



THE WILLOW TIMES



The Newsletter of the Caledonia Conservancy

Summer 2020

LOOKING UP!

by *Libby Cameron*

Four bright new barn quilts have sprouted up in Caledonia. Members of the Conservancy painted the Four Flags quilt for the Grove family farm years ago. This January, Kathi Wilson, executive director of the Racine Arts Council and original founder of Racine county's Quilts On Barns project, asked if I would design one of three they planned to add for 2020. I agreed to do one, if it could have a horse. It was such fun I ended up creating a total of 4 quilts for our area.

Nancy Pierce serves on both the Racine Arts Council board and cochairs the CC's Outreach committee. She knew I'd painted some quilts for my own farm, so it was her idea to get Kathi and me introduced again, with this delightful result. The quilts will be featured in the Arts Council's Quilts On Barns Road Rally coming October 10!

It was perfect timing to have community service to focus on during the lockdown.



Kjell Erlandsson stands with the painted Rusty Horseshoes quilt.

I felt very cheered to realize people would enjoy seeing these when they were out driving around again.

With three layers of primer and three layers of each paint color on top of that, it took about 50 hours per quilt. I needed strong motivation to keep going!

My husband, Kjell Erlandsson, was a huge help in handling all the lifting and precise layout of my designs. We cleared the lower level in our house and set up sawhorses and plastic floor covers. I had hoped to have some locals and the Pony Club members over to help paint details, but with everyone quarantined that wasn't possible. Little by little each day the patterns took shape just fine. People enjoyed watching their progress on Facebook.

First, it was fun to match the frame color of "Blue Ribbon Horse" to the exact roof of the Racine County Pony Club barn (5518 Highway 31). It's Blueberry! The central white horse shape was inspired by my favorite chocolate mold.

Next, "Rusty Horseshoes" hangs on Rusty Stacey's barn (5750 Five Mile Road), and yes I shamelessly used Green Bay Packer/John Deere tractor colors. The black horse is similar to the logo of our local Riders of Caledonia (ROC) group, which sponsored this one. Rusty thought it looked suspiciously like my black mare but chuckled and said that's okay, I like Morgans! Rusty's family has generously allowed us to ride over their land for many decades. Rusty himself was a stalwart member of the fabled King's Crazies riders, and serves the community on many committees, including the Conservancy preservation committee.



Libby drives her Ford tractor to raise the pony club quilt into place on the hay barn. Many pony clubbers watched from horseback!



Libby Cameron poses with her newly painted "Blue Ribbon Horse" quilt and some poodle helpers.



“Quarter Horse Cross” is on Drs. Debbie and Ric Palmer’s barn (7930 Botting Road). Elegant and understated is their style, but the design didn’t start out that way. Deb chairs and hosts the conservancy picnic, along with various conservancy meetings and they are famous for their mission trips which provide expert dentistry in disadvantaged countries. During one of our conservancy meetings Deb was so enthused about the quilts I was doing that she wondered aloud where she could get one. Her bubbly personality mesmerized me into gifting one to her! The first design was met with a gently lukewarm reception and in hindsight I realize it did look like four large Casper the Friendly Ghosts in the corners of it! Well they ARE a dental family dynasty so I was trying to include teeth! Deb borrowed my color samples and picked hues to match their barn. I love the end result. The white horse represents their grandchildren’s show horse, Mario.

The fourth quilt “Side-Saddle Tiger Lady” is too far back for public viewing but horseback riders will see it on the trail around our barn. It was a takeoff on an illustration by the fantastic French artist Alfred Chantrey Corbould 1852-1920. He illustrated the cover of my favorite sidesaddle book. Not wanting to go out for more paint during lockdown, I used a color left over from the Pony Club’s painted leather strap. It worked well to give an oriental feel to the sort of etching-inspired cartoon. It’ll be fun to get a

future photo of my sidesaddle friends and me next to this quilt!

Kjell framed the quilt backs and masterminded hanging two using our tractor, which, given wind and weight was not easy.



