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A Message from the Executive Director

LNRP has had a very successful 2012!

Thanks to a great group of partners, LNRP had what is probably one of its most successful years of programming and outreach this year. We were able to complete the restoration of Centerville Creek and look forward to finishing our work in the restoration of Hika Park in early 2013. We engaged four UW interns for water quality analysis as part of our Friends of Hika Bay work plan. We helped launch the Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed and the Little Manitowoc River Partnership. We funded another year of well testing in Calumet and Kewaunee Counties. We provided seed money to the very successful invasive species program in Door County. We help lead the steering committee of the Lake Michigan Stakeholders through further strategic planning and launched the LMS website. We hosted a Lakeshore Water Summit that engaged ten partner organizations. We co-hosted a climate change forum in Brown County. We launched a new fundraiser with introducing two varieties of organic coffee from the Terra Verde Coffeehouse in Chilton where LNRP receives 50% of all proceeds. The Water's Edge Artists launched another calendar and exhibit at the Rahr West Art Museum in Manitowoc. And, we were awarded the UW Chancellor's Wisconsin Idea Award for our collaborative efforts with UW Manitowoc. Additionally, our name has gotten out far and wide through the news media with articles and news releases.



We hope to continue our success in 2013 but need your financial support to make it happen. Please consider becoming a member of LNRP or one of our partner organizations: Niagara Escarpment Resource Network, the Water's Edge Artists, Friends of Hika Bay, Friends of the Branch River, Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed or the Little Manitowoc River Partnership. Only with an engaged membership can we successfully implement our mission – Cultivating Environmental Stewardship in the Lakeshore Region.

It's an honor to serve you,

Jim Kettler, Executive Director

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NERN Symposium Rescheduled

The Niagara Escarpment Resource Network (NERN) has rescheduled their exciting symposium, *Cultivating a Sense of Place: The Niagara Escarpment, the Great Lakes and Human Perception*, for January 10th and 11th, 2013 at UW-Green Bay, Phoenix Room, Student Union. The program will begin at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday and run through 12:30 P.M. on Friday.

The enhanced program includes topics like geo-tourism, the escarpment's industrial heritage, greenway and geo-park possibilities and tools for conservation and preservation. Keynote speaker, Karen Harwell, author of *Exploring a Sense of Place*, will provide a free copy of her book to the first 120

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Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership Receives 2012 'Wisconsin Idea' Award

We were gratified and surprised to receive the 2012 Wisconsin Idea Award from the UW Colleges and UW-Extension. UW Colleges and UW-Extension Chancellor Ray Cross presented the award to LNRP and Friends of Hika Bay at the institutions' Chancellor's Awards Reception, September 20, in Madison. The annual Chancellor's Awards recognize UW Colleges and UW-Extension partners, supporters and employees for their outstanding contributions to the quality of life in Wisconsin.

In giving the award, Cross praised LNRP and Friends of Hika Bay for bringing together the community and the university in the common goal to improve and preserve water quality in northeast and east-central Wisconsin.

UW-Manitowoc Campus Executive Officer and Dean Dr. Charles Clark nominated our two organizations for their "ongoing partnership and collaboration with university campuses and governmental agencies to provide students with a life-enhancing opportunity to get boots-on-the-ground, in-the-field experience in the biological sciences."

"The Wisconsin Idea emphasizes collaboration and extending the expertise of the University of Wisconsin beyond campus borders," Dr. Clark said. "This unique partnership among LNRP, Friends of Hika Bay, and UW campuses provides a model to improve our local habitat and society. The Award is a testament to the vision and energy of LNRP Executive Director Dr. Jim Kettler, Friends of Hika Bay Water Quality Chair Russ Tooley, and Village of Cleveland President Cindy Huhn to engage our biological science faculty and students with field trips and internships in water quality sampling and monitoring, bird tracking, and projects related to remediation of Centerville Creek, Hika Bay and Fischer Creek.

"Dr. Kettler and Russ Tooley have worked closely with UW-Manitowoc's Dr. Rebecca Abler and Dr. Richard Hein, professors of biological sciences, who wrote letters of support," Dr. Clark added.

