

THE MUIR VIEW



NEWS OF THE SIERRA CLUB IN WISCONSIN

New Director to Focus on Fundraising

by Jim Steffens, John Muir Chapter Chair

I am very pleased to announce that Shahla Werner has accepted the Chapter's offer to be our Chapter Director beginning February 1, 2008. Shahla is currently on the staff of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in Harrisburg, PA. She has a Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She's been Co-President of the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Organization of Women, where she was heavily involved in working with volunteers and fundraising activities. She also served as Grants Coordinator for the

Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. Shahla has family in Wisconsin, is married and has a young son. We look forward to her joining us and are truly excited about her energy, enthusiasm, obvious knowledge of environmental issues, and fundraising experience.

The Chapter Director is the more senior of two full-time staff positions in the Madison office. Our previous Director, Carla Klein, served us well but for a short time. Patrea Wilson, our Chapter Coordinator, is the one you would most likely speak with should you call.

Historically the Chapter Director has played a prominent role in the John Muir Chapter's conservation program. As the most visible spokesperson for the Chapter on a variety of issues, this is the person most often contacted by government officials and members of the press. The director also interacts with other state volunteer organizations. Some of these roles will continue, but we are planning to significantly change the Chapter Director's role with the new hire.

We shall be giving our new Chapter Director the primary goal of leading the fundraising efforts for the Chapter, because we have not been replenishing our funds at the same rate it is being spent.

The Chapter has spent a fair amount of money over the past few years on litigation, particularly around energy issues. This money

has been well spent and we have had a number of notable successes in defense of Wisconsin's environment. Indeed, money in the bank is doing us no good unless it is applied to actual projects to advance our environmental goals.

We now have to be much more conscientious about fundraising, in ways that are fun and involve our members, and in ways that highlight our conservation goals. In order to do this successfully, the Chapter will need to re-invigorate the Chapter volunteer base to assume leadership for our conservation campaigns, at both at the Chapter and Group level. We must come together with a common purpose, involving everyone in constructive ways.

I believe the important and linked issues of energy conservation and Cool Cities will provide a framework to do this. Across Wisconsin we have seen increased interest and concern about these issues, which are also the major focus of the national Sierra Club.

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National Honors



Harriet Iwamoto, a member of the Great Waters Group and our Chapter Treasurer, received a special achievement award for publishing a Kids Guide to the Outdoors. Harriet is pictured with Sierra Club President Robbie Cox.



Lacinda Athen, former Four Lakes Group Chair and Chapter webmaster, received the Electronic Communications Award for the Chapter's Solve Global Warming Wisconsin website, www.solveglobalwarmingwisconsin.org.

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Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame

by Peter Muto, WCHOF delegate

The Board of Directors met at Stevens Point in November and elected three heroes from the past to the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame (WCHOF). The three were Carroll "Buzz" Besadny, Melville Cohee and Paul Oscar Hustings. We will induct these men at a formal ceremony on April 19, 2008, at the Little Theater of the Sentry Headquarters in Stevens Point.

CARROLL BESADNY (1929-1999)

Carroll was born in 1929 in Kewaunee and finished his formal education at UW-Madison, earning a BS in biology and an MS in wildlife management. He went to work at the old Wisconsin Conservation Department, which later became part of our Department of Natural Resources. He had a 42-year career there, and was Secretary of the department for 12 years. The first President Bush appointed Buzz to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Besadny was elected President of the Wildlife Society for 1974-1975. He died in 1999.

MELVILLE H. COHEE (1909-2001)

Melville was born in Frankfort, Indiana and was reared on a farm. He was educated at

Purdue University where he earned a BS and MS in agriculture. Mr. Cohee started on his PhD work at UW-Madison in 1932 in agricultural economics. During his studies he helped plan the soil erosion control program of the Coon Creek Watershed Demonstration Project in Wisconsin's driftless area. This was our nation's first demonstration service. Cohee helped inspire the creation of the federal Soil Conservation Service (SCS), which later became part of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. After completing his PhD degree, he worked for the SCS for the rest of his career. He authored 50 technical articles and publications in his work. Mr. Cohee is recognized for his beneficial impact on our country.

PAUL OSCAR HUSTINGS (1866-1917)

Paul was born in Fond du Lac, and his family moved to Mayville while he was a child. He was educated in the public schools, but became a high school dropout. He asked Governor George W. Peck for a job in Madison to enable him to go to school there. It would have been difficult for our Governor to ignore him because Paul's Grandfather was Solomon Juneau, the founder of Milwaukee. Paul became a bookkeeper for the Secretary of State. He

studied law at UW-Madison, finished at the age of 29, and established his law practice in Mayville. He served as District Attorney of Dodge County and was elected to the state senate. While there he served as chairman of a committee dealing with water-power, drainage and forestry, which succeeded in passing bills that protected the public interest.

Hustings was elected US Senator as a Democrat to become junior senator to "Fighting Bob" La Follette. He voted for declaration of war against Germany in 1917—Lafollette voted "NO!" But La Follette had great respect for Hustings' opinions. Later that year, Hustings returned to Wisconsin and was killed by his brother in a hunting accident. He is honored for his profound impact on our understanding of laws governing our public interest in the waters of the state. (Details of Mr. Hustings' life are from the works of Bill Berry and Evonne Berry.)

For more information on the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame please visit: <http://www.wchf.org/>

Peter Muto, with Dale Schaber, represents the John Muir Chapter on the Board of the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame. Peter is a past chair of the JMC and the St. Croix Valley Interstate Group. He lives in River Falls and serves on the ExCom of the SCVIG.

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TOOLS FOR ACTIVISTS

CARRY A CALIFORNIA QUARTER

Here's an idea passed along by Club Water Sentinels Director Scott Dye:

"While in the Quad Cities recently fighting a proposed slaughterhouse, I inadvertently discovered a great tool to use when speaking to a throng that includes folks who may not be familiar with Sierra Club.

