



It's Our Nature

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July 8 FVSG Annual Picnic

Meet Around 5:30 p.m.

Please bring:

- a dish to pass
- your own plate & utensils
- beverages

Grills are available. We may go hiking before eating so bring your hiking shoes! State park sticker is required for all vehicles.

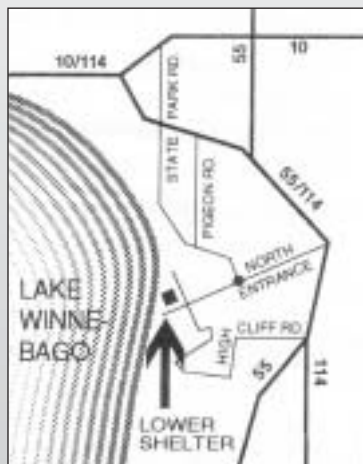
Call Chris Calhoun with questions at 993-1446

High Cliff State Park

This gem of a park on the Niagara Escarpment has hiking trails with striking vistas, swimming, marina, camping, an Indian Mound site and nature center.

To visit the park, a State Park sticker is required for all vehicles - or you can hike, bike, or boat in.

We will have our picnic in the lower shelter near the beach.



In Search of Smarter Growth

by Sharon Duerkop

Stemming from 1999 state legislation, a place near you may be working on a Smart Growth plan that needs to be completed by 2010. I attended such a meeting in May that was sponsored by the Outagamie County Planning Department. We looked at ideas like what do we value about our county, what are its strengths and threats, what done differently in the past would have improved our situation now and what is our vision of the county in 2025. This county intends to do their plan in-house, sans consultants, with an attempt to roll local plans up into the county plan. There will be plenty of chances for public input - your input - in these or other local planning meetings. Please take advantage of them. Too often we only get involved after the bulldozer's at the door of our favorite places. There are 14 areas to be addressed in Smart Growth plans. The one perhaps closest to most of our hearts is "Protection of natural areas, including wetlands, wildlands, wildlife habitats, lakes, woodlands, open spaces and groundwater resources." Outagamie intends to address this issue in the summer. Find out where your community stands in Smart Growth planning and add your voice to protecting its natural resources for future generations.

Note: Find more info, minutes and reports on Outagamie's planning at:

www.co.outagamie.wi.us/planning/smartgrowth/index.html

Environmental Award Nominee

This year we only received one nomination for Fox Valley Sierra Group's Environmental Award. You will have the option to vote for the nominated party or to vote for no one to win the award.

Your Vote Will Make a Difference

Please vote for who you think should win the FVSG Environmental Award for 2004.

The second blank allows both members of a joint membership to vote.

___ ___ **Sokaogon Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi Tribes**

___ ___ **None**

Name(s) of Voter _____

*Hand in your ballot at one of our meetings or mail by **August 3rd** to:
Charlie Paine, N8172 Firelane 13, Menasha, WI 54952-9650*

Sokaogon Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi Tribes

"Ours" proclaimed the cartoon banner placed by tribe representatives over a sign reading "Crandon Mine" as a crowd of smiling feathered, furred, scaled and shelled critters gathered around to take it in. What a long battle! What a great beginning! The October 28th headline announcing the Sokaogon Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi \$16.5 million purchase of Nicolet Minerals Co, the mineral rights and some 5,000 acres saved the Northwoods from the largest hardrock mine in state history and was 2003's shining victory. Although many shared in the long journey, I nominate the Sokaogon Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi tribes for FVSG's 2004 Environmental Award for their leadership, commitment, dogged determination and resourcefulness in bringing to a successful conclusion their living out of their 7th generation principles for the benefit of all Wisconsin's peoples, plants and animals.

The saga of the Crandon Mine is convoluted: a series of mine owners revising the "how" strategy, local political splits and valiant legal challenges, state-wide advocacy for a mining moratorium and cyanide

legislation, and protracted state-level scientific analysis. It is a weighty project to do extraction business in Wisconsin - as it should be. Sustainable resources taking millennia in the making should not be lost to future generations in a mere 30 years to a boom-and-bust industry that leaves a toxic time bomb.

