



## Urgent Need For Coot's Corner Volunteers

Visitor Center and Coot's Corner remodeling has begun.

The front lobby area of the Visitor Center and Coot's Corner are undergoing a change, both physically and operationally. Coot's Corner will be contained within its own walls inside the Visitor Center. The store cash register will not be part of the VC front desk. Refuge staff will no longer be able to help with store sales.



The reason behind the change comes from updated Friends and Volunteer policies that went into effect recently at the national level of USFWS. There is now a mandate to have a clear distinction between the Friends bookstores (owned and operated by non-profit groups) and information desks staffed by Service staff - although Friends and volunteers are still wel-

comed to assist in this capacity as well! Hopefully this will also assist and clarify in tracking volunteer hours donated specifically by Friends and volunteers working in the store and on projects on their behalf as well as Friends and volunteers working specifically in the visitor services area.



The separation means that unless volunteers are present, Coot's Corner will be closed. This matters because Coot's Corner is by far, the major funding source for Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. Without profits from the store, we would have a very limited amount to spend on Refuge items.

That is why there is an urgent need for Volunteers. Without a very large number of volunteer hours, our store profits will be greatly diminished. We are trying to contact people we think might be interested, but it would be wonderful to have people contact us. How? Simply send an email to [fohnwr@yahoo.com](mailto:fohnwr@yahoo.com). Put "Store Help" as the subject and let us know. We will provide ample training and support, so you will feel comfortable working with customers. We also wish to have an incentive in place for store workers to help encourage participation.



Please, please, PLEASE consider this request. We would be grateful for any time you have to give, whether it be one day a week, or one day a month (of course more than that will also be greatly appreciated). Help us make this a productive change. If we can help ourselves, it means we can further help Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.

# Winter Wonderland Snowshoeing, Cross Country Skiing, and Hiking

Horicon National Wildlife Refuge  
Environmental Education (EE) Barn  
N10755 South Point Road (Off County Z and H)

Saturday, February 11, 2017  
10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Special Event - Activities are FREE to the Public

10:00-2:00 Snowshoeing, Hiking and Skiing all through the event. Some Snowshoes will be available for use – first come first served

Follow the trail from the EE Barn to the Visitor Center, which will also be open as a shelter, or make your own trail

Hot chocolate, coffee and snacks will be available. Please feel free to bring a bag lunch and stay all day.

10:30–1:30 Ongoing

- o Craft Activities
- o Displays
- o Warming up by the Wood Stove

\*Note: EE Barn will also be open Feb. 18 and 25 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. as a warming shelter, weather permitting. Snowshoes will be available for use. Hot chocolate will be served.

Check [horiconnwrfriends.org](http://horiconnwrfriends.org), or call (920) 387-2658 ext. 124 for updated information.



## 2017 Wildflowers for Wildlife “Enhancing Your Own Backyard” Pre-Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The deadline for pre-orders is April 14, 2017. Orders may be picked up at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, W4279 Headquarters Road, Mayville, WI (NOTE NEW LOCATION) on Saturday, May 20 between 9am and 1pm. The visitor center is located on the east side of Horicon Marsh, 3.5 miles south of State Highway 49 on County Road Z. If picking up is not an option, please arrange for someone to pick up your plants the day of the sale.

Do you have questions about plantings? Please contact Terri Fuller at [terlf9@gmail.com](mailto:terlf9@gmail.com) or by phone at (920) 923-6891. Flats may be split in ½. (16 plants) A 32-count flat is \$40. Available species are listed below:

Schizachyrium scoparium (Little blue)  
Sporobolus heterolepis (Prairie dropseed)  
Allium cernuum (Nodding pink onion)  
Asclepias incarnata (Red milkweed)  
Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly weed )  
Baptisia (Wild Indigo)  
Coreopsis lanceolata (Lance-leaved coreopsis)  
Dalea purpurea (Purple prairie clover)  
Echinacea pallida (Pale purple coneflower)  
Echinacea purpurea (Purple coneflower )  
Eryngium yuccifolium (Rattlesnake master)  
Helenium autumnale (Dogtooth Daisy)  
Liatris aspera (Rough blazing star)  
Liatris pycnostachya (Prairie blazing star)  
Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal flower)

