



the Sharp Tale

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2015 Water Management Plans

by Drew Hawley, GLG Wildlife Technician

Plans are in place for draw down work on Crex Meadows and Fish Lake Wildlife Areas this spring and summer. After many years of low water levels, a good snow pack over the 2013-2014 winter and a late, wet spring led to high water on all flowages well into June last year. The high water caused two spillways on Amsterdam Sloughs to wash out, but all other structures on Crex and Fish Lake handled the water well. Little rain fell over the next six weeks, allowing water levels to return to normal levels and project work to begin on Crex, Fish Lake and Amsterdam Sloughs. The spillway on the Wisconsin Wetlands Association flowage on Amsterdam Sloughs was replaced after a washout and looks good this spring. Within the Refugee on Crex, Dike 2 was drawn down last summer to allow for an interior road to be lifted. Middle North Fork was also drawn down to allow for the replacement of the head wall. Other projects were scheduled, but six inches of rain fell in two major storm events over a nine day period in late summer, raising water levels on all flowages. Heading into freeze-up last fall, water levels were slightly elevated. The lack of snow this past winter, however, has led to most wetlands and flowages settling in at normal levels this spring.

Weather and beaver permitting, four flowages will be drawn down in 2015. On Crex, Hay Creek will be drawn down to facilitate structure work. This draw down will expose mudflats May through mid-September for shorebird migrations and waterfowl use. Reisinger Flowage will also be drawn down to facilitate structure repairs. This will be an early season draw down to dry the area as much as possible in order to repair the inlet tube that has been damaged. Mudflats in this flowage are present, but are small in area and should last most of the summer. Again, the draw down will start once hibernating organisms emerge, with good mudflats existing by mid-June. Upper North Fork will be drawn down for wildlife. This drawdown will be for the entire season, with mudflats exposed late May through September for shorebirds and waterfowl. The draw down will also expose a diverse seedbed to germination temperatures and supply a renewed habitat for wetland wildlife. Annual plants such as smartweed will green the mudflats, while bidens and short-lived perennials are expected to germinate later as temperatures rise. With warming temperature in August we hope there will be some lily pad die off. On Fish Lake Wildlife Area, Astrup Flowage will be drawn down to facilitate a cattail removal project. This will be an early season draw down to dry the area as much as possible. Large potential mudflat areas do not exist on this flowage, so lengthening the drawdown process has no extra benefits. Equipment will be used to mechanically remove as many acres of cattails possible.

Establishment of wild rice on Dike 5 at Crex has been a challenge. The flowage was seeded with wild rice once in the late 90's and again in 2013, but rice production has been sparse. Water levels will be held slightly lower this year to encourage bed establishment. If rice production is poor again this season, the plan will be to reseed in the fall. North Fork's rice bed production has been down over the past few years, so it will be held at a slightly lower level than previous years. Black Brook Flowage on Amsterdam Slough Wildlife Area historically had rice production, but it has decreased over time. Water levels will be held slightly lower there this year to encourage rice growth. We would like to canoe the flowage and identify areas of rice. Volunteers who are comfortable in a canoe are always welcome to help with establishment of wild rice.

Spring and summer bring changes to our wetlands as we manage them for the health of the ecosystem and the life it supports. Enjoy the diversity that the seasonal draw downs bring!

President's Corner

by Annette Mosley

Spring is a comin'

And with any kind of luck

Think we will see

Another garganey duck?

Oh my, the many visitors we had at Crex last spring to get a glimpse of this rare guy! Wouldn't it be great if he liked it here so much that he returns?

Important FOC Board News – We decided at our December 1st board meeting to change the seating capacity for the new Multi-Purpose Hall from 48 seats to 72. The increased seating capacity will, of course, add additional cost, but we felt it better to do the upgrade now rather than expand in the future at a much higher cost. Because of this change we are waiting to hear how the State will view this cost increase.

In a DNR release dated January 20th, it was reported that a deadly bat disease has now appeared in a second county in Wisconsin. The disease, white-nose syndrome (WNS), is caused by a fungus and was first detected in 2006 in New York. It has spread rapidly killing millions of these delicate, insect eating wonders. Losing large numbers of bats will have a detrimental effect on agriculture and various ecosystems. The only tool now available to slow the spread of this disease is to restrict access to caves and thereby reduce the likelihood of transmission by humans. Sitting on my porch here in Grantsburg on a summer evening is a passion of mine. What a thrill, as darkness descends, to watch for the silent little swooping and diving creatures going about their nightly feeding on mosquitoes, moths, etc. It greatly saddens me to think they may be mostly gone from this area one day. I have been a member of Bat Conservation International for many years. Please check their website (batcon.org) for the latest information on WNS and other bat related topics.

