

DANE COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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

Spring 2001

Natural Heritage Foundation, Bolz, Enrich Waunakee Green Space

Thanks to longtime friend and former Board Member Bob Bolz, the Natural Heritage Foundation has brokered a deal that will result in a 25-acre park to the Village of Waunakee. The Bolz Family gave the land, which includes a scenic hilltop, to the foundation. The organization has in turn, donated the land to Waunakee's Parks Department.

The park is in southeast Waunakee, near Woodland Drive. It provides a dramatic vista of the Capitol Dome and integrates natural areas with soccer and baseball fields in nearby Southbridge Park. The Natural Heritage Foundation will hold a conservation easement

on the land, permanently preserving the land in its natural state. The Waunakee Parks Department has plans to plant the land with prairie wildflowers and grasses.

"The great thing about this project is that Southbridge, the surrounding development, is being designed in conjunction with this park," says Executive Director Danielle Wood. "It makes good sense for conservation groups like ours and the development community to work together."

The Bolz Family initiated the conservation project with the Foundation in 1998. "We're giving this to Waunakee residents so they can

enjoy a park that has an outstanding view of the capitol building," said Bob Bolz.

"The unique feature of the new park is that the Bolz Family has used this land for picnics for years, and now they want to preserve it forever for the rest of us," says Foundation President John Hutchinson.

The new park is the second Natural Heritage Foundation project in Waunakee. The first is Wilke Preserve, a 37-acre prairie located off Hwy. 113. Waunakee centenarian Hazel Knudson donated Wilke Preserve to the Foundation in 1994.

County Land Fund Bears Fruit

The new Dane County Conservation Fund is proving to be a boon to the conservation community and the Natural Heritage Foundation. In the first grant cycle, our organization received four awards – two individual grants and two grants in partnership with the Town of Dunn's Purchase of Development Rights program. This money will help pay for new conservation projects.

The individual grants, totaling almost \$75,000, will fund two projects aimed specifically at

protecting the quality of two cold-water streams. Increased development pressures often have dramatic impacts on the health of our lakes and streams. With Dane County growing faster than any other in the state,

the need to safeguard our waters has become even more vital. The Foundation plans to purchase land on at-risk streams and transfer it to public ownership. In the future, these project

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This stately oak adorns one of the properties that DCNHF is working to protect with the help of the Dane County Conservation Fund.

Dane County Parks Department photo

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areas will become public natural areas.

Our two grants with the Town of Dunn total over \$290,000. They will help buy the development rights of two properties in the Lower Mud Lake Resource. This land, while remaining in private ownership, will have conservation easements that restrict development.

The Town of Dunn has also been approved for an additional \$200,000 grant for one of the properties.

These projects will permanently protect almost 400 acres. Our thanks go out to everyone who supported the conservation fund referendum back in April 1999.



Top and bottom:

This farm in the town of Dunn is just one of the properties that will be preserved with support from the County's Conservation Fund.

Left:

This stretch of Yahara River is part of another joint DCNHF-Town of Dunn project being made possible in part through the Dane County Conservation Fund.

Dane County Parks Department photos





Dave Spitzer photo

Madison School Forest Grows

The Madison School Forest is growing, thanks in part to the efforts of the Natural Heritage Foundation. The Madison Metropolitan School District manages the 320-acre forest, located off Fritz Rd., in the Town of Montrose. The Friends of the Madison School Forest are buying 100 acres of adjacent grassland at a cost of \$400,000. The Natural Heritage Foundation helped renew a relationship between the School Forest and Mrs. Dorothy Frautschi, whose father helped pay for the forest's campground years ago. Mrs. Frautschi will donate \$56,000 to the expansion.

The School Forest is open to all community residents for nature study, hiking, and cross-country skiing. The Friends of the School Forest will receive \$144,000 from the State Stewardship Fund for the new acreage. The district is also borrowing \$200,000 from the Dane County Conservation Fund to help finance the addition.

For information about how you can contribute to the growth of the School Forest, contact Mrs. Dale Grimm at 238-1591.



Above:

Students pose for a photo on a rocky outcrop.

