



SUMMER/FALL 2021

# DRIFTLESS

*A Newsletter and 2020 Annual Report from the Driftless Area Land Conservancy*

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bring daydreams and nights tucked in by tree frog trills  
and its sounds weigh in on such matters as what is  
enough—for this tiny time, this passing breeze."*

– Erin Schneider



# THE POWER OF PLACE

In May, I had the pleasure of hosting members and friends of the Ho-Chunk Nation at our new Spring Valley Tract near New Glarus. DALC's entire service area lies within the ancestral lands of the Ho-Chunk, and we wanted to get their thoughts on how this land can serve tribal members. A small group of

*"This is where everything begins, it's the lifeblood of the land..."*

us stood in a slightly larger-than-comfortable circle (social distancing!) in the valley and took time introducing ourselves and getting to know each other and our work. The original plan was to walk the base of a remnant savanna and sand prairie and climb up a ridge to get a view of the valley. But when we started walking, Bill Quackenbush (Manager of the Cultural Resources Division, Ho-Chunk Nation) immediately said - "Let's go to the spring first. This is where everything begins, it's the lifeblood of the land, and of the human and animal communities that live there." He was right. We all felt the power of place - it wasn't the view we needed to experience, it was the water.

DALC has always relied on strong relationships and diverse partnerships to protect our part of the Driftless Area - from the Lowery Creek Watershed Initiative, to Southern Driftless Grasslands, to the fight against the Cardinal Hickory Creek Transmission Line. Every difficult problem has a complex solution that requires all of us to understand what brings us together. The spring, the lifeblood of the partnership is our desire to protect this unique region and serve the needs of our whole community. There will always be issues that we don't agree on. These human complexities bring workable solutions.

The clear, cold, spring fed streams running through oak forests and around gigantic rock formations is an iconic image of the Driftless Area. Thanks to your passion and support, these areas are protected from inappropriate development and neglect. As we hopefully continue on this journey of recovery from a very hard time, I look forward to nurturing partnerships - with organizations, with our donors, and with our community - with more celebratory and in-person interactions! It certainly takes a whole community to protect the Driftless.

Jennifer Filipiak  
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*New partners gather at Spring Valley. From left to right: Bill Quackenbush (Ho-Chunk Nation), Fil Sanna (Lead Volunteer Site Steward), Eric Gabriel (National Park Service), Randy Poelma (Ho-Chunk Nation), Jesse Conaway (UW-Madison). Photo © DALC.*



*From left to right: Jeb Barzen, Don Nelson, Barb Barzen. Photo courtesy of Aldo Leopold Foundation.*

## A VERY SPECIAL GIFT

Every once in a while, you hear about a nonprofit organization that received an unexpected major gift from a donor whose passions align in some special way with the group's mission. Earlier this spring, our organization was fortunate to receive such a gift.

Don Nelson, a 95 year-old resident of Northfield, MN provided DALC with a very generous gift of \$100,000 to honor his niece, Barb Barzen, her husband Jeb, and their careers in conservation. Barb has worked for DALC since 2018, coordinating the Lowery Creek Watershed Initiative, Driftless Trail, and grants management. Jeb spent 28 years at the International Crane Foundation and now focuses on building capacity for conservation on private lands, particularly through prescribed burning.

There is more behind this gift than honoring family members, though. By the time Don retired from his career as an orthodontist at the Mayo Clinic, he owned three farms near Rochester and Northfield. He planted thousands of trees, mostly walnuts, and thrived on tending his trees and farms.

When it came time to transfer ownership of those properties, he worked with the Minnesota Land Trust and MN DNR to turn the farms into state Wildlife Management Areas while providing major gifts (the value of the farms) to the Quarry Hill Nature Center and Luther

College's Environmental Studies Program. Don donated the proceeds from the sale of the Northfield farm, which had been in the family since the 1860s, to the local community foundation to create an endowment that will support research, restoration, and education activities in and near the new Prairie Creek Wildlife Area for many years to come.

Hearing DALC's mission statement instantly touched Don's heart, as did the projects Barb coordinates. "That's what I'm all about", he told a family member.

