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## RIDGES LITES

News from the trailhead

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An Update of Ridges Activities

# The Changing Face of Our Campus

It's a brand spanking New Year! Before we tell you what lies ahead, we look back with pride – and a little awe – at everything that transpired in 2015.

After enjoying a successful summer season in the Cook-Fuller Center, we rolled right into a busy fall. By the end of November, over 17,000 visitors had passed through our doors, 152 of whom became members. Almost 5,000 experienced the beauty of the Sanctuary trails through naturalist guided hikes or self-guided exploration, and crowds of enthusiastic shoppers kept us hopping to restock our Nature Store shelves – a challenge our Visitor Services staff embraced wholeheartedly! Of course, we couldn't have done any of this without the legions of volunteers who

logged over 1,100 hours staffing our front desk.

Although the opening of our new Center was the focal point of 2015, it wasn't the only big change taking place at The Ridges. On June 11, after being dark for four decades, the iconic **Upper and Lower**Range Lights shone again and now will remain permanently lit. Ed Miller, a Ridges board member with a passion for these increasingly rare lighthouses, applied to the Coast Guard and received approval for the relighting in late April.



He then worked with Tom Fey of the Coast Guard Station in Two Rivers to obtain a replacement red lens lantern for the Lower Range Light. Now that the Range Lights are functioning as private navigational aids, the Coast Guard was able to remove the Baileys Harbor directional light and day board.

Once the relighting was accomplished, Ed turned his attention to the restoration of the Upper Range Light. Ed was actively involved in the restoration of the Lower Range Light and currently chairs The Ridges Lighthouse Committee. Last spring, The Ridges retained preservation architect Laura Davis of Isthmus Architecture in Madison to prepare a Historic Structures Report. When completed, the report will define the structural scope and expense of the restoration and help to set future fundraising goals for the project.

On October 11, a crew of five hardy souls set out across Clark Lake to take delivery of the newest addition to our Logan Creek property. Thanks to a generous donation by Charles and Carol Davelis, we have acquired a sixty-foot dock to place at the

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shoreline on the east side of the lake. Visitors will now have the opportunity to paddle up by canoe or kayak and enter and hike the trail system at a point between the two existing overlooks. It will be a veritable surf and turf experience! Thanks again to Charles and Carol for the donation that made this possible. Also thanks to Bob DeFaut for using and piloting his pontoon boat to make numerous trips across the lake to deliver dock sections to the opposite shore. Also, thanks to Bill Hebal and Lawrie Kull for donning their waders and helping Steve and Brian with the move.

And rounding out 2015 ... we're pleased to announce that visitors to The Ridges in 2016 will be among the first to experience the **new Hidden Brook boardwalk**. The handicapped-accessible boardwalk is almost 1,800 feet long and will be completed as weather permits thanks to the combined efforts of our extraordinary **Wednesday Crew** volunteers and professional contractor **Eric Peil**.

William & Mary Figeas

Debbie & Ron Fischer

The ADA compliant, 8-foot wide structure winds through over a quarter mile of critical wetland habitat for native orchids, the federally threatened dwarf lake iris and the federally endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly before connecting with the interior Sanctuary trail loop.

Happy New Year!
We can't wait to see what 2016 has in store!



Now you can shop our Nature Store anytime from anywhere! Our online store went live just in time for the 2015 holiday season and features some of our most popular store items including Ridges gear, books and gift cards. Check back often to see what's new!

To start shopping, access the online store by clicking the link in the logo above or visit us on Facebook and click on the Shop Now tab at the top of our page.

#### Welcome New 2015 Members!\*

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\*January 1 to November 30, 2015

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## Reflections on The Ridges

#### A Winter Art & Lecture Series

*Reflections on The Ridges*, our new winter art & lecture series, brings together a diverse group of artists and presenters under a common theme – the natural beauty of The Ridges.

The 4-month series will showcase a different local artist and art medium each month from January through April. Each exhibit will be on view for a full month beginning with an opening reception on the first Thursday of the month. Following the opening reception, guests are invited to enjoy a program highlighting a

cultural, geological or biological feature of The Ridges.

We kick things off in January with an exhibit featuring the stunning nature photography of Door County's own Len Villano. Join us for a wine and cheese reception on January 7, 4 – 6:30 PM, followed at 7 PM by a program on *Ecology of The Ridges Through the Seasons*. Learn about the natural communities that comprise The Ridges, the geological process that formed them and the unique species they support each season.

**Reflections on The Ridges** is free and open to the public. Upcoming exhibits and program topics:

January 7	4 – 6:30 PM 7 PM	Opening Reception - <b>Len Villano, Photography</b> Ecology of The Ridges Through the Seasons
February 4	4 – 6:30 PM 7 PM	Opening Reception - Corrine Lea, Mixed Media Owls of Door County
March 3	4 – 6:30 PM 7 PM	Opening Reception - Alfred Stark, Woodblock Prints Albert Fuller, Founding Father of The Ridges
April 7	4 – 6:30 PM 7 PM	Opening Reception - <b>Doug Sherman, Photography</b> Sandhill Cranes in Door County





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#### Schedule of Programs & Events - January & February

Price is per person. Register online at RidgesSanctuary.org or 920.839.2802 Unless otherwise noted programs are held at the Cook-Fuller Center, 8166 Hwy 57, Baileys Harbor.

