



Driftless

FALL 2013 Newsletter and 2012 Annual Report from the Driftless Area Land Conservancy

*Even if something is left
undone, everyone must
take time to sit still and
watch the leaves turn.*

Elizabeth Lawrence



Dave Clutter,
Executive Director

"We cannot bring value to people's lives, or inspire so many kids, without your support. Thank you."



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A Family Legacy, A Community's Treasure



Alex & Mary Erickson enjoy a stroll at the new Erickson Wetlands

Protecting land starts with passion and vision . . . Alex and Mary Erickson wanted to make sure that their extraordinary piece of land—today the Erickson Wetlands—would become a community treasure, something for people from all walks of life to enjoy, especially children.

"Seeing this land protected so that it will inspire kids and the Argyle community has always been a dream of Alex's."

This project never would have happened were it not for the generosity of the Erickson family. Alex and Mary sold their land to Driftless Area Land Conservancy for nearly half price.

When asked why he cares for the land, Alex simply replied, "I'm a country boy, born on a farm just outside of Argyle, and I love the outdoors."

The Erickson's love of this land and commitment to the community of Argyle run deep. Alex's grandfather Anton Erickson immigrated to this country in 1891, settling in Argyle, and the family has been a fixture of the community ever since.

John Soper, recently retired Argyle math teacher and long-time resident of Argyle said his memories of the property go back to when he was 7 & 8 years of age. At a recent event to recognize Alex and Mary's contribution to conservation, John noted that,

"Argyle just gained a 220-acre park," and an "outstanding outdoor laboratory for the kids of Argyle."

Though Alex and Mary Erickson moved to Kansas a number of years ago, their land legacy in the Argyle community will be felt for generations to come. The Ericksons helped assure that kids and adults of the region will always have an opportunity to enjoy wildlife and connect with nature.

Village President Wayne Wilson noted that the Erickson Wetlands will be a "great way to get kids outside, from behind their electronic gadgets, doing something fun and active, and learning at the same time. I'm looking forward to later this fall and next spring when we'll all be out there together."



Jacob Damm

In addition to the Erickson's considerable donation, Driftless Area Land Conservancy recently received a \$210,000 grant from Wisconsin's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, as well as generous financial support from the Paul E. Stry Foundation and the James E. Dutton Foundation, to complete the purchase of the Erickson Wetlands.

If you take nothing else away today," photographer Mark Hirsch told a room of 35 people, "just remember to slow down and pay attention to your surroundings.

Find a spot to take a photo or write in a journal every day for a week or month. You'll be amazed at what you'll notice."

This is one of many life lessons Mark discovered after a year of taking daily photographs of a solitary 165-year-old bur oak tree near his home outside of Platteville, Wisconsin.

It began as a fun challenge to use only his iPhone camera, but became a project that touched his life and helped him heal after a near-fatal car accident.

Mark recently presented some of the beautiful photographs found in his new book *That Tree: an iPhone Photo Journal Documenting a Year-in-the-Life of a Lonely Bur Oak* and told the stories behind them, some funny, some amazing, some moving. Other lessons Mark shared included:

- Seeing the world as a child: taking time getting from point A to point B. Climb trees. Lay in the grass.
- Paying attention to the details: A spider hiding on tree bark. The frost on a fallen leaf. Snowflakes caught in an acorn cap.
- Realizing that even a small area, such as bur oak in a crop field's waterway, can be an oasis of life.



Mark Hirsch and Jenna Assmus thought this oak at Erickson Wetlands needed a hug.

That Tree has also touched the lives of thousands of people around the world. He's received feedback about how his daily photos have helped others see the world in a new way, and have even provided a daily bright spot for someone struggling with depression.

