

# CCLC Field Notes



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## 2009 Annual Meeting at Larrabee Lake

Celebrate the Bogs of Chippewa County at the 2009 Annual Member Meeting of the Chippewa County Land Conservancy. Join us for an expertly guided visit to the Polder Preserve on Larrabee Lake, stay for the pizza, and learn about the Chippewa County Land Conservancy.

To bring:

- Rubber boots or waders!
- Life jacket
- Canoe (optional)

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2009

**Time:** 5:30 PM for the Bog Tour

**Place:** Larrabee Lodge, 27895 St Hwy 40, New Auburn (2.5 miles north of Co Hwy M)

Susan Borman, a well-known area botanist and aquatic plant specialist, will guide the explorers on their visit to the bog. She'll show us the plants and trees of the bog as well as explain how the bog ecosystem works. If the weather is disagreeable, she'll give an indoor presentation instead.

*Polder Preserve at Larrabee Lake*



*You might win a copy of Dr. Kemper's book, Birds of Chippewa Land - See p. 5*

Susan has recently completed a PhD in Conservation Biology, in which she studied the effects of development on lakes. Earlier, while working with the DNR, she co-authored **Through The Looking Glass**, still the "bible" of aquatic plant identification in Wisconsin.

The Polder Preserve is a 40 acre tract of boggy wetland and open water on Larrabee Lake, donated in 2003 by Dr. Gordon

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<i>What we've accomplished</i>	<p><b>West Central Wisconsin Lake Fair</b> at Lake Wissota State Park - We had a large display and informed people about our activities. We were especially pleased to have been visited by the Director of Wisconsin State Parks, Dan Schuller, and his wife.</p>
<i>Outreach</i>	<p><b>Leadership in Conservation Awards</b> - CCLC was instrumental in nominating Chippewa County Land Conservation's County Stewardship program for a national award. The county's program was recognized as the small county runner-up for the national recognition two years in a row.</p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b> - The Kemper Woods Annual Meeting in May had a record attendance for the outdoor event, despite the threat (and reality) of rain.</p> <p><b>Earth Day 2009</b> - CCLC was represented by board members at this well-attended event in Eau Claire near the campus. In addition to a younger audience, we met several elected officials as well.</p>
<i>Land Management</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p><b>Buckthorn Management at Boyd Park</b> - Our first buckthorn management field day at Boyd Park drew a healthy participation of volunteers to identify and remove the invasive plant that has made a big impact on the park. The ability of buckthorn to totally replace all native vegetation was evident, and the resulting mountain of pulled and cut vegetation was testimony to the hard work.</p>
<i>Land Protection: New Projects</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p><b>Easements</b> - Two easements have been in active negotiation for most of the year. A third project will be delayed until a better time for the landowner to pursue it.</p> <p><b>Land donations</b> - We were disappointed to learn that the wishes of one prospective donor that we were working with will not be carried out due to the couple's unexpected passing.</p>
<i>Community</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p><b>Living Land Endowment</b> - This endowment fund, administered under the Community Foundation of Chippewa</p>



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	<p>County, seeks to build an endowment that can fund land acquisition and protection projects in the future. An effort is being made to raise funds for this endowment, and we contributed \$500 to help get the fund-raising off the ground. Our projects could ultimately be among the beneficiaries of this fund after it is fully funded.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Add to the Living Land Endowment: <a href="http://www.comfdncc.org">www.comfdncc.org</a> or PO Box 153, Chippewa Falls WI 54729</i></p>
<p><i>Multiply your donation of land!</i></p>	<p>Did you know that your outright donation of a parcel of land can multiply? The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund considers land you donate outright to the Conservancy as a match against a Stewardship grant to purchase an additional conservation property. You get all the tax benefits of the donation, and cause an additional benefit as well. Contact us to learn more about this opportunity.</p>
<p><i>Election of Directors: Elect three at Annual Meeting</i></p>	<p>Three board members will be elected at our annual meeting on May 12 at the Larrabee Lodge. Two are seeking re-election while the third is seeking election to his first full term on the board.</p> <p>John Molloy and Pat Andress have served on the board for several years (John since 2000, and Pat since 2003) and are eager to continue serving. Both John and Pat serve on the outreach committee.</p> <p>Jerry Sazama, newly appointed to the board last year, is running for a full term. Jerry retired in the fall from Chippewa County's corporation counsel office and brings a wealth of experience in working with landowners on land acquisition activity for the county. As an attorney, he provides critical advice on legal matters as well. So far, Jerry's been involved in negotiations with landowners and their attorneys on behalf of the Conservancy.</p>

