

## It's SPRING!

*and our THOUGHTS turn to FUN-draising*

Two of our biggest and longest running fundraisers are coming up soon, the Door County Festival of Nature and the Ridges Ride for Nature. Each year, The Ridges has several fundraisers to support our education programs but these are our two major efforts.

The **Door County Festival of Nature** attracts people from all over the Midwest to enjoy the unique, uncelebrated natural gifts of Door County. The field trip leaders have expertise in everything from (A) art to (Z) *Zigadenus elegans*! We now offer online registration for the Festival of Nature at: [RidgesSanctuary.org/festival.aspx](http://RidgesSanctuary.org/festival.aspx). You will find the latest field trip changes and the number of remaining slots. To keep the process simple, you register one participant at a time. We offer payment via PayPal or you can print out your completed registration and mail it to us along with your check.



- Enjoy nature hikes with some of the best in the field!
- Visit private properties not usually accessible to the public.
- Take up to four choices from over 30 locations.
- Thursday evening keynote speaker precedes two days of field trips.

The Ridges Ride for Nature also draws from Midwest. Local bike riders and riders from all over who love nature, The Ridges, and biking will be in Baileys Harbor on June 20th to enjoy a pleasant ride through the backroads of Door County and a fabulous pasta lunch from Weisgerber's. You can also register online for The Ridges Ride for Nature.

[www.RidgesSanctuary.org/bike.aspx](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org/bike.aspx)

Saturday,  
June 20th



Register for either event online in April or call for a brochure: (920) 839-2802. Proceeds are used to support The Ridges' educational programs for children and adults.

## CELEBRATE! Baileys Harbor

Embracing, Collecting & Celebrating the 160 year history of Baileys Harbor.

- Wisconsin's only Scottie parade (11 AM led by WI Pipes & Drums band)
- Arts & Crafts Fair all day
- Taste of Baileys Harbor eateries at Baileys Harbor Town Hall
- Soup Kitchen at noon to benefit the Humane Society
- Party with *Night Effects Interactive DJ* in the evening at Maxwellton Braes to benefit the restoration of the Baileys Harbor Rangelights
- Ridges Rangelights open for tours from 9-4 PM

(We are looking for volunteers to greet visitors—2 shifts AM & PM)

**MAY 16—All Day!**

## Heigh-Ho! Heigh-Ho!

*It's off to Ridges' Work Day we go!*

**We are saving all those little fun jobs for our Ridges' Work Day crew. Help us get The Ridges spruced up for summer.**



**Saturday, May 2  
9-noon**

**Wheelbarrow rides &  
Lunch included!**

## Coming Up!

**April 18** • Midwest Crane Count. (*Volunteer Counters needed*)

**April 18** • Sustainability Fair at Gibraltar School

**April 22** • Earth Day • Crew leaders meeting • First Volunteer B-B-Q!

**May 2** • Ridges' Clean-up day. It's always more fun to clean somewhere other than home!

**May 9** • Warbler Walk at 6:30 AM

**May 9** • Logan Creek hikes at 10 AM & 1 PM

**May 13** • Nature Store training 9:30 AM

**May 16** • Celebrate Baileys Harbor

**May 21-23** • Door County Festival of Nature

**June 20th** • Ridges' Ride for Nature. *Bicycle the back roads of Door County*

**Aug 8** • Annual Meeting and Member Picnic.

**Aug 23** • Volunteer Recognition at Bjorklund.

Call **The Ridges** (920) 839-2802 for information or to reserve a spot!

## Online at The Ridges

Register online for the Door County Festival of Nature!

[www.RidgesSanctuary.org/festival.aspx](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org/festival.aspx)

Or for the Ridges Ride for Nature  
[www.RidgesSanctuary.org/bike.aspx](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org/bike.aspx)

## We Wish ...

*Copy machine paper*

*Office Supplies*

*Plastic covered containers in various sizes.*

*Small energy-star rated washer/dryer*

*Energy star refrigerator*

Underwriter for four more pages to the **sanctuary**, The Ridges' newsletter.

\$\$\$\$ for our wish list!

## Wishes Do Come True!

Thank you to the donors of copy paper, plastic tubs/containers and the sunflower seeds for the birds, the check toward 'anything on our wish list'!! AND a new *Energy-Star* rated chest freezer for our specimens

### RIDGES PAST

*"I first visited (The Ridges) with Emma Toft on a class trip when I was in third grade at the Baileys Harbor School. That was a long time ago! In high school I participated in the district FFA speaking contest and was invited to give my talk at an annual meeting."* Ron Stieglitz—Former TRS board member and president—and professor emeritus, UW-Green Bay

### Notes from the Range Light

**3/16/09** The first flower (of 2009) in The Ridges bloomed today. They were difficult to find, but the male Dwarf mistletoe flowers were showing their tiny spots of yellow pollen.

**3/25/09** Finches, siskins, and redpolls are dying at feeders in Door County (too much togetherness!). It's hard because we've been enjoying them all winter but we quit feeding for a while and unplugged our heated birdbath.

**4/6/09** A Ridges member spotted a wolf near Moonlight bay.

## TWO 'Green' BROWN CHAIRS

*Donated by Nathan Nichols & Company and offered as a fundraiser for The Ridges.*

Custom handmade Huntington chairs built by Palecek, an eco-friendly company that uses natural and sustainable resources to build furniture for the home. These chairs are constructed using bold rattan for the weaving, pencil pole rattan for the vertical strips, and plantation grown hardwood for the feet.



Valued at over \$4,800 for the pair. Purchase them for \$1,000 each before they go on eBay on Monday, April 27 to Sunday, May 3. Tell your friends! You can view them at the Baileys Harbor Community Association office in the Town Hall



## We're All In This Together!

EARTH DAY • APRIL 22

Go Outside and make a difference to this fragile, blue planet. Or come to The Ridges first Volunteer Bar-B-Q (see the calendar at [RidgesSanctuary.org](http://RidgesSanctuary.org) or on the front of this flyer) For other ideas visit: [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net)

## JUMP RIGHT IN! Water Action Volunteers

### Stream monitoring training on May 5th • 10-3 PM

The Ridges is partnering with the Wisconsin Water Action Volunteers to host a stream monitoring training to develop an understanding of Door County streams. Individuals will learn monitoring protocols for temperature, flow, dissolved oxygen, habitat assessment, and biotic index to assess local water quality. This first training is meant for individuals who will help coordinate a county-wide initiative to monitor The Ridges' watershed and other watersheds throughout Door County. Future trainings will be offered to recruit more volunteers and introduce updated monitoring protocols. Call The Ridges at (920)839-2802 to register.

**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.

## Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Send a gift card?  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership: Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$65 Family Plus \_\_\_\_\_ \$95

Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed  Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Signature

Sponsor Name (For the Drawing in Aug.) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to and make checks payable to: The Ridges Sanctuary • PO Box 152 • Baileys Harbor • WI • 54202

For more information on upcoming events and news visit the website: [www.RidgesSanctuary.org](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org)

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