

The Friends of the Fox Quarterly Newsletter



Discovery

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Invites You To Bring Your Friends and Join Us As We*

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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.

It has always been our goal to establish the overall protection of the Fox River System by diligently working to restore its water quality, ecology, and habitat, as well as protecting its wildlife.

We are all so passionate about the Fox River, we thought it was time to come together as an organization, and invite our friends and families, to join us in experiencing our compelling river as we form a *Flotilla* through the four Appleton locks.

Friends of the Fox has worked enthusiastically to renovate and regenerate our precious river, with our time, resources, and finances, now we want to share it. We invite our members and their guests to join us for a fun filled day on the water. Enjoy and experience the lock system, and many other improvements along the Fox River.

*We invite you to join us in a Flotilla as we
"Cruise the Locks"*

June 1, 2013 - Come and Join the Fun!!!!

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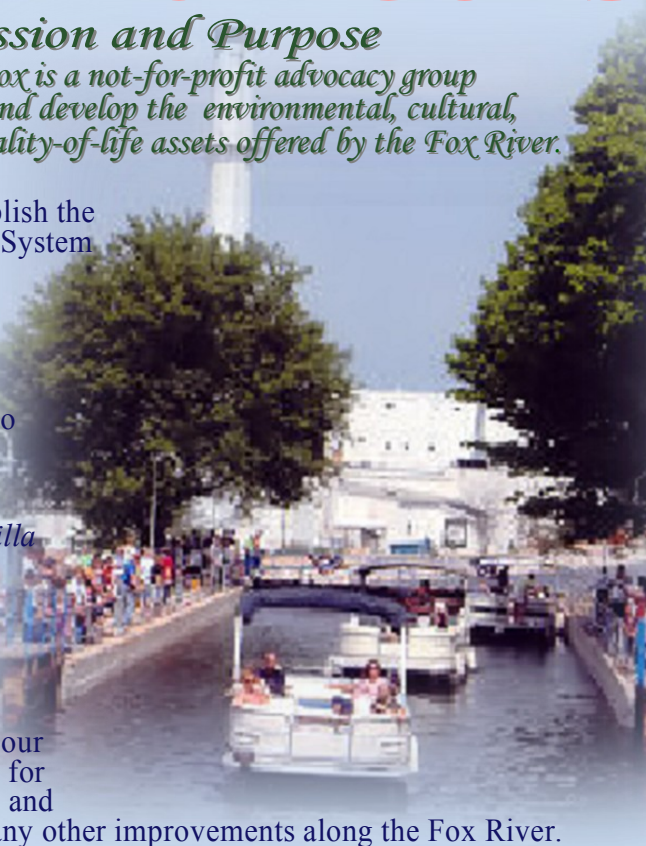
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2013 Annual Meeting

Cruise the Locks

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2013

Start Place: Appleton Yacht Club

Address: 1200 S. Lutz Drive, Appleton, WI 54914

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.: Gathering with Coffee, Donuts and Juice (\$5.00 for Non-members)

9:15 a.m.: Call to Order

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.: Annual Meeting

Friends of Fox Past Projects

Current Projects Status

Future Tasks and Events

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.: Captains Meeting-

Captains meeting is MANDATORY AND MUST BE ATTENDED in order to participate in this event.

We will explain the Cruises through all of the four of Appleton locks. Directions for Lock #1 entry and detailed charts along with navigational hazards will be provided for each boat attending.

Friends of the Fox will cover all lockage fees and provide each boat with a burgee (banner) to attach to your boat.

Any questions or concerns will be answered during this time.

11:30 - 12:00 p.m.: Move Boats into Position at Appleton Lock #1

12:00 p.m.: Prompt Departure of Flotilla from Appleton Lock #1

Flotilla Cruise Will Extend to Sunset Park, Kimberly:

Weather permitting, there will be a group of boats "Rafting Up" together out in the river off of Sunset Park on Saturday afternoon. This is a great way to meet other boaters and enjoy a picnic on the river.