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<p><i>To do list:</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Re-new CCLC Member-ship</i></p>	<p>Membership in the Chippewa County Land Conservancy pays dividends to the land, to our communities, and to those who will pass this way in the future. In 2008-9, your membership gave us the support we needed to pursue our mission of protecting natural and scenic lands in the Chippewa County area. As an all-volunteer land trust, our costs are minimal compared to some, but our responsibilities to our communities and to the landowners who have entrusted us with their land in perpetuity are huge. We can not thank you enough for your support in this work.</p> <p>Please renew your membership for another year. Our costs for appraisals, title insurance, other legal costs, taxes, and routine expenses are not insignificant for a small organization such as ours.</p> <p>An annual membership renewal form is included with this newsletter. While you're at it, why not give a gift membership to another who shares your interest in saving the places we love in Chippewa County.</p>
<p><i><u>Protecting your land!</u></i></p>	<p>Local land trusts promote a variety of conservation options that provide permanent protection for significant areas. Most often, these options target land and water resources with natural, recreational, scenic, historic, or productive value. For conservation-minded landowners, such protection strategies are both practical and essential to preserving the land.</p> <p>In order to ensure permanent protection, a landowner may choose to donate property or a conservation easement to a land trust. An easement places protective restrictions on present and future uses while the landowner retains ownership and use of the land. In all cases, the land trust and landowner work together to create a protection strategy that meets the conservation needs of the land as well as the financial needs of the landowner.</p> <p>For more information, contact the Chippewa County Land Conservancy (723-1999).</p>