The tribes sensed from the beginning the potential impact of a mining disaster to their way of life and to all in the Wolf River basin: the impact on their rice beds, 16 million tons of toxic waste a threat to groundwater forever, the use of cyanide for minerals extraction, and the affect of water level manipulations on



Porcupine

A porcupine scurries up a tree near the Peshtigo River in Athlentine.

wetlands. A major victory in the fight was a federal judge's 1999 decision affirming the Sokaogon Chippewa's right to set reservation water quality rules to protect their rice beds. A 2001 Forest County Potawatomi poll found 55% of Wisconsinites opposed the mine, 75% supported a cyanide ban in mining and 80% favored refusing mining permits to historical polluters. A coalition of anti-mine group's 2002 attempt to persuade the state to purchase the land failed. A crack in the door opened when then mine owner Northern Wisconsin Resource Group offered to sell 320 acres of Spirit Hill to the tribes in mid-2003. By October, the tribes had negotiated the entire problem away from mining interests.

The stewardship of these 5,000 acres of forests, wetlands and lakes is just beginning. There will be many decisions made over many years. There may be criticisms of some of those decisions but one criticism I know we will not hear is why we let the Wolf River die at the start of the 21st Century. The Sokaogon Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi tribes will assure a healthy future for the headwaters of the Wolf River and for all of us downstream. For this I nominate them for our 2004 Environmental Award.

Submitted by Sharon Duerkop

by Kelly Krupka

Club Members Elect New Directors

by John Barry

(Excerpted from *The Planet*, June 2004)

Club members turned out in record numbers this year to elect five new members to the Board of Directors. Far more members--171,616 members or 22.7 percent of the Club's members--voted than in any previous election.

Voters elected incumbent directors Jan O'Connell, an insurance executive and environmental organizer from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Nick Aumen, a biologist from Loxahatchee, Florida, to a second term.

Top vote-getter Lisa Renstrom, an environmental activists from Charlotte,

North Carolina, received 141,407 votes. She served on the board from 2001 to 2003. Consumer lawyer Sanjay Ranchod from San Francisco and student David Karpf from Philadelphia were elected for the first time.

The election was widely reported on in the press because of controversial disagreements about the Club's immigration policy and concerns about the involvement of outside groups.

Sierra Club President Larry Fahn says the grassroots organization's membership sent a clear message through its record voter turnout: "Nearly a quarter of our members have elected active leaders in the Sierra Club who support our core

agenda to protect the environment and educate Americans about the destructive environmental practices of the Bush administration."

"Twenty-two percent turnout is extraordinary. We need to find ways to keep that level of participation going," says Renstrom

O'Connell echoes those sentiments. "I campaigned like crazy. I contacted almost 14,000 Club members--by phone, by e-mail, by postcard, and in person. My goal is to go back to those people, keep networking, keep them engaged in our work."

For specific vote totals and more information, go to sierraclub.org/bod.



Nick Aumen



David Karpf



Jan O'Connell



Sanjay Ranchod



Lisa Renstrom

From the Chair

This year our group celebrated Earth Day by organizing a Garlic Mustard pulling party. This was our second year trying to eradicate this exotic and invasive plant from nature areas. We had about 25 people working at High Cliff State Park and another 25 people at a nature area behind Kaukauna High School. This is a project that will need our help each spring. Special thanks to Lori Weyers for organizing this event.

We anticipate organizing the Fox River(bank) cleanup in 2005. We ran this annual event for 13 years, then temporarily halted it because the parks had gotten pretty clean. We think perhaps running it every third year may be appropriate. This event allowed large numbers of community citizens to become involved helping pickup trash from parks in our communities along the Fox River. We need someone to help organize this. Any volunteers?

Speaking of volunteers, we have a vacancy on our board that should be filled. We should have 13 board members. The board meets monthly to review and plan our activities. If you have an interest in serving please contact myself or any other board member.

Thank you to everyone who was involved with our April Fundraiser. \$1,708 was raised. This is the single most important source of income for our budget, and will help allow us to do our work.

Camp Helen Brachman, an environmental camp located in

Almond, was a recent project for our group. In partnership with other environmental supporters, our group helped construct a nature trail at the camp. On May 23 Dale Schaber led some of our volunteers to erect sign posts along the trail. Kelly Krupka has been working on the artwork for the signs that will be professionally printed and then fastened to our posts.

A real treat following work was a special dinner at the Camp. Youth members of Americorps *NCCC were being honored for their work at the camp. The Americorps program was created by President Clinton to engage Americans in intensive service projects to meet American needs. The NCCC stands for National Civilian Community Corps. This group of college-aged youth had just spent a month at the camp making valuable improvements. It was inspirational to see Sierra Club and other organizations working together.