Lupinus perennis (Wild Lupine)  
Monarda fistulosa (Beebalm)  
Parthenium integrifolium (Quinine)  
Penstemon digitalis (Smooth penstemon)  
Ratibida pinnata (Yellow coneflower)  
Rudbeckia triloba (Brown-eyed Susan)  
Silphium laciniatum (Compass plant)  
Silphium terebinthinaceum (Prairie dock)  
Solidago speciosa (Showy goldenrod)  
Symphyotrichum laeve (Smooth blue aster)  
Symphyotrichum novae – angliae (New England aster)  
Tradescantia ohiensis (Spiderwort)  
Verbena stricta (Hoary vervain)  
Zizia aurea (Golden Alexander)

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Quantity (1/2 or 1)</u>	<u>Flat Price (\$40)</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
<i>Example: Asclepias tuberosa</i>	<i>Butterfly milkweed</i>	½	\$40.00	\$20.00

We accept MasterCard, Discover and Visa; checks may be made out to Applied Ecological Services, Inc.

Visa  
 MasterCard  
 Discover

Card#: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal**  
**Additional donation**  
**to Friends of Horicon**  
**National Wildlife**  
**Refuge**  
  
**Total**


\*\*Please contact Terri Fuller for questions related to plants.  
For payment questions, contact Taylor Creek Restoration Nurseries at (608) 897-8641 ext 1033.

Please fax order to (608) 897-2044, email to [nursery.service@appliedeco.com](mailto:nursery.service@appliedeco.com) or mail to Taylor Creek Restoration Nurseries PO Box 256, Brodhead, WI 53520. **10% of the proceeds from the sale will go to Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.** Please note the **additional** donation opportunity after the subtotal on the order form.

## Progress Continues On Sense of Wonder Trail



Having the first ever trail starting at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center was exciting. Having the trail become more than just a place to walk is even more so.

Back in spring of 2015, FOHNWR applied for, and was awarded a \$10,000 grant to make the trail into a "Sense of Wonder" trail. The idea of this trail is to provide our younger visitors with opportunities for sensory and physical exploration. When complete, the trail will be a place where individuals, families, and school groups will have a chance to explore a part of our refuge through the involvement of all their senses. We are hoping it will be a place for exploration and learning, as well as a place to sit and contemplate.



During the spring and summer of 2016, we began preparing and installing areas of the trail. While there are still things to be done, the trail is taking shape. Work has finished on a platform just off the trail into the trees. Balance beams, stepper logs, climbing logs, and benches have been installed. The butterfly garden survived its first onslaught of weeds. The boardwalk at the adjacent pond was completed. The amphitheater, our new outdoor classroom is scheduled for completion in early April, along with a play area for the youngest, which will be located just off the deck at the Visitor Center.



Additional elements will be refined and installed throughout the spring and summer of 2017.

The grand opening of the trail will be held on Earth Day (Saturday, April 22). It will be part of our Earth Day celebration which will also feature [David Stokes](#) (in two performances of Fantastic Frogs and more).



## Great Ways to Help Your Refuge

- 1) Become a Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge member/renew your membership, or donate.** Your tax deductible gift to FOHNWR will go back to the refuge, and support the programs and events refuge staff feel are important.
- 2) Volunteer as a member of FOHNWR!** There is much you can help with. Volunteers have become critically important to the Fish and Wildlife Service. FOHNWR is in need of Volunteers at the Visitor Center, for Landscaping, and at the Information Booth off of Hwy. 49. Contact Frank Gercz ([francis\\_gercz@fws.gov](mailto:francis_gercz@fws.gov)) or (920) 387-2658 ext. 112 for details.
- 3) Shop at Coot's Corner.** You will find a great selection of field guides, nature books, and other nature-themed merchandise, reasonably priced. More importantly, profits from the store stay local and go into supporting the refuge. The store is managed and supported by volunteers...more opportunities!

