

# The Friends of the Fox Quarterly Newsletter

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## Making History: LOCK RESTORATION CELEBRATION

Be sure reserve May 19, 2007 on your calendar. Plan to attend the "Open House" at Appleton lock #2 near 820 S. Olde Onieida St. to commemorate the completion of the repair of the four Appleton locks. That's right, the four Appleton locks are finished and you will be able to see them operate for the first time since they were closed almost 25 years ago! This event in collaboration with the Fox River Navigational System Authority, the City of Appleton, Riverside Paper Corp., The Appleton Sesquicentennial Committee, and CR Meyer Construction Company, is a Community Event that will commemorate the completion of the 2.2 million-dollar project to restore the four Appleton locks. The building of the original locks coincides with the Appleton Sesquicentennial also being celebrated this summer. Then, as now, the locks are a part of the economic development in the Fox Valley Region. This lock reconstruction project event will showcase this important aspect of Appleton's early history, providing greater positive exposure for the Fox River. The project will offer improved public access for outdoor enthusiasts; enhance public awareness of the river's history and the threat of invasive species and other water quality issues; and allow people to witness the beauty of nature while exploring enhanced recreational opportunities.

### Here's what we have planned for you on that day:

The Expo Event is on the grounds adjacent to Appleton lock # 2 and will be open from 1 to 4 PM. Admission is FREE.

We have invited Governor Doyle and Appleton Mayor Hanna to cruise into the lock aboard the 65' paddle wheel vessel Seven Cs to declare that this part of the project is complete and to announce the start of the Appleton Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Ride aboard the 63' Lakeside Spirit excursion vessel from Fond du Lac, WI With Captain Jack and experience "locking through" the Appleton locks.

Browse exhibits of Riverfront Plans from communities up and down our Fox River Valley from Fond du Lac to Green Bay.

### Visit the Kids Activity Area!

View Alex Nimphius' hand-built historic "voyager" canoe.

Kids can put together little canoes and paint with magic markers.

Food and refreshments will be available under the "big top" tent at Appleton lock # 2. (see maps)

- Meet Directors of the Fox River Navigational System Authority.
- See the newly refurbished locks operate for the first time in 25 years!

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The fourth Wednesday  
of each month at 3 pm  
at the Army Corp of  
Engineers building in  
Kaukauna

## **FOF Board Changes and Grows**

Dan was appointed to the Friends of the Fox Board on March 14. He is a senior vice president with Franklin Resources where he has been employed since 1992. He holds a Certified Financial Planner designation from the College of Financial Planning in Denver and earned his B.S. in business administration and economics from Winona State University in Minnesota.

Dan was born and raised in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin where he developed a love for Wisconsin's many water ways. He maintains a keen interest in our state's early history, its environment and is committed to making the vision of a Heritage State Parkway a reality.



**Dan Reienhold**

Illa was appointed to the Friends of the Fox board in January 2007. She began the good life of selling real estate in the Fox Valley after after 30 years at the telephone company. Because of the opportunity to explore many home I found one on the Fox River in Little Chute. Living on the river has been an awesome experience. Although I'm not a boater, I have a great interest in the heritage of the river and now have been able to put to work some of my enthusiasm by having been invited to be on the board for the Friends of the Fox. I hope I can help promote our great river areas. The opening of the LOCKS will be a very exciting time for everyone in the Fox River area and I believe it will impact us



**Illa Mullen**

Candice Mortara is married with four children and has recently returned to Wisconsin, becoming part of the Appleton community in 2006. She received her bachelor's in Philosophy and her Master's of Public Administration from the University of Dayton, Ohio. While there she worked for the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community and was on the board of the League of Women Voters.

Currently, she is on the board of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and is involved with the Energy Coalition for a Sustainable Fox Valley. With the Friends of the Fox, she will be concentrating on the particular water quality and environmental issues that surround the Fox River.



**Candice Mortara**



# A Word From Bob

## Updated Lower Fox River Locks Construction Schedule



The Fox River Navigational System Authority (FRNSA) was created in 2001 by the State Legislature to facilitate the transfer and rehabilitation of the lower Fox River locks from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The FRNSA has a plan to complete all lock restoration projects by 2009 and to have the system in operation by 2010.

