



# Audubon Log

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.

March 2009

## Earth Week Green Bay 2009

Friday Apr 17, 8:00-1:00pm. Spring Medication Collection at Shopko in Suamico 2320 Lineville Road, Green Bay. Contact Brown County Library Recycling Hotline: 920-448-4400, option 5.

Saturday Apr 18, 9:00-Noon. Baird Creek Clean-up and Oak Savannah Restoration. Meet at Triangle Hill 500 Beverly Road (off Baird Creek Road).

Sunday Apr 19, 1:00-2:00pm. Green Gardening Tips & Compost Demonstration at Green Bay Botanical Garden 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay.

Monday Apr 20 & Tuesday Apr 21. School Days: The Earth Week Planning Coalition & volunteers visit area elementary schools to read "The Lorax"

Wednesday Apr 22 8:00-3:00pm. Green Innovations 2009; Connecting Natural Capital to Economic Competitiveness Conference. Registration Required; Visit [www.uwgb.edu/embi/workshop](http://www.uwgb.edu/embi/workshop) for more information. On UW-Green Bay Campus.

Wednesday Apr 22 5:00-6:00pm. Sustainability Social at UWGB. 6:00 speaker Bob Willard, "Why Should We Care About Sustainability?" UW-Green Bay Phoenix Rooms (University Union).

Wednesday Apr 22 6:30pm "Return of the Cuyahoga" Sustaining Life Environmental Film Series at Harmony Café, 1660 W Mason Street.

Thursday Apr 23--All Day Leave Your Car at Home Day challenge! City-wide.

Thursday Apr 23--6:00-10:00pm. Green Drinks at KaVarna 112 S. Broadway, Green Bay

Friday Apr 24, 5:00-6:00pm. Critical Mass Bike Ride. Meet at Brown County Courthouse 100 South Jefferson Street, Green Bay

Friday Apr 24, 7:00-Midnight. EcoJam Concert featuring Jazz Orgy and Burnt Toast and Jam! (kid friendly) A musical celebration to commemorate Earth Week! \$5.00 per person. Holiday Inn City Centre 200 Main St. Green Bay.

Saturday Apr 25, 9:00-Noon. Downtown Green Bay Clean-up (kid friendly). Meet at Hotel Sierra parking lot 333 Main Street, Green Bay

Saturday Apr 25, 9:00-Noon. Fox River and Trail Clean-up (kid friendly). Meet at St. Francis Park Riverside Drive, Green Bay

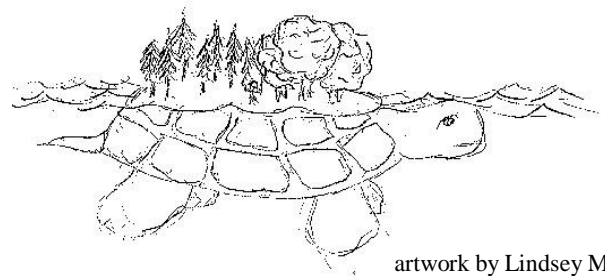
Sunday Apr 26, Noon-4:00pm. Izaak Walton League's Teddy Bear Hunt in Bellevue. Lunch, Fishing, and More! Osprey Point, Hwy GV (~ 1 mi south of 172)

## Door County Sustainability Fair

Saturday Apr 18, 9:00 to 5:00. Second Annual Door County Sustainability Fair with activities and speakers on topics of conservation and sustainable life practices, children's activities. Everyone welcome. Full schedule on [www.sustaindoor.org](http://www.sustaindoor.org). Activities will be held at the Gibraltar Schools complex in Fish Creek, including the High School, the Elementary School and the Door Community Auditorium.

Saturday Apr 18, 2:30 pm. Neil Diboll giving a "State of the Lawn Address" at Door County Auditorium on Hwy 42, north end of Fish Creek.

Mr. Diboll will cover historic, social, economic and environmental aspects of lawn culture and alternatives to lawns. A true pioneer in the native plant industry and recognized internationally as an expert in native community ecology, Neil has dedicated his life to the propagation of native plants and their promotion in the green industry as beautiful, low maintenance alternatives. His love of wild places and their floral players is contagious, especially if you have had the opportunity to witness one of his informative and often humorous lectures.



artwork by Lindsey Murtagh

## Earth Day in Appleton

Saturday Apr 25, 9:00-3:00. Celebrate Earth Day at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 3000 E. College Ave, Appleton. Forums, workshops, kids events—this year's event will have more activities than last year. Check the latest schedule at <http://www.appletonrestore.org/>

## Audubon Monthly Gathering

Wed. April 15, 7:00pm. **"Mask Men."** Brock Robinson relates his experiences as a gringo tool trader amongst a community of indigenous wood carvers in Costa Rica. Color slides and sample masks. Join us as we meet with others who share our interest in the natural world. Program is open to the public and will be followed by refreshments and discussion. Meet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor auditorium at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Center, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay.