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His gift will support the Lowery Creek Watershed Initiative, general operations, and the acquisition of a 153-acre wetland that DALC intends to donate to the DNR to become part of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway. (We have applied for a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund grant to cover half the purchase, which will require \$183,000 in matching funds.)

This gift shows the profound impact philanthropy can have on both the donor and the recipient. Barb notes that making this donation made her uncle happier than he has been in a very long time. For DALC, this gift takes our impact and stature to the next level.



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# LOOKING BACK...

Over the years you've created a legacy by being part of our community of landowners, farmers, donors, volunteers, educators, and supporters. Thank you! DALC's winter newsletter took a look at the last 20 years of shared conservation work across the region and now we are

looking to the next decades and beyond. Though we are a land protection organization, our greatest assets are the wonderful humans that make choices every day to care for the land and water all around. Here are a few of their stories:



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In early 2021, after several years of intentional work, the section of the Lowery Creek that runs through the Cates Family Farm was named a Class I trout stream, a designation that joins many conservation accolades and milestones for this working family farm. The conservation easement on this land made it possible for the family to purchase more land to expand farm operations and sustain the work of generations of Cates farmers in the years ahead. Pictured here left to right: Dick, Eric, Kiley and Fischer Cates with friend and neighbor Joe Stapleton after recent WAV monitoring of the stream.

Gary Zimmer helped to establish one of DALC's first agriculture easements at his property in the foreground of Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin. Founder of Mid-western BioAg, accomplished author, speaker, and consultant, Zimmer and his work at Otter Creek Organic Farm have lead the way for integration of conservation practices on working farms. This property continues to exemplify the prosperous marriage of land stewardship and farming. Zimmer is pictured here with his grand-nephew Patrick Michaels, Business Analyst with the Savanna Institute, and their new elderberry plot which they hope will serve as an investable agroforestry business model to support this farm for years to come.



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Bloomfield Prairie (aka, Iowa County Farm) was created in 1998 through a true community collaboration. Walnut Hollow founder David Ladd called his friend and Iowa County Recreation and Prairie Restoration board member Peter Vanderloo (now on the DALC Board) to kick-start the process of restoring this 400+ acres to prairie. The result of that conversation now blooms bright

with summer wildflowers and welcomes migrating birds as Bloomfield Prairie. The land is owned by Iowa County, and lovingly co-managed by Driftless Area Land Conservancy, Iowa County Recreation and Prairie Restoration, and Iowa County Land and Water Conservation.

Pictured here left to right: ICRPR members Jody Vanderloo, Peter Vanderloo, Melissa Roelli, & Shawn Roelli.

As Driftless Area Land Conservancy enters our third decade, let's turn to the future. Land management rises to the top of our list of priorities. Building an even more resilient landscape and refining best practices takes center stage. Read on to learn more about our lands, our ongoing work and what lies ahead as we continue to connect, protect, inspire, and restore our shared corner of the Driftless region.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE - CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH THE LAND IN 2021

In 2012, DALC purchased our first preserve, the Erickson Conservation Area, located just outside of Argyle. This began a new chapter for DALC, one in which the organization would be poised to promote land stewardship through action and example. DALC owns properties that fall into two categories: natural areas and ambassador properties. Natural Areas are properties that harbor special natural communities, plants and animals. Ambassador properties are properties that (1) protect and preserve natural places, and (2) provide opportunity for public recreation, education, and retreat. Our ambassador properties are located near population centers and have a core focus on community engagement.

This year DALC will be improving public access at Sardeson Preserve just outside of Mineral Point, and Erickson Conservation Area.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Mineral Point Community Foundation, we will work with local artists and craftspeople to build a kiosk at the Sardeson trailhead.

*Volunteer Opportunities abound - contact the office or sign up for our email list to learn more*

### SEPTEMBER

#### September 18 | 8AM -11AM | Sardeson Preserve

Activities: Buckthorn and honeysuckle crowding out native plants are fair game this time. We'll be focusing our activities on these species.

#### September 25 | 8AM -11AM | Spring Valley Tract

Activities: Still to be determined, but certainly will be focused on invasive species in a bur oak savanna on site.

### OCTOBER

#### October 2 | 8AM -11AM | Morrison Forest and Prairie Preserve

Activities: Cedars beware! Work against the backdrop of a high quality hill prairie as we tackle the removal of small cedars along its edge.