Food and refreshments are the responsibility of individual boaters.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.: Flotilla Returns to Appleton Yacht Club

Food and Drinks: Barbeque available with Cash Bar and Open Menu

**Silent Auction
Included**

****Dockage Reservation Required** for Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday, Menasha Marina 920-967-5193 or the Appleton Yacht Club 920-733-9848**

2013 Annual Meeting CRUISE THE LOCKS EVENT

Kick off your summer by joining us... We are a passionate group, enthused about our community!! If you have a boat, come and join the fun! If you do not have a boat we are organizing rides for non-boating guests who would very much like to join us. **We Need You To Fill Out the Form on the Back Page of This Newsletter ASAP.**

Area Attractions:

Performing Arts Center
Hearthstone
Atlas Coffee Mill and Boutique
Paper Discovery Center

Special Events on Sunday, June 2nd -

Rowing races across from Peabody Park -
Visitors are welcome to view the rowing club facilities at Telulah Park.
LAMP orchestra concert - Memorial Chapel

We Are Looking For Enthusiastic, Energetic, Fun Filled Individuals Who Would Love To Join Friends of the Fox. Share the Day with Us and See What All the Excitement Is About!!!!

Save the Date - Return Registration Form - Come and Join Us!!!!

Watch our website for more details as they become available at: www.friendsofthefox.org

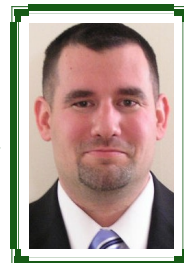
Annual Meeting Continued

BOARD RE-ELECTION

Friends of the Fox board members up for re-election this term will be Dave Peck, Tom Baron and Dan Reinhold. All three men have served faithfully for several years on our board.



Dave Peck, *President* has served on the board for over ten years. Dave is encouraging Friends of the Fox's board to put additional effort and support towards the work the Fox River Navigational System Authority is doing, building the Aquatic Invasive Species barrier at Rapide Croche. This is the last major project needed to return navigation to the Lower Fox River.



Tom Baron, is a planner with East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Tom earned his B.A. in Regional and Urban studies with an emphasis on Urban planning from the University of Green Bay. Tom has been on the Friends of Fox board for four years. Tom is also currently serving on the Executive Board of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway.



Dan Reinhold, has served for four years on the board. Dan 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 maintains a keen interest in our state's early history, and its environment. He is committed to making the vision of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway a reality.

Friends of the Fox wishes to "Thank-You" for your dedication and commitment.

FRIENDS OF FOX SPONSORS TABLE AT MENASHA LIBRARY "BRAIN WALK"

This is the 5th year Friends of the Fox will be co-sponsoring the Brain Walk at the Menasha Library. Friends of the Fox will be sponsoring a check point located in front of the Menasha Lock Tender house. The walk begins at the Menasha Library with children given a card to be stamped, if correct answers are given for questions asked by sponsors of the event. Most questions are from books the children have read. We aim our questions toward historical facts along with boat safety, species of fish, birds and water fowl found around our area. Each station gives away some item or treat. *The mission is to make the trek from the library to the center of the Trestle Trail and back to the library.*



This fun filled family activity culminates in an ice cream social at the library.

Free for the whole family. Dream Big: Read!

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Watch for the Friends of the Fox Table!!

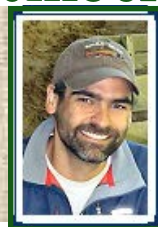
WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS
We Simply Could Not Do It Without Support From
Friends Like You!

Todd Krueger
Matt Beaman
Cynthia Edmunds
Graham Werner
Helmut Schwab



Farewell to Board Member

Friends of the Fox would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for all Andrew Knudsen has contributed to our board. We wish Andrew all the best in your future endeavors!
Thank you for your Service!



Message from Our President

It excites me to invite our members, supporters and friends to explore some new water on the Fox River during our 2013 Annual Meeting. Friends of the Fox (FOF) and its partner organizations have been successful in reopening many miles of the river for your boating pleasure. To help you explore these new river sections more safely, our board has decided to better educate you on river safety. So with that in mind, we felt spending the day on the water would be a terrific idea! As you have read earlier in the newsletter, we have planned our Annual Meeting to begin and end at the Appleton Yacht Club. It is our plan to complete our meeting and be boating before noon, for an afternoon cruise event that will take us through the four Appleton locks.