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## Natural History Lectures

*All lectures are held at the Neville Public Museum, Green Bay, and co-sponsored with them.*

Wed. April 8, 6:30 pm. **"Slime Molds"** by Sean Westmoreland

Wed. June 10, 6:30 pm. **"Spiders of the Northwoods"** by Larry Weber

Wed. July 8, 6:30 pm. **"WI Spiders Up Close!"** by Peter DeVries

Wed. Aug. 12, 6:30 pm. **"30 Years of Wisconsin Spider Issues"** by Phil Pelliteri

Wed. Sept 9, 6:30 pm. **"Spiders of Panama"** by Michael Draney

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## SUSTAINING LIFE: ENVIRONMENTAL FILMS

*NEW Audubon presents monthly films with a focus on the environment.*

Harmony Café, 1660 W Mason St, Green Bay.

Wed. April 22, 6:30pm. **"Return of the Cuyahoga"**— *The death and rebirth of one of America's emblematic riverways. A positive example for local people working to improve the Fox River.*

Wed. May 27, 6:30 pm. **"Worth Fighting For—Protecting the Great Lakes"**—*Four communities where grassroots efforts improved the environment & uniqueness of the lakes.*

Wed. June 24, 6:30pm. **"King Corn"** —*the impact of the corn agribusiness on the environment, public health, and family farms.*

Wed. July 22, 6:30 pm. **"Manoomin: Ojibwe Spirit Food"** —*history, ecology, and harvest of wild rice from a Native American perspective.*

Wed. Aug. 26, 6:30 pm. **"The Gleaners and I"**— *harvesting wasted crops, recycling*

Bubolz Nature Preserve Center, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive (Cty A), Appleton (see above for film themes.)

Wed. April 1, 6:30 pm. **"My Father's Garden"**— *explores sustainable agriculture and the contrast between chemical and organic farming.*

Wed. May 6, 6:30 pm. **"Return of the Cuyahoga"**

Wed. June 3, 6:30 pm. **"Worth Fighting For"**

Wed. July 1, 6:30 pm. **"King Corn"**

## Outdoor Hikes and Activities

*You asked for more events in the Appleton area and we listened—we have partnered with Bubolz Nature Preserve to provide nature hikes and films.*

Sat. Apr 18, 9 :00am. **Berry Lake Ice-Out.** Northern Grace Youth Camp, 14390 County VV, Gillett.

Tue. Apr 21, 6:30-8:30pm. **Frog Hunt** with Cindy Mueller at Bubolz Nature Center, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive (Cty A), Appleton. Free for NEW Audubon members.

Fri. May 15, 7:00-9:00 pm. **Frog Hunt** with Cindy Mueller at Bubolz Nature Center, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive (Cty A), Appleton. Free for NEW Audubon members.

Sat. May 16, 1:00 pm. **"Spring Wildflower and Photography Hike"** with Matt Dornbush & Tom Knuth. Christa McAuliffe Park, Green Bay. For more info call Steve Lambert at 920-432-4739.

Fri. May 29, 7:30 pm. **Frog Hunt** at Barkhausen, Cty J, Suamico. \$3/child, \$5/adult, \$15/family, free to NEW Audubon members. Pre-registration required for this popular event; call Brown Cty Parks 448-6242

Sat. May 30, 7:30 pm. **Frog Hunt** at Barkhausen, Cty J, Suamico. \$3/child, \$5/adult, \$15/family, free to NEW Audubon members. Pre-registration required for this popular event; call Brown Cty Parks 448-6242

Sat. June 27, 1:00-2:00 pm. **Live Raptor Program** with Don Baumgartner at Bubolz Nature Center, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive (Cty A), Appleton. Free for NEW Audubon members. Don will be bringing 4-5 live raptors.

Sat. July 11, 1-3 pm. **What Tree Is That?** Learn to identify trees with a naturalist at Bubolz Nature Center, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive (Cty A), Appleton. Free for NEW Audubon members.

Sat. July 18, 1 pm. **Raising Monarch larvae** workshop by Ann Shebesta at Baird Creek-- Christa McAuliffe Park, Green Bay. Find caterpillars and eggs and learn how to care for them to raise Monarch butterflies.

Sat. Aug. 29, 1 pm. **Monarch Tagging Field Trip** by Ann Shebesta. Crossroads at Big Creek, Hwy 57, Sturgeon Bay.

