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Madison Audubon Partners with AmeriCorps

Madison Audubon recently launched Wild Time-Madison, a collaborative project with AmeriCorps' Dane County-based PASS program (Partners for After School Success). PASS offers academic support and youth development programming to schools and neighborhood centers serving low-income or resource-scarce communities.

Through this partnership, Madison Audubon will work with six different AmeriCorps sites, leading hands-on environmental education activities for middle school students. This pilot project will last for six weeks and feature a new curriculum developed specifically for Wild Time-Madison by Rebecca Ressler, Madison Audubon's education resource specialist, and Brianna Duran, our conservation education coordinator.



Kids enjoy experimenting with tools that represent various bird beaks at a recent Salvation Army youth program.

Wild Time-Madison promotes student observation, exploration, and discovery to increase enjoyment and appreciation of nature. The curriculum includes opportunities for experiential learning through activities such as predator-and-prey tag, nature-hike scavenger hunts, and mapmaking. Megan Schuette, PASS Coordinator at Madison's Jefferson Middle School, believes Wild Time-Madison provides an important resource to the community since "students will be able to identify with nature and learn responsible conservation practices."

Our new partnership with AmeriCorps is just one of many educational outreach activities that have occurred since the New Year. Brianna and Rebecca have ventured out to several locations to introduce birding basics and binocular skills to young people, including Mr. Logan Carlton's 6th grade birding class at

Edgerton Middle School. Mr. Carlton loves bird photography and designed this class to introduce students to birds. Brianna taught the students about the concept of citizen science, and they practiced collecting bird count data in preparation for the Great Backyard Bird Count.

Another venture found Dee Wylie, Madison Audubon volunteer and Bird Mentor, visiting Ms. Melina Lozano and Ms. Emily Miller's Hawthorne Elementary School 2nd/3rd grade class in Madison. The students learned how to identify common Wisconsin winter birds. After the presentation, the students used Madison Audubon's binoculars to explore the schoolyard in search of birds, where they spied crows, sparrows, and a cardinal.

The volunteer spirit continued when UW-Madison students made a visit to Middleton Youth Center's after-school program for middle schoolers. Working with Madison Audubon staff, the college volunteers led participants in a winter bird ID scavenger hunt and taught the students how to create their own nature journals for their observations. After brushing up on binocular skills, the group headed outside to complete a bird count for the Great Backyard Bird Count.

To learn more about Madison Audubon's conservation education outreach or to volunteer to help, please check us out on the web or email info@madisonaudubon.org. These important activities are made possible by a generous grant from the Theda & Tamblin Clark Smith Family Foundation.



Our mission is to protect and improve habitat for birds and other wildlife through land acquisition and management, education and advocacy.

The Long View

Late this winter we hosted a brush-cutting work party at Faville Grove Sanctuary for the UW-Stevens Point chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration. The group arrived mid-day and we enjoyed conversation over lunch before packing up our gear and heading to our work site at the north end of the Lake Mills Ledge Savanna.

As we marched through the snow, I stopped occasionally to point out winter prairie and savanna plants. When we reached the first bedrock outcrop in the savanna, the dark rocks exposed by the warming sun, we set our equipment down in the snow to discuss the geology of the area.

The blue-gray quartzite that gives the Lake Mills Ledge its name is 1.7 billion years old, give or take a few hundred million years. To help put

this figure into perspective, I pointed at the drumlin to our west and asked the students whether they knew its age. Recognizing a drumlin as a glacial feature, one young man responded that it is around 12,000 years old—hardly a hiccup in the life of the quartzite we were looking at.

The quartzite in the ledge began to form as sand settled into the near-shore waters of a vast, Precambrian sea. The thin layers we see may represent sediment from individual storm events eons ago. There are no macroscopic fossils in this rock because there were no multicellular organisms on earth at the time the sand was deposited. The sands were subsequently buried and compressed into sandstone. Although the layers were laid down horizontally, they now pitch upward at about 40 degrees, indicating an active geological past. Tectonic shifts resulted in the subduction of the sandstone, further compressing and heating it, fusing the grains of sand into quartzite—one of the hardest forms of rock.

