

RIDGES LITES

A monthly update of Ridges Activities • June 2012

News from the Trailhead

Over the last six months, there has been almost continuous activity on the future site of our new building. Immediately after purchasing the property on October 31, 2011, we began to lay the groundwork for the removal of the existing buildings. A sale to liquidate commercial equipment and furnishings from the former restaurant raised almost \$15,000. Once the buildings were empty, we turned our attention to the reuse, recycling and removal of the structures. I'm happy to report that the three smaller outbuildings were moved to new sites and, on April 26, the old Fish Boil shack was moved to a location on County F where it will be repurposed as a garage.

Almost all of material from the main building will be reused in other construction projects or recycled. Clean, untreated scrap lumber will be used by The Ridges as filler during the remediation of the site, as well as in rebuilding the ridge and swale formation on the north end of the property. All that remains is for several concrete pads to be crushed for gravel. It was very important to us to build aware-

ness on options for recycling building material in the Door County community through this process. Thanks to Eric Peil's meticulous supervision, we've met that goal.

Next we will begin to remediate the soil on the site. This was contaminated as a result of kerosene used in the fish boils which had been done on the property for many years. Happily, testing has shown that the contamination is contained to the fish boil area.

We will be using phytoremediation to treat the excavated soil -- a process whereby specific species of plants break down contamination thru natural substances in roots, stems and leaves. In addition, Lawrence University students will conduct a research study comparing three different remediation techniques. Throughout the process, we will coordinate with the state Department of Natural Resources to ensure that all work meets DNR standards.



And that's not all ...



Just before Eric Peil's team began the recycling process, the Mid Door Fire Association (Baileys Harbor, Ephraim, and Gibraltar Fire Departments) found yet another valuable use for the vacant restaurant building when they held a fire practice drill there.

Access to the building enabled firefighters to practice search techniques in a "real world" environment, complete with blacked-out rooms filled by a smoke machine. While search and rescue teams worked the inside, outside crews worked with ladders to simulate cutting ventilation holes in the roof. Such ventilation allows hot gasses and smoke to rise out of the building, creating safer conditions inside the structure. Fire officers practiced command and control techniques to improve fire-ground safety and efficiency. Due to liability issues and environmental regulations, live fire exercises can be difficult to coordinate. However, a wide variety of valuable fireground skills can be practiced on structures that are to be torn down.

Detection of Water Quality Starts with Your Paddle!

Aquatic Invasive Species Training and Group Paddle

On July 10th The Ridges Sanctuary will host DNR North East Lake Michigan Basin Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist *Jennifer Steltenpohl* to explain how citizens can monitor rivers and wetlands by canoe, kayak, or on foot. **Project RED** (Riverine Early Detectors), empowers volunteers to be the eyes and ears of our surface waters by imparting techniques to identify and report the 15 invasive plants and animals that are currently of most concern. The training, followed by a group paddle, is easy and fun, and your new skills can be applied in any river corridor or wetland you choose to explore, statewide.



Sponsored by The Ridges Sanctuary, **Project RED** training is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10th from 9 - 10:30 AM at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall (2392 Cty Rd. F, Baileys Harbor, WI 54202). After the classroom training, participants are welcome to join a group paddle on Kangaroo Lake, from 11AM - 1 PM.

Register for the Project RED workshop by **July 2nd**. Contact **The Ridges Sanctuary: 920-839-2802** or marne@ridgessanctuary.org.

Trail Talk

- **Strange happenings!** Everything is off kilter this year, botanically speaking! The Dwarf Lake iris were done blossoming by June 1st. Yellow Lady's-slippers in May!
- **Bring in a new Member—or give a membership 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 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!
- **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.
- **Kit Camp "Birds, Beasts, & Bugs"** Three days of nature fun for kids (Age 4—Entering Kindergarten). June 26-28 • 9—11:30 AM.
- **Cleaning Up—Clearing Out!** Save your gently used good stuff (no clothes or electronics) for The Ridges' Recycling Extravaganza & Flea Market on September 15. Call for information. 839.2802.
- **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.

