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THE DISCOVERY CENTER AT TAMARAC

By Ron Jensen, President of the Board

Have you heard the news?

The Discovery Center project that the Friends of Tamarac have been talking about is now becoming a reality! The footings and outer retaining walls were poured last fall prior to freeze-up, so now the fun begins. By the time you read this, construction will have been started, plumbing and floor heat will be two of the first parts to be completed. Once the walls and roof are installed, we will be able to see the progress.

It was only three years ago this April that our dream of an education building started to become a reality. There have been many hours put forth by a number of volunteers and refuge staff to get to this point; thanks to them we are able to proceed with construction. You will be able to follow the various stages of construction by logging on to our website.

We have raised over \$500,000 to date; our intent is still to try to have this building completely paid for so we can continue providing support for the educational programs that occur on a regular basis on Tamarac. We have received generous donations from various sources including board members, businesses, members, fundraising efforts, memorials, grants, and numerous individuals. Although we are close, we could still use your help in reaching our goal. Any financial consideration you can make to help us and the more than 3000 school children who visit Tamarac will be greatly appreciated. I keep reminding people who ask about the Discovery Center, it is not a building project; it is a kids' project!



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EVERY DAY SHOULD BE **EARTH DAY**

By Neil Powers, Manager, Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge



Last month, many of us had occasion to celebrate an event that has occurred annually for the past 44 years. For some, the establishment of Earth Day in 1970 and annual recognition on April 22, pass with little fanfare, but for others this date marks the establishment of an important turning point in our country's view on the importance of a healthy environment.

Imagine if you will, a factory spewing clouds of black toxic smoke into the air or dumping millions of gallons of toxic waste into nearby streams with disregard for the interests of others, and all without legal recourse. These actions are unimaginable by today's societal standards but were acceptable practices a mere 50 years ago. We've learned to appreciate and even take for granted the basic necessities of clean air and water. We all know that the best place to get "fresh air" is to go outside, and none of us thinks twice about drinking water from the tap. This was not always the case, and examples still exist today where these basic needs are imperiled.

Earth Day founder Senator Gaylord Nelson wrote that Earth Day gave people an opportunity to demonstrate deep concern about what was happening in their own communities and across the

nation – polluted air, rivers, lakes and oceans, health threatening hazardous wastes, pesticide poisoning of people and wildlife, and the destruction of scenic beauty and wildlife habitats.

The establishment of Earth Day was critical in placing the importance of the environment on the political map and led to the establishment of The Clean Air Act, The Clean Water Act, the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Endangered Species Act, and even parallels aspects of the mission of the Refuge System to protect and conserve wildlife and their habitats.

Earth Day reminds us that we all can take steps to help protect the environment. The Friends of Tamarac and Tamarac volunteers are great examples of how we can all begin to practice Earth Day every day.

FRIENDS OF TAMARAC MEMBERS AND DONORS

We appreciate the loyalty and generosity of the many Friends of Tamarac! Memberships and donations fund Friends programs including environmental education for school children, our Tamarac Tracks newsletter, the Fall Festival, our naturalist program, and the Friends webpage: tamaracfriends.org. This list is new and contains renewed memberships from December 1, 2013 through April 1, 2014.

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CRAIG LEWIS:

by Denis Mudderman



Craig combined a commitment to volunteer with a passion for nature. Having retired at Cotton Lake and having taken Master Naturalist courses, he found his way to Tamarac. In summer 2012, his first efforts were coordinating the Aquatic Invasive Species program and creating the Roving Naturalist Program. He was a bundle of volunteer energy, and his activities at Tamarac increased. With other Tamarac volunteers who were Minnesota Master Naturalists, Craig worked toward establishing a chapter or a committee connected to the Friends of Tamarac. In September 2012, the Friends board created the Naturalist Committee with Craig as the chair. In late summer 2012 as we were organizing a Tamarac-specific citizen science program through the website Project Noah, Craig became involved in making sightings and exploring the diverse