## Schedule of Events Winter-Spring 2017

### **December 1, 2016: Entire Refuge Opens**

for wildlife observation and nature photography via hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing through March 15. Snowshoes available at the Visitor Center

### **February 11: Winter Wonderland**

10am-2pm. Visit the Environmental Education barn and enjoy crafts, displays, and hot chocolate after snowshoeing, skiing, or hiking on the refuge. Some snowshoes available for use. N10755 South Point Rd.

### **February 18: Snowshoeing at the EE Barn**

10am-2pm. Visit the Environmental Education barn as a warming for snowshoeing, skiing or hiking, and hot chocolate, **WEATHER PERMITTING**. Check [horiconnwrfriends.org](http://horiconnwrfriends.org), or call 920.387.3658 ext. 124 for information. Snowshoes will be available for use. N10755 South Point Rd.

### **February 25: Snowshoeing at the EE Barn**

10am-2pm. See February 18

### **March 16: Majority of Refuge Closes to Visitor Access**

for bird migration/nesting seasons. Public use areas (auto tour/trails, Bud Cook Hiking Area, Main Dike Road, fishing accesses, Hwy 49 Viewing Area) remain open year-round for approved recreational activities. The Visitor Center is Still Open.

### **April 22: Earth Day Celebration**

10am-3pm. At Visitor Center. Grand Opening of Sense of Wonder Trail, and performances by David Stokes at 11:00 and 1:00. Other ongoing activities.

### **May 12: Beginning of Horicon Marsh Bird Festival**

Go to <http://horiconmarshbirdclub.com/bird-festival/festival-event-schedule/> for details.

### **May 20: Wildflowers for Wildlife Sale-at Visitor Center (see page 3)**

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Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center is located at W4279 Headquarters Road, Mayville, WI 53050.

Friends Of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge: Terri Fuller, President; Liz Orsay, Vice-President; Liz Roy, Secretary; Alan Fuller, Treasurer; Dave Edwards, Dave Imhoff, Robbie DeGraf; Board Members.

Mission of FOHNWR: To promote conservation, awareness, and appreciation of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge and to provide assistance to Refuge programs.

Goal: To promote and develop education, outreach, conservation, fundraising projects, and activities on the Refuge in support of our mission.

# Mark Your Calendars for Our Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 22, 10:00-3:00



\*Live amphibians and reptiles with Naturalist-Humorist-Educator David Stokes in two performances of **"Fantastic Frogs and More!"**  
--Performances at 11:00 and 1:00--

\*Help us celebrate the Grand Opening of the **Sense of Wonder Trail**

\*Help Build a Log Cabin Castle.

\*Old Marsh Road will be open April 21 through April 24 for bicycling and hiking

Check out the NEW Coot's Corner--FOHNWR members 20% off, all others 10% off

## Annual Membership Rates

- \$5 - Student and Senior
- \$10 - Individual
- \$15 - Family
- \$50 - Corporation
- \$250 - Lifetime
- Donation \_\_\_\_\_

The Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, LLC, is a tax-exempt organization under the Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Membership

Memorial

Name (In Memory of)(Gift for) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge  
Please mail to Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge  
W4279 Headquarters Road-Mayville, WI 53050

**The following people are the newest members of Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. We are glad you are a part of us.**

Peggy Cox  
Diana Burlison  
Amy Thomas  
Lois and Jeff Wierzba  
Ben and Sue Schwenn  
Kristin Kepke  
Kenneth Kepke  
Leon and Debra Vanderhoef  
Ted Setum  
Lisa Andrews  
Nancy Olig  
Sara Roltgen  
Rick Anderson  
Lisa Belau  
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John Londt  
Chris Shepard  
Laura and Tom Steinmetz  
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Nina Adams  
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Jessica Stortz  
Chad Thums  
Mary Weddig  
Robert Winkelman  
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Steve Kahl  
Bruce McCoy  
James Ford  
Kelly Allen

We have recently received donations of cash and in-kind from:

**Patty Lynch, Bruce Howdle, Bennett Landscaping, Chuck and Liz Orsay, Roy Zastrow  
Peggy Cox, Paulette Laufer-Carlson and Richard Carlson, Diana Burlison, Ben and Sue Schwenn**

Thank you so much for your support!



Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge  
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Please notice that your renewal date is located near the bottom right of your address label