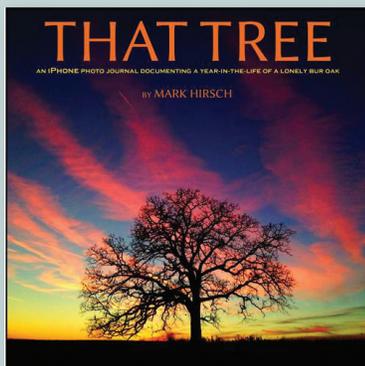
Visit www.thattree.net to learn more about Mark's project and see the photographs.

"In the end, *That Tree* gave me a sense of place," Mark said. "It was no longer just about photography, it was about living life."

Want to make sure there are future conservationists who love trees, wildlife and farms?

Join the Driftless Area Land Conservancy and be a partner in making it happen. Every day is a great day to be part of Driftless.

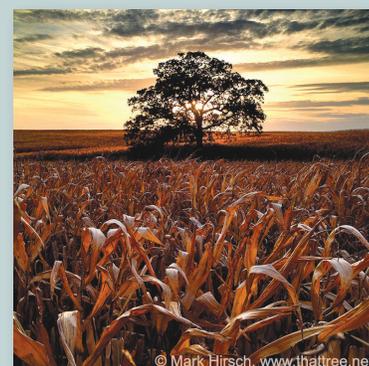
A Year in the Life of a Lonely Bur Oak Tree



For more information visit www.thattree.net

THAT TREE is a full color, 10 x10 inch, 192 page hardcover book documenting a year in the life of a lonely Bur oak tree. Mark Hirsch's inspirational story is captured through his stories and photography, using only the camera in his iPhone.

THAT TREE has been featured by CBS News Sunday Morning, NBC News, NPR, The Sierra Club, Huffington Post, The Guardian, Le Monde, Chicago Tribune, Denver Post, San Francisco Chronicle, and many more.



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That Tree & Field of Gold: October 9, Day 200

Creating a love for nature:

You help connect kids with nature and learning, all year-round.



Inspiring & Engaging Kids:

Our *Driftless Explorers Club* wish list

You can make nature come alive for kids by donating:

- Binoculars (lightweight)
- Digital video camera
- Outdoor journals for writing or drawing in
- ID guides (rocks, plants, animals)
- Insect nets
- Pop-up canopy tent (10x10 or larger)
- 5-gallon water cooler

Helping to save time, restore the land.

You can help protect and steward the land by volunteering, providing financial support or by contributing a range of useful items.

- Four-wheel drive car or pick-up truck
- Small tractor
- Pull-behind brush hog
- Riding mower
- Weed whip
- Loppers
- Chainsaws
- Safety helmet and ear protection

Please call David at 608-930-3252 if you would like to help.

Your contribution makes a difference! By donating one of more of the listed items you will have a direct impact on land stewardship and the lives of all who benefit from your gift. Thank you.

Over the past 40 years, according to national research, kids have become increasingly disengaged with nature. **The future depends on these kids.**

Fortunately, thanks to your support and partnership, you have helped assure that there will be people like you who love, appreciate and respect nature well into the future.

In 2012-13 we kicked off our youth programming activities with a series of preschool story times—*Living Libraries*—with the Dodgeville Library. Developing a love of stories and crafts is a great way to build long-term connections with nature.

We read books like “City Dog, Country Frog”, and the children shared their favorite outdoor activities, places to explore, and animals (dogs and giraffes were at the top of the list!).

Driftless Area Land Conservancy’s *Driftless Explorers Club*, a week-long day camp for kids ages 6-11, helped get kids into nature and changed the response from “eewwww...yuck” to “hooray, I found another tadpole!”

We’re planning to expand the Explorers Club in 2014 so please be in touch if you’d like to learn more about how to get your child or grandchild involved.

Our *Frogs and Pollywogs field trip* was a blast! Our favorite quote of the night was “hey, that frog just jumped on my head!”

At the *Youth Conservation Field Day* we heard “That grass is taller than me!” “That was awesome!” and “Come look at this!” 150 kids participated in a scavenger hunt and learned about prairie.

UW-Extension and Iowa County Recreation and Prairie Restoration group organized the event, with groups from four different schools rotating through seven stations all day.