life of Tamarac. That fall we both decided to try out a section of the new North Country Trail between the Wildlife Drive and the Old Indian Trail. On the map we guessed it was about a 2.5 mile hike. It turned out to be a four mile expedition, but with discoveries at the end. In October, Craig expanded his volunteering again by helping with the environmental education sessions, BOTH kindergarten and third grade. During the winter and spring we planned our own Tamarac Minnesota Master Naturalist course for 2013, but chemotherapy soon began to sap his energies. Sadly, Craig is gone now and we have to move on; Tamarac and all of us are deprived of Craig's surging flow of volunteer energy, which would have made many more contributions. The wonderful richness of Tamarac life is poorer because of the loss of one of its greatest fans.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Rick Pechmann



through all kinds of challenging weather-even blizzards! He taught art for 13 years and was active on the Regional Arts Council. Rick also taught first grade for many years at 3 different schools. After 34 years, he retired--well, sort of! He has been substituting for the last 5 years.

Rick's love for the outdoors came from his dad who liked "roughin' it." The family would go camping and fishing in Wisconsin near the Namekagon River, a tributary of the St. Croix. He remembers catching hundreds of sunnies. Rick enjoyed scouting as a youngster. While at college, he appreciated the natural setting and outdoor opportunities in Bemidji.

Rick is married and has two children, Luke and Leah. Rick's interests include downhill skiing and bicycling. He has skied the mountains of Utah, Colorado and Montana. Another hobby he enjoys is weaving rugs; it's a way to relax and be creative. In the late '70s, he participated in local theater and was a member of the "Playhouse 412." One production he remembers well was playing the pushy and comedic music promoter Max in the Sound of Music. The one time he had to sing was quite the challenge for someone who is "tone deaf." But he proved he could be "awesome" to a very demanding director. Rick has since donated his time in the design and construction of sets for several high school productions.

Rick volunteers because it makes him feel good. "It's rewarding to help others and to be part of their experience in learning something new and making discoveries." We are so fortunate that Rick chose to volunteer at Tamarac.

When it comes to kindergartners, Rick is our most popular Environmental Education leader. They just love him! For some he will forever be known as "Mr. Fox" because that is who he plays in a predator-prey game.

Rick grew up in St. Paul with two brothers and a sister. He graduated from Johnson High school in a class of 600! Early on, he knew he wanted to be a teacher. So, he packed his bags and left the city behind and headed to Bemidji State. His interest in working with younger kids led him to an elementary education degree with a minor in art.

Rick landed his first teaching job in Detroit Lakes as a first grade Title I teacher focusing on reading and math. But soon he became the art teacher for all K-3 elementary schools. Back then, there were 5 different schools in the area in which he taught. It was "Art on the Cart." He taught at several schools in one day by moving his cart

TAMARAC VISITOR CENTER NOW OPEN!



The building was almost completely gutted to make all the energy upgrades. Many materials, like the cedar siding walls and wood slat ceiling were salvaged and reused.



The Tamarac Visitor Center had a very successful grand re-opening on March 9th. Refuge Manager Neil Powers provided behind the scenes tours of the retrofit projects in the building. Throughout the day, an informative short film on the effect of climate change on wildlife was shown in the upgraded movie theater. Jason Edens of the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance and the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society gave an informative lecture on renewable energy and ways to bring solar energy into our homes.

In the 17 months the Visitor Center was closed, a number of steps were taken to make it more efficient and ecofriendly. Heating and cooling are now provided through a geothermal closed loop system of 18 wells. Solar panels now provide Tamarac with a renewable source of electricity. Another smaller set of solar panels provide the hot water for the building. Other eco-friendly changes include the installation of LED lights, energy efficient doors and windows, and low flow toilets. A new roof and insulation will make some of the greatest impacts to conserving energy. The retrofit also included changes to make the building more accessible and to clean up some areas with asbestos.

Tamarac is proud to be a part of the green building movement and proud to take steps towards a cleaner and healthier environment. Visitor Center hours are 8:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday. We will also be open Saturday & Sunday 10:00-5:00pm beginning May 17 through October 19.



Solar panels now grace the south facing roof. A dramatic showcase to the many green energy updates, saving money and greatly reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.



