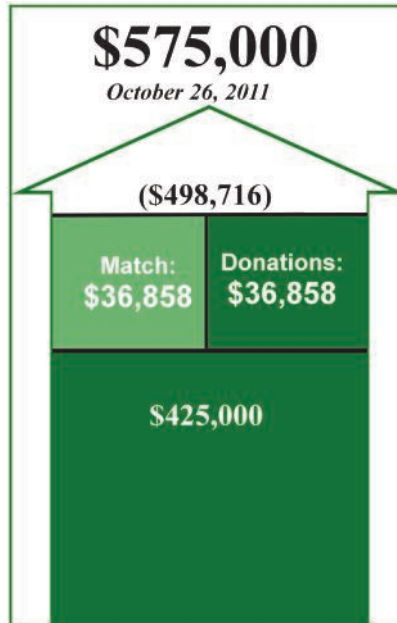


CLOSING IN ON OUR GOAL!

For almost 75 years, the Ridges Sanctuary has welcomed thousands to its pristine 1600 acre natural area. As we take the first step toward a larger vision for our organization - acquiring the Sandpiper property as the site of our new Interpretive Center - we are pleased to tell you that we are fast approaching the end of first phase of fundraising. Currently, we have raised \$ 498,716 - over 86% of our goal. Now we need your help to make this dream a reality for the Ridges. Contributions and pledges in any amount are welcome and will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000 thanks to the support of Ruth Barker. Donations to the campaign can be sent to The Ridges Sanctuary, PO Box 152, Baileys Harbor, WI 54202 or made online at RidgesSanctuary.org/donations.aspx. Select "Purchase of Sandpiper Property."

We'd love to answer your questions. Call us at 920.839.2802 or attend our Open House on Wednesday, October 12, 4 - 6 PM, Baileys Harbor Town Hall.



*Learn more about our new Interpretive Center!
OPEN HOUSE at Baileys Harbor Town Hall
Wednesday, October 12
4-6 PM*

Coming Up!

Oct 14 • Creatures of the Night A family program at the Marshall cabin. 6:30-8 PM

Nov 12 • Early Birders Winter Feeders & Christmas counting. 10—Noon

Nov 19 • No Family Left Inside—'Birdy its cold outside!' Making winter bird feeders. 2 PM—4 PM

Nov 19-27 • Trails Closed For the gun deer season.

Nov 20 • Phragmites Mapping workshop on the Southern Door bayside—then the Packer/Buccaneer game!

Dec 10 • Natural Christmas Luminarias, a campfire, crafts, wreathmaking—all the elements of an old-fashioned Christmas event. 3-6 PM

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



Meet the critters who roam the dark!

Creatures of the Night Friday October 14 6:30—8 PM

Bring your family to enjoy conversations with creatures who roam the night. Meet and talk with a raccoon, a bat, an owl, a coyote, and others. Other activities and a campfire will be offered.

LIMIT 20 people • NO Walk-ins

Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door YMCA: 868-3660 or The Ridges: 839-2802 A No Family Left Inside program. \$10/family (This program is NOT meant to be scary!)

Trails CLOSED!

Hunters who want to help curb our expanding deer population at The Ridges and our Logan Creek property need to submit a 2011 Hunting Form. Call The Ridges or go to: <http://ridgessanctuary.org/category/hunting/>. All Ridges' trails are closed to hikers from November 19-27th. The number of hunters allowed on the properties is limited.



PHRAGMITES

Mapping Workshop

To finish up mapping on the Southern Door bay side.

November 20th at 8:30am.
Meet at Sugar Creek County Park

Call Marne at The Ridges 839-2802. After, we will meet at Rites Cove (2733 Bay Rd) to watch the Packer destroy the Buccaneers.

We Wish ...