As the earth's crust continued to shift, the hot quartzite was folded and pushed up to the surface again. Seas advanced and retreated repeatedly, burying the rock under layers of

limestone. Glaciers alternately advanced and retreated, scouring the softer sedimentary rock away and re-exposing the resistant quartzite at its highest elevations. Today these peaks of quartzite are visible in Wisconsin only in the Lake Mills Ledge and a few points north and west, most prominently in the Baraboo Hills.

We continued on to our work site and had a productive afternoon cutting seedling buckthorn and honeysuckle shrubs that had sprouted up like a carpet following earlier bouts of brush cutting. We piled and burned the brush and dabbed herbicide on the cut stumps to prevent re-sprouting, making room for the flammable savanna grasses and forbs that will carry the fire needed for the health of the bur oaks, young and old, scattered throughout the site.

In late afternoon we raked the burn piles one final time, dropped our equipment along Prairie Lane and took a hike through the Ledge South. A quick trek across the flat floodplain prairie brought us to a small open water stream cut through the snow, where spring water flows year-round and deer signs are abundant. From there, we walked toward the savanna and climbed the 15 feet of elevation onto the southernmost rock outcrop.

"I think my ears just popped," said one young woman. When the comment elicited just one small laugh, she explained the joke: "It's really flat around Stevens Point."

The elevation may not be great, but the panorama from the rocks is. With the invasive brush at this end of the savanna well cleared, with the thick layer of leaf litter that had accumulated on the rocks now gone, and with prairie restored all around, the vista is close to what the Native Americans would have seen before European settlement.

We watched as a northern harrier floated low over the prairie, and I explained that the ledge was a campsite where the Woodland Indians hunted and fished a tremendous bounty of game. The area was so productive, in fact, that about 1100 A.D. the Mississippian Indians established a walled outpost just a few miles downstream along the Crawfish River, now the site of Aztalan State Park, and from there shipped enormous quantities of dried meat downriver in 60-foot-long dugout canoes to help feed the burgeoning metropolis of Cahokia, across the Mississippi from present-day St. Louis.

Native Americans continued to camp among these rock outcrops well into historic times, but with

hunting on the wane, they resorted to begging for food at the farmhouses along the dirt road that is now County Road G.

"People wreck everything," said another student. "We're *trying* to put things back together," I replied gamely.

Ecological restoration is one of the few forward-looking topics that I am comfortable discussing with young people because of its uniquely constructive and hopeful outlook. But the long view of the past from this site forces a long view to the future as well. And the future holds challenges that threaten to overwhelm even the best restoration work.

Although human ingenuity has brought many improvements in life since the Woodland Indians camped among these rocks, we have yet to resolve how to sustain these improvements over time. In fact, it seems that as our long-term problems multiply, we are seeing an epidemic of short-term, head-in-the-sand thinking in reaction—especially among politicians—and I don't think it's because they are worried that the young people who have the most to lose from inaction will turn cynical and give up hope if we openly discuss—and address—long-term problems.

This is an election year. Let's make it clear that we expect better of our elected representatives.


Roger Packard, President
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Birdathon Runs Through May

Thank you for helping our eight teams raise \$10,001 last year, the most of any group in Wisconsin. Please help us better that this year: Form your own team (it's easy), or donate any amount to an MAS team! WiBirdathon.org

