

FRIENDS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND EVENTS

FRIENDS INTERPRETIVE AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

- ❖ **Girl Scout Silver Award Project** - Aldo Leopold benches made by a girl scout for her Silver Award Project for Lunney LF and Prairie Learning Center. *Jennie is from a local troop that made the Kestrel houses at our successful Winter Raptor event at the Heritage Center.*
- ❖ **Prairie Learning Center Wildlife and Plant Guides** (Foundation Grant) helping visitors identify blooming prairie plants and wildlife, including pollinators.
What is the Prairie Learning Center? It's a collaboration between DCP, Madison Area Master Gardeners, and the Friends. It's a place to experience and learn about the prairie community and native plants in a hands-on way. Guides, plant labels, and eventually prairie programming, volunteerism, and tours will all be ways to experience prairie. Focused at the Heritage Center, the Prairie Learning Center consists of a prairie restoration project, pollinator gardens, the E-Way prairie, and the Lunney Lake Farm prairies.
- ❖ **Plant Species Labels** to help visitor identify plants are installed at the Prairie Learning Center's pollinator garden and Lewis Nine Spring E-Way (Foundation Grant)
- ❖ **Prairie and Marsh Trail Guide** (NRF Grant) at HC is being revised.
- ❖ **Tree species labels with map** (NRF Grant) is now on the Friends web site
- ❖ **Posting of spring migratory birds and woodland wildflowers** during safer-at-home, now **Posting Summer Shorts at Cap. Springs** – these are short and interesting videos from around the park and FOCSRA activities. The first one is from the Sustain Dane work day (volunteers from area businesses practiced social distancing and wore masks). **We also contributed to DCP's Conservation Corner video** series with a video about the Prairie Learning Center)
- ❖ **Developing Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Interpretive Panels** focusing on geology, marsh ecology, archeological history, and MMSD are going up at the marsh boardwalk

SELLING ONLINE STATE TRAIL PASSES – over 250 passes sold

EVENTS

- ❖ **Harvest Moon Festival** , October 4 will be virtual!
- ❖ **Lower Yahara River Trail Trash Cleanup** – collaboration with DCP and Lake Waubesa Conservation Association. Two work sessions to remove trash and excessive aquatic vegetation from areas around the Trail. Work dates are being set for mid-August.
- ❖ **Girl Scouts Love State Parks event hosted by the Friends for the Badgerland Girl Scouts at Capital Springs State Park** – Sept 12 or 13 will be a virtual event focusing on the land community and a call to stewardship, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.
- ❖ **Restarting Stream Monitoring on Nine Springs Creek in our Park**
- ❖ **Prairie Learning Center** restoration work days this summer with social distancing, masks, bringing own tools, and cleaning tools.