

# RIDGES LITES

A monthly update of Ridges' Activities • June 2011

# 2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND Sunday July 10

### BEST Silent Auction in the County!

A big fundraiser for The Ridges on Sunday, July 10th at the Alpine Golf Course and Resort. A 9-Hole Scramble with a shotgun start at 3:00. A Silent Auction/Raffle at 5:30 at the Yodel Inn—with food! - Music! - and a cash bar! Original watercolors by Kari Anderson & Dee Sinnett, Grizzly Air Tours airplane ride of Door County, wine & liquor baskets, hand crafted items by Ridges' artisans, pottery pieces, restaurant & entertainment packages, auto certificates, and many surprises!



### Saturday • July 16 • 2 PM

Wildlife of Wisconsin a wildlife rehab group will bring live raptors for you to meet and marvel at. At the Baileys Harbor Town Hall. \$5/per person

### ANNUAL MEETING

# AUGUST 6TH • 10:00 AM Update on New Facilities & Range Light Renovations

The Ridges Sanctuary is Wisconsin's oldest member-based nature sanctuary. As such, our members are important to the future of the organization. Plans for a new facility and renovations of the Range Lights will be shared.



# Thursdays • Baileys Harbor

The Ridges Sanctuary's Thursday evening "Lake Lessons" have been popular with residents and visitors for over 30 years. Come to enjoy the activities on Family Discovery Night or to learn about nature and the environment on any of the other nights. Free-will offering.

June 23 • Wild About Wild Life

June 30 • Family Discovery Night

July 7 • Dragonfly Drama

July 14 • Mussels—WI Natives

July 21 • Restoration—How You & I are part of something bigger

July 28 • Light Up the Range Light August 4 • Through Len's Lens

August 11 • The Lowdown on Dirt

### 7 PM • Thursdays Baileys Harbor Town

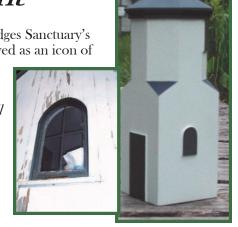
# RESTORE the Range Light

Lower Range Light Renovations! Since The Ridges Sanctuary's beginning in 1937, the Lower Range Light has served as an icon of

the unique area of biodiversity that surrounds it. It is in need of restoration to preserve the historic structure. Please consider helping with this much needed project. Anyone donating \$50 or more will receive a special Phil Austin Range Lights print.

### Renovations will begin once funds are raised.

Volunteer Ed Miller has donated wooden models of the Lower Range Light to accompany donation boxes in Baileys Harbor.



### Coming Up!

June 10, 11 & 12 • Range Light Tours From 10—4 PM tour the historic Baileys Harbor Range Lights!

June 11 • Not So Early Bird Hike begins at 9:00 AM.

June 15 • MOON WALK Learn about evening activities in the woods & fields. 8 PM

June 18 • Ride for Nature
Bicycle the backroads of Door
County. A fundraiser for The
Ridges.

June 11, 18, & 25th • Discovery Bird Hikes Meet at 6:30 AM for some avian discoveries. Saturdays through the end of July.

**July 8 • Workshop** Up Close with dragonflies - Paul Burton.

July 10 • a'Round for The Ridges & a 2nd Round golfing early in the day and Music, Food, & a Silent Auction later. A fundraiser for The Ridges' education programs.

**July 13 • MOON WALK**Learn about evening activities in the woods & fields. 8
PM

**July 15 • Workshop** *Mussels Up Close - Lisie Kitchel* 

**July 16 • W.O.W Raptors** *Meet some WILD birds at 2 PM* 

Aug 6 • Annual Meeting
Members vote on new Board
Members and are updated on
direction of the organization.

For more information call The Ridges or visit our website <a href="http://RidgesSanctuary.org">http://RidgesSanctuary.org</a>

### We Wish ...

Laser or inkjet mailing labels *Copy paper* 

\$\$ for clean cedar wood chips Clippers & loppers for the Barberry Pirates

Heavy Metal Shelving units Garden gloves, rakes, tools, etc. Blank CDs & DVDs

Digital cameras for kids programs

Black sunflower seeds
Donations to set up a new server
Chocolate for the staff
Donations for the Flea Market

#### Wishes Do Come True!

For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to the "*Donors*" link at

http://RidgesSanctuary.org.