"As I described what the Club is, I pointed out that they could find our founder John Muir on the back of the California quarter. As I continued speaking, I noticed several in the crowd fishing in their pockets for change. The ones with California quarters starting passing them around the room for others to see. Folks were suitably impressed, after all, what other environmental organization has its founder on American currency?"

"I'll never go to another speaking engagement without a California quarter in my pocket."

Excerpted from www.clubhouse.sierraclub.org

Conservation Lobby Day 2008

By Caryl Terrell Legislative Committee Chair SC-JMC

Come to Conservation Lobby Day on Wednesday, January 30, 2008.

Members of Sierra Club will join over a hundred sporting and conservation groups in the State Capitol. You can help make sure legislators address the top conservation priorities because Conservation Lobby Day is your day to tell your state Assembly Representative and your state Senator why you care about clean energy, the Great Lakes and an independent DNR. Your participation will determine what we win in 2008!

Due to record numbers last year and because many legislators won't schedule meetings unless we can tell them how many of their constituents are coming, we recommend registering ASAP! The deadline is Tuesday, January 22, 2008! Register online by clicking on the "Learn More about Lobby Day" link on the WI League of Conservation Voters (WLCV) website, www.conservationvoters.org or telephone WLCV at 608-661-0845.

Conservation Lobby Day begins with sign-in and coffee/tea at 9:00 a.m. at the Inn on the Park, 22 S. Carroll St. in Madison. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. The day ends with refreshments and a Wild Game Feed (small additional fee) at 5:00 PM at the Inn on the Park.

In addition, your insider's view on the Wisconsin Legislature is always just a click away at: <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/tracker/>. The Sierra Club Tracker lists the key State Budget provisions, legislative bills and administrative rules along with the Club's positions.

Caryl Terrell has been the legislative coordinator for the John Muir Chapter of the Sierra Club for over 12 years.

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JMC ExCom Election Results

by Patrea Wilson, Chapter Coordinator

Barbara Frank, who is running for a second 3-year term on the National Sierra Club Board of Directors, retired from the Chapter Executive Committee in 2007 after having served continuously since the 1980s. She was a member and Chair of the

Sierra Club's Midwest Regional Conservation Committee, has represented the John Muir Chapter on the national Council of Sierra Club Leaders, and has held just about every activist position possible with the Coulee Region Group. She continues to serve as the Conservation Co-chair for the Group. Barb knows how one person can impact the world, and will be greatly missed on the ExCom.

Diana Lynn stepped up to run for the

Chapter Executive Committee, and will be welcomed at the January 19th meeting.

Committee members Gary Werner and Jim Steffens both ran again, and were elected to serve new 3-year terms.

Congratulations to the newly elected members, and our heartfelt appreciation to them and to Barb Frank for the time and enthusiasm they have dedicated to this service.

V is for Victory!

In this inspirational column guest writers from different groups share their success stories. News of progress made and battles won are welcomed for future issues.

2007 Autumn Assembly A Smashing Success!

by Dale Schaber

Members of the Fox Valley Sierra Group received many favorable comments about the 2007 Autumn Assembly we hosted at Camp Helen Brachman in Almond, Wisconsin, on October 12-14, 2007.

Many Sierra Club members came together from throughout Wisconsin to meet one another, share ideas and discuss common environmental issues and concerns at the 2007 Autumn Assembly. The programs, meals, musical entertainment, and location provided not only a relaxing experience for all participants but also unique learning opportunities.

I would like to personally thank the following Fox Valley Sierra Group members who were especially involved in planning and organizing the Autumn Assembly: Fox Valley Sierra Group Executive Board members for their encouragement and support; Sally Peck, FVSG Treasurer; Maureen Birk and Ruthann Hetzler, registration; Nancy Brown-Koeller, meals and food service; Kelly Krupka, Group newsletter editor; and Charlie Paine, early riser hikes and the bike outing on Sunday morning.

The following people at the John Muir Chapter level also helped us with the 2007 Autumn Assembly: Lacinda Athen, Carol Hardin, Kelly Krupka, Patrea Wilson, and Caryl Terrell. Thank you for your assistance in organizing and promoting the 2007 Autumn Assembly.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2007 Autumn Assembly a great success! See you at the 2008 John Muir Chapter Autumn Assembly hosted by the Four Lakes Group at Upham Woods 4-H Camp located in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

Dale Schaber is the Conservation Chair of the Fox Valley Group and lives with his wife, Penny Bernard Schaber, in Appleton.



Sierra Club staff and volunteers presented updates on regional and Chapter activities. Pictured from left: Midwest Regional staffperson, Jennifer Feyerherm; Milwaukee staff, Chris Honecker and Rosemary Wehnes; and Chapter Chair, Jim Steffens.



Mark Dawson, an environmental engineer, provided a tour of his offgrid straw bale home in the Amherst area to interested Sierra Club members.



Penny Bernard Schaber (left) received the JJ and Pat Werner Award from the John Muir Chapter. Standing next to Penny are Lacinda Athen, Awards Committee Chair and Alan Lawrence, Fox Valley Sierra Group Chairperson.

GROUP SPOTLIGHT

Each group deserves its share of the limelight so please enlighten chapter members with your group's shining moments by sending a submission for a future issue.

Fox Valley Group

by Alan Lawrence

The Fox Valley Group serves the northeastern portion of Wisconsin, including Door County and up to the Michigan border. It is a large territory, but the majority of the approximately 1,600 members live within the Fox Valley, the communities around the Fox River from Oshkosh to Green Bay.

The group celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2007, remembering our first meeting on January 14, 1982, and our history. A number of members involved during the early years are still active in the group.

Our first meetings were at the Appleton Public Library, and later alternated between locations in Green Bay, Oshkosh and Appleton. We currently meet exclusively at the Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve just outside Appleton. It is a great building for our meetings, and our relationship with the Preserve is wonderful. Meetings are typically attended by perhaps 30 members and several new guests.

We meet ten times a year, taking a summer break and a summer social picnic meeting at a park. Social events are important to us because we discover common interests and make good friends. Our December meeting is primarily a social activity. In May we

have an auction fundraiser and make it a social event. The other meetings revolve around a presentation.