Additionally, LNRP engaged previously during two semesters with UW-Madison Landscape Architecture students to re-design Hika Bay Park. Horticulture Department students at Lakeshore Technical College, Cleveland Campus, are involved in selecting, replanting and monitoring invasive plant species at Hika Bay as well.

Jim Kettler said, "We are deeply honored to be receiving such special recognition with this Award. It really goes to all the people who've been involved with us these last few years – residents, academia, Village trustees, and the students themselves."

The Wisconsin Idea Award honors individuals or organizations outside the UW (System) that have made significant contributions to society; the economy; the environment or the quality of life at the local, state, national or international level through involvement with the UW Colleges or UW-Extension.

Front row: Rebecca Abler, UW-Manitowoc associate professor of biological sciences; Jim Kettler, executive director of LNRP; Russ Tooley, water quality chair of FHB; Cindy Huhn, president of the Village of Cleveland. Back row: UW-Manitowoc CEO/Dean Charles E. Clark; Ethan Poling, UW-Manitowoc student; Chancellor Ray Cross



The Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) and the Friends of Hika Bay (FHB) are recipients of the University of Wisconsin Colleges and University of Wisconsin-Extension 2012 Chancellor's Wisconsin Idea Award for bringing together the community and the university in the common goal of improving and protecting water quality in northeastern Wisconsin. Chancellor Ray Cross (back row, right) congratulated some of those involved in the restoration of Centerville Creek at the Chancellor's Award Event Sept. 20, 2012, in Madison.

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Ten Groups Engage in LNRP Lakeshore Water Summit

On August 29th at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, LNRP brought together 30 representatives from

registrants. The reduced registration fee is intended to reach a wider audience with knowledge and tools.

"The Niagara Escarpment, a bold ridge of rock that spans the middle of the North American continent, stretches nearly 1,000 miles from eastern Wisconsin into Michigan's Upper Peninsula, across southern Ontario to western New York, where Niagara Falls, for which it is named, rushes over its ever-receding edge," NERN co-chair Eric Fowle explained.

"In Wisconsin, 'Love the Ledge' is a heartfelt expression. From the stark white bluffs along Green Bay on the Door Peninsula to vistas above Lake Winnebago and the Horicon Marsh, the escarpment forms much-beloved scenery. At this event, we will explore its unique natural character, its role in shaping our landscape, and its rich cultural history continue to define our 'sense of place' surrounding the escarpment, allowing us to connect to the land and to our past for generations to come."

We will send out complete details in the near future and will post news on our websites as well. You won't want to miss this great opportunity to start the new year learning about some old rocks with new eyes!



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Ridge & Swale Ecology Explored



On October 9th, 2012 at the Cleveland Campus of Lakeshore Technical College, a dozen people from the Friends of Hika Bay, Village of Cleveland and LNRP attended a presentation on ridge and swale ecology with Jon Gumtow from Stantec. Jon showed examples of ridge/swale systems, unique to large water bodies like the Great Lakes, and present at The Ridges Sanctuary in Baileys Harbor and Point Beach State Park north of Two Rivers.

In redesigning Hika Park in Cleveland, he stated the need to get clear objectives, consider how they'd like it to function and what they'd like it to look like. He and Ron Schaper from the Friends of Hika Bay said it's important to use materials on-site and keep it as natural as possible. The group can use adaptive management strategies allowing adjustments as needed given a commitment to make it work. A permit will be needed for trails so knowing the wetland boundary is important. Jon

10 citizen groups to network, share stories and learn more about our ongoing challenges with water quality in the lakeshore region. Organizations included the Calumet Co. and Kewaunee Co. Groundwater Guardians, Door County Environmental Council, Friends of Hika Bay, Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed, Friends of the Branch River, Friends of the Twin Rivers, Kewaunee Cares, Clean Water Action Council and Door Co. Property Owners.



Well tests in Kewaunee County demonstrate problems in 30% of those tested with pollution from nitrates, harmful bacteria or both and problems continue in Calumet County as well. A new citizen's group formed in Kewaunee County, Kewaunee Cares, to educate the public about groundwater issues along with other environmental challenges.