Sat. Sept. 26, 10 am. **Spiders Alive!** Mike Draney, arachnologist and professor at UW-GB, will introduce young kids and grownup kids to the interesting world of spiders. Learn all the different places spiders live, how to study them, and what they do to make this a better world. We will go outside and look for spiders to collect. If you have a live spider you would like to have identified, bring it along and share with the group. Crossroads at Big Creek, Hwy 57 & Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay. 920-746-5895.

## Annual Member Program and Banquet

Radisson Conference Center,  
Hwy 172, across from the Airport, Green Bay

**Wednesday, May 13**  
**5:30 PM**  
*RSVP by May 5*

- 5:30 --Social
- 6:15--Dinner: 3 menu selections
- 6:45 --Business & Board Elections
- 7:15 --Program: Birdscaping

Our annual member banquet and program will be held at a new location this year. **The Radisson Conference Center** is easily accessed on Hwy 172, across from the Green Bay airport. Road construction on Hwy 172 only affects areas east of Hwy 41; travelers from Door County should take the detour on I-43 north of Green Bay to get to Hwy 41 south to Hwy 172 west.

Although they can't provide all local food, the Radisson is working with us to provide some local options, and a vegetarian choice for those who wish to eat lower on the food chain.



## Featured Speaker: Marietta Nowak

### Birdscaping in the Midwest: Creating a 5-Star Bird Attraction in Your Yard

Learn how to increase the number and variety of birds in your yard by growing native plants offering natural habitat and a year-long smorgasbord of berries, nuts, and seeds. Native plants are also superior hosts for insects needed by insect-eating birds and most nestlings. In addition, they offer cover and nesting sites for birds. The importance of native plants vs. cultivated plants for birds and the problems with invasive non-native plant species will also be discussed.

**Marietta Nowak** is a very knowledgeable and inspiring speaker. She has master's degrees in both botany and zoology. Her community service is extensive: on the board of the Wisconsin Society of Ornithology, Secretary of the Land Trust of Walworth County, former director of Wehr Nature Center in Milwaukee County and of Wild Ones. She recently wrote "BIRDSCAPING IN THE MIDWEST, a Guide to Gardening with Native Plants to Attract Birds" and will elaborate some of the guidelines in that book.



### Banquet Registration

- Choice I—Indigenous meal: Buffalo Barley Stew w/root vegetables, wild rice, sweet corn, dessert \$26
- Choice F—Fresh Broiled Walleye Pike, herb baked wild rice, salad, seasonal vegetables, dessert \$26
- Choice V—Pasta Primavera, salad, seasonal vegetables, dessert \$18.50

Name	Meal Choice	Price

Total enclosed. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Banquet, NEW Audubon, PO Box 1, Green Bay, WI 54305    Make checks to NEW Audubon.**  
**Reservations required by May 5.** Call Juniper Sundance 920-826-2612 if you are not sure your registration will arrive in time.

## Check Your Mailing Label!

Your NEW Audubon membership number and expiration are printed on this newsletter's label. If you haven't paid local dues in the last 2 years, your expiration date is listed as 00/00 or is blank.

Your National Audubon expiration is also printed on the label. If your membership is about to expire, please consider renewing now. By renewing your national membership through us, more of your dues are kept in WI to promote environmental activities here.

## Support NEW Audubon

Your direct support annually enables us to offer more programs and services. NEW Audubon Society has 501(c)(3) status; your donations are tax deductible to the extent the IRS allows you.



## Membership Form

Mail to: NEW Audubon, PO Box 1  
Green Bay, WI 54305-0001

- Renew local NEW Audubon chapter & National Audubon Society:  
Special Offer! joint membership \$35
- New or renewed NEW Audubon chapter \$25
- Invite a friend! New national & local joint membership \$35
- Donation for NEW Audubon \_\_\_\_\_

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**(\$15 of national membership is for the Audubon Magazine and is not tax-deductible)**

## Your Time is Valuable

We want to provide a number of activities this coming year, but we can't do it without your help. Contact any board member or write to our PO Box 1 if you are able to spend a few hours 1) registering field trip participants on site—nice opportunity if you were planning on attending also, 2) staffing an information table at public events, 3) publicizing our events, 4) coordinating the newsletter, 5) improving the look of our website, or 6) serving on an Audit Committee.

### NEW Audubon Board

Board meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays monthly at 5:30 at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay.