Kids, friends and their parents together create memories that can last a lifetime. Over the coming year, the Conservancy will be working with area partners to find additional ways to connect nature and agriculture to people. **If you have other great ideas for getting kids out in nature please contact us at info@driftlessconservancy.org.**



Don’t miss out on these fun experiences!

Sign up for *Discover Driftless*, our FREE e-news that will keep you informed on the latest news and upcoming events.

Working For You: 2012 Annual Report

Stone Prairie Farm



From our President,
Peggie James

Thanks to YOU, our members and supporters, 2012 was an absolutely outstanding year, and 2013 is shaping up to be even better!

Your partnership and generosity led to the permanent protection of well over 1,000 acres in Southwest Wisconsin, including the 220-acre Erickson Wetlands, our first fee purchase. Thank you!

I'd also like to thank the landowners we work with for their incredible foresight and wisdom. Conservation depends on them.

We simply couldn't protect the very special places of this beautiful landscape without their passion and commitment to the land.

Finally, I'd like to recognize and thank Mark Mittelstadt for his leadership these past years as our board president. Mark has led us through significant growth and we are fortunate to continue to benefit from his leadership on our board.

I hope you'll enjoy reviewing our 2012 accomplishments over these next few pages. Your support is helping building momentum for what we can accomplish this year and in 2014. YOU are making a difference for conservation in Southwest Wisconsin. If you have any questions about our programs or finances, please contact executive director, David Clutter, at 608-930-3252 or dave@driftlessconservancy.org. Thank you again for your generous support and partnership!

2012 Year in Review

Protected over 1,000 acres of beautiful farms and natural lands:

- Erickson Wetlands fee purchase
- Stone Prairie Farm easement donation
- Trudell easement donation and bequest
- Smith easement donation
- Kirch easement purchase
- Easement Transfers on lands owned by former DALC Board members:
 - Bachner Conservation Easement
 - Glass' Rattlesnake Ridge Conservation Easement

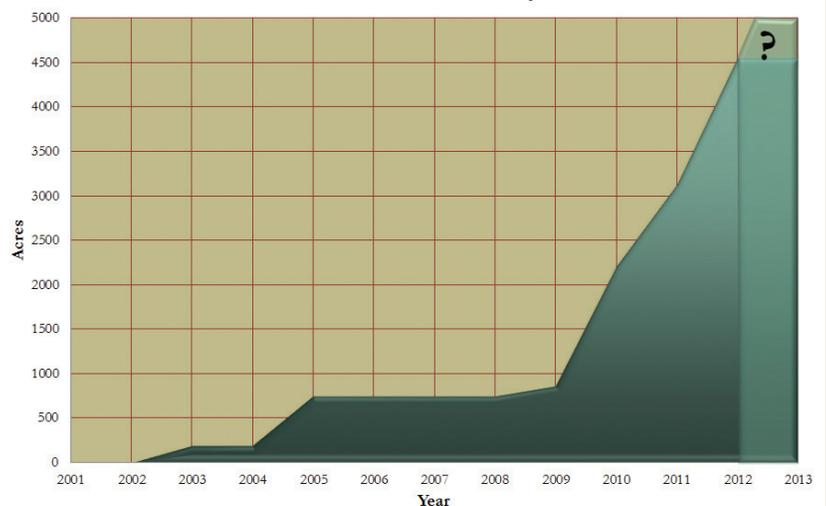
Provided Field Trips, Programs and Special Events such as:

- Volunteer Work Parties
- Living Libraries Youth Programming
- Prairie Festival Partnership
- Working Together: Climate Change & a Sustainable Future in the Driftless Area
- Trout Unlimited's Driftless Area Restoration Effort
- Poems on the Prairie by Dan & Austin Smith
- DALC's Holiday Party

Hired our first full-time land protection position: Katie Abbott

Kicked-off Driftless Legacy Society, our planned giving program

Will You Be Part of Our Story in 2013-14?