Get out and enjoy our lengthening days as we transition towards spring!

Annette



Pasqueflower, a harbinger of early spring on the prairie ~ photo by Cortney Mosley

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WHY DOES MY ADDRESS LABEL SAY "or current resident?". In order to save money on postage costs, The US Postal Service requires us to add this line to all of our mailings. We know that you still live there!

Our Mission:

To support and assist the Wisconsin DNR with wildlife management and wildlife conservation education at the Crex Meadows Complex.

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Why We Do That: Volunteering

by Steve Hoffman, Property Supervisor

Recently the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI-DNR) sent out a survey to staff regarding volunteerism within the WI-DNR. Responses reflected the number of volunteers in various locations around the state as well as activities of the volunteers. The main goal of the survey was to gain insight into levels of volunteerism in the department and to plot a path for the future.

As a follow-up to this survey, department staff were given the opportunity to participate in a conference call. Managers representing parks, trails and wildlife areas participated. We heard both similarities and differences in the volunteer programs as they were explained. One of the things that came across very clearly in the conversation is that the Friends of Crex has a fantastic volunteer program.

There are other department locations where volunteers help the staff by greeting visitors at the front desk. It was apparent, however, that many locations only wished they could have this depth of help. One manager stated that he has trouble finding qualified paid staff to provide customer service at a front desk, let alone have a volunteer provide this service. Hearing statements like this helped me realize how lucky we are to have the amazing group of volunteers that we do!

Not only are Friends of Crex volunteers willing and able to help by staffing the front desk, they help out in ways too numerous to count. In this newsletter you will find accounts of projects completed by volunteers as well as information on signing up to help with upcoming activities. If you see something that interests you, please feel free to contact us about helping out. Or, design and propose a project of your own that would make our 30,000 acres a better place.

As things continue to change in the department, our staff struggles to come up with ways to provide services, protect the environment and manage the resources of the state for the people of Wisconsin. While the expertise of department staff is needed to spearhead this effort, there is a growing opportunity for volunteers to help with our mission. In fact, volunteers may be the biggest asset we have for continuing and expanding our programming at Crex as we move into the future. I thank all our volunteers who have faithfully helped us in the past, and I hope you will continue to help in the future!



Volunteers and crew cleared brush and jack pine on the hillside north of the Phantom Trail overlook on January 16th. They ended the day with hot dogs over a campfire. ~Photos by Sheri Rathje

Friends of Crex 2014 Financial Report

by Kim Wheeler, FOC Coordinator

The Friends of Crex (FOC) showed a positive financial status for 2014 with an excellent return on our Endowment Fund investments. Donations to our various funds continue to come in at strong levels.

The total value of the Endowment Fund, including investments and earnings, at the end of the year was \$1,187,606.57. Please refer to the pie chart showing the breakdown of donation sources and a graph showing the return on our investments over the years.

Donors have contributed over \$157,000 to the Land Acquisition Fund since its inception in 2010. This money has helped to protect nearly 500 acres of land. In 2014 we were reimbursed \$85,000 from the state's Stewardship Funds and from Federal Section 6 funds for lands purchased by FOC and then donated to the state. The FOC still owns 337 acres of land that we hope to soon sell to the state. Reimbursed funds will be replaced into the Land Acquisition Fund to be used for future land purchases.

Over \$40,000 was donated to the Mess Hall Fund this year, and we hope to have one more strong year of fundraising to ensure that we can cover the expense of building the new facility. We have submitted numerous grants to help fund the project and are waiting to hear back from several of them.

The ongoing financial support of FOC members is imperative to the continuation of a strong wildlife program at Crex Meadows. Continued growth of the Endowment Fund will provide future support for the wildlife education and management programs at Crex Meadows. FOC's support of the Wildlife Conservation Educator's position will ensure that we continue to get the message of habitat and wildlife management out to the local community and our visitors. Our work with land acquisition helps guarantee that large tracts of public land will remain available to the public, but more importantly, to the wildlife that need contiguous space for its survival.

The Friends of Crex thanks you for your financial support in the past and for your continued support in the future.

