What Happened?

Even though snowstorms occasionally sock us in during the ‘off’ season and the cold weather keeps us from jumping up to go outside as easily as in the summer, our intrepid volunteers enable us to offer a variety of programs to children, adults, and families to advance the mission of DCIST.

We said a semi-goodbye to our bookkeeper, Pat Zeller. The Zellers (Pam & Dwight) will still manage The Ridges’ Nature Center and will remain involved in that and other volunteering for the Sanctuary.

We welcomed a new bookkeeper, Sally Hunter, who is still finding out where we store the staples and how to operate the copy machine.

Starting a new club, the Early Birders, for kids and families has received a lot of support from volunteers. Tori Martinez, Mau- reen McGrath, Ed Pentecost, George Cobb, Jane Whitney, & Julie Knox have all contributed time and effort to make this a reality.

Winter snowshoe Fridays have been popular—even on bitter cold days!

The Ridges accepted the contract to manage the Door County Invasive Species (DCIST) program for 2011. Marne Kaeske will again work with landowners, groups, and individuals to advance the mission of DCIST.

The Door County Community Foundation’s Green Fund awarded The Ridges a grant to help with the No Family Left Inside program that encourages families to get outside and connect with nature.

Nancyame & Frank Soprano donated part of the cost of a new server to help us celebrate the occasion of Emma’s 120 birthday anniversary. The donation jar yielded $1,400 to help with The Ridges’ programs.

The Great Waffle Breakfast was a ‘great’ success! Over 240 people ate their fill of waffles, visited, played games, and ate more waffles! Tudy Ekmann loaned a portrait of Emma Yott to help us. The donation jar yielded $1,400 to help with The Ridges to pay for birding books for the Early Birders program.

We offered a ‘Round to The Ridges & a 2nd Round at The Alpine Golf Course & Resort in Egg Harbor. A fundraiser for The Ridges.

July 10 • a’Round for The Ridges and a 2nd Round at The Alpine Golf Course & Resort in Egg Harbor. A fundraiser for The Ridges’ education programs.

July 16 • Ride for Nature Bicycle the backroads of Door County. A fundraiser for The Ridges.

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

June 15 • MOON WALK Listen to the riveting ribbiting.

June 18 • W.O.W Raptors Meet the Nicest People! W.O.W. Wonders and Wonders of the Wild birds 10 AM and 2 PM

For more information call The Ridges or visit our website http://RidgesSanctuary.org

We Wish …

Laser or inkjet mailing labels
Copy paper
$5 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 education programs
Black sunflower seeds
Donations for GPS units
Chocolate for the staff
A heated birdbath (ours died)
Donations for the Flea Market

Wishes Do Come True!

We received a very generous donation toward a new server — THANK YOU! And chocolates at Christmas.

For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to the “Donors” link at http://RidgesSanctuary.org

Volunteer—Meet the Nicest People!

The Ridges is looking for volunteers for the Nature Center and several other areas that contribute to the smooth running of the organization. Our dedicated volunteers enable us to offer a variety of programs to children, adults, and families. Our volunteers are also the nicest in the County! — we checked! 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!
MEMORIES

The Ridges Memory Project is seeking submissions for a collection of personal memories for our 75th anniversary coming up in 2012. A few sentences, photos, or detailed paragraphs are all welcome. All who submit will be entered in a drawing for one of 10 of the finished books! Deadline June 1st, 2011!!

EXPLORE the OUTDOORS

Saturday March 19 • 10 AM
Build a Bluebird House
Everything you need to build a birdhouse and help building it! Learn more about the Early Birders Club.

Saturday April 16 • 10 AM
Signs of Spring!
Will Spring ever come? Search for the sign!

Friday May 13 • 6 PM
Frog Walk
Frogs are noisy—but can we FIND them?

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

Get outside and enjoy the many sides of nature with your family and The Ridges naturalists. Lots of activities are planned for this summer such as: Survival; Geocaching; A Bug’s Life; Build a TeePee; Digital Camera Scavenger Hunt; Living Things Under Your Feet!; Trees are Magic; Have a Swale Time; and many more. Each program will be about 1 ½ hours long. Great for all ages. $10/for this summer such as: Survival; Geocaching; A Bug’s Life; Build a TeePee; Digital Camera Scavenger Hunt; Living Things Under Your Feet!; Trees are Magic; Have a Swale Time; and many more. Each program will be about 1 ½ hours long. Great for all ages. $10/

Tickler! Fundraiser for The Ridges Sanctuary
Spring Cleaning! In case the dust is tickling your nose as you are doing your Spring Cleaning! 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!

Trail Talk at The Ridges

• Repetition is good! If you missed the Moon Walk or the Survival program from last fall or if you’d like to do it again—you’re in luck. They were so popular that we are planning to do them again this summer. Can’t do a summer Snowshoe Hike? But we CAN do a Geocaching workshop!

• Monthly 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 cookout at The Ridges. Plan to come, renew friendships and meet some new friends!

• Bring in a new Member—you’ll both be rewarded. 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.

• 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? Let us know.

• What do YOU think? Send us a letter or go to www.wis.com/schweeck/ridges to give us ideas for improvement.

• Watch for the Discovery Bird hikes starting on May 14 through July 30 at 6:30 AM. Discover some of the BEST birding spots in the county! There will be an Early Bird hike at 9 AM on May 14, June 11, and July 9 for those who don’t want to greet the dawn but do want to discover some of the feathered visitors to Door County.

• Finest Silent Auction in the County! A big fundraiser for The Ridges on Sunday, July 10th at the Alpine Golf Course and Resort. Golfing at 9:30. A Silent Auction/Raffle at 5:30 at the Yodel Inn—with food! - and a cash bar!

• Lower RangeLight Renovations! Restoric LLC has been hired to draft a historic structures report and restoration work will start this Summer. Funding for the report came through a match for Lee Tra-veni’s volunteer hours from the ExxonMobil Foundation.

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

Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

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For more information on upcoming events and news visit the website: http://RidgesSanctuary.org

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