Total Acres Protected 2001-2012

Conserving Land and Changing Lives: 2012 Land Project Summary



Barb Smith and her lovely, supportive family



The beautiful rolling hills of the Trudell farm.



Erickson Wetlands—home to this happy pair of Sandhill Cranes

Worries of the World Melt Away

Rolling hills, small farm fields and majestic old oak trees scattered about a prairie that has never been tilled – this describes Barbara Smith’s very special 58-acre property that she permanently protected through Driftless Area Land Conservancy.

When Barb is out on the land, “the worries of the world melt away.” For Barb’s daughter, Robin, “as someone who enjoys this property, this is more than a piece of land . . . this is a place that our family can always share together.”

We are Loaned Whatever We are Given

Susan Trudell feels that “decisions made from the soul almost always lead to good things.” Clearly, permanently protected her beautiful 245-acre Iowa County property was a decision made from the soul.

Susan feels that “we are loaned whatever we are given,” and that by protected her land she is able to share the same breathtaking views and sense of peace that she and her late husband shared together.

Inspiring Kids and Community

The 220-acre Erickson Wetlands is Driftless Area Land Conservancy’s first land purchase, and we couldn’t have done it without the generosity of the Erickson family and a host of supporters.

Thanks to you, the public will be able to enjoy this special place for generations to come. Mary Erickson shared that, “Seeing this land protected so that it will inspire kids and the Argyle community has always been a dream of Alex’s.”



The Kirch Family Legacy

With funding assistance from USDA and Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture—and due to a very generous and critically-timed loan provided by Jim and Rumi O'Brien—Nick & Kim Kirch sold an agricultural conservation easement to DALC and permanently protected their 450-acre family farm.

Farming has always been at the heart of our way of life in this region and we're very pleased to support the agricultural community in our region.



The Kirch Family Farm and Blue Mounds.

Stone Prairie Farm: A Second Chance

Steve Apfelbaum and Susan Lehnhardt permanently protected their 80-acre Green County farm, one they've been restoring for 30 years.

Steve shared that, "it's a good feeling to know that the continued health of the land will depend on our family, friends and community." Steve is the author of *Nature's Second Change: Restoring the Ecology of Stone Prairie Farm*.



Stone Prairie Farm Shrouded in Fog.

Land that Came Home Again

Thomas Wolfe once wrote you can't go home again. But two conservation easements did come home to Driftless Area Land Conservancy. In 2007, DALC board members Anne Bachner and Brad (& Barbara) Glass donated conservation easements to Natural Heritage Land Trust to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest.

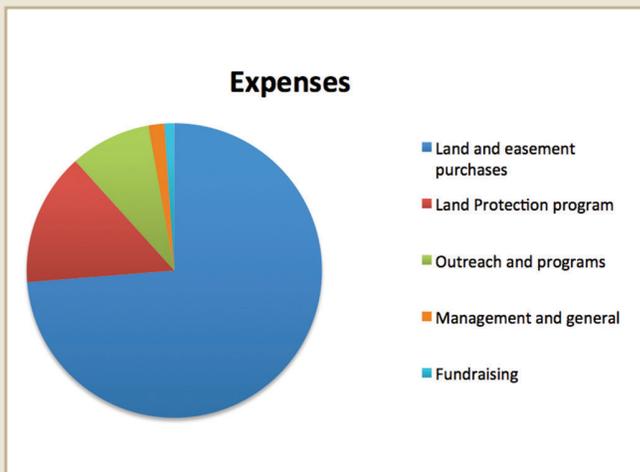
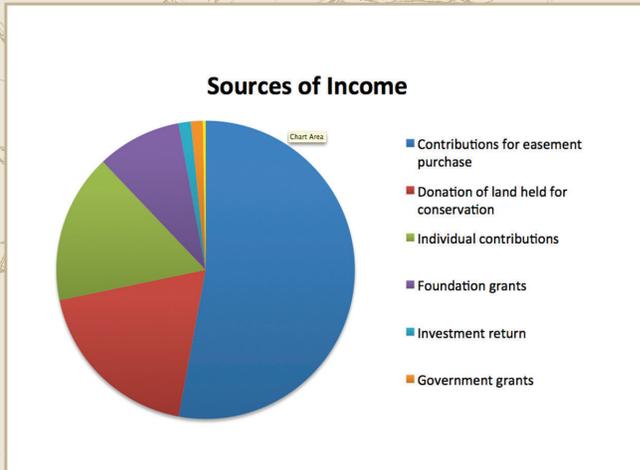
The understanding was once they were off the DALC board for at least three years the easements would transfer back to DALC. They've now come home! Thanks to NHLT, Anne, Brad and Barbara for their leadership, vision, integrity & commitment to conservation.



