



The **HERON**

Bimonthly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

MAY BANQUET



Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 7:15 pm

Native Plants in Your Landscape

*Speaker: Michael Yanny, Plant Propagator, Johnson's Nursery
Moraine Park Technical College Cafeteria*

Find out about native Wisconsin plants
and how to integrate them into your yard.

Annual Banquet

MPTC Park Terrace Restaurant (Parking Lot B)

5:30 pm Social, 5:45 pm Dinner

7:15 pm Program



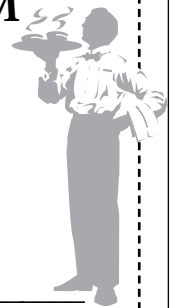
Thank You!

Thank you to
Lori Amend who stepped up
to be our new Chair of the
annual Bird Seed Sale.
Thank you to our speaker
in April, Linda Conroy,
who brought tasty
wild edibles as part
of her presentation.

BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Complete this form and mail by May 5 with check to:

Fond du Lac Audubon, Diana Beck
N7141 Leonard Drive, Fond du Lac, WI 54935



Number of people: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Name(s): _____

The menu will be catered by CL Swanson. Choose one of two entrées below.

Each will be accompanied by rice pilaf with dried cranberries, green bean
almondine, a house salad, rolls and butter. Coffee, tea, and fresh baked cookies
will be served for dessert. \$16.50 per person. (Price includes tax and gratuity).
Make checks payable to Fond du Lac Audubon. Reservation deadline is May 5.

Chicken Breast Supreme Vegetarian Lasagne

Maximum seating for dinner: 40 people. Come to the social starting at 5:30 pm.
Dinner will be served buffet style and begin at 5:45 pm. Michael Yanny's program –
Native Plants in Your Landscape, will take place in the cafeteria at 7:15 pm and is free.
Both the dinner and program are open to the public and can be attended separately.

Audubon Named Bird City

Fond du Lac is now a Bird City! We were informed in a letter from the project which stated that our application to be named a Bird City has been accepted. Both Park Watch and Audubon were mentioned in the letter:

“Your application demonstrated a significant commitment to maintaining and restoring natural habitat and to an awareness of the specific bird species that rely on this habitat. The Greenway Arboretum project was particularly noteworthy.

...We salute the efforts of Park Watch and the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society in working on both the application and elements of the conservation efforts cited.”

The Bird City Wisconsin program is a result of a coalition of the Milwaukee Audubon Society, the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative and the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology. The aim is to ensure that city dwellers maintain healthy populations of birds and grow an appreciation for them. The program addresses the decline of urban bird populations with an array of bird conservation activities.



Help Needed at Prairie Fest

We need volunteers to help on Saturday, July 28 at Prairie Fest. Audubon will have a booth again, but we also plan to help the Children’s Museum with a “Band a Kid” program. Each child will be caught in a net, measured, weighed and banded just like a bird. We need a few people to help. The event should be fun. Please contact Diana Beck at 922-7931 or email dbeck7931@charter.net if you can help in one of the shifts between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm. Also, a reminder to bring nature magazines that can be passed along to others.

Wild Feast Potluck on September 5

Our annual *Wild Feast* potluck will be held on the first Wednesday of September this year. The evening temperature on the second week has been cool, so it has been decided to move the event to the first week or right after Labor Day.

Please plan ahead. If a plant is in season now or in early summer, then freeze the plant. Or make the dish now and freeze it. Trying some of the wild plants in your area or your yard can be a great learning experience. If you are unsure about a safe source, then bring a more conventional item from your garden, etc. Please bring a recipe so people with allergies can examine the ingredients.

Remember to bring a food item that can serve 8 to 10 people, your own plate, silverware and beverage. We will meet at the picnic shelter at Lakeside Park by DeNevue Creek at about 5:00 pm.

The eating will start at 5:30 pm. A short program will follow and a sailboat ride if the weather permits.

Donations for Prairie Sign

Fond du Lac County Audubon Society is accepting donations to be used for the signage at the Mary Fran Merwin Memorial Prairie at Fond du Lac High School. Contact Diana Beck 922-7931 or email dbeck7931@charter.net.

Niagara Escarpment Stewardship Legislation Approved by Senate!

The legislation we worked on to prioritize escarpment land in receiving Stewardship funding has passed both Houses and will be signed by the Governor. See the release below:

A proposed bill to add the Niagara Escarpment to the list of six existing priority landscapes within the Stewardship Program was approved unanimously by the State Senate on March 6 and is on its way to the Governor’s office for signature. Thanks to EVERYONE who lent your support for this important change which will benefit our Escarpment landscape. Our thanks and gratitude to Representative Al Ott for introducing the bill and to the entire State Legislature for their unanimous support throughout the process!

