



DANE COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Dedicated to the protection and preservation of natural areas in Dane County through conservation easements, land donations and education.

Spring 1994

You Are Invited !

On Thursday May 5, the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation will hold a reception honoring the 1994 Stewardship Awards Recipients and easement donors. Kemper Securities of Madison is major corporate underwriter for the event.

The 1994 Stewardship Awards is hosted by Promega Corporation and BioPharmaceutical Technology Center Institute (BTIC) in the atrium of Promega's newly constructed building.

The featured speaker will be Ben Logan, author of *The Land Remembers* and *The Empty Meadow*. His writing reflects strong connections between humans and the land through the generations. Ben Logan's books have been read on public radio's "Chapter a Day". Copies of *The Land Remembers* will be available for purchase and personalization by the author.

Guests will have the opportunity to visit with Ben Logan and the recipients from 6:00-7:00 p.m. A short program will follow. A light buffet supper is included in your \$20 contribution.

To make a reservation, please return the tear-off RSVP from page 2 or return the RSVP card from your invitation. This event is open to the public as well as DCNHF members. Funds raised at this event support our land conservation projects.

1994 Stewardship Awards

Thursday, May 5

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Promega South

(2 miles south on Fish Hatchery Road
in the Fitchburg Center)

Light Buffet Supper

\$20 suggested donation

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1994 Stewardship Award Recipients

Robert M. & John A. Bolz

Hazel Knudson

Delma Woodburn

Easement Donors

Charles P. Cell

Naomi Whiteside

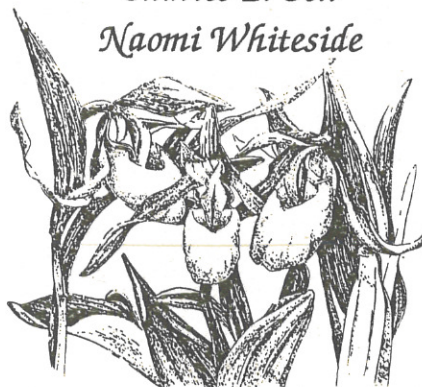


Illustration by Randall Smith

Meet the Honored Guests

1994 Stewardship Awardees

The 1994 Stewardship Award recipients all have strong personal concern and responsibility to the land. For many, a love for nature was instilled by the generations gone before and their family heritage taught stewardship for the earth. This year's theme, "Remembering the Land" harkens to that connection of families and individuals caring for the land.

Bob and Jack Bolz are well-known for their many contributions to the quality of life in Dane County. Bob, one of the original founders of the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation, has served on its Board for over 10 years. Jack currently serves as a Trustee for The Nature Conservancy. Among their many charitable activities the Bolz brothers have made are major contributions to the Olbrich Botanical Gardens and Henry Vilas Zoo.

Hazel Wilke Knudson for many years has had the dream of creating a nature preserve on her family lands. To make this dream a reality, she is contributing 38 acres of land which DCNHF will restore as native prairie. This restoration project will be dedicated to her, and the Wilke Family in memory of her parents, Franklyn & Augusta, and brother Clarence.

Delma Donald Woodburn also has a history of remembering the land. A new 105 acre park, Donald County Park, has been created on lands that which had been in her family for over 100 years. These lands, which are adjacent to DNR fishing areas have been donated to the county by Vernon Valley Farms, Inc. because of their ecological significance and their importance in the family heritage.

Chuck Cell has donated a 49 acre conservation easement to DCNHF on Storybrook Farm in southern Dane County. The farm contains a glacial drumlin surrounded by a shallow marsh, springs, and Story Creek. The springs provide headwaters of the creek which feeds Tipperary

Marsh. Protecting the water quality of Story Creek is critical to restoring Tipperary Marsh to its natural character. The Marsh and the Brooklyn Wildlife Refuge, to the south of the property, are a major source of natural habitat for wildlife, wetlands flora and fauna in this part of Dane County.

Naomi Whiteside, longtime resident of River Road above the Cherokee Marsh, donated a significant conservation easement to DCNHF in October of 1993. The 17 acres of uplands lie within the Yahara Watershed and provide a buffer for that segment of the marsh. She has planted thousands of trees as windbreaks and cover for wildlife. Talking to her today, one immediately recognizes her enthusiasm for the land and her love of the birds and the animals that inhabit it.