Protection of the Fox River and Lake Michigan has always been important to our group. We are also interested in the Ice Age Trail. We work with the Ice Age Trail Chapter in Portage and Waupaca Counties to maintain segments of the trail near Hartman Creek State Park, and do service outings and recreational hikes along the trail. We also work to control invasive plant species (garlic, mustard and buckthorn) at our local nature preserve and other locations.

We try to organize several outings each month. Hiking, bicycling, canoeing, and cross-country skiing are popular for our members and guests.

Alan Lawrence is the Fox Valley Group Chair and the Webmaster for the Group's website. He lives in Appleton.



Celebrating the Fox Valley Sierra Group's 25th Anniversary at the Columbus Club in Appleton on April 12, 2007. MONNY HJERSTEDT

Chippewa Valley Group

Two of the 2007 John Muir Chapter Awards were presented at the November meeting of the Chippewa Valley Group.



Glenn Stoddard, pictured with the November speaker, Dr. Jean Bahr from UW-Madison, received the Torchbearer Award. Glenn was nominated by Dave Blouin.



Eleanor Wolf (left), pictured with nominator Terri Shewczyk, received a Wildflower Award.

On behalf of the John Muir Chapter's grassroots activists, we are utterly happy to say "Thank you!" to our contributors. Those who are able to give more than their annual membership dues - from \$5.00 to \$5,000.00 - provide a secure basis of support for our effective work here in Wisconsin.

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GREEN REVIEW

Books relevant to Wisconsin Sierra Club Members

by Amy L. Jenkins

 **"Freedom From Oil: How the Next President Can End the United States' Oil Addiction,"** by David Sandalow, McGraw Hill.

Imagine a new President, one motivated to end the United States' oil addiction. How would he or she do it? Sandalow does not tell us. Instead he draws on his White House experience as an assistant Secretary of State and Senior Director on the National Security Council Staff to create a mock presidential search for answers. Our imaginary president announces to his cabinet, advisors, committee chairs, and directors his intention to deliver a speech in one month; this speech will serve as the beginning of the end of oil dependence. Unfortunately, the problem-solving scenario is imaginary. Unfortunately, all the facts about the environmental, economic, and warring perils of oil addiction are authentic.


The search for how to make a change comes in a series of easily digestible

memos, reports, and profiles, which show that a governmental commitment to solving the problem of oil addiction is doable. The nation could make this change. Sandalow's president does deliver a culminating bipartisan speech to the nation. Many who read this book will cast their presidential vote to the candidate most likely to make this speech.

One of the many issues addressed is the need to transform our nation's next cars to electric plug-ins, while infusing the electric grid with renewable sources of energy. A major stumbling block is the concern regarding the life of expensive car batteries for plug-ins. Would a consumer take a chance, knowing a new battery could cost \$10,000? Would a car manufacturer guarantee the battery and continue research toward improving battery life and dependability while they are suffering financial losses? If the government passed aggressive mandates on fuel economy, placed generous orders for electric cars and provided a federal insurance plan for batteries that fail prematurely, the answer is yes. Yes, we could make this switch.

This is not a book to read later—this is a book to be read as a primer to demanding executive leadership in our recovery from oil dependence as we question and consider our presidential candidates. Sandalow

has provided an example of the leadership we must demand from government. We still have the opportunity to capitalize on the economic gains inherent in becoming a leader in new industries. We can stop warring over control of oilfields. We have the opportunity to make our planet cooler.

 **"Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place,"** by Terry Tempest Williams, Pantheon.

(Retro-review--Here's a release from 2000 that's a must read for those who are called to loving our earth and its inhabitants.)

In the life of Terry Tempest Williams, her refuge is her own creation. She builds not with concrete, steel, or wood. She builds by experiencing the natural world as her guide to understanding the wisdom inherent in the spirituality of the earth. She builds a way to live on the planet with a measure of personal peace.

Her struggles in the unnatural world accumulate, as the women in her family, all downwinders of nuclear fallout, are stricken with cancer. Simultaneously, the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and the Great Salt Lake, the landscapes she loves, are transformed by flooding that the government attempts to control by pumping water into the desert. Her mother's chemotherapeutic drugs concurrently pump into a body that clearly cannot overcome the proliferation of cancer. Williams holds and adjusts her lens with *(Continued on next page)*

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Has your city or town signed the Mayor's Agreement on Climate Change and, if so, is it doing anything constructive about it? If the answers to either of these questions is no, challenge the Chapter to provide you with the guidance to initiate a Cool Cities Program and or the resources to follow through.

We shall not achieve success as a state until our concepts of energy conservation are vastly changed. We shall not achieve success as an organization until we can effectively provide the volunteer leadership for this campaign, and link this with raising the funds we need to continue to successfully defend Wisconsin's environment.

Jim Steffens, John Muir Chapter Chair, belongs to the Four Lakes Group. He lives in Ridgeway.

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Tree-Hugger's Hangout

"Tree-Hugger's Hangout" celebrates the special outdoor places we tree-huggers cherish, places where we go for solace and renewal. If you have a favorite spot you'd like to write about, please submit your contribution to the editor.

Skiing and Snowshoeing at Blue Mound State Park

By Kathy Mulbrandon

Swish, swoosh, swish, swoosh – my skis glide effortlessly over the well-groomed trails at Blue Mound State Park. I take in the beautiful scenery and spectacular winter wonderland after a recent 6-inch snowfall. It doesn't take long for Park Manager Karl Heil to meticulously groom the nine miles of trails that wind through peaceful rolling fields and mature oak-hickory forests.

Located just 25 minutes west of Madison, Wisconsin Blue Mound State Park is perched atop the highest point in southern Wisconsin and offers spectacular views and unique geological features. In winter the hiking trails are transformed into ski trails suited for the beginner and also the more advanced skier.

