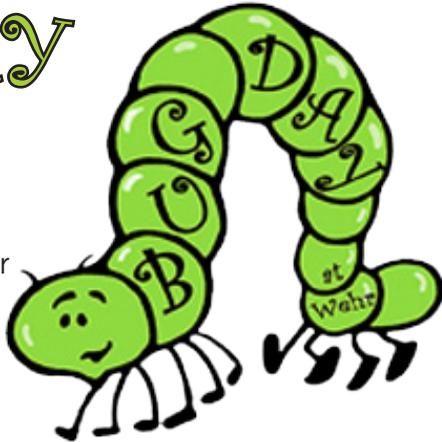




BUG DAY

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015
1 - 4 pm

Do you enjoy seeing monarch butterflies? Do your grandchildren count the spots on ladybugs? Are your kids curious about the natural world around them? Explore the wonderful world of invertebrates at Wehr Nature Center's Bug Day celebration! Show, Tell, and Touch displays will include live invertebrates found throughout Wisconsin and across the globe. There will be crafts for kids, experts answering your insect questions, and guided insect safari hikes. You can explore the invertebrates that call Mallard Lake home, too.



Bring your cameras, because the kids can dress up as their favorite bugs with Dr. Arthra Pod. The Critter Café will offer up samples of tasty insect treats. Non-bug refreshments will also be available for purchase. Invertebrates are overlooked and underappreciated but, they are essential pollinators, decomposers, food for critters (and people), and so much more. Learn how insects help us and how you can help the insects at Bug Day 2015.

Fee: \$3 per person \$2 for Friends of Wehr members

Become a FOW Member to receive discounts and free parking!



Follow the Jack-o-lanterns to Wehr's 27th Annual

Halloween Haunts

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Evenings
October 15, 16 & 17

Hikes start every 7 minutes 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Follow hundreds of Jack-o-lanterns through the Enchanted Forest and learn about misunderstood nature at this family friendly event. A magic show, carnival games, refreshments and much more make this the perfect Halloween event for children ages 4-10.

Friends of Wehr Member Sales Begin Monday, September 14, at 9am

Friends have first chance for tickets to this popular event. You will need to have a current family membership to take advantage of this benefit. You can purchase tickets in person or over the phone with a credit card. To become a member, visit www.friendsofwehr.org or call (414) 425-8550.

General Public Tickets Sales Begin Monday, September 21 at 9am

Don't be a zombie! Purchase your tickets for our popular Halloween Haunts early, or you won't have a ghost of a chance.

Ticket Prices: \$10 Per Person \$7 for Milwaukee County Residents & Friends of Wehr members

Tickets should be picked up at Wehr Nature Center. There is a \$5 service fee per order to mail tickets.

Enjoy Nature at Night

Fireside Fridays for Families July 10 and July 31, 7-9 pm

Moth Night for Adults July 24, 8-10 pm

Moth Night for Families July 25, 7-9 pm

Bat Night for Adults Aug.14, 8-10 pm

Bat Night for Families Aug. 15 7-9 pm

DIY Workshop- Harvest Soiree Sept. 24, 6-8 pm



Center News

Changes Are Happening

It's summer, and as our Summer Puppet Show song says, "changes are happening." First we are happy to welcome back naturalist (and Army Reserves Major) Howard Aprill after his year long deployment to Afghanistan. It is good to have him back. Ken Keffer, naturalist, writer, and temporary replacement for Howard, will just be changing desks and staying on as a part-time naturalist. Pat Fojut, will be retiring in August after providing thirty years of service to Wehr, first as a naturalist and then as Nature in the Parks Outreach Director. Pat and all of her "out of the box" creativity will be greatly missed.



Howard



Pat



Ken

The Center building got a face lift with new windows and Gardner Room siding in 2014. 2015 brings a renovation of the amphitheater and replacement of much of our asphalt walkway with permeable pavers. The amphitheater renovation will include slight changes in the slope, and widening and leveling of the space in the back. This area will double in size to provide more activity space and better accessibility. The project is scheduled to be completed by Labor Day. Donations for new benches and additional engraved pavers are always needed.

Our indoor bee hive did not make it through the winter. It was a bad winter for Wisconsin bees so our indoor hive is taking a year off. Wehr will still have our wonderful outdoor hive for everyone to watch. The hive will be returned to its regular location near the building so it can be viewed through our windows.

The prairie and savanna wildflowers have a continually changing display from June through September. Come and visit regularly to get the full effect. The "What's Blooming" Board shows what is currently blooming.

