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## Projects cont'd

- Possibility Place Nursery planted native trees in the arboretum field.
- Received a \$5000.00 grant from the Lake Geneva Garden Club for "seed money" to plan and start building a one acre natural wildlife pond.
- Thanks to the Williams Bay Fire department and Josh Skolnick, we had a very successful prairie burn.

## 2001 KNC Projects

- Work on extending Lion's Club boardwalk
- Work on wildlife pond projects.
- Cut down dead trees.
- Smooth out uneven trails and place wood chips on them.
- Construct brush piles to house small mammals.

## Celebrating an Anniversary

Alice J. Morava and Lois Morava

*Indigenous---growing or living naturally in a particular region or environment.*

The Lake Geneva Garden Club, challenged to choose a local site for its Project 2000, selected Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy. In celebration of its 80th year in the Garden Club of America, an arboretum was established at the north end of the Conservancy in a lovely area adjacent to Harris Road.

We are all too familiar with the Red, White and Bur Oak. Among the trees planted are the Chenquapin Oak, the Hill's Oak and the Swamp White Oak. Have you ever seen an Iowa Crab, Blue Beech, Quaking Aspen, Kentucky Coffee or a Blue and White Ash? All are "indigenous" to the Geneva Lake area and, among others, are presently taking root in the Conservancy. A total of 80 trees will be in the arboretum with supplemental shrubs.

Established in 1915, the Lake Geneva Garden Club has an biannual house and a garden walk as its fundraiser. The recipients of the club's largesse are organizations directly related to the environment, education and preservation.

Serving on the executive board with President Martha Craven are Sally Jouris, Marianne Bestler, Anne McNeill, Carole Sandner, Nancy Williams and Anne Cork.

The KNC board, Friends and all those who enjoy and appreciate the Conservancy thank the Lake Geneva Garden Club members for their enthusiastic and invaluable support.

Come June 24, 2001, late afternoon, plans are underway for a Mid-summer's Eve dedication of the arboretum and celebration of KNC's 10th anniversary.



Lake Geneva Garden Club members

Left to right:

Peggy Everhart, Lael Dimberg, Lucy Otzen, Na

## Summer Interns

The Conservancy continues to benefit from enthusiastic and knowledgeable interns each summer. This year they were Jamie Tietz and Jason Rohr, both students at UW-Stevens Point.

The areas where their efforts are most obvious are the split-rail fence that borders the wildflower garden south of the entry on HWY 67 and the double deer fencing surrounding the new arboretum along Harris Road.

They also continued the ever-present chores of removing brush and invasive species, keeping walking paths in good condition and removing dead trees.

## KNC Trivia

### #1 Target Weed-GARLIC MUSTARD

Garlic mustard is a swift-spreading, invasive weed that thrives in and along woodlands. In just a few years, garlic mustard can crowd out an entire forest floor of wildflowers, ferns and sedges, creating a dense mat of weeds.



A volunteer clears downed trees.





*Nancy Williams, Chace Wolff*

## Williams Bay High School Community Volunteers

Lois Morava

A newly formed COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS group is an extra-curricular activity at Williams Bay High School. "Giving to the Community" will provide service opportunities for students and encourage volunteerism.

The "Kish Kids" have been volunteering each month in the KNC since September 1998. They are the largest group that participates in Volunteer Days.

Another current Community Volunteer project is "Relay for Life" to benefit the American Cancer Society. Participation in other community and school activities will also be considered. Membership in the group is open to all high school students. Science teacher, Jim Moon, is advisor to the group.

We are grateful to these young volunteers. Their concern for our resources assures us that they will carry on and continue the work of the Conservancy.



*The "Kish Kids"*  
*Front Row, left to right: Pat Seul, Tracy Borgen, Allison Nawoj, Claire Smith, Heidi Stocking*  
*Row 2: Shawn Lovell, Matt Vice, Mike Byrnes, Therese Hopkins, Greg Choyce*

## Volunteer Days

Lois Morava

Saturday VOLUNTEER DAYS continues to be a vital part of maintaining and improving the Conservancy. Twenty one people planted 500 wildflowers on the east and south sides of the shelter near the entrance on May 13. Two Saturdays in June found the volunteers pulling garlic mustard along the walking paths.

Other projects included clearing brush, helping install deer fencing in the new arboretum and cutting invasive trees.

Appreciation of our "jewel" Conservancy has brought volunteers from Delavan, Elkhorn, Linn, Fontana as well as Williams Bay.

The fourth Saturday of each month, February through November has been set as a Volunteer Day, 9:00-11:00 am. Dates and projects are announced in the local papers. All volunteers are welcome.

## Scout Projects

Ray Loyd

Williams Bay Boy Scout Troop # 237 and the KNC had a mutually beneficial year. David Dean identified the wildflowers in the planters near the entrance with permanent name signs. Jeffery Fox assisted with the controlled burn to eradicate invasive species. Nathan Pagel helped maintain the bluebird houses. All were under the guidance of Scout Leader, Gail Fox.

Helping with the controlled burn and brush clearing were Derek Gates, Dieter Konz, Elliott Muller, Tom Nelson, Chris Byrnes, Chris Kennedy, Curt Lemke and Steve Berti.

## Harvest Moon Festival

Guri Henderson

Last September 15, 2000 over 220 area residents attended our 10th annual Harvest Moon Bonfire and free hot dog roast held in the Conservancy.

This popular event is sponsored each year by KNC with refreshments generously donated by the George Williams Lake Geneva Campus of Aurora University and the McDonalds, Lake Geneva. The entertainment was sponsored by Wisconsin Electric.

The fun evening of trail walks, D.J. music, campfire treats and camaraderie, is open to the public every autumn.

Our 2001 Harvest Moon Bonfire will take place in the Conservancy on the Friday evening closest to the full moon. You are invited to join us for this celebration of nature.





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