May – August Field Trips

- Thursday, May 1: 6 a.m.
Warbler Walk at Pheasant Branch
- Thursday, May 1: 6 a.m.
Warbler Walk at Turville Point
- Saturday, May 3, See p. 8.
Art Fair & Nature Celebration
- Saturday, May 3: 5 a.m.
Birding at Wyalusing State Park
- Saturday, May 3: 6:30 a.m.
Governor's Island
- Sunday, May 4: 6:30 a.m.
Wisconsin River Bottoms
- Tuesday, May 6: 6 a.m.
Warbler Walk at UW Arboretum
- Wednesday, May 7: 6 a.m.
Warbler Walk at Governor's Island
- Thursday, May 8: 6:30 p.m.
Evening at Token Creek
- Friday, May 9: 1:30 p.m.
Wildflowers & Warblers at Otsego Marsh
- Friday, May 9: 6:30 p.m.
Evening at Nine Springs
- Saturday, May 10: 7 a.m.
Yahara River Trail
- Saturday, May 10: 7:30 a.m.
Janesville's Cook Arboretum
- Sunday, May 11: 7:30 a.m.
Birding at Lakeshore Nature Preserve
- Monday, May 12: 6 a.m.
Warbler Walk at Elver Park
- Tuesday, May 13: 6 a.m.
Warbler Walk at Pheasant Branch
- Tuesday, May 13: 6 a.m.
Warbler Walk at Lake Farm Park
- Thursday, May 15: 6 a.m.
Warbler Walk at Pheasant Branch
- Thursday, May 15: 6 a.m.
Warbler Walk at Cherokee Marsh
- Saturday, May 17: 10:30 a.m.
Butterflies of Bauer-Brockway Barrens
- Saturday, May 17: 8 a.m.
Bird Banding at Biocore Prairie
- Wednesday, May 21: 6:30 p.m.
Evening at Cherokee Marsh – North Unit
- Thursday, May 22: 6 p.m.
Evening at Pheasant Branch
- Saturday, May 24: 6 a.m.
Birding Grand River Marsh
- Sunday, May 25: 6:30 a.m.
Birding at Baxter's Hollow
- Saturday, May 31: 6 a.m.
Birding Devil's Lake St. Park
- Sunday, June 1: 6 a.m.
Birding Governor Dodge St. Park
- Saturday, June 7: Time TBD
John Muir Park
- Saturday, June 7: 7:30 a.m.
Buddy's Prairie at Faville Grove
- Saturday, June 14: 8:30 a.m.
Grassland Birds of Middleton Airport



Swamp milkweed

- Tuesday, June 17: 7 a.m.
Pheasant Branch Birding
- Wednesday, June 18: 6:30 p.m.
Evening at Prairie Ridge Park
- Saturday, June 21: 7 a.m.
Pope Farm Birding
- Saturday, June 21: Time TBD
Butterflies & Wildflowers at Pleasant Valley
- Thursday, June 26, 6 p.m.
Holy Wisdom Bird Walk
- Saturday, June 28: 10 a.m.
Butterflies of Cherokee Marsh
- Friday, July 4: 9:30 a.m.
Butterflies & Dragonflies of Swamp Lovers
- Saturday, July 5: 9 a.m.
Madison Butterfly Count (fee)
- Sunday, July 6: Time TBD
Butterflies & Dragonflies of Riveredge & Cedarburg
- Saturday, July 12: 10 a.m.
Butterflies of Page Creek & John Muir Park
- Sunday, July 13: 10 a.m.
Butterflies & Dragonflies – Lakeshore Preserve
- Wednesday, July 16: 6:30 p.m.
Evening at Owen Park
- Saturday, July 19: 10 a.m.
Flowers and Butterflies of Shea Prairie
- Saturday, August 2: 8 a.m.
Yahara River Paddle Trip
- Friday, August 2: 8 p.m.
Swift Night Out – Richland Center
- Saturday, August 9: 10:30 a.m.
Butterflies of Avoca & Blue River Area
- Saturday, August 23: 9 a.m.
Warbler Walk at Pheasant Branch
- Saturday, August 23: 10 a.m.
Butterflies & Blossoms at Pheasant Branch
- Monday, September 1: 4 p.m.
Pleasant Valley Conservancy

Monthly Field Trips:

Jefferson-Dodge Bird Walks
Every third Saturday or Sunday
Cherokee Marsh Walk
Every first Sunday: 1:30 p.m.

For complete details, visit madisonaudubon.org or call 608.255.2473.

Deer tracks mark the snow around springs below the Lake Mills Ledge

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Deadlocked

Ordinarily, a large rack of antlers would confer a competitive advantage to a buck deer in rut, intimidating lesser suitors or quickly overcoming them in direct conflict. But when two bucks are closely matched in size and physical condition, as were these two three-year-olds in a Faville Grove Sanctuary prairie restoration, the result can be deadly. Prolonged clashes increase the normally minuscule chance of locking antlers, which resulted in the deaths of these two strong, healthy animals.



Signs of Spring at Faville Grove

April 6, 2014. After our long, cold winter, it's been a confusing season with spring events mixed up from what many of us have come to anticipate. But, every year has its differences that over a few short weeks seem to even out. In spite of our frustrations with the weather, it seems that many harbingers of spring are sticking to their phenological schedules, or at least catching up quickly.

