

ADVOCACY UPDATE

WISCONSIN STATE FUNDING

Thanks to the hard work of everyone who spoke up for Wisconsin's land and water, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program will be renewed for another two years. The vital work of protecting land and water for Wisconsin, and for future generations, can continue. Gathering Waters extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to the thousands of Wisconsinites who wrote letters, made phone calls, talked face-to-face with legislators, and/or made financial contributions to these efforts. Your efforts won a two-year renewal of Knowles-Nelson.



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Attend Wisconsin Land Trust Days events and take home a weatherproof, pocket-size Wisconsin Nature Guide.

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2019 LAND CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Gathering Waters is thrilled to formally recognize the accomplishments of these leaders. Join us for the Awards Celebration on September 26, 2019, at the Monona Terrace in Madison.

LAND TRUST OF THE YEAR

Landmark Conservancy, serving twenty counties in western and northwestern Wisconsin, was born of a merger between two nationally-accredited land trusts: West Wisconsin Land Trust and Bayfield Regional Conservancy, in 2018. The birth of Landmark Conservancy is a beautiful example of what teamwork and collaboration can achieve. This and all the organization does to protect and preserve clean water, healthy soils, habitat for wildlife, sustainable food sources, and the space to enjoy nature's gifts, is worthy of celebration.



CONSERVATIONISTS OF THE YEAR

Chambers Island Nature Preserve Executive Committee is made up of a team of four women who own property on Door County's Chambers Island: Mary Brevard, Suzanne Fletcher, Barbara Frank, and Mary Jane Rintelman. Appreciating what a truly unique ecological gem the island is, they set out to create a thousand-acre preserve on it. With a clear vision, plan, and unmatched resolve, they have demonstrated their commitment and leadership. By the end of this year, nearly 850 acres will have been permanently protected as a direct result of their extraordinary efforts.



HAROLD "BUD" JORDAHL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Bryan Pierce of northern Wisconsin has built an incredible conservation legacy throughout Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Florence, Iron, Price, and northern Langlade Counties. He founded the Northwoods Land Trust in 2001 and went on to lead the organization for 18 years. His approach centered on sustainability, community cooperation, long-term thinking, and integrity -- all resulting in the protection of over 13,000 acres of forestland and 70 miles of shoreline.



HAROLD "BUD" JORDAHL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ben Niemann of Sawyer County has been improving conservation practices and outcomes in Wisconsin for over 50 years. He was a true pioneer in using technology to guide our conservation decision-making with his background as a landscape architect, Niemann harnessed the power of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to make informed decisions about land use, planning, and conservation. The application of these technologies has preserved innumerable acres throughout the state, including his most notable project, the establishment of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway.

LAND LEGACY AWARD

Yawkey Lumber Company of Oneida County made an incredible gift in 2018. Company shareholders, all great-grandchildren of the late Cyrus C. Yawkey, donated 431 acres to Northwoods Land Trust, including woodlands, wetlands, islands, wildlife habitat, and 4.4 miles of natural shoreline on a highly scenic, clear-water lake in the town of Hazelhurst. The total appraised value of the property was over \$12 million at the time of the donation, resulting in one of the most valuable and sizable outright gifts of land to a land trust in Wisconsin. This property's natural shorelines and old-growth forests will now be protected and available for all of us to view, explore, and enjoy, forever.

Learn more about the award winners and join us in celebrating their achievements at gatheringwaters.org/awards

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JOIN US FOR

LAND TRUST DAYS

HaveFunOutside.org

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2019

Mark your calendar. Call your friends. Summer is here and it's time to #HaveFunOutside during Wisconsin Land Trust Days! With over 30 events and activities throughout August and September, there's something for everyone!

- Paddle Lake Katherine in the Northwoods, learn about wildcrafting, and appreciate the artistry of nature at Artservancy. Tag monarch butterflies, learn about native plants on a prairie tour, help build part of the scenic Ice Age Trail, enjoy guided hikes, gaze at the stars, tour a farm, hike the blufflands, collect seeds during a prairie walk, or go on a cycling adventure with farm-to-table refreshments along the way, and more.

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2019 EVENTS

Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts and its member land trusts are pleased to invite you to join us at the following events.

Find more details at HaveFunOutside.org



AUGUST

Be An Eco-Adventurer

August 2
Green Bay
Host: Baird Creek Preservation Foundation

Spend a day encouraging your inner child as we wade in the creek, walk through a prairie, and ignite all your senses in our urban wild park.

Kelly Creek & Ice Cream Social

August 4
Near River Falls
Host: Kinnickinnic River Land Trust

Explore the Kelly Creek Preserve and treat yourself to a Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Kinnickinnic Church. The hike is free. Proceeds from the Ice Cream Social will benefit the Kinnickinnic Historical Church.



Prairie Talk, Walk, and Work

August 10
West Bend
Host: Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation

Learn about prairie plants and management, walk the trails, or join a work party.

