

# DANE COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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

Summer 1994



*George Meyer, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Secretary, speaks at the Wilke Family Preserve Dedication, April 20, 1994.*

## Wilke Family Preserve

Management activities are underway for the new Wilke Family Preserve north of Waunakee. The wetland surrounding the tributary of Six Mile Creek shows some promise. Currently, it is full of reed canary grass which chokes out native plants; however, several small fen areas harboring sedge and rush species are giving preserve intern, Sherri Laier, plenty of practice in plant identification. We have also located a very active spring on the property which is sending lots of clear, cold water into Six Mile Creek.

Sherri is carrying out a weekly plant inventory to see what species are present. She, and Madison Audubon's Goose Pond interns, Bert Jumbeck and Brian Margelofsky have transplanted a couple hundred plugs of cordgrass and sawtooth sunflowers along the wetland edge. Sherri has also been collecting seed from early blooming plants like Blue-eyed Grass, Spiderwort, Panicum, Needlegrass, Shooting Star and Phlox to plant either this fall or next spring on the uplands which are now in corn.

We need volunteers to help collect 150 lbs. of prairie plant seeds to begin restoration of 15 acres. The majority of prairie plants bloom in mid-summer and early fall. Seed collecting outings are a good way to

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Saturday, August 27**

**(raindate August 28)**

Token Creek Watershed Festival

11:00-4:00 p.m., Family event! Token Creek County Park.

**September 17 - October 22**

**(Saturdays)**

Prairie Seed Collecting for the Wilke

Family Preserve and Madison Audubon Society's Goose Pond Sanctuary.

**Sunday, September 11**

"An Artist in Nature"

Robert Bateman

1:00 p.m. Robert Bateman presents slide program at Grainger Hall.

5:00 p.m. Robert Bateman Reception at the Executive Residence, 99 Cambridge Road. RSVP required.

learn the prairie plants and meet new people. No experience is necessary.

Collecting groups meet every Saturday beginning September 17 - October 22. We will be collecting in the Marshall area in the mornings from 9:00-11:30 and at Madison Audubon Society's Goose Pond Sanctuary in the afternoons from 1:00-4:00. Hand clippers or scissors would be helpful and you may want to bring gloves and insect repellent.

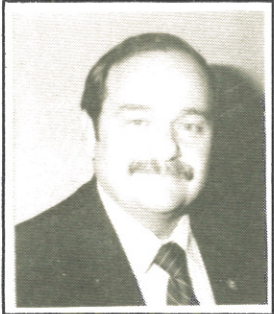
For information on the Marshall area collecting call the DCNHF at 258-9797. For information on the Goose Pond collecting call Mark Martin at 635-4160. If you have time to collect mid-week please contact Sherri Laier at 437-4774.



## Welcome New Directors

The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation is pleased to welcome Larry W. Gleasman and Michael J. Mathews as new board members.

Larry has a long history of involvement in Dane County. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Community Housing and Services and both the Madison Development Corporation and the Dane County Development Company. He is also a member of the Urban League, NAACP, the Dane County



Larry Gleasman

Public Affairs Council and Centro Hispano. He brings to the board his expertise in working with the Madison Board of Realtors and the Madison Area Builders Association, as well as the Greater Madison Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mike specializes in community and economic development. He has served on both the City of Madison Plan Commission and its Economic Development Commission. He is involved with Downtown Madison, the Wisconsin Economic Development Association and Forward Wisconsin among others.



Mike Mathews

Currently we works for Madison Gas and Electric Company as Director of Economic Development. In addition to his M.S. in Urban & Regional Planning, he is also studying under the Executive MBA program at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

Both of the new board members will serve on the Foundation's Stewardship Committee.