Changes both natural and man made will be happening all summer and fall at Wehr so come, watch, and enjoy.





Friends Of Wehr

Thank You!

Your contributions to the Friends of Wehr are appreciated and always used with careful consideration.



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Autumn Fun for the Whole Family

- Press Apple Cider
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OCTOBER 4, 2015
11:30am - 4:30pm

Admission: \$3/PERSON; 2yrs & Under Are Free
 FREE For Friends of Wehr Members

Join FOW on Cider Sunday and get a whole year of free parking, discounts in the Nature Store, program discounts, and access to early ticket sales for Halloween Haunts.

Music by the Bluegrass All Stars



WEHR WORDS - Editor: Bev Bryant
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Nature Volunteer News



Upcoming Opportunities for Current Volunteers

Dotty's Crafters: Wednesdays, July 1, August 5, September 2 & 30, 1-3 pm

Earth Care: (Plant related tasks- on the job training provided)
Thursdays, July 2, 9, 23, & 30, August 6, 13, 20 & 27,
September 3, 10, 17 & 24, 9-11 am

Bug Day: Sunday, September 20, 12:30-4:30 pm

Teaching Naturalist Trainings:

Interpretation for Volunteers:

Thursday, September 3, 9 am-12 pm

Puppet Show & Possum Adventures Programs:

Wednesday, September 9, 9am-Noon

Soil Secrets & Insect Programs:

Thursday, September 10, 9am-Noon

Ecosystems & Nature's Neighborhoods Programs:

Friday, September 11, 9 am- Noon



Ongoing Opportunities

Phenology, Wheel n' Chip, Critter Care, Teach School Groups, Trail Patrol
To sign up to help call 414-425-8550.

New volunteers are always welcome!



Contact

Mary Gaub today at
mary.gaub@ces.uwex.edu
and make an appointment.

Volunteer News

The much anticipated changes to Wehr's volunteer tracking system will take effect as our new volunteer year begins on Sept. 1. *Volgistics* is a web-based program that will allow us to record volunteer service electronically. This new technology will help us better track the incredible volunteer contribution here at Wehr. Training is provided to make it easy and convenient to use.

All volunteers are required to attend a orientation session.

Volgistics 101: Hands-on Workshop and Informational Session

These sessions will give you practical tips for using *Volgistics* to maintain your volunteer information. Learn how to record hours, tell us your preferences and update your profile. There will be computers available to practice on, but feel free to bring your own device. With the help of this training, come September 1st, you will be able to record your hours from home or at a computer station located in the volunteer room.

Because *Volgistics* is an electronic system of record keeping, **all volunteers will be required to have an email address** to access the system. If you do not have a personal email we will be happy to help you set one up at the training.

Please pre-register for an Orientation Session.

Stay for the practice session if you would like a personal tutorial and/or would like help setting up an email account.

All volunteers are required to attend an orientation session.

Thursday July 30

2-3pm Volgistics Orientation

3-5pm Hands-on Practice Session

Wednesday August 19

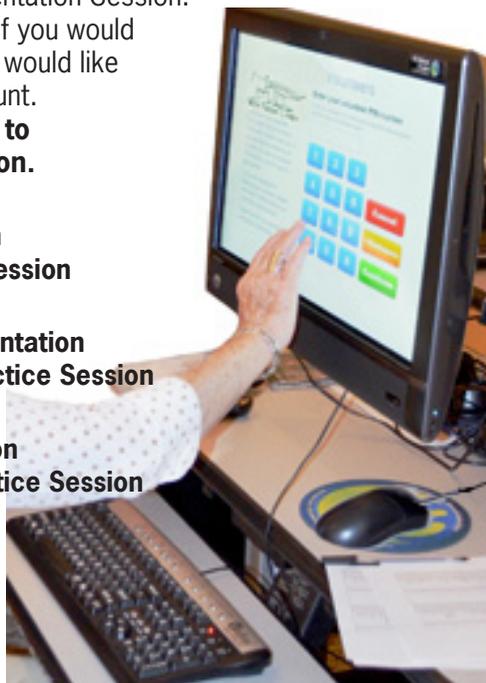
5:30-6:30pm Volgistics Orientation

6:30-8:30pm Hands-on Practice Session

Saturday August 29

9-10am Volgistics Orientation

10am-12pm Hands-on Practice Session



New Volunteer Training Opportunity!