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<p><i>2009 Annual Meeting - con't from page 1</i></p>	<p>Polder in memory of his late wife, Sarah Kennedy. It is adjacent to another block of property on which West Wisconsin Land Trust holds a conservation easement.</p> <p>Pine, spruce, and tamarack, as well as wetland shrubs, mosses, and plants, are the predominant plants found on this property which provides a scenic backdrop for diners at the Larrabee Lodge.</p> <p>For those not wishing to venture onto the lake, we'll explore some of the colorful cultural history of the area.</p> <p>After pizza and beverages, Conservancy activities will be reviewed and board members will be elected.</p> <p>A drawing will be held for a copy of Dr. Charles Kemper's book on his life-long observations of birds in the Chippewa Valley, <b>Birds of Chippewa Land</b>.</p> <p>Long Lake area residents interested in the natural environment of northwest Chippewa County are especially invited to join us to learn and share their knowledge of this unique natural area.</p> <p>A few canoes and rowboats will be available, as well as personal flotation devices. You may wish to bring your own (especially PFD's). Waterproof boots or waders are also desirable for walking on the bog.</p>																																
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<i>Our Conservation Scorecard</i>	<p><b>5 Conservation Easements</b>  <b>3 Properties Owned</b>  <b>1 Property Transferred to Local Government</b>  <b>720 acres Protected</b></p>																												
<i>Did you know?</i>	<p>Each year America loses two million acres of farms, forests and open spaces.</p> <p>More than 100,000 acres of wetlands are destroyed each year.</p> <p>The Chippewa County Land Conservancy is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.</p>																												
<i>Thanks To Our Supporters</i>	<p>Our organization requires funds for the expenses involved in conserving land. We have received many donated services, but appreciate the financial support of the following donors during 2008:</p> <p>Individuals:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Pat Andress</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Burt &amp; Alice Brovold</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jacque &amp; Dan Cloninger</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ruth Anne Gilbertson &amp; John Lauson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marilyn Holte</td> <td>Gerald &amp; Mary Jacobson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Joas</td> <td>Bill Kroll</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ronald &amp; J. Lynne Krueger</td> <td>Bill &amp; Karen Lea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sally L. Lewis</td> <td>Richard A. Magyar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dan Masterpole &amp; Kathy Lembezeder</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Nashold</td> <td>Kenneth &amp; Judy Parejko</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Karen &amp; John Possley</td> <td>Alison Sazama</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gerald Sazama</td> <td>Don &amp; Mary Schaefer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dan &amp; Ida Simonson</td> <td>Steve Thon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard Smith &amp; Pat McKearn</td> <td>Bill &amp; Peggy Sprague</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Vogelsang</td> <td>Robert &amp; Ellen Wing</td> </tr> </table> <p>Businesses:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Northwestern Bank.</p> <p><i>Important &gt;</i> Your membership support tells others that our goals are shared by a broad cross-section of the community!</p> <p>Please renew your support today! Contributions to the Conservancy qualify as tax deductible charitable contributions.</p>	Pat Andress	Burt & Alice Brovold	Jacque & Dan Cloninger		Ruth Anne Gilbertson & John Lauson		Marilyn Holte	Gerald & Mary Jacobson	Joe Joas	Bill Kroll	Ronald & J. Lynne Krueger	Bill & Karen Lea	Sally L. Lewis	Richard A. Magyar	Dan Masterpole & Kathy Lembezeder		David Nashold	Kenneth & Judy Parejko	Karen & John Possley	Alison Sazama	Gerald Sazama	Don & Mary Schaefer	Dan & Ida Simonson	Steve Thon	Richard Smith & Pat McKearn	Bill & Peggy Sprague	Steve Vogelsang	Robert & Ellen Wing
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<p><i>Please... Join or Renew Today!</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Done for 2009!</p>	<p>Yes, I want to continue to support land conservation in the Chippewa County area as a member of the Chippewa County Land Conservancy!</p> <p><b>Membership Level:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$25)                      <input type="checkbox"/> Student (\$15)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$35)                              <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate (\$100)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional Contribution (_____) <i>Great idea!</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to volunteer. Please contact me.</p> <hr/> <p>Name</p> <hr/> <p>Address</p> <hr/> <p>City, State, Zip</p> <hr/> <p>Phone</p> <hr/> <p>E-mail</p> <p>Please send to Chippewa County Land Conservancy, PO Box 884, Chippewa Falls WI 54729.</p> <p><i>Thank you!</i></p>

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<p><i>Our mission and vision</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Mission of the Chippewa County Land Conservancy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To protect and preserve natural and scenic Chippewa County Lands.</li> </ul> <p><b>Our Vision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retain greenspace as growth occurs</li> <li>Protect groundwater and a healthy environment</li> <li>Keep a Central Park (Irvine Park) Vision: thinking about the future landscape and how to integrate greenspaces into it</li> <li>Maintain the quality of life through a connection with nature</li> <li>Protect land at a scale that an individual person could not achieve</li> <li>Preserve scenic beauty</li> <li>Provide subsequent generations with at least the natural resources that we have</li> <li>Protect from the effects of global warming</li> <li>Protect biodiversity</li> <li>Offer alternatives to development</li> </ul> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>
<p><i>We'd love to see you!</i></p>	<p>The Chippewa County Land Conservancy Board of Directors meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at XMI, 8296 Commerce Pkwy, Chippewa Falls WI 54729.</p> <p>Any member is welcome and encouraged to attend a board meeting, or to get involved by helping on a committee. The Land Stewardship and Outreach committees especially encourage your participation. For ways you can get involved, please call any board member or call Alison Sazama, 715 723-1999 x112.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.chippewaconservancy.com">www.chippewaconservancy.com</a></p>