

PROGRAMS

August 9, 2012 • 6:00 PM

Picnic - Plamann Park - Chris Brandt Shelter

Come share your summer with fellow Sierrans.

Grill will be provided. Bring a dish to pass, your own meat for grilling, beverages, and place setting.

Plamann Park is located north of Appleton, WI at 1375 E Broadway Dr between N Meade St and N Ballard Rd (County Rd E). The Chris Brandt Shelter is located on the southeast section of the park.

September 13, 2012 • 6:30 PM

FVSG 30th Anniversary Celebration Bubolz Nature Center

- Dinner Buffet -

- Slide Show -

- Trivia -

“Where we came from and where we are headed!”

Capping the evening by exploring
the night skies over Bubolz with telescopic services provided by
members of NEWSTAR

RSVP required by August 31st - see page 7

October 11, 2012 • 7:00 PM

Voyageurs and Exploring Wisconsin

Ronald Strakey will be in costume for this presentation

November 8, 2012 • 7:00 PM

Logging in Wisconsin

The History of Logging in WI with Tim Ewing from the Navarino Nature Center

December 13, 2012 • 7:00 PM

Annual Holiday Party

All programs except picnic are held at the Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lyndale Drive (County A) in Appleton, Wisconsin and are free and open to the public.

Another Successful Auction

On May 10th we held our annual fundraiser. We had delicious food, interesting auction items and a good time by all.

Thanks to Howard Johannes for his auctioneering services.

Johannes Auction Service, LLC
N3040 Lawson Dr
Waupaca, WI 54981



Proceeds from the auction will pay for our meeting space at Bubolz, printing and mailing our newsletter, and sponsoring or supporting various projects throughout the region.

From the Chair

July 2012, By Alan Lawrence FVSG Chair

Like many people, I get some of my inspiration from vacations. This year I have been fortunate to have taken two trips westward, driving in March to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, and in June to Colorado. I'm not sure that driving saved us any money since we sure spent on hotels, gasoline and meals. But our goal was to experience the country along the way.

The trips were before the drought that has plagued our country this summer. Considering the fact that wild fires have burned up much of the west we feel especially fortunate to have taken our trips.

My awareness of the size and beauty of our country are always awakened with driving trips. This is a beautiful country. I am also made aware how much of our country depends on the tourism of our country for its economy. Trips like ours are made by families and individuals so they can experience the grandeur of nature, and of parks and monuments in natural settings.

The Grand Canyon vacation during our daughter's college spring break took us past cities, of course, but also vast expanses of open area, some lush and green, and others arid. We were thrilled in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, still clothed with lots of snow, then the deserts of Utah and Arizona.

Just outside of the Arches National Park area you could drive for miles seeing few cars, and scan the vast horizons and see little evidence of man. Nobody lived there. There was the highway, some power lines, and occasional dirt roads. I wondered what sort of economy might exist in such a barren environment.

Then we entered the Park. There were quite a few visitors there to experience the architecture formed by nature. High bluffs and cliffs, now exposed after rock, even higher, had been eroded over time, and wind and sand have continued to change the landscape and carve amazing arches and other designs. The protected parks have saved these things for all people to see and experience and photograph. Nearby Canyonlands National Park also drew visitors.

Between the two National Parks lay the small city of Moab.

Just a few miles to the north had been the barren natural landscape. But between the National Parks a vibrant tourist economy supported a city. I'm convinced that the city would not exist without the parks and tourists. The city itself, perhaps like many others, imported everything. Electricity powered wells, which watered the city. Gasoline, food, and everything else was also imported. The tourists came, stopped, shopped, lodged or ate, and supported the city and its citizens.

Grand Canyon boasts around five million visitors annually. Considering what my family spent, and what I know others spend, there is a lot of money invested in the local economy by tourists. It is the protected natural area and landscapes that draw these people and their money.

Mount Rushmore was one of our destination points on our later vacation. This is, of course, a man-made monument. The famous vista of the four presidents is carved into a mountain. Although there was early controversy about destroying part of a mountain for this tourist attraction it has become a valuable national monument and source of pride for our country. Part of the attraction is the physical size of the carvings, the presidents themselves, and the ideals of our nation and mankind. But surely the attraction is enhanced by the natural areas surrounding it, including the Badlands and Custer State Park. The people and nearby communities of South Dakota owe much of their livelihood to the thousands of tourists who visit daily.