In spite of the apparent lack of interest in the environment by some of our public officials there seems to be a growing interest by the public. Our Sierra Club group, covering northeastern Wisconsin, has now grown to over 1600 members! Thank your for your interest and support. Please join us for our programs and outings.

Thanks for reading my comments. As leader of our group I welcome your feedback.

- Alan Lawrence, FVSG Chair
alawrenc@execpc.com

Thank you, thank you THANK YOU!

to all of you who made this year's auction the biggest success ever! FVSG made over \$1,720.00. Thank you to those of you who brought an auction item, food, a friendly face, and most of all, MONEY! As you know, this is our major fundraiser of the year, and we rely on it to pay for newsletter costs, mailings, and any contributions we make to other environmental groups. We also help offset costs for our members traveling to distant climes to learn more about policies, environmental strategies, and leadership roles.



Stamp Out Hunger
Nancy & friend stamp Jan's hand for dinner.



Handicap Accessible
Everyone was able to have fun on the Cake Walk



Do I hear \$10.00?
Randy coaxes Joyce & Ruthann into bidding higher.



Let the fun begin!
Maureen & Sally are ready for the bidding to start.

A HUGE thank you to the local businesses who donated goods!

In Appleton:
Kitz and Pfeil,
Manderfield's Home Bakery, Seven Angels Restaurant, YMCA of the Fox Valley

In Oshkosh:
Hergerts Sporting Goods, Oshkosh Cyclery, Salon Mode

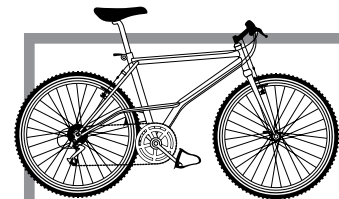
Sooooooo, the heartiest of thanks to those people who do the things behind the scenes: Diane Mandler, Nancy Brown Koeller, Chris Calhoun, Neil Koeneman, Jackie Mueller, Nancy Graham, Maureen Birk, Sally Peck, Kelly Krupka, and we certainly won't forget the **REMARKABLE RANDY** our auctioneer!!

Next year bring a friend to enjoy the food, fun, and a chance to get to know one another better. Too often we come in, hear a program, say hello to a friend or two and then leave. This program and our Christmas party certainly stress the social aspect of our organization. We need to know each other better. We each bring different skills and talents to the table that are as valuable as dollars, although we can use those too. Thanks again.

Photos by Dale Schaber



Weathered and Worn
Jan imitates the wooden sea captains expression.

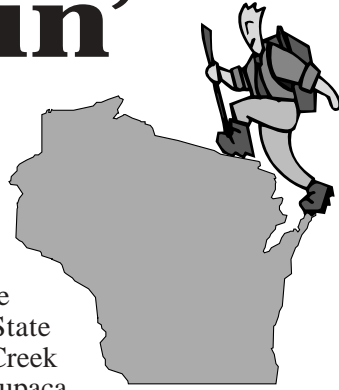


Do you have a bicycle you don't use anymore? Wheels for Winners would be glad to take it off your hands. The worthy volunteers at Wheels for Winners donate children and adult bicycles to people who work hard to earn them. Please help support this great program.

For more information contact:

Earn-a-Bike Program
2310 Pennsylvania Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
608-249-2418

Trekkin' with Dale



On May 15, 24 members of either the Fox Valley Sierra Group or the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation hiked the Skunk and Foster Lakes State Natural Area north of Hartman Creek State Park. Rich Mann, a Waupaca native and frequent visitor to the Skunk and Foster Lakes Area, lead the hike.

At first, you enter the remains of an old farm homestead but as you hike further you see the effects of the glacier as it receded from the area: numerous glacial erratics and five undeveloped pothole lakes located in a pitted outwash moraine. The hike continued onto a hilly glacial moraine that surrounded the lakes. Eventually we ended back at the parking lot. Bob and Sally Freckmann, noted Portage County Botanists, identified the plants we discovered. Steve Hoffman, DNR Wildlife Biologist stationed at Hartman Creek State Park, explained the work done investigating the fish living in the glacial pothole lakes.