Beginning Balances: Jan. 1 , 2014

Endowment Fund (EF)	\$ 1,089,241.24
Land Acquisition Fund (LA)	\$ 32,629.47
Mess Hall Fund (MH)	\$ 42,976.46
General Funds (GF)	\$ 171,769.32
Grants/Other Cash Holdings	\$ 9,365.35
Total	\$ 1,345,981.84

INCOME

Endowment Fund	\$ 98,365.33
Land Acquisition Fund	\$ 113,027.70
Mess Hall Fund	\$ 42,430.75
General Funds	\$ 36,772.64
Grants/Other Cash Holdings	\$ 587.84
Total Income	\$ 291,184.26

EXPENSES

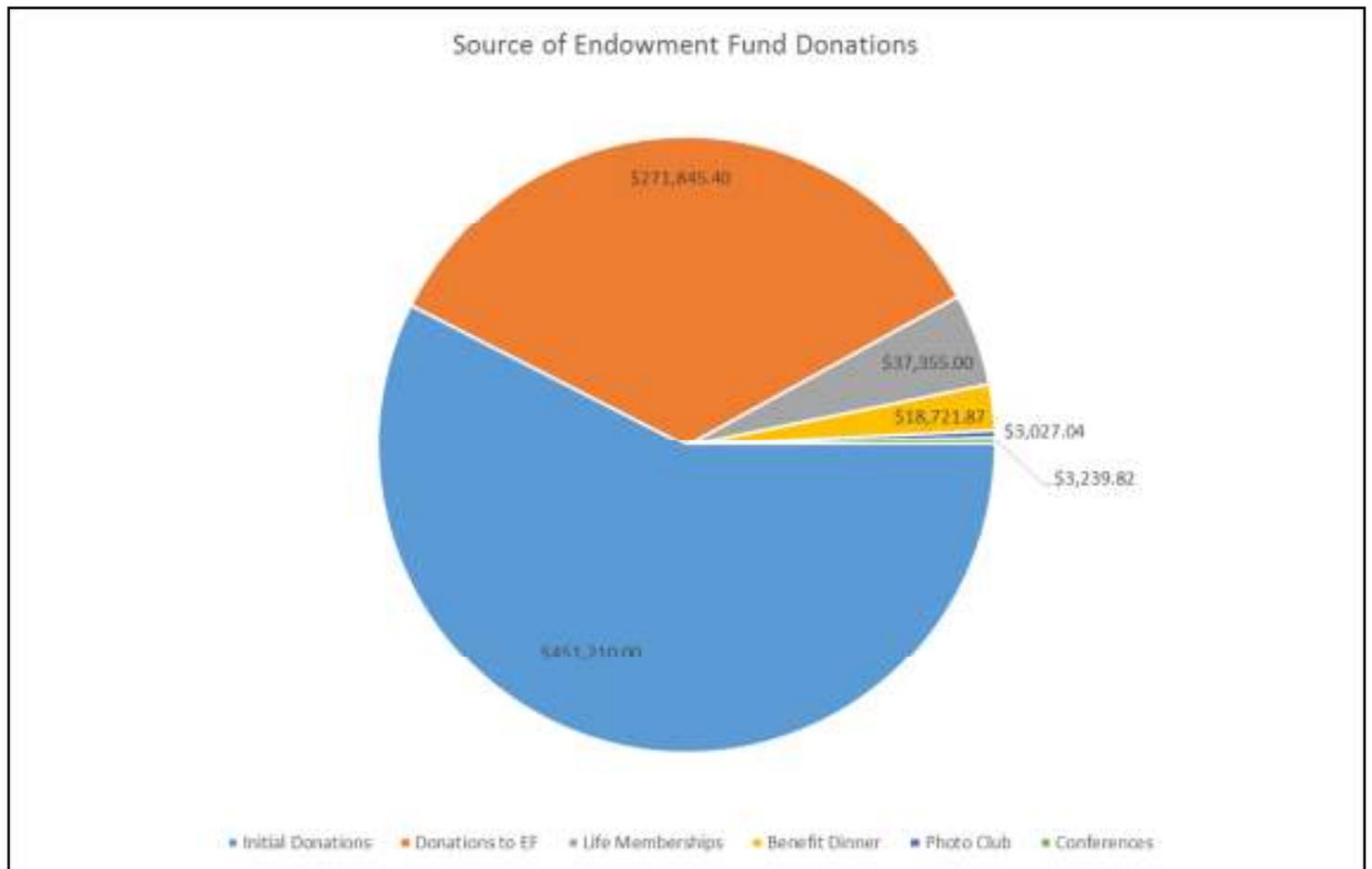
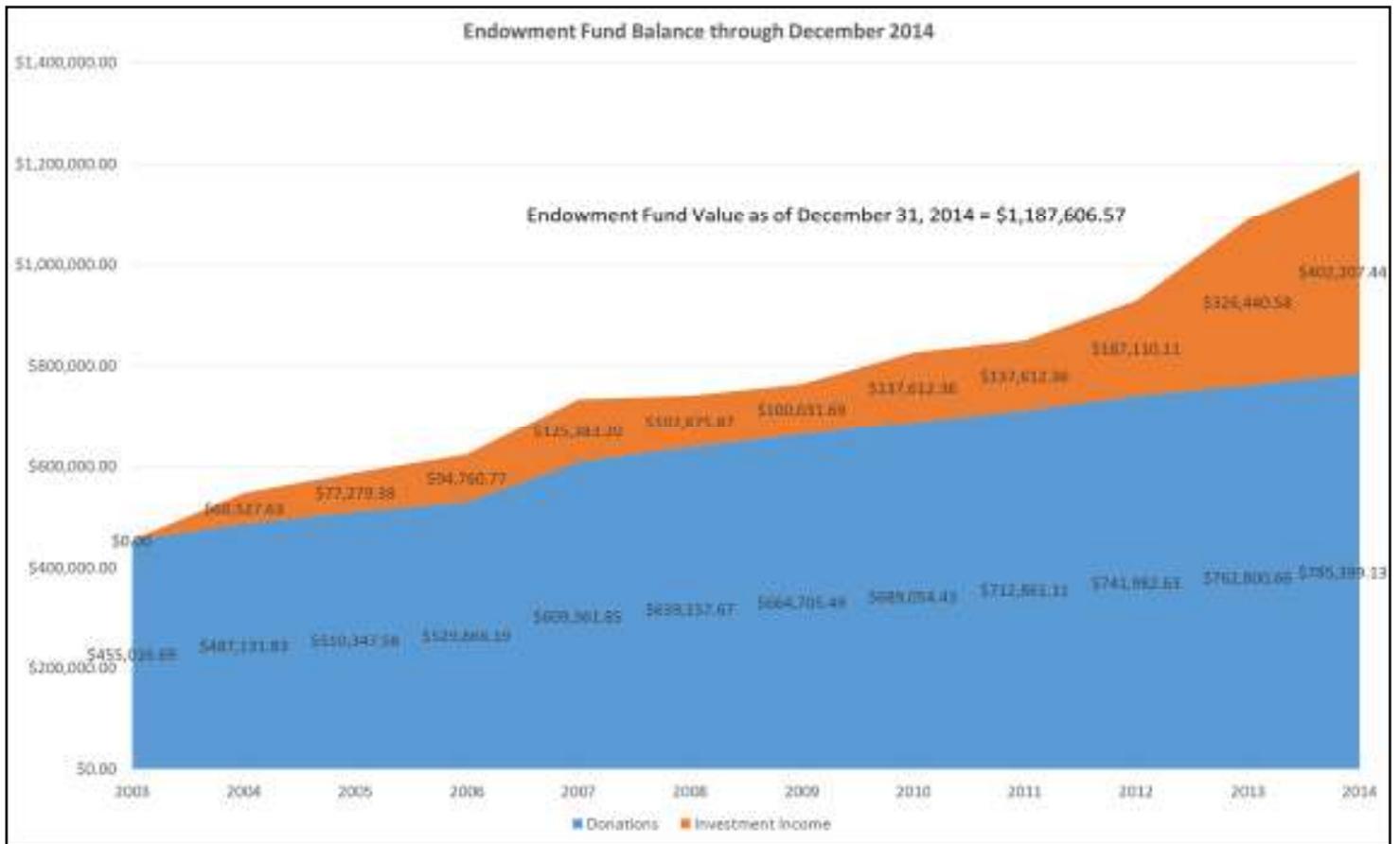
Endowment Fund	\$ -
Land Acquisition Fund	\$ 104,538.01
Mess Hall Fund	\$ 40,000.00
General Funds	\$ 19,437.80
Grants/Other Cash Holdings	\$ 2,296.08
Total Expenses	\$ 166,271.89

