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### FRIENDS OF THE FOX HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Friends of the Fox

Cordially Invite Members, Friends and Guests to our

"Make It Happen" Event

April 22, 2010

You will be pleased with the great strides which have been accomplished with assistance from our partners.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at

**Pullman's Restaurant** located on the beautiful Fox River in Trolley Square, 619 S. Olde Oneida Street, Appleton, WI 54915, (920) 830-7855.

The Social Hour is from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

During this hour you will have an opportunity to view displays featuring community development projects along the Fox River.

Here is a list of planners attending:

- Friends of the Fox
- East Central Regional Planning Commission
- City of Appleton
- City of Neenah
- City of Menasha
- Town of Menasha
- Eagle Flats Development
- Fox River Heritage Paddle 2010 & Voyageur Canoe
- River Health Development
- Little Chute Windmill Project
- Cities of Berlin/Omro
- Fox Cities Greenways
- U.W. Extension Clean Water TMDL
- Winnebago Lakes Council



All of the participants will be happy to answer your questions.

The **Voyageur Canoe** will be on display outside on the patio. This canoe became part of the fur trade hired by the North West Company to move fur pelts (mostly beaver), which was a standard of currency during that era.

Come to learn more about the **Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe, LLC!**

An **In-House Raffle** with river certificates will be available.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 10 for \$25.00.

The **Program** for the evening will be a colorful presentation:  
"Depicting the Past... Where We Have Been..."

Moving Into the Future... Where We Are Going."

**We Look Forward To Seeing You There!!!!**

# Environmental Advocacy

## PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CLEANSING AND TRANSFER STATION AT RAPIDE CROCHE LOCK

Plans are in the works to develop a cleansing and transfer station at Rapide Croche Lock near Wrightstown. The number one priority in developing the facility is to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) from downstream to upstream.

Since there is a permanent physical barrier at Rapide Croche, boats traveling towards Lake Winnebago will be lifted over the barrier and cleansed of AIS before placing them on the upstream side.

The cleansing process will include:

- A pressure wash
- Placing the boats into hot water to kill any attached AIS

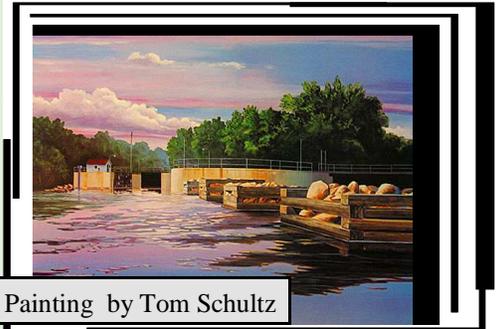
Boats traveling towards Green Bay will be lifted over the barrier but they will not have to be cleansed.

Each spring and summer, Lawrence University conducts monitoring for AIS on the Fox River both upstream and downstream of Rapide Croche Lock.

This monitoring helps us to determine what species are present downstream so

that we can tailor our cleansing methods to prevent the spread of any new AIS upstream.

Plans are also being developed to provide a visitor/educational center at Rapide Croche. (See next article) This center would educate users about AIS and the history of the Fox River.



Rapide Croche Lock Painting by Tom Schultz

## RAPID CROCHE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Fox River Navigational System Authority (FRNSA) has contracted with Saint Norbert College to prepare a questionnaire about the anticipated establishment of the Cleansing and Transfer Station at Rapide Croche.

This questionnaire will ask a variety of questions that will help the FRNSA to determine some of the needs of this facility.

Questions will include:

- Number and types of vessels that will be using the facility

- What boaters will want to have available at the site.

- This could include things such as a visitor and educational center or provisions for overnight camping.

**When you receive your questionnaire, please take time to fill it out. Your opinions and ideas will help determine the makeup of this facility that will be available for everyone to use for many generations to come.**

# Community Projects

## SPRING OPENING OF THE WATER TRAIL PORTAGE PROJECT

Friends of the Fox, along with several partners will be announcing the opening of the paddle portages through the Appleton navigation canal this spring. The completion of the Appleton paddle portages is the first step in creating a Heritage Parkway Water Trail that will eventually extend from Green Bay to the Mississippi River.

