

# THE MUIR VIEW



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## SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES **TOM BARRETT** FOR GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN

By Dave Blouin, Political Chair

The Sierra Club has endorsed Tom Barrett for Governor of Wisconsin. Mayor Barrett is a committed supporter of high speed rail for Wisconsin, increasing clean energy jobs and renewable energy production. As Mayor, he has a strong record of attracting renewable energy businesses to Milwaukee County. He is a strong supporter of the Great Lakes Compact for increased protections and restoration, including banning oil drilling in the Great Lakes.

"Tom Barrett's track record in Congress and as Mayor demonstrate that he is a proven environmental leader," said Shahla Werner, PhD., John Muir Chapter Director. "We are confident Tom Barrett will continue his commitment to protecting our clean air, clean water and special places. The Sierra Club is proud to endorse Tom Barrett and we urge John Muir Chapter members to help elect him Governor."

On energy jobs, Tom Barrett is committed to capitalizing on the new wave of technologies to develop clean energy resources right here in Wisconsin. This will create thousands of well-



paying green jobs, lower energy costs for families and businesses alike, and will keep Wisconsin's energy dollars here in the state.

These new-wave technologies include clean, renewable, and locally-produced energy sources, smart grid technologies, energy storage, water metering and purification, electric car recharging infrastructure, and other fast-growing industries. Barrett's plans also include efforts to increase energy conservation and efficiency along with energy demand reduction technologies such as energy efficient materials manufacturing for home, business and industry. Log on to [http://barrettforswisconsin.com/issues/creating\\_jobs](http://barrettforswisconsin.com/issues/creating_jobs) to read more about his comprehensive plan to create new jobs in "Cleantech" industries.

Barrett's job plan concludes with this statement: "Aside from all its other advantages, a healthy environment protects human health, and the natural beauty of Wisconsin helps us keep talented people in the state. Economic recession should not be an excuse to gut environmental protections or workplace safety standards."

Mayor Barrett is committed to ensuring the DNR remains independent and supports having the Secretary chosen by the DNR Board. He is enthusiastic about high speed rail to help reduce pollution and traffic congestion by creating a corridor linking Chicago to the Twin Cities running through Milwaukee and Madison.

In his four terms as U.S. Congressman, Barrett earned the Sierra Club's endorsement consistently for his leadership on environmental issues; his lifetime League of Conservation Voters score was an outstanding 98%. As Congressman, he consistently voted to protect the Arctic Wilderness, old-growth forests, clean air and water, our national parks and endangered species.

Tom Barrett has earned the Sierra Club's endorsement and our enthusiastic support by virtue of his environmental platform, public service, and public statements. Sierra Club-endorsed candidates are those judged to be the best advocates for Wisconsin's clean air, clean water, and special places and we are proud to endorse Tom Barrett for Governor. ☘

## 2009-10 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

HIGHLIGHTS LEGISLATORS WHO VALUE CLEAN AIR AND WATER FOR WISCONSIN

The John Muir Chapter 2009-10 Legislative Scorecard reflects votes taken by the Wisconsin State Assembly and State Senate on key environmental bills. Our Scorecard focuses on bills related to the John Muir Chapter's priority issues of reducing global warming and protecting water resources in Wisconsin. The Sierra Club Scorecard is designed to assist our members and the public in choosing good environmental candidates.

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# FROM THE CHAIR

By Eric Uram, Chair  
John Muir Chapter

Where did the summer go? The changing leaves and start of school signal the shortening of days. I hope everyone had a great time getting out and enjoying the best the outdoors has to offer. Even as summer fades, we're left with great memories of our outdoor experiences to share with others.

Personally, I had a chance to lead another Sierra Club outing into the International Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area. Made up of the Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota, this area represents the first international wilderness area established anywhere in the world. Hundreds of square miles of lakes, streams and woods allow wildlife to thrive and people to experience high quality wilderness canoeing opportunities, just as previous generations did.

Unfortunately, resource extraction – logging and mining – now threaten this area's quality; encroaching on the fringe of the parks and menacing the high quality waters and recreation opportunities this place provides.

Every time I go I'm reminded of why I'm involved with the Sierra Club – the need to protect high quality resources for what they are.

That their value as a whole is greater than the sum of the parts. So many places we travel to during our summer vacations have similar value, and need our continued efforts to protect their quality.