Interpretation for Volunteers

Thursday, September 3 9am-12pm

Our volunteers help build the capacity of Wehr Nature Center to serve the public. Volunteers are an integral part of the day-to-day interactions with the public. Informative and positive experiences are what keep visitors coming back. Join us for this new training to explore how we can utilize interpretive techniques to create memorable experiences for our visitors.

All volunteers are welcome to attend.

Please pre-register by Monday, August 31

No cost; limited to active Wehr Nature Center volunteers

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>Hike for Health 10:30 am</p> <p>Dotty's Crafters 1-3 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Earth Care Crew 9-11 am</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Happy 4th</p>  <p>Wehr Nature Center Is Closed</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Little Wonders 2 yr olds 9:30-10:30 am 3 yr olds 11 am-noon</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Hike for Health 10:30 am</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Earth Care Crew 9-11 am</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Fireside Fridays "Firefly Fun" 7-9 pm</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Into The Wild- Olbrich Gardens 9 am-4 pm</p> <p>Solar Viewing 11 am-3pm</p>
<p>12</p> <p>NatureNauts 1-2 pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Hike for Health 10:30 am</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Hike for Health 10:30 am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Earth Care Crew 9-11 am</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Moth Night For Adults 8-10 pm</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Moth Night For Families 7-9 pm</p> 
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Hike for Health 10:30 am</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Earth Care Crew 9-11 am</p> <p>Volunteer Volgistics Training 2-5 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Fireside Fridays "Howling At The Moon" 7-9 pm</p> 	

For more information call 414-425-8550
All programs & events subject to change.
Parking fees may apply.

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Little Wonders 2 yr olds 9:30-10:30 am 3 yr olds 11 am-noon	4	5 Hike for Health 10:30 am Dotty's Crafters 1-3 pm	6 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	7	8 1
9	10	11 Evening Sky Viewing 8-10 pm	12 Hike for Health 10:30 am	13 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	14  Bat Night For Adults 8-10 pm	15  Bat Night For Families 7-9 pm Into the Wild- Ice Age Trail 9 am-4 pm
16	17	19	19 Hike for Health 10:30 am Volunteer Volgistics Training 5:30-8:30 pm	20 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	21	22
23 NatureNauts 1-2 pm	24 NatureNauts 9:30-10:30 am	25	26 Hike for Health 10:30 am	27 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	28	29 Volunteer Volgistics Training 9 am-Noon
30	31					

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SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Hike for Health 10:30 am Dotty's Crafters 1-3 pm	2 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am Interpretation for Volunteers 9 am- Noon	3 4	5
	6  Wehr Nature Center Is Closed	7 Wehr Astronomical Society_7 pm "Anishinaabe Constellations" Mickael Lee Zimmerman Jr. UWM History Dept.	8 Hike for Health 10:30 am Teaching Naturalist Training 9 am-noon	9 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am Teaching Naturalist Training 9 am-noon	10 Teaching Naturalist Training 9 am-noon	11 Camera Club 9-11 am Wild Ones 1:30-3:30 pm
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20  Bug Day 1-4 pm	21 Halloween Haunts Tickets on sale to the public 9 am	22	23 Hike for Health 10:30 am	24 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am DIY "Harvest Soiree" 6-8 pm	25	26 Camera Club 9-11 am
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Nature Discovery For Children



Little Wonders

A program for 2 and 3 year olds to share with their favorite adult
Times: 9:30-10:30 am for Two Year Olds 11 am - Noon for Three Year Olds

Froggy Fun Monday, July 6

Toddlers should hop, leap, and jump over to Wehr to enjoy an hour of froggy fun. We will learn frog talk, hop like frogs, and make our own frog mask. Children will meet some live amphibians

Water Is Wonderful Monday, August 3

Tots should dress for a morning of water play fun. We will be outside (weather permitting) discovering the joys of scooping, pouring, splashing and measuring water. We will hear a story about the wonders of water, make a sparkly wave bottle and eat a watery snack. Please wear bathing suits and bring a towel and change of clothes.

Cricket Song Monday, September 14

Crickets are cool! We will listen to *The Very Quiet Cricket* by Eric Carle, meet some live crickets and other insects, and go for a cricket hunt along Wehr's trails. We will help children learn to not let bugs bug them!



Eric Carle The Very Quiet Cricket



NatureNauts

A series of fun-filled programs for children 4-6 years old and their favorite adult
Times: 1 - 2 pm for Sunday Classes 9:30 -10:30 am for Monday Classes

Dancing Dragonflies Sunday, July 12

Discover the aerial acrobatics of our colorful friend, the Dragonfly. Be prepared for a short walk as we go in search of dragonflies and make your very own dragonfly to take home.

