

The Friends of the Fox Quarterly Newsletter



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Friends of the Fox Scottish Ale Now Available!

Summer time is the perfect time to kick back with a good beer. Now you can do just that with the newly brewed Friends of the Fox (FOF) Scottish Ale that has been created especially for our organization by the Fox River Brewing Company at the Supple group restaurants, Fratello's and the Melting Pot restaurants.

Fox River Brewing Company is bottling a 22 ounce Scottish Ale under the name of Friends of the Fox with a portion of the proceeds going to FOF. The FOF brew is currently available by the bottle at the Oshkosh and Fox River Mall Fratello's locations and will soon be sold at the Appleton Fratello's Riverfront and Appleton's Melting Pot. The cost is \$2.99 per 22 oz. bottle or \$10.90/4 pack



with \$.50 of the proceeds going to the FOF. This is an opportunity to donate to FOF while having dinner out or taking a 4 pack home to enjoy.....

stock up today!

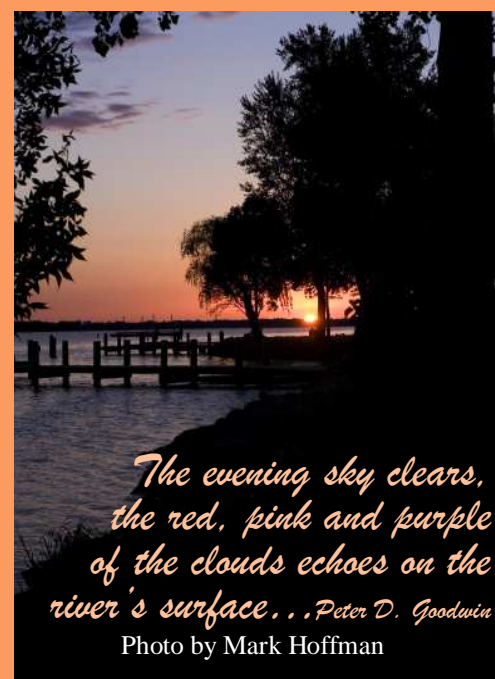
FOF truly appreciates the partnership we've developed with the Supple Group and the creative way we've found to help

fund the important work we're doing.

The Oshkosh and Appleton Fratello's restaurants have superb locations on the River and attract many individuals that enjoy the water side setting. The Oshkosh location has slip and bulkhead docking available while the Appleton Fratello's is located in the most unique location on the Lower Fox River. Make it a point to stop in for lunch or dinner at one of these fine establishments and don't go home without a couple of 4 packs of FOF brew to enjoy!

Please ask your local restaurants, taverns and markets to add Friends of the Fox Scottish Ale to their stock so we can enjoy a hearty ale throughout the valley.

Article by Pete Hensler



*The evening sky clears,
the red, pink and purple
of the clouds echoes on the
river's surface... Peter D. Goodwin*

Photo by Mark Hoffman

Navigation

FOX RIVER BUOY PLACEMENT



Buoy Placement– FOF Board Members Chris Blohm and Dave Peck
Photos by Bob Stark



The Friends of the Fox Navigational Safety Committee was able to facilitate buoy placement from Appleton lock 4 through the Cedars lock in Little Chute in time for the opening of the 5 interior locks on the July 4th weekend. The 13 buoys used to mark the channel through this section of the river will remain in place until shortly after Labor Day.

This has been a complicated process that required help from many partners, City of Appleton, Outagamie County, Fox River Navigational System Authority, and several FOF hard working board members. **Thanks to all that helped make this happen!** The Navigational Safety Committee will start working on a plan for more buoy placement as additional locks open.

Article by Pete Hensler

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS, FRIENDS AND BOARD MEMBERS!!

Tribute to Bill for Your Years of Dedicated Service on the Board

After becoming president of Friends of the Fox (FOF), I was heavily involved in fundraising for the Fox Locks. Bill Bush volunteered to come aboard and to assist FOF in that role. We concentrated on general fundraising and at the same time a preliminary plan for the Rapide Croche Boat Transfer Station was being developed.

Our friendship developed and Bill became Vice President of FOF. Bill is very enthusiastic and was very dedicated to the work FOF was doing. It was easy to be inspired by him and his dedication.