- Digital cameras (used is fine)
 - Heavy metal shelving units
 - Black sunflower seeds for the birds
 - Blank CDs & DVDs
 - Copy paper/laser labels
 - Chocolate for the staff
 - Garden gloves, rakes, & tools
 - Stacking letter trays
 - Plastic sled to haul stuff in the winter
 - Canister vacuum for Upper Range Light
 - Small garden tiller
 - AA batteries
 - Micro-SD cards (up to 4 GB) for saving maps to Legend GPS units
 - Energy efficient refrigerator
 - \$\$\$ for a riding lawnmower
 - Underwriter for taxidermy cost for one or all of our frozen zoo!
 - Washable rugs for Upper Range Light bathroom
 - Wishes Do Come True!**
- For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to the "Donors" link at <http://RidgesSanctuary.org>.

Birdy, It's Cold Outside!

A great way to watch birds up close is to set out a simple feeder during the cold weather. The Ridges is offering two opportunities to make simple feeders for winter birdwatching.

At the November Early Birder's meeting, we will make feeders from simple, recycled products. Learn about Project Feeder Watch, and then we'll see what kinds of birds are still hanging around the Sanctuary. The Early Birders program has grown with 19 members and that many or more accompanying adults. The kids have earned five buttons towards a free hat, learned about raptors, added to their life lists, made notebooks, taken pictures, visited the habitat exhibit at the Door County Museum, and more. Coming up: *bird feeder building, Christmas Counting, Bluebird house building, ... If your child is interested in learning more about birds—Call The Ridges for more information!* \$15/Family per year. Drop-ins are welcome \$5/family.

Early Birders: 10 AM—11:30 AM Saturday November 12 at The Ridges' Marshall cabin.

No Family Left Inside: 2—4 PM Saturday November 19 at The Ridges' Marshall cabin \$10/family



1937

DuPont Corporation patents nylon
*The Ridges Sanctuary for Plant &
Animal Life, Inc. was founded.*

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. Because of the historic nature of the Range Lights, there are restrictions on how the work must be done. Volunteers will be doing much of the work—especially our awesome Wednesday Crew aided by Board Member Bob Ryan. Please consider helping with this much needed project. To date, the Restore the Range Light fund has raised over \$7,000 but we've hit an obstacle—the foundation is in urgent need of repair so that is our first priority.

Anyone donating \$50 or more will receive a special Phil Austin Range Lights print. (The print was originally produced to raise funds for the 1994 renovation of the Range Lights.)



Trail Talk at The Ridges

- **Door County had a bad wind storm on September 29th.** It fried our office server so we are improvising until we can get something else up and running. Thanks to Nancyanne & Frank Soprano, we have a reserve to cover this problem.
- **The storm closed all the state parks in Door County.** Many people found their way to The Ridges Sanctuary to hike and enjoy its natural beauty.
- **The Fall Volunteer Day was a success!** Because of the generosity of business member, Timberline Tree Services, we had LOTS of wood chips that were put down on the trails. There's even some left for the Spring Volunteer Day (mark your calendars) May 5, 2012! Volunteers with chain saws were out clearing the trails on Saturday and then came back for the Chili and fixin's at noon. That cornbread was MMMmmm!
- **The Barberry Pirates have fought a good fight!** They have banished crown vetch from the beach, pulled barberry and honeysuckle out by the roots, battled Japanese Knotweed, black swallow-wort, and Eurasian Swamp Thistle. Because of them, our Sanctuary flora and fauna have a better place to live and flourish.
- **The Memories book will be published in Spring.** Cathleen Haskins has compiled over 50 stories from Ridges' members and friends. Watch for more news about this in January.
- **The Nature Center is closing on October 16!** After that go online to find some of the great items that you love from the store. Call Karen if you want a special Christmas gift!
- **Phragmites Mapping Workshop** With an almost complete inventory of the phragmites along Door County shorelines, we are looking to obtain the last of the information on the Southern Door bay side. **November 20th at 8:30am. Meet at Sugar Creek County Park** Call Marne at The Ridges for more information. After, we will meet at Rites Cove (2733 Bay Rd) to watch the Packers destroy the Buccaneers.

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

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.*

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 Business ___ \$150 New? ___ or Renewal ? ___

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>)