Prairie Days

August 10
Downsville
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts - Chippewa Savannas Chapter

Celebrate and be among prairie plants and animals! Enjoy workshops, speakers, hikes with experts, a potluck lunch, and music.



Your Food and the Land: A Farm-to-Table Potluck Lunch and Walk.

August 11
Amherst Junction
Host: North Central Conservancy Trust
Enjoy a locally sourced potluck lunch on a protected farm and learn about the connection between your food and the land.



Gathering Waters

Full Moon Happy Hour

August 15
Milwaukee
Host: River Revitalization Foundation
Join us at Turtle Park in Milwaukee. Arrive at 4 PM and "Walk 100 with the Mayor." Listen to music, have a brat and a brew, kayak, or take a self-led hike around the trails. If the weather is right and you can stay, you'll see the rise of the Full Sturgeon Moon at 8:22pm.



11th Annual Ride to the Barns

August 17
Town of Erin near Hartford
Host: Tall Pines Conservancy

Ride to the Barns is a fundraising bicycle ride through rolling farmland in Lake Country. Rest stops include farms serving locally produced food to highlight farmland preservation. There is a cost for this event.

Land Trust Conservation Easement Open House

August 17 & 18
Multiple locations in Door County
Host: Door County Land Trust

Tour a property protected by a Land Trust Conservation Easement and learn from landowners about their decision to leave a legacy of land. This is your chance to choose which tours to join with options throughout the day Saturday as well as Sunday morning. This acreage contributes to the health of the landscape and is not usually open to the public.

You may have a chance to meet Wisconsin's Conservationists of the Year at this event!

Door County Land Trust Annual Gathering

August 18
Sturgeon Bay
Host: Door County Land Trust

Join Door County Land Trust at their Annual Gathering evening to celebrate 33 years of conservation success! Every land-trust acre has a story. Enjoy tales from the trails, dinner, bluegrass music, an art lottery, and more! Speakers will talk about the power of discovery. There is a cost for this event. Register before August 13!

This special place was donated by Wisconsin's Land Legacy Award Winners!

Yawkey Reserve Paddle Tour

August 22
Hazelhurst
Host: Northwoods Land Trust
Take a paddle excursion on Lake Katherine to explore the 430-acre Yawkey Forest Reserve, including 4.4 miles of shoreline and three small islands. We may even spot a bald eagle in one of the super canopy white pine trees! Space is limited to 20 people. Registration is required.



West Dane Conservancy Tour and Dessert

August 22
Black Earth
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts

Enjoy a late-summer evening hike through the prairie at various stages of restoration: from new plantings to high-quality remnant ridge prairies that have been managed for over 40 years. You can bring dinner and eat at the tables in the shelter from 5-6 PM if you'd like. The tour begins at 6 PM. After the tour we'll enjoy dessert in twilight.



Explore the Krank Nature Preserve

August 24
Cornell
Host: Chippewa County Land Conservancy

Explore the 598-acre Krank Nature Preserve near Cornell. From forest to wetland, hike leaders will give tours of various lengths to showcase the variety of habitats and glacial topography in the area. Some trails may be rough or wet, so wear appropriate footwear. Bring water, insect repellent, and sunscreen.

Where Land and Water Meet: Tour of Lulu Lake

August 24
Eagle
Host: The Nature Conservancy

Enjoy an easy hike at Lulu Lake Preserve where rivers and lakes nestle among prairies, oak savannas, and sedge meadows. Learn about our newest addition, which harbors several major springs that feed the Mukwonago River.

SEPTEMBER

With Love, From Nature: A Forest Mindfulness Immersion

September 7
Sturgeon Bay
Host: Door County Land Trust

Reconnect and rejuvenate in the gorgeous Legacy Nature Preserve protected by Door County Land Trust. Using our senses, and guided intention, we will explore and experience nature's abundant wisdom around and within us.



Wildcrafting Workshop

September 7
Sheboygan
Host: Glacial Lakes Conservancy

Join Glacial Lakes Conservancy for a low-impact hike through a conserved property and learn the basics of gathering food and medicine from the wild, a.k.a. wildcrafting!

Food Cart Night with Groundswell Conservancy

September 12
Dane County
Host: Groundswell Conservancy

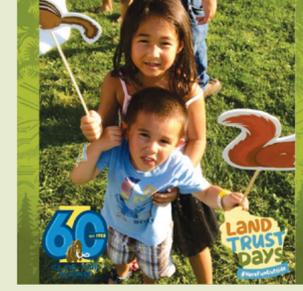
Join Groundswell Conservancy from 5-7 PM for Food Cart Night. Savor a meal from the food carts Fast-N-Fresh and SoHo. Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy your dinner in a picturesque, natural setting with friends and neighbors. Contact Groundswell Conservancy for location details.