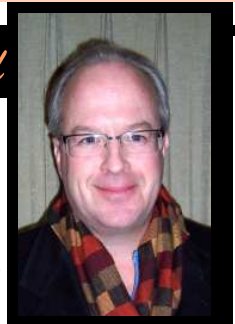
Bill became involved with the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) committee and work began with the Wisconsin DNR to determine how a boat transfer process at Rapide Croche would also prevent any new

AIS from entering the Winnebago system via the lower Fox River.

We traveled to many locations, developed a relationship with the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute and Dr. Phil Moy, produced educational brochures, and held public informational meetings.

We will always have a personal debt of gratitude for the work Bill Bush accomplished for FOF. Bill's integrity and thoroughness has helped FOF achieve one of its major goals. Bill was the right person for the job at the right time. **Thank you friend...we wish you well as you retire from the board!**

Article by Bob Stark



PORTAGE COMPLETED AT CEDARS LOCK

The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway water trail is one step closer to completion.

In early June Friends of the Fox finished work on the portage at the Cedars lock in Little Chute. Boldt Construction coordinated most of the heavy work and volunteers helped with sign placement.

The portage is located on the island side of the lock on property owned by FOF. The complications of the island location required help from Fox River Navigational Authority, Lunda Construction, Boldt Construction and funding help from the Fox Cities Convention and Visitor Bureau, Community Foundation of the Fox Valley, M&I Foundation, Fox Cities Greenways and FOF.

The trail is now completed from Jefferson Park in Menasha through the Cedars Lock in Little Chute.

The water trail will continue to be developed with a goal of 2-3 portages per year. FOF is interested in uncovering possible

Cedar's Lock Tender Home
Photo by Tom Young

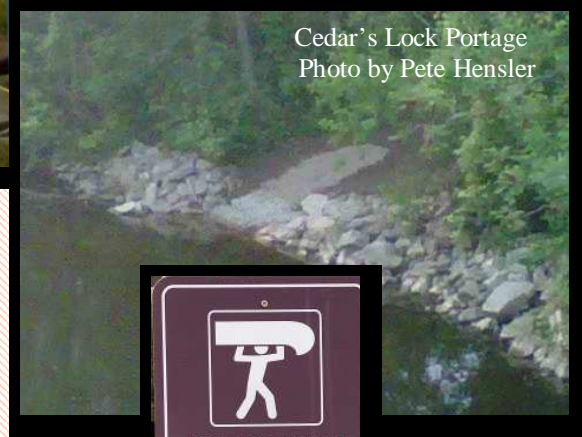


funding sources to help complete this project.

If you are interested in working on this project or are willing to contribute funding please contact:
Pete Hensler 920-450-1393 or
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Cedar's Lock Portage
Photo by Pete Hensler



SEASONAL INFORMATION PORCH

For the past six years Friends of the Fox has maintained an 'Informational Area' for residents and tourists located on the porch of the Menasha lock tenders house on Broad Street near the entrance of the Trestle Trail.

A full schedule of events taking place across Lake Winnebago and the Upper and Lower Fox River is posted to inform the public. This information is brought to us courtesy of Diane Schbach. Other items that can be found in the Informational Area are:

- ♦ Neenah's summer festival brochures
- ♦ Appleton, Neenah, Town of Menasha and Little Chute future park plans
- ♦ Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway map
- ♦ Map of launch sites from Jefferson Park through Cedars Lock
- ♦ Fox Cities trail map
- ♦ Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Paddle 2011 information

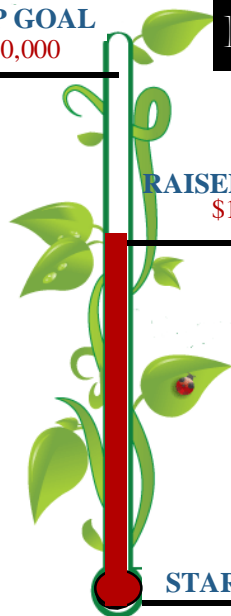
Personal thanks to everyone who has supported this project. A special thanks to Steve Collier and other Menasha lock tenders who have helped me keep the area beautiful for the public.