Aldo Leopold famously wrote that a "skein of geese, cleaving the murk of a March thaw, is the spring." But in the age of "corporate geese" (those non-migratory Canana geese that reside around man-made ponds and manicured lawns in metropolitan areas, including the geese that hang out at the DNR's Lake Mills fish hatchery), we look for the arrival of a number of other species to foretell spring.

Red-winged blackbirds and sandhill cranes are usually our "advance" species, and most years we can count on them showing up around the first of March. This year, however, the cranes made it back to Faville Marsh eleven days or so "late," and then the red-wings were delayed even longer, stalled out somewhere to the south by the snow and cold. The robins gave us hope for spring when they flew in the day before the cranes, dozens and dozens of them, and joined the resident cedar waxwings to feast on the autumn's leftover wild crab apples and winterberries. Curiously, the robin's arrival was two weeks earlier than in 2013!

The return of woodcocks and the beginning of their unique courtship displays really means that spring has arrived. They've been back since March 20, nine days earlier than in 2013, although some years they have arrived as much as a week earlier than this year. Although their peenting, twittering and chirping has been subdued by the cooler weather, they have

been active on some evenings as the light fades. We look forward to warmer temperatures and their curious carryings-on, sometimes from dusk until dawn during clear nights of a full moon.

Milder temperatures, and spring showers, will also bring on the now fairly subdued chorus frogs in the adjacent wetlands. They are also somewhat later than usual; we noted their first calling on March 29 this year. Last year, however, they were voiceless even longer—until April 2, which is about the latest we have recorded for the sanctuary. They will be followed soon, we hope, by the spring peepers, green and leopard frogs, American toads, and finally eastern gray tree frogs.

Bluebirds have been around for quite awhile. Some of them might not have even left for the winter or only ventured a short distance south. Their competitors for nesting boxes, the tree swallows, generally come back at the end of March to early April and this year we first saw them and heard their excited chirping today, April 6, as they circled and immediately started to claim the boxes.

As grassland habitat at Faville Grove has expanded, we are seeing increasing numbers of grassland birds. Harriers have been frequent visitors here for at least the last month, and on the first of April, eastern meadowlarks could be heard singing from their perches. Their arrival date over the years spans most of the month of March, with April 1, 2014 being the latest we have recorded.

Finally, we are still waiting for both skunk cabbages and pasqueflowers, often already blooming by now, to do their thing.

David Musolf, Faville Grove resident manager

Spring Planting at Goose Pond

Ten volunteers helped hand-plant five acres of short-grass prairie in the Browne Prairie tract on March 14. The seed was nearly all local Empire Prairie genotype, either hand-collected from several local remnants in Columbia and Dane counties, or collected with the help of volunteers on restored prairies at Goose Pond. Species included short grasses, especially little blue-stem and prairie dropseed, along with a wide variety of forbs, including wood lily, prairie and fringed gentian, and butterfly-weed. The focus was planting a mix that will benefit butterflies and other prairie invertebrates.

Due to unfavorable weather conditions, the planting was moved from its original date of November 2013. Whether planted in late fall or early spring, the seed

should have time to stratify—a process that prairie seeds must endure to germinate. Repeated freezing and thawing conditions the seed and assures good seed-soil contact.

The five acres was part of a cow pasture before being acquired by Madison Audubon Society. Preparations for the restoration included fence removal, prescribed burning, and three herbicide treatments.

Thanks to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for restoration funding provided through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. The planting only took half of a day and the weather was great. Volunteers were rewarded with lunch and the satisfaction of knowing they contributed to a prairie restoration at Goose Pond Sanctuary.

Arctic Winter

December through March on the Arlington Prairie was more like a winter on the tundra. There was at least one inch of snow on the ground from December 9 to March 17 and it snowed at least 0.1 inch on 45 days. We had many days of blowing snow and ended up with significant drifting. From December through February, about 14 per cent of the hours were below zero. Goose Pond froze over on Nov. 23 and opened April 6.

