



The HERON

Quarterly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Wild Feast Potluck

Wednesday, September 5, 5 pm

Lakeside Park, Denevue Creek Shelter

Our season kicks off with a potluck. Participants bring a dish made from wild plants, although conventional food is fine, too. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm. See more information on page 2.



Yardening with Mother Nature

Wednesday, October 10, 7 pm

MPTC, Room O-102

Margaret Mary Gerhard, environmentalist, teacher, and artistic recycler, will give a lively presentation on the marriage of your yard and garden! Develop a more eco-friendly, edible landscape that is safe, sensible, and water-wise.



Urban Wildlife Workshop: Manage Wildlife in Your Yard

Saturday, November 3, 9 am-1 pm

Fond du Lac Public Library, McLane Room

Back by popular demand, David Drake, UW-Madison professor and extension wildlife specialist, will share urban wildlife trends; identification; practices to create, enhance, and maintain urban wildlife habitat; and how to develop a wildlife management plan. See more info on page 4.



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www.fdlaudubon.org

Bird Seed Sale, October 6

Pre-order high quality seed.

See brochure or

download the order form online.

Community Shopping Night

December 6

Mark your calendars for this

event which benefits both

Audubon and Just Fare Market.

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AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

Wild Feast Potluck – September 5

Our annual Wild Feast Potluck will be held on Wednesday, September 5, starting at 5 pm.

Meet at the Denevue Creek shelter in Lakeside Park (east end of Harbor View Drive). We plan to be eating at 5:30 pm. Bring your own plate, cup, bowl, utensils, and beverage. Beer and wine are allowed.

Your contribution of food or drink to the potluck should include some wild ingredients or fresh produce from your garden. This is an opportunity to experiment and try something new. There are many edible weeds in your own yard. However, avoid areas treated with pesticides. Please bring a list of the ingredients or the recipe, so that people can avoid foods to which they may have an allergy.

Entrées from the past have included creamed dandelion greens, savory burdock patties, plantain casserole, daylily bud salad, garlic mustard pesto, venison stew, hickory nut cookies, and elderberry pie.

For more information on the Wild Feast Potluck, call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com.

Buckthorn Removal Sessions 2018

Please help! Our birds and wildlife are in trouble and loss of habitat is the leading cause.

A big problem plant in our area is European buckthorn. These bushes become so dense that nothing can grow beneath, resulting in bare soil and erosion. The habitat that buckthorn offers to birds is considered to be of poor quality and nests suffer more predation. The fruit offers little nutrition because of the laxative effect on the birds.

No experience is necessary. This will be a great opportunity to learn to identify the plant and how to control its spread. Wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Bring work gloves. All equipment will be supplied. ***All sessions are from 9–11 am. Cancelled in the event of steady rain.***

Peebles Trail (Prairie Road)

Meet on Prairie Road at the junction with the trail (about 1/4 mile south of Winnebago Drive).

Wednesday, October 3; Friday, October 5; and Monday, October 8

Tour at the International Crane Foundation

Saturday, September 29, 9 am

Join us for a trip to the International Crane Foundation on Saturday, September 29. We plan to carpool and leave at 9 am from the southwest corner of the Fleet Farm parking lot. We are scheduled for a guided tour of the world's cranes at 11 am. The cost is \$7.00 per person. After the tour, there will be time to explore the nature trails and visit the gift shop. We will leave the Foundation sometime around 1:30 pm and stop for lunch in the area or on the way home. We should return to Fond du Lac about 3:30 pm. Bring some water along for the time at the Crane Foundation. We would like to know how many people to expect for the tour. Please contact Diana Beck at 922-7931 or dianahbeck@gmail.com if you plan to come.



Peebles Trail (County Road K)

Meet on County Road K at the junction with the trail (1/3 mile south of Winnebago Drive).

Thursday, October 11; Monday, October 15; and Wednesday, October 17

Lallier Park

Meet at the southern end of Lallier Park on National Avenue.

Tuesday, October 23 and Friday, October 26

Hobbs Woods

Meet in the parking lot on S. Hickory Street, about 5 miles south of the city.

Wednesday, November 14 and Friday, November 16

For more information call 920-922-7931 or email dianahbeck@gmail.com

Initial Use of Stetter Environmental Education Funds

Fond du Lac County Audubon matched the Dave Stetter Environmental Education fund to sponsor a summer field trip for forty-six second through fifth-graders from the Fond du Lac Boys and Girls Club. On July 2, these children participated in hands-on nature study including an exploration hike, pond investigation, and insect observation at the Brillion Nature Center. Highlights of the adventure included catching and then returning a box turtle to the pond, seeing a fox snake slither through the grass on the exploration hike, and looking up close at the red legs of a grasshopper. A visit to the Brillion Nature Center was an especially appropriate inaugural use of the Dave Stetter EE funds as Jennifer (Louie) Lecker, Center Naturalist, began her interest in environmental studies on field trips with Dave Stetter.

