

RIDGES LITES

A monthly update of Ridges' Activities • February 2012

Signs of the Times

On the surface, the winter months may seem quiet at the Sanctuary – but only on the surface. Behind the scenes, we're hard at work developing the plans for our new handicapped accessible **boardwalk**. Meetings are in process with the Departments of Natural Resources and Fish & Wildlife regarding the placement of the boardwalk to protect the Dwarf lake iris (*Federally threatened*) and Hine's emerald dragonfly (*Federally endangered*). We're also working with the county to ensure ADA (*Americans with Disabilities Act*) compliance.

Watch for something new and eye-catching on the site of our new building. Jim Tyndall, the volunteer who designed our whimsical Charlie Brown last December, is working on a sign which will identify the property as the Future Location of **The Ridges Sanctuary Interpretive Center and Trailhead**.

Donations to restore the **Lower Range Light** continue to come in. To date, we've received contributions totaling \$22438.94. The cost of the restoration project has been estimated at \$70,000. Work on the foundation is anticipated to begin later this year.



BUILD a Bluebird House

There's a Bluebird family out there that needs a home!

Build a home for these beautiful birds and learn how to attract them to your place.

Saturday, March 10
10 AM & 2 PM
at The Ridges' Workshop

\$20/family (includes materials for one bluebird house)
Pre-registration is **REQUIRED** for this program!
CellCom's Green Gifts provided partial funding for this program

Pedaling Partners



Educational Programs

for Kids, Families, & Adults at The Ridges Sanctuary

- Register for the Ride for Nature at www.ridefornature.com
- Ask people to sponsor your ride (raise \$250 or more for a free bike jersey)
- Send form (& funds) - Raise \$250 or more to receive a free (limited edition Ride for Nature) bike jersey



The three top fundraisers

Win a Saris Bike Rack

Contact The Ridges for information & a form.
carol@ridgessanctuary.org • (920) 839-2802

75 Reasons

to purchase a Gift Membership to The Ridges

- 25 Native Wisconsin Orchids grow here
 - 13 Threatened & Endangered Species are protected
 - 5 miles of trails beckon the wanderer
 - 1 Federally endangered dragonfly flourishes here
 - 30 unique ridges and swales provide a diversity of habitat
- AND** you will receive a special 75th Anniversary hat!
Call today—we'll send your friends a special gift card!

Phragmites

Informational Program

Feb 27 • Monday • 6:30 PM

Camp Wabansi (1242 Bayshore Road-Brussels)
Contact: Marne Kaeske • marne@ridgessanctuary.org
(920) 839-2802

Learn how to prevent and control phragmites on your shoreline property

Silent Auction to Benefit The Ridges Sanctuary



Base Camp Coffee Bar

in the lower level of Ecology Sports
Sister Bay



April 20 to mid-May

a silent auction of folk art quilts

for the benefit of The Ridges Sanctuary
Quilts donated by Green Roof Farm Quilts
• and a great place for breakfast or lunch!
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Coming Up!

Feb 17, 18, 24, 25 • Snowshoe Hikes See the sights and hear the sounds of a Ridges' winter! Fridays & Saturdays -1 PM

Feb 18 • Techie-Outdoor Scavenger Hunt at The Ridges. Learn to use a GPS and find hidden caches. 2 PM

Feb 27 • Phragmites Informational Meeting at Camp Wabansi. Learn to prevent and control phragmites.

Feb 29-Mar 28 • Herbicide Application Training at the Sturgeon Bay Library. Prepare for Herbicide Applicator certification.

Mar 6 • Katie Dahl in a benefit concert for The Ridges Sanctuary at Third Avenue Playhouse in Sturgeon Bay—7:30 PM

Mar 10 • Build a Bluebird House Everything you need to build and maintain a bluebird house. 10 AM & 2 PM

May 5 • Spring Volunteer Day at The Ridges. Time for fresh air and sprucing up! 8:30 AM

May 18 & 19 • Festival of Nature Hike to special spots with special guides!

June 11-18 • Bruce Peninsula trip Visit special spots on our sister peninsula.

June 16 • Ride for The Ridges Bicycle the backroads of Door County. www.ridefornature.com

July 1-31 • Reading The Ridges II Art show at The Link Gallery at the Door Community Auditorium.

July 8 • a'Round for The Ridges at The Alpine Golf Course & Resort in Egg Harbor Time. A 9-hole Scramble, fundraiser for our education programs.

July 9 • Cockroach Monologues A special Funday Monday with author Shelly Clarke.

July 28 • Celebrating 75 Years! Special events to celebrate The Ridges' mission and direction!

For more information call The Ridges or visit our website

<http://RidgesSanctuary.org>



KATIE DAHL

in concert to benefit The Ridges Sanctuary at Third Avenue Playhouse in Sturgeon Bay. Known for easy humor, a golden alto voice and poignant original music.

See and hear her on

March 6th, 2012

7:30 PM

Call Third Avenue Playhouse for tickets
(920) 743-1760

Check your mailing label for an expiration date for your membership and support the oldest member-based nature preserve in Wisconsin. Or consider a donation to support The Ridges. *Please let us know if you wish to remain anonymous.*

Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

Name: _____ Send a gift card? Date: _____

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City, State, ZIP: _____ Phone () _____

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Membership: Individual __\$40 Family __\$65 Family Plus __\$95 Business __\$150 New? or Renewal?

