

The Friends of the Fox Quarterly Newsletter



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Flight of Eagle
Randy McSorley

Friends of the Fox would like to invite our friends, neighbors, partners and supporters to participate in the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway stakeholders workshop to be held November 15-17th. The workshop will be representing each segment of the Parkway in locations convenient to each segment-- Upper Fox, Lower Fox and Lower Wisconsin Rivers.

The Parkway is currently preparing to develop an Interpretive Master Plan. The plan builds on years of effort by community members to create the Parkway, and represents an exciting step toward designation as a National Heritage Area. This plan will describe the Parkway's interpretive programs and services – the ways in which the Parkway's stories will be told - over the next 5-7 years. It will serve as a long-range blueprint for the program.

This long-range plan requires the participation of a variety of stakeholders like you, and cannot be accomplished solely by the Parkway itself. This effort needs to involve everyone who is interested and located within the Parkway; and so we are inviting you to participate in an evening workshop that

will lay the foundation for this plan. With facilitation led by our planning consultant Interpretive Solutions, Inc., we will be discussing:

- the significance of the Parkway
- how best to facilitate visitor exploration of that significance
- visitor expectations of the interpretation and education programs



Lower Fox River

(Neenah to Green Bay segment)

Date: Tuesday November 15
Time: 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Place: Atlas Coffee Mill
425 W Water Street
Appleton, WI 54911
(inside the historic Atlas Mill)
Phone: 920-734-6871 ext. 303

Lower Wisconsin River

(Merrimac-Prairie du Chien segment)

Date: Wednesday November 16
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Place: Old Feed Mill Restaurant
114 Cramer Street
Mazomanie, WI 53560
Phone: 608-795-4909 or 888-345-4909

Upper Fox River

(Oshkosh-Portage segment)

Date: Thursday November 17
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Place: First National Bank
140 W Huron Street
Berlin, WI 54923
Phone: 920-361-6000

Please join us as a workshop participant at the location within your river segment if possible. If you cannot attend your segment, please try for another or designate a representative.

Please contact Shari Manney at manney@heritageparkway.org or 920-707-2965 by Friday, November 11 to confirm your participation.

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FOX-WISCONSIN HERITAGE PARKWAY- FUNDRAISING GOALS ARE BEING REALIZED



EXPLORE ~ ENGAGE ~ PRESERVE FWHP GOAL

\$210,000

To date, the FWHP has brought in \$149,853, 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 Impact 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

For more information contact: Candice Mortara mortara@heritageparkway.org

RAISED TO DATE
\$149,853

START \$0

EUREKA LOCK UPDATE

The opening of the Eureka Lock that was scheduled for the July 4th weekend was canceled due to high water. The reconstruction work began November 1 by the D.R. Meyer construction firm. More detailed information will be available in the winter newsletter.

Article by Dave Peck



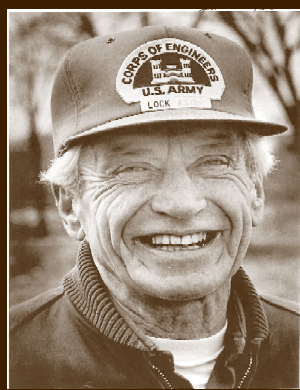
Photo by Dave Peck

UNLOCK THE PAST ~ LOCKTENDER EVENT

"A river is the cosiest of friends. You must love it and live with it before you can know it."

G.W. Curtis - From Lotus Eating: Hudson and Rhine

On September 24 Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway (FWHP) hosted "Unlock the Past", a locktender reception at the Paper Discovery Center. The event was the culmination of a year-long historical research project into



Little Chute Lock - Ratzman



DePere Lock - Ed Zuehls

lockmasters and their families who lived in the lock houses along the Fox River. The event drew 66 retired lockmasters, their families and descendants who shared great stories and photos. The event was videotaped and the footage will be accessed with a link through the

FWHP website. The Parkway secured a mini-grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council to hire a folklorist to continue interviewing retired lockmasters and their families. What began as a small website segment collecting

personal stories of the lives of lockmasters for the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway website has become an extensive project uniting the two river segments of the Fox.

Article by Christine Williams

If you know locktender's descendants, have photos or articles pertaining to the locks, or would like to volunteer your time on this rewarding project, Please contact williams@heritageparkway.org or call 920-749-0415

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APPLETON YACHT CLUB TO UNDERGO RENOVATION



Plans include a new light house to serve as a landmark for boaters and paddlers on the Fox River

DNR, state and city officials, the Club has just began construction on an expansion and renovation in October.

"The current Club House is roughly 35 years old. It is certainly in need of repairs and an upgrade," said Yacht Club Commodore Tim Potter.

Most of the inside improvements and bathroom renovations will be financed with an existing fund within the Yacht Club. A capital campaign has been launched to raise funds for the addition of a light house (see photo). The lighthouse will be located on the river side, and will serve as a landmark for boaters that are traveling through the locks in Appleton.

Article from Focus on the Fox newsletter

For more information, or to make a contribution to the project, please contact Tim Potter at

Timothy.Potter@bakertilly.com.

The Appleton Yacht Club is moving forward on a major expansion to its clubhouse this month. After more than two years of planning and seeking approvals from

The Appleton Yacht Club Project Team includes architect Tim Carlson of True North Architecture, Appleton

"We labor long and earnestly for peace, because war threatens the survival of man. It is time we labored with equal passion to defend our environment. A polluted stream can be as lethal as a bullet."
Senator Alan Bible (Nevada)



Friends of Fox Leadership

"THANK-YOU" FOR YOUR SERVICE!!

Chris Blohm, has recently retired from the FOF Board. Chris's primary effort while serving on the FOF Board was advocating for the environmentally responsible, sustainable and effective completion of Rapid Croche site and the Navigational Safety Committee.

Chris will be leaving the area due to a career change. **Thanks....We wish you the best!**



"WELCOME" TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS!!



Bill Brown, is one of FOF newest Board members. Bill is a retired Navy captain. He is particularly interested in the Fox River area, with its beautiful waterways. Bill is currently working on the board of the Appleton Yacht Club in Appleton.

Dr. Andrew Knudsen, is one of FOF newest Board members. Andrew is an aqueous geochemist, who specializes in the study of mining and industrial impacts on river and wetland systems. He is extremely interested in the future goals of FOF and is excited to join a team dedicated to improving the Fox River waterways as well as their community. Andrew is currently employed as a professor at Lawrence University in Appleton.





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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.



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