#### October 9 | 9AM -12PM | Spring Valley Tract

Activities: Still to be determined, but certainly will be focused on invasive species in a bur oak savanna on site.

#### October 16 | 9AM -12PM | Sardeson Preserve

Activities: Buckthorn and honeysuckle crowding out native plants are fair game this time. We'll be focusing our activities on these species.

The kiosk will speak to the unique features and plants found on the property, the human history of the land, and pay tribute to Roland Sardeson, who bequeathed the property to DALC on his passing. The hiking trail will be officially open to the public with the unveiling of the kiosk. DALC is also planning a number of work days at Erickson this fall. We seek hands and helpers as we clear areas thick with non-native honeysuckle along the existing hiking trail, and spruce up the pollinator planting around the welcome kiosk.

Planning for our newest Ambassador Property, the Spring Valley Tract, is well underway for both restoration and public access. Make sure to sign up for our e-news to get the latest updates on our progress and for special opportunities to see the preserve.

Join us in the field! We hope to see you soon.

#### October 23 | 9AM -12PM | Spring Valley Tract

Activities: Still to be determined, but certainly will be focused on invasive species in a bur oak savanna on site.

### NOVEMBER

#### November 6 | 9AM -12PM | Morrison Forest and Prairie Preserve

Activities: Cedar removal continues. Also, help cutting out a fire break along our property line is needed as preparation for a prescribed burn scheduled for this winter.

#### November 13 | 9AM -12PM | Sardeson Preserve

Activities: As part of the process of building of a kiosk to honor Roland Sardeson, we will be organizing the loose stone remaining on site and cleaning up the area. This weekend marks the anniversary of Roland's passing in 2016.



Jenn Simons, Kelly VanBeek, and Dave Sample catch sight of bobolinks at the WI DNR's Davis Unit within the Southwest WI Grassland and Stream Conservation Area



Jenn Simons at The Nature Conservancy's Thomson Memorial Prairie during a visit to the Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area

## GRASSLANDS: NOT JUST FOR THE BIRDS

An eerie whistle pierced the air and we all grabbed our binoculars in anticipation. We looked to the sky for a glimpse of an Upland Sandpiper taking off. Such a sighting felt momentous, an emblem of what I wanted to ensure others could also experience.

I haven't always known about the special landscape that makes up Southwest Wisconsin and provides a home for this striking avian symbol of the prairie. I moved to Wisconsin in 2018 to start my graduate program in restoration ecology at UW-Madison. Looking for hiking opportunities in my new home, I quickly learned about the Driftless region. It's here that I started spending weekends driving through the rolling hills to admire a bluffside prairie or seek out the magic forest floors carpeted in spring ephemerals. With a background in agroecology, I admired the contoured fields and buffered waterways I'd come upon. When the job posting for the Southern Driftless Grasslands (SDG) project manager came up, I saw it as a unique chance for me to build upon my passions for both grassland conservation and agroecology.

This summer, I have been fortunate to visit the Bird Conservation Areas (BCAs) where SDG has focused their efforts. The goal for the BCAs is to create a 2,000 acre core of permanent grass embedded in a 10,000 acre (or larger) landscape with a mix of other permanent and working grasslands along with active row crop agriculture. It was on one of these visits that I caught my first glimpse of the Upland Sandpiper.

Upland Sandpipers are listed as threatened in Wisconsin. They require open landscapes with short to mid-height grassy vegetation, such as remnant prairies, lightly grazed pastures, and hay fields - something the BCAs certainly provide. The SDG has been working to protect the unique mosaic of landscape that supports species like the Upland Sandpiper along with dozens of other rare, threatened, or declining species of animals and plants.

In the past couple of years, SDG has directed over \$120,000 into Grant, Iowa, Dane, Lafayette, and Green counties to support grassland, prairie, and savanna habitat. This funding made it possible for 18 landowners to improve more than 720 acres. In a landscape dominated by private

landowners, it feels special to be able to look out and see nothing but grass up to the horizon (an increasingly rare sight).