**COME AND CHECK
OUT THE UNIQUE
TAMARAC GIFT SHOP**

ABC Habitat Conservation

By Peter Dieser

The American Bird Conservancy (ABC) has hired two habitat specialists to foster partnerships and provide technical expertise to public agencies and private landowners throughout northern Minnesota to implement golden-winged warbler habitat conservation and restoration projects. These projects are research-based best management practices to expand and protect nesting and brood rearing habitats. This conservation initiative is a multi-partner, long-term enterprise to create dynamic young forest habitat in northern Minnesota.

Peter Dieser, stationed at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, is coordinating habitat restoration and conservation projects on public lands. Kevin Sheppard, located at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Duluth, MN, is engaged in similar activities on private lands in the region.

From 1966-2010 the golden-winged warbler experienced one of the most rapid declines of any songbird in the U.S. Historically, the warbler nested in young deciduous forest sites that stretched from northwestern Minnesota to Appalachia, as far south as Tennessee and east to New Hampshire. This decline can be attributed to fragmentation and loss of



PeterDieser- Peter Dieser is a forester for the American Bird Conservancy stationed at Tamarac Refuge.



The Golden-winged Warbler is a sought after species by birdwatchers.

breeding habitat, range displacement, and hybridization with the blue-winged warbler. Today, the region that includes northern MN and northern WI represents a last stronghold for the golden-winged warbler and contains approximately 57% of the world's remaining nesting population. Many of these birds nest on Tamarac Refuge.

Successfully achieving population goals will require creating, restoring and maintaining forested landscapes with balanced distributions of young and mature forests in Minnesota on both public and private lands. It is vitally important that young forest habitat creation results in a patchy distribution of woody and small plant cover. Larger trees for song perches and foraging are left. Young aspen and shrubs are cut back using a hydro ax. These management efforts attempt to reflect forest conditions that would be present following natural disturbances such as wildfires or windstorms. The aim is to balance

the age-class distribution of our forested landscape. This will benefit a suite of species that rely on a dynamic mix of forest types and age classes throughout their annual life cycles. The golden-winged warbler and other species that benefit from young forest habitat include ruffed grouse, white-tailed deer, American woodcock, eastern whip-poor-will, and black-billed cuckoo will enjoy these areas for approximately 15-20 years until the forest transitions to older growth, resulting in canopy closure.



The large hydro ax machinery is used primarily during winter months when the ground is frozen to protect the soils.

Frazee 1st graders come to Tamarac NWR every spring to plant trees and learn about trees by playing games and taking photo hikes. On this photo hike, one of the kids suggested a photo of the entire group hugging a tree. The first graders planted about 100 white pines, learned the parts of a tree and what a tree needs to grow.



Park Rapids Middle School brought classes to Tamarac last May for hiking and outdoor education. Rachel Post, the 2013 Environmental Education Intern, reviewed the basics of binocular use before the students were taken to various habitats to watch and identify birds.



Volunteer Dave Schneider leads students on excursions through several habitats that baby wildlife use for cover. When the students look carefully or with binoculars they find photos of baby animals camouflaged in their habitats.



Students learn they can take their love for technology outdoors. Third graders participate in a GPS challenge each spring. Volunteer Steve Sox guides students to use the electronic compass as they mark and find waypoints in the field.



Kindergartners make new nature discoveries in the spring on a special miniature hike. This hike uses magnifying glasses to simulate a worm's eye view of moving through the grass and trees.

17th Annual
Festival
May 15-18, 2014



f Birds

Set the alarm.

Grab the binoculars.

Put on good walking shoes.

You don't want to waste any time in birders' paradise. Spring birding here is spectacular! Serious and beginning birders alike flock here each spring for the annual Detroit Lakes Festival of Birds.

The festival kicks off with a beginning birding workshop and photography workshop with a festival favorite – Carrol Henderson. Thursday's events take place at the beautiful Maplelag Resort. Joel Greenberg will present stories from his new book, "The Echoes of their Wings: The Life and Legacy of the Passenger Pigeon," a remarkable story of a bird that numbered in the billions, and is now extinct.