Chirping Crickets Sunday, August 23 & Monday, August 24

See up close how our evening chirpers create their beautiful songs. We will read *The Very Quiet Cricket* by Eric Carle and then meet and pet real live crickets up close.

Wild Woodpeckers

Sunday, September 27 & Monday, September 28

Woodpeckers are beautiful and hardworking birds. We will take a short walk and discover woodpecker handiwork at Wehr, prepare a meal "fit for a woodpecker", and then make a craft woodpecker to take home.



Don't let summer "BUG" your kids!

Come to the Nature Store to outfit your backyard scientists! We have lots of kits, books, puzzles, projects and more.



All proceeds go to Friends of Wehr to support the educational programs at Wehr Nature Center.
Open 8:30 am-4 pm

**FRIENDS OF WEHR
NATURE STORE**

Pre-registration is required for all children's programs Deadline is the Friday before the program date
Fees: \$10 per child \$7 Milwaukee County Residents \$5 Friends of Wehr Members



Nature Discovery for Adults



Moth Night For Adults

Friday, July 24, 8-10 pm

Moths rule the night! Participate in Moth Night, a citizen science event during National Moth Week. We will learn about these misunderstood cousins of butterflies and discover how their adaptations help them to be masters of the darkness. After an indoor presentation, we go outside to monitor bait stations and record our findings.

Fees: \$10.00 per person \$7.00 for Milwaukee County Residents \$5.00 for Friends of Wehr Members

Registration is required by the Thursday before the program.

These programs are for adults only; see the "Nature Discovery for Families" page for family options

Bat Night For Adults

Friday, August 14, 8-10 pm

Meet real live bats! Discover the fiction, folklore, and facts about bats. Learn how you can participate in Citizen Science projects to help our diminishing bat neighbors. Enjoy a night hike as we watch and "listen" for bats on our special bat detector.

Into the Wild

Weekend explorations to regional natural areas of interest lead by a naturalist.

UW Arboretum

Olbrich Gardens Saturday, July 11, 9 am-4 pm

Stroll 16 acres of outdoor gardens featuring stunning landscapes and Midwest-hardy plants. In the afternoon we will have a visit/shopping opportunity at The Flower Factory Nursery with its premier hardy plants. Just browse or buy a unique treasure for your yard.

Ice Age Trail- Cedar Lakes Saturday, August 15, 9 am-4 pm

Hike through the cool, fern-filled woods of this trail segment near Slinger. It winds around one of Wisconsin's densest collections of kames, which are steep, dome shaped cones created by glaciers. We will hike another nearby location after lunch.

UW Madison Arboretum Saturday, September 19, 9 am-4 pm

This trip will take us to the historic UW-Madison Arboretum, the place where Aldo Leopold began tinkering with prairie planting, that helped to shape his views on The Land Ethic. We will see Green Prairie, the most diverse prairie/oak opening planting in Wisconsin, and see diverse bird and plant life. The hiking includes moderate hill climbing on trails and old road beds.

Fees: \$25 per person \$10 for Friends of Wehr Registration is required by the Friday before the program.

(Transportation not included. Share a ride or drive on your own.)



Harvest Soiree Thursday, September 24, 6-8 pm

Wondering what to do with the bounty from your garden? Learn to preserve the tastes of summer to enjoy in the seasons ahead. Explore ways to keep your harvest through methods of preservation like freezing, drying and canning. Our pantry expert will be sharing tricks of the trade along with tasty treats and recipes. Enjoy a sampling of the garden's bounty, including sun dried tomatoes, bruschetta and fresh mint mojitos. Make your own flavored oil or vinegar to take home.

\$25 per person; \$20 for Friend of Wehr Members Reservations guarantee a seat.

Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.



Hike for Health

Hike along with this group that walks Wehr's trails together for camaraderie, exercise and fun. Meet in the Visitor Center.

Every Wednesday. Time: 10:30 am

No fee or registration required; regular parking fee in effect



Nature Discovery for Families



Selva Ramakrishnan



A series of evening nature discovery programs for families. Enjoy a twilight walk and then share a campfire dessert by the fire pit.

Firefly Fun

Friday, July 10, 7-9 pm

Discover the fascinating secrets of fireflies, hike to the prairie to look for fireflies and then return to the campfire to toast S'mores.