Charts, Lock Schedules, Procedures and Directions will be posted on our web site to help you plan your river trip to Menasha and down through Appleton. Details of the meeting are on page 1-2 of this newsletter. We are encouraging those of you who come by boat to offer non-boaters passage as your guests, allowing them to experience the river we all love. Let's enjoy the day together as we educate ourselves on traveling the Fox River, while having a day of fun getting to know each other!

In the winter newsletter, I shared my goal of having our board of directors put more focus on supporting the Fox River Navigational System Authority's (FRSNA) construction of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) barrier at Rapide Croche. I am pleased to report that their project is moving ahead faster than I would have thought possible. The *open to the public* AIS training center aspect has been included for the site plan. FOF will continue to encourage the development of cleaning station sites for boats that navigate the Fox River system.

I would like to share some exciting news about a new effort to improve the Lake Winnebago system. A new web site has

been created, www.WinnebagoWaterways.com to gather information and ideas from citizens and organizations who use the Fox River and Winnebago Pool lakes waterway. Please take some time to explore this site and weigh in with your viewpoint based on how you have enjoyed being on the water.

Also, some wonderful news concerning the Upper Fox River. The Winnebago Highway Commission announced in a public meeting the Eureka bridge will be built at 2.4 feet above the height of the existing bridge (closed height). Construction will take place throughout the summer of 2013, with little or no disruption of boating traffic. There will, however, be a very long detour for car traffic. So please take this into consideration when traveling through Berlin.

The City of Berlin, with help from the Berlin Boat Club and FOF, will finally have public docking space in downtown Berlin, as 104 feet of new sheet piling was put in last fall. Berlin's Mayor Dick Schramer applied for and secured a 50% matching grant, grant from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission, to install boat friendly vertical 6 x 6. The Berlin Boat Club is contributing the labor. **This is GREAT news for all of you Upper Fox River boaters!!** A little help from a lot of folks gets the job done!!

I know almost everyone in Wisconsin is getting impatient for some warmer weather. The long range forecast for the upper Midwest seems encouraging for water activities this year, with above average temperatures and precipitation, once we get past the spring high water. Hope to see you on the WATER!!

Dave Peck, President

FOX-WISCONSIN HERITAGE PADDLES 2013

Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway is partnering with North East Wisconsin Paddlers to offer a series of paddle events designed to celebrate and explore the Parkway.

Dates and locations are provided below.

May 18-19: Lower Wisconsin River

18 - Arena to Spring Green

19 - Spring Green to Gotham

June 1 - Pardeeville Paddle (Upper Fox)

1 - Indian Trails Campground (Pardeeville) to Portage

June 22-23: Upper Fox Paddles

22 - White River Dam to Berlin

*Camp at Berlin's Riverside Park

23 - Winneconne to Terrell Island to Rainbow Park in Oshkosh

July 20 - Park-to-Park Paddle

Neenah to Appleton, Lower Fox River and Lake Winnebago

August 17: Tall Ships Paddle

Lower Fox River, De Pere to Green Bay

September 28: Appleton Locks Paddle

Lower Fox River, Appleton to Kimberly

More Detailed Information:

<http://www.wisconsinpaddlers.org/activities/fox-wisconsin-heritage-paddle-2013>


Navigation

We All Have Worked So Hard -

Cleaning Up Our River...Restoring Our Locks ...Now It's Time To Celebrate

Get Out on the Water

Enjoy the Fruits of Our Labor and Use Those Locks to Navigate the Fox!!!!