Lemberg Electric bolting the Drs. Palmer Quarter Horse Cross quilt under the watchful eye of the Erlandsson artists.

We are EXTREMELY grateful to Matt Schmidt and Lemberg Electric Company for stepping in to hoist the other higher two into place at no cost! Rusty’s hangs 22’ from the ground, and the Palmer’s about 16’. It was a relief not to have Kjell up on a ladder hanging them although I know he typically wouldn’t mind the challenge. The Lemberg pros installed one perfectly in 45 minutes! We hope you’ll enjoy the quilts throughout the seasons and look for them to be part of a quilt road rally event the Racine Arts Council will be putting on in the fall.



Racine Arts Council Executive Director Kathi Wilson helps guide the side-saddle quilt into place.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The new era of relying on electronic communications for health reasons catapulted us into an electronic newsletter too. On the plus side is that you’ll see things in beautiful COLOR! We don’t have everyone’s email address, so we hope you will reach out to supply yours. If anyone wishes to get a printed version, (which has to be in black and white for cost) let us know and we’ll see that you get one. Meanwhile, if you have a printer or don’t mind reading onscreen, we hope you’ll enjoy this more frugal format.

Despite everything else Mother Nature is open for business and people are enjoying huge dividends from Conservancy greenspace paid for by everyone’s past hard work. The value of greenspace is undeniable now more than ever. We hope you can get out and enjoy it on the beautiful CC properties and trails!

Thank you to all the pivoting conservationists past and present and future!

Libby





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm going to get this out of the way in the first paragraph. Covid 19. It's about coping, perseverance, social distancing, resource scarcity, and well-founded fears of the economic and health consequences. The barrage of this information is near constant. We're all weary of this, and presumably well informed. Of course this dilemma has waged consequences, primarily economic, on the Conservancy. But, let's not dwell on this for a moment.

There's been a tremendous amount of progress on our lands driven by dedicated volunteers. In the past few weeks, volunteers have planted hundreds of trees, cut new trails, pulled bushels of invasive garlic mustard, improved trails with countless wheel barrow loads of wood chips, cleared fallen trees from our pathways, cut woody growth from our prairies, placed new signs along the trails to ensure folks stay safe and find their way,

engaged visitors with a scavenger hunt, gained new volunteers, and I'm confident that I've missed some worthy endeavors in this list. The amount of progress has been amazing and dare I offer seems kind of normal for late spring within the Conservancy.

There has been lots of anecdotal evidence we're attracting more visitors to our lands with a greater frequency this spring. A tip for those that want to go for weekend hike on Short Road lands, get there early or you may not find a parking place.

Internally, our Executive Director researched and applied for stimulus funding to help non-profit organizations. We prevailed, and the funds will help bridge the gap in the near term. And, our committees continue to do great work, including some creative efficiency with this newsletter.

Our Committee and Board members have adapted, or are in the process of adapting to meeting by video conferencing. While it's not quite the same as gathering around a table with our fellow volunteers, I suspect our leadership members appreciate that we can join the family for dinner and seamlessly transition to a video conference in about a five minute interval. Nice. We'll miss this when we resume in person meetings.

For those of you who know about non-profit finances, the next few months will be very important for our organization. Join me in hope and positive thought for less rain, continued dedication among our volunteers, supportive and generous donors, and of course the opportunity to gather together, even if six feet apart.

Best Regards,
Matthew "Matt" Johnsrud
Board President

TALES FROM THE TRAIL

In these uncertain times of social distancing, masks, covid-19, and face time or zoom calls with your family and friends, it is reassuring to know that nature is still the same. We can count on the land to grow the spring flowers, and have leaves on the trees, salamanders, toads, worms and other living things out in nature. I find myself so much more relaxed after a walk on the CC trails, even when it is pulling bags full of garlic mustard!

