



the Prairie News

Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund P.O. Box 1802 Kenosha, Wis. 53141

Sherry Anderson

**“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless,
but because they’re priceless.” - Sherry Anderson**

Dear Friends,

Because of volunteers’ priceless efforts 54 years ago, and in all the years since, Chiwaukee Prairie remains an ecological jewel amid development. Today, volunteer efforts continue *our mission to acquire, restore, manage and preserve Chiwaukee Prairie and support research and environmental education.*

Land Acquisition:

This past year, CPPF continued acquiring privately held vacant land parcels. In the past, we gave money to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to buy available lots. In 2015, TNC gave their parcels to DNR but DNR was unable to continue their acquisition efforts. As a result, CPPF started responding to sellers’ inquiries and began buying land directly in August 2016.

Most of the remaining privately held lots were purchased decades ago, generations ago, often requiring significant time and effort to clear title problems. Kudos to our volunteer Land Chair for her tenacity and ingenuity in facilitating CPPF’s purchases. **We now own 17 lots** held as conservation land in perpetuity. More good news, she is now in negotiations for significant potential acquisitions!

While land acquisition takes the fewest volunteers, it obviously takes most of your donations. The remaining 42 privately held vacant parcels south of 116th Street are assessed at over \$500,000. To the north there are many more. With your support, we will continue our efforts to negotiate, purchase and preserve the privately held remaining open land in Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area!

DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR

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Restoration & Management

Buying land is the first step. Caring for it is the rest of the journey. It involves many volunteers and very little spending! In the last 12 months, 57 volunteers, male and female, age 7 to 77 years, drove over 5,000 miles to work more than 1,000 hours on the Prairie!

CPPF takes its role as Official Volunteer Steward of the Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area very seriously. In addition to digging, pulling, cutting, collecting, treating and mowing, volunteers are training on equipment and studying for certifications, learning to identify a variety of invasives and planning management activities.

New in 2019 will be a **dedicated seed collecting group** to enrich less species diverse areas. Also new are the **Neighbor Stewards**. These are folks who live in the Prairie and will, with guidance, manage a lot nearby. So far there are five and we would welcome many more!

Science & Research:

Fall hawk monitors caught and banded 150 birds, twice last year’s total. They were mostly Red-tailed and Coopers’ but also Peregrines, Goshawks, Merlins and Sharpshins. Last year, there were 20 Bluebird fledglings at Chiwaukee. Sadly, this year there were none. Kay McClelland led volunteers in monitoring and scouting for Heritage Plants, those endangered, threatened, and of concern. In addition to surveying the endangered Eastern Prairie White Fringed Orchid, several volunteers took part in pollinating them!

Education & Outreach:

Information tables at “Spring into Gardening” and Gateway “Earth Day” brought us new Friends and volunteers. Several groups came to the Prairie for informational hikes including the Natural Resources Foundation and Parkside Lifelong Learners. Kay led 14 plant identification walks from May to September. Next July the Four Seasons Garden Club’s annual Garden Walk will include Chiwaukee Prairie as a “bonus garden”. Our email Monthly Update with news, events and volunteer opportunities goes out to 444 supporters.

Volunteers have accomplished much over 54 years and, as an all-volunteer organization, we are doing everything we can to keep on acquiring, helping manage, and preserving Chiwaukee Prairie. Your continuing support makes it all possible.

Thank you everyone!

Pam Holy, President

We will continue until the last piece of land has been preserved

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES



Lance Leaved Coreopsis

Monthly Update

PLEASE, send CPPF your email address and once a month we will send you Prairie news and photos, upcoming events and plans for the workday.

cppf@chiwaukee.org

CPPF does not share its address or email lists

Workdays

No experience necessary. On the job training.

Mark your calendars! All year long, volunteers come to Chiwaukee Prairie on the **3rd Saturday of the month** to do whatever is needed. We work from 10AM to 1PM. Come for all or part of the time. Plans and location in Monthly Update, Facebook and our website.

ALSO in 2019 ...

Naturalist-led Walks
Prairie Neighbors' Day
Chiwaukee History Walk
Heritage Plant Monitoring
Dedicated Seed Collecting Group
Equipment Training/Maintenance
Invasive Species Identification Training

...for information on volunteer activities and opportunities, special events, photos, flora, fauna, and history, and to view the Prairie map, please visit:

www.chiwaukee.org

www.facebook.com/chiwaukee

www.facebook.com/groups/chiwaukee

www.instagram.com/chiwaukeeprairiepreservation

\$ FOR \$ MATCH

Longtime patrons of Chiwaukee Prairie, including Jack and Terry Shouba, will match all donations received from individuals by February 15, 2019

All donations are available for acquisition of land in Chiwaukee Prairie. Please consider marking the **"Discretionary"** line to give us the flexibility to do "whatever is needed" to acquire and manage the Prairie.