Article by Brunhilde Courtney

Community Projects

FWHP GOAL
\$210,000

FUNDRAISING GOALS ARE BEING REALIZED



RAISED TO DATE
\$144,503

START \$0



Photo by
Debra Gehrke



FOX-WISCONSIN HERITAGE PARKWAY INTERPRETIVE MASTER PLAN



EXPLORE ~ ENGAGE ~ PRESERVE

We are excited to announce that progress continues to be made for the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway (FWHP) in its bid to be recognized as a National Heritage Area. As part of its mission to connect the many stories along the Parkway, including historic, natural and cultural resources, the FWHP has hired a firm, *Interpretive Solutions*, to assemble an Interpretive Master Plan (IMP).

The IMP will serve as a framework to connect and develop facilities, media, and programs along the Parkway. Development of the Interpretive Master Plan will also include community visitations and listening sessions to ensure that time and attention is given to the unique opportunities present in partner communities along the entire Parkway route.

This development serves as a major milestone for the organization and could not have been possible without the support of the many donations that the FWHP has received.

To date, the FWHP has been able to raise \$144,503, through its **Adopt-A-River Mile Campaign**. Some work still needs to be done to reach the goal of \$210,000 to support not only the Interpretive Master Plan, but also the Economic Master Plan.

To help assist in this goal, the FWHP encourages any interested parties to **Adopt-A-River Mile** of the 280 mile river corridor. To achieve our fundraising goal, **each river mile can be adopted for \$535**, with the option of adopting **4 river miles (\$2,140)** to become a Heritage Parkway Founder.

Written by Jeremiah Slinde

All gifts are tax deductible and the FWHP conforms to all rules regarding 501(c)3 organizations. While these are our fundraising goals, we also welcome donations of any size and are genuinely thankful of any gift received. If you would like to know more about the any aspect of the FWHP, feel free to contact Candice Mortara

Community Projects Cont.

PLEASE ADOPT-A-RIVER MILE

- ☐ HERITAGE PARKWAY FOUNDER--ADOPT 4 MILES--Gift of \$2,140
☐ ADOPT 2 MILES--Gift of \$1070 to celebrate 2 miles
☐ ADOPT 1 MILE--Gift of \$535 to celebrate 1 mile

I would like to make a special gift of:

☐ \$250

☐ Other _____

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Business Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

- ☐ Please keep me updated on the progress the Heritage Parkway makes in my interest area:
☐ Historic Interpretation ☐ Water Trail ☐ Hiking/Biking Trails ☐ Tourism Initiatives

All donations are tax deductible.

The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway thanks you for your support!

"Every outcome to this project is positive – protecting the environment, communicating history and enhancing quality of life. Getting involved is not just about giving dollars, but being a part of an effort that is sure to have tremendous state significance and having a voice in how it all takes shape."

John Forster, FWHP Advisory Board Member and Former Friends of the Fox President

Please clip and mail form, along with your financial donation to: FWHP, PO Box 204, Kimberly, WI 54136



"To Reminisce is to remember good times....to remember the unforgettable days and wish you were back in time."

Napoleon Gonzales III



Photo by David Horst



Photo by Debra Gehrke



Photo by David Horst

Miscellaneous

Welcome " To Our Newest Friends & Supporters

Carl and Joyce Frazier

Chad Calmes

"Thank You " For Your Generous Donations

M & I Foundation

FOXY LADY EVENT

Friends of the Fox in partnership with Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, Fox River Navigational System Authority and the US Army Corp of Engineers hosted the Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture during a four hour Foxy Lady cruise through the DePere locks.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our story with teachers throughout the region.

For more information on cruises, please visit:

www.foxyladycruises.com



Locks Closing Dates for the 2011 Boating Season

Menasha & DePere ~ October 2nd

Little Kaukauna ~ October 2nd

Appleton & Cedars ~ September 5th

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TRAINING PROGRAM

Friends of the Fox and East Central Regional Planning Commission will be hosting an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) monitoring/training workshop scheduled in September. The workshop will be conducted by Jennifer Seltenpohl, the Wisconsin DNR AIS Specialist.

You will not want to miss this informative workshop!

