

Audubon Presents



# Zoopolis *Tour*

## Nature in the City

The 2011 Zoopolis Tour features many small private yards that are promoting bio-diversity, earth friendly practices and wildlife habitat. Discover pockets of nature in tiny urban spaces and hidden backyard oases right in the heart of the city. Learn more about the trend to reduce turf grass, plant more native species, create rain gardens and make the city greener. Profits will be used for habitat restoration in the Fond du Lac area and for public environmental education opportunities. For more information, call 920-922-7931, email [dbeck7931@charter.net](mailto:dbeck7931@charter.net) or check the Audubon website at [www.fldaudubon.org](http://www.fldaudubon.org).

**Sunday, August 7, 2011**  
**Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**

**11 am-6 pm** *Rain or Shine*

**Ticket Price: \$10**

**Special Bike Rate: \$8**

*(5.6 mile route)*

*(Children under 12 are free)*

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## 1. Margaret Jarek–120 E. Johnson Street

Explore a wild kingdom of natural beauty on one of the busiest streets in Fond du Lac. The owner encourages a lush profusion of all kinds of plants, and believes also in “letting go and trusting the innate wisdom of nature.” A large container garden utilizes even the land along the driveway. Cars should park on Amory Street just five houses west.

## 2. A Second Street Neighborhood

### 🌿 Lisa and Bob Reber–242 East Second Street

Enter a magical garden hidden behind a tall privacy fence. The owners honor nature and the spirits of nature with a space that is dedicated to beauty, peace and symbols of earth.

### 🌿 Marlene and Stephen Wirth–249 East Second Street

Enjoy a lovely, peaceful, green oasis in a city backyard, filled with the sounds of water and birds. An inviting deck overlooks a small pond, stones and lovely plants.

## 3. A Third Street Neighborhood

### 🌿 Margaret and John Nonestied–368 Third Street

Easy to locate due to an outstanding elm tree in the front yard. Wander back through the property that extends 250 ft. from the street. Sectioned with gates, the gardens host a great variety of flowers, vegetables, and fruit trees for humans, birds and insects.

### 🌿 Sue and Steve Hoepfner–386 Third Street

See an example of replacing turf grass with native plantings. When the owners moved in twenty years ago, there was almost nothing but grass lawn. They began with the strip of land by the west side of the property and incrementally created habitat surrounding the house.

## 4. Cindy and Kevin McDermott–394 South Park Avenue

Discover a hidden backyard garden with a lovely pond, beautiful plantings and a few whimsical surprises. A native plant garden graces the side of the house and offers habitat for wildlife.

## 5. Nancy and Terry Thomas–959 Martin Avenue

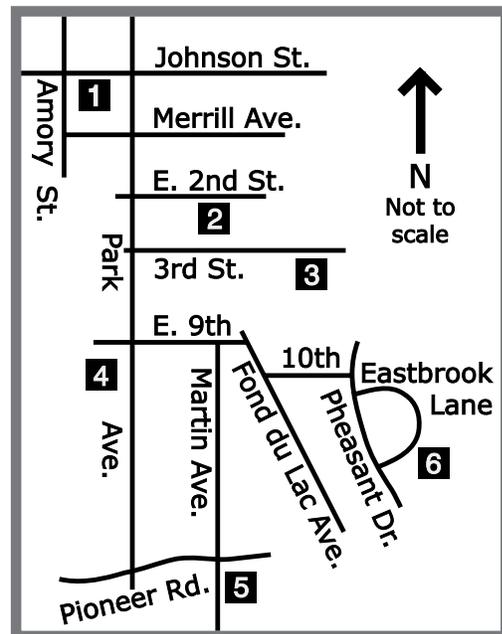
Although the natural habitat has always been visible from the street, this is an opportunity to examine the yard up close. Much of the backyard is maintained as lawn for a play area for the grandchildren. Returning even a part of a property to nature can help the eco-system.

## 6. Jeanne and John McDowell–77 Eastbrook Lane

Learn about and see a great example of a rain garden. The owners, very dedicated to earth friendly practices, have also installed 18 solar panels on the roof of their house. This site will have the exhibit tables.

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*This is a self-guided tour.  
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convenience to the locations  
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A ticket can be purchased  
at any of the sites.*