—Laura DeGolier

Early Morning Walks Will Explore Wild Fond du Lac

Come along with some members of our local Audubon as we explore the public access land within the city of Fond du Lac. The walks will take place at 5:45 am until about 7:00 am on Thursday mornings. Each week will explore a new area. The terrain will be uneven (informal trails or off-trail). Sturdy footwear and binoculars are recommended. Cancelled in the event of rain. Call 922-7931 for more info or check the website www.fdlaudubon.org.

June 7 – meet at the parking lot by 254 South Hickory Street (by the railroad tracks)

June 14 – meet on National Ave. near the bridge over DeNevue Creek by Lallier Park

June 21 – meet on County K at the curve just north of Taycheedah prison

June 28 – meet at McDermott Park in the north side parking lot on Johnson St.

July 5 – meet at the north parking lot at Woodworth Middle School

July 12 – meet on Camelot Drive just south of South Lake Dr.

July 19 – meet at Lakeside Park West at the north end of the parking area

July 26 – meet on Ducharme Parkway by Taycheedah Creek (northeast of UW campus)

August 2 – meet on S. Country Lane (by 424 S. Country Lane) near Primrose Lane



Celebrate All Things Dandelion, May 12

Come to the Dandelion Festival on Saturday, May 12 from 10:30 am to 3 pm at Sunseed Eco-Education Center at 110 Notre Dame Street, Mt. Calvary.

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

Activities include:

- **10:30 – 11:00 am** Deliver Dandelion Cooking Contest entries. Judging at 11:00. Prizes for winners. Cooking Contest rules at www.fdlaudubon.org or call 922-7931.
- **12:00 – 1:30 pm** Dandelion cuisine tasting for \$2.00 sampling fee. Contestants free.
- **12:00 – 2:00 pm** Bowls of chili available for purchase.
- **11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm** Stories, Songs, Rhythms for children by Lady Dandelion (30 minutes)
- **10:45 am, 1:30 pm** Kitchen tips for dandelion cuisine (30 minutes)
- **11:30 am, 2:00 pm** Dandelion Botany sessions (15 minutes)
- **11:15 am – 12:45 pm** Live Music by Davey Doodle and the Red Hots
- **1:00 – 3:00 pm** Live Spring Medley Music by Stark Duo
- **10:30 am – 3:00** Ongoing activities:
 - Walk the labyrinth through the dandelions
 - Dandelion slideshow and dandelion handouts
 - Dandelion craft opportunities for children and adults
 - Dandelion products for purchase (Artisan breads, teas, herbs, jellies, herbs, buttons, etc.)

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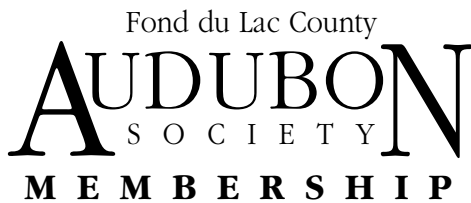
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- Yes!** I want to become a member or renew my membership to the National Audubon Society, and the Fond du Lac County Chapter. The annual membership dues of \$40 entitle me to six issues of the Audubon magazine, and all local chapter benefits. I am 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.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

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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

Help Needed to Remove Garlic Mustard

Please consider lending a hand. Beginners are welcome and are guaranteed to learn to identify the plant. The wild areas in Fond du Lac County need our help. Bring garden gloves, a kneeling pad and if possible a small dandelion weeding fork.

May 16 (Wednesday), 9:00 – 11:00 am. Meet on Prairie Road at the Pebbles Trail

May 17 (Thursday), 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Meet on Prairie Road at the Pebbles Trail

May 19 (Saturday), 9:00 am – 12:00 noon and

May 20 (Sunday), 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Meet at Park 'n Ride to car pool to Shaganappi

May 22 (Tuesday), 9:00 – 11:00 am. Meet on Prairie Road at the Pebbles Trail

May 23 (Wednesday), 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Meet at Park 'n Ride to car pool to Shaganappi

The Park 'n Ride is located at the junction of WH and the 151 Bypass. The Pebbles Trail is located about 1/4 mile south of Winnebago Drive on Prairie Road.

In the event of rain or if seed pods are breaking, the garlic mustard pulls will be cancelled for that day. Please contact Diana Beck: email dbeck7931@charter.net or call 922-7931.