**Reservation Policy:** Although many of our programs do not require advance registration, please consider registering for any program you plan to attend. Registration helps us plan more effectively and ensure a quality experience for you!

#### Hikes

#### **Guided Snowshoe Hikes**

JANUARY 2 - MARCH 26, Fridays at 2 PM, Saturdays at 10 AM & 2 PM

Experience The Ridges in a whole new way and a whole new season! These naturalist-guided hikes cover the cultural and natural history of the ridges and swales in their "off season." Enjoy a leisurely hike on level terrain. If snow cover is insufficient, the hike will be done without snowshoes. Hikes end at the Center with a mug of hot chocolate. Snowshoes available for hike participants – call ahead to reserve. \$5 rental fee.

\$5 - Adult Members • \$8 - Public • Under 18 Free

## Box Lunch Snowshoe Hikes JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 17 & MARCH 16, Saturdays at 11:30 AM

Work up an appetite with a snowshoe hike in the woods! Afterwards enjoy lunch at the cabins and lively discussion about timely ecological topics as we cope with the ongoing winter. **Snowshoes available – call ahead to reserve.** 

\$5 rental fee. \$15 - Adult Members • \$18 - Public

#### **Special Instructions:**

Lunch from The Top Shelf Café & Gourmet is included in the cost. Please call The Ridges office, 920-839-2802, by 4:00 the previous day to submit your lunch decision made from these delicious choices:

#### Potawatomi Sandwich

sliced roast turkey, sharp cheddar cheese, and fresh greens topped off with raspberry cranberry sauce

#### Peninsula Sandwich

roasted and thinly sliced beef, sweet onion and cucumber, with fresh greens and herbed cream cheese

#### Ridges Wra

a wrap overflowing with a seasonal assortment of fresh vegetables and hummus

## Logan Creek Hikes JANUARY 3, FEBRUARY 7 & MARCH 6 Sundays at 2 PM

Explore the beautiful winter landscape of this 170-acre parcel on Clark Lake with a Ridges naturalist. Owned and managed by The Ridges, the Logan Creek property is comprised of a variety of habitats, including upland hardwood forest, lowland cedar-hemlock forest and frontage along Clark Lake and Logan Creek. Meet at trailhead: 5724 Loritz Road. Dress for the weather. Wear good hiking boots. Snowshoes optional. \$5 rental fee.

\$5 - Adult Members • \$8 - Public • Under 18 Free

### Appel Bluff Hikes JANUARY 17, FEBRUARY 21 & MARCH 20 Sundays at 2 PM

Join a naturalist to explore this winter landscape featuring ledges, a hardwood forest, and open fields. Wear good hiking boots. Snowshoes optional. Snowshoes available – call ahead to reserve. \$5 rental fee.

\$5 - Adult Members • \$8 - Public • Under 18 Free

### Special Request Guided Hikes AVAILABLE DAILY Between 9 AM & 4 PM

Looking for a fun family outing or the perfect activity for visiting friends? Call us at 920-839-2802 to arrange a guided hike – with or without snowshoes – for your private party at a time and date that work for you! End your hike at the Cook-Fuller Center with a mug of hot chocolate.

Please call us at least 24 hours prior to your desired date and time. Snowshoes optional. Snowshoes available – call ahead to reserve. \$5 rental fee.

\$5 - Adult Members • \$8 - Public • Under 18 Free

## Natural Connections Nature Programs for Adults & Families

#### **Saturday Story Hour**

#### JANUARY & FEBRUARY Saturdays at 11 AM

We will be reading nature themed books, creating a related craft to take home, with plenty of hot chocolate to keep everyone warm. All ages welcome! **Admission: Free. Donations Welcome.** 

**January 2** The Lorax & making a truffula tree

January 9 Those Darn Squirrels & making bird feeders

January 16 The Very Hungry Caterpillar & making a caterpillar magnets

January 23 Stellaluna & a bat activity

January 30 The Giving Tree & making a paper bag tree

February 6 The Gruffalo with a pine cone activity
February 13 Be a Friend to Trees with a tree activity

February 20 The Salamander Room & making a salamander

February 27 Owl Babies & making a pine cone owl

### Night Hike for Lovebirds

FEBRUARY 13, Saturday at 7 PM

Stroll beneath the light of the silvery moon! This hike is designed for all ages, but couples may find it an especially romantic addition to their Valentine's Day weekend plans! Learn about moon phases and nocturnal animals, then take a short walk to view the constellations. Wear good hiking boots.

\$5 - Adult Members • \$8 - Public • Under 18 Free

#### Lifelong Learning

Lessons in Conservation

## Prepare for the Great Backyard Count FEBRUARY 9, Tuesday at 1 PM

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event for bird watchers of all ages to assist in creating a real-time snapshot of bird populations by counting birds on one or more days of the event. Join us to brush up on some of the basics. We'll cover everything from feeders to binoculars to identification to prepare you for this year's Count on February 12 – 15.