Ending Balances: Dec. 31, 2014

Endowment Fund	\$ 1,187,606.57
Land Acquisition Fund	\$ 41,119.16
Mess Hall Fund	\$ 45,407.21
General Funds	\$ 189,104.16
Grants/Other Cash Holdings	\$ 7,657.11
Total	\$ 1,470,894.21

Other Holdings

Bruss Land	\$ 400,000.00
Amount Still Owed on Bruss land	\$ (360,000.00)
Moan Land	\$ 15,418.04
Lee Land	\$ 34,703.18
Gift Shop Inventory:	\$ 25,069.85
Total Net Worth:	\$ 1,586,085.28



New Faces at Crex Meadows

by Kim Wheeler, FOC Coordinator

During the past year the Glacial Lake Grantsburg Work Unit has added two new faces to the wildlife staff. Drew Hawley and Shannon Tretsven were both hired in May of 2014; Drew as our new full-time Wildlife Technician, and Shannon as our Heavy Equipment Operator/Wildlife Technician. Both of them bring with them a strong work ethic, a great deal of training and experience in wildlife management, as well as an enormous amount of enthusiasm and respect for Crex Meadows. Look for Shannon and Drew and our other wildlife staff working out in the field as you visit Crex Meadows this spring.

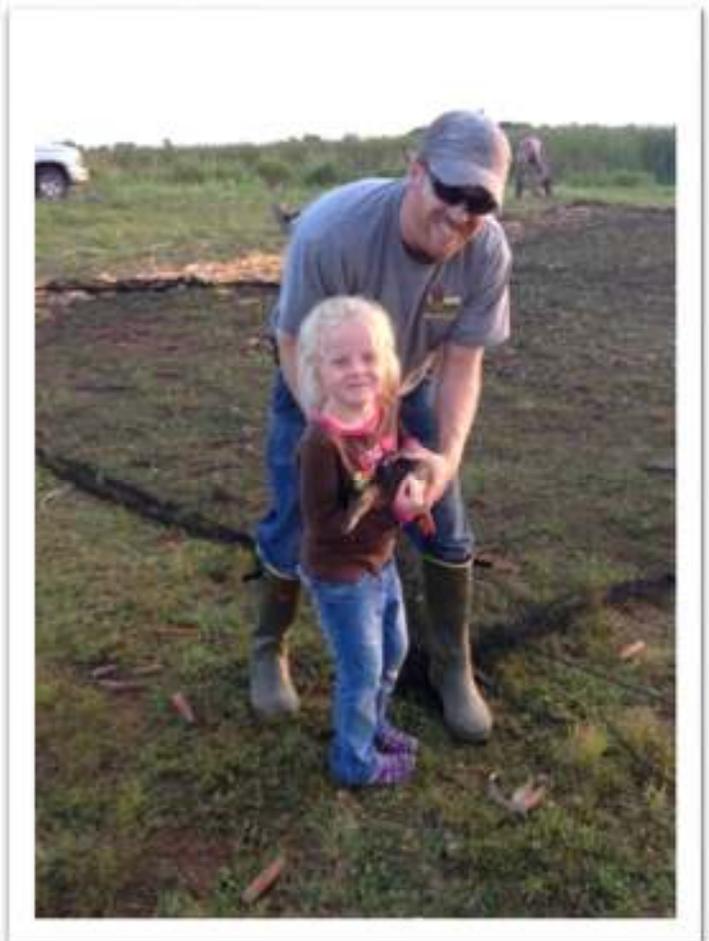
As a young boy Drew Hawley came with his family from Baldwin, WI. to Crex Meadows to hunt and fish in Governor Knowles State Forest and to canoe the St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers. Drew currently lives in Hammond WI with his wife Kirsten and their two children, Cora, age five, and Will, age one and a half. He drives 67 miles one-way to get to work each day, but he says that working here is worth the drive. He enjoys spending time with his family doing just about anything outdoors; hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting.

Drew earned an associate's degree in Wilderness Management from Vermilion Community College in Ely, MN. He then went to the University of Idaho where he earned a B.S. in Conservation Social Science. He initially considered a career in conservation law enforcement, working as a park ranger or game warden, but his passion for wildlife led him to a career in wildlife management. His first job out of college was with the Palouse Conservation District in Washington State where he worked with private landowners doing riparian restorations.

Drew and his family moved back to Wisconsin in 2010. Again, he worked with private landowners through the Voluntary Public Access Program of the DNR in St. Croix and Dunn Counties. His most recent position before coming to Crex was in Balsam Lake working as the NAWCA Biologist doing wetland restorations on private and public land. He also assisted with prescribed burns at Crex Meadows while at Balsam Lake.

As a full time Wildlife Technician, Drew now works with the crew on seasonal prescribed burning, daily brush cutting, and wildlife surveys. However his biggest responsibility is water management, which entails managing the flowages throughout the properties, monitoring and maintaining water levels, and managing the water control structures on each flowage. His biggest challenge in this job is fighting with the beavers that like to dam up the water control structures.

Since coming to work here, Drew has renewed his childhood appreciation of Crex Meadows, and he has taken on a new affection for the wildlife area. He now gets to see Crex in a different light--from behind the scenes. He says that "Crex Meadows is a great place for deer and waterfowl hunting. It is a flagship property for the DNR, a unique ecological landscape with a wildernes feel, yet the area is very accessible. It offers something for everyone from nature enthusiasts to hunters."



Drew Hawley with his daughter Cora banding ducks last summer at Fish Lake Wildlife Area ~Photo by Kirsten Hawley

Shannon Tretsvan was born and raised in Eureka Center, just north of St. Croix Falls. He spent his childhood fishing, hunting, and running wild in the woods around his family's hobby farm. He says that as a young boy, as long as his chores were done, and if he had a fishing pole in his hand, he could leave the house any time--day or night. And most of the time he really went fishing. He recalls many Sunday drives up to Crex with his family as a child, but says that he didn't have the appreciation back then of the ecosystem that he has today. Mostly he remembers ticks, mosquitoes, deer flies, and a duck or two flying up way out over the water. But, his fondest memories of those family outings were seeing and listening to the Big Gust statue in downtown Grantsburg and then going to the A&W.