A breathtaking view from the Glass' Property.

2012 Financial Statement

Balance Statement as of December 31, 2012



Thank you for your financial support!

Your contribution is having a significant impact on conservation in Southwest Wisconsin.

If you have any questions about our programs or finances please feel free to call Dave at 608-930-3252.

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$106,131
Pledges and Receivables	\$39,500
Prepaid expenses	\$1,499
Investments	\$161,403
Property	
Land held for conservation	\$423,523
TOTAL ASSETS	\$732,056

Liabilities & Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$3,877
Accrued expenses	\$13,224
Note payable	\$220,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$237,101
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$271,149
Temporarily restricted	\$223,806
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$494,955
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$732,056

Please contact us if you would like a copy of our audited financial statements for January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012.

2012 Income	
Individual & Program Contributions	\$280,396
Contributions for easement acquisition	\$556,505
Donation of land held for conservation	\$198,000
Investment return	\$13,904
Special Events/Other	\$3,112
Total Income	\$1,051,917
2012 Expenses	
Land Protection & Programs	\$725,353
Management and general	\$13,962
Fundraising	\$8,075
Total Expense	\$747,390

Feathers

I want to be alone,
not forever
but for awhile, alone
as some feathers
in the bed of a pickup,
white ones
plucked by the hands
of a boy
who's learned something
wordless this morning.
I want to be forgotten
that way, to drift
up out of the bed
and fall all over
the back roads named
after dead farmers,
to settle light as dry
flies on black
water, to be mistaken
for something
commonplace, to deceive,
so that when
the moon comes
up, the dead
roads go flying.

AUSTIN SMITH



Landmarks contributor Austin Smith, most recently a Wallace Stegner Fellow in fiction at Stanford University, was selected for the Princeton Series of Contemporary Poets for his collection of poems about rural life entitled *Almanac: Poems*.

According to the editor of the Princeton Series, Paul Muldoon, "ALMANAC is a remarkable debut from a distinctive new voice in American poetry." Austin's book is available now from Princeton University Press at the following link:

<http://press.princeton.edu/titles/10077.html>



The warm glow of prairie grasses at Stone Prairie Farm.

It's been a long process...one of love, hard-work, and a vision for a place where nature and farming connect. For nearly 40 years, Steve Apfelbaum and his partner Susan Lehnhardt have tended their land and worked to restore the rolling hills and meadows of Stone Prairie Farm.

Steve and Susan went a step farther. They conserved their land with DALC so it will always be available for native seed farming and for wildlife regardless of who owns it.

"We knew that if we didn't conserve it, it was only a matter of time before it would be developed," remarked Steve, continuing, "we're in this for the long-haul...we want it to prosper and support a range of life long after we are gone."

Taking the time to listen to the land, they have given their 80 acres in Green County new life and a renewed purpose. "We find a great deal of joy working with the land and simultaneously restoring bird and stream habitats."

And their efforts have paid off. By establishing tall-grass prairie and other natural communities, this blending of farm and habitat supports more than 300 plant species and 100 resident bird species.

Steve's passion runs deep. "This farm provides so much to us", he says in his quiet way, continuing, "It's raised much of the food we eat and share with our family and neighbors, it's the source of heat for our house, and the gracious host for cider and fruit picking parties."