You may be noticing the message I am telling about tourism and economies. Natural areas of

beauty that are protected from damage will attract visitors, and the visitors spend money. The economic value of these places is dwarfed by the value of these places to the economies of communities surrounding them.

Wisconsin has much forested land, including the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. This land is managed by the USDA Forest Service for the trees, which can be harvested. But it is clear to everyone that the value extends beyond the trees. Visitors hike, camp, hunt or fish in these forests, spending money and supporting local economies. Indeed, I even once heard a Forest Service manager tell an audience that the value of the water that was protected by the forests exceeded the value of the lumber that could be harvested. (With the drought of 2012 and the economic damage that has brought it is easy to believe that there is value to clean water.)

Last year, and earlier this year, there was great concern about the possible Gogebic Taconite mine proposed for northwestern

Wisconsin, in a beautiful and scenic area without much industry. Tourism is a chief source of income for the local residents, and the possibility of some good paying jobs from the mine is attractive. But others worried about damage to water, landscapes, and ultimately to a lovely tourist area. Which should win out? Should the few new jobs risk the economies, and perhaps even the health, of everyone in the area?

The Wisconsin State Senate voted in March not to pass a new mining bill that would have relaxed environmental protections demanded by the mine. The result is that the mining company issued a statement saying, "the company was

leaving the state because the Senate sent a clear message that Wisconsin will not welcome iron mining."

The Gogebic Taconite mine is back in the news again as the business and politics want to have another try. Stay tuned for more....

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

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Backlash Against Wolves

by Laura Menefee, a FVSG member who resides in Door County in a former dairy farmhouse.

Nearly 700 wolves have been killed in the states bordering Yellowstone National Park, MT, ID, and WY, and the Great Lakes States, MN, WI and MI since Great Lakes de-listing six months ago.

Wisconsin's Act 169 regulating a wolf hunt to begin Oct 15 continuing through February received a lot of denigration and disgust among the wolf biology community at this year's Midwest Wolf Stewards Conference, in Duluth. Randy Jurewicz, recently retired head of Depredations in the WDNR, called it "preposterous." Allowing night hunting over bait, electronic calls, hunting with dogs and trapping, the 201 quota inflicts a 57% human-caused mortality on a species that already suffers 75% mortality in pups their first winter, and 25% annually in adults. "This is no 'conservative season,'" says Peter David, biologist for the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The recent WDNR survey reveals fewer respondents (454) support the rule concepts, than those who oppose (573). More respondents (321) favored a lower (including zero) quota than favored a higher quota (230). Similarly, in Minnesota, 79% of more than 7,000 respondents do not support a wolf hunt. Likewise, Montana's State Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission recently fielded over 7,000 comments, the majority of which were opposed to hunting and trapping wolves in Montana.

Nevertheless, these hunts will continue, despite popular outcry.

The MT season, Sept 1- Feb 28, allows a 3 bag limit, and allows trapping for the first time, Dec 15 to close. Montana's wolf population is estimated at 650 with 39 breeding pairs.

There is no statewide quota.



photo: The Missoulian, 7/13/12

Wyoming's wolves remain under ESA protections, for now. Nevertheless, WY registered

43 wolves killed in Dec, 2011. Idaho, however, has already killed over half of its 2011 wolf population, hunters and trappers having taken over 400 wolves in 2012, and the plan allows for year-round hunting and trapping in the state. Idaho's general hunt lasts Aug 30 - Mar 31 with a bag limit of 5

and no quota outside 5 units.

Minnesota, with a wolf population estimated at 3,000 will hold a quota of 400 over a split season, the first half during deer season, and the second Nov 24-Jan 31, which will allow trapping and baiting. Minnesota's and Michigan's plans, unlike Idaho's, Montana's and Wisconsin's, do not seek to "decrease the wolf population."

