



An enthusiastic group enjoys one of many *Friends* field trips, "Native Pollinators in the Preserve." Special thanks to trip leader and *Friends* board member, Susan Carpenter, UW Arboretum's Native Plant Gardener. Photo by Arlene Koziol

Annual Report 2015 *By Will Waller*

Outreach and Support: 2015 was another great year for the *Friends*. We opened the season on March 1st with a 1918 Marsh tour discussing road salt challenges and closed it with a late December bird walk seeking a Barred Owl at the tip of Picnic Point. In all, the *Friends* sponsored 30 field events. We had eight outreach events, and two special volunteer events. The 4th Sunday of the month bird walks have become increasingly popular. Our thanks again to Paul Noeldner for initiating that program.

Finance: The *Friends* finances are strong. 2015 reflects the highest level of financial support for the Preserve in *Friends* history. Our overall projects commitment was almost \$50,000. The first installment for the Eagle Heights Woods renovation was \$34,000. Our support for the summer interns was \$10,000. The balance of support included contributions to the Stewardship fund and continuing plantings on Frautschi Point.

Membership: Our membership remains stable and committed. We will renew our Board in April with three new directors who cover important member constituencies: birding, Bio-Core, and newsletter production. Three existing board members: myself, Sue Denholm, and Michelle Louis are retiring after six years of service. Sue has been a dynamo in outreach and fundraising. Michelle has shepherded our newsletter for many issues. I, for the most part, have been an enthusiastic cheerleader. There can be no Annual Report without acknowledging the enormous contributions of Roma Lenehan and Glenda Denniston as Preserve Stewards. And, we recognize the excellence of our website and our dedicated webmaster: Gisela Kutzbach.

Fundraising: Last summer the *Friends* undertook a great challenge - raising \$135,000 to finance the renovation of the Eagle Heights Woods. Our team: Gisela Kutzbach, Sue Denholm, and Peter Fisher did a superb

job. Their tireless work and advocacy for the project resulted in \$145,000 in funding... a remarkable success.

Annual Financial Report 2015 <i>Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve</i>		
	Details	Totals
Beginning balance		\$98,438.07
Income		\$43,704.40
Memberships	\$13,120.00	
Donations and memorials	\$25,550.00	
Eagle Heights Woods Project donations	\$4,980.00	
Dividends and interest	\$54.40	
Expenses		-\$54,540.55
Gifts to Preserve	-\$2,500.00	
Transfer to Eagle Heights Woods project	-\$33,765.00	
Plantings/seeds for Preserve	-\$2,148.37	
Summer interns	-\$10,350.31	
Annual meeting	-\$422.41	
Committees, supplies, newsletter	-\$2,552.02	
Eagle Heights Woods fundraising	-\$1,836.04	
Postage	-\$966.40	
Ending balance		\$87,601.92