	Location	Times	Dates	Locks Telephone
OPEN 7 DAYS	Menasha	<u>Monday – Thursday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. <u>Friday – Sunday & Holidays</u> 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight	(May 10th - Oct. 6th)	(920) 201-1857
	De Pere	<u>Monday – Thursday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. <u>Friday – Sunday & Holidays</u> 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight	(May 10th - Oct. 6th)	(920) 227-7024
OPEN 5 DAYS	Little Kaukauna	<u>Thursday – Monday</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. <u>Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</u>	(May 10th - Oct. 6th)	(920) 227-7043 Kaukauna Office (920) 759-9833
	Appleton (Locks 1-4)	<u>Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays</u> 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	(May 24th - Sept. 2nd)	Lock 1 (920) 750-3306 Lock 4 (920) 750-3307
W E E K E N D S & H O L I D A Y S	Appleton (Lock 1)	<u>Down-River Lockage Times</u> Noon, 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. Two way lockage available on Friday by request with lock tender on duty	(May 24th - Sept. 2nd)	
	Appleton (Lock 4)	<u>Up-River Lockage Times</u> 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.	(May 24th - Sept. 2nd)	
	Cedars Lock	<u>Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays</u> 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	(May 24th - Sept. 2nd)	(920) 750-3309
CLOSED	All Other Locks	Restoration In Progress	Operations Planned For 2015 Seasons	

Seasonal Unlimited Recreational and Commercial Transit Permit - \$120.00

Multi-Vessel Season Unlimited Recreational Transit Permit (for those owning more than 1 boat, decal for each boat)-

2 Vessels - \$140.00 (each additional vessel over 2)- **\$20**

Daily Limited Transit Permit (Based on boat length)

Under 26 feet - \$6.00 26 feet and greater - \$12.00

Inquiries can be addressed to the FRNSA Kaukauna office at (920) 759-9833

Information Provided by Fox River Navigational System Authority www.foxriverlocks.org



Community Projects

FOX-WISCONSIN HERITAGE PARKWAY'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FOX RIVER NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM AUTHORITY

The recently completed Interpretive Master Plan for the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway includes some great recommendations for enhancing people's appreciation and understanding of the Fox River Navigational System Authority, both past and present.

These recommendations include:

Lock Tender Housing

- Rehabilitate four of the lock tender houses to be available as vacation rentals
- Give renters the opportunity to be "lock tender for a day"

Interpreting the Locks

- New programs and media
- Hospitality training for lock tenders
- An orientation booklet for those locking through for the first time
- New signage interpreting the lock system
- Experimental placement of QR codes to provide additional information



Design Competition for Rapide Croche

- International engineering competition to design an innovative lift lock at Rapide Croche lock that will block the spread of harmful invasive species (AIS) and clean boats of invasives as they lock through
- The Birth and Rebirth of an Urban River education center to be located on site at Rapide Croche

The new Rapide Croche lock is destined to become not only a major tourist attraction, but a national model for ground-breaking solutions to environmental challenges.

For more details: www.heritageparkway.org



LOCK HOUSE RENOVATION BEGINS

The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway is rehabilitating four houses which were once occupied by the men who operated the locks on the Lower Fox River. Each house will be renovated to correspond to the time period in which it was built, ranging from 1892 to 1927. They will authentically furnish and decorate each home, as well as fully interpret one of the historical themes, and open them to school tours and overnight vacationers. This will allow visitors to travel back in time and spend a night as the lock tenders did at the turn of the century, using the furnishings, dishes, cookware – and even the toys – of the lock tender period.

An added attraction is the opportunity to work as a "lock tender for a day," participating with the official lock tender to operate the locks, as pleasure boaters and kayakers lock through on one of only two remaining hand-operated lock systems in the United States.

Currently, the exterior of the houses are rehabbed. The interiors are in poor shape due to water damage, mold, and vandalism. FWHP will replace the windows and all of the internal walls and woodwork. Wisconsin's State Historic Preservation Officer strongly supports the project, and has offered to serve as an adviser for the proper interior furnishings, trim, and décor. FWHP will work with interested funders to gain their input, as they choose which of the Parkway's interpretive stories to tell. Examples include: Marquette and Joliet explorers and the fur trade, the Fox-Wisconsin Improvement Company and their development of the waterway, the military forts once found on the system and the military road that connected them, and the balance of industry and environment through the decades. **The first house in this project will be the Lock House at Cedars.** The Parkway's goal is to start in late summer with tear out.