Fitzsimmons Woods Ecology and Restoration

September 13
Franklin
Host: Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy

Come explore Fitzsimmons Woods, a rare habitat in southeast Wisconsin. Leading ecologists will talk about the important links between the unusual wildlife and the rare pattern of vernal pools and mature hardwood forest. During this half-day event, you'll meet rare plants, learn how woodland vernal pools support wildlife diversity, and enjoy healthy snacks and refreshments courtesy of the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy.



ARTservancy 2019

September 13
Port Washington
Host: Ozaukee Washington Land Trust

ARTservancy showcases the exciting work of 12 talented artists who have spent a year capturing the essence of 12 OWLT preserves on canvas. Gallery 224 will display the artwork.

Hike the Hills, September on the Ice Age Trail

September 14
Baraboo
Host: Baraboo Range Preservation Assoc.

You'll walk the Ice Age Trail segment between Devil's Lake State Park and Parfrey's Glen, Wisconsin's first designated State Natural Area. Check out the Baraboo Range Preservation Assoc., website for details about parking and the post-hike gathering.



Monarch Tagging

September 14
Dodgeville
Host: Driftless Area Land Conservancy

Every fall, volunteers tag thousands of migrating monarch butterflies through citizen-science programs to promote monarch research and conservation efforts. You can participate first-hand in catching and tagging monarch butterflies as you learn about their amazing migration. Come dressed to chase butterflies through tall prairie grasses.

Harvest at Hackmatack

September 14
Near Genoa City
Host: Kettle Moraine Land Trust and Geneva Lake Conservancy

Join Kettle Moraine Land Trust and Geneva Lake Conservancy for a seed-collection outing at Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge. Dress for the weather in long pants, long sleeves, sturdy boots, work gloves, and a sun hat; bring a refillable water bottle.

Hiking, Growing, Gazing

September 14
St. Joseph, just outside of La Crosse
Host: Mississippi Valley Conservancy

Once each year you have the opportunity to tour the grounds, greenhouse, and gardens at Villa St. Joseph. This unique event will be followed by a sunset, ridgetop hike and stargazing with members of the La Crosse Area Astronomical Society. Enjoy refreshments and entertainment as we wait for the sun to set.



Tiffany Bottoms Train Ride

September 14
Durand
Host: The Prairie Enthusiasts - Chippewa Savannas Chapter

Ride a mini train through a beautiful and unique Wisconsin landscape. Experts will speak during stops as we hike through prairies in full bloom! Join the fun. The train leaves at 6:45 AM.

Three Rows Falls: Exploring & Celebrating the Mumford Gift

September 14
Aniwa
Host: North Central Conservancy Trust
Join NCCT for a hike through 160 acres of forest, wetlands, and experience the magnificent Eau Claire River rapids. This land has never been open to the public before. We'll celebrate this remarkable gift with a cookout after the hike.



Mobile Skills Crew Trail-building Project

September 18 - 22
Hancock
Host: Ice Age Trail Alliance

Help extend a favorite hiking trail in Central Wisconsin at the well-loved Bohn Lake Segment. If you've never been involved in an Ice Age Trail building event, we encourage you to try it out for a day. No experience is necessary, but registration is required.



Windy Petersen

Fall Prairies in Faville Grove

September 22
Lake Mills
Host: Madison Audubon Society

The prairie is just as beautiful as the iconic northern forest in fall. On this trip you will immerse yourself in the textures, colors, sounds, and smells of fall at Faville Grove. We will tour the Prairie Lane restorations and take note of the fall colors, late blooming wildflowers (such as gentians, asters, and goldenrods), talk about the role of seed collecting in our restorations, and more.



Annual Land Conservation Leadership Awards

September 26
Madison
Host: Gathering Waters

Help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary and the accomplishments of the 2019 Land Conservation Leadership Award winners. Enjoy music, appetizers, desserts, and a free drink. Space is limited. Register today.



A Tour of the Night Sky: Deep Sky Astronomy

September 28
Sister Bay
Host: Door County Land Trust

Enjoy an unforgettable evening touring northern Door's night sky looking at galaxies, nebula, globular and open clusters, and constellations. We'll be using state-of-the-art telescopes for this deep sky tour. Proceeds from the evening will provide astronomy equipment for Newport State Park's Dark Sky programs.

Willow Creek Preserve Celebration

September 28
Sheboygan
Host: Glacial Lakes Conservancy

Help us celebrate Glacial Lakes Conservancy's acquisition of the 140-acre Willow Creek Preserve in the City of Sheboygan. Restoration projects are underway to improve water quality and fish habitat. This property is open to the public.



Hosted by Wisconsin's Land Trust of the Year

Landmark and Town of Union Conservancy Tour

September 29
Eau Claire
Host: Landmark Conservancy

Learn how the partnership model builds community connections, protects unique lands, and creates a cool place to hike!



Locations and dates are subject to change.

Please confirm event details with the hosting land trust. Most events are free, but some require registration and participation fees.

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