I'm reminded of a bumper sticker I have from the 1980s proudly proclaiming ESCAPE TO WISCONSIN, the tourism tout for the great opportunities Wisconsin has to offer. A few years later, a new bumper sticker came out declaring PROTECT THE ESCAPE. This is the attitude that helps protect Wisconsin's legacy as a great escape by supporting policies that protect our environment.

This fall will see two tireless advocates for the environment retire. From the legislature, Spencer Black, the Assembly's longtime champion for the environment (and former Sierra Club staffer), announced his retirement. In addition, our Chapter office will see our highly-talented Chapter Coordinator, Patrea Wilson, retire. I wish them both well in their retirement. For many years they have very capably supported the John Muir Chapter Sierra Club's efforts to protect and preserve the special places of Wisconsin. While we will miss these two, our next goal will be to fill their shoes and protect the legacy they have both helped to provide.

And while the people come and go, the battle continues to protect areas like the Quetico / Boundary Waters International Wilderness Canoe Area or all the special places in Wisconsin. We must strive to muster our forces and fight for our environmental legacy.

When it comes to protection of resources, we must remember that winning is only temporary – someone will inevitably propose a new threat. But when we lose, we stand to lose these special places forever. So remember to vote, and keep up the good fight everyone! And don't forget to pass along your wishes to Spencer and Patrea. ☺



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# 2010 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY THE JOHN MUIR CHAPTER

By Dave Blouin, Political Chair

We're presented with great opportunities each election cycle to help shape our democratic institutions to support our goals for greater environmental protection and conservation. The 2010 election year is no different, and there are many exciting prospects for change that should energize us to become more involved.

We've heartily endorsed Tom Barrett for his outstanding record as a public official – while also considering what awaits Wisconsin's environment should his opponent, Scott Walker, win. A state administration headed up by Walker is a dark prospect for the John Muir Chapter's goals, since his environmental track record is so poor.

We're also strongly supporting Russ Feingold for reelection to the U.S. Senate this year, and have endorsed (five) incumbents and challengers for Congress. Turn to the next page for candidate profiles for Feingold and the Congressional candidates.

John Muir Chapter members also have a unique opportunity to help shape elections in the State Legislature. The great turnout and volunteer support from Sierra Club members in 2008 turned the balance of power away from anti-environmental extremists and towards pro-environment voters. This was an exciting change, but we must work hard this election cycle to hold our ground and even increase the number of pro-conservation elected officials.