The stewardship committee has also had to adjust to not meeting in person every month. Instead we have sent out agendas by email and members have responded on the work that they have done. Vanessa Luther did a wonderful job of removing logs that were blocking the creek at the Short Road Trailhead and also cut a new horse trail down the hill at the right of way. Matt Johnsrud removed logs that were too big for Vanessa to cut with a hand saw and cut down multiple ash trees at the Neighborhood Central

Walk. Wendy McCalvy and Jim Hooten installed multiple signs at Kings Corner, and Tabor Woods. Wendy organized two garlic mustard pulls. We had 14 people come out in pairs to cut down the small trees growing in the prairie at the Trout Ponds. They all stayed apart from each other, wore masks, and got a lot of work done! One day, we drove a van from the Short Road Trailhead to the right of way to fill in the holes left by numerous animals. The holes were a safety hazard right in the pathway. Everything went well until the van got stuck in the mud near the parking lot. Our neighbor, Chad Ishman, came out with his Superman cape on and got us unstuck. We were a muddy soggy mess, but did a lot of laughing once the van was out. Jo Stys has organized a group of volunteers at the Neighborhood Central Walk to spread wood chips, plant trees, and pull garlic mustard. Many other volunteers both old and new ones did their part to clean the trails from fallen trees, picked up trash in the ditches along CC lands,

pulled garlic mustard, and helped out any way they could. We could not do it without all of our volunteers. Thanks so much!

Sandy DeWalt
Chairperson
Stewardship Committee



CC Event Calendar

- **August 29 Mane Event
Neubauer Farm
located on Short Rd.**



NEW BOARD ON BOARD

Dave Higgins, Barb Hugier, and Dave Klokowski, have taken on the role of Caledonia Conservancy board members, each of whom also serves on a committee and has a term of 3 years (they can serve two consecutive terms). Dave Higgins serves on the Stewardship committee, and you'll read more about Barb Hugier in this newsletter, but Dave Klokowski is a new face led to the Conservancy by a dogged sense of good will. That is to say Dave and his wife Carmen walked their dogs at Tabor Woods, and asked Sandy DeWalt about a stepping stone to memorialize their beloved pet there. When their second dog passed and another stone was added along the favorite path, they began to volunteer for

the CC. We're wagging our tails about that!!



Dave Klokowski, new board member, with his dogs.

THE LAND IS OUR BABY!

Stewardship Committee is looking to coordinate a new "Adopt a Trail Program". In the past, many of our kind volunteers accepted the responsibility of being the "point person" for maintaining (to the best of their ability) a particular trail or section of trail along the entire Caledonia Conservancy trail system. This includes CC owned properties, along with trails that have easements on them. Through the years, some of this has fallen through the cracks, whether the person is unable to do so anymore or there are new easements that need attention. So, we are seeking to update our list.

Responsibilities would include trimming brush off the trail periodically, clearing fallen trees- or if unable to do it yourself, reaching out to Stewardship to have someone do that-cutting the grass if possible and any other tasks that might need attention.

If you are interested in "adopting" a trail, please contact Michelle Luczak at michelle357357@gmail.com. If you already are caring for a particular portion of trail system, firstly, THANK YOU!! All of your work is sooooo appreciated!! Secondly, please reach out

to Michelle and let Stewardship know that you intend to continue to do so. Remember, many hands make light work!!

Trail Clearing Fun!

Give community service while six feet apart?
Don't fret, trail pruning doesn't have to be art.
Come join the fun of the Stewardship group, it's like grownup boy scouts or brownie troop.
Wear masks, avoid poison ivy, oak and the other, but wear long pants and gloves since we cannot hover.
Call Sandy DeWalt (262-909-4440) the chairwoman divine, she will coax or cajole and it's well worth your time.
Second Saturday of the month they meet; your calendar's clear?
Well, get moving those feet!

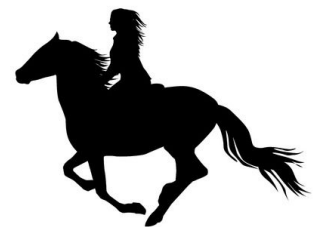
Wishlist

Need a donated mower and a volunteer mowing team to use it.

