



# RIDGES LITES

A monthly update of Ridges Activities • July 2012

## News from the Trailhead

### Gifts Restore Range Light's Shine

While work continues on the site of our new trailhead and interpretive center, we have some other exciting news to share this month.

Ridges members **Marge Binder** and **Sarah Wright** have generously agreed to fund the remaining amount needed to **fully restore the Lower Range Light**. Prior to receiving their gifts, The Ridges had raised just over \$23,000 and had earmarked those funds for the replacement of the range light's foundation.

We are currently in the final stages of obtaining the permits necessary for the project and are also pursuing Wisconsin Historical Society approval of the restoration plan. Restoration work will be performed based on recommendations contained in the Historic Structures Report issued by Restoric, LLC, in 2010. Since both

range lights are on the National Register of Historic Places, the restoration will also adhere to specific guidelines delineated by the Secretary of the Interior.

With the future of the Lower Range Light secured, we will turn our attention to the eventual restoration of the Upper Range Light. Any monies in excess of the amount needed to complete work on the Lower Range Light will be allocated to that future project.

The Lower Range Light, although a modest structure, is historically significant. Range lights are counted among the most vulnerable type of rapidly-disappearing lighthouses, and both the Upper and Lower Range Lights have been identified as two of the only surviving examples of range lights in Wisconsin.

Marge Binder(l) and Sarah Wright with founder Olivia Traven's son, Lee Traven.

### A Diamond in the Rough 75th Anniversary Celebration

*"This bit of nature [The Ridges] shall remain for untold generations so all that wish can reap the lessons taught by the undisturbed ways of nature."*  
Jens Jensen, Founding Member

**Saturday, July 28, 2012**

**5–7 PM Reception**

Baileys Harbor Town Hall

Delicious food and beverages

**Silent Auction**

original Ridges-themed items

**7:30 PM Keynote Presentation**

Baileys Harbor Town Hall

**Dr George Archibald**

Co-founder & Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors,

International Crane Foundation

\$25/person—Reception & Keynote

\$15/person—Reception Only

\$10/person—Keynote Program Only

Space is Limited • Call for Reservations



### HISTORY Hikes

*Special 75th Anniversary Celebration Hikes. The Ridges Directors, both past and present, will lead hikes that share the unique story of The Ridges. Call to reserve a spot. \$8/Members • \$10/General Public.*

#### "Roy's First Hike"

*Roy Lukes, naturalist at The Ridges from 1964-1990, will recreate the first hike he led back in 1964.*

**Fri. July 20 • 9:00 AM. Limit 15.**

#### "Logan Creek Treasure"

*Paul Regnier, former naturalist at The Ridges and Carl Scholz, president of the Board when the Logan Creek property was purchased, will lead a hike on the winding trails of the ancient shoreline of Lake Michigan.*

**Sat. July 21 • 9:00 AM. Limit 18.**

#### "The Sanctuary's Future"

*Current Director, Steve Leonard will walk the new boardwalk route and discuss the future plans for The Ridges Sanctuary.*

**Thurs. Aug. 2 • 10:00 AM. Limit 15.**

# The Ridges Sanctuary Outreach Highlights

## Landowner Visits

Be a tour guide for your own property! Do you want to know how to identify that pesky plant on your property and how to control it? What is the best way to encourage wildlife through your neighborhood corridor? How can you best protect your drinking water with the soils and bedrock that exist in your backyard? Invite a Ridges Sanctuary representative to your back door to discuss restoration and management strategies, land use impacting local ecology and economy, and the resources available to you.

*\*Sign up now! The first 30 participants are guaranteed a landowner visit this season. Priority will be given to those properties within the 10 groundwater contribution areas of Hine's Emerald Dragonfly habitat. Visit <http://ridgessanctuary.org/backyard-conservation/>*



## Ride for Nature Results

The numbers are in, and this year's Ride for Nature hit new heights in fundraising for The Ridges Sanctuary. On top of the \$8,000 generated by the Ride itself, over \$5,000 more was generated by the addition of several new fundraising opportunities, resulting in a **grand total of over \$13,000.**

The new Bike to Benefit sponsorship program gave riders a chance to raise sponsorship money for the benefit of the Sanctuary and to compete for prizes. To help launch the new program, the **Cordon Family Foundation** offered to match the first \$1,000 in sponsorships. Total Bike to Benefit proceeds, including the matching gift, equaled \$3,573.

Our top three fundraisers, **Megan Leonard/Sarah Kifer (team), Josh Leonard and Deanna D'Abbraccio**, received Ride for Nature bike jerseys and Saris bike racks. Congratulations to them and to **Becky & Ray Diver, Donna Gallardo and Mandy Hagman** for reaching their goals and making the Bike to Benefit program a success.

**The Door County Beer Festival** also helped us raise an additional \$1,656, thanks to sales of our popular pretzel necklaces and proceeds from the Beer Garden donated by Flanigan Distributors.

This year's Ride attracted 734 cyclists, a new participation record for the event.