- In 2005, stabilization work was completed in Kaukauna and Little Chute locks.
- In 2006, an aquatic invasive species-monitoring program above and below the Rapid Croche Sea Lamprey barrier was initiated. This program is under the direction of Dr. Bart De Stasio of Lawrence University in Appleton.
- In 2006, the four Appleton locks were rebuilt and came in on time and under budget. The City of Appleton also replaced the Olde Oneida Street Bridge The Lawe Street Bridge and the CN Railroad Bridge at Appleton Lock #4 are being rebuilt in 2007.
- 2007, the Cedars Lock and the mile long dike through the Village of Little Chute will be rebuilt. Operation of the Appleton and Cedars section is scheduled for 2008 when the bridges will be completed.
- The Little Chute guard lock, lock and combined locks are scheduled for 2008.
- The five Kaukauna locks are scheduled for rehabilitation in 2009.

### There are three financial pieces of the puzzle that still need to be completed

1. A requirement of the original locks transfer agreement was that \$2.8 million needs to be raised locally to obtain state and federal matches. At this time, approximately \$600,000 of that amount remains to be raised;
2. The federal match still needs to be secured by action of the federal representatives.
3. A plan for and funding to support the transfer of boats over the sealed Rapide Croche sea lamprey barrier must be approved. This plan, including an aquatic invasive species management element, is currently under development.

Local citizens and business owners interested in the project can participate and provide input by contacting the FRNSA at their headquarters in the Corps of Engineers Building, 1008 Augustine St, Kaukauna, WI 54130. Residents and businesses are encouraged to become members of the Friends of the Fox and support their fund-raising effort by donating to the "Unlock the Fox Locks Fund". The ultimate success of the project depends on citizens of the area, as this is not considered to be a government project; it is a local project to benefit the local folks in the Fox Valley Region. All donations are considered to be charitable contributions. For more information on this project, contact Harlan Kiesow, Executive Director of the FRNSA at (920) 759-9833, or Bob Stark, President of the Friends of the Fox at (920) 809-6407.



Rosemary Catlin Bruehl is on the left with board member Brunhilde Courtney holding Rosemary's FOF paddle

## In Remembrance

Rosemary Catlin Bruehl, lived on the Fox River all of her 88 years. She had a love for the river life. Sept. 15th, 2004 she was awarded a FOF paddle by past president Doug Dobbe, for being one of the oldest "Friends of the Fox" supporters. She proudly displayed then paddle in her home, 1806 Lakeshore Dr. in Menasha.

We were fortunate to publish 5 of her River Tales article in our FOF newsletter. Rosemary passed away Sept 8th 2006.

We will miss her great love of life, sense of humor and witty articles. But more then that she was a window to our areas past river history. May you rest in peace Mrs. Fox River, also known as the "Lady on the Lake".



## Green Bay Boat Show

Friends of the Fox made the most of its 10 foot by 10 foot booth at the Green Bay Boat Show in February. Illa Mullen took charge of our successful effort to have a worthwhile presence at the show. Dave Peck built a stand, which can also be used at other events, to hold the projector used to present a large screen slide show. The slide show featured before and after pictures of lock restoration work as well as information on some proposed projects along the Fox River. Our booth was made attractive by displays of artists' renderings of proposed projects and posters featuring CR Myers construction work and posters of historical postcards of the locks and river. An item that received much attention was the large board prepared by East Central Regional Planning Commission showing information on the location of all the locks between Menasha and Green Bay. Also, the Corps of Engineers book of nautical charts got a lot of use. (We could probably sell this chart book at future events.) Of course, our lime-green tee shirts were a big hit—both as a decoration and an incentive to join the Friends of the Fox.

Friends of the Fox members and friends talked with visitors to the booth and gave them literature about our activities. FOF members Ellen Balthazor, Bill Bush, Illa Mullen, Dave Peck, Dan Reinhold, Bob Stark, and Karin Whealon worked in the booth and, in the process, signed up several new members and got email addresses for people who want to learn more and follow the progress of the locks' restoration project and other projects along the river. Nobody objected to Karin Whealon's working with the black-eye she got when she fell crossing the road to the boat show venue! A bonus at the show was some organizations offered to hold fundraising events for us!