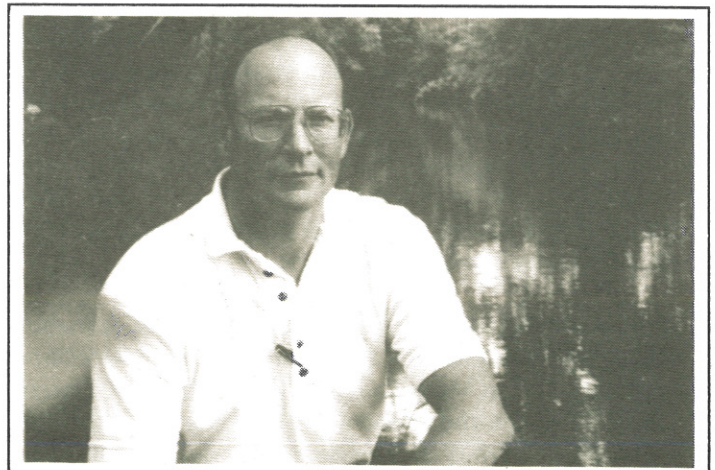
Token Creek

### Jim Viney Joins DCNHF as Project Manager

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the Token Creek Project Manager. I will be travelling the watershed of Token Creek and calling landowners to arrange meetings to explain the details of the program. There are many potential benefits to Token Creek and the landowner, from participation in the Streambank Protection Program. I am looking forward to talking with landowners and answering questions.

My background is as a farmer and real estate appraiser. I farmed with my parents and brother on a 1100 acre farm for 16 years before leaving the operation in 1993. My family and I purchased a 120 acre farm between Janesville and Evansville in northern Rock County. We rent crop land and raise beef and sheep for 4-H projects.

I worked as an independent appraiser specializing in



Jim Viney, Token Creek Project Manager

farm land appraisal for banks, attorneys and individuals in the area.

I am looking forward to meeting with the landowners along Token Creek and discussing the Streambank Protection Program.



# 1994 Token Creek Youth Conservation Corps

Funding provided by Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation, the Cremer Foundation and the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission



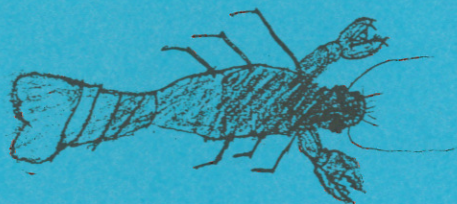
Improving the water quality of Token Creek through streambank easements and summer management work is a major conservation project of the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation. This year's Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crews were recruited through Sun Prairie School District. Both crews combined outdoor stream projects with educational programs. Thanks to major underwriter Oscar Mayer Foods Corp. crew members age 14-16 earned minimum wage and developed job skills for the future.



Oscar Mayer Youth Conservation Corps Back row L-R: Jesse Bergeron, Andy Pells, Andy Stensven, Jason Krebs  
Front row L-R: Derek Cantrall, Crew Supervisor Jeff Vaughn, Bill Mead. This crew operated through Community Adolescent Program.



L-R: Ruth Oppedahl, Andy Pells, Derek Cantrall and Jesse Bergeron look for aquatic invertebrates as part of an environmental education session. The variety and abundance of "creek critters" observed indicated that Token Creek's water quality is OK, but not super pristine.



Crayfish  
drawing by YCC member Jesse Bergeron



Dragonfly Nymph  
drawing by YCC member Bill Mead



Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission sponsored a Youth Conservation Corps through Operation Fresh Start. L-R: Tina Fisher, Jason Hughes, Ann Link, Buffy Lugo, Jeffrey Brown, Autumn Fletcher, Tim Bouche, Crew Supervisors Patrick Sheedy and Becky Stone, Marie O'Dell, Renee Casas.



# The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation

announces a benefit event

## Token Creek Watershed Festival

Saturday, August 27 (raindate August 28)

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Token Creek County Park



Illustration by Randall Smith

**Bluegrass Music** Listen to old-time fiddling and foot-stomping music of the "Blue & Lonesome II" throughout the festival.

**Ken Lonnquist** sings his wacky and delightful environmental songs like "Groundwater Rag" and "Talkin' Acid Rain".

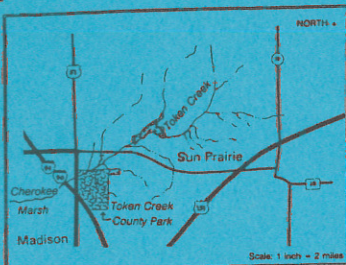
**Horse-drawn Hay Rides** Take a hay wagon ride pulled by draft horses following trails through the park's woods and meadows.

**Tethered Balloon Rides** Float up 25-40 feet in a tethered hot air balloon.

**Catching Creek Critters** Learn about the ecology of Token Creek through dip-net sampling and observation.

**Refreshments!** Hot dogs, chips, cookies and soda will be available at the DCNHF food booth. Proceeds benefit DCNHF.

**Wetland Walk & Prairie Talks** Take a walking tour of the Park's wetlands and prairies.



For more information, or to volunteer to help with the event please call 258-9797. It's fun, and for a good cause!