Right:

These students have each adopted a tree, and are writing about it. Their class visits the forest at least once a month.



Eileen Dawson photos of children

Above:

This 100-acre grassland at one time nurtured corn and alfalfa. The Friends of the Madison School Forest are purchasing it to buffer the forest from surrounding development and hope to restore it to prairie.

Interns Bolster DCNHF

University of Wisconsin-Madison seniors Laurie Lewis and Monika Zabko have joined DCNHF as interns this spring. Laurie is working on outreach activities, including helping plan our field trips, writing the newsletter and working on our display. An English major, with minors in Environmental Studies and Teaching English as a Second Language, Laurie is originally from Tucson. She loves walking, hiking, backpacking, and cross-country skiing. She lives with her fiancé



Laurie Lewis



Monika Zabko

Craig and cat Mija, which means "little daughter" in Spanish. Monika is working on our conservation plan and organizing our spring easement monitoring. She is majoring in International Relations and Geography and working on an Institute for Environmental Studies Certificate. She graduates this spring and looks forward to officially beginning her career in the environmental field. Monika's hobbies include curling up with a good book and playing tennis.

A Recognition for Board Members and Volunteers



DCNHF'S "friends and family" gathered at The Great Dane last month to honor past board members and volunteers and enjoy each others company.

Bill Pielsticker photos



Above:

A lively crowd at The Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co.

Left:

Former board member Jerry Smith remembers his days at the Foundation.

Far left:

Former board president Mike Slavney accepts his award for ten years of dedicated service.

Below:

Judith and John Hutchinson (current President) mingle with Bill O'Connor.



Welcome to new Fish Lake Members

The following Fish Lake donors have demonstrated their ongoing support of our work by becoming annual members of the Natural Heritage Foundation.

Fernando & Carla Alvarado	Mrs. Mary Ellen Kearney
Ed Baker	Jeff Lange & Dolly Marsh
Tom Brownrigg	Leon W. LeVan
Doug Bucholtz	Ken, Debby & Joey Levin
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Stanley W. Karls	Margaret A. Williams



Towering cottonwood trees along the Fish Lake shoreline.

Jeffrey Strobel photo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Field Trip

Come see the bluebirds and wildflowers at one of our sites in Iowa County June 9. Call Nancy at 258-9797 for more information.

Thanks for your help:

Margaret Bolton for long-term assistance with the Conservation Plan and the Trewartha Easement,

Jeff Blum for ongoing assistance around the office,

Gathering Waters for hosting a wonderful landtrust staff retreat,

Jan Hunt for volunteering to be our new web site coordinator,

The Boston Store for inviting us to participate in its "Nonprofit Benefit Day,"

Laura Heise, Vice President of Finance for the Easter Seal Society of Wisconsin, for ongoing assistance with our federal tax forms,

Nancy Mead, for serving on the Outreach Committee,

Rebecca Mund of Ken Saiki Landscape Architects for help with our Conservation Plan,

Bill Pielsticker for photographing our board appreciation event and Garfoot Creek,

Gene Roark for representing us at the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Conference, and

Jeff Strobel, for redesigning our membership postcards.

Good-bye

A heartfelt goodbye to Theresa Plenty, our volunteer web site coordinator for the past three years. We'll miss her!

Available for purchase:

A 140-acre Iowa County residence including a refinished three-bedroom, two-bath limestone farmhouse and barn. The landscape is a mixture of restored oak savanna and prairie planted under the Natural Resource

Conservation Service's Conservation Reserve Program. The natural habitat attracts wildlife while simultaneously providing tax relief. The current owners are willing to sell to conservation-minded buyers at a reduced price. Cost is \$2,500 per acre and \$225,000 for the buildings. For more information, contact Wendy Everham at

608.967-2221 or 608.987-4159.

Mark Your Calendars

Our 2001 Stewardship Awards will be Sept. 19 at the new Lussier Family Heritage Center at Lake Farm Park.

In Memoriam

Dr. John Lager

By Jean and Walter Meanwell

Wilke Work Day

Are you interested in helping to maintain Wilke Preserve? We'll be organizing a Spring work day soon. Please call Nancy at 258-9797 for details.



