

# WOOD prints

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**NEW!**  
 Hours Extended Tuesdays  
 March 12 - October 29

**NATURE CENTER HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday - Saturday  
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
 Tuesdays (Starting Mar. 12)  
 9 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Sunday  
 Noon – 4 p.m.

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## CONTROL BURN SPARKS NEW GROWTH

On Tuesday, April 23, with the help of some volunteers, Beaver Creek staff conducted a controlled burn on our 2.5-acre savanna. Burns are conducted on the savanna on a four-year rotation. It is not something we do for fun – although it is kind of fun. Savannas are an uncommon habitat type in the state of Wisconsin and maintaining savannas, through controlled burning is the best way to maintain them. In the state’s history, many more acres of savannas have existed. Fires formed the original savanna landscape and were started either by acts of nature or were set by native people in order to control brush and increase the productivity of mast and fruit producing shrubs and trees. Burns also made traveling across the landscape easier.



While only a small blaze, the controlled burn will help maintain the savanna. Photo by Lindsey Polden

Typically, savannas are burned in the spring to best suppress the sprouting cool season grasses, and if the fire is hot enough, the burns are used to kill back the brush and tree species that are constantly trying to

invade. By burning Beaver Creek’s savanna we help promote the growth of warm season prairie grass species and wildflowers endemic to savanna areas. A scattering of bur oak is also a part of the savanna landscape and, since they are resistant to fires, they persist – burn after burn.

The burn this spring was less than ideal. A week before the burn, floods deposited a layer of silt that coated every leaf and blade of grass. The resulting burn was cooler than desired and more work will have to be done to treat the invading brush and tree species. However, the burn will recycle nutrients beneficial to all of the prairie plants, and we will definitely notice a response to the burning.

In a few weeks, the blackened areas will be gone, and a sea of growing green vegetation will predominate. It is fascinating to watch nature at work. Come over to Beaver Creek Reserve and check it out for yourself!

*Jim Schwiebert  
 Beaver Creek Reserve Naturalist*



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# Citizen Science Center Update

## *3M Grant Funds Avian Programs and Projects*

With the implementation of Beaver Creek's Strategic Plan, the Citizen Science Center staff will no longer be reliant on grant funding to support their salaries along with their important projects. However, all departments at Beaver Creek Reserve will continue to write occasional grants to help fund additional needs.

Thanks to a \$2,500 grant from 3M, new goals that were set forth in the Avian Action Plan will be achieved. These goals include expanding knowledge of the CSC Director through additional training, conference attendance and other relevant professional development. Another goal is to ensure Beaver Creek is a resource for potential birders throughout the Chippewa Valley and beyond. Programs like Bird Banding 101, Owl Migration Training, and Bird School attract participants from across the region. Additional educational programs will include banding demos,

field trips to banding stations and the development of a school-aged bird banding program. Additionally, these funds will be used to provide matching funds for the Citizen Science Center's Bird Intern position.

Thanks to the grant from 3M many of these goals will continue to be implemented throughout 2019 and

into 2020. For more information on any of our avian programs, please contact Jeanette Kelly, Director of Education at 715-877-2212 or [csc@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:csc@beavercreekreserve.org) See pages 4-5 for more information on some of our summer bird programs.



## **Bake Sale Raises Lots of Dough**

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to bake something sweet for the Bird Bander's Bake Sale on May 11.

There were boxes and boxes of delicious cookies, bars, candies, breads, pies, and more!

The bake sale, held in conjunction with the Native Plant Sale, raised \$670 for the Beaver Creek Bird Banding Program. The money raised will go towards purchasing new nets and a new water feature to help attract a wider variety of bird species.

# Recognition Night 2019

On Thursday, May 2, Beaver Creek Reserve hosted the second annual Recognition Night to honor our volunteers and donors. In previous years, two separate events were held. One to thank our volunteers and the other to thank donors to our Endowment Fund, volunteering or monetary donations. However, for the last two years we've had one big event where we thank both donors of money and of time. This year, there were 106 people in attendance for the celebration. Awards were given to volunteers including, but not limited to: Friend of the Plants, Board Member in Motion, Friends of Friends, and the

Bruce Willett Service Award.