My favorite trail is the 4-mile Flintrock Loop named for the flintrock boulders scattered along the way. If you listen really carefully while sloggng up a moderate incline you can hear the birds singing high up in the trees, or catch a glimpse of a bounding deer far off in the woods. At the top of the hill I take a moment to catch my breath and reflect on the freedom of skiing – the pure white snow swept by a bracing winter chill.

Skiing for me is the freedom to escape the fast-paced burdens that our lives so often hold, a time to eschew gas-guzzling cars and point my skis down the

trail. And, that's exactly what happens next – this trail leads into a nice downhill that traverses the campground area. One of these years I'll make good on a promise to myself to try winter camping.

The Park is open year-round with several campsites that have electrical hook ups. I usually alternate my winter visits to Blue Mound between skiing and snowshoeing (quite a difficult choice for me). Yes, Blue Mounds also boasts a 3-mile snowshoe route, which can be extended in length by following other non-ski trails. The zig-zagging wooded trail reminds me of why I love this park – for the stunning silence, the fresh air, the beautiful scenery, and for just being outdoors.

The 4Lakes Group has participated in candlelight ski events hosted by the Friends of Blue Mound State Park, complete with a big campfire and refreshments. During a candlelight event last winter, on a clear cold night, atop a hill we gathered and identified the many brilliant constellations. What a magnificent sight! Hot chocolate around a warm fire topped off a great outing.

Parking and toilets are located at the trailhead. There's even a sledding hill near the trailhead to keep the kids happy. So, the next time you're in the area bring your skis or snowshoes and enjoy Blue Mound State Park in the winter. A trail pass is required of all skiers age 16 or older in addition to the vehicle admission sticker. For more information about the Blue Mound State Park, go to <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/bluemound/>.

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Fellow 4Lake Sierrans enjoy the trails at Blue Mound State Park.

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personal precision to expose both the natural and the unnatural.

Her words are both direct: "Most of the women in my family are dead. Cancer," and ethereal: "On days such as this, when my soul has been wrenched, the simplicity of flight and form above the lake untangles my grief. 'Glide' the gulls write in the sky—and, for a few brief moments, I do." Throughout Refuge, Williams shakes her activist head at the societal disconnection from the natural world that threatens to destroy the source of life, community, and refuge. Her final metaphor of grief, expressed

after her mother's slow death, is of the Great Salt Lake, a personal reservoir of tears not only for Williams, but for all who share her love and lamentations for the land and for all stunted and stolen life.

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WILD FLORA OF THE MONTH

Article and photos by Janice Stiefel

From Hidden Corners Sanctuary, Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin

SHEPHERD'S PURSE

(*Capsella bursa-pastoris*)

Family: Brassicaceae (Mustard)

Other Names: St. Jameswort, Shovelweed, Pick Purse, Pepper & Salt, Lady's Purse, Mother's Heart, Shepherd's Sprout, and Little Purse of the Shepherd.

Habitat: Disturbed areas, cultivated land, lawns, and waste places.

Description: This is a very erect annual forb with heart-shaped seedpods and terminal clusters of white flowers. The flowers are very tiny with four petals arranged as a cross, with six stamens. The plant has two types of leaves; the rosette of basal leaves are deeply toothed, dandelion-like and 2 to 4 in. long; the stem leaves are smaller, arrow-shaped, clasping the stem. The fruit is a heart-shaped pod, 1/2 to 1 in. wide, indented at the tip.

Height: 6 to 18 in.

Flowering: April to autumn

Comments: Shepherd's Purse is a native of Europe; introduced and naturalized in the U.S. The plant has accompanied Europeans in all their migrations and established itself wherever they have settled to till the soil. In an old herbal, it says that this is one of the plants named as unknown to the New World before the Pilgrim fathers settled there.

Shepherd's Purse can be found growing in Greenland, at sites where it was introduced by Norsemen 1,000 years ago. It is unmindful of hot or cold weather; it disregards being trampled upon for it will only rise again and persist in flourishing. Such universality would seem to indicate its high purpose—as an all-purpose provider, a good food as well as medicine, and its benefits need to be better recognized. The spring leaves are eaten as cabbage in many countries.

Medicinal Use: "For cuts and scrapes, let a few drops of tincture of Shepherd's Purse fall on the cut to stop the bleeding.

Bleeding is the body's natural response to being cut, and letting a little blood flow helps to clean out the wound. If you have a small cut and it's still oozing blood after 5 min., stem the crimson tide with Shepherd's Purse," says Marcey Shapiro, M.D., a family doctor in Albany, CA who combines natural healing with conventional medicine. "Just a few drops right on the cut will do the trick. As a bonus, the alcohol in the tincture is antiseptic."

The plant has been used by midwives around the world from antiquity to the present to slow or stop blood loss from labor and childbirth. Even during World War I, when two widely used hemostats, Ergot and Goldenseal, became unavailable from European sources, they were replaced with an extract of this plant.

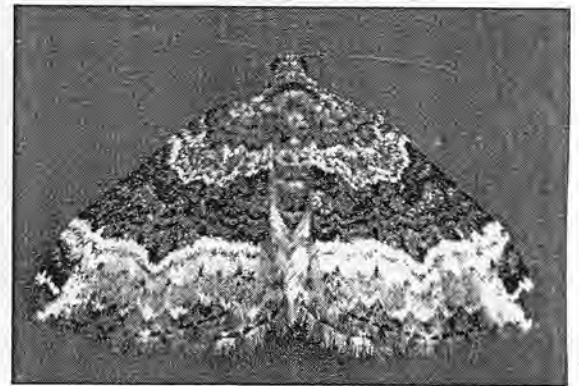
Shepherd's Purse is also a soothing, stimulating diuretic useful in inflammation of the urinary organs. The juice dropped into ears heals the pains, noise, etc. An ointment of it is especially good for wounds of the head.

Name Origin: The Common Name alludes to the strange shape of the fruit, which was very similar to the purses or pouches, which were once commonly hung from belts. The Genus Name, *Capsella* (kap-SELL-a) is Latin for "box or case." The Species Name, *bursa-pastoris* (bur-sa-pass-TOR-is) is Latin for "little purse of the shepherd."