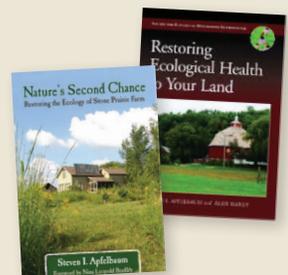
"For us," Steve continues, "this land has become something precious, something that expresses our commitment to our community and the land. It's become a refuge to birds and other wildlife that live here and visit during migration. We work with ecosystems all over the world but Stone Prairie Farm, first and foremost, is our home."



Steven Apfelbaum and Susan Lehnhardt live on Stone Prairie Farm in Juda, WI.

Steven is founder, president and senior ecologist of Applied Ecological Services (AES), an internationally renowned restoration services company.

Susan, an accomplished ecologist, artist and community organizer, is also a leader at AES.



Dive deeper into the story of Stone Prairie Farm.

Find out how you can restore your own land check out Steve's books: *Nature's Second Chance: Restoring the Ecology of Stone Prairie Farm* and *Restoring Ecological Health to Your Land*, co-authored with Alan Haney.

Your Driftless Community: 2012-13

These gifts sustain the legacy that we will pass on to the next generation. Thank you!

List of Recent Land and Easement Donors:

- Barb Smith
- Steve Apfelbaum
- *Susan Trudell
- Alex and Mary Erickson (Bargain sale)

Driftless Legacy Society

- *Susan Trudell
- Ellyn Satter
- Mary Trewartha

List of Donors \$10,000 and above

- *Douglas & Sherry Caves
- Laurits & Beatrice Christensen
- *Stephanie Comer
- *Alice & Richard Godfrey
- *Jim & Rumi O'Brien

\$5,000 - \$9,999

- Steve Apfelbaum and Susan Lehnhardt

\$1,000 - \$4,999

- Steve Bablitch & Elaine Kelch
- *Anne Bachner
- *Doug Booth
- Tim & Anne Connor
- *Jason Dinges
- *Rosemary Ehr
- *Brad & Barbara Glass
- Dick & Bonnie Grossenbach
- *David Kopitzke
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- Dave & Mary Murn
- Jane Nee
- Doug Norgord
- Charles & Evelyn Payson
- Dave & Gretchen Pearson
- Harlen Persinger
- Alan Pratt & Lynn Paron

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- Barbara Seffrood
- Dan Smith
- Chuck & Sue Steudel
- Kathleen J. Swanson
- Chuck & Karen Tennesen
- Robert & Caryl Terrell
- Carl Vogelsang
- *Julie Weiskircher
- Bob Wernerehl & Ann Ramminger
- Michael Whaley & Gigi La Budde
- Cal Williams
- Howard & Catherine Williamson
- Bill & Jayne Wisler
- Ron & Barbara Wolfe
- *James Zanzi
- Steven & Marjorie Zwickel



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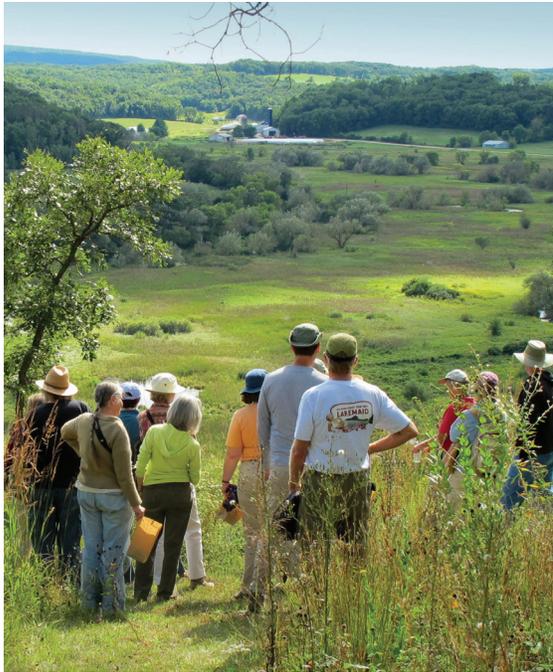
Giving the Most Precious Gift of All



Would you like to volunteer?