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## A Monarch Adventure

On August 31, about 60 people participated in a NEW Audubon sponsored monarch tagging session at the Crossroads Nature Center in Door county. From all standpoints, it was very successful! Ann Shebesta, a monarch expert from Mishicot, presented an audiovisual

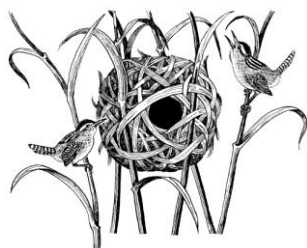
program. She "set the stage" and informed and inspired everyone to appreciate and net these magnificent creatures on their migration flight. A tract on the Crossroads property had acres of red clover in bloom---- a monarch favorite for nectar. Two hours of netting captured over 100 members of the order Lepidoptera, *Danaus plexippus*, and 100 were tagged. Monarch Watch --University of Kansas, provided the 100 tags. We are optimistically waiting for reports of any of our tagged butterflies being found in Mexico.

Ann Shebesta will be leading more monarch workshops for us. Join her July 18 at Baird Creek in Green Bay to learn how to raise monarchs from eggs, and on August 29 for another monarch tagging at Crossroads.

## Local Food Movement

Supporting local, sustainable agriculture benefits you, your local farmers, Wisconsin economy, and the environment. Even if crops aren't produced organically, local foods in season are fresher and save on transportation costs. While some analyses show that the transportation costs of food are a relatively minor part of the energy costs of producing food, buying local builds community. Buying direct from a farmer builds relationships between eater and grower. It teaches children about the land and where food comes from. Knowing part of the story about your food is a powerful part of enjoying a meal. Local food is an investment in the future, ensuring local small farmers can stay in business.

[adapted from UW Extension Nutrition Education Program]



## NEW Audubon Supports Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative

NEW Audubon has become a partner organization for the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative (WBCI) and has contributed to their Bird Protection Fund with the Natural Resource Foundation of Wisconsin, which supports bird conservation at the state level.

The WBCI, by partnering and receiving contributions from over 100 bird organizations, utilities, local conservation groups, environmental groups, nature centers, and hunting groups, has been able to do a lot for Wisconsin birds. Their accomplishments during their first six years are quite impressive.

Programs, projects, and resources by WBCI include urban bird workshops, migratory bird stopover habitat, education kits and other materials (K-college), 168 designated Important Bird Areas, a guide book of Important Bird Areas in Wisconsin, volunteer bird surveys, gull management seminars, international projects in Central America, and tours to Ecuador. They have written issue papers on wind power, birding ethics, effects of free-range cats, lead poisoning, and bird deaths by pesticides and by climate change.

Also included are outreach programs, bird placemats (great for kids!), five Wisconsin regional guidebooks, bird and nature trails, recreation programs, research on bird monitoring needs and on shorebird management, owl monitoring, citizen science opportunities, birder certification, bird monitoring, and a Wisconsin page on eBird:

[www.ebird.org/wi](http://www.ebird.org/wi)

For specific information on their many bird related opportunities, visit their web page at:

<http://www.wisconsinbirds.org>

To think that your membership in NEW Audubon helps do all those things! It gives one a good feeling!

## 3rd Annual Rachel Carson Contest

The US Environmental Protection Agency invites the public to submit creative projects to the 3rd annual Rachel Carson intergenerational "Sense of Wonder" contest. There are four categories: photography, essay, poetry and dance.

Also honored by Audubon's own award to Women in Conservation, Rachel Carson is considered the founder of the contemporary environmental movement inspired by her landmark book, *Silent Spring*. The deadline for entries is June 10. Winners will be announced in September 2009. More information is at <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>

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## Scouts Recycle To Build Bluebird Houses

Den 3 Scouts built bluebird houses from recycled lumber this winter. Their project meets the high expectations of Scouting for improving wildlife habitat and for reducing/reusing/recycling to improve society. These houses were chosen for display as centerpieces at the Blue-Gold Banquet for Pack 4052 of Denmark on February 15. When the ground thaws, they will be set up for the birds to use.

All the parents worked with their children, using the power tools to cut and prepare the wood and supporting their project, but a few really stand out. Chris Wellner, pack leader, sanctioned the project. Vickie Teresinski shared her knowledge of bluebirding and photography. Shaun Breit donated the wood from a home renovation. Al Schilke donated his professional shop and let the scouts assemble the houses there. His skills, supervision, and volunteered time are really appreciated.

NEW Audubon presented the cubs with certificates of appreciation at their monthly pack meeting in March. Den leader, Milo Sidwell, will be showing the cub scouts how to maintain a bluebird trail, using the trail set up on his property.



Left to Right: Front row: Gavin Glandt, Lucas Frutig, Jake Breit, Connor Christiansen, Jayson Wagner. 2nd row: Nathan Barnard, Alec Teresinski, Travis Wellner, Alex Sidwell, Max Schilke. 3rd row: Al Schilke. Photo by Vicki Teresinski.