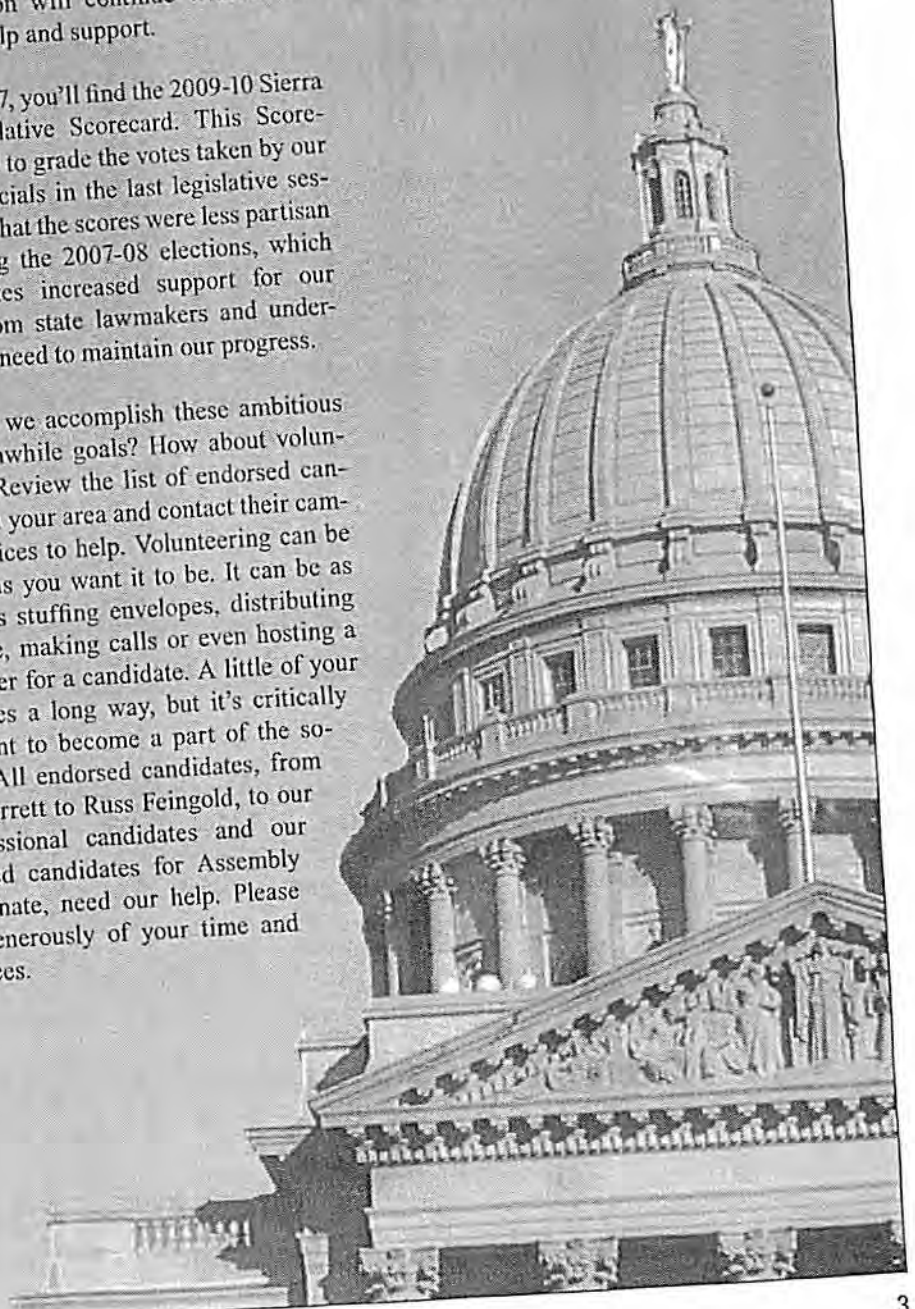
Inside this issue of the Muir View are articles and tools to help us become the agents of change this election season. We have endorsed a record number of candidates this year (see page 4-5 for the list of endorsed candidates). If you're unsure of who your state Senator or Representative is, go to <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/> and click on "Who represents me?"

All ninety-nine State Representatives in the Assembly and half of the State Senate races are contested this year. Electing strong environmental leaders to our legislature is as important as the Governor's race. Important progress was made on a number of John Muir Chapter priorities in the last session, but we can't expect good representation will continue without our volunteer help and support.

On pages 6-7, you'll find the 2009-10 Sierra Club Legislative Scorecard. This Scorecard is used to grade the votes taken by our elected officials in the last legislative session. Note that the scores were less partisan than during the 2007-08 elections, which demonstrates increased support for our agenda from state lawmakers and underscores the need to maintain our progress.

How will we accomplish these ambitious and worthwhile goals? How about volunteering? Review the list of endorsed candidates in your area and contact their campaign offices to help. Volunteering can be as easy as you want it to be. It can be as simple as stuffing envelopes, distributing literature, making calls or even hosting a fundraiser for a candidate. A little of your time goes a long way, but it's critically important to become a part of the solution. All endorsed candidates, from Tom Barrett to Russ Feingold, to our Congressional candidates and our endorsed candidates for Assembly and Senate, need our help. Please give generously of your time and resources.

The Sierra Club is the most effective environmental organization in the country because we act on our principles. So let's get to it and make a difference in this year's elections. Please contact me at (608) 233-8455 or [birroak15@charter.net](mailto:birroak15@charter.net) if you have any questions about the John Muir Chapter's Political activities. And don't forget to vote on November 2! ☺





# THE SIERRA CLUB IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE 2010 ELECTIONS

"These candidates are the best advocates for clean air, clean water and places that make Wisconsin so special," explains Shahla M. Werner, Ph.D., Chapter Director. "We are confident that they will work to protect Wisconsin's environment, for our families and for our future."

The John Muir Chapter has endorsed 76 candidates so far this year for the State Legislature along with 5 for Congress, Russ Feingold for Senate and Tom Barrett for Governor. Incumbent officials were judged based on their overall environmental voting record, public statements and activities while in office. Challengers were measured by their responses to questionnaires and interviews, environmental platforms, public service, and public statements.

The 2009-10 Sierra Club Legislative Scorecard was used in part to judge incumbent candidates. It can be found on pages 6-7 and also on our website at <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/politics.htm>.