The Appleton lock locations were chosen as the first segment to complete because these portages will enable paddlers to take day trips from the Menasha lock to Sunset Park in Kimberly, about an 8 mile paddle. One partner, Fox Cities Greenways, has designed and installed on-water signage to aid paddlers. Additional aids such as online and onsite maps along with safety notes and points of interest will also help as guides to paddlers.

The next step for the water trail development will be installation of portages in two Menasha locations and at the Cedars Lock in Little Chute. Friends of the Fox anticipates completion of these portages in the summer of 2010. Thanks goes out to the many partners who have helped on this project.

**For More Information on Water Trail Project: [www.friendsofthefox.org](http://www.friendsofthefox.org)**

**Tab: Community Projects/ Water Trail Portage Project**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Upper and Lower Fox River  
Summer Clean-up

Please watch for Dates and Times to be posted on Web:

[www.friendsofthefox.org](http://www.friendsofthefox.org)

Tab: Volunteer Opportunities

OR CALL US AT

920-707-2065

# Community Projects Continued

## FOX RIVER HERITAGE PADDLE 2010



### North East Wisconsin Paddlers

The Fox River Heritage Paddle 2010 will cover most of the 189 mile length of the Fox River from Portage to Green Bay. The voyage is planned to cover the distance in 13 segments of 8 to 15 miles each between April 24 and August 14, 2010.

For a schedule and more information:  
[www.friendsofthefox.org](http://www.friendsofthefox.org) Tab: Upcoming Events



**"Let us cross the river," he said, "and rest under the shade of the trees."**

Stephen Vincent Benet, General Stonewall Jackson's last words, May 10, 1863

## RAPID CROCHE CAMPING DURING FOX RIVER HERITAGE PADDLE

The Fox River Navigational System Authority has agreed to partner with Friends of the Fox and the Fox River Heritage Paddle 2010 by permitting overnight camping at the Rapid Croche lock location on July 30.

There will be both single day and overnight segments throughout the journey. On Friday evening July 30, paddlers will meet

at the end of Plank Road in Kaukauna then launch and paddle the 4 miles to Rapid Croche where they will set up camp. On Saturday July 31 the campers will meet with day paddlers in Wrightstown and complete a day paddle to Bomier Park in De Pere.

All paddlers are welcome to participate in individual or multiple segments. The more

difficult or technically challenging sections of the River will be bypassed for this event.

**For more information on the Fox River Heritage Paddle 2010:**  
[www.wisconsinpaddlers.org](http://www.wisconsinpaddlers.org)  
**Tab: Fox River Heritage Paddle 2010**



Photos by Mark Hoffman

## PARK TO PARK PADDLE 2010

For the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the Fox River will be full of color and comradery during the 2010 Park to Park Paddle (this is one of the many events scheduled during the Fox River Heritage Paddle 2010).

This annual event will be held July 24 starting at Shattuck Park in Neenah and finishing in Lutz Park in Appleton. The event will consist of an 8.5 mile paddle including passage through the Menasha lock.

The 2009 event attracted 234 canoes, kayaks and paddle boats

including a 28' 18 passenger Voyager Canoe. There were 347 registered paddlers plus a crowd of about 200 spectators at the Menasha lock watching as the paddlers traveled through the lock. Host for the event in 2010 will be the *Northeast Wisconsin Paddlers, Friends of the Fox, Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway and Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe.*

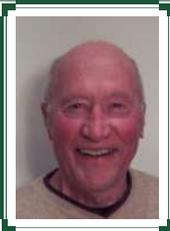
**Currently more information for this event can be found at:**  
<http://wisconsinpaddlers.org/activities/events/park-to-park-paddle>

# Friends of the Fox Leadership

## BOARD MEMBERS CURRENTLY UP FOR RE-ELECTION



**Dave Peck** *Executive Board Member* has been on the FOF for 6 years. Dave serves as Chairperson for the Upper Fox Committee. He has canoed and boated on the Winnebago water way system since about 1968. Dave mostly enjoys boating on the upper pools and rivers. Dave enjoys the challenge of helping the people who live, visit or represent Wisconsin to understand and value this unique water system.



**Jack Nelson** has been on the FOF Board since 1982. Jack is a retired Professional Engineer in heavy construction. Jack is married with 3 children, 14 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. Jack enjoys working with FOF and feels blessed to serve with such a dedicated group of people.