According to Project Snowstorm, "Snowy owls are one of the most beautiful and mysterious birds on earth—and the winter of 2013-14 has seen the biggest invasion of these arctic-breeding raptors into the Northeast and Great Lakes regions in decades.



Snowy owl near Goose Pond

Photo: Lester Doyle

"By the first week of December, 2013, birders realized something extraordinary was underway. Thousands—perhaps tens of thousands—of snowy owls were flooding south from Newfoundland to Minnesota. Such invasions, known as irruptions, occur sporadically and unpredictably, and the irruption of 2013-14 is the biggest in the east in the last four or five decades."

A snowy owl was observed here in early December but it did not stay. However, a couple of snowy owls began showing up in mid-January and more were seen in late January.

We organized three "owl prowls" between February 2 and March 9. A total of 77 observers found four or five owls around Goose Pond each time. In addition, as word spread, hundreds of people visited the area on their own, many adding snowy owls to their life lists. We thought the owls would head north by mid-March, but numbers actually increased. On March 26, there were seven owls within one mile of Goose Pond.

Susanne Harp was out owling on March 7 and found a falcon perched along our driveway. She mentioned this to Warren Rebolz who was also out looking for owls that day. He took many excellent photos and it was not long before the falcon was identified as a gyrfalcon—a first for our Goose Pond bird checklist. This large falcon is usually only found in the high arctic and was one of three found in Wisconsin this winter, which is also unusual.

The third arctic bird of the winter was a peregrine falcon, tundra subspecies, found on March 26 by Richard Armstrong. Other interesting species seen at Goose Pond in late March were a whooping crane (photo on p.7) and a short-eared owl.

Mark Martin and Sue-Foote Martin,
Goose Pond resident managers



Photo: Warren Rebolz

Gyrfalcon near Goose Pond

Goose Pond Volunteer Opportunities

Planting Shrubs

Volunteers are needed to help plant shrubs on the Lapinski-Kitze tract during the third or fourth week of April. Shrubs are important for some birds and provide year-round benefits to wildlife. Over 500 shrubs will be planted including: American hazelnut, red osier and silky dogwood, and wild plum.

Monitoring Nest Boxes

American kestrel nest box monitors are needed during the nesting season for Dane, Columbia, and Jefferson counties. Volunteers will monitor 75 nest boxes using a "spy camera" from the ground to look into the boxes and count numbers of eggs and young.

Counting Butterflies

Join us at Goose Pond for the North American Butterfly Association's 26th annual Mud Lake Butterfly Count on July 1. The Mud Lake count centers at the Mud Lake State Wildlife Area near Poynette and covers 177 square miles. The area includes Goose Pond Sanctuary and we plan to have volunteer teams conduct an intensive count of butterflies at Goose Pond and Erstad Prairie. We will assist with butterfly identification.

Contact:
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goosep@madisonaudubon.org)
or Tony Abate (715-213-7520).

Board Elections

Three current board members have begun new three-year terms as a result of the 2014 membership election. John Aeschlimann, Galen Hasler, and Jim Shurts, all of Madison, will continue on the board until 2017. John is the current treasurer, chairs the finance committee, and serves on both the executive and development committees. Jim chairs the sanctuary committee and the Goose Pond committee. Galen, a member at-large, is member of both the finance committee and education/programs committee.

In addition to the board election, the membership approved a minor revision to the bylaws providing for more flexibility in scheduling of the annual board elections.

At its March meeting, the board reelected the four current officers for the next year. The full board membership remains:

John Aeschlimann, treasurer
Galen Hasler
Arlyne Johnson
Susan Knaack
Marcia MacKenzie, vice president
Roger Packard, president
Jim Shurts
Marelda Weiss
Topf Wells, secretary

Also at the March meeting, the board adopted its annual action plan. The plan drives the work of the organization during the year ahead, and is developed in conjunction with the strategic plan that was adopted in 2013. The full plan is available on our web site.

“Forever” Giving

I have been actively involved in many non-profits over the years, and I strongly believe in all of their missions, but I chose Madison Audubon Society to include in my estate plan. Why? Well, like most of you reading this, I understand the imminent threat to our environment brought about by overpopulation and climate change. It is not just that I love experiencing nature and want to preserve it for my grandchildren to enjoy (I do!); it is even more important to me to know that the world my grandchildren and their children live in will sustain them and allow them to have happy, healthy lives.