Call: (920) 839-2802 • or visit our website for more information: <a href="http://RidgesSanctuary.org">http://RidgesSanctuary.org</a>



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### TICKLER!

#### Save for the Flea Market

Are you finding good stuff as you clean the basement or garage? Please remember The Ridges' Flea Market. (no clothes, used electronics, furniture, or fleas). If you have something good and don't have room to store it until September—give us a call and we'll come up with something! September 17 behind the Sandpiper Restaurant.



This series of Family Events is a collaborative effort with the Northern Door Y to encourage families to connect with the outdoors.

Pre-registration required: Call The Ridges or the Northern Door Y • 868-3660.

**2 PM-3:30 PM on Mondays** Great for all ages. \$10/Family.

### June 20 • SURVIVAL!

Build a survival shelter!

June 27 • Wigwam Means "House" Learn to build a real wigwam like the Woodland Indians of Wisconsin!

### July 4 • No Program

### July 11 • Digital Scavenger Hunt

Use our digital cameras or bring your own.

#### July 18 • Skittering Critters

Use nets, buckets, hands, or feet to scoop up some macro-invertebrates.

### July 25 & Aug 1 • Geocaching

Geocaching has been described as a "hightech treasure hunt."

Seek out caches hidden within The Ridges Sanctuary.

### August 8 • TREE-mendous!

Join in some tree-mendous activities!

### DISCOVERY BIRD HIKES

Saturdays • June 4—July 30 6:30 AM at the Marshall cabin

Discover the BEST birding spots in the county! Door County is a busy flyover and stopping spot for many birds. Join this early morning group to visit the hot spots of birding on the peninsula. *Beginners are welcome!* \$5/person - members are free.

### NOT SO EARLY BIRD HIKES

June 11, July 9, & Aug13th 9:00 AM at the Marshall cabin

For those who don't want to greet the dawn but do want to discover some of the feathered visitors to Door County. Beginners are welcome! \$5/person - members are free.

## Trail Talk at The Ridges

- Many Meet & Munch Cookouts One of the strengths of The Ridges' organization has been the friendships that have formed around a casual get together to celebrate our achievements. Each month, the staff will host a potluck cookout (we'll provide burgers & chips-bring your own tableware) at The Ridges. Plan to come, renew friendships and meet some new friends! June 15, July 20, Aug 17, Sept 21—11:30 AM—1 PM—Then walk it off on a guided hike at 1:30 PM!
- The Barberry Pirates Invasive Species team continues to fight on land and 'sea'. On June 28th special guest, Brendon Panke, will approach the Pirates for help with a research project on "early detection and rapid response" of invasives. The Barbery Pirates meet each Tuesday at the Upper Rangelight for a foray with scurvy fighting lemonade and snacks after. Tuesdays mornings until the cold gets the better of us!
- A Picture is Worth a 1,000 Words and to those who donated used digital camera we give a thousand thanks. We now have six simple digital cameras and one SLR camera for our kids' camera program. It will be a great way to get kids interested in nature!
- **Seeing is Believing!** 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.
- 75th Anniversary Planning. Lots of things are planned for 2011, but *next* year is the 75th anniversary of the oldest member-based nature center in Wisconsin. We will be celebrating the vision of our founders, the milestones we've passed, and the direction we're going! Got some ideas for how to celebrate? Let us know.
- MOONWALKS Come listen to the night and stroll in the less hectic quiet time of day. Wednesday, June 15th, July 13, & Aug 17 8:00-9:30 PM
- *Discovery Bird Walk* volunteers lead beginner & advanced birders to the birding 'hot spots' in the county. On June 4, they spotted a Ruddy Turnstone at the Baileys Harbor beach. Join them at **6:30 AM on Saturday mornings!**
- *The Cranes Returned!* Those of you who saw the Sandhill cranes in Winter Wren swale will be happy to know they returned to the swale to nest this year. A little more secluded spot but in the same swale so we could watch them from the cover
- Learn more on any of these items at <a href="http://RidgesSanctuary.org">http://RidgesSanctuary.org</a>

**Check your mailing label** for an expiration date for <u>your</u> 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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