Wolf watching tourism has become a huge economic factor in the Greater Yellowstone Area, bringing in more income than hunting ever has. Wolf watching guides and organizations petitioned Montana's Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission to create a "buffer zone" to protect Yellowstone wolves who, of course, wander outside the park's boundaries. Their petition was denied. Already, famous and well-documented members of Yellowstone packs have fallen prey to poachers, hunters and trappers immediately outside the park's limits.

Following the wolf-hunt hearing in Stevens Point, July 17, the NRB likewise denied repeated requests for refuge areas closed to hunting and trapping, particularly in the core population areas where habitat is prime, population is densest, and wolves cause little trouble.

In Washington, a father and son were convicted of poaching wolves documented in the film "Man vs. Wolf" which recently aired on Discovery. The "Lookout Pack" migrated to the Cascades, considered prime habitat, from British Columbia, the first since extirpation in the 1930's.

At a 4th of July picnic at a neighbor's, I spoke pleasantly with their friends and toward evening, the conversation turned toward wildlife and hunting. "I love being out in the early morning," one man said, "when the sun is just coming up and the birds start singing." He had a big smile. "Never know what you'll see out there, especially toward dark," he said. "If ya see a coyote, ya c'n take 'im, but if it's a woof ya got ta gut shoot it, so it dies somewhere else."

I asked this man if he'd ever had trouble with wolves. "No," he said, "dat's just what ya do. Help out yer neighbors. Don't need no woofs."

Responsible hunters believe they are participating in "predator management" and feel they are doing their part for conservation. However, when campaigns of misinformation like those launched by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation convince educated conservationists and politicians that "wolves are eating all the elk," and these powerful lobbies are the ones

in a position to force legislation regardless of science or popular opposition, then it becomes necessary to actively educate, to oppose prejudice with science, and to try to bridge our differences with our common love of nature, respect for interdependence of all wildlife and the need to preserve their habitats.



Elk herd, alive and well in the Colorado Rockies where Rocky Mnt Nt'l Park Service culled 100 elk in 2009 and are "also trying birth control." Photo: Mike Gallivan, 2012

Wolves are carnivores, like many of us. Morphologically and socially designed to cull prey, whether small game animals, mule and white tailed deer, or larger animals like moose, elk, caribou or even bison, they need to hunt, of course, for survival. Science has established that wolf prey animals are healthier for wolves taking the weak, the sick, the old and the wounded, and, except in rare circumstances involving habituation, wolves will prefer wild prey to livestock. In those instances when wolves have begun to depredate livestock, lethal removal is usually the most efficient control. Gut piles and carcass piles, placenta and stillborn calves left in pasture, are known to increase depredation. Additionally, packs who've lost Alpha members, or key hunters, may be more likely to depredate livestock.

These hunting seasons begin just when the young of the year are learning to hunt.

At the beginning of wolf recovery in the 70's, many biologists believed the promise of a hunt would increase tolerance for this maligned species. As the backlash that's been legislated in the brief months since federal protections were removed demonstrates, that is clearly not the case. It's time to find another way.



Internet file



Garlic Mustard Pulling

We pulled garlic mustard at Memorial Park in Combined Locks and on the Effigy Mounds Trail at High Cliff State Park.

In both places we have seen improvement over the years we have been pulling garlic mustard. We are winning the battle in a few places in the Fox Valley area.

- Dale Schaber



Sustainable Music Festival

Excitement is brewing in anticipation of the Fox Valley's first annual Sustainable Music Festival – The Big Green – premiering Saturday, August 18 from Noon – 9:30 p.m. at Sunset Park in Kimberly, Wisconsin. The festival features live music, local food and marketplace, handcrafted beers, and exhibits. Proceeds from The Big Green benefit Sustainable Fox Valley, to further our goals for the Fox Valley region of Wisconsin:

- Resilient and self-reliant local economies
- Opportunities for all to thrive in their community
- A healthy natural environment

thebiggreenfest.com

Stay up-to-date on the latest environmental news, outings, programs and events by checking out our website at <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley>.

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- On Facebook, search for “Fox Valley Sierra Group” then become a fan.
- Find us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/FVSierraClub>.

Next Newsletter Deadline for submitting materials for the November thru January Issue - October 13th.



You're only as old as you feel.