Howling At The Moon

Friday, July 31, 7-9 pm

The beacon of the night lights up the darkness, but how much do you really know about the moon? Explore moon myths and discover what really goes on during the full moon. Do crazy things really happen on the full moon? We'll see for ourselves on a moonlit walk. Then it's back to the amphitheater for campfire treats.

Fee: \$10 per person \$8 for Milwaukee County Residents

*\$6 for Friends of Wehr members Recommended for Ages 5 and older
Registration is recommended by the Wednesday before the program*



Bug Day

**Sunday,
September 20, 1-4 pm**



See front page for details



Astronomical Viewing

Join members of the Wehr Astronomical Society for sky viewing at Wehr Nature Center.

Daytime Solar Viewing

Saturday, July 11, 11 am-3 pm

View sunspots and solar flares through a special filtered telescope.
Cloudy skies cancel event.

Nighttime Sky Viewing

Tuesday, August 11, 8-10 pm

Saturday, September 19, 7-10 pm

Look through a telescope and learn about the night sky with experts.
Cloudy skies cancel event.



Moth Night for Families

Saturday, July 25, 7-9 pm

Things don't always go bump in the night, sometimes they flutter and fly. We will use games and activities to discover how moths are adapted to be masters of the darkness. After learning about some common local moths, we will head outside to check who is visiting our black light and bait stations.

*Fee: \$10 per person \$7 for Milwaukee County Residents \$5 for Friends of Wehr Members Recommended for ages 5 and older
Registration is required by the Friday before the program*

Bat Night for Families

Saturday, August 15, 7-9 pm

Meet real live bats! Discover the fiction, folklore, and facts about bats. Hands on activities explore what it might be like to be a bat. We'll head out for a night hike to look for bats and other creatures of the night. Learn how you can be a friend to bats!





Community Organizations

Wehr is fortunate to host several organizations who share their passion and knowledge about the natural world with the public. For more information about these organizations and details about their programs, please visit their web-sites or call Wehr (414) 425-8550.



Wehr Camera Club is dedicated to sharing a passion for photography and nature. Visit <http://wnccameraclub.com/sch.html> for program information. Public programs are held the 2nd Saturday of the each month, Sept. to June, from 9-11am.

Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society is a chapter of the National Audubon Society that encourages environmental stewardship through education and conservation. Public programs are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm, September to May. Visit <http://www.wimetroaudubon.org> for program information.

Wild Ones, Natural Landscapers Inc. supports the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities by promoting the use of native plants in landscaping. Meetings are held at WNC from 1:30-3:30 pm the second Saturday of each month from September to April. Please call 414 299-9888 ext 2 for program information.

Wehr Astronomical Society is a group of amateur astronomers that promote the study of astronomy. Meetings are from 7-9 pm the 2nd Tuesday of Feb.-June and Sept.& Nov.; 1st Tuesday evening in October. Visit <http://www.wehastro.org> for information.

Moving Towards Sustainability

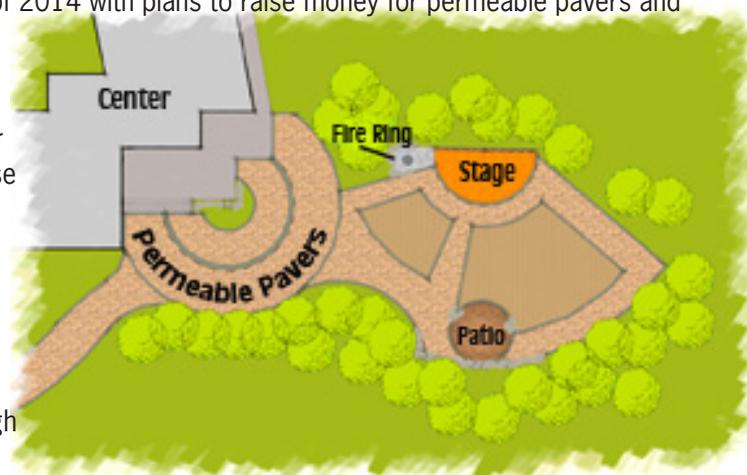
Sustainability is a word many of us associate with human impacts on the earth's resources. It has a different twist when applied in a business sense. The business definition of sustainability is the ratio of income to expense. To make a profit the revenue must be greater than the expenses. Parks, nature centers, botanical gardens, and other quality of life institutions were not originally designed to make money or even break even at a 1to1 ratio. Most were created as a service for the public good that was accessible to everyone. Originally, these quality of life park amenities in Milwaukee were free and actually had a 0 to1 ratio, funded 100% by tax dollars. Over the years, community needs, facility infrastructure, and funding sources have changed to necessitate creating revenue to help offset expenses.

