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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this, we are experiencing July weather in Baraboo, a welcome relief from the cold and snowy late Winter and early Spring weather. My magnolia and forsythia bushes are starting to bloom, and it's difficult to believe that we had snow on the ground two weeks ago and the lake ice recently thawed a few days ago.

Since our last newsletter, the Friends board has been working hard on developing fun events at the park for this year. In addition to the traditional Music in the Park, Yoga in the Park, and volunteer Saturdays, we will be hosting two Friends members' only events: a sunset hike and kayak trip this Summer, led by park naturalist and educator, Sue Johansen-Mayolett. I hope that many of you will be able to attend these events, Sue does a great job of making them special. Please note that the Music in the Park series has been moved to Tuesdays this year to

lessen the crowds on the weekends.

We've been working on administrative tasks behind the scenes, filing our annual report to the DNR, applying for grants, and getting financial accounts updated. Last week, we submitted a grant application for a Friends of Wisconsin State Parks Incentive Grant, which would cover supplies and equipment for naturalist programs at the park. Fingers crossed that we are awarded the grant! Our extreme gratitude to board member Kevin Olson for taking over our grant application and management duties. Please contact him at [kolson@friendsofdevilslake.org](mailto:kolson@friendsofdevilslake.org) if there are any other grants available that you believe would be a good fit for us to submit an application.

Jayne Englebert, President  
[jenglebert@friendsofdevilslake.org](mailto:jenglebert@friendsofdevilslake.org)

# SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

By Jim Carter

I want to first congratulate Scott from Middleton, the only Friend's newsletter reader who participated in the superintendent's challenge from the winter edition. Scott called and shared his great idea with me and what he likes seeing at the park. Devil's Lake staff and the Friend's Board constantly discuss ideas to improve the park and visitor's experiences. Results are always greater when we can partner together to achieve our mission.

One of the ways we are currently partnering together is on grants. There are various grants available that are utilized to provide interpretation as both programs and displays. Other grants the Friends utilize are for property improvements to facilities such as trails, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Grants provide opportunities for increasing the funding to Devil's Lake, but they unfortunately can not solve the immense needs of a property as popular or as large as Devil's Lake State Park.

Do you want to help the park or volunteer? Participate in a monthly workday the Friends schedule every month throughout the season. If those scheduled events are not convenient, reach out to me directly and



we can coordinate a task, time, and opportunity which fits into your schedule. Spring is a busy season and we have had several individuals and companies who have volunteered time and employees.

Enjoy your time outdoors and I'll see you at one of the next events at the park.

Jim Carter, Superintendent

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT


*A note from Friends Volunteer Susan Knowler*

Eleven million steps in 1,900 visits—give or take. I'm not much of a numbers person, but that's a lot of miles. 5500, if we're counting. I have often envisioned a red line on a map of Devil's Lake, charting my hikes throughout the park over the years. A GPS view of my footsteps since I starting coming here in 1985—long before GPS was a thing. That would be a lot of red.

I first started coming to Devil's Lake when my kids were young, playing together with them on the beach and in the water, scrambling on the rocks above Tumbled Rock Trail. As they grew and became runners, they went ahead of me—racing each other around the lake.

Devil’s Lake became a member of our family. A central player in every season—offering the challenge of rock climbing on the East Bluff Rampart and the peacefulness of watching the sun set over the West Bluff.

On a recent visit home, as we drove into the majestic North Shore entrance, the kids urged me, “Say it, Mom.” OK. “We are so lucky to live so close to this park.” I hadn’t even realized that I’ve said that—aloud or silently--on every visit to Devil’s Lake for the last 38 years.

*Susan with son, Jay Knower, who now lives in NH and daughter, Suzanne Knower Warye, who lives in the Chicago area.* 



**THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERPRETATION**  
*Sue Johansen-Mayoleth*

 Provided by Sue Johansen-Mayoleth

I just finished co-teaching another Certified Interpretive Guide training for Wisconsin State Parks staff and volunteers. This 4-day training, through the National Association of Interpretation, hones the skills of the participants so by the end of the training they can demonstrate a basic knowledge of the principles of interpretation and are able to develop and present a thematic interpretive presentation/program. Each time I have taught this training, I often think about how important interpretation is to our parks and natural areas.

Parks are a valuable natural and cultural resource that offer countless benefits to visitors and the environment they protect. To ensure these natural areas continue to thrive and serve their intended purposes, interpretation plays a critical role by providing visitors with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the parks they visit.

The appreciation the visitor gains helps them to become better stewards and protectors of these important natural resources.