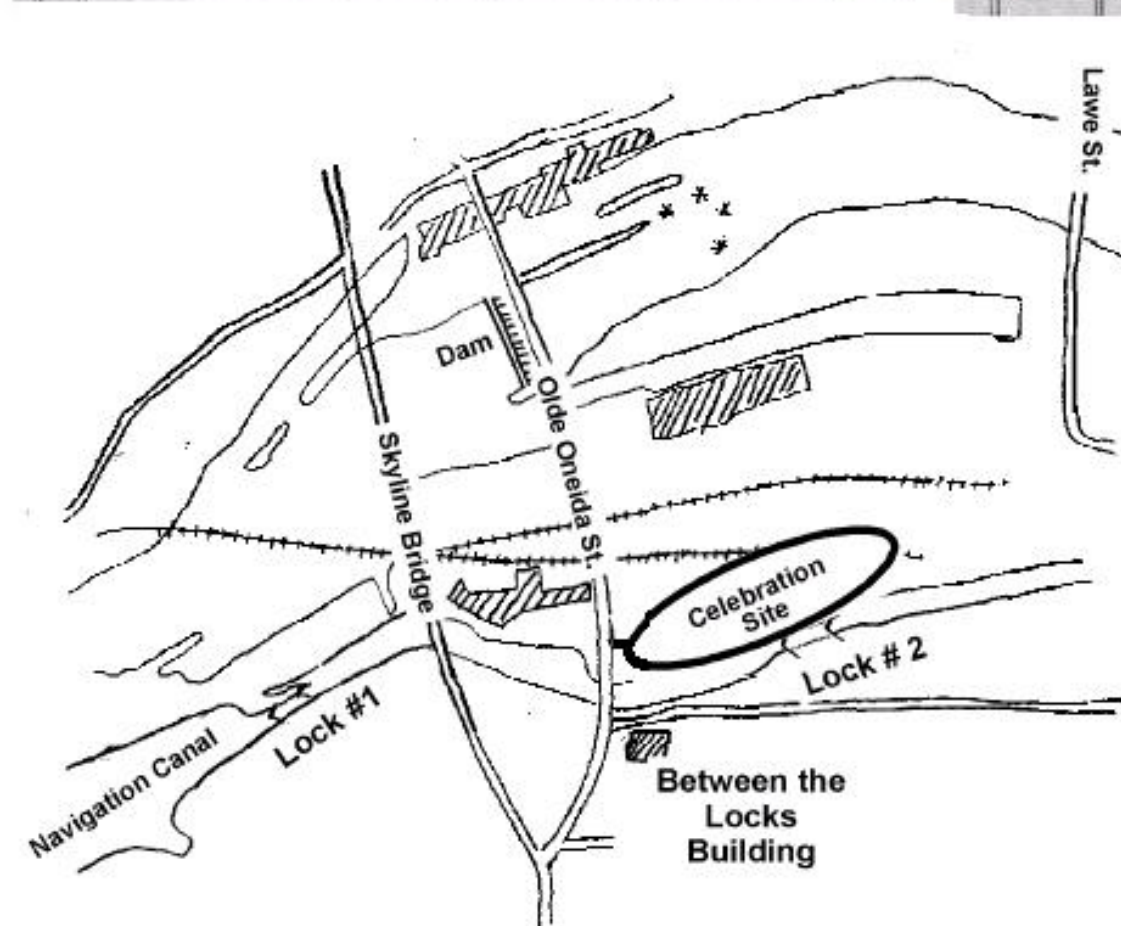
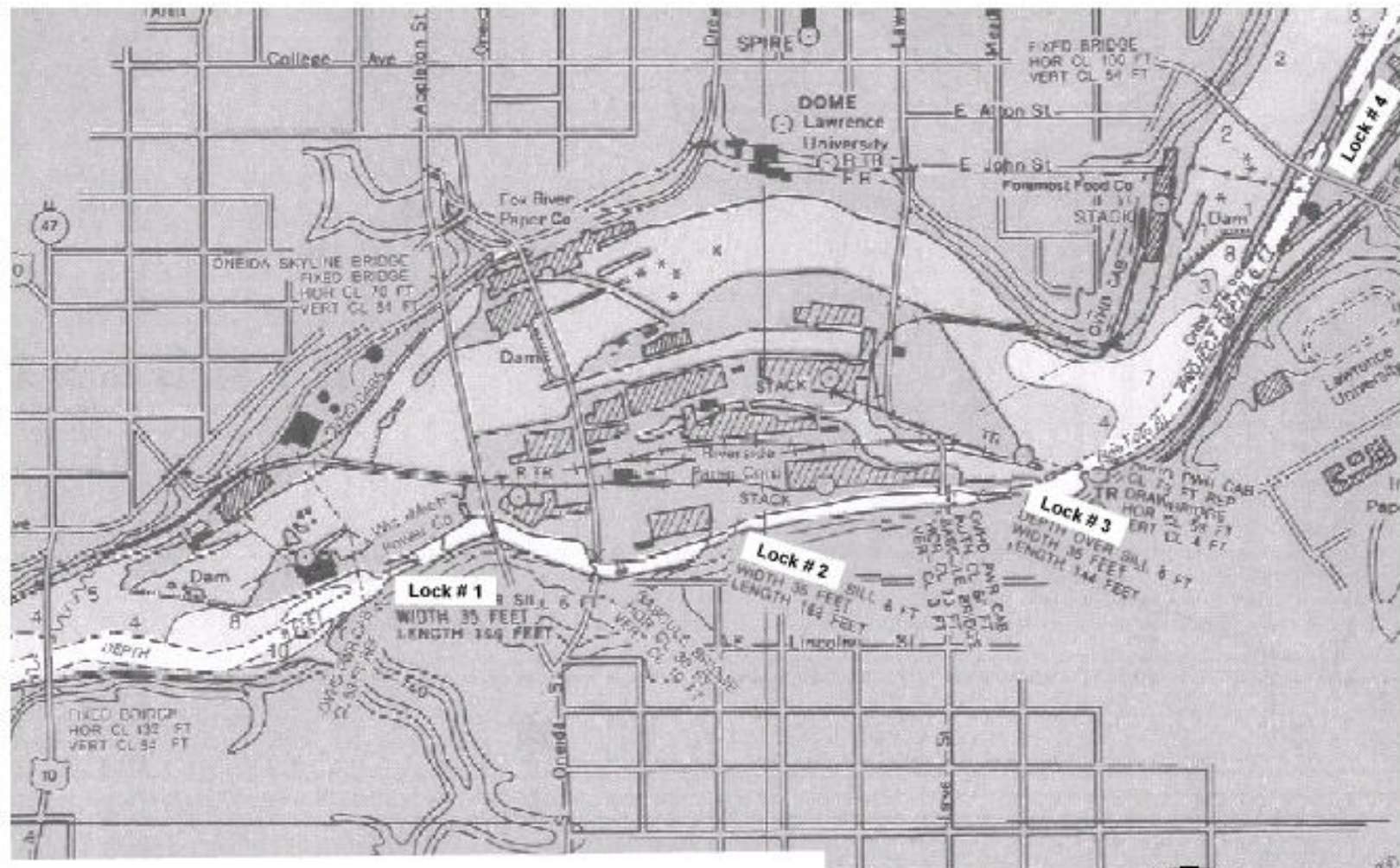
Submitted by Ellen Balthazor