The Brillion Nature Center, located within the DNR Brillion Wildlife Area, is a privately funded organization that offers year round nature programs for all ages. Approximately seven miles of trails through prairie, marsh, and woodland habitats are open to the public during daylight hours. The Nature Center building, which is open from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday, has animal mounts, live native animals, and hands-on exhibits.

The Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund was established in honor of Dave Stetter, long-time Fond du Lac Audubon member and local science teacher who highly valued youth outdoor education activities for developing an understanding and appreciation of the natural world. Those wishing to contribute to the fund to help support these activities may send checks to Mike Sweney, Fond du Lac Audubon treasurer at N5545 Winnvue Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937. Make checks payable to Dave Stetter EE Fund. Fond du Lac County Audubon is a 501c(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organization.



March for Science Rescheduled for September 22

The March for Science, which was originally scheduled for April 14, was cancelled due to the large winter storm. It is rescheduled for September 22.

There is a need to draw attention to the intentional misinformation that is being spread throughout our conventional media, social media, and the internet. “Alternative facts” are preventing our country from taking action on serious issues like climate change. Scientists are being harassed and pressured to delete inconvenient data. In some cases, they are not even allowed to conduct research on important issues. Then the interested parties claim that there are not enough facts to warrant action.

On Saturday, September 22, concerned citizens in the Fond du Lac area will meet at the north end of Main Street at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac. Gather at 9:45 am for a short rally beginning at 10 am. Then we will march south along Main Street on the sidewalks for about three quarters of a mile. The plan is to gather at the four corners of North Main and Johnson Streets and stay there for a half hour. Then we will march north on Main Street to return to Lakeside Park for a finishing rally, ending about noon.

Marchers are encouraged to bring signs. For passerby legibility, please make big signs with only a few large words. Suggestions for signs can be found on marchforscience.com or make up your own. Dress for the weather. For more information, contact dianahbeck@gmail.com or call 920-922-7931.

Audubon Board Welcomes Lou Rea Kenyon

Lou Rea Kenyon, a Rosendale native, is the newest member of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society Board of Directors.

- Animal/nature lover since childhood
- Profession: Nurse Practitioner
- Long-time environmentalist/political activist
- Board member in Florida: Sierra Club, County Humane Society, other environmental/political organizations
- Twenty-eight years as a wildlife rehabilitator, founded wildlife rehabilitation center, taught classes, and published wildlife rehabilitation articles and a book.

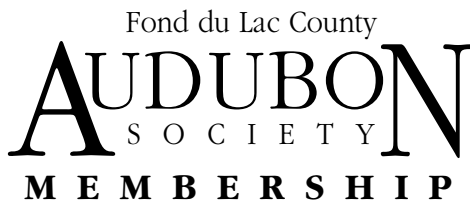




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via e-mail to evelyn@mcleancowan.com

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- Yes!** I want to become a member or renew my membership to the National Audubon Society, and the Fond du Lac County Chapter. The annual membership dues of \$40 entitle me to six issues of the Audubon magazine, and all local chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to Fond du Lac County Audubon.
- I am only interested in being a member and supporting the programs of the Fond du Lac County Audubon. The annual local membership dues of \$20 entitle me to receive the chapter newsletter and all chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to Fond du Lac County Audubon.
- I am a new member.
- Save trees. Please send the newsletter to me via email.

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Fond du Lac County Audubon, Membership Services
N5545 Winnvue Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Urban Wildlife Workshop: Manage Wildlife in Your Yard

You, too, can have a bit of the wilderness in your own backyard. Learn how at this workshop presented at the Fond du Lac Public Library by David Drake, UW-Extension wildlife specialist and professor in the UW-Madison Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology. The workshop is from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, November 3. The program is free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y8zjqhut> or at fdlpl.org and click Calendar. Refreshments will be served.

Participants will learn how to create, enhance, and manage habitats in urban and suburban areas to attract wildlife. Learn how to identify urban wildlife species, how to develop a backyard wildlife management plan, and how to manage wildlife damage.

Audubon Needs Storage Space

Over the years, our Audubon chapter has accumulated a variety of equipment. We have tables, awnings, display boards, wooden herons, extractigators for removing buckthorn, shovels, binoculars, etc. We are currently renting a storage unit of 5 x 10 feet at Dreifuerst Storage. The unit is about half filled. Audubon could save some money if there is a member with available storage space. The equipment only needs to be accessed occasionally. If you could possibly help us, that would be appreciated. Please contact Diana Beck at 920-922-7931 or dianahbeck@gmail.com.