



# the Prairie News

Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund P.O. Box 1802 Kenosha, Wis. 53141

*Saving a prairie is no simple endeavor.*

Author - All Who Try

## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dear Friends, this has been a year of change and opportunity for the CPPF. Our first and only President and our Land Chair both retired. Joan Rohan and Donna Peterson spearheaded our mission *to acquire, restore, manage and preserve Chiwaukee Prairie* for the past 22 years. Trying to fill their gargantuan shoes has helped us appreciate just how much they did for this organization. Also, Steve Richter, The Nature Conservancy Land Manager for the last 17 years, will be leaving Chiwaukee for a new assignment. We wish him much success and offer our great thanks for all his work for our prairie.

More change came with the fortunate addition of two long time prairie lovers. Kay McClelland, a naturalist, joined our Board of Directors and has begun updating the plant inventory and leading hikes. Lori Artiomow, a biologist, has extended the Chicago Wilderness Plants of Concern program to Chiwaukee with the help of a grant from the Citizen-Based Monitoring Partnership Program. Training will be offered at UW-Parkside in May for new monitors. Because monitoring for changes over time is a critical part of management, we are delighted to have this program at Chiwaukee.

Happenings on the prairie: The November 9th controlled burn guarantees a fabulous show of Shooting Stars in May! With stewardship grants from WDNR, we are working with Cedarburg Science to control a variety of invasive plants. Workday volunteers continue to do invaluable restoration work every month. Field classes from UW-Parkside return. Plants of Concern monitoring has begun. A variety of research is taking place; small mammal inventory, raptor migration study, Blanding's Turtle monitoring, groundwater level recordings, milkweed pollinator study, and more. Next year will bring new signage for Chiwaukee, our first annual bird blitz, the biennial Big Hike, and our usual breakfast and picnic for volunteers and supporters.

We continue to pursue opportunities to further our mission by working cooperatively with other organizations, especially TNC and WDNR. Others include UW-Parkside, Chicago Wilderness, Boy Scouts, local government, and other state and local conservation organizations. Also, we give educational presentations to interested groups and in March, it will be to our long time supporter, the Four Seasons Garden Club.

On the all important topic of land acquisition, north of 116<sup>th</sup> Street, WDNR was able to purchase three lots in 2006 and has another six lots in process currently. Of the original lots south of 116<sup>th</sup> street, 73, or less than 15%, remain in private ownership with 44 different owners. All have been contacted recently resulting in several interested responses. We will pursue opening dialogues with more owners and are optimistic that continued discussions will lead to acquisitions in 2008.

Finally, 2007 also marked the loss of two women, Karla Krampert and Althea Brach, who were among the first friends of the prairie in 1964, and who continued their support throughout their lives. As CPPF moves into the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of its mission, we thank the many of you who have been with us for most or all of those years and our many newer Friends. A special thanks to our very dedicated Board of Directors who continue to give so generously of their time and resources, and to our corps of restoration volunteers. We strive now to honor the efforts of all who have worked for and supported the prairie over the years. Their goals are our goals and with your support, together *we are saving a prairie*.

Pam Holy, President

*We will continue until the last piece of land has been preserved*

## 2008 OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider joining us for a **work party** on the third Saturday of each month from 10AM to 2PM. We meet on 121<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Dress for the weather, bring work gloves, protective eyewear and, if you plan to stay the entire time, bring a lunch. *No experience necessary. On the job training.* We hope to see you there!

Every other year CPPF and The Nature Conservancy invite all the Friends of Chiwaukee interested in learning about and experiencing the prairie to take a hike with a knowledgeable leader. 2008 is a hike year! **The Big Hike** will be on Saturday, May 17 from 10AM until noon. Please join us for a leisurely informative walk. Wear long pants with shoes and socks.

Wisconsin **Plants of Concern** training will be on May 18, 2008 at UW Parkside. The training equips non-experts to monitor Threatened or Endangered native plants. For more information contact Lori Artiomow at 262-634-2276 or [wispoc@gmail.com](mailto:wispoc@gmail.com).

The first **Annual Bird Blitz** will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 6AM to 9AM – birders welcome!

The annual **Breakfast on the Prairie** for volunteers, birders, and donors will also be on June 21 starting at 9AM.