The summit's goal: to begin developing a collective message, *We All Live on the Water* as well as explore each organization's challenges and aspirations, and ultimately to engage in effective advocacy on these critical issues facing our ground and surface water quality.

LNRP President Chris Goebel welcomed participants and spoke to our mission of cultivating environmental stewardship in the lakeshore region. Ben Turschak, a graduate student at the WATER Institute in Milwaukee, addressed the science behind the abundance of the nuisance invader *Cladophora* along the Lake Michigan shoreline and presented data on Lake Michigan's water chemistry. He focused on the causes of algae blooms and subsequent algal mats along its shoreline, which degrade property values and lead to other bacterial invaders such as *E. Coli*, resulting in beach closings. The WATER Institute research has identified the Quagga mussel which converts phosphorus from polluted runoff into dissolved P creating the algal mats. This small invader filters water so effectively that it disrupts the food chain for deep-water fisheries.

Specific trends regarding groundwater and nitrates were addressed by UWEX - Stevens Point scientist Kevin Masarik who analyzes groundwater from county well testing. His data indicates that septic systems are not the major contributor to nitrate leaching with less than 32 septic systems per 10 acres when compared to land use dominated by corn production. He acknowledged that nutrient management rules for landowners are not written to protect groundwater from exceeding safe nitrate levels. Kevin also said it really should be up to local communities to decide how to balance the needs of their community, whether their priority is successful conventional agricultural practices or providing safe drinking water.

The group discussed key issues concluding that communities dominated by one land use will continue to have nitrate issues with their ground and surface waters. Those striving for diversity in land use may be able to provide safer drinking water, of which conventional agriculture can be a part. Other land uses -- such as crop diversity and less intensive agriculture, better manure management (less dependence on commercial fertilizers), new technology and non-agricultural land use -- could reduce the amount of nitrogen applied in the whole area.

Discovery Farms' Eric Cooley spoke about surface water and phosphorus runoff from agricultural fields. They collected water quality data from crop fields during rain events, measuring different field tillage practices and nutrient management to figure out which reduce phosphorus runoff the most. No-till or reduced till works to reduce soil erosion and particulate phosphorus but lead to higher dissolved phosphorus. Researchers are trying to find additional best management practices to effectively reduce particulate phosphorus.

Each group presented its goals, successes and challenges. State Senator Joe Leibham joined them over the working lunch and addressed the need to hear from people about their concerns. Senator Leibham sees that as his responsibility to his constituents and encouraged all of us to send e-mails or call him on specific issues related to the environment and water quality.

The River Alliance of Wisconsin's Allison Werner presented tools for effective advocacy for clean water and how to communicate our message. She suggested inviting legislators on a tour to view how water quality impacts people's everyday lives, especially where there is a problem or following a remediation.

Participants of the Summit felt the networking, sharing of stories and gaining ideas were most impressive. With that foundation, others found the morning presentations (Ben, Kevin and Eric) and toolbox (Allison) most useful because of the integrity of the information presented. Most would like to see follow up workshops, bringing ideas from the gathering to the forefront. As a result of their attendance, all organizations will incorporate the *We All Live On The Water* campaign into their own action plans, with LNRP keeping them updated and bridging the gap between various groups to start a dialogue on the challenging topics discussed at the Summit. People evaluated the Summit with high praise, expressing they came out of it inspired. LNRP will be meeting with the groups this fall and winter to explore next steps. The Summit was made possible with funding from Freshwater Future.

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Sense of Place: Logan Creek, Town of Jacksonport, Door County

Just south of Jacksonport in Door County, off Highway 57, amid the Peninsula's breathtaking beauty, lies a quiet, hidden refuge known as Logan Creek Natural Area. This 166-acre property lies west of Clark Lake and east of Lake Michigan, and is a designated Outstanding Water Resource containing a Class 1 trout stream fed by a complex of springs. Owned in trust by The Ridges Sanctuary, the Wisconsin DNR designated Logan Creek as a State Natural Area in 2007.

suggests sticking with the plan Ron described and dealing with the invasive species. Friends of Hika Bay need to plan for a topography and vegetation survey early next spring; determine the wetland delineation for whole area; and conduct thorough soil sampling. The group will need to spend a year clearing invasive species seeds from the soil before introducing native plants such as cedars, white and yellow birch and hemlock. Jon's presentation and the ensuing discussion helped clarify the next steps for Hika Park. Stay tuned as this project progresses.