A highlight of the event this year was guest speaker, Robert Root, author of *Walking Home Ground: Following the Footsteps of Muir, Leopold, and Derleth*. Root brought copies of his book with him to the event, and due to their popularity, they quickly sold out. We will be ordering more copies for the store, so if you didn't get a chance to grab your copy, drop by Beaver Creek to pick one up soon. Another great addition to the event was the catering done by Houligan's, who also donated a portion of their costs.



Executive Director Erik Keisler poses with Karen & Mark Wise, winners of the 2019 Bruce Willett Service Award. (Ruth Forsgren)



BCR staff Katie Lindquist (left) and Julie Felske (right) present Mike Shea (center) from Market & Johnson the Business in Volunteering Award for 2019

## FRIENDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## NEWSLETTER

Editor ..... Brianne Markin

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## Beaver Creek Reserve 2019 Volunteer Awards

### Friend of the Plants

Vern & Viv Swanson  
 Ede Strand

### Friend of the Birds

Christine Schaaf

### Rookie of the Year

Greg Hirsch

### Yes Award

Jim & Peggy Murray

### Business in Volunteering

Market & Johnson

### Friends of the Friends

Jim & Marilyn Murphy

### Friend of the Endowment

Marty Voss

### Board Member in Motion

Blake Tollefson

### Bruce Willett Service Award

Mark & Karen Wise

### Friend of the Butterflies

Kennedy Demecherie

### Desk Jockey

Lois Raether

# UPCOMING

## programs



### JUNE

#### Raising Monarchs

Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 p.m.

Wise Nature Center

Join Beaver Creek Naturalist Jim Schwiebert as he teaches you everything you need to know to raise Monarchs in your own home. The Monarch population was decimated several years ago, but is slowly making a comeback, due in large part to the efforts of organizations and individuals.

Friends FREE Nonmembers \$5.00



Photo by Ruth Forsgren

#### Register Today

##### Online:

[www.beavercreekreserve.org](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org)

**In Person:** at the Wise Nature Center. See cover for hours.

**By Mail:** Please call to reserve a spot, and checks must be received by the registration deadline.

We accept cash, check, and credit or debit cards.

*Cancellations require 48-hour notice prior to the program date, and are refundable, less a 10% admin fee. Tickets for special events are non-refundable.*

#### Breeding Bird Atlas Blitz

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

and Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Citizen Science Center

Bird nesting season is here! Come join us for a Breeding Bird Atlas Blitz as we spend the morning searching Beaver Creek to record as many breeding birds as possible. The Breeding Bird Atlas is a five-year citizen science project that aims to map the distribution and abundance of all bird species breeding in WI. Along with contributing to a massive statewide citizen science project, you will have the exciting opportunity to learn how to recognize bird courtship, nesting behavior, and to watch the birds as they prepare for the arrival of their young. You will gain knowledge about bird behavior that will be sure to make each of your nature walks from that day forward even more fun and interesting!

Open to ages 18+

Friends Free Nonmembers Free



Photo by Ryan Zimmerman

#### Phenology Hike for Experienced Explorers

Thursday, June 13, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Wise Nature Center

This program which is designed for our older nature lovers, starts with about an hour hike on the trails at Beaver Creek Reserve led by a staff naturalist. Explorers will document the changes taking place in the Reserve's woods. The walk will be capped off with coffee and a treat and further discussion about observations made during the hike. The program is geared for adults 55 and older. Hikers should expect about a mile long hike with uneven terrain and stairs to negotiate.

Friends \$3 Nonmembers \$5

#### Introduction to Radio Astronomy

Saturday, June 22, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hobbs Observatory

Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society-Radio Astronomy Staff and UWEC Physic and Astronomy Professor George Stecher will be teaching an informative class that will cover an introduction to astronomy, Evolution of Radio Astronomy, RTP-SDR Dongle Applications, Radio Astronomy Software Downloads, and how to build your own IBT Radio Telescope. Participants will receive RTL-SDR dongle, software, antenna to provide radio astronomy participation in an interesting adventure.

Must be at least 12 years of age with computer experience. Must have a laptop computer with USB capabilities.