Learn more about any of these items at

<http://RidgesSanctuary.org>

LAKE LESSONS

Thursdays • Baileys Harbor

Thursday evening Science & Nature topics

7 pm at Baileys Harbor Town Hall (June 14—8 PM)

Suggested donation \$5

Special Moments...Inspiration Messages from Naure—June 21

Special Family Nature Discovery Night—June 28

All the things kids love—and adults too! Critters, bugs, water, bubbles, snacks, and more!

More on the website or call: (920) 839-2802



A No Family Left Inside Program

Northern Door DMCA • McArdle Library • The Ridges Sanctuary

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

Monday afternoons
2 PM

Starting June 18th

Bring the kids for outdoor family fun!

\$15/family-Ridges

members • \$20/

family-General Public.

Check our website calendar for topics:

RidgesSanctuary.org/calendar

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

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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!

June 14 • Flying Mammals. A Lake Lesson with hands-on use of an Anabat. (8:00p)

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

June 16 • Door County Beer Festival Read more at DoorCountyBeer.com

June 18 • A Walk on the Wild Side! Family outdoor adventure at FunDay Mondays.

June 21 • Special Moments... Inspirational messages from nature.

June 25 • Boreal Forest Quest! Learn the latest activity in fun adventure outdoors.

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

July 2 • GPS-Scavenger Hunt! Search and learn using technology.

July 8 • a'Round for The Ridges Golf, prizes, food, and support The Ridges. 3a

July 9 • Cockroach Monologues A special FunDay Monday with Shelly Clarke. 2a

July 13 • Dragonflies Afield! Hunt the ridges and swales for dragonflies. 9:30a

July 14 • Early Birders W.O.W. Program Early Birders meet the top birds! 10a

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

July 18 • Creatures of the Night A hands-on program by David Stokes at the McArde Library at 2 PM and followed by **Night**

Creatures observation at The Ridges at 8p

July 28 • A Diamond in the Rough Celebrate The Ridges 75 years of History.

For more information call The Ridges or visit our website

<http://RidgesSanctuary.org>

Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 4
Baileys Harbor Town Hall
10 AM – Noon

The views of our membership are important to us and vital to the success of The Ridges. The annual meeting is a working meeting where business is discussed and acted on and board members are elected. If you are a member, please come—we value your input.

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We thank them for their support

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1937

June 3—Duke of Windsor weds Wallis Simpson

June 5—Henry Ford initiates the 32-hour work week

June 11—Marx Brothers "A Day at the Races" released

June 13—Joe DiMaggio hits three consecutive homeruns against the St Louis Browns

"It is almost spectacular that 25 species of orchids should be found in a space of less than 40 acres."

Albert Fuller, 1937

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

Wishes Do Come True...

Thanks to Grace & Bruce Frudden for boxes of copy paper

Thank you to Paul & Kanani King for storage containers!

Special thanks to everyone who donated cedar logs for the new boardwalk.

Thanks to all our most amazing volunteers who do EVERYTHING!!

Even Better the Second Time Around!

As a way of saying Happy 75th Anniversary, Wisconsin Public Television will re-air the Wisconsin Gardener episode which featured host Shelly Ryan visiting The Ridges Sanctuary.

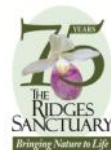
The show, which first ran in September 2008, will air on **Saturday, July 21, on PBS**. You can also catch the episode on WPT's Wisconsin Channel on July 26 at 6:00 PM.

The Wisconsin Channel is a digital TV service of Wisconsin Public Television that is available over the air and on many cable TV systems throughout Wisconsin.

Consult your local listings or cable provider or check WPT.org for more information. Streaming video will also be available live on the web at:

WPT.org/WisconsinChannel/index.cfm

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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.

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