

DANE COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

WINTER 1992

1992 Stewardship Awards

John B. Hutchinson

The 1992 Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation Stewardship Awards will be presented March 29 at Olbrich Gardens from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. These awards are given each year to outstanding persons and organizations who have made lifelong commitments to preserving Dane County's natural heritage and the beauty that it holds for all of us. In the past, we have honored Owen Gromme, the Swan Lake Conservancy, Dr. Alice Watts, Norman Anderson, Walter Frautschi, Joe Hickey, Bud Morton, the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation and the Lalor Road Community.

This year we are proud to announce the following award recipients who have shown outstanding service to the land stewardship ethic: Marian Kerr, Howard and Nancy Mead, and the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association. Each of these persons and the members of the Association have given thousands of hours of time and immeasurable effort and resources to keeping natural areas well and alive in Dane County and throughout the state.

Our program will feature Nina Leopold Bradley presenting a slide program about her experience growing up with her father Aldo Leopold as they restored the land surrounding "the shack."



L-R, Gaylord Nelson, Fred and Vi Miller, and Gary Werner at the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation's 1991 Stewardship Awards Program.

Nina will share what it was like to really *live* the Land Ethic. This will be an informative and enlightening program for everyone.

One of the highlights of the day will be the reception the first hour, where we will have refreshments and a chance to meet our recipients, as well as a chance to mingle with each other. This year we will have a fine display of

prints by the Island Gallery of Madison for your viewing, and the Olbrich Garden's Bolz Conservatory will be open.

We will offer field trips to two of our protected areas, Lower Eagle Heights Woods and Waubesa Wetlands.

Please come join us for a day of celebration of Dane County's natural heritage. Refer to the enclosure for more details.

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From the President

William G. Lunney

With the support of a dedicated and growing membership and the hard work of the Board of Directors and staff, our Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation has been able to build on the initial success of the Save the Woods Drive in 1983 to create a permanent financially solvent Land Trust covering Dane County.

The foundation has grown both internally and externally in a number of respects. Externally, the foundation has been able to preserve 294 acres of land, including lands in the Cherokee Marsh, E-Way, Lower Waubesa Wetlands, Trillium Hill, and other areas in Western Dane County.

Moreover we have worked toward fulfilling our goal of public education through several projects, including our Annual Stewardship Awards event heightening community awareness of the need to preserve land. We have identified streambank preservation as another element and in partnership with the Madison Community Foundation, the County, and DNR are working on a multi-year project to obtain conservation easements on the lovely Token Creek. Internally, the Foundation has been able to continue the growth of our endowment along with expanding our staff to continue our active land preservation efforts.

We have been fortunate to be working at a time when state and local funds are available to match private contributions and we are confident with sustaining support from our membership that we can take advantage of this opportunity to maintain or even enhance Dane County's unique and lovely natural heritage.

Are You a Member?

You can be sure that your membership dollars are stretched to the limit to protect our natural heritage in Dane County. To find out if your membership is current, please check the date in the right hand corner of your mailing label. The date indicates when your membership expires. If you do not have a date on your label, please consider becoming an active member of the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Suby Von Haden & Associates for the donation of an IBM PC, software and computer assistance.

Marshall Erdman & Associates for a Techline computer table.

Double Your Money

You may be able to double your donation to the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation through employee matching gift programs. In the Madison area Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation and Wisconsin Power and Light will match your donation. Many other companies may offer the same program. Check with your personnel office for details.



New Board Directors Gail B. Shea and Daniel W. Erdman

Welcome Aboard

Joining the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation Board of Directors in 1992 are Daniel Erdman and Gail Shea.

Dan grew up in Madison and has recently returned to our community after a ten year absence. Dan holds a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin in Art History and a Master's of Architecture from Illinois University. He has worked for the State Historical Society researching historical landmarks, and for the past several years worked for Techline (Marshall Erdman & Associates).

Gail holds a B.A. in Political Science from UCLA, a M.A. in Geography from the University of Wisconsin, and a M.A. in Public Policy and Administration from the LaFollette Institute at the University of Wisconsin. Gail served as a program and planning analyst with the Bureau of Water Regulations and Zoning within the Department of Natural Resources, and is currently the Campaign Finance and Elections Administrator for the State Elections Board.

Protecting The Token Creek Waterway

Barbara Loftus, Token Creek Project Director

Token Creek is one of the most important areas in Dane County. It is bordered by wetlands; it contains numerous fresh water springs; it contributes more than half of the total water flow to the Upper Yahara Watershed...It needs to be protected and preserved.