Shannon's work experience exemplifies his diverse education, his many interests, and his seemingly unlimited energy. His first job out of high school was working as a seasonal employee at Interstate State Park. From there he went on to earn two degrees from Vermillion College in Ely, Minnesota: one in Parks and Recreation Management and one in Natural Resources Forestry and Wildlife. He also holds certification in Wildlife Ecology. While working on his degrees, he worked a seasonal job on the trail crew with the US Forest Service in the Chugach National Forest on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. After college, he worked for three years with the National Park Service on the St. Croix River. More recently, Shannon has worked as a carpenter subcontractor, specializing in residential finishing.

Shannon spends the majority of his free time (when he is not doing carpentry on weekends) fishing, hunting, and doing most anything that involves outdoor adventure. He especially enjoys mentoring kids in outdoor activities. This includes his 16-year old daughter, Emma Rae, who also enjoys fishing and hunting, and who has already harvested ten deer.

While growing up, Shannon's favorite activities were chasing critters and moving dirt with his Tonka tractors. When his family saw the posting for the Crex job last spring, they told him that the job description seemed to be written exactly for him. If not for their persuasion, he might have missed out on one of the most rewarding job he has ever had. Shannon's job entails maintaining and running the heavy equipment, brush cutting, dike repair, participating in wildlife surveys, prescribed burning, and anything else that needs to be done. He has a can-do attitude, and he's spent many full days this winter out in the wildlife area running the brush cutting equipment without a break, except maybe to grab a sandwich from his lunch bag.

If he had to admit one frustration of this job, Shannon would pick trying to get the engines on the heavy equipment started in the frozen tundra in January. But even when pushed, he really cannot say anything negative about his job. Shannon says the best thing about Crex is being part of a great team of employees and volunteers working together in an area of such global significance. He appreciates that Crex is so unique, and that it has been set aside for protection from development and that it is managed for returning the landscape to what it was before human influence. Crex Meadows is a "Lesson in Natural History," says Shannon, and he is thrilled to be a small part of it.



Shannon Tretsvan showing off his prize catch (Rainbow Trout) ice fishing at his "secret spot" this past winter. ~Photo by Kim Wheeler

Endowment Fund Dinner

by Donna Miller, Friends of Crex Volunteer

The Friends of Crex hosted its 13th annual Endowment Dinner on Saturday, March 14, at the Visitor Center, with net proceeds from the event of \$2,292 going into the Endowment Fund. Attendees enjoyed an array of hors d'oeuvres followed by a sumptuous meal of beef sirloin tip roast, gingered sweet potatoes, roasted root vegetables, and what may have been the favorite dish of the evening, a gluten free vegetarian pasta entree (see the recipe on the next page).

Following the meal, we were treated to a fascinating presentation by Laura Erickson, ornithologist extraordinaire. Laura is well-known to the birding community; she was a contributing writer to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology; wrote a column for the Star Tribune for ten years; and has, for the past twenty-eight years, produced a weekly radio program about birds that is aired throughout the country.

Laura is also the author of eight books covering a wide range of avian-related topics, several of which are for sale in the Bog Shoe Shop at the Crex Visitor Center. It's hard to describe the wide range of Laura's professional life, and it was a real honor to have a speaker of her caliber for our fund-raising dinner.

Laura opened her presentation by telling us that she began birding as an adult, after her Mother-in-Law gave her a pair of binoculars for Christmas. She expanded her interest with course work, further degrees, research, and extensive field work -- proving, as she pointed out to us, "anyone can start birding at any age." These opening remarks set the tone for an engaging hour of information, anecdotes, and photographs, all framed by Laura's genuine passion for birds. Laura focused on raptors, emphasizing the various aspects and stages of raptors' lives that can be viewed at Crex Meadows. She noted that, while she can view thousands of raptors passing over Hawk Ridge near her Duluth home, we at Crex have the privilege of observing these fascinating birds "up close."



Attendees of the 2015 Endowment Fund Dinner were treated to a roast beef dinner followed by a presentation about Birds of Prey by Laura Erickson (bottom left).
~photo by Jean Marie Waddell

Among the highlights of Laura's comments was the explanation of why female raptors are usually larger than their male counterparts. During mating, the male's talons grip the female so forcefully that she could be seriously injured if she were not as massive as she is. Another point that Laura made dealt with the growing number of bald eagles that winter in our area (as opposed to migrating south). An increased number of paved roads provide a smorgasbord for these raptors: the black road surface contrasting with white snow-covered road shoulders creates a gentle thermal for hovering, while the speeding cars provide plentiful road kill for tasty meals. And why do vultures have bald heads? The better to stay tidy, as they plunge their heads into carcass cavities -- no feathers to dirty up and have to clean!