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Manitowoc/Two Rivers YMCA Hosts Community Paddle



Joe Metzen, Community Development Director, for the Manitowoc County YMCA hosted an 'awareness paddle' October 6th, 2012 with the help of Wendy Lutzke, Environmental Educator at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, the Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed, and Manitowoc School District. The event was funded by the DNR River Planning Grant received by the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership.

Metzen said 40 people participated from as far away as Plymouth, consisting of 23 kayaks and canoes. Most were privately owned but the Manitowoc School District brought kayaks for participants without boats. Wendy Lutzke gave a quick presentation on the ecology of the Manitowoc River and a history of the watershed before the group embarked on the 4-5 mile paddle from Manitowoc Park to the YMCA in downtown Manitowoc.

He added, "We had great feedback from the paddlers. We learned they are willing to stick around after the event and discuss what they learned. Next year, we will host two events before July 1st and include an educational program following the paddle."

"We are thrilled at this collaborative effort with LNRP, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed, the Manitowoc School District and the YMCA."

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Sturgeon Bay resident and long-time environmental steward (2010 Champion of Champions) and Sevastopol educator/principal/superintendent Carl Scholz named Logan Creek as one of his favorite places. On a visit and tour with Scholz in early autumn, he delighted us with his stories and recollections leading to its special designation.

Situated along the north shore of Clark Lake, with more than 3,000 feet on the lake, Logan Creek features a lovely northern forest dominated by white cedar and black ash along with a variety of wildflowers. Pools between the hummocks reveal marsh marigolds and rare ferns and it hosts many breeding birds.

Once a year, Scholz likes to canoe the waters of Lost Creek with ponds that are full of fish. Lost Lake is the source of Logan Creek. Most of its water comes from natural springs near the property which contains the entire watershed. When viewed from Mr. G's Logan Creek Grille along Highway 57, standing on the bridge over the Creek we could see the watercross beneath the surface of the clear, cold water. The ridges and swales lie downstream from there, Scholz told us. Stepping onto that bridge and gazing upstream took us into another world seemingly miles away from the traffic on the nearby state highway.

"One day we may even see the trout come back," he said, "but presently The Ridges doesn't have enough resources. Residents used to get their drinking water from the abundant springs in the area. It could be kept as a brook trout sanctuary."

Scholz said that in 2000, Lost Lake and Logan Creek were offered for a \$10,000 easement. "The Logan Creek property would have been developed without its designation as a wildlife reserve. Owner Frank Butts, in the throes of a terminal illness and its financial hardship, had been offered a lucrative price from an out-of-the-area individual. He contacted me and asked...(me) to arrange a sale that would preserve his precious property. A few weeks prior, an anonymous donor had met with me and offered \$100,000 for a Ridges project. I recommended to The Ridges board that we purchase the Butts' land. With some dissension, the board agreed and the property line was drawn, without the buildings, and we offered \$1,000 per acre for 112 acres total. Frank was pleased and finally gave sale approval on his death bed. I contacted The Nature Conservancy in Madison for a \$100,000 loan and they wired us the money."



Carl Scholz accepting the Spring 2010 Champion of Champions Conservation award presented by Dominion and LNRP.

"Frank was a good friend of mine who told me many times that his beautiful land in the Town of Jacksonport must be preserved for posterity. He was an avid conservationist who wanted the property to be accessible to everyone."

The Shivering Sands, 4,000 acres of dunes and swales, runs beneath the Logan Creek property. The Door County Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy recognize its importance with its fine array of plants, avian species, amphibians, reptiles and mammals, as well as a variety of landscape communities. In 2005, the Land Legacy Report gave the Sands its highest rating for 'lands of conservation importance.' Its source is Lower Dunes Lake. "The Shivering Sands was the site of the oldest limnology study in the world," Scholz explained. The Conservancy added about 600 acres to the site.