Article by Candice Mortara

Three primary goals of the Lock House Project:

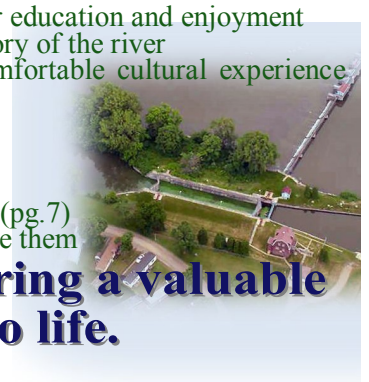
1. Improve the condition of the valuable historic lock tender structures in a way that is respectful and consistent with its history
2. Make the buildings available to the public for their education and enjoyment
3. House a living interpretive display that tells the story of the river
4. Create the opportunity for an impactful, yet comfortable cultural experience along the water

Calling For Volunteers to:

- Help tear out
- Construction Volunteers
- Donated Furnishings that are true to period of 1892 – 1924 (pg. 7)
- Donated Storage Space for the furnishings as we accumulate them

Please help Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway bring a valuable piece of this historic lock system back to life.

If you are interested in any of these projects, please contact us at:
920-707-2965 or marjenka@heritageparkway.org



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CALLING FOR ANTIQUE DONATIONS FROM OUR FRIENDS



Lock House at Cedars, built in 1927, will be the first lock tender house that Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway (FWHP) plans to restore. Plans are underway for the restoration to begin this Spring. With so many unusual items being sought, we are calling on Friends of the Fox members to rummage through their attics, garages and homes for antique items they no longer need or use.

The Parkway is specifically looking for items from the Arts & Crafts era. The Arts & Crafts movement was an aesthetic movement during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Architectural and furniture styles emphasized clean, rectilinear lines, while shapes seen in the natural environment often appeared in the decorative arts.

Each of the four lock houses are listed with the *National Register of Historic Places*. The National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources. The Parkway will be coordinating with a Wisconsin State Historic Preservation

Officer to determine exactly which antiques fit into each home.

Please take a look at the photos surrounding this article to see the particular style they are looking for, while furnishing the 1927 Dutch Colonial Revival home. Before FWHP can actually accept your donation, you must first contact Shari with photos of any items. A furnishings plan is being created to guide the process. Once it is determined that the piece will fit into the plan, FWHP will work with the Historic Preservation Officer for approval. Once approved FWHP will graciously accept your antique donations. A tax receipt will then be provided.

Antique items of interest dating from the period of 1892-1927:

- Framed prints
- Vases
- Paintings
- Chairs
- Tables
- Beds
- Dressers
- Cabinets
- Lamps
- Stoves
- Toys
- Dishes
- End Tables
- Pots/Pans
- Bedroom Sets
- Hoosier cabinets
- Dining room sets/Bufets

- Kitchen tables
- Chandeliers
- Ceiling lights
- Refrigerator
- Copper items
- Farm Sink
- Exterior doors
- Curtains
- Kitchen Utensils
- Tea Sets/ Table ware
- Armoire/ Wardrobe
- Area Rugs
- Quilts & Fabrics
- Washing Machine
- Sheets & Bedding
- Wood Window Moldings & Trim
- Windows from 1920's home

Please feel free to contact Shari with any questions at: 715-258-5573 or manney@heritageparkway.org



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2013 Annual Meeting Member/Guest Form for Boating and Attendance

☐ Member (Complimentary)

☐ Guest (\$5)

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Do You Own A Boat? Yes No Name of Boat: _____ Boat Length: _____

If you own a boat, would you consider offering other members a ride? Yes No Unsure

If Yes, how many members would you have room for in your boat? _____

Will Attend Annual Meeting Yes No Will Attend Cruise Yes No

Number Attending: ____ Number of Guests Attending: ____

Attending Captains Meeting: Yes No (Mandatory to Participate in Flotilla)

(In order to attend Flotilla, reservations must be mailed by May 1 to Address Below).



**Silent Auction
Included**

Cruise the Locks

Friends of the Fox will
cover all lockage fees.
Departure from
Appleton Lock #1
promptly at Noon.



**Join Us Today for a
FUN FILLED Day as we
CRUISE
through the
LOCKS**

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Please fill out form and Mail to:
Mrs. Brunhilde Courtney 1558 Lakeshore Drive Menasha, WI 54952

It is imperative that we have your response by Wednesday, May 1, 2013