EQUESTRIAN SUBCOMMITTEE FORMED

The CC has a new Equestrian Committee! It is part of Outreach, and is meant to be a point of contact for horse related things relating to and encouraging conservation. It is led by Libby Cameron and Michelle Luczak. It helps in education about animals and multi-use trails to avoid conflict while providing a fun focal point to build community solidarity. It will also foster an appreciation and enjoyment of the horse community which is a substantial part of our local conservation supporters.

(Note: This is different from the Riders Of Caledonia (ROC) group which is an informal herd of neighborhood riders. ROC is not part of the Conservancy but supports mutual goals and gives out welcome neighbor swag bags with Conservancy information included etc. Notice about rides and trail conditions are also posted on the Facebook group Caledonia Etree, which reaches over 800 families in our area. Just search it and ask to join.)





WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU!

These are the companies and individuals that donated to the Mane Event, Picnic, and Holiday Fundraiser in 2019.

Please patronize these businesses that have supported us in 2019! And if you see any names you recognize, thank them too! We are grateful for everyone's support.

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RON ENDRIS & HIS FREE PRAIRIE SEEDS

We would like you to meet Ron Endris from Verona, Wisconsin. For over 10 years as a private volunteer he has provided native prairie, savanna, woodland & wetland seeds FOR FREE to non-profits in the area. Ron has access/permission to collect seeds on thousands of acres of land in the area including all Dane County Parks, Ice Age Trail sites, some Prairie Enthusiasts sites, and a number of large land trusts and conservancies.

He used to process the seed at his house but over the last 5 years has partnered with Dane County Parks. Ron harvests seed on his own and also with volunteer groups. The harvests are combined. Dane County has a new warehouse that they use for drying, hammer milling, and screening the seed. When that process is completed they split the pure seed in half and they supply their park plantings and he donates his seeds to groups like ours. To give you an idea of the size of what they do, this year's harvest ended up

having over 1,800 lbs pure seed of over 200 species representing a value of over \$650,000. This year Dane Co has a lot of acres to plant so they split the harvest approximately 70%/30%. That still gave him a lot of seed to donate.

All seed is individually bagged and labeled. Labels include info like common and scientific names, sun/shade, dry/wet and height. Ron also provides a spreadsheet of what you have received with the same info as well as the weight and value of each species. You will know the total poundage of grass, forbs, sedges and shrubs and the total value of the donation. Ron gave us 107 different species of plants, some for the woodlands and some for the prairie. The total number of pounds of seed that he gave us was 34.9 pounds worth \$13,109.50!!

The King's Corner committee has been working on a plan to decide where to plant some of the seed, what to plant,

and how to prepare the land in order to have optimal success in getting the seeds to grow. Prairie plants may take several years before they start to flower so we must be patient. As you pass King's Corner, on the corner of 5 Mile Road and Highway 31, take a look and watch the prairie bloom with color over the next few years.



Sandy DeWalt and Barb Hugier pose with \$13,109.50 gift!

KING'S CORNER UPDATES

Wendy McCalvy donated \$4,000 to the Conservancy last fall for the removal of dead ash trees on King's Corner. The money will pay to hire the operator of a large forest mower which can chip a large tree in very short time. Trees that are near trails and Five Mile Road will be targeted. Because the ground never froze completely last winter, the project is being delayed for dry weather.

A new walking trail on Kings Corner was cleared last year by Conservancy volunteers and Americorps volunteers. The last connection has been completed. The trail runs west from the parking area in two directions into the wooded section. It is designed to cross over, but avoid the wider horse trails. New signs, smaller than our traditional ones, will help guide walkers to the two wooded trail circles as



well as to the grassy areas east of the parking lot. A map of the walking trails and horse trails is on the Caledoniaconservancy.org website.

DAVID LORENCE WOODS-HERE'S HOPING!

