds that are awaiting adoption. The problem is very similar to the situation with dogs and cats. Rather than support a puppy mill, many people go to the Humane Society and adopt an animal needing a home.

Most birds in captivity live for many years and do not encounter the hazards that shorten the lives of wild birds. Even a small parakeet or budgie can live for 14 years or more. The problem arises when the owner(s) of a bird are no longer able or willing to maintain the bird as a pet.

The larger parrots can present a challenge in their demands on the owner's time and attention. As pet birds are abandoned and sometimes returned, some breeders of the larger parrots have given up breeding and turned their operation into a bird rescue.

Recently, a few Audubon members made a trip to Neenah to visit the Roseberry Bird Rescue. Begun in 1996, Mary Kay and Randy began to take abandoned pet birds into their home and eventually expanded into their garage. The couple is very dedicated to each and every bird in their care. A couple of their friends have expanded the operation to Berlin and Styles, Wisconsin.

The Roseberry Bird Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax exempt organization. They can use donations of bird cages, gift cards to a variety of stores, volunteer help and especially people coming to meet the birds and adopt one or more for their own home. Mary Kay said, "I just want the birds to

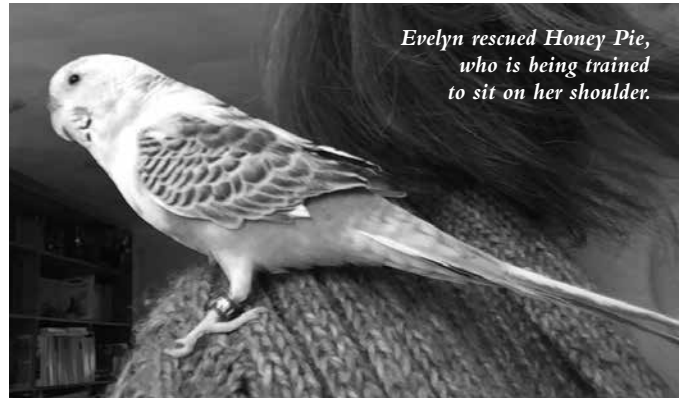
have good homes... forever homes."

For more information, check their website at [roseberrybirdrescue.org](http://roseberrybirdrescue.org). Call ahead to make an appointment at 920-729-0901.

—Diana Beck



Diana meets a delightful dove at Roseberry Rescue.



Evelyn rescued Honey Pie, who is being trained to sit on her shoulder.

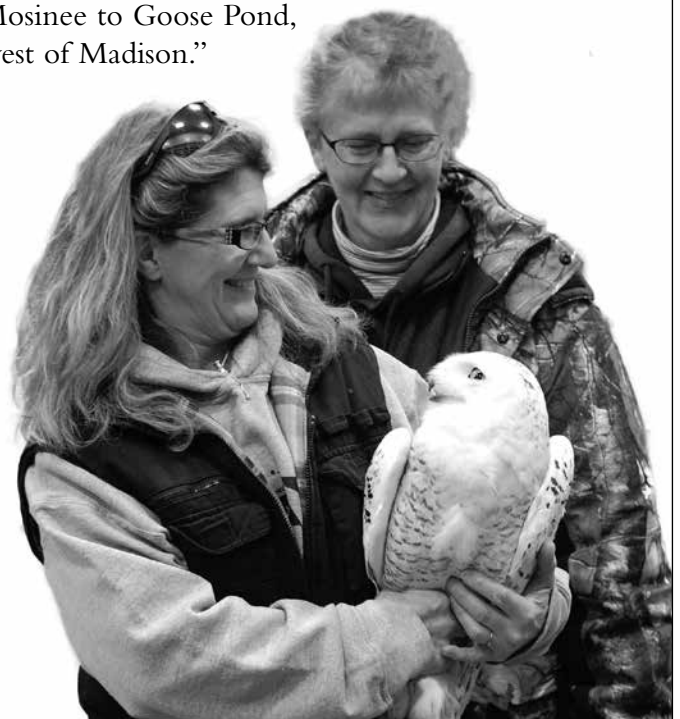
## Snowy Owl Adventure

Rose Petrie is a member of the National Audubon Society who also enjoys the Fond du Lac Audubon newsletter. Inspired by her sister, Annie Mueller, she enjoys birds at her backyard bird feeders.

Rose writes, "Our adventures with birds reached a new height this year with the opportunity to help Gene Jacobs of Raptor Services, LLC from Stevens Point, trap, band, and fit a solar transmitter on a Snowy Owl near Reedsville, Wisconsin on Sunday, March 8.

After fitting of the transmitter, this female stayed in the area for several days, but moved to Lake Poygan west of Oshkosh. She is named *Reedsville*. Gene, Jerod (UWSP Student), Annie, and I were quite excited with the adventure. The owl could be tracked via the ProjectSNOWstorm web site.

Gene also relocated a Snowy Owl back in February from the Central Wisconsin Airport near Mosinee to Goose Pond, west of Madison."



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- Yes!** I want to become a member or renew my membership to the National Audubon Society, and the Fond du Lac County Chapter. The annual membership dues of \$40 entitle me to six issues of the Audubon magazine, and all local chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to Fond du Lac County Audubon.
- I am only interested in being a member and supporting the programs of the Fond du Lac County Audubon. The annual local membership dues of \$20 entitle me to receive the chapter newsletter and all chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to Fond du Lac County Audubon.
- I am a new member.
- Save trees. Please send the newsletter to me via email.

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 Fond du Lac County Audubon, Membership Services  
 N5545 Winnvue Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

***Reminder of the Wild Feast Potluck***

Remember to save the date of Wednesday, September 9 for our annual season kickoff *Wild Feast Potluck*.

Plan ahead for a food dish made with some wild ingredients. It's a fun adventure and the food is always delicious. More details will follow in the fall newsletter.



***Save a Tree***

Please consider receiving this newsletter via email. Contact [ejcj14@icloud.com](mailto:ejcj14@icloud.com).

***Renew Your Membership***

Please support Audubon with your membership. See the options at the left and mail in the form.

***Fundraiser for Wildlife***

**An Evening with the Cranes, June 21, 5–8 pm**  
*International Crane Foundation, Baraboo, Wisconsin*  
[savingcranes.org](http://savingcranes.org)

***Bird Seed Sale***

The Audubon annual bird seed sale will be Saturday, October 10. Stock up on quality seed and attract birds to your feeders!