What exactly is interpretation? It is the process of translating the natural and cultural features of a park into an engaging and informative experience for our visitors. Interpretation can take many forms such as exhibits, signs, and a variety of educational programs lead by naturalist, volunteers, and park rangers. The goal of these types of interpretive methods is to create connections between the visitor and the park.

Interpretation provides the visitor with a unique opportunity to learn and engage with their environment in a way that is not possible through casual observation alone. Interpretation provides context and relevance to the park’s

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natural and cultural features so the visitor can make those meaningful connections. These connections help foster a sense of responsibility which inspires our visitors to support practices that protect and conserve these areas for future generations.

Interpretation truly plays an essential role by revealing the hidden meanings of our parks. I hope you're inspired to participate in the many interpretive programs happening at Devil's Lake, and other parks throughout Wisconsin, to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the natural heritage Wisconsin Parks have to offer. See below for some tips to get the most out of the programs and events you attend at our parks.

### *Tips for getting the most out of our park's interpretive programs*

- Plan ahead: Check out the events calendar on the Wisconsin DNR's website ([dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)) to find out where and when programs are happening. Some programs may require advanced registration, so plan accordingly.
- Ask questions: Don't be afraid to ask questions during the guided tours and programs. Interpretation is about creating a dialogue between the visitor and the park, so ask for clarification or additional information.
- Take notes: Bring a notebook or use your phone to take notes during the programs. Writing down information can help you remember an important detail and provide a reference for later.
- Stay engaged: Interpretation can be a passive or active experience, depending on the form of interpretation. Stay engaged by asking questions, participating in activities, and taking in the sights, sounds, and smells of the park.



 Sue Johansen-Mayolett, Women's Hike



## NEW & RENEWED FRIENDS MEMBERS

**Thank you to these members who have joined or renewed their membership on January 16, 2023 through April 16, 2023.**

- Anderson, Richard-Wauconda, IL
- Briel, Ronald-Lincoln, NE
- Daly, John-Indian Head Park, IL
- Englebort, Jayne and Craig Caffisch-Baraboo, WI
- Canfield, Chad-Baraboo, WI
- Carroll, Joy-Rock Springs, WI
- Chiaro, Sue-Sauk City, WI
- Digman, Lisa-Middleton, WI
- Erickson, Alice & Dave-Madison, WI
- Fichtel, Mike-Aurora, IL
- Frank, Ken & Rhonda-Mazomanie, WI
- Gonzalez, Barbara-Glendale Heights, IL
- Hall, Jani-Bloomington, IL
- Hamburg, Doreen-Baraboo, WI
- Hovey, Jamie-Baraboo, WI
- Kinahan, Kathleen-Grayslake, IL
- Koenig, Bill & Diane Gritton-Baraboo, WI
- Karls, Diana-Dane, WI
- Kosowski, Dorothy-Pell Lake, WI
- Kramer, Jina-Schaumburg, IL
- Kubes, Michael-Downers Grove, IL
- Langer, Kimberly J.-Sauk City, WI
- Leyland, John T.-East Peoria, IL
- Madson, Dennis-Sheboygan, WI
- McNulty, Amy-Houston, TX
- Mesmer, Karen & Robert Rolley-Baraboo, WI
- Miller, Ryan-Madison, WI
- Moir, Dale-Fitchburg, WI
- Mori, Ross-Lodi, WI
- Mulvihill, Thomas E.-Chicago, IL
- Neumaier, Marcus-DeForest, WI
- Ordinans, Joe-Menomonee Falls, WI
- Persche, Earlene-Baraboo, WI
- Roth, Kelly & Barry-Black Earth, WI
- Ruffolo, Julie & Steve-North Freedom, WI
- Ryan, Jack-Baraboo, WI
- Stephen, Diana-Villa Park, IL
- Sveom, Heather-Baraboo, WI
- Tourangeau, Richard & Deborah-New Berlin, WI
- Weidert, Michael-Baraboo, WI



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Saturday, May 13th**

Volunteer Day

*Meet at the Rock Elm Shelter at 9:00am*

### **Tuesday, May 23rd**

Members Only Guided Sunset Hike with

Sue Johansen-Mayolett, Park Naturalist

*Meet at East Bluff Trail Head at 7:30pm*

### **Saturday, June 10th**

Volunteer Day

*Meet at the Rock Elm Shelter at 9:00am*

### **Saturday, May 27th through September 2nd**

Yoga in the Park - South Shore

*Tamarack Shelter at 9:00am*

### **Tuesday, June 27th**

Music in the Park: The Swing Crew (Swing)

*North Shore at 6:00pm*

### **Saturday, July 8th**

Volunteer Day

*Meet at The Rock Elm Shelter at 9:00am*



Visit our website or follow us on social media for the most up-to-date information!





## SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC PHASE – AND YOUR SUPPORT – KEY TO LEARNING PROJECT

By *Jim Radford, President and Founder, Baker Street Consulting Group*

With the park's prime season upon us, the Campaign for America's State Park is kicking into high gear and we're asking the Friends to lead the way by making a financial gift to the campaign.

**Your generosity and support will be an example for others to follow.**

In May, we're officially launching the public phase of the drive to raise \$18 million for a new Interpretive Center at the park. This stage of the campaign aims to engage the public – and all of us, as a member of the Friends, to make a gift to this important project.

Your generosity and personal commitment will be an inspiration to others, as you foster a love of learning and nature. The center will be a hub of knowledge for the 2.5 million annual park visitors and the thousands of schoolchildren, university students and nature and sports enthusiasts who frequent the park each year.

The thoughtfully designed center will offer state-of-the-art educational facilities, expanded year-round programming, space to accommodate park visitors, and a place to find out more about how this splendid place came to

be and the people who value it.

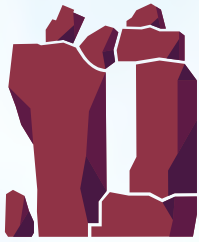
In addition to giving, we hope you'll be a community ambassador, engaging your friends and neighbors in supporting this long-overdue project. To find out more, visit <https://www.friendsofdevilslake.org/center/about>

Of course, we continue to meet with major donors in the leadership phase of the campaign, but with the park coming into its busiest season, it's time to engage the public and park visitors in supporting the plan, as well.

We hope you give today to help sustain the park and provide the gift of learning to generations of park visitors at <https://www.friendsofdevilslake.org/donate/center> or to the Friends at **P.O. Box 209, Baraboo, WI 53913**. Take a critical role in making this vision a reality.

If you'd like to discuss a donation or volunteer, contact Bernadette Greenwood, campaign co-chair, at [bgreenwood@friendsofdevilslake.org](mailto:bgreenwood@friendsofdevilslake.org). Or, contact me at [jradford@bscgmail.com](mailto:jradford@bscgmail.com) or 314-369-7751.

The project is a partnership of the Friends, the Devil's Lake Concessions Corporation and the Wisconsin DNR. Baker Street is helping to organize, direct and implement the campaign.



## 2023 DONORS

Jan. 16, 2023 - Apr. 16, 2023

*Thank you for your support!*

### Donations

#### GENERAL SUPPORT

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Benevity  
Bozarth, Daniel  
Capparelli, Darlene  
Horstman, Gregory  
Kinahan, Kathleen  
Ordinans, Joseph  
Palese, Anthony  
Tess, Alyssa

**In Memory Of Joyce Anne Bates**  
Donation Boxes Visitor's Center

#### IN MEMORY OF PAT VOBORNIK

Anonymous  
Clafin, Susan  
Klbecka, Debra  
Strong, Brenda  
*With love to her family.*  
Walser, Tom & Jan  
Zlevor, Irene  
*With love from the Zlevor's.*