The **Annual Picnic** for volunteers and donors will be on Saturday, September 20 after the work party.

We continue to seek new members for our all volunteer board. Individuals with a love of the prairie, as well as time and energy to devote to the cause, please contact us!

For more information on any of these opportunities, or with any questions about CPPF, please call one of the officers listed on page 3 or leave a message at [cppf@chiwaukee.org](mailto:cppf@chiwaukee.org) Please go to our web site for work party plans, special events, and lots of information on flora, fauna, and history!

[www.Chiwaukee.Org](http://www.Chiwaukee.Org)

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## YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS VITAL

As always, we ask for your support only once a year and all donations are reserved exclusively for acquisition of the remaining lots in Chiwaukee Prairie. In recent years, property values have increased making your continued support vital.

Yet, **Basic Membership** remains at the bargain price of \$10 – more is always welcome!

For a donation of \$100 you become a **Blazing Star** and receive a gift of note cards by Kenosha artist Rebecca Venn. For a donation of \$500 you become a **Life Member** of Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund and receive a Certificate of Honor along with note cards by Rebecca Venn. Both Blazing Stars and Life Members are invited to the Breakfast in June and the Picnic in September.

CPPF is a 501(c)(3) organization making all donations tax deductible.



### **Karla Balk Krampert**

passed away October 4, 2007.

In 1964, she and her husband, Al, saw the Chiwaukee Prairie in full bloom. Wanting it preserved, they, and others began raising money to purchase lots on the prairie. When Al and Karla moved to Oregon, their generous support and good wishes continued. Thank you, Karla for the work and preservation efforts which

you spearheaded 43 years ago. You have earned a place in our hearts, and in the hearts of all prairie lovers.

-Joan Rohan and Donna Peterson

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# First Impressions

My first experience with the Chiwaukee Prairie, was twenty-two years ago. I moved to Wisconsin to be close to Lake Michigan. As I became acquainted with the area, I discovered another treasure, Chiwaukee Prairie.

I imagined what Lewis and Clark may have felt like as I explored the prairie. I read books under the trees, and walked through the tall grasses. At that time, UW Parkside organized hikes and workshops which were held on the prairie. As the years went by, restoration began on the prairie. It has been, and still is, in the process of being returned to its "natural state".

I wanted to become more involved with the restoration, education, and management of the prairie, so I joined CPPF in the winter of 1993. I feel so blessed to live near such a natural treasure. I am also proud to have a small part in its restoration.

-Dawn Feldman-Brown



A.L.L. (Adult Lifelong Learning) Group Hike on Chiwaukee Prairie in September.



## Thank You Andrew Sundstrom and Troop 520

Andrew's Eagle Scout project, which was assisted by Gus Hauser, was to remove invasive woody vegetation from Chiwaukee Prairie. Andrew had everything well planned and organized. The troop also brought along a trailer to remove the bigger branches and stems. They will use those as kindling wood for their outings. Now native prairie grasses and flowers can re-establish themselves. Volunteering on this project were: Keith and Travis Delabio, Sean Gallagher, Paul Hammond, Andy, Ron, Nicky and Steven Hohns, Eric, Alec and Chris Machak, Andrew McNair, Andrew Pudelek, Ron Sr, and Ron Schaefer, Andrew, Joy and Jim Sundstrom, Mike and Ron Tenuta, and Nick, Alan and Lucas Zahn.

**Great Job Everyone !**



Photo by Ann Jolicoeur

**Kaytlin Lowrey-Jolicoeur, Joan Rohan, Renate Hauser, and Kay McClelland, were just a few of the volunteers enjoying the picnic on the prairie.**



**Franklin's Ground Squirrel** is a short lived (males 1-2 years, females 4-5), endangered prairie mammal with the nick-name "whistle pig" for its very distinctive call. They prefer prairies with tall and intermediate grasses and dine on insects, plants, seeds, fruit, bird eggs, and carrion. Living in burrows that are deep and well drained, they hibernate from about September through April. Amazingly, sightings have been reported at Chiwaukee Prairie for the last three summers. If you spot one, let us know!

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Many thanks to all of you, our 2007 volunteers!

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*Our apologies if you have not been acknowledged.*

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