To get to the property from Highway 57 and County V in Jacksonport, head south on 57 2.6 miles and south on Lortz Road ¼ mile to the parking lot on the east side of the road.

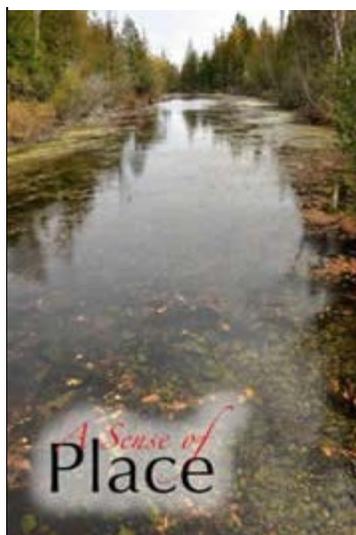
If you're out and about in Door County, seek out this quietly beautiful place. Walk or cross-country ski the trails at the Logan Creek property. Sit and let its beauty infuse you. Follow the boardwalk across its boggy area. It just may invigorate you and quiet your mind. In any case, you won't want to miss it.

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Beach Ecology, Succession, and Why Invasive Species Matter

On the stormy night of October 25th, some 15 hearty folks came to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum for an informative discussion on Beach Ecology. The seminar was the first of three public seminars offered by the Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed. The group was established in February, 2012 and has 32 members.

Carolyn Rock, WDNR Naturalist/Educator at Whitefish Dunes State Park in Door County, said the key components of a beach are vegetative matter, water movement, sand composition,



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"Marsh Meanderings"
by Bonnita Budysz
Collins Marsh, Manitowoc County

Local Friends Group Pitches in to Make a Difference



Warmwaters Beach (Foreground - Kathie Nelson, Background - Sara Kinsella)

Photo taken by Wendy Lutzke

On September 15th, the Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed (FMRW) with citizen volunteers from around the Lakeshore area came out to demonstrate their concern about the health of our beaches. Approximately 173 hard working individuals participated in the Adopt-a-Beach event, sponsored by the Alliance for the Great Lakes. The FMRW assigned leaders to 11 city beaches, and with Alliance support, provided all the needed materials and supplies to make the clean-up event a success.

FMRW organizer Kim Kettner said, "We are proud of our community and want to make a difference in an on-going effort to support the water quality issues in our watershed. Through this activity alone, we collected over 366 pounds of litter, with cigarette filters being the most plentiful. Other items we collected included tires, plastic bags, aluminum cans, glass bottles and cups.

"The FMRW membership includes every sector of the population from students to teachers, local employees, Franciscan Sisters and other concerned citizens. We thank all who participated, especially our leaders who stepped up to keep each beach crew on task with the end result being beautiful beaches for everyone to enjoy."

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Sustainability Fair Returns to Door County in 2013



beach and shoreline topography and external influences. "Results from our beach research at Whitefish Dunes is totally different than what we thought it would be...Vegetation varies from native to invasive species, and location and quantity...and it turns out glaciers create smooth rocks, not the sand or water. If we based our communities on watersheds instead of counties, our cities would look very different. Our recent experience of the longest low water on record underscores our need to pay attention and do what we can to adapt to and mitigate our changing climatic conditions."

they've discovered in exploring their ridge and swale communities. Woodland Dunes' property contains 14 old beach ridges up to 5,000 years old. While succession ecology is supposed to be 'gradual and orderly...(leading to) a stable climax,' it rarely happens that way and nature destroys and rebuilds through wind, storms, fire, and drought. Sunlight is the ultimate controlling factor for beach succession and determines what plant species will thrive. The ridge swale communities are fragile and highly changeable, relying on plant communities to stabilize them.