As the SDG partnership evolves, it maintains the goal of supporting landowners in this region and the unique flora and fauna that inhabit it. I see my role as supporting the land and those who care about it, sharing the passion that so many before me have cultivated and passed on, and making sure these sentiments and experiences will still be possible in the future.

Looking ahead, we're excited to channel an additional \$150,000 of federal and state funding into the region for grassland habitat improvement and protection, continue to update our new website, host educational and networking events, and increase the capacity of our team of motivated partners. Personally, I'm looking forward to getting outside to meet with local landowners and see the region through their eyes. Please feel free to reach out at [jsimons@driftless-conservancy.org](mailto:jsimons@driftless-conservancy.org) or [608-425-0464](tel:608-425-0464); I hope to see you out in the grasslands!

*All photos taken by Katie Abbott*



Bryndalyn Kanable, Youth Photography Workshop Participant



Skyla Sutcliffe, Youth Photography Workshop Participant



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Gigi Labudde and pasque flowers at Glass Property



Lily Spahn, Youth Photography Workshop Participant

# TO THE WOODS IN MAY

Marcia Kinder Geer - June 24, 2021

May the wood  
land walks be gradual and full of soft greens  
that absorb the weight of thoughts and follies.  
May you find an opening among Elders  
and bottle brush blooms of wild cherry.

May the woods  
lighten your grip as you inspect a hawk's feather,  
May you pause to trace a borer's path with your finger,  
and count the rings of a felled ash to consider familial ties.

May the Wood  
Thrush's flute call to you to walk with the twisted stalks,  
twirl with whorled leaves among the bedstraw and the boneset,  
and carry you to the pulpit of plants where it's O.K. to let the Twayblade hold sway.

May the woods  
bring daydreams and nights tucked in by tree frog trills  
and its sounds weigh in on such matters as what is enough—for this tiny time, this passing breeze.  
The warblers' whisps, the kinglets' trills—  
carrying on with the work of singing worlds into being.

And as you stand poised under the drip-line counsel of oak, hickory and hackberry, each of your cells alive, totipotent,  
That a single dragonfly's wingbeat could steer you toward the botanical —may the woods in May unravel you anew.

Erin is collaborating with DALC for an ongoing poetry series this year. Sign up for our monthly eNews to read more of Erin's work. She is an Organic Farmer, Writer, Florist & Co-owner at Hilltop Community Farm, LLC.

Special thanks to the Natural Resource Foundation of Wisconsin for providing grant support for the Driftless Through Your Lens: Youth Photography Workshop this spring.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a year we have had! Reflecting back, I'm struck by the idea of resilience. I can proudly say that DALC continues to weather the pandemic well, in part due to our ability to be flexible and adaptable, and also because of the kindness and understanding exhibited by our partners, donors and communities. We are truly in this together.

Over this past year we acquired the Spring Valley Tract, a unique and large preserve that can showcase high quality ecological restoration, regenerative agriculture, and recreation in the Spring Valley Tract. We brought on 5 new board members, bringing fresh energy and new ideas to our strategic thinking. We are humbled by the 147 new supporters who gave their time and money towards protecting the Driftless. And we broke ground for the Driftless Trail - a long term project to connect protected lands to natural corridors, and to connect people to nature in an intimate way.

DALC has learned many things from the pandemic. We often talk of resilience in the context of the land and ecological communities, but we learned a lesson about the advantages of organizational resilience this year. We fully embraced remote technology and recognized how small our carbon footprint became as a result. The new normal includes a hybrid model of remote and on site work, and permanently having remote board meetings in January (how did we never think of this before?!). But coming together feels even more important, a privilege we relish and no longer take lightly. We also come through the pandemic with a renewed focus on the value of our own preserves, and are exploring strategies to increase our capacity to manage those lands and to connect private landowners to the knowledge, and financial resources they need to manage their land. And of course, the critical role that nature plays in our own mental and physical health is more clear than ever.

You have made this all possible!  
Sincerely,  
Doug

## 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT:

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit conservation organization, Driftless Area Land Conservancy depends on the generosity of our members and supporters to enhance the health, diversity and beauty of Southwest Wisconsin's Driftless Area and connect people to the land and to one another.