Giant Sequoias are the largest living things on the planet, some dating back over 3,500 years. Sierra Club has worked for the protection of these gentle giants for over 100 years. Sequoias have withstood the test of time -- and by now, their only true enemy is us. Currently, Sequoias are in grave danger of being destroyed by commercial logging. We have the power to preserve or destroy these majestic trees - but we need your help!

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OUTINGS

August 18-19, Saturday-Sunday

Canoe Camping on the Flambeau River.

Refresh your soul on the Flambeau by participating on a trip that has become one of our finest traditions. We'll learn about the importance of protecting rivers within our State Forests. Class II rapids. Rich Krieg 920-660-3557 eddyout@gmail.com or Dale Dean 608-302-5744 daleink55@gmail.com

September 15, Saturday

Bike tour around Green Lake.

Approx 25 miles on roads designated as a bike route. We'll bike past several county parks, the historic Green Lake Conference Center and a pub that just might serve beverages. Learn what the Green Lakes Greenways group has been doing to offer a variety of biking opportunities for an environmental, health and economic win/win/win for Green Lake County. Nancy Brown-Koeller 920-721-5431 work 715 853-6625 cell (leave message)

September 22, Saturday

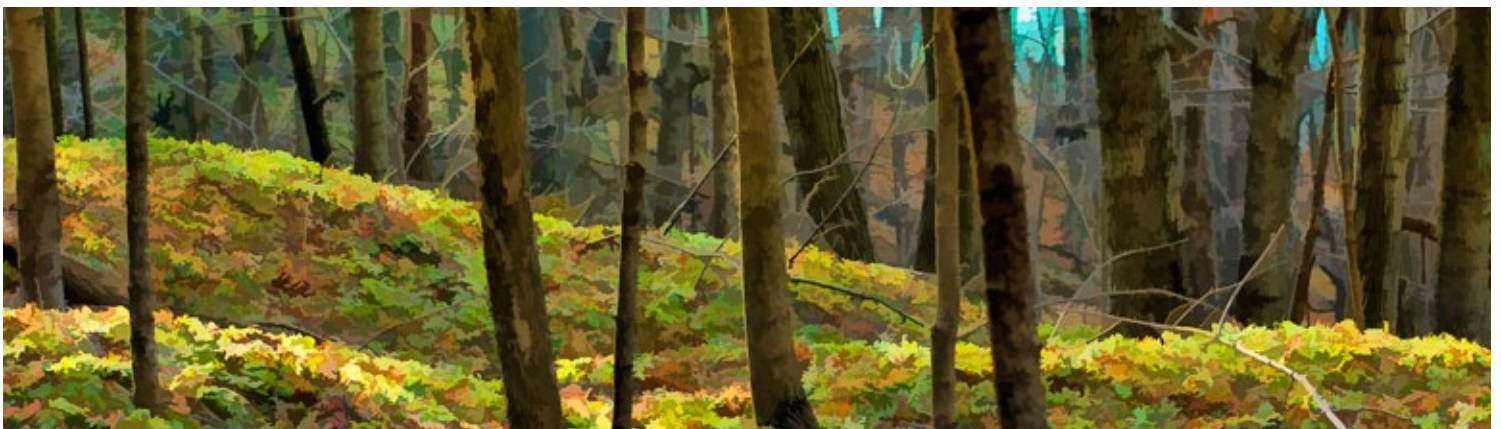
Ice Age Trail Work Day in Waupaca County.

The Fox Valley Sierra Group will be assisting the Waupaca County Ice Age Trail Chapter by doing light trail work on the section of Ice Age Trail that will be hiked upon during their annual Hike-A-Thon October 6. Over a hundred hikers hike in their Hike-A-Thon each year, and we want to do our part to make sure hikers will have an enjoyable experience. Part of our work day will include the new trail that was built in June. Our work will be done in the Hartman Creek State Park area just west of Waupaca. Tools will be provided. However, if you wish to bring any pruning tools, etc., feel free to do so and work until mid afternoon. Bring a lunch, water, work gloves, good work shoes, and insect repellent. For head-count purposes, location to meet, ride consolidation, and information, contact FVSG IATA Coordinator Darrel Ruechel 920-993-0903 r7dair@yahoo.com