Ed Blume photo

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Williams Environmental Associates

The Wisconsin State Journal

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Welcome Aboard...

The Natural Heritage Foundation extends a warm welcome to its new board members: Kathy Pielsticker, Johanna London, Walter Meanwell, Jr.

Kathy is involved with the American Civil Liberties Union State Board, the Town of Roxbury Planning Committee, and the Friends of the Scenic Lodi Valley. She is co-owner of Pielsticker Photos. She lives with her husband Bill and their three dogs, Max, Chloë and Libby on the shores of Crystal Lake.

Johanna, who was born and raised in Madison, will serve as our new treasurer. She first became involved with the Foundation by handling the Token Creek Watershed Association's incorporation. Johanna is an associate with Michael, Best & Friedrich. She and her husband Bob live in Madison with their two children Ben and Emily. They enjoy exploring Dane County's beautiful parks and open spaces.

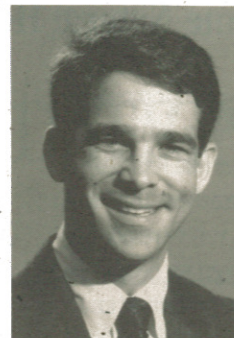
Walt is managing Director-Portfolio Manager with First Union Securities. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Arboretum and has been a member of the



Kathy Pielsticker



Johanna London



Walter Meanwell, Jr.

Foundation for almost 10 years. Walt has been involved with the Nature Conservancy, the Madison Development Corporation, the Village of Shorewood Hills, and the American Cancer Society of Dane County. He is an avid skier, tri-athlete, soccer player and angler. Walt lives with his wife, Stacey and their children Walter and Sarah in Madison.

...and Until We Meet Again

We are sad to part with our treasurer, Douglas Berry, who left our Board of Directors in January. Douglas gave the Foundation the sweat of his brow for over two years. A million thanks for keeping the organization fiscally sound.

Special Gifts

There's no better way to honor friends or family members who love the Dane County area's natural beauty than by helping to protect it. A donation to the Natural Heritage Foundation can help protect a lakeshore, restore a prairie, or preserve a woodland. Consider a donation to commemorate a birthday, wedding or anniversary, or in memory of a loved one.

Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation

Help us protect natural areas close to home!

Membership categories:

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|--------------------------|------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Household | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Enthusiast | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Benefactor | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | _____ |

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Please send me information on:

- ☐ Volunteering
- ☐ How to make a gift through my will
- ☐ How to make a gift of real estate

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

Thank you!

- ☐ Check this box if you prefer to remain anonymous.

Send to:



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Put Some Natural Heritage in Your Future

We turn to you, our members, for support when conservation opportunities like Fish Lake present themselves. Time and time again, you've responded faithfully when we needed your assistance in protecting and preserving our community's beautiful natural heritage.

But did you know that there are also long-term ways for you to help preserve and protect natural areas in and around Dane County? Those of you who are planning your financial future can continue your commitment to conservation for coming generations by including the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation in your will or estate plan. So doing makes a statement about your sense of stewardship and what our organization's work has meant to you across the years.



Scene at the Sinaiko property.

Jeffrey Strobel photo

You can also donate land to the Natural Heritage Foundation in your will. The land may or may not be worthy of preservation. If it's not, real estate such as a home, a vacant lot or commercial property may be donated and then sold by us, with the proceeds benefiting our conservation efforts.

In all cases, the Natural Heritage Foundation encourages you to consult a professional advisor when preparing a will or estate plan.

This process is known as making a "bequest," and is an option for people with a range of incomes. Making a bequest requires two things: a charitable intent and something of worth — for example, a life insurance policy, a retirement fund, or stocks. It can be as simple as altering your will or changing the beneficiary on your insurance policy or IRA.

An outright gift or bequest to our organization will create a permanent investment in the natural heritage of Dane County and the surrounding areas. The Natural Heritage Foundation can assist you in preserving the land for future generations. For more information about how to plan a gift that lasts, please call Danielle Wood at 608.258.9797.

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