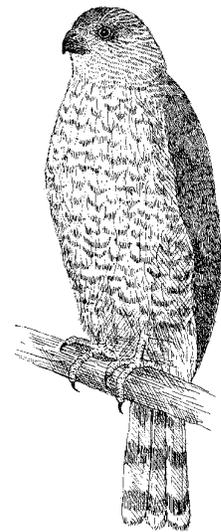


Laura Erickson, author, radio personality, and avian expert gave a presentation on birds of prey at the 2015 Endowment Fund Benefit Dinner on March 14th. ~Photo by Jean Marie Waddell

The information that Laura shared with us, along with the large screen visuals, was extensive and fascinating, but what made the evening memorable was Laura herself. She has a wonderful sense of humor, is a natural storyteller, and is highly articulate yet completely down-to-earth in her presentation.

If you missed the Endowment Dinner, you can still “meet” this amazing woman by visiting her delightful website (www.lauraerickson.com/AboutLaura.html) or by exploring her books available in the Bog Shoe Gift Shop at the visitor center. Don’t miss *Twelve Owls* or *For the Birds: An Uncommon Guide*.

The sixty plus Endowment Dinner attendees left the Visitor Center feeling privileged to have heard such an engaging avian expert and happy to have contributed to the ongoing efforts of the Friends of Crex volunteers and DNR staff to ensure that Crex Meadows will continue to be a sanctuary for these amazing raptors.



Mushroom Pasta

(vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free)

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| 1 package Tinkyada Brown Rice Pasta | 2 bunches green onion, chopped |
| 1/2 cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil | 1 package (about 4 cups) fresh raw spinach |
| 2-3 garlic cloves, chopped | Garlic salt, pepper, thyme and rosemary |
| 1 lb. Cremini (Baby Bella) Mushrooms, sliced | |

Directions:

Prepare pasta according to package directions. Sauté garlic and mushrooms in EVOO in a large frying pan until tender. Add cooked pasta, onions, spinach and seasonings. Let sit for a few minutes before serving to allow spinach to wilt. Serves 6-8.

~Recipe by Kim Wheeler and Linda Bengé

Gingered Sweet Potatoes

(vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free)

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| 5 lbs. sweet potatoes | 1/4 cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil |
| 2 tbsp. fresh ginger, grated | Garlic salt |
| 2 garlic cloves | 1 cup chopped walnuts |
| 1/4 cup onion | |

Directions:

Peel and cut sweet potatoes into bite-sized pieces. Put ginger, garlic and onion in food processor to make a paste. Stir paste, EVOO and garlic salt into sweet potatoes and pour into a baking dish. Cover with walnuts. Bake at 375 degrees until potatoes are tender, 30-45 minutes. Serves 10-12.

~Recipe by Shauna Tuttle

Crex Prairie Gardener Group Forming

by Kim Wheeler, FOC Coordinator

For the past several years, the prairie gardens that surround the Crex Meadows Wildlife Education and Visitor Center have been maintained almost solely by one of our most active volunteers—Alan Roelfs. Alan has spent countless hours planting, weeding, watering, digging, moving and caring for the dozens of prairie plants that grace the gardens. As the plants appear each spring and summer, he labels them for identification and learning purposes. It is an enormous endeavor that really is too much for just one person. After getting Alan's input, we have decided that the time is right to get him some help!

We are looking for a few interested volunteers who would like to learn about maintaining prairie landscapes and to help Alan with the weekly maintenance at the visitor center gardens. The areas include the prairie garden directly in front of the visitor center, the larger prairie walk between the parking lot and County Road D, and the smaller garden outside the back door.

Alan will meet volunteers for coffee and instructions beginning April 2 at 9:00 a.m. and subsequent Mondays and Thursdays throughout the spring and summer. Alan will lead the group for one to three hours in performing the day's tasks. Volunteers should bring their own gloves, and if they have gardening tools they like to use, they can bring those as well. Volunteers do not have to come each and every work day, just whenever they have a free morning.

If this pans out and we get a good group of folks who are interested and able, the group may be asked to help with some other plant projects in the wildlife areas, including invasive weed control, reviving and maintaining the prairie walk at Abel Prairie, and clearing overgrowth at various key places along the roadways.

If you have questions about this new endeavor, please contact Kim Wheeler at the visitor center. Otherwise, if you are interested in participating, please show up on any given Monday or Thursday morning beginning April 2nd at 9:00 a.m. to begin work!

