The Ridges Sanctuary (TRS) coordinated the Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST) education and outreach activities during the 2010 and 2011 seasons. We reached more diverse groups by educating them on how to identify and control invasive species in their backyards. In 2012, TRS will continue invasive species outreach by sharing our knowledge of local environmental resources to participants through our Landowner Stewardship Program.

This season we are also working to meet a critical need on the Door Peninsula by working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service in developing better methods of protecting groundwater areas that feed Hine’s Emerald dragonfly (HED) habitat.

Eleven groundwater contribution areas and the correlating HED larval sites exist on the Door County Peninsula, and one of them happens to be the future home of our new interpretive center. By implementing one or more of these best management practices and educating landowners and local governments, TRS will be an active leader in setting a positive community example.

An adult male Hine’s Emerald dragonfly and one-, two-, and three-year old larvae (nymphs).
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!

Folk Art Quilt Silent Auction  A benefit for The Ridges Sanctuary sponsored by Base Camp Coffee Bar in Sister Bay and Green Roof Farm Quilts. Visit Base Camp behind Ecology Sports. Auction starts April 20 and goes until mid-May!

Timeline of The Ridges  will be displayed as often as possible this year. Be sure to see it and enjoy Marilyn Mahlberg’s wonderful watercolor art produced especially for the Time-Line.

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 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!

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 $22,500 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.

Learning more on any of these items at http://RidgesSanctuary.org

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.

Time is running short—call soon if you are interested!
Call Karen at The Ridges for more information (920) 839-2802
(Offered through Door County Nature & Travel )
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.

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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)

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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

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A Preview of Spring

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Mar 24—National Gallery of Art established by Congress
Mar 25—Quaker Oats reveals it pays Babe Ruth $25,000/year
Mar 26—Joe DiMaggio replaces his 40 oz bat with a 36 oz
Mar 26—Spinach growers in Crystal City Texas erect statue of Popeye

“Frank Oldenburg, who is taking the lead at Bailes Harbor in creating the refuge, states that there are a number who believe a campsite would be more valuable.”

Door County Advocate, 3/5/37

‘Wildflowers Blooming’ & ‘Birds Returning’ in Door County!
10th Annual Door County Festival of Nature

Wildflower hikes • birding trips • canoe outings • an old fashioned barn dance
• Expert guides to pristine & unique areas • “Door County Islands National Wildlife Refuge”

May 18th & 19th

A cooperative effort of The Ridges Sanctuary, Door County Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, The Clearing, and Crossroads at Big Creek.

Due to the delicate nature of Festival sites, attendance is limited, and preregistration for trips is required.

For more information, email karen@RidgesSanctuary.org, visit our website (http://RidgesSanctuary.org/?cat=5), or call us at (920) 839-2802. Registration will open in early April.

Looking

For our 75th Anniversary, we are looking for:
• The Baileys Harbor Range Light Keeper’s log—last seen at the 50th Anniversary celebration.
• Names and addresses of relatives of the Founders of The Ridges back in 1937.

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

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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.

Training Dates: May 8th-10a • May 9th-1p • June 12-1p • Jun 13-10a Come to one or all!