Friends FREE Nonmembers \$5

**More program details available on our website!**

## JULY

### Summer Bird Banding at Henke Acres

Tuesday, July 2, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
and Wed., July 31, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Henke Acres

Summer is on the way and with it come birds. For the past 14 years, Beaver Creek Bird Banders have spent the summer at Henke Acres participating in the MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) project. The MAPS project is a collaborative effort among bird banders assisting in avian conservation. Since 1989, more than 1,200 MAPS stations have spread throughout the United States and Canada to capture, collect information, and band more than 2 million birds. The MAPS project focuses on breeding birds, including in this area, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Indigo Buntings, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Song Sparrows. Join the Beaver Creek banders for an exciting morning of hiking trails, banding birds, and enjoying the sights and sounds of Henke Acres.

Friends \$5      Nonmembers: \$8

### 2019 Beaver Creek Butterfly Count

Tuesday, July 9, 9:30 a.m.  
Wise Nature Center

Join other butterfly enthusiasts for the annual Beaver Creek Reserve Butterfly count. The count will begin at the Wise Nature Center with a review of the species found in this area. Then get directions for the count and receive a route assignment. Most counters usually spend two to four hours counting, but you may count for as little as one hour or for most of the day if you wish. The results are forwarded to the North American Butterfly Association. Suitable for children 8 years and older, and adults. Please bring binoculars and butterfly field guides if you have them.

Please register by Friday, July 6, so we can have enough materials on hand for counters.

**FREE** - There is a suggested \$3 donation (not required) to cover BCR's cost, assessed by NABA, payable on the day of the count.

### Breeding Bird Atlas Blitz Thursday, July 11, 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. Citizen Science Center

See June program description.

FREE

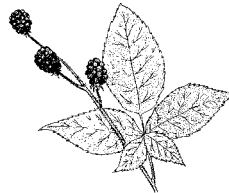
### Summer Wild Edibles

Friday, July 19, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Wise Nature Center

Join a Beaver Creek naturalist for a taste of some summer's wild edibles. We'll look at a slide presentation of plants to eat throughout the year, then take a hike and look for some common, easily-identified, wild edible plants. We'll nibble a few things as we hike, and then sample some cooked greens and a wild beverage or two! A list of some plants to try and their use will be provided. Come and join us for a taste of summer from the wild!

Registration and payment required by July 18.

Friends \$9      Nonmembers \$12



### Beekeeping 103

Saturday, August 3, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Wise Nature Center

Beekeeping 103 is the final class in the beginning beekeeping series taught in partnership with the Chippewa Eau Claire Beekeepers. Topics include heath maintenance of bees, fall feeding tips, harvesting honey and wintering survival skills. Depending on interest and resources there may be an opportunity to extract and bottle your honey.

Registration and full payment required by July 30.

Friends \$40      Nonmembers \$45

### A Walk in the Woods Looking for Mushrooms

Saturday, August 10, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Wise Nature Center

Learn to distinguish edible from poisonous mushrooms and learn how fungi affect the health of the forest. Join Tavis a delightful amateur mycologist from Cumberland, WI. Please bring your own basket for collecting.

Registration and full payment required by August 6.

Friends \$12      Nonmembers \$17

**Butterflies  
ABOUND** AT **BEAVER CREEK RESERVE**

**Butterfly Festival**  
Sunday, August 4th  
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**PRESALE TICKETS**

Friends	Nonmembers
Kids (age 2-15) \$2	Kids (age 2-15) \$5
Adults \$4	Adults \$7

**AT THE DOOR**  
Kids (age 2-15) \$6  
Adults \$8

*Games, face painting, lab tours, sunbaes much more!*

**Butterfly House**  
open  
July 5th - Sept 1st

*Photo by Ruth Forsgren*

All programs require pre-registration.

Register today!

# Summer Volunteer Opportunities

## BUTTERFLY HOUSE LAB

**Training: Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed from early June through mid-September. This exciting volunteer opportunity involves the daily care and feeding of caterpillars, monitoring chrysalis development, and releasing butterflies into the Butterfly House. Lab workers are needed daily Monday through Saturday, for one to two hours, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, 12:00 -2:00 p.m., to help raise caterpillars in our lab. If you cannot attend this training session, please contact the Reserve to set up a personal training time.