**Dan Reinhold** is one of the FOF newest board members having been appointed in 2009. He is a Senior Vice President of Franklin Resources. Dan holds a Certified Financial Planner designation. Dan was born and raised in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin where he developed a love for Wisconsin's many waterways. He maintains a keen interest in our states early history, and its environment. Dan is committed to making the vision of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway a reality.



**Tom Baron** has recently joined the FOF Board. He is a planner with the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Tom earned a B.A. in Urban and Regional Studies with an emphasis in Urban Planning from University of Wisconsin at Green Bay. Tom is a member of Appleton's Riverfront Advocacy and Promotion Group (RAPG). He is currently working on the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway and serves on the project's Executive Board.

"Never doubt that a handful of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

*Margaret Mead*

### FRIENDS OF THE FOX BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>Candice Mortara</b> <i>President</i>		<b>Appleton</b>	
<b>Peter Hensler</b> <i>Vice President</i>	<b>Appleton</b>	<b>Bill Bush</b> <i>Executive Board Member</i>	<b>Neenah</b>
<b>Steve Lockhart</b> <i>Treasurer</i>	<b>Appleton</b>	<b>Brunhilde Courtney</b> <i>Executive Board Member</i>	<b>Menasha</b>
<b>Ellen Balthazor</b> <i>Secretary</i>	<b>Fond du Lac</b>	<b>Dave Peck</b> <i>Executive Board Member</i>	<b>Appleton</b>
<b>Richard Abb</b>		<b>Appleton</b>	
<b>Tom Baron</b>		<b>Menasha</b>	
<b>Edward J. Kleckner</b>		<b>Menasha</b>	
<b>Jackson Medley</b>		<b>Oshkosh</b>	
<b>Jack Nelson</b>		<b>Oshkosh</b>	
<b>Dan Reinhold</b>		<b>Oshkosh</b>	
<b>Robert Stark</b>		<b>Appleton</b>	
<b>Karin Whealon</b>		<b>Fond du Lac</b>	

### HONORARY ADVISORS

**John Forster**      **Rotonda West**

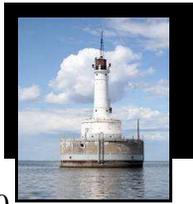
Newsletter and Website Editor and Design~Shari Manney

## LIGHTHOUSES - TESTAMENTS TO OUR MARITIME CULTURE

From the era of birch bark canoes to large riverboats and steel-hulled ships, the Fox River and Lake Winnebago system has remained an important water route throughout the middle United States. In the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, this corridor transported people and goods from east to west and throughout the world. Several active and inactive lighthouses still stand along this waterway.

**They are remaining testaments to our strong maritime culture.**

**Green Bay Harbor** – (Green Bay, active) Built in 1935, this light is located 9 miles offshore from the City of Green Bay, and consists of a 70



foot steel tower with a concrete base. Formerly known as the 10 Mile Light, 4 Coast Guard personnel were stationed at the lighthouse for a period of 2 weeks. Living in such close quarters, boaters remember occasionally hearing shouting matches coming from the tower.



**Long Tail Point** – (Green Bay, in ruins) Located on a sandbar island on the southern most end of Green Bay, this old lighthouse marks a time when the port city

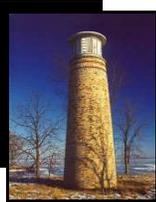
hoped to rival Chicago. It is the oldest lighthouse in the region, erected in 1847. The tower was built by limestone picked from the eastern shore of Green Bay. The crumbling tower was closed in 1856, and is now located on the *Long Tail Point State Wildlife Area*.



**Grassy Island Range** – (Green Bay, inactive) These two matching lighthouses were once located on *Grassy Island*, used to

guide boats into the Green Bay Harbor. Built after the harbor was completed in 1871, the towers stood on either side of the island. The northern light was 25 feet tall, while the upper light stood at 35 feet. In the 1960s, the Green Bay Yacht Club relocated the lights. In 2005, they were fully restored.

**Kimberly Point** – (Neenah, active) In 1939, Helen Kimberly Stuart, community activist and daughter of John A. Kimberly, began making plans to erect a lighthouse at *Kimberly Point Park*, at the confluence of the Fox River and Lake Winnebago. Construction on the 39.5 foot lighthouse began in 1945. Upon completion, the structure was named for James C. Kimberly, who donated the funds for the project.