The hike got me thinking about the State Natural Areas in Wisconsin. I had read the 2003 DNR publication Wisconsin, naturally: A Guide to 150 Great State Natural Areas. (Copies are available at our FVSG Meetings by contacting Diane Mandler, 920-832-0612). This book was published to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Wisconsin State Natural Areas Program. "It contains brief descriptions, maps, and location

information for 150 of Wisconsin's 387 State Natural Areas." (Wisconsin, naturally, p.3) Since the publication of Wisconsin, naturally the number of State Natural Areas has grown to 408! Information about all the State Natural Areas is available on this DNR website:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/sna/>.

You can search by State Natural Area name, by Wisconsin County or by clicking onto a regional Wisconsin map.

To learn more about Wisconsin State Natural Areas read these two articles in the April 2004 issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. The first article "Saving the best of the best" describes the State Natural Areas Program while the second article "Have Guide, Will Travel" lists 75 day trips that "take you to the right place and the right time." The field trips are led by DNR staff who share their knowledge of Wisconsin's most beautiful places with day trip participants.

For family day trippers check out this new publication written by Tim Bewer, a Wisconsin native, Wisconsin Outdoor Treasures (Trail Books Guide, \$18.95). Bewer describes with detailed information the recreational opportunities available at 150 Wisconsin destinations. His favorites are in Door County: Rock Island State Park and Newport State Park.

Not only are daytime hikes or trips healthy and enjoyable but nighttime hikes can be just as rewarding. During the summer season (June, July and August) look for the Summer Triangle (composed of three first magnitude stars Vega, Deneb and Altair) and the Milky Way. Check out the constellation books at your public library or purchase a beginning guide to the constellations at a local bookstore.

Enjoy the summer season! See you in the fall!

2004 IAT Workdays

The Ice Age Trail service workdays are scheduled for May 1st, June 12th, and September 18th at Hartman Creek State Park.

Sign up for the workdays at the monthly FVSG meetings or contact Dale Schaber at 920-739-6041 or Mike Kirk at 715-258-2295.

This year we will be doing either maintenance work or new trail development on segments of the IAT in either Portage or Waupaca Counties. If new trail is developed in the town of Belmont, Portage County, we will work with Marty Wacker. In Waupaca County we will be working with Mike Kirk.

The annual fundraiser for the Ice Age Trail will take place on October 2nd

at Hartman Creek State Park. More information about the Hike-A-Thon will appear in the fall issue of FVSG's Newsletter.

When working at Hartman Creek State Park we will meet at the Citgo Station at 8:30 a.m. to travel to the work area. The gas station is at the intersection of Highway 96 (Wisconsin Ave.) and Highway 76 west of Appleton. We will meet Mike Kirk at the Hartman Creek State Park Office at approximately 9:30 AM.

Bring a lunch, water, work gloves, and mosquito and tick repellent with you on the work outings. If you have a lopper or a pruning saw, please bring them along with you as well.

Ticks (both deer and wood) are a concern for all of us who will be working on the Trail. As a

precaution, wear protective clothing with long sleeves and have your pant legs tucked into your socks. Wear light clothing so ticks can be easily seen. Use tick repellent and check for ticks when arriving at home.

While working on the Ice Age Trail you will learn about Wisconsin's glacial topography and about the plants that are growing during the various seasons. We might even see the tracks and scat of animals that frequent the Trail during the day and night.

Not only do we do a lot of work on the Trail but we also have a lot of fun! We always stop for ice cream on our way back home. Hope to see you on the Trail!

Please contact Dale Schaber at 920-739-6041 for more information.

Muscle that Mustard

by Jan Moldenhauer

Brrrrrrmmm! It didn't sound like my alarm clock. I raised my head to find my bedroom windows smeared with a pelting rain, and the sound of thunder came again. What a day for a garlic mustard pull! It was a little after seven so I decided I had better get up and make up my mind. To pull or not to pull, that was the question. Brrrrmmm! This time it was my telephone that was ringing. Lori Weyers, our Sierra Club Coordinator for the garlic mustard pull, was on the line.

"Are you going?" Those were the first words out of her mouth, not even a hello. Well, I was actually out of bed already and my coffee was started, but the rain continued to pour down in Oshkosh. How was the weather in Kaukauna? Neither of us knew. So I decided I would go and send the volunteers home if the weather didn't clear. If the rain held long enough we would stay and pull the invasive plant.