We wanted to let you know that preservation committee was contacted by a landowner about seven acres that is between the right-of-way and the Renak Polak State Natural Area, and borders our Short Road Trail Head. After committee review we recommended the Conservancy apply for a Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson grant. The Board passed a resolution that allowed us to proceed with the grant review and application process.

The woods are part of a 20 acre parcel owned by David Lorence. David grew up in the area and his family were original pioneers who lived in a log cabin on what is now Short Road. This seven-acre "cut out" is old growth woods and boasts the same unique flora as the State natural area to the west. Marla Wishau compiled the grant information needed in the application, and Sandy DeWalt handled all the appraisal details and is liaison to the assigned DNR grant specialist.

We submitted the grant in time for the May 1st deadline, and we are told it might take months to process; it depends on how many other applicants there are for the funds available. Now we have to wait to see if the grant is approved before we move forward. Wish us luck!! (And THANK YOU to Sandy and Marla for accomplishing the complex application at speed during challenging times!!!)



PRESERVATION PRIORITIES

by Marla Wishau

Since the beginning, we've always voiced a desire to preserve the old North Shore Railroad Right Of Way from the Root River to County Line Road. The Preservation Committee has been working to make the process of land evaluation more streamlined. Our rating system gives higher value to land segments and property adjoining the Right Of Way which connects the trail system.

Because the Right Of Way is our priority, we are always thinking about what properties would secure connectivity.

When landowners reach out to us, we offer information handouts, brochures and power point presentations to explain options. Ideas like conservation easements, leases, donations, sales or any other ways of securing the land are explored.

The Ehrlich, Marshall, Neubauer, Rehbein, Rohner, Schumann, and Short families have all given part of the backbone of this area. Sometimes referred to as "The Spine", the Right Of Way is indeed our lifeline to trails

nearby. Anyone who rides or walks it, knows what a unique and beautiful resource we're blessed with, since its existence allows us to easily and safely share the area with each other.

We are truly appreciative of the Right Of Way segments added to our trail system in 2019. The Conservancy is grateful and delighted to continue to meet with landowners to discuss options and answer any questions about how to preserve additional parts of the trails.

SCHOOL TO NATURE

We pivoted! This spring's School To Nature (S2N) program had to be cancelled (due to the pandemic). We still wanted to bring nature into the lives of our students. We forwarded a website from the DNR's Project Learning Tree, to the teachers who were to participate in the spring program. This had activities that students could do in their own backyards, and we asked the teachers to pass this information on to their students.

In addition, Barb Hugier who is a member of the S2N's committee, created a Scavenger Hunt for parents to do with their children at Tabor Woods. Directions for the hunt were put in the kiosk located near the entrance to Tabor

Woods (McCalvy Section). We had been planning on using a Scavenger Hunt with our S2N program when the weather didn't permit us to do the usual curriculum and Barb took the initiative to create this activity now so that children could have some fun when walking the Tabor Woods trails.

We don't know if we'll be able to do our fall program, which runs the last week in September and first week in October, at the Trout Ponds/Prairie. We will have to wait and see if the schools will be back in session and if classes will be allowed to go on field trips. So many unknowns at this time. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to volunteer for our School

To Nature program. Email or phone Jill Baranowski at jcbaranowski@sbcglobal.net or 262-681-2043.



We hope to use these nets obtained by a Go Outside Fund grant from the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin for School to Nature in the fall.

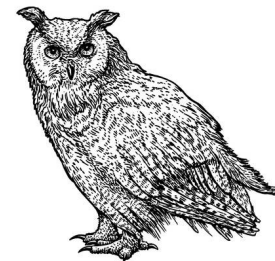
ROOTIN' TOOTIN' HOOTIN'

In case you've been under a rock or just plain holed up, you might not know Mr. T is a carved wooden Great Horned owl that conservancy creative-thinker Barb Hugier had Bob Younger carve.