Remembering the Land

1994 STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Thursday, May 5, 1994

Promega South

6:00-8:00 p.m. - Light Supper

Program with Ben Logan

[] I'm delighted to give at the sponsor level. My gift of \$100 or more admits two. Please list my name/corporation name in the 1994 Stewardship program as:

[] Yes, I'm happy to attend. Please reserve _____ places for me and my guests. My check for \$ _____ is enclosed @ \$.20/person. Please prepare name badges for the following person(s):

[] I cannot attend, but please accept my \$ _____ tax-deductible contribution.

Return by May 3 to:

DCNHF

333 West Mifflin, Suite 106

Madison, WI 53703-2557

Wilke Prairie Preserve

On April 20, the Foundation hopes to take ownership of a 38 acre parcel containing wetlands and corn fields. With the help of an advisory committee, we have begun planning how to convert the corn fields into prairie vegetation.

The purpose of this preserve is to provide a small wildlife refuge, especially for birds. The small creek, which is one of the headwaters for 6 Mile Creek, runs diagonally through the middle of the preserve. The creek will be buffered by native vegetation.

Years from now, the area may provide a significant greenspace in a rapidly developing area. The intended use of the preserve is for guided field trips and nature study.

As we begin this restoration project, we have received assistance from many people. We are grateful to advisors: Hazel Knudson, Helen Henry, Jane Licht, Tim Lutrell, Rick Maier, Mark Martin, Nancy Miller, John & Sherri Mickelson, Wayne Pauly and Gene Woehler.



The Waunakee Volunteer Fire Department burning the wetland area on the Wilke Prairie Preserve, April 4, 1994

Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission Provides Youth Crew for Conservation Projects

DCNHF has received word that we will have a 8-10 person youth conservation corps (YCC) available to carry out management practices in Token Creek and on the Wilke Family Prairie Preserve this summer. The YCC crew will work for 4 weeks following up on last year's box elder removal, marking easement boundaries, installing fence and collecting prairie seed. The crew is coordinated through Operation Fresh Start.

Wilke Prairie Preserve Provides Summer Intern Experience
Sherri Laier, a botany student at UW-Madison will be working on the Wilke Prairie Preserve this summer. She will be inventoring the plants, collecting seed, marking boundaries and coordinating volunteer seed collecting parties among other things! We are delighted to have Sherri with us as we begin this exciting restoration project.

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Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation

Membership Categories:

- ☐ \$20.00 Individual
- ☐ \$30.00 Household
- ☐ \$50.00 Sustaining
- ☐ \$100.00 Donor
- ☐ \$_____ Stewardship
- ☐ _____ Endowment Fund

Please send me information on:

- ☐ Volunteering
- ☐ Token Creek Streambank Program
- ☐ How to make a gift through my will
- ☐ How to make a gift of real estate

Send to:

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Contributions are tax-deductible as provided by law. Please make checks payable to Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation. Thank you!

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

May 5 - Stewardship Awards with Ben Logan, Promega South, Fitchburg Research Park, 2 miles south of the Beltline on Fish Hatchery Road.

August 27 - Token Creek Watershed Festival, Token Creek County Park, Highway 51 north of I-90/94 interchange.

September 11 - Robert Bateman Benefit Event for DCNHF.

New Members

Marion Anderson
Joel Armstrong
Gordon & Helen Baldwin
Janice Behn & David Henige
Ruth Calden
Dr. Robin Chatman
Ed & Dorothy Churchwell
Margaret Davey
Sandy & Tim Docter
David Draheim
Doris & Richard Dubielzig
Kathi & Richard Dwelle
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Josephine & Charles Rolfsmeyer
Pat & Jay Smith
Dr. George & Joyce Steinmetz
Sally & Dr. James Whiffen
Mary & Bob Yost

Special Thanks

☆ To Don Winkler for donating a color television monitor shared by DCNHF and The Nature Conservancy

☆ To Judie Pfeifer for creating new display boards

In Memory of Katharine Bradley Tim & Sandy Docter



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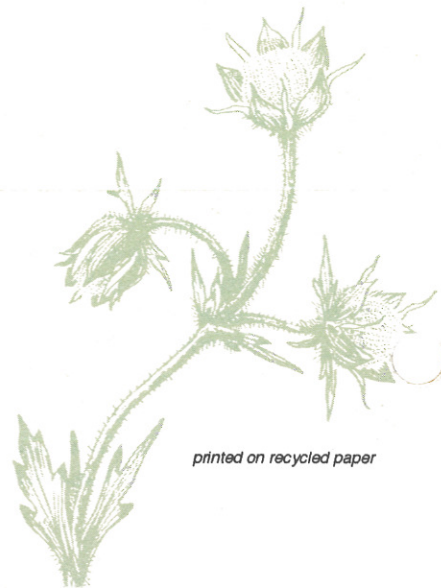
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