Well, the weather did clear, and the rain had made the ground soft so the plants were easy to pull. We had plenty of help from Kaukauna High School students, members of Sierra Club, and young people from the Youth Services

group. Altogether about two dozen volunteers worked at the high school. Another handful of people worked at High Cliff State Park. We could have used more help - you always can. We ran out of garbage bags at both locations and had to leave piles of the plants laying in the trail for some other volunteers to pick up.

Thanks to all who participated. Our environment is better because of you. The spring flowers were peeping up all over the place: buttercups, anemones, and spring beauties. Other than smelling like garlic for awhile, we all had a great time. Now on to the Buckthorn bash!



**THERE IS A BETTER WAY
BUT ONLY IF YOU HELP**

At the Sierra Club, we're committed to protecting America's environment and the progress we've made cleaning up the pollution and poisons in our air, water and land. But that progress is in peril. The Bush Administration is allowing corporations to rewrite and weaken the laws that protect our health and safety and the land we love. Thirty years of progress have taught us there is a better way. Work with us. Together we can leave our children a legacy of clean air, water and wild lands. Please join. With your support, we can do better... together.

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Voter Education Workshop

In numerous ways, the outcome of elections effects our personal lives, our communities, our country and even our world. Therefore, voting is one of our most valued rights and responsibilities. To prepare for the election in November, members of the American Association of University Women -WI., and the League of Women Voters-WI along with the Intercultural Relations Coordinator, Appleton Police Department, are planning a Voter Education Workshop. The workshop will provide information on key issues, and how to track the candidates positions on them. The goal is to provide information to motivate people to register to vote, and then go to the polls on election day.

The format for the day will include speakers and breakout sessions. The forums are broadly labeled,

Record High...

FVSG has reached an all-time high of over 1,600 members!

but will focus on specific concerns that will connect with the political agenda in the coming election. In addition, voter guides will be available along with information on voter registration. Those attending the workshop will be able to take an informational toolkit back to their communities to further educate and mobilize others to register and vote. They can even use our format to hold their own Voter Ed Workshop.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, July 24 at the Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The registration fee is \$20 before July 9th (\$25 after deadline), and will include a lunch. Registration fees may be waived in special circumstances.

The AAUW contact person for the event is Ellie Olson. She can be phoned at (920) 731-2998 or e-mailed at wrcsbank@athenet.net.

Summer Outings

June 26

Canoe Kangaroo Lake in northern Door County. We will put in around 3:00 pm, paddle up to the north end for an hour, and have plenty of time for some serious bird watching on the way back. We will have a biologist to explain the estuary ecology to us and to help us identify birds. Canoe rentals are available in the area. **Cost is \$5.00.** *Charlie Paine 739-1900*



Skunk Lake Doesn't Stink

Outing participants admire the beauty of the 63 feet deep lake.

June 27

Bicycle northern Door County and Washington Island. Even in summer the back roads of Door County are lightly traveled. We'll load our bikes on the Washington Island ferry at Northport, travel across Death Door Strait, then bicycle around the Island before returning to Northport on the late ferry. There is not a lot of commercial stuff on the Island, so bring a lunch and we'll picnic on the beach. *Charlie Paine 739-1900*

July 17

Park to Park paddle starting at Doty Park in Neenah. Meet at 8:30 a.m. This 3-hour trip is sponsored by the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance. *Information is posted on their website www.fwwa.org or call Linda Stoll at 738-7025 or e-mail foxwolf@fwwa.org.*

July 18

Paddle across Lake Winnebago starting at Recreation Park boat landing in Neenah. Meet at 7:00 a.m. This 5-hour trip is sponsored by the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance. *Information is posted on their website www.fwwa.org or call Linda Stoll at 738-7025 or e-mail foxwolf@fwwa.org.*

July 25

Bike from Bailey's Harbor to Toft Point and

back. Learn why the Nature Conservancy has protected this unique area and learn about the Door County school teacher "Miss Emma" who saved and then donated the land. Meet at 1:00 pm in the downtown park behind the Historical Museum. BYO Picnic on the beach. **\$1 trip fee.** Free if you attended the April Fundraiser.