"In the last session, the state legislature failed to pass major bills that would have advanced clean energy, clean transportation and protected our water resources," said Caryl Terrell, Legislative Coordinator. "The Sierra Club urges voters to elect new environmen-

tal leaders and reelect proven Democrat and Republican legislative leaders. These Sierra Club endorsed candidates will vote to protect our families and environment."

We need Sierra Club members willing to support and work for endorsed candidates. Just an hour or two per week can make a big difference to a candidate if you're available to distribute literature, make phone calls to voters and help get out the vote.

"Electing strong environmental leaders is a priority for the Club," concluded Dave Blouin, Political Committee Chair. We made progress in the last legislative session, but we must elect more leaders who will work hard for Wisconsin's environment. We will do everything we can to help pro-environment candidates win."

If you're unsure who your state Senator or Representative is, go to [www.legis.state.wi.us/](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/) and click on "Who represents me?" Additional candidates may have been endorsed since the Muir View went to print. Go to <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/political/endorsements.htm> for the most up-to-date list of endorsements. Use your favorite search engine to find their campaigns. ☺

## STATE SENATE ENDORSEMENTS

Tim Carpenter, D-Milwaukee (3)  
Jim Sullivan, D-Wauwatosa (5)  
Chris Larson, D-Milwaukee (7)

L.D. Rockwell, D-Elkhorn (11)  
John Lehman, D-Racine (21)  
Pat Kreitlow, D-Chippewa Falls (23)

Bob Jauch, D-Poplar (25)  
Jon Erpenbach, D-Middleton (27)  
Kathleen Vinehout, D-Alma (31)

## STATE ASSEMBLY ENDORSEMENTS

Garey Bies, R-Sister Bay (1)  
Ted Zigmunt, D-Brillion (2)  
Peggy Krusick, D-Milwaukee (7)  
Josh Zepnick, D-Milwaukee (9)  
Jason Fields, D-Milwaukee (11)  
Fred Kessler, D-Milwaukee (12)  
David Cullen, D-Milwaukee (13)  
Tony Staskunas, D-West Allis (15)  
Leon Young, D-Milwaukee (16)  
Barbara Toles, D-Milwaukee (17)  
Tamara Grigsby, D-Milwaukee (18)  
Jon Richards, D-Milwaukee (19)  
Christine Sinicki, D-Milwaukee (20)  
Tom Michalski, D-Oak Creek (21)  
Sandy Pasch, D-Whitefish Bay (22)  
Kerry Trask, D-Manitowoc (25)  
Terry Van Akkeren, D-Sheboygan (26)  
Ann Hraychuck, D-Balsam Lake (28)  
Matt Borup, D-Hudson (30)  
Doug Harrod, D-Genoa City (32)  
Merlin Van Buren, D-Rhineland (34)  
Jeffrey Mursau, R-Crivitz (36)  
Andy Jorgensen, D-Fort Atkinson (37)

Dick Pas, D-Oconomowoc (38)  
Fred Clark, D-Baraboo (42)  
Kim Hixson, D-Whitewater (43)  
Mike Sheridan, D-Janesville (44)  
Roger Anclam, D-Beloit (45)  
Gary Hebl, D-Sun Prairie (46)  
Trish O'Neil, Columbus (47)  
Joe Parisi, D-Madison (48)  
Phil Garthwaite, D-Dickeyville (49)  
Sarah Ann Shanahan, D-New Lisbon (50)  
John Simonson, D-Mineral Point (51)  
Paul Csziny, D-Fond du Lac (52)  
Richard Spanbauer, R-Oshkosh (53)  
Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh (54)  
Dean Kaufert, R-Neenah (55)  
Penny Bernard-Schaber, D-Appleton (57)  
Robert Turner, D-Racine (61)  
Cory Mason, D-Racine (62)  
Peter Barca, D-Kenosha (64)  
John Steinbrink, D-Pleasant Prairie (65)  
Steve Brown, D-Salem (66)  
Kristin Dexter, Eau Claire (68)  
Amy Sue Vruwink, D-Milladore (70)