Tom Ward, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Manitowoc County, addressed the issues and ongoing challenges with invasive plant species. He said that Phragmites and other species could take over our road ditches and are already being found on our beaches. Their pervasive nature and ability to spread quickly make them difficult to control. Participants left with a greater appreciation for the complexity of managing our Lake Michigan beaches for aesthetics and water quality since "We All Live on the Water!"

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Will Allen Wows Crowd at 4th Annual Barn Dance & Chautauqua

Nearly 300 participants packed the tent and 150-year-old restored and festively decorated barn at the recent 4th Annual Barn Dance & Chautauqua at the historic Saxon Homestead Farm in Cleveland near the shore of Lake Michigan in Manitowoc County. Many people joined us for the first time to celebrate Wisconsin farms, locally-sourced food and our rural communities, Saturday, September 22, 2012.



Event organizers offered a fresh feature this year with Will Allen, founder and CEO Milwaukee's Growing Power, at a Chautauqua gathering in the main tent at 5:30. His clear and cogent presentation lasting more than an hour underscored why he received the 2008 MacArthur 'Genius Award' for his extensive vision and capability to grow his organization, Growing Power, from nothing to a \$10 million enterprise that is transforming food deserts in our region's inner cities to extensive urban vegetable gardens through intensive composting, bringing life back into blighted and forgotten places, all with sustainable practices and innovative approaches.

This former professional basketball player and longtime farmer is well recognized as a major transformer of agriculture and food policy. He joined the First Lady Michelle Obama in 2010 with her launch of the White House's "Let's Move" campaign to address issues impacting America's youth and the increasing risk of obesity. Most recently, in 2012 he received the NCAA Theodore Roosevelt Award, the highest the National Collegiate Athletic Association can bestow on a former collegiate athlete.

Using methods developed over his lifetime, Allen trains residents in mainly urban areas to become community farmers. Allen is the son of a share cropper who chose to put his boundless energy into changing the world after he left basketball. After Allen's motivating presentation, Saxon's Karl Klessig announced that our Barn Dance theme will now include rural and urban agriculture. Participants wondered when he ever sleeps!

Folks were once again delighted with the delicious and varied locavore menu and danced the night away to the invigorating Buffalo Joe band. Proceeds from this event help support Partnering for Progress: Celebrating Rural Communities, a collaboration of the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP), Gathering Waters Conservancy, and the Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers. This year's event raised a record \$30,000 before expenses and organizers are incredibly grateful for all the support in these challenging economic times. Plans are already underway for next year's celebration, our 5th, so stay tuned for more information in summer of 2013.

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Water's Edge Artists Launch 2012 Visions of Water Exhibit & 2013 Lakeshore Waterways Calendar



Sustainability fans mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27th, 2013 to attend the next Door County Sustainability Fair. This event will take place in downtown Sturgeon Bay at both Graham and Martin Parks.

Exhibits from local vendors and producers will once again feature everything from renewable energy to organic, locally sourced food. Interactive events will engage and educate participants.

The Fair promotes Door County's social, economic, and environmental sustainability to ensure a viable planet for our grandchildren. That's the central theme with everything Sustain Door does.

Stay tuned for more details coming late fall or early next year. Check out www.SustainDoor.org for more information.

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Mishicot Riverwalk



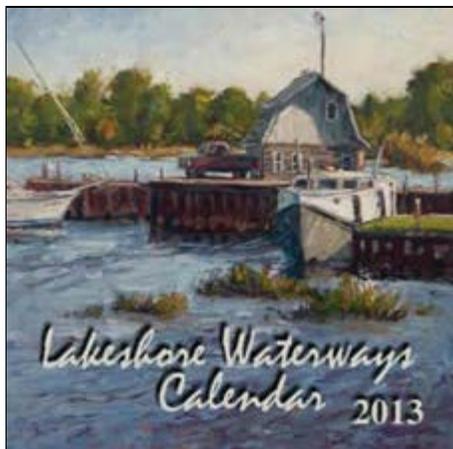
The next phase of the Mishicot Riverwalk project is nearing completion. A handicap-accessible paved pathway leads from the top of a hill by the VFW building to the East Twin River where the public can enjoy the view from a deck overlooking the river. The pathway makes this area much more accessible to the general public, reports Virginia Parlato from the Mishicot Area Growth and Improvement Committee (MAGIC).