Nearly 150 species of wildflowers and native grasses have been identified and labeled in the gardens around the visitor center. These include prairie specialty species such as Pasqueflower, Prairie Smoke, Prairie Buttercup, Puccoon, Wild Lupine, Butterfly Milkweed, Spiderwort, Leadplant, Pale-spike Lobelia, New Jersey Tea, Figwort, Alumroot, Silky, White and Purple Prairie Clovers, Bird's-foot Violet, Prairie Violet, Wormwood, White Sage, Showy Goldenrod, Rough Blazing Star, Prairie Blue-eyed Grass, Big and Little Bluestem, Dropseed, Prairie Junegrass, and many, many more. Some were planted or seeded here when the gardens were created, others grew on their own from seeds and rhizomes that had been lying dormant under the wooded canopy for years before the trees were cleared to create the visitor center.



The prairie garden in front of the Crex Meadows Wildlife Education and Visitor Center in mid-summer. ~Photo by Kim Wheeler



The prairie walk south of the parking lot. Most summers there is a Great-crested Flycatcher nesting in one of the bird houses on the pole. ~Photo by Kim Wheeler

Consider Giving the Gift of Crex

As a member of Friends of Crex, you understand the value of all the benefits of membership:

- 10% discount in the Bog Shoe Gift Shop
- Free access to wildlife viewing and photography blinds (when available)
- The Friends of Crex newsletter 4 times each year
- Invitations to special events
- Free binocular and snowshoe rental
- The knowledge that you are supporting wildlife management and education programs at Crex**



Now you can share these benefits with your friends and relatives! Simply fill out the form below to purchase a gift membership and we will customize a letter to the recipient stating that you purchased a membership for them and provide more information about Crex Meadows. This would make an excellent gift for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and more! AND you can choose whether we send you the annual renewal or send it to the new member. If the recipient is already a current member of the Friends of Crex, we will extend their membership for the length of time you choose, and will still send a letter to them on your behalf. You can also use this form to make donations to our various funds in a loved one's name.

Friends of Crex Donation and Membership Renewal Form

MEMBER INFORMATION New Member _____ Renewal _____ Gift Membership _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

(We email rare bird alerts, updates on upcoming events, etc. to those who provide their email addresses. We do not share mail lists with other organizations)

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 Harmon Jr., Robert

Haug, Richard
 Mosley, Earl & Annette in memory of Eddie Melquist
 Schoenberger, Dick & Annette

\$100-\$499
 Becker, Carol
 Buckmaster, Ed in honor of Beth Buckmaster
 Buckmaster, Ed in honor of Bruce and Debbie Buckmaster
 Malmquist, Max
 Manzara, Sally & Tony
 Nelson, Marlys
 Sharkey, Scott
 Stoll, Paul & Debra
 Wetland Professionals Association
 Zicus, Michael

\$1000-\$4999
 Linwick, Daniel

Mess Hall
 \$10- \$99
 Bloom, Thomas & Carol-Ann
 Helgeson, Stefan & Lonnie
 United Health Group (matching gift)

100-\$499
 Erickson, Alice
 Midwest North Chapter of VDD
 Dog Group
 Saint Paul Foundation

\$500-\$999
 Prokosch, Mike
 US Bank

\$1000-\$4999
 Anderson, Don & Lucy
 Malmquist, Max
 McNally, Jerry
 Melquist, Wayne
 Roelfs, Alan

General Fund/Other Donations
 \$10- \$99
 Alexander, Andrew
 Bowlin, Mimi in honor of Barb Staub
 Burnett Meedical Center (Halloween at Crex)
 Cadwallader Staub, Julie, in honor of Barb Staub and Doris Petrie
 Petrie, Doris in honor of Barb Staub

\$100-\$499
 Rustad, J

Other Items
 Bennett, Kathi for bear mount
 Erickson, Laura who turned down a speaking fee at Endowment Fund dinner
 Evrard, Shirley for gift shop items
 Whitetails Unlimited for Jordan Buck display items
 Ducks Unlimited for artwork

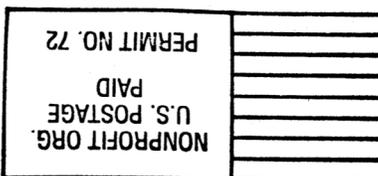
New Members
 Beck, Lisa & Max
 Beck, Mark & Peterson, Anna
 Boleman, Roger & Joan
 Hanson, Carl
 Hanson, Dale
 Olmon, Carol
 Pendergrass, Marilyn
 VanNatta, Betty & Floyd
 Ward, Barbara & Jeff

New and Renewing Patron Members
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 Harmon Jr., Robert
 Nelson, Marlys

New/Upgraded Life Members
 Allen, James & Elaine
 Epstein, Kenneth
 Faber, William
 Schmidt, Michael & Hanson, Gail



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