For exact date, time and place please check

our website at:

www.friendsofthefox.org



A blue heron glides silently past landing in silence, wading in the shallows, in silence, searching for the sustenance;

Peter D. Goodwin

4TH ANNUAL MENASHA BRAIN WALK



The 4th Annual Menasha Brain Walk, sponsored by the Menasha Children's Library, was held on June 17th and proved to be a fun filled event for all who attended. A question card was given to each family to be filled out during the route. Questions hinged on the Fox River, historical locations, boat safety and fish, bird and insect types. After completion, each child and parent received an ice cream treat. We got lots of smiles and laughs while everyone enjoyed the event.

We look forward to next year's Brain Walk and encourage everyone to attend.

Thanks also to our friends, Ed and Kathy Kleckner and Marilyn Orvedahl for their contribution to the evening!

Article by Brunhilde Courtney

BRIEF HISTORY OF CANOEING

In recent years, paddling has experienced resurgence on the Fox River. From Green Bay to Portage, individuals are taking to this silent pursuit in numbers not experienced since the mid-twentieth century. When paddlers 'put in' on the Fox River today, they are continuing a tradition dating back thousands of years.

Developed by native peoples, the canoe is one of the oldest forms of watercraft in North America. Early models, believed to be over 8,000 years old, were carved from large tree trunks. In fact, the word 'canoe' is thought to have originated from the word 'kenu,' meaning dugout.

A more modern design, the birch bark canoe had a tremendous impact on the settling of North America. This design was popular throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries as voyagers,

missionaries, and fur traders explored the interior of North America via its many lakes and rivers.

Known for its large towing capacity and ability to handle a

traveled the Fox River by wooden canoe as documented in his published journals, *A Canoe Voyage Up the Minnaya Sotor*.

Virtually unchanged in overall design since the days of Marquette and Joliet, modern canoes are now also made from aluminum and fiberglass.

There are two common types of canoes. The kayak, which has grown in popularity in recent years and originated in Greenland, is a one-person vessel with a closed deck. The traditional canoe, also known as the Canadian, is an open-decked, two person watercraft.

Continue the tradition of canoeing on the Fox! Join us for the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Paddle, which continues until September 24 in Appleton. To learn more, visit the North East Wisconsin Paddlers website, www.wisconsinpaddlers.org

Written by Helen Young

Photo of Marquette & Joliet's Journey in a Birch Bark Canoe



Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Paddle 2011



Dave Hurst Photos



Tom Young Photo



Mark Hoffman Photo

For More Photos of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Paddle: www.flickr/photos/foxriverpaddle/



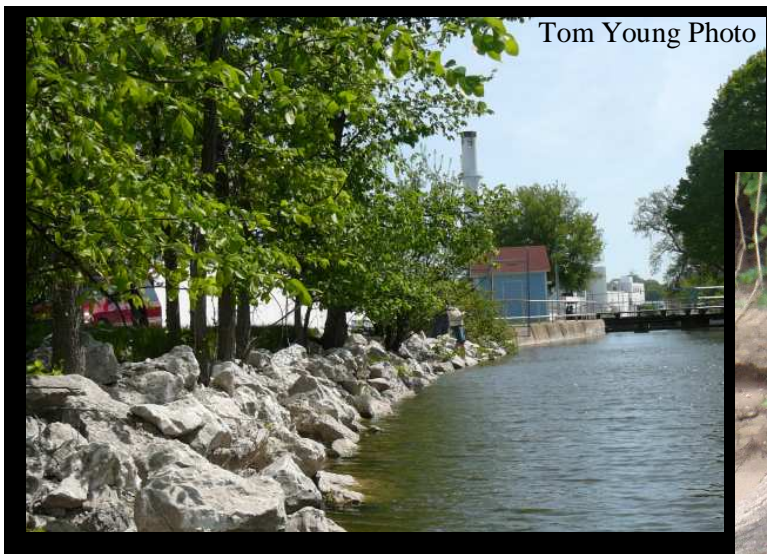
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Our Mission and Purpose

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.

*Please Consider Becoming a Member of Friends of the Fox
We Would LOVE to Have You!!!*



Tom Young Photo



Turtle Sunning
Dave Hurst Photo

Come Join Us!!!

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PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING AT: www.friendsofthefox.org Tab: How To Join OR CALL: 920-707-2065