A Young Birders Adventure will take place Friday morning at Tamarac Refuge. There is also a special guided bus tour of Tamarac Refuge on Saturday. Other event speakers include Sue Leaf for her new book, "A Love Affair with Birds: The Life of Thomas Sadler Roberts." Dr. Rosalind Renfrew will share her passion for grassland birds particularly the bobolink. "The Double Life of the Bobolink: A New Conservation Paradigm" will intrigue you as you get a behind the scenes look into the technology of biologists today.

Be sure to stop by the Friends of Tamarac booth to find your favorite birding book or gift at the Birders' Bazaar on Saturday May 17, 11 am- 5 pm. You'll be able to hone your shorebird skills at a free festival workshop at 1:00pm. Enjoy snacks and a special book signing event

with authors Carrol Henderson and Sue Leaf from 2:30 – 3:30 pm.

To register and find more information on the 17th Annual Festival of Birds program, book signing, silent auction, dinners, luncheons, tours, and more visit www.VisitDetroitLakes.com



Meet our newest conservationist, **Michelle Cain.**

By Vonnie Jacobson



We are happy to welcome Michelle Cain who comes to Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge courtesy of the Student Conservation Association. Michelle comes to us from Essex, Massachusetts, by way of a long road

trip with her younger brother keeping her company. Her educational background includes Manchester/Essex High School and The University of Massachusetts-Boston. She is pursuing a degree in environmental science. An outdoor kind of girl who had to be forced to come inside as a child, she has a deep love of nature. Only lately did the goal of becoming educated in the environmental science field become a reality. A friend who worked in environmental education directed her to apply online for an internship with SCA. Within two weeks, a very excited Michelle was on the road to Tamarac. She has found Tamarac to be a wonderful surprise and a place of great beauty, and she looks forward to a wide range of experiences. Her exciting life will include environmental

education with area school children. A nanny job for her older brother has given her loads of experience with children. Michelle will also have a chance to work with Tamarac biologists in the field. She has already put in time with the local newspaper, radio, and television. The breadth of experience that is offered to her at Tamarac is a great addition to her education. Michelle finds Tamarac's staff to be experienced and well-informed with a gift for sharing their expertise. She finds the volunteers' enthusiasm to be infectious and is amazed at the time they donate. Where else could one live in a bunkhouse in such an amazing place and walk to work every morning?

VOLUNTEER VIBES

by Janice Bengtson

After such a long and bitterly cold winter, I am happy to hear singing birds, croaking frogs and the chattering of chipmunks. But most of all, I am happy to begin another busy season with all of you. Soon there will be hundreds of school children returning for their spring visits, the visitor center will be welcoming guests, biologists will be conducting spring bird surveys, while wetland restoration continues up on the district. The Discovery Center construction will resume, and as you know our headquarters and visitor center is now open. The Friends have their own office, and volunteers will share an office with our visitor services intern Michelle. It is an exciting time all around! As always, we are counting on you to assist us in conserving wildlife and habitat while serving the American people.

Volunteers are needed for these positions: Environmental Education Assistants and Leaders- lead or assist with 25-45 minute activities. Students visit the refuge in May, October and February. Visitor Center Hosts (4 hr shifts) - welcome visitors, answer questions, operate cash register for gift shop sales, answer refuge phone calls. Aquatic Invasive Species Educators- must be available weekend mornings (mostly Saturdays), work in teams on a rotating basis throughout summer. Wildlife Excursion Guides (Thursday mornings June-August) - lead visitors on a two hour adventure through the refuge. Interpretive Naturalists and Assistants - lead or assist with public interpretive programs. Wild Wednesday Activity Leaders - lead a one hour nature activity for 3-6 year olds accompanied by parents or grandparents June- August. Recycling Coordinator- gather recyclables from office and shop areas and haul to recycling center on a regular basis, determine other ways to be more "green." The Friends Gift

Shop Committee is looking for members to assist with product research and purchasing. Photo Contest Committee members- enter data, filing, organizing photo entries setting up exhibit, etc. Most time commitments will occur August to mid-October. Wildlife surveyors - conduct various wildlife surveys.

