



Not A Surprise

"Everybody keeps telling me how **surprised** they are with what (you've) done. But I'm telling you honestly that it doesn't **surprise** me. I knew (you) could do it."
~Ralph W. Emerson

With apologies to R.W. Emerson, we are not surprised but so excited and happy that you confirmed that our membership are people who believe in The Ridges and will step up when there is a need. Your commitment is strong!

Starting August 8, the membership, with donations large and small, has already exceeded the \$10,000 match challenge by \$7,000! We are also excited that the Ridges' Board and Staff participation is at 100%.

We are continually reminded by visitors and members of what a unique and beautiful place this is. The wonderful response to our emergency appeal reminds us to be grateful for our very generous membership. Thank you.



Come 'Play' With Us!

Come and help with wood chip hauling, trail checking, and general maintenance after the summer season. There will be Great Chili, cornbread, and awesome brownies prepared by the TRS staff! *Some plants from the Butterfly Garden have to go and will be free for the taking to make ready for a renovation next year.*

Come for all morning or just an hour or two! Families are encouraged.

Free wheelbarrow rides!

Ridges' Fall Work (Play) Day October 3 from 9–Noon.

Please call The Ridges if you can come 839-2802

We're Renovating to Serve You Better

We are changing the look of The Ridges' website to make it more current and make it easier to keep you informed on what's happening at The Ridges Sanctuary. Enjoy! Here's an overview of the changes:

- Simplified menu bar — links to our "permanent" pages
- Quick Info (left sidebar) — a quick informational list
- Search Bar (right sidebar) — a search box for our website
- Categories (right sidebar) — all of the posts under the selected category
- Recent Posts (right sidebar) — the last 10 posts
- Archives (right sidebar) — older posts are automatically archived
- Leave comments to certain posts such as this one
- RSS Feed (upper right corner) — an RSS feed of our posts is now available to notify you of updates to the site.



Coming Up!

Oct 3 • Ridges' Fall Clean-up Day

Oct 18 • Ridges' Nature Center Closes

Oct 19 • Nature Center Inventory—volunteers needed

Nov 11 • The Ridges Annual Appeal

Nov 18 • *sanctuary* is mailed to members

Nov 21-29 • Ridges' Trails closed during gun Deer Season

Dec 12 • Ridges' Natural Christmas

Dec 19 • Christmas Bird Count

Feb 6 • Ridges' Great Waffle Breakfast (Emma Toft's Birthday Feb 9)

Mar 2-Apr 12 • *Reading The Ridges* art show at The Link Gallery

For more information or to sign up for any of The Ridges' events:
(920) 839-2802
info@RidgesSanctuary.org

We Wish ...

Office Supplies

Large plastic covered tubs/bins

Canister vacuum for the Range Light

\$\$\$ for a riding lawnmower

Underwriter for taxidermy cost for one or all of our frozen zoo!

Stacking plastic patio chairs

Small garden tiller

A roofing fork

Underwriters for our newsletter "*sanctuary*"

1-Gal Shop Vacuum for the Nature Center

Cedar wood chips

Boot/shoe stationary brushes for trailheads

\$200 for a server back-up

\$175 for a VideoFlip camcorder from TechSoup

Wishes Do Come True!

For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to www.RidgesSanctuary.org

*Notes from the
Range Light*

9/24 /09 *It's been a dry summer . The water is gone from most of the swales. Since June 1st the rainfall has been 6.78 inches— normal is 13.94.*

9/2/09 *A member brought in this mystery natural item from the Baileys Harbor beach. Do you know what it is?*



8/31/09 *While looking for tiny orchids, couldn't help but notice this King Bolete on Winter Wren trail. Found the Rattlesnake plantain orchid too.*



Trail Talk at The Ridges

- Wild Places Books are at the McArdle Library in Baileys Harbor or online at RidgesSanctuary.org/category/wild-places/. The books are the result of the collaborative program between the McArdle Library and The Ridges Sanctuary to get kids connecting with nature. Reading the books with their astute observations and accompanying illustrations, you will agree that the program was a success.

- Check out the many books and nature items on sale at the Nature Center. Remember it closes on October 18th. We need volunteers for the inventory on October 19th.

- Thank you to our many friends and businesses who help us out with in-kind gifts.

Harbor Fish Market & Grille, South Nest Retreat, Weisgerber's Cornerstone Pub & Restaurant, Blacksmith Inn, Main Street Market, Hyline Orchard, Len Villano Photography, Hickey Brothers Fisheries, Espresso Lane, Country View Farms, econofoods, Door Landscape and all the people who brought items from our Wish List—paper, bird seed, 10-gal shop vac, chocolate, chest freezer, and the list goes on

- Thank you to our many volunteers who kept the Ridges' Nature Center open this summer.

- And thank you to the Ridges' Barberry Pirates who fought the herbaceous invaders this summer. They eliminated bags and trailers full of invasive plants.

- And the Wednesday Crew—and the Lighthouse Keepers—and the mailers—and all the other volunteers who give of their time and talents. All help to make The Ridges a special place to visit.

Rachel Aznoe of Ephraim received a family membership to The Ridges Sanctuary and a giant frog puppet from the Ridges Nature Center for reading over 160 hours this summer in the Door County Library Summer Reading Program, *Choose Your Own Adventure*. Rachel is an 8th grade student at Gibraltar School in Fish Creek.



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: _____

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

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Membership: Individual ____ \$40 Family ____ \$65 Family Plus ____ \$95 New? or Renewal ?

Additional 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: RidgesSanctuary.org)