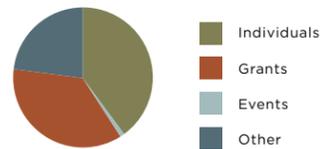
### STEWARDSHIP AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Our stewardship and endowment funds are managed by the State Bank of Cross Plains and the Madison Community Foundation. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible contribution to these funds—or establish a named fund—please contact Jennifer Filipiak at 608-930-3252.

\*DALC also purchases annual TerraFirma Insurance, which provides up to \$500,000 in additional legal defense support. To learn more visit: <http://www.terrafirma.org>.

### 2020 OPERATING REVENUE

Individuals: \$199,124  
Events: \$4,966  
Grants: \$180,357  
Other: \$113,676  
**Total Operating Revenue: \$498,123**



### 2020 EXPENSES

Land Protection & Management: \$295,318  
Community Programs: \$51,587  
Advocacy: \$29,530  
Administration: \$70,471  
Fundraising: \$51,994  
**Total Expenses: \$498,900**



**Deficit From Operations: \$777**

Note: DALC received \$333,750 in donated legal services that benefited our advocacy work in 2020. This amount is not included in the operating revenue and expenses shown above. The information presented here is unaudited. Our financial statements (reviewed by a CPA) and Form 990 are available upon request.

### BROKERAGE ACCOUNT

Monitoring & Legal  
Defense Contributions: \$11,500  
Investment Income, Net of Fees: \$31,537

### LAND ACQUISITION CONTRIBUTIONS & GRANTS

Landowner: \$2,931,125  
Grants: \$0  
**Total Expenses: \$2,931,125**

### FINANCIALS AS OF 12/31/2020

Legal Defense Fund: \$90,000  
Stewardship Monitoring Fund: \$234,613  
Invested in Land Held for Conservation: \$3,486,472  
Operations: \$609,021  
Total Net Assets: \$4,420,106  
Total Liabilities: \$48,598

## THANK YOU

As partners, volunteers, and financial supporters, you make land protection and stewardship in Southwest Wisconsin's Driftless Area possible. Thank you for your 2020 gift(s) and for helping build a more hopeful and sustainable future.

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*"I love the Driftless landscape and desire deeply to see it protected from excess development. I stand amazed at the progress the Conservancy has made in accomplishing this task over the last decade and will continue to contribute financially as long as I am able." - Doug Booth*

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*“Some people have more time available, some have more money available, but the key to me seems to be to do what you can.”*

– Keith Burrows

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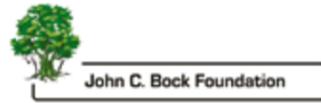
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- CLEA-N is working with Green Homeowners United an initiative to refinance with green mortgages & pay for energy updates. The DALC office has had an energy audit and is continually being assessed for energy efficiency.
- Habitat resiliency is a major component of DALC Strategic Planning. Our Board's Land Conservation Committee seeks to protect properties that display high levels of resilience to climate.
- The land team at DALC is creating a landowner toolkit which will directly integrate the climate-crisis into land management planning.
- DALC strives to draw awareness to how carbon sequestration and carbon storage can be improved through solar energy, regenerative agricultural practices, and good natural areas management. Check out this year's line-up of Evenings Afield offerings.
- DALC and CLEA-N are leaders in the Iowa County Solar group buy in 2021.

- All the first segments of the Driftless Trail pass through farms practicing regenerative agriculture and habitat protection.
- The core work of Southern Driftless Grasslands centers around protection of vital grasslands, prairies, and resilient habitats.



Jen Filiipiak presents Fil Sanna with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Spring Valley Tract - which will showcase climate-smart land management. Photo © DALC.



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### GRASSLAND CONSERVATION IN SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN

October 13th | 6:30-7:30 | Verona Public Library

Learn why it matters and opportunities for landowners to support grassland birds in this webinar from the Southern Driftless Grasslands.

### SANDHILL CRANE VIEWING

November 6 | Spring Green

Save the date for an evening learning about sandhill cranes at a prime viewing spot over the Wisconsin River.

### CHAINSAW SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Morrison Prairie & Forest Preserve, Town of Pulaski

**Level 1:** October 2 | 8AM-4:30PM

**Level 2:** November 6 | 8AM-4:30PM

**Level 3:** November 20 | 8AM-4:30PM

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