



FINANCES AND ACTIVITIES

# Connecting and Caring: Friends Prevail Through Another Pandemic Year

Will Vuyk, president

In many ways, 2021 was tougher than we expected. In April almost a year ago, we lost our president and friend, Steve Sentoff. We are grateful for having been able to learn from his leadership and share in his passion for the Preserve during his too short time with the Friends. Others have lost loved ones and faced tragedy in different ways over the past year. Our condolences and best wishes to all those who are still healing.

Nevertheless, the Friends have continued to make good on our mission to inspire people to connect to and care for the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. In February, an eager group of poets from all levels of experience connected over their shared poetry at the Friends' second annual "It's In Our Nature" Poetry Open Mic. You can listen to some of their pieces posted under March, 2021 on the "People and Events" page of our website. In April, UW professor Emily Arthur delivered a brilliant talk about her work at the interface of art and science for our 2021 Annual Meeting. Over the summer, the Friends maintained the purple martin boxes and bluebird houses by the Biocore Prairie, funded another class of Prairie Partner Interns and worked with the Clean Lakes Alliance to monitor

water quality in University Bay. This is on top of two issues of the PRESERVE! newsletter and field trips (currently in-person!) coordinated every month by the indefatigable Field Trip Committee.

The Friends also helped the Preserve staff with their projects, caring for the Preserve through direct volunteer work and financial support. In addition to invasive species removal, the planting of native species and funds targeted specifically for restoration work, the Friends donated \$30,000 to help pay for the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan. You can learn more about this exciting development on the Lakeshore Nature Preserve website; please reach out to both the Friends and [campus.planning@fpm.wisc.edu](mailto:campus.planning@fpm.wisc.edu) with your comments and questions.

At the end of that rollercoaster of a year, despite its strangeness and sorrow, our income was up over 25%, testament to how important the Friends organization is for members during these difficult times. Thanks to all of you for your generosity. Let us continue to inspire connection to and care for the Preserve - and each other - in 2022. Forward!

# 2021 Annual Financial Report

Steve Sellwood, treasurer

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$109,036</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$27,133</b>
Memberships	\$23,078
Donations (non-members)	\$1,400
Gifts in Honor or Memorial	\$2,600
Dividends and interest	\$55
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>-\$51,087</b>
Gift to UW Preserve for Master Plan	-\$30,000
Prairie Partners Summer Interns	-\$7,446
Gift to UW Preserve for Restoration Work	-\$6,000
Gift to UW Preserve Stewardship Fund	-\$4,000
Newsletter and Website	-\$1,458
Special Projects and Citizen Science	-\$789
Postage and PO Box	-\$702
Insurance	-\$450
Annual Meeting	-\$175
Other Expenses	-\$67
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$85,082</b>

I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE by joining or making an additional gift.

## Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve

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- I'd like to VOLUNTEER— please send me information by email.
- I'd like to GO PAPERLESS and receive my newsletter by email.
- I'd like to give a GIFT MEMBERSHIP. Name and address:

Please mail this completed form and your check payable to:

**Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve**  
P.O. Box 5534  
Madison, WI 53705

Or complete the form and **pay online** at [www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com](http://www.friendslakeshorepreserve.com)

- Join
- Renew
- Addl. Gift

### MEMBERSHIP & GIFTS

- Student..... \$10
- Individual..... \$20
- Family ..... \$35
- Prairie Friends..... \$50
- Wetland Friends..... \$100
- Woodland Friends .... \$250
- Other ..... \$\_\_\_\_\_

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