Author's Note: I discovered this seemingly insignificant little plant when I was a child growing up during the 40s in Skokie, Illinois. At that time, Skokie was a vast prairie with Wild Asparagus, lots of Common Milkweeds, many types of grasses and weeds. Streets, sidewalks and sewers were installed but there were only a few houses scattered here and there. All these "improvements" were installed in the 30s, with anticipation of a population explosion. However, World War II came along and the plans came to a screeching halt. I was very fortunate to have access to all that wildness. I found many plants and insects but I had a frustrating time making identifications. This plant was one of them. It wasn't until a few years ago that I finally discovered its correct name. I recall using the heart-



Shepherd's Purse (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*). JANICE STIEFEL



Sharp-Angled Carpet Moth (*Euphyia intermedata*)
Wingspan: 1 inch. JANICE STIEFEL

shaped pods for decorating miniature Valentine cards, painting them red, and using them as a border. Sometimes I would find a weird triangular-shaped pod and use that as a purse for my homemade paper dolls to carry—never dreaming that they were actually called, Little Purse of the Shepherd.

Shepherd's Purse is one of the food sources for the larvae of the beautiful Sharp-Angled Carpet Moth. The photo appears in color on the BugGuide website (see URL under photo). I have posted close to 700 insect photos on this website. Here's my URL, which changes as I post more photos. Just click on each photo to make it larger and reveal details.

<http://bugguide.net/bgimage/user/1011>

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Nurture *with* Nature

Reach the Children Well

by Carol Hardin

The 2007 Autumn Assembly was the first of such gatherings I've ever attended. It was great to meet in person everyone I've only met on-line. It also brought me face-to-face with the reality of our demographics.

If we are mostly the grandparent generation or the parents of young adults, then is the focus of this column misdirected? Nurturing is generally associated with raising young families, so why write about it in a newsletter that's read by an older group?

It's understandable that young parents may not be active in Sierra Club, or any in other causes for that matter. They have their hands full in these childrearing years. So perhaps the best question is, what can we do to help young families nurture a love of our natural environment?

At the risk of preaching to the choir, the answer may be to make every effort to get them out and into the great outdoors whenever possible. Take them with you to your tree-hugger hangouts on a regular basis. Make it a holiday tradition that everyone goes on a hike. You don't need your own grandchildren or relatives to do this. In fact reaching out to other young families may have an even greater impact. Consider purchasing an annual park sticker for a needy family. Put on your Sierra Club pin and volunteer at a nature center or state park family program. Share your outdoor knowledge in a classroom program or help a scout group earn a badge.

Consider what your group can do to sponsor or contribute to youth initiatives or groups in your area. It could be as simple as donating an environmental children's book or Sierra Club puppet to a children's library. Donate Sierra Club items for youth group raffles or silent auctions. Take part in community events that focus on young families.

Make a broader impact by making sure the schools in your area are meeting state environmental education requirements. These standards are explained on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Website (www.dpi.state.wi.us/standards.) See if there is something in those standards that you or your group could help implement.

In the overview section of the Environmental Education Model Academic

Standards it states: "Since 1983, the people of Wisconsin, through their elected officials, have achieved important environmental education goals, including: establishing a requirement that every school district develop and implement a written, sequential curriculum plan incorporating instruction in environmental education into all subject area curriculum plans, with the greatest emphasis in plans for art, health, science, and social studies education [see Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 8.01(2)(k)]."

While schools are required to have an environmental curriculum, schools are not required to meet state standards for environmental education. According to the introduction to the section on environmental education, "By law, however, districts must have academic standards in place by August 1, 1998, in reading and writing, geography and history, mathematics, and science. Districts may adopt the model state standards, or standards from other sources, or develop their own standards. Although not required by law to have standards in the other subjects, districts may choose to adopt or develop academic standards in those areas as well."

Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards for Environmental Education was made possible through a grant from the Wisconsin Environmental Education

Board, (WEEB). You can find out more about WEEB, which was created by the Wisconsin legislature in 1990, on the website: www.uwsp.edu/cnr/weeb/index.htm.

At the Autumn Assembly two teachers and a student of the Fox River Academy, an environmental charter school in Appleton, presented a wonderful program about this special place. It was inspiring to learn about a school in which everyone was passionate about their studies. We need to learn how we can support such schools and help create more of them.

Camp Helen Bachman, where the assembly was held, was also inspiring. This Children's Outing Association (COA) camp sits on 200 beautiful acres in Almond, near Waupaca. The COA was founded in 1906 as a fresh air camp for needy immigrant children in Milwaukee. During the summer it hosts programs for inner-city children. The Camp's Director, Daryl Woods, spoke to us about the camp and his work with the young people. He related how the outdoor experience has such a positive impact and is even life changing for some.

As Sierra Club members we know the importance of the great outdoors in our lives. As we age and the children of today are less in touch with the natural world, it's more important than ever that we reach out to them and lead them to their natural place in the world.

Carol Hardin, Saint Croix Valley Interstate Group Chair, works in a library, a garden center, and whenever possible, in her Hudson gardens.



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ALTERNATIVE VIEW

In an effort to accomplish common environmental goals, this column reaches out to groups that are not usually considered traditional environmentalists. Guest writers from various backgrounds will share their viewpoints and show us another way of looking at the world we share.

THE FAITHFUL CONSUMER

...connecting faith and the environment

by Sarah M. Streed

When I wrote the first "Faithful Consumer" column three years ago, the attitude towards environmentalism was very different. I felt I was in a minority that was worried and trying to raise awareness among the mostly unaware. Even among—dare I say especially among—churches, this was the feeling I got as I traveled around Wisconsin in my role as Director of the Wisconsin Interfaith Climate & Energy Campaign (www.wicec.org), giving a power point presentation on faith and the environment.

Since then there has been a groundswell of movement, both among churches as well as larger entities, e.g., the Wisconsin Council of Churches published an Environmental Justice Statement (I was involved in the process), effectively signaling that this is a faith issue. This has coincided with the average American becoming more aware as well. I knew when I saw copies of "An Inconvenient Truth" lined up in Movie Gallery that it had become a mainstream issue; for this alone Gore deserves his Nobel.