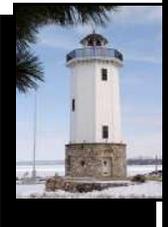
**Asylum Bay** – (Oshkosh, inactive) Constructed in 1940, this 24 foot light stood guard at *Assylum Point*. The structure once marked the headquarters of a fish harvesting operation, which gathered one million pounds of fish from Lake Winnebago for Chicago and New York markets. The owners, however, encountered problems obtaining a license to operate the light so it was never electrified.

**Bray's Point** – (Oshkosh, active) Located where the Fox River empties into Lake Winnebago, this Oshkosh landmark was built



in 1909. It was designed by an Oshkosh architect, George Andrews Rockwell, and was built by Senator William Bray on his land. At 44 feet, it is one of the most ornate lighthouses in Wisconsin.

**Fond du Lac** – (Fond du Lac, active) This Fond du Lac landmark was built by lumberman W. J. Nuss in 1933 for the city, with plans donated by architect Roger A. Sutherland. In the midst



of the depression, the light was constructed entirely by out-of-work Fond du Lac citizens. In 1993, this 56 foot Cape Cod style tower was restored by the city.



**Calumet Harbor** – (Pipe, active) Located in *Columbia Park*, this lighthouse marks the harbor entrance of Pipe Creek. It was originally constructed as a water tower for the Fond du Lac Table Factory, but was moved and converted to a watch tower and navigational aid in 1936. In 1992, the 70 foot, steel skeletal tower was restored by the Columbia Park Tower Fund and Fond du Lac County.

All photos from:  
[www.lighthousefriends.com](http://www.lighthousefriends.com)

*Lighthouses on shore... Beacons of light shining out... Love guiding us home*

Raymond A. Foss

# Navigation

## 2010 FOX LOCKS GENERAL NAVIGATION SEASON OPERATIONS

Opened All Week Long May 8th-Oct. 3rd	City		
	Menasha	<u>Monday - Thursday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. <u>Friday - Sunday &amp; Holidays</u> 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight	(Seven day operation)
	Little Kaukauna	<u>Thursday - Monday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. <u>Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u>	(Five day operation)
	De Pere	<u>Monday - Thursday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. <u>Friday - Sunday &amp; Holidays</u> 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight	(Seven day operation)
Opened Memorial, Independence and Labor Weekends ONLY	City		
	Appleton (Locks 1-4)	<u>3 Day Memorial, Independence and Labor Day Weekends ONLY</u> <u>Saturday - Monday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  <u>Special Operation - July 24th - 25th</u> <u>Saturday and Sunday</u> 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	(3 Day Holiday Weekends ONLY) during Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day Weekends
	Cedar Locks (Locks 1-4)	<u>3 Day Memorial, Independence and Labor Day Weekends ONLY</u> <u>Saturday - Monday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  <u>Special Operation - July 24th-25th</u> <u>Saturday and Sunday</u> 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	(3 Day Holiday Weekends ONLY) during Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day Weekends

**All Other Locks are Closed with No Passage Allowed**

Seasonal Lockage Permit - \$120.00    Daily Transit Permit (26 feet and over) - \$12.00    Under 26 feet - \$6.00  
Inquiries can be addressed to the FRNSA Kaukauna office at (920) 759-9833

*We are Fortunate to Have Received Grants From  
Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau  
The Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region  
Thank You For Your Belief in Our Project*



Steve Wagner Photo

Stephen Kellett

Ellen Hammen

*"The river delights to lift us  
free, if only we dare to let go.  
Our true work is this voyage.....  
this adventure.."*

*Richard Bach*

**WARM WELCOME TO FRIENDS OF THE FOX  
NEWEST MEMBERS**

# Navigation Continued

## 2010 FOX RIVER LOCKS UPDATE

Shoreline stabilization was completed in 2009 between Appleton Lock 1 and Olde Oneida Street. The Kaukauna Lock 5 restoration is scheduled for the 2010 construction season. A *Transportation Enhancement grant* has been received that will offset some of the costs of this work. Also, a *Stimulus grant* was received that will assist in restoring the exteriors of eight of the historic lock tender houses. This is new money that we had not scheduled for, but has become available for this type of work. The above work is expected to be completed before the end of 2010.