Louis Molepske, D-Stevens Point (71)  
Marlin Schneider, D-Wisconsin Rapids (72)  
Nick Milroy, D-Superior (73)  
Janet Bewley, D-Ashland (74)  
Steve Perala, D-Barron (75)  
Terese Berceau, D-Madison (76)  
Mark Pocan, D-Madison (78)  
Sondy Pope-Roberts, D-Middleton (79)  
Janis Ringhand, D-Evansville (80)  
Kelda Helen Roys, D-Madison (81)  
Donna Seidel, D-Wausau (85)  
Todd Punke, D-Wausau (86)  
James Soletski, D-Green Bay (88)  
Bob Orwig, D-Marinette (89)  
Chris Danou, D-Trempealeau (91)  
Mark Radcliffe, D-Black River Falls (92)  
Jeff Smith, D-Eau Claire (93)  
Cheryl Hancock, D-Holmen (94)  
Jennifer Schilling, D-La Crosse (95)  
Brian Murphy, D-Westby (96)  
Tom Hibbard, D-Hartland (99)

# FEDERAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ENDORSEMENTS



**SENATOR RUSS FEINGOLD** is running for his fourth term and has again earned the Sierra Club endorsement for reelection to the Senate. His League of Conservation Voters (LCV) score for the last session was 100% and his lifetime score is 95%.

Sen. Feingold is a proven and consistent pro-environmental voter with a record of protecting national parks and public lands from grazing and resource development, supporting renewable energy production and research and opposition to nuclear waste repositories. He understands that global climate change is a paramount issue of concern that must be addressed by policy change. He supports higher fuel standards for cars, opposes drilling in the Arctic and is a strong supporter of clean energy alternatives to our current reliance on fossil fuels. He is a true friend of the environment and the Sierra Club. For more info, or to volunteer, log on to [www.russfeingold.org](http://www.russfeingold.org).



**CONGRESSWOMAN TAMMY BALDWIN** is running for her sixth term and has again earned the Sierra Club endorsement for her candidacy in the Second Congressional District.

Tammy Baldwin has long been a true friend of the Sierra Club from her early days in politics on the Dane County Board, her time in the State Assembly, and now as a veteran of Congress. The Sierra Club is proud to endorse Tammy Baldwin once again. She is a consistently strong environmental voter and again scored 100% on the most recent League of Conservation Voters scorecard. For more info, or to volunteer, log on to [www.tammybaldwin.com](http://www.tammybaldwin.com)



**CONGRESSMAN STEVE KAGEN** has earned the Sierra Club's endorsement for his run for a third term representing the Eighth District. The Sierra Club endorsed him for his initial election to Congress and he is a consistently pro-environment voter with a 100% LCV score for the most recent session.

He is a strong supporter of cleaning and removing PCB's from the Fox River and requiring the responsible parties take responsibility for the cleanup. He is also a strong supporter of protections for the Great Lakes from toxins and aquatic invasive species. Please help re-elect Congressman Kagen to the Eighth District. For more info, or to volunteer, go to [www.kagen4congress.com](http://www.kagen4congress.com)



**CONGRESSMAN RON KIND** has again received the endorsement of the Sierra Club for his seventh term as a Third District Congressman

Kind has consistently voted for environmental protection, including energy, environmental health and safety, resource conservation, and spending for environmental programs. Kind has been a champion of Mississippi River protection, urging better conservation measures on the uplands and has consistently worked for full funding of the Environmental Monitoring Program for the Mississippi River.

Kind's environmental voting record received 100% from the LCV in their recent scorecard. Sierra Club members note that he has extremely effective and helpful staff who are responsive to Sierra Club concerns. For more info, or to volunteer, go to [www.kindforcongress.org](http://www.kindforcongress.org).



**JULIE LASSA** has received the Sierra Club endorsement for her candidacy for Wisconsin's Seventh District seat. Congressman Dave Obey is retiring and has also endorsed Sen. Lassa for election.

Lassa has been a strong supporter of John Muir Chapter goals since winning her first election to the State Assembly in 1998. She won a special election for State Senator in 2003 and earned our endorsement for each election. Her JMC Legislative score for the past four-year Senate session is 90%.

She is committed to working on the transition to clean energy sources and infrastructure - including business incentives for sustainable use - and protecting our national forests and open spaces, waterways and air. For more info, or to volunteer, go to [www.julielassa.com](http://www.julielassa.com).



**CONGRESSWOMAN GWEN MOORE** has earned the endorsement of the Sierra Club for her third term as Wisconsin's Fourth District Congresswoman.