Thanks to an unprecedented opportunity provided for under the Wisconsin Stewardship Fund and the Dane County Conservation Fund, grants to non-profit conservation organizations are available for the protection of certain natural areas, including streams that have been designated "priority streams."

Token Creek's important scenic, natural and ecological value distinguishes it as a "priority stream" under the State of Wisconsin stream designation. Such streams are deemed to be "most in need of protection from degradation of water quality caused by agricultural or urban runoff."

The effects of siltation from row cropping and construction sites, combined with barnyard and chemical runoff can, and have had, a detrimental effect on the Token Creek Watershed. The recently

enacted State and County Stream Bank Easement Programs have indeed come at a fortuitous time.

The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation (DCNHF) received a grant of \$250,000 under the Wisconsin Stewardship Fund, and has applied for "matching" Dane County funds to purchase conservation easements from property owners along the Token Creek stream corridor.

Under the Token Creek Stream Bank Easement Project, DCNHF will compensate property owners along Token Creek who choose to participate in the project by maintaining permanent buffer strips along the stream corridor.

In exchange for moving activity back from the stream bank—activities such as cropping, livestock grazing or spraying, DCNHF will reimburse property owners for the appraised fair market value of that portion of their property they agree to permanently place under a stream bank easement.

This is a great opportunity to create a public/private partnership, and it is a wonderful opportunity for our community to organize around a common goal that will bring greater understanding about water quality and land use practices that protect the environment.



In Appreciation

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

Art Thomsen

by Betty and John Batson

Betty Williams

by H.H. Bush, Jr.

Conrad Jaeger

by Jane and Wes Licht

Daniel Chover

by Joshua and Flora Chover

William Garstang

by Jean and Walter Meanwell

Cherokee Marsh Addition:

Katherine Brock

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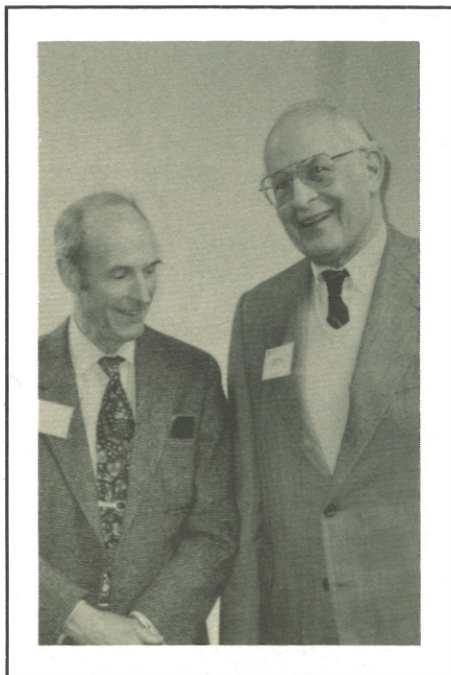
John and Laura Smail

John Stockham

Building for the future

Steve Larsen, owner of The Architectural Arts Company, is interested in maintaining the quality of life in the Madison area. For that reason, when a contract is signed with his firm, which specializes in historical restorations and remodeling, 5% of the pre-tax profits are targeted for environmental preservation in the local community. All of Dane County benefits from The Architectural Arts Company's contributions to regional conservation, reforestation, and land preservation.

A Special Thank-you



R-L, Robert Bolz, DCNHF Board Secretary, extends appreciation from the Foundation to Dr. Horace Tenney, retiring Board Director, for his longtime involvement with the Foundation.

On Wednesday, January 15, Suby, Von Haden & Associates hosted a reception on behalf of the Foundation to honor its business members. Featured speaker was David Mollenhoff, author of *Madison: A History of the Formative Years*.

Mr. Mollenhoff spoke of the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation as the logical successor of the Madison's Park and Pleasure Drive Association, which was active in the city from the 1890's to the 1930's. Formed exactly one hundred years ago in 1892, the visionary Park and Pleasure Drive Association was responsible for creating such well known open spaces as Tenney, Vilas, Hoyt, Olin, and Brittingham Parks. Businesses contributing at the \$500 level received an autographed copy of Mollenhoff's book.

The Foundation thanks all of our business members for their contributions and continuing support. A special word of thanks also to Board Treasurer Jim Cum-

mings and his partners at Suby, Von Haden and Associates for an exceptional event.

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