*From top left: Josh Leonard, Deanna D'Abbraccio, Sarah Kifer & Megan Leonard.*

## Trail Talk at The Ridges

At the **Annual Meeting** members will vote for **new board members** and learn about **the exciting happenings** of the past year and what's in store for the next twelve months. The Ridges Sanctuary is a member-based organization and the input of members is important. August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall.

**New Members!** 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** (or you want to give a gift membership)—stop at the Nature Center and we'll give them **AND** you a free Celebrating Door County's Wild Places book. You decide who gets the **Anniversary Hat!** *Our goal is 100 new memberships in 2012! (69 as of July 1!!)*

**a'Round for The Ridges** on Sunday, July 8th at the Alpine Golf Course and Resort. We have eight foursomes signed up and can accommodate more. This big fundraiser is a 9-Hole Scramble overlooking Green bay. There will be food, prizes, raffles, and general all-around fun!

**FunDay Mondays!** Sign up for one of The Ridges **FunDay Monday** programs. Offering fun, inexpensive ways for families to get outside and **enjoy nature.** From searching for pond crit-

ters to creating a butterfly garden, you will be able to take ideas home to continue connecting with nature.

**Help Build the New Boardwalk.** Donations of cedar logs are 'piling' up and will be used to build the handicapped accessible walk between the new property at Ridges Road & the Highway and the Range Light boardwalk. Watch for dates!

All through July at The Link Gallery in Fish Creek (at the Door Community Auditorium), The Ridges Sanctuary is sponsoring an invitational exhibition - **Reading The Ridges II** that celebrates the history and diversity of the Sanctuary. All of the works in the exhibit are inspired by the **natural and cultural history** of The Ridges Sanctuary.

We are going to miss our 'voice of The Ridges', **Pam Gregory**, who is moving to Illinois to be near her beautiful, smart, talented grandchildren! Pam has served as the **Office Manager** of The Ridges for over four years and has made many friends during that time.

**Recycling Extravaganza!** Due to staff changes, the flea market will be postponed for a year.

*Learn more about any of these items at <http://RidgesSanctuary.org/events/>*

**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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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>)

## Coming Up!

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

**July 8 • a'Round for The Ridges**

**July 9 • Cockroach Monologues** Bugs and literature go together with fun! 2p

**July 12 • Lake Lesson • Dragonflies & Other Favorite Insects** Learn more about dragonflies and bees! 7p

**July 13 • Dragonflies Afield!** Hunt the ridges and swales for dragonflies. 9a

**July 14 • W.O.W. A Raptor Program** A chance to meet the top predators of the avian world. 10a & 1p

**July 16 • Nature Art** Create a special work of art using nature as your inspiration. 2p

**July 18 • Creatures of the Night** A hands-on program by David Stokes at the McArdle Library at 2p and followed by **Night Creatures** observation at The Ridges at 8p

**July 19 • Lake Lesson • History of The Ridges** A special history lesson with Roy Lukes. 7p

**July 23 • Wet 'n Wild** Splash around in the pond looking for critters! 2p

**July 25 • Member/Volunteer Cookout** A great time to meet, greet & eat! 11:30a

**July 30 • Boreal Forest Quest** Spice up a hike—find a treasure with a 'Quest'. 2p

**July 28 • A Diamond in the Rough** Celebrate 75 years of History. 5p

**Aug 4 • Annual Meeting** Vote for new board members and learn about all the exciting happenings. 10a

**Aug 6 • Butterflies in My Yard** Learn how to invite butterflies to your yard! 2p

For more information call The Ridges or visit our website

<http://RidgesSanctuary.org>

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- July 1—Britain starts using an emergency phone number—999
- July 2—Amelia Earhart & Fred Noonan disappear over Pacific
- July 5—Spam® is introduced
- July 15—Buchenwald Concentration Camp opens
- July 23—Isolation of pituitary hormone announced

*“The very first time I walked through there, I was walking over one of the bridges-- was so excited to see our pitcher plant. Before then I'd only seen them in books.”*  
David Jordal, 2006

## Wish List

- Cedar wood chips (always!)*
- Black sunflower seed for the birds*
- Copy paper/laser labels*
- A plastic sled for winter hauling*
- 1-gal shop vac for Nature Center*
- Large plastic (covered) tubs/bins*
- AA batteries*
- Digital camcorder*
- Weather station (talk to Karen)*
- Copy of the Baileys Harbor Range Lights log book*
- 1-gallon canister vacuum for the Upper Range Light*

**Wishes Do Come True...**  
*Thank you to all who donated chocolate and other useful things like sunflower seed—AND Thanks to all our most amazing volunteers who do EVERYTHING!!*



Mark Martin



Carol Williams



Bill Hebal

## Prospective Board Members

Mark Martin, Carol Williams, and Bill Hebal have been nominated to fill vacancies on The Ridges Sanctuary's Board of Directors.

Voting by the membership will take place at the Annual Meeting on August 4th at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall.

For bios of the candidates, please visit our website: [RidgesSanctuary.org](http://RidgesSanctuary.org). Click on Support/Membership/[Board Candidate Bios](#).

**The Ridges Sanctuary  
Annual Meeting**  
August 4th 2012  
10 AM  
Baileys Harbor Town Hall