Additional Donation: __\$25 __\$50 __\$100 __\$150 Other \$_____

Check enclosed Credit Card # _____ Exp date ____/____

Signature _____

Mail to and make checks payable to: The Ridges Sanctuary • PO Box 152 • Baileys Harbor • WI • 54202 (or signup/donate online: <http://RidgesSanctuary.org>)

Trail Talk at The Ridges

• **Volunteer at The Ridges!** We are looking for volunteers in our Nature Center this summer and various other activities essential to the smooth running of the Sanctuary. Call us to talk about how YOU might help. Training will be provided and we would love to have you volunteer for a few hours, days, weeks or whatever!

• **Reading The Ridges II** The popular Reading the Ridges I in 2010 was so successful at building awareness of the beauty of The Ridges Sanctuary that you won't want to miss Reading The Ridges II at the Link Gallery in Fish Creek in July.

• **Bring in a new Member—or give a member-ship as a gift!** It seems that everyone who enjoys The Ridges' trails, feels the need to protect this special spot. Invite your friends to hike the trails. If they want to become a member—stop at the Range Light and we'll give them AND you a free Celebrating Door County's Wild Places book. *You decide who gets the Anniversary Hat!*

• **Watch for the Discovery Bird hikes starting on May 12 at 6:30 AM.** We are adding a later start for those who don't want to greet the dawn but do want to discover some of the feathered visitors to Door County. There will be a 9 AM "Not So" Early Bird hike starting in May and continuing once each month through July.

• **a'Round for The Ridges** ON Sunday, July 8th at the Alpine Golf Course and Resort. This big fundraiser is a 9-Hole Scramble overlooking Green bay.

• **Celebrate 75 Years of History, Reflection & Discovery!** on Saturday, July 28th. Under the tent at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall! Our *Celebrate75! event.*

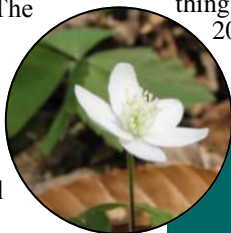
• **Restore the Range Lights!** We have raised over \$22,000 to restore the Lower Range Light. Work on the foundation will begin this spring. Any donation over \$50 receives a free Phil Austin Range Light poster.

• **Building Bridges at The Ridges** Watch for the volunteer days to help build the new boardwalk for The Ridges. Donations of cedar logs are 'piling' up and will be used to build the handicapped accessible walk between the new property at Ridges Road and the Highway and the Range Light boardwalk.

• **Memories Are Made for Sharing!** Thanks to everyone who shared their memories of The Ridges Sanctuary and the special things that inspired them. The book will be published in late Spring 2012. *Reserve a copy for \$8 plus \$3 shipping.*

Learn more on any of these items at

<http://RidgesSanctuary.org>



Ridges' Wish List

Cedar wood chips (always!)
Black sunflower seed for the birds
Copy paper/laser labels/office supplies
A plastic sled to haul stuff in the winter
Roofing fork (for digging invasive shrubs!)
1-gal shop vacuum for the Nature Center
Large plastic (covered) tubs/bins for storage
AA batteries
Digital camcorder
Weather station (talk to Karen)
Small energy efficient refrigerator
Copy of the Baileys Harbor Range Lights log book
Volunteers to staff the Nature Center Spring - Fall

Herbicide Application Certification

The Ridges Sanctuary will be hosting weekly study sessions to prepare participants for the certification test in aquatic herbicide application. Discussions will include state regulations, restoration activities, water quality issues and techniques as they apply to pesticide application in the Door Peninsula and in the Upper Lake Michigan and Green bay watersheds. Participants will meet over dinner and are asked to bring their meal.

Wednesdays • 6:30 – 8 PM • February 29 – March 28 • Sturgeon Bay Library

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Feb 21—Initial flight of first successful flying car—the Arrowbile
Mar 1—US Steel raises workers' wages to \$5/day
Mar 1—First permanent automobile licenses issued in Connecticut.
Mar 15—First Blood Bank formed in Chicago, Illinois

Albert Fuller meets with the Sturgeon Bay Women's Club for a presentation on the Baileys Harbor ridges.

VOLUNTEER

MEET THE NICEST PEOPLE!

Our volunteers are the nicest in the County! — we checked! Our dedicated volunteers enable us to offer a variety of programs to children, adults, and families. If you have some time to spend amid the spruce, hemlock and wildflowers, and want to meet more nice people, call 839-2802. *Training is provided! and we have special perks for our volunteers.*

Some of the areas where volunteers are needed: Nature Center staffing—helping with educational programs—leading nature hikes—helping at special events—helping with mailings—or—working on bridges and trails with the Wednesday Crew or gardening with the Lighthouse Keepers!

Looking

For our 75th Anniversary, we are looking for:

- The Baileys Harbor Range Light Keeper's log—last seen at the 50th Anniversary celebration. We would like to copy it. If you have any information on its whereabouts, please let us know.
- Names and addresses of relatives of the Founders of The Ridges back in 1937. Also pictures of any of them. Please let us know if you have contact information. Also former board members.

Founders: Frank Oldenburg, Mrs James J McArdle, Olivia Traven, Emma Toft, Jens Jensen, Albert Fuller, George Sieker, John Matter, William E Sieker, Mrs W C Sieker (Emma), Mertha Fulkerson, A.B. (Arthur Burchard) Gochenour

Bruce Peninsula Trip! June 11—18

Visit Door County's counterpart on the Niagara Escarpment! Eight days of woodlands carpeted with wildflowers, limestone caves, forested trails, and incredible geology. All transportation, meals, tour guides, fees, and more.

Call Karen at The Ridges for more information (920) 839-2802

(Offered through Door County Nature & Travel)

Tour leaders: Karen Newbern, Paul Regnier, Roger Kuhns

Save \$50
Sign up by February 29!

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