#### TRAIL MAINTENANCE

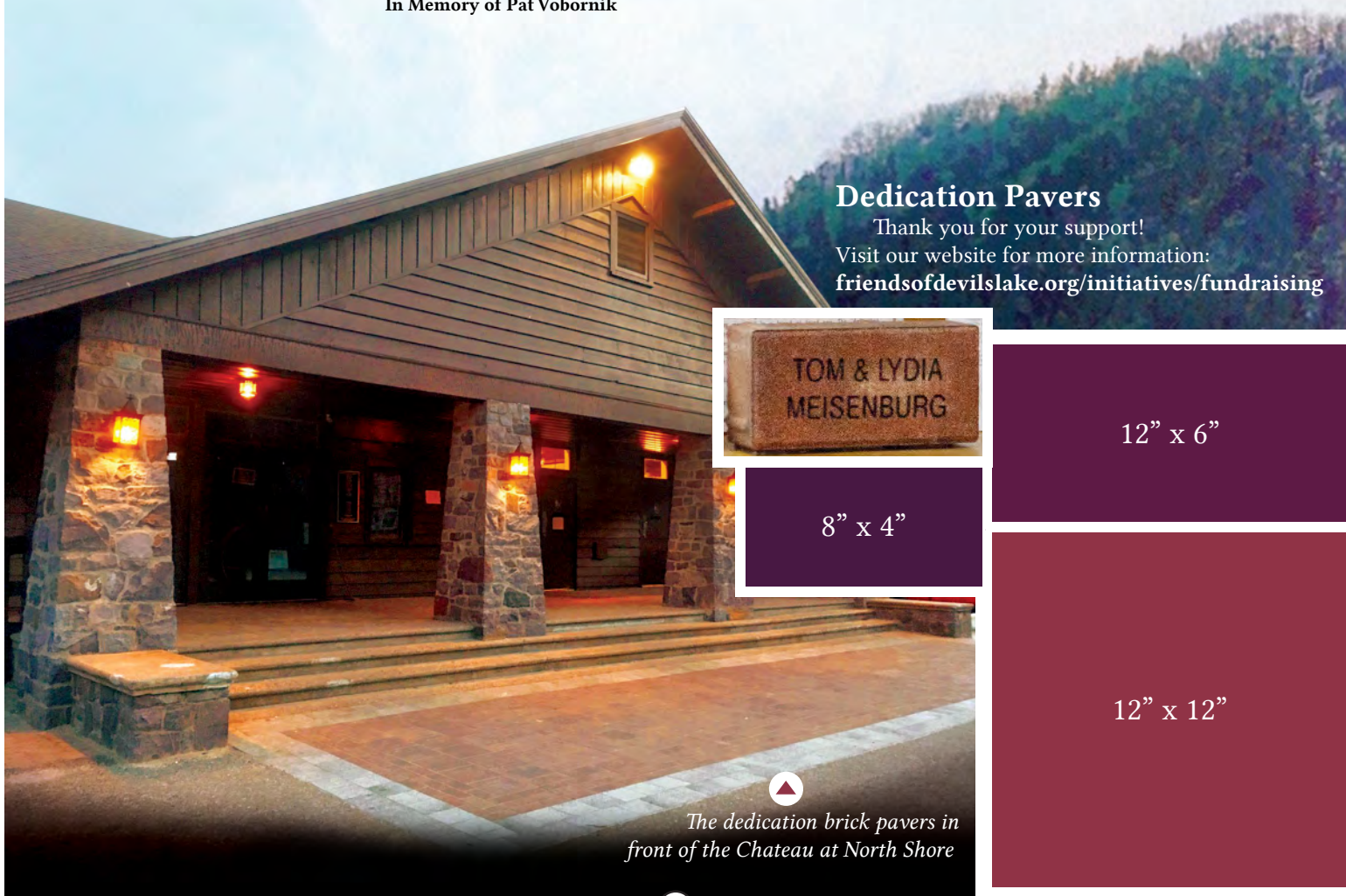
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**In Memory of Pat Vobornik**

### Dedication Pavers

Anonymous  
Gonzalez, Barbara  
Hamburg, Doreen  
Karls, Diana  
Kubes, Michael  
Miller, Ryan  
Ryan, Jack  
Tourangeau, Richard & Deborah

### Educational Interpretive Center

Arnold, Kim  
Balestrieri, Matt  
Baraboo State Bank  
Boutte, Danielle  
Dalrymple, Lori  
Greenwood, Bernadette  
Greenwood, John & Estella  
Kirschnik, Joe  
Workman, Amy  
Zinkel, Cassie



### Dedication Pavers

Thank you for your support!  
Visit our website for more information:  
[friendsofdevilslake.org/initiatives/fundraising](https://www.friendsofdevilslake.org/initiatives/fundraising)



12" x 6"

8" x 4"

12" x 12"

*The dedication brick pavers in front of the Chateau at North Shore*



Friends of Devil's Lake State Park  
P.O. Box 209  
Baraboo, WI 53913

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Membership paid through year shown on label.*

## **SPREAD THE WORD... *About the Friends!***

Our members are special advocates for our unique, beautiful wonder we call Devil's Lake State Park. Will you also be an advocate to help build our membership?

### ***Tell a friend the value of a Friends' Membership:***

1. Membership fees go directly toward supporting Devil's Lake State Park.
2. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, the "Advocate" by mail and/or email.

3. Members are updated first when we have news to share or for volunteer opportunities.
4. Know that members' fees also go toward funding Devil's Lake State Park community events such as the Halloween Hike and Candlelight Snowshoe.
5. Friends are invited to member-only events and meetings.
6. Receive 10% discount on food and merchandise at Devil's Lake State Park concessions (*some exclusions may apply*).



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