In the coming year we're looking for:

- Photographers to teach kids about taking photos (and inspire their love of nature),
- People who want to help restore prairies, with controlled burns
- Folks who host their friends for an informal breakfast, lunch, BBQ or cocktails so we can meet people in your area who care about the land
- Creative story-time readers & volunteers for Living Libraries and Driftless Explorers Club
- Assistance with mailings, events and program set up.



If you'd like to volunteer please contact Katie at 608-930-3252 or katie@driftlessconservancy.org.

List of 2012/2013 Volunteers:

Thanks to all the volunteers making a difference with Driftless Area Land Conservancy—we couldn't do it without you.

- Scott Abbott
- Anne Bachner
- Mary Kay Baum
- Kelsey Boyce
- Steven Christianson
- Caitlin Eastman
- Ellefson family
- Barbara Glass
- Gordon Heingartner
- Mark Hirsch
- Tom Howard
- Matt Humphrey
- Mickey James
- John Kraniac
- Doris Moody
- Russ Moody
- Theresa Morgan
- Scott Moucka
- Dave Murn
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A Grassland Legacy

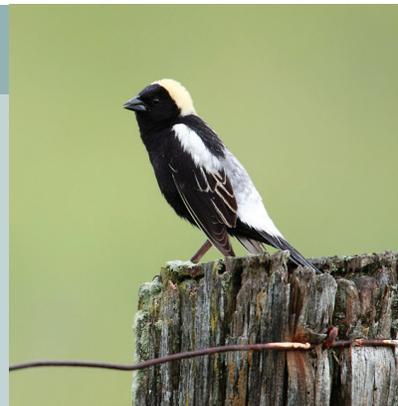
While hiking with Mary Trewartha earlier this summer she shared her decision to include Driftless Area Land Conservancy in her will. Wow, the benefits of hiking!

Mary has been an absolute champion for land and wildlife conservation in our area for many years. Not only is she active in managing her own land, several years ago she took the next step and permanently protected her land with a conservation easement.

"Grassland birds are declining, which is a big concern for me. I really love this landscape and hope to do anything I can to help protect the beautiful views and the wildlife I care deeply about."

Today, through her legacy gift, Mary will continue to have an impact on protecting the beautiful views and area wildlife for years to come.

We are honored to be able to call Mary our partner in conservation. Thank you Mary!



"I know that conservation needs to happen year-round, and automatic monthly giving allows me to sustain this important work. I know that by giving a smaller amount each month, I'm able to increase my annual support for local conservation."

-Doug Booth

It's amazing what even \$15 or \$30 a month can do. It's good for conservation, and it's easy on your pocketbook. If you'd like to join Doug as a sustainer, please sign up online or with the envelope on page 6-7.



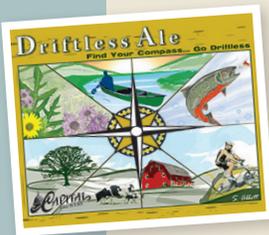
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Upcoming Events

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Driftless Brew for You!

A special place deserves a special beer. And that's why Capital Brewery, Driftless Area Land Conservancy and Trout Unlimited joined forces to create **Driftless Ale**, a delicious and smooth pale ale brewed in the spirit of the Driftless Area's uplands and coulees. Please join us in December for the launch party or pre-order your Driftless Ale by contacting us at info@driftlessconservancy.org.



Driftless Holiday Party

It's hard to believe the holidays are just around the corner. As a thank-you for all YOU do for the Driftless Area, and to celebrate the season, the Conservancy will be holding a Holiday Gathering on the evening of **Thursday, December 5th**. Please save the date; more details and an invitation to come.

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