In short, during the three years of writing the column out of love and for no money, I have seen that the public has taken on the issue and is running with it, effectively rendering my column obsolete. How wonderful to be made obsolete! Thus, I feel it is time to put aside my pen and this will be the last column.

After twenty years of trying to live in a more earth-friendly manner in order to leave a better world for my children, I have found the practical steps below to be the easiest and most effective way of saving the planet. I leave them to you as my contribution towards every parents' most urgent wish—that she/he can have a list of concrete things to do to address the problem. My list goes like this:

- Bring your own cloth bags to the grocery. Both paper (cutting down trees and the production) and plastic (the use of petroleum, ending up in landfills) have their problems, and cloth doesn't.
- Don't eat beef. Our family first started this during the Mad Cow scare and then just never got back to eating beef. The amount of energy consumed in raising huge herds of cattle, then shipping and selling their meat, is enormous.
- Don't use the AC. This one was helped by our moving into an old house with radiators and no central AC. We decided to install ceiling fans and offer window AC units for those in upstairs bedrooms. Keeping windows and shades shut during the day and opening them to the cool breezes at night often takes care of it. Yes, there were times when we were hot and we used the window ACs at night, but that was not often.
- Buy a hybrid. My husband's Honda Insight still uses one gallon of gas on his 55-minute one-way commute—it's amazing. The problem now is that the Honda is getting old (five years) and they no longer issue that model. (He's checking into Biodiesel.)
- Use a clothesline. I still use a dryer, but it's so nice to go outside and hang up clothes on a sunny day.
- Buy environmentally friendly cleaning products. When I first started looking for these for use when I couldn't use baking soda or lemons, I had to drive to Madison to a special store. Now I can find these at my local grocery store.
- Use CFLs (the squiggly light bulbs).
- Buy local. This is better in every way—for the environment, for your children, for the community.

- Compost. And along with that, rake your leaves instead of blowing them. Then use those same leaves to cover the compost after you throw it in the special bin in the backyard.
- Avoid plastic. It's not known how long it takes plastic to biodegrade because all the plastic ever created is still here. The best guess is that it can take up to 1,000 years to biodegrade. (And while we're on this subject: Use wax paper lunch bags rather than plastic. Several readers have asked where to buy these. They're hard to find. I was told that Woodman's in Madison carries them.)
- Support the rainforests. I used to think that a tree planted anywhere was a plus but now I'm learning that's not necessarily true. But trees in the rainforests are necessary for our planet to live. Let's save whatever rainforest is left.
- Buy green energy from your local energy utility. Most utilities now have this option for consumers.
- Raise environmentally aware kids. This will happen without you even trying if you take some of these steps.

Essentially, environmentalism is about living simply and consuming less. If you actively try to do this and explain to your kids the reason (I remember all the incredulous looks I got over the years, especially when I was trying to explain why we no longer ate hamburgers) your kids will follow this path. Our eldest is now a junior in college and just finished an internship at the Wisconsin State Journal where he petitioned for—and wrote—front-page articles on green topics. It does take hold.

Dear readers: After three years of being "faithful consumers," we will continue to strive towards the goal of living according to our beliefs—to protect and conserve God's creation. We live with the hope of—at some point and maybe not in this life—hearing, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

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RIVER TOURING SECTION OF THE JOHN MUIR CHAPTER

2008 Annual Meeting

River Touring Section (RTS) volunteers teach a variety of clinics and trips on both quietwater and whitewater. We welcome Sierra Club members and non-members paddling either canoes or kayaks. All trips, except clinics and any group camping charges, are free. You are responsible for your own transportation to the river, paddling gear, food and lodging or camping equipment. All participants are required to sign a liability waiver. RTS also participates directly in river protection issues around the state.

The River Touring Section's 2008 Annual Meeting will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 12, in the Town of Summit Town Hall near Oconomowoc. Anyone interested in canoeing or kayaking is welcome to attend.

Our main activity is filling the calendar with a variety of paddling adventures from ice-out in spring to freeze-up in the fall. We also conduct the annual business meeting where we discuss river conservation issues and elect a new chairperson.

As we did last year, we'll start with a potluck lunch. The meeting will wind up

with slides and stories about members' trips over the past year. Please contact Chuck Patrick if you have any slides or stories you would like to share. Bring whatever paddling gear you would like to sell. Also bring a dish to share and your own plates, cups, and utensils. RTS provides beverages.

Please direct questions or concerns regarding the River Touring Section to Meg Nelson at prairiesmoke2@gmail.com.

See you on January 12th for the annual meeting!

CHAIRMAN'S STUMP

Tell the Boss... It's Snowing!

by Ron Horn, Chapter Outing Chairman

Looking around October's Annual Chapter Meeting, it was evident many of us are at that age where we can contemplate freedom from a boss. (It was equally refreshing to note the number of young faces amongst us!)

My own opportunity "to tell the boss..." occurred on an appropriate date — April Fool's Day 2000! The conversation was intentionally a one-way street.

Well before Ronnie Reagan changed the fundamental values of our country, I counted on more than just his bottom line economics. As he allowed business tycoons a free rein, I found increasing disagreements with bosses and regulators who spent more time weaseling around our environmental and business laws, rules and regulations than leading society with a common sense of fair play to solve society's needs, such as global warming.

Without competent leaders, we now note the increasingly ephemeral nature of our winters' snow, etc. Therefore, when it snows in the evening, "tell your boss" it's most important to your mental health and productivity that you spend a few hours the next morning X-C skiing or snowshoeing through the white stuff! By the weekend

when it's predicted to be 45°F, the snow's freshness, if not the snow, will be gone.

Four inches of fresh powder snow at 15°F (green wax with a blue kicker) is too grand an opportunity to miss! I'm fortunate to be able to break fresh tracks at Riveredge Nature Center or Cedarburg Bog, each within three miles of the gravel road that runs past home.