Barb hides Mr. T in the woods and then people get to look for him. The first ten children age ten and under who see him each month and send Barb a photo, win a Culver's gift certificate! Free ice cream

plus fun? That's a winning combination. Last year was Mr. T's first time in the McCalvy section of Tabor Woods. A Mr. T hoot to Miles Lowe, Magdalena and Emma Dreher, Alec and Luke Drymalski, and Ella Gudmudson for being the first to find him!

The contest rules can be found on our website and Facebook page.





RACINE COUNTY VOLUNTEER CENTER ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD WINNER: DAVE HECHT

Dave was chosen for his steadfast work in the field on the various properties the Caledonia Conservancy preserves for future generations.

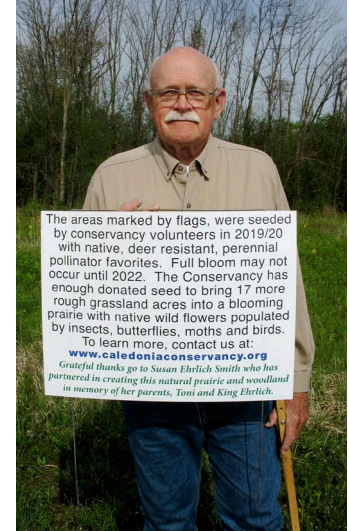
Dave has a deep appreciation of the environment. He works on maintaining our walking and equestrian trails and also has been instrumental in identifying and controlling non-native invasive species on the larger properties owned by the Conservancy. He is an active member of the King's Corner subcommittee of Stewardship. Dave is a fount of information and an able teacher (his former career) sharing information with our members and the public. He created leaflets about garlic mustard and other common invasive plants in the area, which have been shared with

the neighbors of our properties. Jo Stys nominated him and has worked with him on several projects planting, seeding shrubs, trees and prairie plants as well as pulling garlic mustard. She said he creates a team atmosphere with children, teens and adults, and makes the work, feel like fun. He encourages people to feel ownership of the land by their efforts.

This past fall Dave took the lead in obtaining prairie perennial flower seed, which was hand cast (seeded). These flowers will brighten the prairie at the King's Corner property at 5 Mile and Hwy 31.

"It is easy and enjoyable to see the native plants," said Dave recently. He also commented, "The adage 'all the flowers

of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today' is true. Planting and seeding brings beauty and life into our environment."



The areas marked by flags, were seeded by conservancy volunteers in 2019/20 with native, deer resistant, perennial pollinator favorites. Full bloom may not occur until 2022. The Conservancy has enough donated seed to bring 17 more rough grassland acres into a blooming prairie with native wild flowers populated by insects, butterflies, moths and birds. To learn more, contact us at: www.caledoniaconservancy.org Grateful thanks go to Susan Ehelich Smith who has partnered in creating this natural prairie and woodland in memory of her parents, Toni and King Ehelich.

AN OFFICIAL LITTLE LIBRARY

Kim Hoover's father, Gary Jacobson, built this little library for Fran and Peter Martin's farm. The library is located at 5630 5 Mile Rd., 53402 and it is placed right next to her Caledonia Conservancy supporter sign.

The library has a plaque designating it as an official Little Free Library and it is listed on the world map of Little Free Libraries. Stop in and take a book or three, or leave some or not- it's all free!



Kjell Erlandsson is adding the replica of another quilt Libby did for the Martins.

STAINED GLASS STEPPING STONES

Three attendees at the Mane Event, picnic, and holiday fundraiser won the silent auctions for a stepping stone made of their pet. Sandy DeWalt made the three beautiful stones as her gift to the Caledonia Conservancy. We are so lucky to have Sandy and her many many wonderful abilities that she uses so generously for the conservancy's benefit.



Coming Back 2021: Horses & Trails of Caledonia Calendar



Get out your cameras and start taking pictures of your horses, riders, trails, and nature here in our area. Please email photos to Michelle Luczak at luczaks@sbcglobal.net or Sandy DeWalt at sdewalt@wi.rr.com. If you use a cell phone, set your camera to highest resolution. Photos must be 1200 K to print well. Go to the CC website at caledoniaconservancy.org to see the calendar flyer for more details.