\$10 – Adult Members • \$13 – Public • Under 18 Free

## Great Backyard Bird Count Celebration FEBRUARY 13, at 10 AM - 4 PM

We invite those who participated in the Count between February 12 – 15 to join us for hot chocolate and snacks and to share your stories. Those who just want to learn more about Door County birds are welcome, too. A variety of displays on winter birds, feeders and family activities will be available. Maybe you'll even have a chickadee land on your hand! **FREE** 

For complete program info, visit RidgesSantuary.org

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## Coming in March: Our First Owl-O-Rama! March 4 & 5

Join us for an entire weekend of activities related to owls, fascinating birds of prey known for their distinct calls, nocturnal habits, and silent flight. There's something for everyone who gives a hoot about these remarkable raptors! We have great learning experiences lined up – from crafts to night hikes to live owls!

#### **Hands-On Activities**

March 4 & 5, Friday & Saturday from 10 AM - 4 PM

Stop by the Center and check out our interactive displays. Have you ever held an owl skull or wondered what helps owls to be so sneaky when hunting? Lots of fun activities for all ages to learn a little bit about these feathered wonders. **Free.** 

#### **Owl Prowl**

March 4 & 5, Friday & Saturday at 6:30 PM

Winter is mating season for owls, and it's not unusual to hear their romantic hooting out on the trails. Join the Ridges naturalists to learn more about the owls of Door County and the characteristics that make them amazing night-time hunters. We'll head into the night to listen and then return to the Center for a mug of hot chocolate by the fire. Suitable for all ages.

\$10 - Adult Member • \$13 - Public • \$5 - Under 18

#### Eastern Screech Owl Nest Box Building

March 5, Saturday at 10 AM - 2 PM



Cavity nesting owls like Eastern Screech Owls can be attracted with nesting boxes. After perusing our displays at the Center, drop in at the workshop anytime between 10 & 2 to build a nest box and pick up some tips on where to locate it and when to put it out.

Meet: The Ridges Workshop, 8288 County Q, Baileys Harbor. \$25 – Adult Member \$30 – Public

#### **Snowy Owl Presentation**

March 5, Saturday at 11 AM

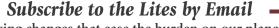
Spotting a snowy owl in winter is a special treat for many bird watchers. Project Snowstorm is a working group of owl researchers who have tracked snowy owls for the past two winters using cell phone transmitters. Presenters Mark Martin & Sue Foote-Martin, Managers at Madison Audubon Society's Goose Pond Sanctuary, report on what they have learned from "Goose Pond," a male snowy owl that was fitted with a transmitter last winter at Goose Pond in Columbia County. They'll also provide other snowy owl data collected by Project Snowstorm. FREE

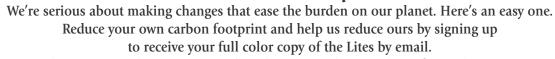
#### Owl Meet & Greet!

March 5, Saturday at 1 PM

Get up close and personal with some of Door County's resident raptors. Representatives from **Open Door Bird Sanctuary** will be on hand with birds for you to observe. Drop in and learn a little bit about what separates raptors from other birds and owls from other raptors. **FREE** 







Sign up online at www.RidgesSanctuary.org/newsletter or send an email to info@RidgesSanctuary.org.

## A Look Back at 2015





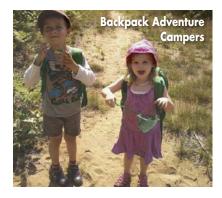












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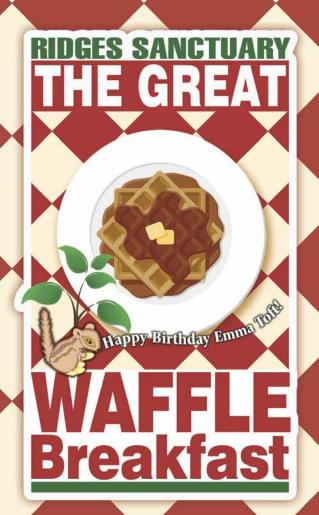
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#### Sneak Peek at Spring!

March 4 & 5
Owl-O-Rama
April 16
Midwest Crane Count
April 23
Earth Day Celebration
April 30
Woodcock Watch
May 26 – 29
Festival of Nature
... and more!

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## 8th Annual RIDGES SANCTUARY Great Waffle Breakfast

Saturday, February 6, 9 - 11 AM

Long overdue for a really great breakfast? We invite you to join the staff and volunteers of The Ridges for the *Great Waffle Breakfast*. Again this year, the Baileys Harbor Town Hall will be filled with the aroma of delectable, golden waffles. This is the eighth year for our popular breakfast event, so you can be sure we've ironed out all the details! Enjoy your fill of waffles of all shapes and sizes, topped with Door County maple syrup, homemade cherry topping and whipped cream.

Donations of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 will be accepted at the door.

The Great Waffle Breakfast is generously sponsored by the Cordon Family Foundation in Memory of Ray Cordon.