Who was out during the night or the first hours of dawn? Deer and bunny rabbit tracks are surely to be found. Mouse, squirrel (bounding between trees), and turkey tracks are relatively common too. Use the silence to follow the tracks to a flock of turkeys! Which way were the critters going? Was it at a fast clip or was the red fox just poking around from one grass tuft to the next?

Fresh powder snow is best to capture the details of a mouse or vole dragging its tail. Following a mouse track can be rewarding! Twice I've been fortunate to observe tracks marking the intersection of a mouse's track with the wing beat or two of a silent, winged predator. A squirt of red and the absence of further mouse tracks indicated the outcome.

My most unusual track (typically, no camera!): a Riveredge squirrel bounding across

the snow at a good clip. This trail must have been his daily route. He sailed right across a Leopold bench strategically placed in bright sunlight and kept on going. The miracle was that he left the six inches of powder snow on the top of the bench with the hole his body punched right through! Did he pause to turn back to admire his handiwork? (No!)

Untouched powder snow slows our descent, giving us a better chance to ski around that big tree. Note the light breeze dislodging tufts of powder from the pine branches. Saunter slowly; admire the curl and graceful lighting on a fresh snowdrift. After winter's hard freeze, a crusted wet snow can be perfect to allow crossing the swamp you've been curious to explore. Air bubbles trapped under the ice of a babbling brook create unique patterns.

On weekdays there's the added plus of freedom from the whine of fleeing snowmobiles. During each such outing, I revel in the total peace 'n quiet while the rest of the world is furiously at work. Yes, tell the boss...

Join us on an outing or help lead one!

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WINTER & SPRING OUTINGS '08

January 1, 2008, Tuesday: New Years Day Hike/Snowshoe at Parfrey's Glen. Start the New Year off right with some quality time with nature. We'll check out a section of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and top it off with a hike into Parfrey's Glen, a dramatic gorge in the Baraboo Hills known for its sublime beauty. The trails can be slippery when snow and ice covered. Snowshoes will provide a good grip. Boots with good tread help. Spikes or crampons work well too. Bring weather-appropriate, layered clothing and footwear, a snack and water. We'll meet at 11:00 AM in the Parfrey's Glen parking lot on County Hwy DL in Sauk County. Carpooling from Madison will leave at 10:00 AM from the western parking lot Hill Farms State Office Building on Sheboygan Avenue. A state park sticker is required for vehicles. Jon Higgins (Madison) at 608-345-5997 or jonnylv@earthlink.net. [4L]

January 12, Saturday: Candlelight Ski at Lake Kegonsa State Park. Experience and learn about the winter environment as you cross-country ski on a beautiful winter night. Join us for 2 miles of groomed ski trails lit with hundreds of glowing luminaries. To carpool from Madison meet at 5:30 p.m. at Ground Zero Coffee House, 744 Williamson St. Please RSVP to meet at the trailhead so we will look for you. We'll grab something to eat afterwards. Jon Higgins, Madison, 608-345-5997 or jonnylv@earthlink.net. [4L]

January 18-20: Three nights at the Afterglow Lake Resort. A side-by-side duplex type cabin wood burning fireplaces is

reserved at this popular family resort 18 miles north of Eagle River, WI. Their excellent striding and skate skiing trails and separate snowshoe trails are free for resort guests. Other trails are nearby. There's also tubing and ice-skating and even a hole in the water for the polar plunge if you're so inclined! Check the website for more information including ski conditions.

Saturday Night is wine/beer and cheese tasting followed by a potluck dinner. Friday and Sunday nights are on your own. There are nearby restaurants or you can use the fully equipped kitchen in each unit to eat-in.

Each trip participant is responsible for the following:

- All breakfasts, lunch and snack foods and beverages.
- Equipment and clothing for weather and conditions. (Snowshoe rental is available at the resort.)
- Sheets and bath towels. (Blankets, pillows and bedspreads are supplied.) A sleeping bag may be the easiest thing to bring.

Penny Bernard Schaber and Dale Schaber: Appleton, 920-739-6041. Nancy Brown-Koeller and John Koeller: Appleton/Shawano day: 920 721-5431; evening: 920-830-6625 [FV]

January 22, Tuesday: Cruisin' for Cuisine to Pisan's. Let's visit an old Italian favorite on a cold winter night. With their new location, we may get a nice view of Lake Monona

while we dine! Discussion topic: The environment in election '08. RSVP to Lacinda Athen by January 17th 608-274-7870 or lathen@farin.com [4L]

January 26, Saturday: Ski the Lakewood Trail. Learn about the Nicolet National Forest on the trail which winds for several miles, crossing several forest roads along the way. It's a fairly easy trail but rated intermediate for a few stretches. Charlie Paine, Menasha, 920-739-1900. [FV]

February 16, Saturday: Work Party at John Muir Memorial Park. Help restore the oak savanna depicted in John Muir's sketch of his first boyhood home in America. As a boy, Sierra Club's founder cleared stumps around the same quiet lake where we'll flex our muscles. Work clothes and gloves are recommended to haul brush and tend fires. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Bring lunch and beverage.

Muir spoke often about preserving this area for posterity and we can enjoy a winter day while making that dream come true. Muir Park is located on the east side of Hwy F, half way between Portage and Montello. (Potential snow days: Feb. 17, 23, & 24.) John Reindl, 4514 Gregg Rd, Madison, WI 53705, (608) 238-0393, reindl@chorus.net or Ron Horn, West Bend, 262- 675-6747. This is the JOHN MUIR MEMORIAL PARK!! Please help with a good turnout! (If you can't join us on the 16th but would like to HELP, please contact us. There will be other workdays during the winter.) [JM]

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Protecting Chequamegon- Nicolet National Forest

The Environmental Law & Policy Center's (ELPC), a Midwest public interest environmental advocacy organization, recently updated the John Muir Chapter on their work to protect the forest ecosystem in Northern Wisconsin.

The U.S. Forest Service multiple and accelerating timber sales would allow logging on 80,000 acres of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. ELPC public interest attorneys are representing our scientist colleagues to preserve the most important natural areas, clean water, threatened species and wildlife habitat, biodiversity and other natural resources values.

