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Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands update

It is a bittersweet time when we put The Shoreline away for winter storage. The 2026 season is behind us, and we thank you for being a part of it - whether by booking a cruise, attending one of our Field Day programs, purchasing merchandise, or simply telling your family and friends about us!

Since the beginning of this year, we've been working on raising funds to replace the roof on the Plum Island Boathouse This project is part 1 of our multi-phase project to restore the building for contemporary which will provide space for workshops and programs, our 'Boatique' nature store, a welcome center, and an entertainment venue for artists.

Together we have raised $124,358 and another $259,00 has been promised by generous donors, leaving us with a mere $8,642 remaining to meet the $392,000 cost estimate. Thank you!! Wouldn't it be great if we could write up the contract this year and begin the work at the beginning of the 2027 season so we can celebrate during our 20-year anniversary of the islands' transfer to the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge? Help us to replace the current state of the island with the future state!

Submitted by Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands

