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Hello, Friends and Supporters,

This is my favorite time of the year; sweaters replace t-shirts, the the wood burning in my neighbors' fireplace scents the air, and the trees burst in joyous autumnal glory. This time of year is also a tad bittersweet, as we put *The Shoreline* away for winter storage at Shipyard Marina. We'll wash her hull, do some minor painting, and patiently wait out the winter until we can launch her once again. Thank you for your support during our first year of owning this fine boat. We made some wonderful new friends on our historic and educational tours around Plum and Pilot Islands and plan to offer additional tours in 2023.

This past season, our Historic Preservation Team worked with the USFWS to complete the crews' quarters historic window restoration project. The windows are once again boarded up to protect them from the elements. A hearty "Thank you!" to the supporters who helped us meet this milestone in our overall plan. Next we will focus on assuring that the boathouse will be standing to tell the stories of those who served on Plum Island for generations to come.

We have placed a temporary rubber membrane on the Pilot Island tower to prevent additional water seeping into the building until we can raise the needed funds to do a full restoration, which the contractor has estimated to be about $50,000. If you are interested in donating for this project, please note that on your check or donation form. The Pilot Island lighthouse is the second oldest light in Door County and continues to serve as an active aid to navigation, as do the Plum Island range lights. Speaking of which, we have secured the needed funding to complete the rear range light's tower restoration with a grant from the Fox Valley Community Foundation, which manages the David L. and Rita E. Nelson Family Fund.

Thank you once again for an awesome field season and your continued support. Follow us on our website and social media as we plan opportunities for you to volunteer in the 2023 season and learn where your time, treasures, and talents can make a difference to our community.

Take care,
Mary Beth

Refuge Manager's Corner

As we brace for the chill of winter here at Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuge, we have a wonderful field season to celebrate. Your support as members, volunteers, and ambassadors truly is a value unmatched in the area. I'm thankful for all of you as you continue to help us achieve our mission to work with others to conserve and protect the fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the benefit of future generations. With your help, the iconic sites found along the Grand Traverse within the refuge are known and loved throughout the region.

This year we accomplished so much! We completed a vital part of our partnership, the Friends Partnership Agreement, which sets the course for how we'll partner for years to come. Meetings and planning were quickly underway, and suddenly we saw ice break up and boats get in the water.

Right on the heels of that bit of off-season work, we jumped right into coordinating new windows being installed on the crew's quarters at Plum Island. Through the financial support of people like you, FOPPI was able to provide a vital piece of assistance for that project—production of over 500 linear feet of trim! Spring volunteer work opened the island for our visitors, and we began cleanup of the interior of the boathouse for an improved visitor experience (and much needed storage for FWS and FOPPI gear!).

In July, we all learned a new word, *pilaster*. Those intricate, yet substantial, paneled corners of the boathouse received a much-needed facelift. With a small crew of sweat-drenched volunteers working tirelessly (or was it too tired to know better?)—scraping and painting and caulking and hammering away—we found ourselves staring at the beautiful handiwork at the end of the field season.

Tours aboard FOPPI's newly acquired M/V *The Shoreline* brought many excited visitors to the islands. The dedicated tour guides deserve a hearty "Thank you!" from all of us for sharing their passion and knowledge so well with those who were lucky enough to be aboard and ashore with our volunteer docents. From the spring and fall Lighthouse Festivals, family reunions, and chartered tours, and other events, your hard work and dedication brought hundreds of visitors to a refuge otherwise rarely seen or experienced by the public!

Lastly, we closed out this fall with a simple but important bit of our partnership—the celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week. By collaborating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to celebrate the beauty our great nation's National Wildlife Refuges bring to Americans every day, you've helped raise awareness of the joys and difficulties of managing this remote yet spectacularly important island refuge.

I'm grateful for your support, your willingness to share your skills in volunteer work, and your dedication to sharing with others the importance of conserving and protecting the plants, wildlife, fish, and their habitats at Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Without the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the protections afforded to the historic buildings on Plum and Pilot Islands would be at risk. That said, it's through your support that we can share the beauty and importance of these places for many more generations to come.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing many of you in the new year.

—Joel Vos, Refuge Manager, Green Bay and Gravel Island National Wildlife Refuge



Paul and Jude Kuenn applying the finished coat to the southwest pilaster.
Photo by Tim Sweet.

Al's Hiking Club by Tim Sweet

Al and Judy Wittenkeller retired early when they had the chance and moved to Fish Creek, WI, in 2002. The couple took an interest in a local biking and hiking club made up of fellow retirees. Wittenkeller has been the lead organizer of the hiking branch of the club for the last 16 years or so. His group gets together every Wednesday, from October through March, to explore the wonderful wild spaces Door County has to offer nature lovers and adventure seekers. They usually cover about three or four miles on their treks, then gather together for lunch afterward.



Hiking club members aboard *The Shoreline*. Photo by Tim Sweet.

Judy passed away earlier this year. The social aspect of spending time with friends in the great outdoors helps to ease at least a little of the loneliness that accompanies the loss of a spouse.

Once a summer, Wittenkeller arranges a warm-weather outing. On August 17 of this year, 16 club members chartered *The Shoreline*. Captain Doug Smith, a retired coastguardsman, and Captain Stiles Meredith of Gills Rock skillfully piloted the vessel over the calm waters of Death's Door to bring the group to their destination.



Hiking club members on the porch steps of the crew's quarter. Photo by Al Wittenkeller.

"What a unique place to enjoy the day," commented Wittenkeller. "Probably my favorite place in all of DC."

Club members viewed the wreck of the *Grape Shot*, an 1855 schooner that sank off the shore of Plum Island in 1867; they watched ferries passing by from the top of the front and rear range lights; and they learned more about future plans for the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Trish Black reflected, "We absolutely loved this day. Felt like a true summer treat."

After enjoying lunch in the shade of the life-saving station, it was time to return to the mainland.



Hiking on Plum Island. Photo by Tim Sweet.



The *Madonna*. Photo by Tim Sweet.

Monarch Tagging on Plum Island by Ginnie Harney

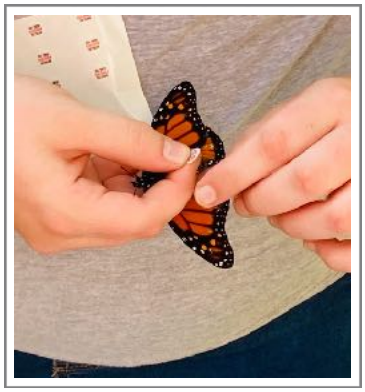
What a great day to tag monarchs! The sun was shining, and we could not have had a more perfect September day to bring school kids to Plum Island.

Jim Robinson and his crew mate Bunny shuttled 27 Washington Island 5th- through 10th-grade citizen scientist students, their teachers, and FOPPI volunteers Patti Zarling, Amy Lesjnak, Ginnie Harney, and Sue Scheckel on *The Shoreline* to Plum Island to learn about, tag, and collect data on the now-endangered monarch butterfly.

Students participated in this activity as part of teacher Miranda Dahlke's science curriculum.

Younger students were on the first trip over. While waiting for their classmates, the kids participated in a review activity, asking their friends if they knew what a group of monarchs is called and other such questions.

After the older students arrived on the second trip, students were divided into groups and given some reminders. Then they collected their equipment and eagerly set off around the island with their adults in search of the elusive monarchs.



When a monarch was captured, students first determined if it was a male or female, placed a tag on its wing, and recorded the information to be later put into a website database to aid in tracking the butterflies on their migration.



Once this was done, the older students conducted some tests to see if the butterfly was infected with the Ophryocystis elektroscirrha (OE) parasite, which hosts on monarchs. They measured and weighed the butterfly, used clear tape to collect a sample from the thorax to look at under microscopes late, and palpated the females to detect if there were eggs present.

The butterflies were released, and the hunt continued. In all, students collected data from 44 butterflies.

The monarch has recently been added to the endangered list. The OE parasite, habitat loss, and the lack of milkweed are all threats to the monarch's survival.

Please check out these websites to learn more about the monarch and how you can help its survival:

www.saveourmonarchs.org
www.monarchparasites.org
www.monarchwatch.org

Fly High by Breanna (Reprinted from *Washington Island Observer*, Sept 29-Oct 12, 2022)

I wish I were a fearless flower.
Your limbs lie on me in the sweet sunny air,
Delicate as the silence of the Sun's breath.
Your wings of gold flutter with beauty and grace.
I wish I were a fearless flower.
Watching you, an angel, floating toward the sacred sky.
The abiding amber of your sails brightens the eternal end,
Flying high and free as the stars sitting in the night sky.
I wish I were a fearless flower,
Your palliative presence is never long enough,
Though you must leave this time for good,
When I see you in the sky I will know it is your essence flying high.

Fall Door County Lighthouse Festival by Tim Sweet

The weather was beautiful for the 68 visitors (among the five tours) on Plum Island for the Fall Door County Lighthouse Festival (dcmm.org) the weekend of September 30-October 2! Captain Stiles Meredith piloted *The Shoreline*, with crew member Sally Dery, who also assisted with tours, on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, Jason Albertson captained the boat, with crew member Amanda Mittermann, who entertained guests with stories. FOPPI volunteer Gordon Vieth (not pictured) assisted with tours on Saturday. Once on Plum, guests hiked the Fern Isle Trail, checked out the view from the rear range light, and learned more about the history of magical Plum Island. Each of the five tours also offered up-close views of Pilot Island.

Photos by Tim Sweet.



Tour guests prepare to board *The Shoreline*.



Captain Stiles and Sally Dery with guests aboard *The Shoreline*.



Amanda Mittermann sharing stories with tour guests.



Hiking the Fern Isle Trail.

If you missed the spring and fall lighthouse tours this year, perhaps a winter road trip will inspire you to get one on the calendar in 2023! Visit https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/wisconsin/wi-lighthouse-road-trip/ to learn more about the lighthouses you'll see on an almost-300-mile route in Wisconsin. Then, fill a thermos with hot chocolate, bundle up, and hit the road! (And write yourself a reminder for 2023!)

Plum's Boathouse Pilaster Project by Jude Kuenn

One of this 2022 work season's historic preservation and restoration projects was repairing and repainting the corner architectural column elements called "pilasters" on the 1939 Roosevelt-style boathouse on Plum Island.

As HP&R Team members, Paul and I agreed to spearhead the work after assessing the task. We started on the northeast corner of the building, realizing the east side of that corner needed to be completely replaced. The boathouse was last painted in 2012 when lead paint was abated (scraped off before repainting). Unsure of how the old job had been done, we needed to treat this summer's project as if there was lead encapsulated in the paint. To correctly execute, a plastic shroud was built around each area to catch paint chips scraped off. Volunteers, working within the enclosure, wore Tyvek® (DuPont) suits with hoods, masks, and eye protection. Chips were vacuumed up and removed from the island for proper disposal.



Shrouded corner contained the paint chips for proper disposal.



Building the initial NE corner shroud proved to be more time-consuming than removing the rotted pilaster during the June 4 workday. We found the original pilaster expertly constructed, complete with rabbited joinery and down-sloping angles preventing water from gathering and pooling. Finding a carpenter to use the old column as a pattern and build a replacement would prove challenging. Per the scope of work (SOW) criteria, best replacement wood would either be yellow or clear white pine. With the column's height of 12 feet, raw materials could also be tricky in procuring.



After NE pilaster was removed.



Dallas painting the NW corner.

Work continued during the weekend of July 14-17. Our partner, USFWS granted an extended number of workdays to get as much done as possible. Volunteers Dallas Greetham and Ginnie Harney said 'Yes!' to lending their time, talent and energy to the undertaking. In addition to a plastic surround, both NW and SW corners needed scaffolding built over the water allowing access to the entire corner. Project's budget included the necessary extra wood, and we were able to use many pieces of lumber already on-site. Between the four of us, NW, NE corners were completed, SE was scraped, primed and finish painted. We were able to build the SW corner scaffolding and start scraping. Time was taken on each corner to fill holes, gaps and square the uneven column corners with WoodEpox® (Abatron), a replacement compound used to address rotted or missing wood, and fill cracks. To permanently stabilize any rotted section, LiquidWood® (Abatron) was applied. This



Top: Dallas Greetham, Ginnie Harney, and Jude Kuenn almost suited up and ready to scrape old paint. Right: Paul Kuenn kneeling by the rotted 1939 pilaster.

Plum's Boathouse Pilaster Project by Jude Kuenn



Dallas assisting Paul with winterizing the building where the rotted pilaster had been removed.

product penetrates deteriorated wood, permanently reinforcing and fortifying its structural strength. Chalking was applied to seal all wood seams and intersections, preventing water from penetrating the wood which long-term would weaken its integrity.



Paul caulking edge next to cedar shingles.

Dallas joined September 9-10 workdays when the SE corner was finished with a final white coat of paint. Scraping was completed on the SW corner with primer applied. The weather turned to rain, cutting short our planned schedule. The exposed NE corner wall was winterized with weather-resistant wrap in case the replacement pilaster would not be unavailable before season's end.

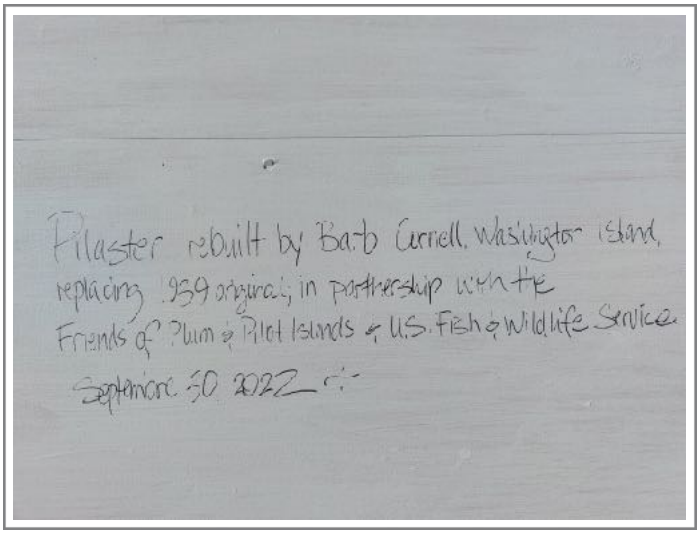
After two failed attempts to find a contractor, in August, HP&R Team Leader Chuck Scheckel found Barb Cornell of Cornell Construction Co., Washington Island, willing to take on replicating the old pilaster. She contacted Shawano Lumber who could provide clear white pine in the required width, length, and 2" thickness. With true artisanship, Barb had the new unit done in less than a month! She generously allowed Paul and me to prime, paint, and chalk the new pilaster in her workshop, prepping it for installation.

A perfect and snug fit has the pilaster in place as of September 30. We applied a third coat of paint October 1 to ensure the column's longevity. A small open list yet to complete includes finessing the very corner of the new cove molding intersection with 1939 molding. The very bottom pilaster piece had to be remade because we inadvertently misplaced the old one. I'll prime and paint it over the winter for placement during FOPPI's next work season.

We are grateful to Barb Cornell, our dedicated volunteers and USFWS, for believing in our capabilities and allowing us the opportunity to help save just one component of Plum's maritime history.

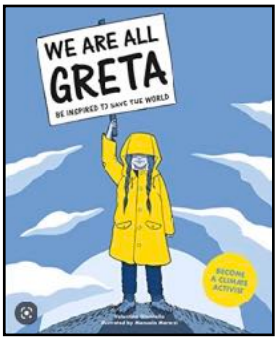


Completed SW corner!



Note on the back of the new pilaster: Pilaster rebuilt by Barb Cornell, Washington Island, replacing 1939 original, in partnership with the Friends of Plum & Pilot Islands & U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Septembre [sic] 30, 2022.

Photos by Jude Kuenn.



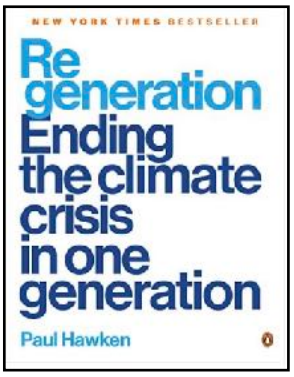
We Are All Greta: Be Inspired to Save the Word
by Valentina Giannelli (Author) and Manuela Marazzi (Illustrator)

We Are All Greta sets out the basic ideas required to understand climate change, explained in a scientific and accessible way and drawn from the most authoritative sources. With a chapter on key words and sites to help you understand the climate challenge and a list of websites to visit for further information, this is a book for young people, for parents, grandparents and anyone having to answer direct and urgent questions about what must be done to protect our world. (Review courtesy of amazon.com.)

Humans are very adaptable: We can still fix this. But the opportunity to do so will not last for long. We must start today. We have no more excuses.

— Greta Thunberg

Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation
by Paul Hawken



Regeneration offers a visionary new approach to climate change, one that weaves justice, climate, biodiversity, equity, and human dignity into a seamless tapestry of action, policy, and transformation that can end the climate crisis in one generation. It is the first book to describe and define the burgeoning regeneration movement spreading rapidly throughout the world.

Regeneration describes how an inclusive movement can engage the majority of humanity to save the world from the threat of global warming, with climate solutions that directly serve our children, the poor, and the excluded. This means we must address current human needs, not future existential threats, real as they are, with initiatives that include but go well beyond solar, electric vehicles, and tree planting to include such solutions as the fifteen-minute city, bioregions, azolla fern, food localization, fire ecology, decommodification, forests as farms, and the number one solution for the world: electrifying everything.

Paul Hawken and the nonprofit Regeneration Organization are launching a series of initiatives to accompany the book, including a streaming video series, curriculum, podcasts, teaching videos, and climate action software. *Regeneration* is the inspiring and necessary guide to inform the rapidly spreading climate movement. (Review courtesy of amazon.com.)

What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

— Dr. Jane Goodall

Distinguished Donors



Detroit Harbor Ladies Aid Society Donates $300 to FOPPI!
by Ginnie Harney

The Detroit Harbor Ladies Aid Society gave a generous $300 to our organization to buy pollinator plants for Plum Island as part of our Monarch Butterfly Project.

FOPPI volunteers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and Washington Island School teacher Miranda Dahlke have partnered in recent years to bring middle- and high-school students to Plum Island to catch and tag monarch butterflies in early fall as they migrate to Mexico. Monarchs were recently listed as Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, and tagging can help identify how many make it to their southern destination.



This donation provides us with a way to benefit pollinators on their migratory route. We are working with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife's biologists to assess the best type of plants that will withstand Plum Island's seasonality and return year after year.

The Detroit Harbor Ladies Aid Society was established in 1903 to help support the community. Funds are raised from sales at the Twice Around Shop and dispersed to nonprofit organizations in the Washington Island community.

Thank you, Donors!

The work done on the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge is funded in part by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and Friends of Plum & Pilot Islands. The projects and programs we have worked on would not be possible without your financial support. Your donations and inspiration help us to preserve and restore this important part of our heritage within the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge. We also extend thanks to our community and business partners. Our gratitude is great.

Memorials for Susan Bhirdo:
Janelle Meins
Elizabeth Sohns

Businesses/Organizations:
Amazon Smile
PayPal Giving Funds
Thrivent Funds
Twin Cities United Way

Float the Boat:
Steve & Loretta Lambert
Colleen Pilat
O'Loughlin Family
Sally Dery
Chuck Scheckel
Bruce McClaren

Anonymous cash donations were also received at the FOPPI July Sunset Cruise, the Sturgeon Bay Wooden Boat Festival, and Death's Door BBQ events.

2022 Volunteer of the Year: Jude Kuenn

by Joel Vos



2022 Volunteer of the Year, Jude Kuenn.

The staff from Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge and the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Complex selected Jude Kuenn for their 2022 Volunteer of the Year! At the annual meeting in July, Refuge Manager Joel Vos announced Jude as the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge's selection for her dedication to public outreach, historic preservation projects, embracing the mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and all-around positive attitude in seeing through our mutual mission to do work together on Plum and Pilot Island. Jude has been an active FOPPI member, working on the newsletter, assisting with events and tabling at conferences and festivals, leading projects at volunteer work days, staying up late for biological surveys, and generally keeping spirits high. Jude's name will be added to the plaque posted in the boathouse at Plum Island, joining a long list of FOPPI members recognized for this same honor over the years. Volunteers selected for "Volunteer of the Year" by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service show their dedication to the mission of the Service with their leadership, and participation in Service-identified priority biological and historic preservation activities.

Interested in volunteering? Be sure to sign up for volunteer work days, and contact Joel Vos, Refuge Manager, to find out how to get involved with the refuge and their work.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.
—Elizabeth Andrew



Explore Plum Island: Canceled!

by *The Shoreline* Crew



August 13, the date that the long-awaited Explore Plum Island event was scheduled for, arrived with high winds, high waves, and hence, a small craft advisory. There was no choice but to cancel it. Good call!

The day before preparations had taken place: Volunteers gave *The Shoreline* a good cleaning! It was reported that 357 spiders were killed, 28 went missing, and another 56 jumped ship and went overboard.

When the event was canceled, our dedicated FOPPI volunteers, who were already on Washington Island in anticipation of the event, made a quick trip to Plum to pick up some needed items, and then regrouped to clean some more until early afternoon. *The Shoreline* sure looked spiffy—and spider-free. Thanks, everyone!

Trash at Lambeau = Cash for FOPPI!
by Sally Dery

Planning to attend a home Packers game? Stay an extra day and join our expert cleanup crew and earn cash for FOPPI. Each nonprofit that participates in the post-game cleaning of Lambeau is paid based on the number of volunteers. The more volunteers, the more FOPPI earns!

Post-event cleanup is held the day after an event and avoids game-day traffic congestion, with easy parking just outside the Fleet Farm gate. PMI has assigned FOPPI to concourse cleaning. We are protected from the elements while following a garbage truck to dispose of bagged trash and recyclables and sweeping. The shift is about 3 hours long.

We would love to have an even bigger FOPPI representation this season and look forward to meeting new volunteers! Review the schedule listed below for dates and times of post-event cleanup; then, visit our website at https://www.plumandpilot.org/eventswork-days.html to sign up. Questions? Just ask! Thank you!

- November 14 @ 4:30
- November 18 @ 4:30
- December 20 @ 4:30
- January 2 @ 4:30
- January 8 or 9 TBT



FOPPI volunteers at Lambeau Field, L to R: Jim Schwartz, Dallas Greetham, Pete LeMere, and Scott Nelson.





FOPPI volunteers at the native plant sale, L to R: Sally Dery, Patti Zarling, and Jude Kuenn.

A Note of Thanks
by Sally Dery

Thanks to our members, supporters and volunteers, FOPPI's first native plant sale was a great success. We had a wonderful day on the beautiful property of Stone Silo Gardens in De Pere, WI. The owner and staff at Stone Silo were so gracious to partner with FOPPI for this August fundraiser. They were experts in helping our visitors select just the right native plants for their home gardens.

Mark your calendars to join us next year on August 19, 2023, to support FOPPI and our environment!

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.
—Audrey Hepburn



Customers at Stone Silo Gardens.

Leave No Trace

The Door County Leave No Trace 7 principles (https://www.doorcounty.com/care-for-door-county/leave-no-trace) are modeled after the famous organization's timeless tenets of good outdoor etiquette and are designed to make your time in the wilds of Door County safer and more satisfying—for you, for the wildlife, and for local residents.

As a reminder, those seven principles are:



1. **Know Before You Go:** Do your research, plan your route, bring safety gear, and prepare to have an amazing time.

2. **Stick to the Trails:** Keep those feet on the trail and help pets stay on course too to avoid harming the greenery or the wildlife.

3. **Trash Your Trash:** Don't be a litterbug! Abandoned trash or waste is bad for the environment and impairs the physical beauty for others.





4. **Leave It as You Found It:** Follow that old adage "Take only pictures, leave only footprints."

5. **Be Careful with Fire:** Know fire-safety guidelines, observe firewood rules, and always keep an eye on your fire.

6. **Keep Wildlife Wild:** Give animals their space. Admire wildflowers, rocks, and other natural objects from afar—you might not realize a single leaf is home to tiny insects or larvae.





7. **Share Our Trails, Roads, and Natural Resources:** The great outdoors only stay great if we all work together, respect each other, and remain kind, quiet, and courteous when spending time in nature.

To learn more about The Seven Principles, visit https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/

Heading up to Door County in the winter? Review these seasonal seven principles: https://lnt.org/the-7-principles-of-leave-no-trace-winter-recreation/



Photos by Nancy Leisgang.

The environment is where we all meet, where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share. It is not only a mirror of ourselves, but a focusing lens on what we can become.

—Lady Bird Johnson

Events Around the County

November 12, 2022-January 1, 2023: Merry-Time Festival of Trees, Sturgeon Bay
Joyously celebrate the holidays by enjoying dozens of beautifully decorated trees and decorative displays at the Door County Maritime Museum. Visit http://www.dcmm.org/event/merry-time-festival-trees/ to learn more.



December 31, 2022: New Year's Even Fireworks & Cherry Drop, Sister Bay
Sister Bay is home to Door County's only New Year's fireworks show! Held at the Sister Bay Ice Rink. Check out https://www.sisterbay.com/events/p/newyearseve for more details.



January 1, 2023: Polar Bear Plunge, Jacksonport
For more details about this COOL event, visit http://www.jacksonportpolarbearclub.com. Chill out!

January 1, 2023: New Year's Day Parade, Egg Harbor
Whether you are a participant or a spectator, there's no better way to kick off the new year than a parade! Go to https://eggharbordoorcounty.org/event/new-years-day-parade/2023-01-01/ to learn more!

February 3-5, 2023: Winterfest, Fish Creek
Fish Creek's longest-standing tradition and Door County's quirkiest winter event features live music, games, delicious food, the not-so-serious "Fruit Loop Fun Run," an entertaining Stumpf Fiddle Contest, and a spectacular fireworks display…all under a heated tent overlooking the frozen waters of Green Bay. Head over to https://visitfishcreek.com/event/winterfest/ for more info.

February 11-19, 2023: Celebrating Winter and Fish Derby, Washington Island
A week long celebration of ice and snow with food, fun, adventure, and entertainment!
Watch for more details at: https://www.doorcounty.com/business-directory/service/washington-island-chamber-of-commerce.

February 17-18, 2023: Fire & Ice Festival, Sturgeon Bay
The weekend begins with a candlelight ski/hike at Crossroads at Big Creek Nature Preserve from 6-8pm on Friday, February 17. Watch snow and ice sculptors create beautiful works of art throughout Sturgeon Bay on Saturday, February 18. Go to https://www.sturgeonbay.net/events/special-events/fire-ice-festival for more details.



To learn about more fun things to do in Door County in fall and winter, visit:
https://www.doorcounty.com/newsletter/december-2020/20-things-to-do-during-winter-in-door-county

https://doorcountypulse.com/34-things-we-love-about-winter-in-door-county/

What good is the warmth of summer without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.
—John Steinbeck

Supporting FOPPI



Autumn storm, West Harbor, Washington Island.
Photo by Nancy Leisgang.

Friends of Plum & Pilot Islands welcomes these new members:

- Martin Andersen, Washington Island, WI
- Alida Anderson, Washington Island, WI
- Curt Bawden, Ellison Bay, WI
- Darla Hodapp, Truckee, CA
- Joan Hushahn, Los Angeles, CA
- Tony Kiszonas, Sturgeon Bay, WI
- Kirsten Kranz, Somers, WI
- William Krieger & Joan Scott, Flagstaff, AZ
- Monica Kurzewski, Hubertus, WI
- Hans Lux, Washington Island, WI
- Kathy Pearson, Greenbrier, AZ
- Rebecca Sterling, Fremont, IA
- Jamie Wingo, De Pere, WI
- Scott Zuelke, Waterford, WI

Thank you for your support!

FOPPI is an affiliate of the Wisconsin State Historical Society (wisconsinhistory.org), members of Washington Island Chamber of Commerce (washingtonisland.com), Door County Historical Society (doorcountyhistoricalsociety.org), U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association (uslife-savingservice.org), Door County Visitor Bureau (doorcounty.com), and a partner with Wisconsin Marine Historical Society (wmfs.org).

FOPPI's 2021 Annual Report is available online at https://wwwplumandpilot.org/annual-report.html

Please follow FOPPI on social media!
To download our audio tours, go to https://www.plumandpilot.org/audio-tour.html#/

Friends of Plum & Pilot Islands, Inc. (FOPPI) was established in 2007 to preserve the unique island ecosystems and foster partnerships to preserve their heritage for future generations.

Your membership dues and charitable gifts help to restore and preserve the historical maritime structures on these islands and support education in the areas of conservation, natural history, and environmental protection.

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