Right now, the Forest Service appears to be gearing up to approve the Fishel timber sale, which is located about ten miles northeast of Eagle River. Key sensitive species and important natural areas are at risk.

ELPC is currently challenging four timber sales in the administrative process: Camp Four, east of Park Falls; Cayuga, near Clam Lake; Fishel, just east of Eagle River; and Medford Aspen, northwest of Medford.

They settled two timber sales with the Forest Service: Boulder, near Langlade; and Long Rail, near Long Lake, in which we reached agreements that the Forest Service would not cut old northern hardwood and aspen stands in specified areas to protect vital habitat for red-shouldered hawks and northern goshawks, and to clean rivers and streams.

ELPC public interest attorneys are challenging four timber sales in the Federal District Court in Milwaukee: Fishbone,

near Iron River; McCaslin, near Lakewood; Northwest Howell, near Eagle River; and Twentymile, located between Grand View and Clam Lake. These four cases are at various stages of litigation and involve Forest Service violations of the National Environmental Policy Act and other federal environmental laws.

Founded in 1993, one of ELPC's premises is that environmental progress and economic development can be achieved together. For more information about ELPC's work visit the website: www.elpc.org.

The Environmental Law & Policy Center contacted JMC because of our interest and support for protecting natural resources in Wisconsin. They will keep us informed of their progress. Eric Uram, JMC vice-chair, suggests that the Conservation Committee coordinate with ELPC's efforts. To enlist your support contact the chapter office or Eric at Eric.Uram@headwaters.us.

(Outings continued from previous page)
February 23, Saturday: Cross Country Ski at the Brown County Reforestation Camp. We will ski the well-groomed trails (both striding and skating) along which we will see first-hand the effects of modern forest management, then stop for pizza on the way home. Charlie Paine, Appleton, 920-739-1900. [FV]

February 26, Tuesday: Cruisin' for Cuisine to David's Jamaican Cuisine. A short trip to Monona and you'll feel like you're in the islands! Spicy jerk dishes and a tropical drink can help ward off the winter chill. Discussion topic: Green lawn care. RSVP to Lacinda Athen by February 21st. 608-274-7870 or lathen@farin.com. [4L]

May 10-19: Boundary Waters/Quetico Park Canoe Trip. Join us on an adventure in a timeless and pristine wilderness called Quetico. In the land of the voyageurs you'll join eight other canoeists along ancient pathways and waterways, paddling two days in to a base camp for four days of exploration, relaxation and fresh fish meals. Featuring fishing, reflection and observing wildlife, this trip occurs when cool lakes and weather afford the best angling. Experience is not required, but good physical fitness and a positive attitude are essential. Shared costs will be \$475, including canoes and packs. A deposit of \$100 is necessary to hold your reservation. Trip leader: Richard Berling. Call 608-241-0817 or email reberling@charter.net. [4L/GW/JM]

May 11-17: Women's Northwoods Service Week in Boulder Junction, WI. Join other

outdoorswomen in the beautiful Northern Highland State Forest to assist with research projects, plant native trees, prepare canoe campsites for summer, and/or quash alien invasives in native forest ecosystems. Stay at a lakeside cabin while working four days and using one "layover day" to explore the area's trails, lakes, and rivers. Limit 8; cost \$170, including accommodations and meals. This trip is jointly sponsored by the Central U.P. MI group; the Louisville, KY group; and the River Prairie, IL group. Contact Sherry Zoars, Watersmeet, MI, thezoars@excite.com, 906-358-1110, or Kate Cunningham, Louisville, KY, kate.cunningham@juno.com, 502-339-1381, [JM]

August 2-11: Boundary Waters/Quetico Canoe Trip. Join eight other modern-day voyageurs on this special adventure into the timeless and pristine wilderness of Canada's Quetico Provincial Park. Two nine-person crews will traverse the park one way, one crew beginning at an Ely, MN base and the other at Atikokan, Ontario, meeting along the way in a grand rendezvous. Expect to see ancient Ojibway pictographs, travel the routes of the trappers and voyageurs and fish and swim in drinkable lakes. Experience is not required, but good physical fitness and a positive attitude are essential. Shared costs will be \$475, including canoes and packs. A deposit of \$100 will hold your reservation. Trip leaders: Mike Prausa (Atikokan to Ely) 414-305-0052, email mprausa@wi.rr.com and Bill Moore (Ely to Atikokan) 262-785-9022, email environ1@sbcglobal.net. [GW/4L/JM]

August 29 - September 7: Boundary Waters/Quetico Canoe Trip. Experience the life and land of the French voyageurs, Ojibway Indians and British trappers on this classic adventure into Ontario's Quetico Provincial Park. Beginning from a base near Ely, MN, you'll roam through the best of Quetico's granite wilderness with opportunities to fish, swim, view ancient pictographs and learn about this historic land. Experience is not required, but good physical fitness and a positive attitude are essential. Shared costs will be \$475, including canoes and packs. Reservation deposit: \$100. Trip leader/guide: Bill Moore. Call 262-785-9022 or email environ1@sbcglobal.net. [GW/4L/JM]

Outing host group is indicated in brackets []:

(CV)	Chippewa Valley Group
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(JM)	John Muir Chapter

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John Muir Chapter Calendar

2008 EXCOM MEETINGS

January 19 Methodist Church, Baraboo
(Singer Fellowship Hall)

2008 EVENTS

January 12 River Touring Section Annual Meeting
Summit Town Hall, Oconomowoc

January 30 Conservation Lobby Day*
State Capitol, Madison

April 22 Earth Day

October Autumn Assembly
Sponsored by the Four Lakes Group

*Note: Conservation Lobby Day was a huge success in 2007; you can make it even more effective in 2008. Sponsored by the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters. Everyone is welcome, and needed, so plan to join your Sierra Club at the State Capitol in February.

Check the John Muir Chapter website, or e-mail or call the Chapter office for updated information.

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