GARLIC MUSTARD PULLING IS A WHALE OF A JOB



This was their first day of picking. Working away were Marcia Werner, Wendy McCalvy and her new friend Lisa Hoelt. Photo by Rachel Trobaugh who also helped, along with Heidi Comeau, Lisa Marshall, and her sister Vanessa Luther.

A Nod to Wendy's Discovery

Wendy McCalvy found a new-to-us, not-seen-here-before Trillium! It's a different type than what we're used to seeing on Conservancy property. The flower hangs, hiding up under its three leaves. Wendy was down low pulling the garlic mustard when she noticed it and investigated. She photographed it and conferred with an expert plant friend, and indeed it is called a Nodding Trillium. Keep a lookout and tell us if you see more.



CELEBRATING BARB HUGIER'S CREATIVE PROJECTS!

#1 For Fun:

For fun, education and a little challenge, Barb placed plaques with questions and answers in the McCalvy section of Tabor Woods. The green colored plaques have harder questions for adults and older kids. Easier questions are on natural colored plaques. Those are geared for younger kids, but who are old enough to read. Have fun with the family, and see how many questions about nature you can answer. See the green and yellow index cards at the kiosk.

#2 Scavenger Hunt:

At this time there is a scavenger hunt in Tabor Woods, all three sections. Each hunt has eight pictures of items that can be found in the woods. At the moment, hunt number two is posted at the kiosk. Hunt number three started May 29th. After June 12th, all three hunts will be

posted at the kiosk, and remain there for the summer for families to enjoy. The rules and pictures are at the kiosk, also on the website. You take a photo of the pictures with your phone, and photograph the trail map if you don't know your way around the trails. Have a little family bet going as to who can find the most items. Most of all enjoy your walk in the woods with nature.

#3 Teaching:

Barb says "The educational area of King's Corner is now underway. Items have been planned. The next step is to get volunteers to help with more planning and building of the items. We will not be building playground equipment. I am always looking for new ideas and people to help with them. We will be featuring items for the young kids as well as for older kids. We may even throw in some

interesting items for the parents. Items will be made to stimulate not only the kid's brains, but their bodies. We hope to see parents out walking with the kids on all of King's Corner, and enjoying all the items that will be displayed. The project will take a few years to complete. If you wish to help with planning or building, send your info to Barbara at rhugier@wi.rr.com. If you are a crafter or carpenter, we can always use your ideas and help."





MANE EVENT 2020

Saturday, August 29 we are planning on holding the Mane Event horseback scavenger hunt ride. It will be at the Neubauer Family Farm on 5551 Short Road. This is the 17th year we're holding the ride as a fundraiser for the Caledonia Conservancy. Riders form teams and follow a marked trail that has items hidden along the trail. Each team is shown pictures of the items they are looking for in a specific area. Riders take a picture of each item and when they return, they get a raffle ticket for every item found. They then put their tickets in a prize bucket of their choice for a chance to win that item. A box lunch is served on the grounds. It is a fun day for riders, spectators, and volunteers. Mark August 29 on your calendar and come out for a great day.



Riders participating in the Mane Event



Rosemary Graham of Mequon near the Erlandsson mosaic bridge

DOUGH RE ME?

Fa So La Ti Do... We hear there's a baking bonanza going on during lockdown. People searching sour dough recipes is one of the most googled things going. The dough we most need to see is green and we're hopeful that those who can will rise to the occasion and send a batch to fill the Conservancy's larders. In the scale of things, it's a very good investment. When much else is questionable, green space gives comfort, health, and is undeniably valuable.



[Click here to donate](#)

TAKE AN ELFIE OF YOUR SELFIE

Any talents or interests that you have will be put to good use! Does that make it a helpie? Volunteers are always welcome and needed to help maintain the greenspace we are preserving. Be you a lumberjack helping with downed trees, a visionary who can write or photograph, or you're a graphic designer who enjoys newsletter layout - we are extremely grateful to Zari Kunesh (zkunesh@gmail.com)

for this first edition that is going out via email!!! - there's a way for everyone to contribute to the cause. Just contact any of us. Are you retiring? We tease that one of our star volunteer recruiters (Sandy!!) will knock on your door the next day! We'd love to meet you.

Some of the best ways to make friends is by being on a committee in some fashion.



Bulb Bonanza

We are planting the seed about a new Conservancy fundraiser! It's a natural. Look around at your house where you'd like to see more flowers next year. Maybe make notes, sketch a rough map, or add a popsicle stick to mark where the shovel should dig.

Then save greenspace while beautifying your space! We will be taking orders for bulbs from a high quality supplier and selling them to benefit the conservancy. You love flowers but don't want to do all the planting? We may auction off teams of volunteer planting labor to do that part as well.

You could also give them as gifts or just volunteer to be a planting person. Whatever you do to support this, supports greenspace.





CC ANNUAL TRAIL TAG

Caledonia Conservancy trail tags are proudly displayed by people, horse, and dogs that enjoy the CC trails. The work of many CC volunteers helps to make the trails available for horseback riders, hiker, and dog walkers. The suggested donation for a tag is \$30. We will gladly

take more or whatever you can afford at this time. Go to our website at caledoniaconservancy.org to support the trails and the land trust. Your tag will be either delivered to you or you will get information where you can pick it up.



NEW BROCHURE

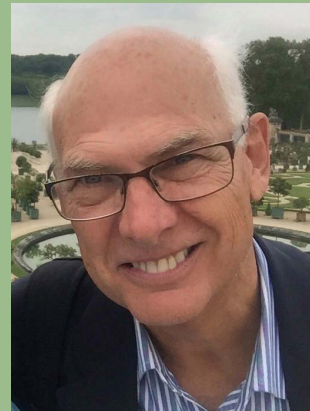
Thank you to our frugal and far-sighted band of get-er-done volunteers! After we ran out of our stash of 5,000 handsome brochures printed years ago, Diana Lesnjak, created a new general brochure

for the Conservancy with input from Allison Kurzynski and Nancy Pierce. Allison is new to the Outreach committee and Diana said she provided several good ideas from a young demographic

reference point. Diana designed it to be made in limited runs on most standard printers and thus it's easy to update and print as needed.

Remembering Terry Tollaksen

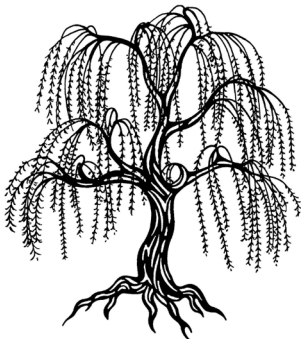
We lost a long time conservancy supporter last month. Terry was a member of the original Crazies riding group led by Kingston and Toni Ehrlich. He loved the land, nature, horses, and everyone he met. Terry joined the land trust in 2001 and had served on the board, preservation committee, stewardship, finance and helped out with multiple fundraisers, trail cleanings, and spent hours working on CC projects. He supported the CC with his time, intelligence, good wit and also financially whenever he saw a need. Even when he was cutting new trail with his machete amid the poison ivy, mosquitoes, prickly ash thorns, and fallen trees, he had a smile on his face and loved every minute of being on the land. Terry was a kind soul, always seeing the best in everyone. All who knew him will sadly miss him.





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Thank you- Volunteers & Supporters!

MISSION

Building community by
connecting people to
Caledonia's trails

VISION

The Caledonia Conservancy
is committed to preserving
land for the future. We
connect people to nature
education, improving the
quality of life through
public access to equestrian
and recreational trails. We
strive to build a sustainable
community through
stewardship, education and
outreach partnerships with
neighborhoods, schools,
businesses, and government.



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5118 Pine Tree Circle, Racine, WI 53402

King's Corner (Ehrlich)
4813 Five Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402

Trout Ponds/Prairie
4819 4 Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402

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1934 4 1/2 Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402

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