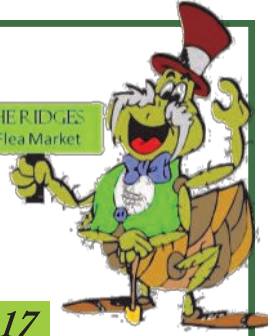


RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Find a New Treasure! You're sure to find some great deals on books, holiday décor, a golf ball picker-upper, frames, kitchen ware, gas grills, and more!

Behind the Sandpiper Restaurant. **Saturday, September 17
8:30 AM—2 PM**

THE RIDGES
Flea Market



Coming Up!

Sept 16 • A Hike in the Night A family program at the Marshall cabin. 6:30-8 PM

Sept 17 • Flea Market Lots of great bargains! Behind the Sandpiper. 8:30 AM—2 PM

Sept 21 • Member Cookout Members & volunteers are invited to join the staff for a cookout. 11:30 AM—1 PM

Sept 30 • Logan Creek Hike Hike our Old Growth forest on Loritz Rd. 1:00 PM

Oct 1 • Logan Creek Hike Hike our Old Growth forest on Loritz Rd. 1:00 PM

Oct 1 • Volunteer Work Day at The Ridges 8:30—Noon. Chili Lunch!

Oct 8 • Early Birders Meeting Migration. 10—Noon

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

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>



Fresh Air! • Fun! • Chili! • Wood Chips!

There always seems to be a lot of laughing and talking when we have a Volunteer Work Day. The Fall Volunteer Work Day on **Saturday, October 1**, will be no exception. Come out to The Ridges to enjoy the conversation and good times doing those large and small chores needed to get us ready for Winter. Then at **Noon**, join us for a great Chili lunch with lots of great sides! Brownies for sure! Free wheelbarrow rides by request only. Come at **8:30 AM** or whenever you can make it. There will be tasks both large and small—something for all ages and abilities!

Bring a rake and a wheelbarrow if you have them. **Saturday, October 1 • 8:30 AM—Noon**

Phragmites Season is Here!

Consider helping in the fight to eliminate this shoreline invasive. Each year it seems to show up in larger and more aggressive stands. Call Marne to find out about work parties in your neighborhood. 839-2802

Tuesdays at 9 AM Barberry Pirates battle invasives at The Ridges. Treats afterwards at the Upper Range Light.

Sept 14 & 15 at North Bay help TNC battle phragmites!

RSVP to Sam Lindquist at slindquist@tnc.org

Sept 14 • 4–7 PM Battle Buckthorn at Whitefish Dunes Park.

Nov 20 • Mapping Workshop. Finish up mapping on the Southern Door shoreline and then watch the Packers destroy the Buccaneers.

*For any questions regarding upcoming volunteer opportunities, please contact Marne Kaeske at 920-839-2802



Discover the beauty of the night!

A Hike in the Night

**Friday September 16
6:30—8 PM**

Includes:

- A short walk in the (almost full) moonlight
- Activities about night animals
- Finding Fall constellations and learning their stories



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 for both programs: Call the Northern Door YMCA: 868-3660 or The Ridges: 839-2802 A No Family Left Inside program. \$10/family (These programs are NOT meant to be scary!)

We Wish ...

Copy paper
\$\$ for clean cedar wood chips
Digital cameras (used is fine)
Heavy Metal Shelving units
Black sunflower seeds for the birds
Blank CDs & DVDs
An office desk
Chocolate for the staff
Garden gloves, rakes, & tools
Stacking letter trays

Wishes Do Come True!

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

Judy Drew Joins The Ridges

We're pleased to announce that Judy Drew is joining the staff of The Ridges Sanctuary on October 3 as the Development Director. Judy served as Executive Director of Third Avenue Playhouse since 2004. During her tenure, the theater has staged increasingly ambitious seasons which have resulted in a steadily growing audience base.



Early Birders are Fledged!

The Early Birders program has grown with 19 members and that many or more accompanying adults. The kids have earned four 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: Migration, bird feeder building, Christmas Counting, ... If your child is interested in learning more about birds—Call The Ridges for more information!

1937

Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs •
first full-length animated film.
*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. Did you know that the roof was probably red? Research by Neal Vogel of Restoric, LLC concluded that the original Lower Range Light had a red roof like so many other lighthouses in the country.

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

- **Watch for a letter from The Ridges' director Steve Leonard.** It will soon be in your mailbox and will update you on the future plans for The Ridges Sanctuary.
- **The Upper Range Light door has a nautical theme.** It is now featured on the gin bottle of the Door County Distillery's new Door County Doors collection of liquors.
- **Great Successes can be repeated.** The 2011 Ridges' Ride for Nature and the 2011 a'Round for The Ridges golf outing were great successes. Because of the efforts of our volunteers—both events exceeded our expectations. Mark your calendars for 2012! The Ride for Nature will be June 16, 2012 and by next month we will know the place and date of a'Round for The Ridges.
- **Good-bye to Erika Brock our Summer Intern.** Thanks to Erika, our camps ran smoothly and with enthusiastic participation by the kids; most of the Ram's Head orchids are mapped; the phragmites on Pickerel pond is less of a threat; the boundaries of our new properties have been GPS'd and mapped; and more tasks were done that we appreciate and will remember her for accomplishing.
- **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 had an awesome year!** More visitors, more sales, great volunteers and great comments by the visitors. The Nature Center closes on October 16. There are lots of sale items. Don't forget your member discount!
- **Next year is SPECIAL!** We are already planning celebratory events like a July Art Show at the Door Community Auditorium, publication of the Memories book, and a big birthday bash! 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.

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: _____

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Second Address from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

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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>)