October 6, Saturday

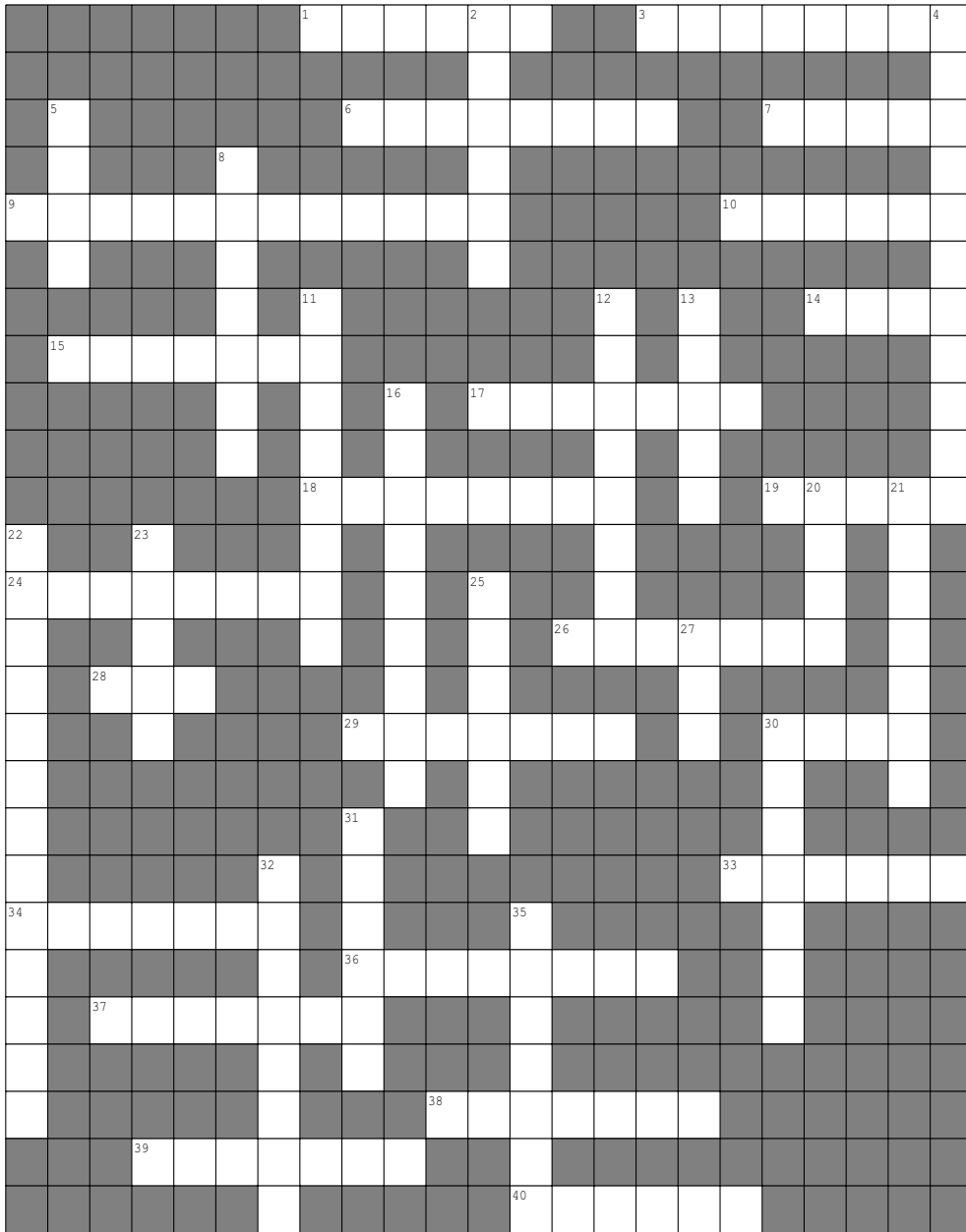
Ice Age Trail Hike-A-Thon.

