

# DANE COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

SUMMER 1992



*Wes Licht provided carriage rides at the June 13 summer event. Pictured are Michael and Linda Slavney and their daughters Andrea and Natalia.*

*Their love of nature and the outdoors inspired Jane and Wes Licht to develop and manage a wet prairie at their home, a 15 acre farm in the Town of Dunn.*

*This event, like many others at the Licht's home was an outdoor education experience for visitors who participated in nature walks and carriage rides and marvelled at the newly-born colt and the flop-eared bunnies.*

## Token Creek Update

Progress continues on the Token Creek Streambank Easement Project. An informational meeting was held on March 16 at the Windsor Town Hall with "standing room only" attendance. The goal of the project is to improve water quality in Token Creek watershed through the creation of permanent buffer strips, which act as filters for the creek. Since Token Creek and the Yahara River are the major feeder streams to Madison's chain of lakes, protection of water quality at the source will be a benefit to all who enjoy Dane County lakes.

DCNHF is currently meeting with interested landowners to provide more information about the easement project. The procedure is as follows: landowners and DCNHF work out a management agreement for the buffer strips which provide the basis of the easement document. Examples of management practices that might be

included as terms in an easement are prohibitions on dumping and spraying, the restoration of native vegetation, moving grazing away from the streambank, or mowing to keep out woody vegetation. The landowner is compensated for value through "before and after the easement" appraisals of the buffer strip. The easement is attached to the deed and the land stays in the family. DCNHF is responsible for upholding the terms of the easement in perpetuity.

This project has been made possible by a grant from the Wisconsin Stewardship Fund and the Dane County Conservation Fund.

The next meeting of interested landowners is Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of DCNHF Board Member, John Hutchinson. Contact our office for more details (258-9797).

## Thank You, MCF!

The Madison Community Foundation awarded DCNHF a three-year \$90,000 grant to facilitate administration and education related to the Token Creek project.

The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation expresses its thanks and appreciation to MCF for sharing this vision of a longterm environmental project that will improve the quality of life in Dane County.

## Congratulations

To DCNHF Conservation Director, William Pray O'Connor, who is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the national Land Trust Alliance. DCNHF is a sponsor member of this organization.





## Farewell to a Friend

1991 Stewardship Award recipient and friend of DCNHF, Bud Morton, died on Saturday, June 6, 1992. The Foundation will miss his wisdom and sense of humor as expressed in his "Letters from Mother Nature":

*"People seem to forget that it took me (Mother Nature) millions and millions of centuries to create a system that would provide subsistence for its many forms of life, and that man's carelessness, greed, and irresponsibility can utterly destroy it within one*

Bud Morton devoted his life to keep this from happening.

## Licht's Receive Honor

Jan Zimmermann

The annual Arbor Day potluck sponsored by the Town of Dunn Parks Commission on April 24 honored an outstanding couple for their long-standing commitment to community service and the preservation of natural landscapes.

Jane Licht, a Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation Board Member, and her husband Wes Licht join previous winner (and DCNHF Board Member) Cal DeWitt, in receiving the Town of Dunn "Stewardship Award" for their considerable individual accomplishments and contributions in environmental preservation and education.

Jane provided strong regional leadership in the area of environmental legislation in the early 1980's, particularly with regard to the first Wetlands bill. During her three terms as a Dane County Board Supervisor, Jane also served on the Dane County Parks Commission and was instrumental in development of the Nine Springs E-Way system. Jane is currently the Dane County Register of Deeds.

Wes Licht, a teacher at Glendale Elementary School, has taken his activities beyond the classroom by providing years of leadership with the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education. Wes also served on the Town of Dunn Parks Commission as Chair from 1981 to 1991. He coordinated development of the Dunn Bicycle Trail Guide, initiated the annual Arbor Day community tree planting and potluck program, and created and led the annual Dunn stewardship tour. Wes also initiated the unique shared management and funding concept for the Dunn neighborhood park system, and pursued the purchase and funding sources for the Dunn Heritage Park, a lakefront natural park in the town.

## In Appreciation

The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation gratefully acknowledges the gifts from friends and family in memory of the following individuals:

Joyce Erdman

*Bill Lunney and Judie Pfeifer  
Walter and Jean Meanwell*

Art Thomsen

*Vera Bauman*

Bernard "Bud" Morton

*Elaine & Mark Tjoelker  
Jane and Wes Licht  
Mr. & Mrs. David Cuff  
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## Special Thanks To:

Michael Slavney - color copies of aerial photos  
Helen Henry - Stewardship Award plaques  
Larry Cook & Ron Thompson - volunteer service  
Sara Bolz and Kay Liddicoat - The Island Gallery



## Welcome Susan McDonald

The Foundation welcomes television journalist, and attorney Susan McDonald to membership on the Board of Directors. Active in Madison Audubon Society, and The International Crane Foundation, she is currently operating a freelance photography and writing business called "Wild Images". Susan's talents and expertise will make her a valuable Board Member.

## New Members

Allan and Jennifer

Cargille

Dr. Edward and

Harriet Boldon

Bob and Jean Hastings

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Brad and Geri Murphy

Vera Bauman

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# 1992 Stewardship Awards

Honored this year for their commitment to the environment were:

**Marian Kerr**  
**Howard & Nancy Mead**  
**The Black Earth Creek**  
**Watershed Association**

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals were instrumental in sponsoring the 1992 Stewardship Awards:

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1992 Stewardship Award Keynote Speaker - Nina Leopold Bradley

## Stewardship Projects in the Works

The DCNHF Stewardship Committee is currently working on two potential land acquisition projects in Dane County. One is just south of Madison and the other is in the Token Creek area. We hope to be able to provide details as progress allows.

The committee also continues to follow through on the inquiries we receive from landowners requesting information on land conservation options.

If you are interested in the conservation of your land and would like more information on conservation easements or other protective measures, please contact our office at 258-9797.

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# Jean Meanwell Honored

Ruth Oppedahl

Friends, family and colleagues honored Jean Meanwell upon her retirement at a reception on May 13. Jean taught for over twenty years at Van Hise Middle School and contributed greatly to the school through her dedication to the education of youth. Jean's love for the environment, and interest in birds and bicycling, have taken her and her husband Walter around the world, yet she is a true believer in acting locally, as demonstrated through her active involvement with DCNHF as a Board Member. She requested no gifts, but her colleagues wanted to honor her in a special way, so they suggested contributions to the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation. In a wonderful surprise to the Foundation, and a tremendous tribute to Jean, the contributions totalled over \$3,000. Many thanks to the following:

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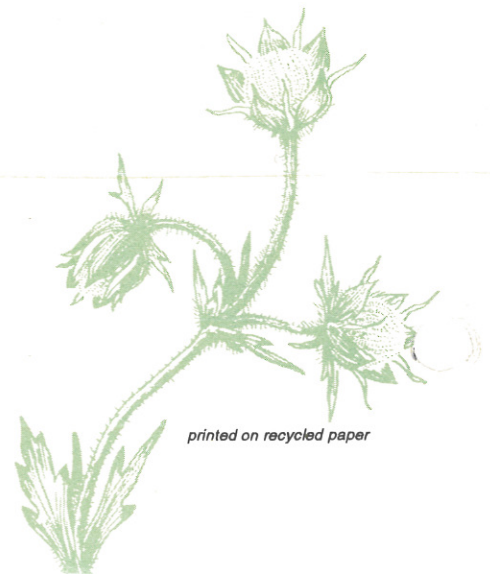
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