After 2010 four additional locks are proposed for restoration in Kaukauna. The scheduling of this work will be dependent upon the amount of funds available within our financial plan. It appears now that one lock per year, possibly more, will be worked on. A long term proposal to con-

struct a boat transfer/aquatic invasive species cleansing station at the Rapide Croche barrier is being prepared. (See Page 2) This task will require Department of Natural Resources approval of the project and additional fund raising efforts in the future.

The DePere, Little Kaukauna and Menasha Locks have been and will continue to be operated on a regular schedule. The four Appleton Locks and Cedars Lock will be operated on an abbreviated schedule beginning next year. The operation of the Little Chute Locks is dependent upon the reconstruction of the Mill Street Bridge which is proposed before 2013.

**The Authority prepared a restoration plan in 2005 that proposed a seven year restoration schedule for 13 of the locks.** Almost eight million dollars has been spent to date. While the Authority has met our construction schedule, future progress is

dependent upon the receipt of the federal, state and local dollars that were included in a memorandum of agreement for the lock system transfer. Final payments of the federal and state dollars have been committed and a final push for the remaining local donations is about to be made.

We have made great strides towards restoring the Fox Locks because of the support and contributions of many. We are almost at our fund raising goal and are planning for final construction. I hope the above information and enclosed helps you clearly understand the current status of the Fox Locks project.

**If you have any questions regarding the locks restoration or the Authority please contact Harlan Kiesow, CEO at (920)202-1855.**

## FOX RIVER LOCKS FUNDRAISING UPDATE

*Long is the road from conception to completion..... and so has been our 28 year journey to fund the restoration of our Fox Locks.*

Since 1982, the citizens of the Fox River Valley, the State of Wisconsin and our Federal Government have contributed over **\$10 million dollars toward restoration of our historic lock system.** In just a few short years we will have rebuilt and upgraded the entire lock system from Menasha to De Pere.

As FRNSA pursue the final match dollars from both the State and Federal Governments, it is important to recall the key role that private contributions and pledges have played. Since 2001, when an agreement was stuck between the Corps of Engineers and the State of Wisconsin, **the citizens of Wisconsin have donated or**

**pledged approximately \$2.45 million dollars** in an effort to capture state and federal match commitments. In short, every dollar you contributed has generated a three dollar match. Monies are dedicated to lock restoration.

**As we enter the home stretch and with less than four months remaining (July 1) we must raise \$350,000 in local contributions to capture the final \$1,000,000 government match.** The Fox River is an important part of our shared heritage.

**If you take pride in what has been accomplished thus far, please give once again and ask your friends, neighbors and relatives to do the same. Thank you.**



**Enclosed Are My Annual Dues and Special Donation to Friends of the Fox**

Sustaining Donor: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Donor: \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Platinum Donor: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Additional Restoration of Locks Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form, clip and mail it, along with your financial donation to:  
 Friends of the Fox, P.O. Box 741, Appleton, WI 54912-0741, Phone: 920-707-2065

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

All contributions to the Friends of the Fox are tax deductible. Friends of the Fox is a 501-C3 not-for profit corporation.

*Thank you in Advance for all of your Support! We could not succeed without you!!!*

*Our Mission and Purpose*

*The Friends of the Fox is a not-for-profit advocacy group established to preserve and develop the environmental, cultural, historical, economic and quality-of-life assets offered by the Fox River.*

**FRIENDLY  
REMINDER**

PLEASE  
DO NOT  
FORGET  
to  
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YOUR  
DUES!!

**ALSO:**  
Please  
Consider  
Giving a  
GENEROUS  
DONATION  
**BEFORE JULY 1**  
for Completion of  
the Fox River  
Locks Restoration  
Project!!!!  
**\*Form on Page 7\***

Friends of the Fox  
Invites You To Our  
2010 Annual Meeting

**Make It Happen!**



Held at  
Pullman's at  
Trolley Square

**April 22nd**  
6:00 p.m. - Party End

Complimentary -  
Horsd'oeuvres,  
Cash Bar and  
Raffle

Voting for Board  
Members

Colorful  
Presentation

Weather Permitting we will meet on the deck!

Don't want to miss this! Bring your spouse and friends!! See you there!

**MORE INFO  
SEE PAGE 1**