Nancy Brown-Koeller 722-2648 (home), 721-5431 (work), 715-524-2293 (weekends)

August 7

Paddle the Bay starting at Sensiba Wildlife Landing on the west shore of Green Bay, 1 mile east of Suamico. Meet at 9:00 a.m. This is a prime birdwatching spot; learn about birds using the diked marsh and hardwood swamp in this area. This 3-hour trip is sponsored by the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance. *Information is posted on their website www.fwwa.org or call Linda Stoll at 738-7025 or e-mail foxwolf@fwwa.org.*

August 13-16

Canoe the Manitowish River (flat water). We will carry our gear in our canoes & camp along the river. Great scenery and wildlife viewing along this 44 mile stretch: eagle, otters & more! The river meanders through 14 lakes. We will put in at High Lake and take out at Murray's Landing on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage. *Steven Meyer 684-4174*

August 28

Bike around Lake Monona in Madison on the city circle bike route (mixed bike path and bike lanes) starting and ending at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Meet at 11:00.



Where's the next outing?

Penny, Pat and Camille talk about upcoming FVSG outings after a hike at Skunk/Foster Lakes State Natural Area.



Can we fish here?

Sierra Club members learn about the history of Skunk Lake & the surrounding area.

Fall Outings...

The planning meeting for Fall Outings will be August 5th at Charlie Paine's house. Brainstorm new outings, reserve your date on the calendar, and reminisce about past adventures. Please contact Charlie if you plan to attend. 920-739-1900

Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy at one of the lake parks along the route. We'll have a chance to literally cool our heels in the water. After biking, we can also tour Olbrich and learn about plants in their 10 specialty gardens and how to get gardening tips from their horticultural experts. Bike rental available from local bike shop. **\$3 trip fee.** *Nancy Brown-Koeller 722-2648 (home), 721-5431 (work), 715-524-2293 (weekends)*

September 4

Paddle the Upper Fox River starting at the wayside, historical marker, bridge near Hwy 33 in Portage. Meet at 9:00 a.m. This 3-hour trip is sponsored by the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance. *Info is posted on their website www.fwwa.org or call Linda Stoll at 738-7025 or e-mail foxwolf@fwwa.org.*

(more outings on back)

(outings continued)

September 18

Ice Age Trail Work Day. Joint workdays between FVSG and Portage and Waupaca Groups are scheduled for Hartman Creek State Park. Volunteers should meet at Hartman Creek State Park, west of Waupaca, at 9:30 am. Specific Trail work will be provided on site. Bring a lunch, water, work gloves, and mosquito and tick repellent to the work outings. *For information on which segments will be worked on for each specific date, contact Dale Schaber at 920-739-6041.*

September 26

Bike 15 or 30 miles on the Mariner's bike trail. We will start at the parking lot at the Manitowoc Library and bike to Rawley Point in Point Beach State Park. In Two Rivers the trail runs close to Lake Michigan providing great views. We will stop at the historic Washington House Museum - a 1850's immigrant hotel and home of Berner's Ice Cream Parlor. *Maureen Birk 920-468-7252 or Steven Meyer 920-684-4174*

Times and meeting locations of Outings can change. Always check with a trip leader at least 24 hours before the outing. Upon arrival all participants must sign a Release of Liability form.



Visit Butterfly House

Everyone Wednesday,
Saturday & Sunday

July 7 - August 29, 2004
11 am - 3 pm

Mosquito Hill Nature Center,
New London

For more information:
Call (920)779-6433 or E-mail
swifkank@co.outagamie.wi.us

Call for Nominations for FVSG Ex Comm

by Penny Bernard Schaber

We are accepting nominations for positions on the Fox Valley Sierra Group Executive Committee. We need four to five active, interested and motivated people to help us guide the Group and to help get the work of the Group done. In short we need YOU!!!!

The Executive Committee term of office is three years starting in January 2005 and ending in December 2007. When elected to the Ex Comm you become part of a dynamic group of people who are committed to exploring, enjoying and protecting the Fox Valley and surrounding areas. If you are interested or if you know of a person you think would be interested then call Penny Bernard Schaber at 920-739-6041 or email at dschaber@athenet.net.



by Dale Schaber

Something to Smile About

Jan Moldenhauer with Ken Fish: our May meeting guest speaker. Ken, a member of the Menominee Tribe, spoke about Native American philosophy and future plans for the Crandon Mine site.

Deadline...

for submitting materials for the next newsletter is August 8th!

Anyone can submit articles, photos, poems, trip reports, etc.

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