The **Basic Membership** remains at the bargain price of \$10, but more is always welcome! Donate \$100 to be a **Blazing Star**. Donate \$500 to be a **Life Member**. And the category of **Sustaining Member** acknowledges life members who donate another \$500 or a new \$1000 donor. **Any amount is very much appreciated!**

OPTION: DONATE ONLINE **WITH A DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD**

www.chiwaukee.org/donate

You can earn \$\$ for the Prairie

List **Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund Inc** with [Goodsearch](#) and [Amazon Smile](#)

The Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all volunteer organization. All donations are tax deductible and much appreciated!
Please consider CPPF when planning your will!

Many Thanks

We are extremely grateful to the congregation of the **Kenosha Bible Church** for providing CPPF with a room for our monthly Board meetings and to the folks at **Landmark Title Corporation** for all their help with our land acquisition efforts.

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Gen Crema

Wonder Women of Chiwaukee Prairie

Gen Crema was a leader among the original group of citizens who, in 1965, came together to save Chiwaukee Prairie from development after the county approved a very large marina project. Their task was daunting. After they convinced The Nature Conservancy to help them by buying a strip of land along the railroad to end the marina plan, they had to pay back the loan and start raising funds to acquire over 500 platted parcels. For the first 20 years, Gen gave talks, led walks, mentored docents, raised funds and did whatever was needed to promote and protect the Prairie. In 1985, she became an initial director of the fledgling Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund, Inc. She was also a charter member of the Four Seasons Garden Club, a strong supporter of the Prairie since 1965. Gen knew the native plants and happily shared her knowledge with others. Her favorite was the Eastern Prairie White Fringed Orchid. In 1994, The Nature Conservancy presented her with a Special Recognition Award and the Gen Crema Trail was officially named. Gen passed in 1995 after 30 incredible years of passionate volunteer support of Chiwaukee Prairie. Priceless.



Joan Rohan & Donna Peterson

Joan Rohan and Donna Peterson had first seen the Prairie in their youth and each was struck by its beauty and uniqueness. They were longtime volunteers when, in 1985, they decided a permanent, independent organization should replace the TNC committee. They enlisted the help of SC Johnson attorneys with articles of incorporation and bylaws and became a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Initial directors included Genevieve Crema, Phil Sander, Richard Barloga, and Bernice Popelka. Over the years there followed innumerable bake sales, slide presentations, hikes, annual newsletter appeals, and art fairs with original prairie works by local artists, Mary Alice Hammond and Rebecca Venn. As funds came in, land was acquired, and volunteers came to monthly workdays to help manage it. For 22 years as President and Land Chair, this dynamic duo moved the mission forward with an uncanny knack for getting whatever or whomever was needed for the cause; an equipment trailer from WE Energies, newspaper articles, hike leaders, new directors, haulers, and donors. Now, Donna enjoys getting the Monthly Update. Joan passed in 2012 at the age of 95. It is impossible to list all they did. We just know they are truly priceless!



Deb Maurer

Deb Maurer, a restoration ecologist, worked for the Lake County Forest Preserve District restoring Spring Bluff, a natural area wedged between the Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area and the Illinois Beach State Park. She isn't a volunteer. She is that special professional who took on something important and beyond the boundaries of her job. She brought together all the managers and land owners along the Lake Plain from Kenosha to Waukegan. She coordinated applying for several large federal restoration grants and took a year putting together the Ramsar nomination for the Lake Plain as a Wetland of International Importance. Deb has moved on to work in North Carolina. The partnerships she created, and the Lake Plain restoration work are continuing. The benefits to Chiwaukee Prairie are priceless! Thank you, Deb Maurer.

We remember friends who have passed...

Imogene P. Johnson was a lifelong supporter of conservation efforts in the area and a Life Member of CPPF. **Dorothea Bach Kuehnl**, also a Life Member and very longtime supporter, loved Chiwaukee Prairie and took fond memories with her when she moved east. **Marion Modder Pacetti** lived in Carol Beach and was a staunch defender of the Prairie in her community and as a member of the Four Seasons Garden Club.

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Return Service Requested



Lance Leaved Coreopsis
by Jaime Johnson

Many thanks to all of you, our 2018 stewardship volunteers!

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