Appleton #4 as viewed from the College Avenue bridge looking down stream toward Peabody park.  
Picture taken in October 2006.





# Appleton



The May 19th  
Lock Restoration  
Celebration  
site is just North of  
the lift bridge on  
Olde Oneida St.  
It is across the  
street from the  
Edison Building.  
The event is from 1  
to 4 pm Admision  
is  
free

## Welcome New Members

Douglas Ales	Greenville
Lee Bahcall	Kaukauna
Lawrence Busse	De Pere
Mary Helen Casper	Neenah
Eugene & Mary Hoffman	Lomira
Kurt Jeske	Green Bay
Michael Kading	Menasha
Bob & Evelyn Kettner	Hortonville
Jeff Kieper	Little Chute
Mike Larkin	De Pere
Dave Lewisen	Appleton
Gary & Jill Long	Appleton
Debra Lux	Pickett
John Malek	Winneconne
Dr. Richard & Rita Menet	Appleton
Candice Mortara	Appleton
Timothy Mulloy	Oshkosh
Jim Perkins	Appleton
Kevin Pew	Eureka
Randy Pingel	Janesville
Dan Reinhold	Oshkosh
Kay & Jim Ruskamp	Winneconne
Matthew Schuessler	Green Bay
Jack Schultze	De Pere
Mary Schulz	Menasha
Tony Vallera	Green Bay
Dan Wintheiser	Larsen
Kenneth & Lois Zimmer	Fond du Lac
Terry Zwicker	Appleton
Mike Zwicker	Appleton

## 2007 FOF Board of Directors

### *Executive Committee*

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