Why MAS over other environmental groups? I can only speak to my own decision-making process. I come from a family that has for generations been active in environmental preservation. (My grandfather, Harley MacKenzie, was inducted into the Conservation Hall of Fame with Gaylord Nelson.) Therefore, I have donated to many worthy environmental organizations over the years and will continue to do so. However, when considering a legacy bequest, I chose MAS because its work is both local and lasting. MAS has been purchasing land, furthering its mission and consistently improving its vision since 1936. The habitat preservation work MAS does in its Faville Grove and Goose Pond



sanctuaries cannot be undone by government action. It is critically important that MAS continues to build its endowment fund to sustain and enlarge these sanctuaries.

The wonderful youth education work that MAS is doing is my second motivation. We older folks benefited from educational initiatives begun in the seventies and before. Kids today, who are tomorrow's voters and activists, have diminishing opportunities to understand the true import of preserving the environment. I am certain that the work MAS does will help engender environmental awareness and ethics in coming generations.

My husband and I are not wealthy people, and we have plenty of family to leave our financial resources to, but we also care about the kind of world they inherit. Of what good will financial resources be to our descendants if the earth cannot provide them with healthy air and water? Or if catastrophic climate events threaten their very existence? The way I have chosen to affect their futures is by including MAS in my estate plan, an organization I think has the best chance of having an effect on my little corner of the world—forever.

Marcia MacKenzie, vice president

Welcome New Legacy Society Members

We are most pleased to welcome our newest members to Madison Audubon's recently launched Legacy Society.

Special thanks to John Aeschlimann of Madison; Jim and Marci Hess of Blanchardville; and Harriet Irwin of Madison for their philanthropic leadership!

Planned giving is vitally important to Madison Audubon. Our Legacy Society recognizes and celebrates individuals and families that have made planned giving commitments



Shagbark hickory buds emerging

to our organization. The generosity of Legacy Society members ensures that Madison Audubon will continue its good work in protecting bird habitat, providing conservation education, and advocating for a healthy planet.

Please contact Gary Funk, Madison Audubon executive director, at 608.255.2473 or gfunk@madisonaudubon.org, if you would like to discuss a planned gift or have already made planned giving arrangements for Madison Audubon!

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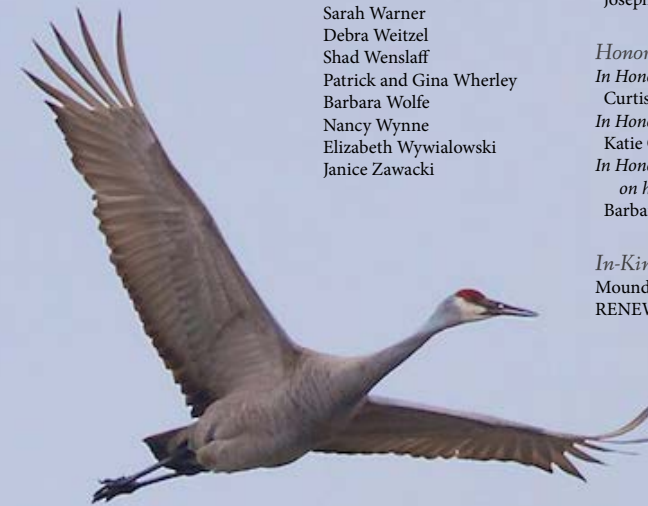
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Whooping and sandhill cranes flying near Goose Pond

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May 3, 2014 • 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Drive, Madison

Help us kick off spring with this free celebration! Featuring 100 area artists, family friendly activities, educational programs, a Birdathon Blitz, and a silent auction. All proceeds help support Madison Audubon's conservation mission.

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| 9:30 a.m. | Art Fair and Silent Auction open |
| 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Kids DIY Recycled Bird Feeders |
| 10 a.m. | Backyard Monarch Habitat program |
| 11 a.m. | Snowy Owls at Goose Pond program |
| 1 p.m. | Kids Binocular Basics |
| 2 – 2:30 p.m. | Great Wisconsin Birdathon Blitz |
| 3 p.m. | Silent Auction closes |