Recognition:

Volunteers should be recognized throughout the year! Because everyone is connected these days, I will be featuring a Facebook Volunteer of the Month. If you see a fellow volunteer going above and beyond, let me know and I will post on our Facebook page for our friends to see, like and share. In addition, a Volunteer Spotlight series will highlight local volunteers in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom will be offered July 14-17 at the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center in Fergus Falls. This free workshop is great for those who work within our Environmental Education program. You must register by June 13. A refundable \$25.00 deposit is required to hold your place. Free housing will be available. For more information, go to www.friendsofprairiewetlands.com. Certified Interpretive Guide training provided by the National Association of Interpretation will be offered at MN Valley NWR in Bloomington June 16-19. This course is designed for anyone who delivers interpretive programs to the public. It combines both the theoretical foundations of the profession with practical skills in delivering quality interpretive programming to visitors. I attended myself, and it is definitely worthwhile! The course fee and accommodations will be paid for with refuge funds. More details are available at www.interpnet.com.



Welcome New Resident Volunteers

John and Bridget Hatch from Mississippi will be spending the summer living and working on the refuge. John retired in 2010 from the City of Ridgeland Fire Department. Bridget retired from the State of Mississippi in 2004. They became full-time RVers in April 2010 and have volunteered at state parks in GA, FL and ND. They have also volunteered on the "parking team" for the Escapees RV Club at the Escapades gathering held annually in different parts of the country. Their traveling buddy is Fred, a ten year old beagle. They found out about Tamarac through a fellow RVer's blog--Judy Bell who was volunteering at Tamarac last summer. They came to visit her and fell in love with the refuge. The Hatches are looking forward to helping out as much as possible. We are delighted to say that Judy Bell and her dog Emma will be returning for another summer and will be John, Bridget and Fred's neighbors on the hill.

FRIENDS OF TAMARAC GO TO THE MALL

What? What is an outdoor organization like Friends of Tamarac doing hosting an event in the Washington Square Mall? When there are hundreds of kids and parents at a mall to meet the Easter Bunny and search for candy eggs, it becomes a perfect place to also remind folks of upcoming outdoor activities “just down the road” at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge. As children waited to see the Easter Bunny on April 12, they participated in lots of outdoor related activities and were reminded of more fun and learning awaiting them at their refuge!



Carolynn Blanding encourages a young artist to draw her favorite things in nature on a banner that will be displayed at the refuge. Looks like a flower and bee are her favorites!



Connie Carlson had standing room only for her puppet show on the return of monarch butterflies and hummingbirds to Tamarac. The kids got excited to go to the front and mimic animal behavior with their puppet.



FOT President Ron Jenson, Mall Manager Dawn Olson, and Past President Don Blanding visit by the Discovery Center booth.



Vern Ehnert helps William select an insect to look at while William's dad Matt looks at it on the computer screen.

(Photos by Cheryl Hall-Kippen and Nancy Brennan)



These two are taking their time to really look at bird and wasp nests.

MAY & JUNE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

**Wildlife Excursions will be offered every Thursday June through August at 10:00 am. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**Wild Wednesdays will be offered every Wednesday at 10:00 June 11 - August. Meet at the Chippewa Picnic Area for this hour long adventure geared for 3-6 year olds.

**The Visitor Center hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm and summer weekends 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (May 17-October 19).

May 17, 9:00 am

Nature Hike

Join a North Country Trail volunteer for a morning of exploration. Discover the first flowers of the season and listen for the sounds of spring as the forest wakes up. Meet at the 400th Ave. trailhead and shuttle to the Blackbird trailhead for this 5 mile hike.

Sunday May 18, 2:00 pm

Movie: Extraordinary Birds

Stunning nature photography takes flight to capture the wondrous behavior of birds. Follow a falcon in a hunt for prey, a tiny hummingbird who commutes 5000 miles, and an owl who makes its living in a barnyard. 50 min. Celebrate birds during this Festival of Birds weekend.