**"Aquatic Wild" Activities** Nature activities for children about aquatic animals, habitats and wetlands.

**Creek Coloring Corner** Young children will enjoy coloring "Create a Cattail Marsh" and "Catch and Color" sheets and the one and only "Token Creek Streamlife Mural".

**Groundwater Model Demonstration** See how water moves under our feet in the soil. Learn about the source of much of our drinking water.

**Youth Conservation Corps Awards** Honoring 16 Sun Prairie youth who worked on Token Creek this summer. The Corps are sponsored by Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation and the Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission.

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☐ I cannot attend the Watershed Festival, enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the streambank project.

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Thank you!

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## Remembering the Land 1994 Stewardship Awards

"Too often, in our entertainment-oriented world, good deeds are not acknowledged." These are the words of Ben Logan, featured speaker at the 1994 DCNHF Stewardship Awards. This event was held on May 5 to acknowledge the "good deeds" of five recipients who have a special relationship with the land.

The reception was hosted by Promega Corporation and the Biopharmaceutical Technology Institute and sponsored by Kemper Securities. Honored were six Dane County citizens for their contributions to land preservation: Bob and Jack Bolz, Hazel Knudson, Delma Woodburn, Chuck Cell, and Naomi Whiteside. Their vision of the future improves the quality of life for us all. In the words of Aldo Leopold, they "see the land as a community to which we all belong."

Our special thanks to them and to the following sponsors of this event:

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## Special Thanks

**Dan Erdman** and for donating Techline cabinets and shelves.

**Carl Oppedahl** for donating 2 two-line telephones and a foundation computer search.

**Carl Oppedahl & Louise Oppedahl** **Carmel** for giving the personal computer and laser printer used to create this newsletter.

**Mark Lefebvre and Sara Bolz** for providing invaluable assistance in planning Robert Bateman's visit.

**Kudos to Emily Earley** who received the 1994 Sol Feinstone Environmental Award for 30 years of volunteering for natural area protection in Wisconsin.

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## Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation

### Membership Categories:

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



## Artist Robert Bateman visits Madison Sunday, September 11 to benefit DCNHF

On **Sunday, September 11**, Robert Bateman, acclaimed wildlife artist, brings his environmental message to Dane County. His paintings, his sculptures and his words all reflect a strong personal commitment regarding the pressing environmental concerns that face us all.

**1:00 p.m. UW Grainger Hall.** Mr. Bateman will present a program of slides from around the world illustrating his ecological philosophy with thought-provoking narration. Several of Bateman's works will be on display, and he will be signing posters which will be for sale at the event. Free parking is available in the underground ramp below Grainger Hall. Since this is a benefit event for DCNHF land conservation projects, a \$5.00 donation is suggested. Seating is limited to 280, so advance purchase is highly recommended. Tickets are available at the DCNHF office and The Island Gallery.

**5:00 p.m. Executive Residence, 99 Cambridge Road.** Join art patrons and supporters of the Foundation in an intimate gathering at the Governor's Mansion. Mr. Bateman will present brief remarks and personalize gift editions of his book, "An Artist in Nature". Refreshments will be served. Your donation of \$125.00 per couple or \$75.00 per person supports the Foundation's land conservation projects. Invitations will be mailed mid-August. Since attendance at this event is limited, responses are required by September 1.



### Artwork Raffle to Benefit DCNHF Conservation Projects

*Win an original Bateman sketch, framed signed art print or hand-colored lithograph while supporting local conservation projects in Dane County!*

*Raffle tickets will be available through DCNHF board directors, The Island Gallery, and at our office. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each, or 3 for \$5.00.*

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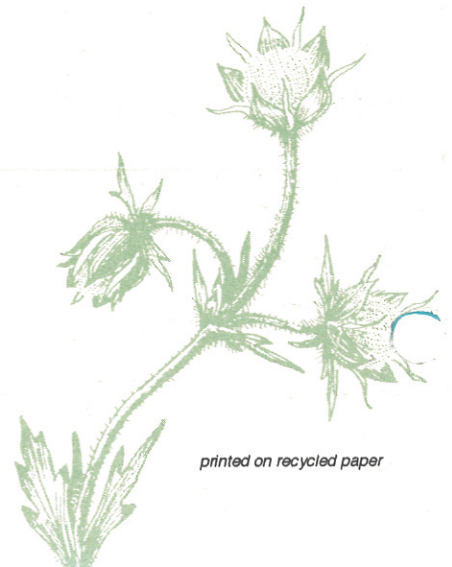
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