## BUTTERFLY HOUSE GUIDE

**Training: Thursday, June 27, 7:00 p.m.**

Enjoy learning about our native butterflies and helping visitors to identify them while volunteering in our beautiful Butterfly House as a Volunteer Guide! Guides answer questions and share their love and enthusiasm for butterflies. Don't think you know enough about butterflies? Don't worry, this is a great way to learn on the job! Come and see what it's all about! Volunteers are needed daily Monday- Saturday, 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Sundays 12:00-3:00 p.m., from July 5 through early September. To sign up for this training call If you cannot attend this training session, please contact the Reserve to set up a personal training time.

## SUMMER CAMPS

*If you are a licensed educator with the state of Wisconsin DPI we need your help for our summer camps! We are partnering with the Eau Claire School District for some of our camps and must have at least one educator for each of those camps.*

## NATURE NUTS AND SPROUTS VOLUNTEERS

**Training: Monday, June 10, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

Come help give kids the opportunity to learn about the wonders of nature! We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with Nature Nuts the week of June 24-28. Volunteers are needed in the morning to run our summer camps. Volunteers at the camps lead group activities, act as group leaders who go around with the kids to each activity, and prepare and hand out snacks each day. Help out with just one morning, or all week! There will be a training session on Monday, June 02 at 9:30 a.m. We can also provide individual training if you can't make that time.

**If you're interested or have questions, please email [volunteer@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:volunteer@beavercreekreserve.org) or call [715-877-2212](tel:715-877-2212) and ask for Katie.**

**Make it snappy.**

**Photo contest deadline is June 15th**



Photo by Kean Huebler

For rules and entry forms visit  
[www.beavercreekreserve.org/events](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org/events)

## Wish List Items

.5 liter (16.9 oz) water bottles  
(empty) for projects for Nature  
Nuts week

A working iron for craft  
projects






A small set of computer  
speakers for use with our  
projector



# CURRENT HAPPENINGS

## At Beaver Creek

### MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	SATURDAYS	
 <p><b>Quilt Club</b></p> <p>2nd &amp; 4th Mondays of the Month 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society</b></p> <p>1st Tuesday of the Month 7:30 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>Chippewa Valley Water Color Artists</b></p> <p>1st Wednesday of the Month 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>	 <p><b>BCR Photo Club</b></p> <p>3rd Thursday of the Month 7:00 p.m. Jan - May and Sept. - Nov.</p>	 <p><b>Hobbs Observatory Public Viewing</b></p> <p>Clear Saturday Nights May - October 1 hour after sunset</p>	 <p><b>Hobbs Observatory Astronomical Series</b></p> <p>3rd Saturday of the Month 8:00 p.m.</p>

### Endowment Update

The 2018 Endowment Campaign raised \$49,906. The fund is now close to \$2 million. A total of 204 donations were made to the campaign,



14 from new donors.

The Endowment Board is currently looking for volunteers to serve on this important fundraising board. Interested parties can contact Erik Keisler to learn more.

Congratulations to Endowment Chair, Mary Voss for being awarded the Friend of the Endowment during Beaver Creek's 2019 Recognition Night, held on May 2.

**NEW!**  
News you can use from our boards!

### Friends Board Update

The Friends of BCR Board continues to focus on our Strategic Plan. November 2 was selected for the 2019 Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve Annual Meeting. A survey will be sent to all members next month for feedback on the preferred format for the Annual Meeting.

The property committee of the Friends Board recently approved a contract with Huebsch Services to service entry mats at the Nature Center, Wildland's, and the Main Lodge, as well as provide towel service for the Nature Center and Main Lodge. Not only will this keep buildings cleaner, it will cut down on cleaning time required by staff and provide a valuable service to renters by providing towels for use in the kitchen. There is even a brand new logo entry mat at the Nature Center (picture below).

### June Store Sales

- Binoculars • Mugs • Bird Books





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# Get ready for the **BEST. SUMMER. EVER.**



- **Butterfly House** (opens July 5th)
- **Butterfly Fest** (Aug. 4)
- Indoor Exhibits ▪ Nature Nooks
- Star Gazing ▪ Trails
- So Much More!



Now Open  
Late Tuesdays  
until 8:00