Sunday May 25, 2:00 pm

Movie: Love in the Animal Kingdom

Animals dance, sing, flirt, and compete with everything they've got to secure a mate. But are these important bonds love? Take a provocative look at the feminine wiles of a gorilla, the search for Mr. Right among a thousand flamingoes, the soap opera arrangements of gibbons and more. 50 min.

Sunday June 1, 2:00 pm

Movie: Is that Skunk?

Utterly recognizable yet still mysterious, these black and white creatures inhabit woods and neighborhoods all across America. What is it like to be a skunk? Find out as scientists track them day and night to reveal some smelly secrets! 50 min. Stay for a short presentation: Tamarac's Wily Weasels!

Friday June 6, 8:00-10:00 pm

Frolicking with Frogs

Kick off your weekend with croaking frogs! Identify frogs by their calls while learning

about their natural history and significance in the ecosystem. You may even get up close and personal with these wild critters. Bring a flashlight and boots or shoes you can get wet. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Saturday June 7, 1:00 pm

National Trails Day Hike

Join a North Country Trail volunteer for this 5 mile trek through Tamarac's rich diversity of habitats. Meet at the 400th Ave. trailhead and carpool to the Blackbird trailhead.

Sunday June 8, 2:00 pm

Movie: Bald Eagle

Take an unprecedented look at a year in the life of North America's most recognized aerial predator. From the pristine wilderness of Alaska to the Upper Mississippi River Valley, go behind the scenes and into the nest to discover the eagle's struggle to survive. 50 min. After the movie, learn about Tamarac's eagles with a possible site visit to an active nest.

Saturday June 14, 8:30 am

Beginning Birding Tour

Join Resident Volunteer Judy Bell for a beginning birding tour. Find out the inside scoop on Tamarac's hotspots. Learn to identify 20 species. Binoculars and guidebooks will be provided. Meet at the Visitor Center for this early summer adventure.

Sunday June 15, 2:00 pm

Butterfly Kisses and Wetland Jewels

Join John Weber, butterfly enthusiast and citizen scientist, for an intriguing look into the world of butterflies and dragonflies. Learn about their fascinating lifestyles and their significance in a changing climate. Meet at the Visitor Center. We will then travel to Chippewa picnic area in search of these beauties of summer.

Saturday June 21, 10:00-2:00 pm Photography Workshop

Discover the fun and adventure of photographing wildlife, plant life, and the ever changing scenes of nature at Tamarac. Bring your own camera and sack lunch. We'll travel to some unique areas on the refuge. Workshop is geared toward beginner and intermediate levels. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Sunday June 22, 2:00 pm

Movie: North America Episode 1– Born to be Wild

Take an extraordinary journey through North America and meet the incredible array of exotic wildlife that lives in our backyard. Through epic cinematography and compelling storytelling, we experience their struggle for survival in this land of extremes. 50 min. Wildlife include grizzly bear, wolf, gray whale, cougar. Stay and discover how Tamarac's wildlife adapt to the extremes of Minnesota.

Saturday June 28, 10:00 am

Woodland Amble

In this easy-paced walk, we will explore a variety of wildflowers, shrubs and trees along the North Country Trail. Let's discover what is hidden on the forest floor and in the canopy layers. Field guides and hand lenses will be provided. Bring water, bug protection, cameras and curiosity for this two hour stroll. Meet at the 400th Ave. North Country Trail trailhead.

Sunday June 29, 2:00 pm

Movie: What Plants Talk About

Plants are actively communicating with the environment every day, responding to nutrients, predators, and herbivores that are around them. This film shows that plants are smarter than we thought! 50 min. Stay to learn about the invasive plants of the refuge, and how we are trying to outsmart them!



Many area lakes experienced a winter fish kill this season, which is an occasional natural occurrence. The refuge lakes are generally shallow and more susceptible to a winter kill. North Tamarac Lake experienced a mild loss, while Wauboose Lake had a more significant loss of fish. Our partners in the DNR Fisheries have surveyed the lakes and will re-stock Wauboose as fish are available. Five refuge lakes are open to summer fishing: North Tamarac, Blackbird, Lost, Two Island and Wauboose.

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