The Waupaca and Portage County Chapters of the Ice Age Trail will be sponsoring their annual Hike-A-Thon on Saturday, October 6, with the hike beginning at Hartman Creek State Park just west of Waupaca. The hike will include the new trail that was built in June. These Ice Age Trail chapters sponsor this hike-a-thon in order to raise funds to acquire, develop and maintain the Ice Age Trail in each of their respective counties. The fee to hike is \$5. However, one can donate more or acquire pledges also. Water, apples, and snacks will be provided. I am planning to hike the entire 10-mile hike that day and would love to have other Sierra Club members join me for all or a portion of the hike. I would anticipate beginning my hike at about 9:00 but would be willing to accommodate as to time. One can begin the hike any time between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. So if you wish to hike on your own or with friends at a different time, that would also be great. If you wish to join me as I hike, or for information, contact FVSG IATA Coordinator Darrel Ruechel 920-993-0903 r7dair@yahoo.com



Get outside and join us on one of our outings this summer & fall! They are a great way to meet other outdoor enthusiasts and see some of Wisconsin's most beautiful places. Outings are open to members and non-members alike. Contact the trip leader; they will provide you with the trip details and any changes. Additional outings information may be available at the FVSG website. <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley>. Sierra Club outings are offered solely because of the generosity of members willing to lead outings and share the experience with others. If you are interested in learning more please contact the FVSG Outing Chair Rich Krieg at eddyout@gmail.com or 920-660-3557.

FVSG - 30 Years



Across

1. Favorite 2 feet transportation
3. 10th and 25th Anniversary Dinners took place at _____ Club
6. Provides flood prevention and water purification (plural)
7. 2nd R of recycling
9. Home for National Sierra Club
10. Club that is the largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization in the country.
14. _____ rain contains elevated levels of hydrogen ions.
15. "_____, Enjoy and Protect the Planet"
17. Largest freshwater cattail marsh in US
18. Low grade iron ore in the proposed mine in the Penokee Range
19. Romp in the _____.
24. Library of first FVSG meeting
26. Sand Country Almanac (author)
28. North flowing local river
29. Mine stopped near Mole Lake
30. Dirty power plant fuel
33. Favorite 2 wheeled transportation
34. First FVSG Chair (last name)
36. FVSG Ice Age Trail display exhibited at _____ Wildlife Sanctuary
37. 3rd R of recycling
38. _____ Change
39. Ridge formed by unsorted gravel, sand & boulders during Ice Age.
40. 1st R of recycling

Down

2. Created first Earth Day celebration (last name)
4. Wis State Fund to preserve our state natural heritage.
5. John Muir at founding meeting of SC "hoping to do something for wildness and make the mountains_____."
8. Ice Age Trail mascot
11. Pipeline from Canada to Gulf States
12. "When we try to pick out anything out by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the _____." John Muir
13. _____ country skiing
16. Exotic invasive spreads through woods
20. "Take a Walk on the _____ Side"
21. Zebra _____
22. Spreading woodland weed
23. _____ Sparta Bike Trail
25. Common name for Island of dredging's in Green Bay
27. Fox River Clean Up to remove this _____
30. Many migrate to ANWR to give birth.
31. _____ Wolf Alliance
32. FVSG hosted Annual Meetings at Camp Helen _____
35. Company wanting to drill wells in Mecan Springs.

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Dinner Buffet
September 13, 2012

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Board of Director Elections

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Our Sierra Club Group serves as the local Club entity in northeastern Wisconsin and has a membership of approximately 1600 members. Group and Chapter memberships are automatic when you become a Sierra Club member.

Groups are required to have an elected Board of Directors, also referred to as the Executive Committee (Ex-Com). The board provides the leadership to keep the Group alive and supporting Sierra Club policies. The board provides the meeting place, programs, outings, newsletter, fundraising and everything the group needs. It is an important job, and it is generally fun. We meet about 10 times a year, taking turns hosting at a member's home.

Each December we elect four or five members to the board as three-year terms expire. You are invited to nominate yourself to run. We are currently seeking interested candidates.

Nomination essays will be published in our next newsletter, along with a ballot. If you are interested please contact a current board member or contact Monny Hjerstedt at mhjerstedt@tds.net, 567 Oak Street, Neenah, WI 54956 (Deadline October 13, 2012)

These board members terms expire at the end of December: Alan Lawrence, Diana Lawrence, Will Stahl, Cindy Carter and Patsy Gavin.