In a time of balancing difficult budgets it is vital that the Center, with the help of the Friends of Wehr, find ways to increase revenue while remaining true to our mission and accessible to all. This February the Friends of Wehr started a strategic effort to find ways to increase Wehr Nature Center's revenue, thereby increasing its sustainability ratio. The revenue side of the ratio was chosen because the expense side has already been pared down so far that programs and the facility were being impacted. Increasing revenue was the only way to maintain the high quality of service and natural resource base the people of Milwaukee County deserve.

The process began with a Brainstorming Session that was open to Friends of Wehr members and interested citizens. Over forty people braved a cold Saturday morning to come up with a series of ideas. The Friends of Wehr Board took all the ideas and combined them into 4 major themes. These themes became the foundation for a revenue generation plan. The themes are; Facilities, Special Events, Wehr Weekends (weekend programs), and Fund Raising/Partnerships. A follow-up meeting was held June 1st to further explore the ideas and form committees to look at feasibility and impacts on revenue. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas please call the Center and we will provide committee contact information.

The Walk Ways of Wehr campaign was launched in December of 2014 with plans to raise money for permeable pavers and amphitheater renovation throughout 2015. So far \$14,000 has been raised from paver sales and corporate donations. After analyzing the data from the Brainstorming Session, it became very clear that renovation of the amphitheater could have a major impact through increased rental revenues and the potential for use for concerts, events and other programming. The Board committed to advance the funds needed to renovate the amphitheater in August, 2015. The Friends will continue to raise funds for the Walk Ways of Wehr and Accessibility through sales of pavers and amphitheater benches.

Thank you to all who are participating in our efforts to become more financially sustainable and those who care enough to invest their time and money into Wehr Nature Center.



Portrait of a Prairie Plant

Compass Plant *Silphium laciniatum*

Mark Verhagen

Sunflower? No, Silphium!

Look for the yellow blooms of this prairie sentinel from July to September but don't call it a sunflower! Sticky "rosin" or sap in their stem is a clue that they belong to the "rosinweed" family (part of the composite group). The stiff, 3/8" tall flower stalk lifts their bright bloom above the tall grasses so it can attract insect pollinators.



Low Tech GPS

Need to find your way home?

The Compass Plant can give you a clue.

The large leaves at the bottom of the plant almost always grow in the north and south direction. This allows the plant to avoid direct noonday sunlight.

Henry Domke

Built For Drought

Unrelenting sun and wind, summer drought, and wildfires challenge plants that live on the prairie. Like other native plants, the Compass Plant is adapted to survive this harsh environment. The rough, hairy covering on the leaves slows evaporation and discourages herbivores. Its' tap root penetrates over eight ft. deep into the soil to soak up water and to withstand fire.



Mark Verhagen

Prairie Senior Citizen
Compass Plants are perennials that can regrow each year from their rootballs. Left undisturbed, they can live to be over 100 years old!



Tim Richardson



Friends of Wehr
At Wehr Nature Center
 9701 W. College Ave.
 Franklin, WI 53132 In Whitnall Park
 Open Daily 8-4:30
 (Check for holiday hours)
wehrnaturecenter@milwcnty.com

Upcoming In Fall 2015



Nature Hangout:
"Haunted Whitnall Park"
 October 30, 7:30-10 pm



Flavors of Fall Fundraiser
 November 14, 5-7:30 pm



White-tails 101
 November 21, 2:30-4:30 pm



Homemade Holidays
 December 5, 11am-3 pm



[Learn more about activities and events throughout the Milwaukee County Parks](#)

Wish List

Contributions of any amount will be appreciated for

- Five Potato Refuse Pitchforks
- Olympus Voice/Sound Recorder
- Anabat Walkabout Bat Detector

If you are interested in donating any of these items, or would like to contribute money towards their purchase, please contact Deb at

(414) 425-8550. Your contributions are tax deductible when made to the **Friends of Wehr.**



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Mail to: Friends of Wehr 9701 College Ave. Franklin, WI 53132 Make checks payable to Friends of Wehr or renew online at www.friendsofwehr.org

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MEMBERSHIP TYPE

	Individual	Family
Regular	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
Senior (65)	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer (50 hrs)	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>

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