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For the fifth consecutive year, the Rahr-West Art Museum in Manitowoc hosted the 2012 'Visions of Water' Exhibit featuring the Water's Edge Artists (WEA), September 29th to November 4th, in Manitowoc. The opening reception was held October 7th and WEA Artistic Director Bonnita Budysz presented a live painting demonstration on November 3rd and 4th at the close of the show. This year's show ran an additional week.



Calling themselves 'painters for preservation,' the regional plein air artists collaborate with the LNRP, sharing proceeds from sales resulting from LNRP/WEA events and exhibits. This partnership began in 2006 and their first annual calendar was produced for 2009.

This event features the juried selections for the 2013 Lakeshore Waterways Calendar along with 20 additional pieces chosen by the artists. Best in show, which appears on the cover, was a painting done by Russell Schwindt. Artists new to the group chosen for the 2013 calendar include Ken Marsden of Marinette and Robert Theaker of Two Rivers. The other selected artists are Bonnita Budysz of Two Rivers, Russ Schwindt of Manitowoc, Cynthia Tumpach of Green Bay, Madonna Siles of Door County, Jeffry Young of Green Bay, Mary Rypel Anderson of Abrams, Karen DeNoto of Sturgeon Bay, Phyllis Verhyen of Greenleaf and Betsy Bultman Spry of Green Bay.

Budysz said, "Our group of artists continues to grow and expand with venues and painting opportunities, as well as in numbers. This year, three artists traveled to Maine in late

August to paint its harbors and shorelines, and completed an Oil Painters Of America event in Pembine the weekend of September 15th."

"We meet monthly throughout the year, the first Friday and Saturday of the month with our members and guests. We painted on Washington Island in Door County October 5th and 6th and at 1000 Island Nature Preserve in Kaukauna November 2nd and 3rd. All artists are welcome to join us for these activities." Check out their website, www.LNRP.org/art for their scheduled paint-outs and other events and to view the artwork for sale.

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Forum Addresses Climate Change in Brown County and Beyond



Some 50 people, representing business, industry, agriculture, community organizations and government came together for a two-day forum October 16th and 17th at St. Norbert's College in DePere. Co-hosted by the NEW Wilderness Alliance and the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP), the event explored implications related to our changing weather patterns for our region and the range of impacts we can expect in the Lower Fox and Wolf watersheds.

In the afternoon of the first day, speakers discussed the tipping point for adapting to climate change and mitigating its impacts. Oliva Cohn presented data gathered from the ongoing planning and implementation of adaptation initiatives in the City of Chicago. Abigail Derby-Lewis, from the Field Museum, addressed their research into anticipated regional impacts and why adaptation strategies are essential. Todd Ambs, President of the National River Network, spoke to the critical need to protect our waterways and watersheds. Facilitator-led cluster groups met to address strategies and challenges facing municipalities, business and industry, agriculture, and public health.

Over dinner, former Wisconsin DNR Secretary George Meyer, now with the National Wildlife Federation, encouraged the audience to "fight for what you believe in," underscoring the need for advocacy to protect our environment.

Day two's events included the work of Luxemburg School District students, led by Charlie Frisk, in the national Environthon and his other extensive experiential environmental educational efforts. Bill Hafz of the Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department discussed the dire impacts of phosphorus pollution and how it relates to land use practices. Melissa Malott of Clean Wisconsin addressed the phosphorus rule and the role adaptive management options for communities. Stan Gruszynski, a former legislator, gave a rousing call to action and the need to reach out beyond our comfort zone to help create change. Facilitators reported on the work of the cluster groups the previous afternoon.

NEW Wilderness Alliance's Paul Linzmeyer is following up with each of the cluster groups regarding next steps. Our collective hope is to translate these findings into planning and action plans so we can adapt appropriately to our extreme weather events. The forum was made possible by a grant from Freshwater Future and partner donations.

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"Waiting for Spring"
by Jeffrey Young
Saint Norbert Abbey, Brown County

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