Congresswoman Moore scored 93% on the most recent League of Conservation Voters scorecard. As a former state legislator - both as an Assembly Representative and a State Senator - she was a consistent pro-environment voter, played a major role in protecting the Stewardship Fund, and repeatedly earned the Sierra Club's endorsement. As Congresswoman, she is a strong advocate for job creation and economic recovery, working families, affordable health care and a strong supporter of commuter rail. For more info, or to volunteer, go to [www.gwenmooreforcongress.com](http://www.gwenmooreforcongress.com).

# 2009-2010 SIERRA CLUB

# LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

"The Sierra Club Scorecard illustrates which lawmakers are committed to protecting Wisconsin's environment," explains Shahla M. Werner, PhD., John Muir Chapter Director. "The Scorecard also shows us which lawmakers consistently protect the interests of polluters."

Forty five state lawmakers scored a perfect 100% on the Scorecard (39 in Assembly, 6 in Senate). On the opposite end of the scale were Representatives Joel Kleefisch and Scott Newcomer, who each cast a single pro-environment vote out of sixteen scored this session, and Representatives Don Pridemore and Robin Vos, who each cast only two pro-environment votes.

"Our state legislature has a core of officials who consistently vote for more pollution," said Eric Uram, John Muir Chapter Chair. "There is a very stark difference between legislators who strive to protect Wisconsin's air, drinking water, lakes and streams, and legislators who do not."

"While many good environmental bills were passed this session, the state legislature failed to pass major bills that would have advanced clean energy, clean transportation, and protected our water resources," said Legislative Coordinator Caryl Terrell. "We were very disappointed with the lack of leadership in both houses that led to the failure of the Clean Energy Jobs Act, despite strong public support."

## Significant legislative achievements include:

- Creation of several Regional Transit Authorities via the state budget, which will allow communities to plan better transportation strategies.
- Three important bills to stop harmful toxins entering our landfills and water supplies (2009 Acts 44, 50, 86).
- First addition to our Wild Rivers system in 44 years (2009 Acts 7 & 32).
- 2009 Act 145 will protect children from harmful bisphenol-A (BPA).
- 2009 Act 289 advanced campaign finance reform by requiring public financing for the State Supreme Court.
- Fair, uniform siting standards for wind turbines (2009 Act 40).

The most significant disappointment of the last session was the failure to pass the Clean Energy Jobs Act (SB 450 / AB 649). The CEJA would have enhanced goals to get 25% of our energy from renewable sources by 2025, created goal-based investments in energy efficiency, and included key clean transportation policies. If passed, it would have protected our environment even as it saved ratepayers money, and created thousands of new jobs. Another key bill, Assembly Bill 282, had it passed, would have enabled local communities to form regional transit authorities (RTAs) in Wisconsin and allowed them to raise dedicated funds for transit.

The Scorecard is a tally of key environmental votes taken by State Senators and Assembly Representatives. It reflects votes taken by the Wisconsin Legislature in the 2009-10 session on issues on which the John Muir Chapter actively worked. Senate and Assembly scores were based on different measures, so scoring comparisons between the two houses are not valid. The Sierra Club scorecard is designed to assist our members and the public in choosing good environmental candidates. The scorecard

with votes cast by each legislator can be viewed on the Wisconsin John Muir Chapter website at <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/political/>.

You can learn more about bills that affect you by using our Legislative Tracker on the Chapter website at <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org>. This tool allows you to read about environmental bills along with the Sierra Club's positions, and suggests ways for you to contact your legislator to voice your opinion on issues key to protecting Wisconsin's air, land, water, wildlife and energy. While you're on our website, sign up for email Action Alerts to receive messages on critical environmental issues at <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/involve/action.htm>. ☞

## 2009-10 SENATE SCORECARD

Representative	Party/City/District	Score
Carpenter, Tim	D-Milwaukee, 3	90
Coggs, Spencer	D-Milwaukee, 6	90
Cowles, Robert	R-Green Bay, 2	60
Darling, Alberta	R-River Hills, 8	40
Decker, Russ	D-Schofield, 29	80
Ellis, Mike	R-Neenah, 19	60
Erpenbach, Jon	D-Middleton, 27	80
Fitzgerald, Scott	R-Juneau, 13	40
Grothman, Glenn	R-West Bend, 20	33
Hansen, Dave	D-Green Bay, 30	80
Harsdorf, Sheila	R-River Falls, 10	50
Holperin, Jim	D-Conover, 12	80
Hopper, Randy	R-Fond du Lac, 18	40
Jauch, Robert	D-Poplar, 25	100
Kanavas, Ted*	R-Brookfield, 33	30
Kapanke, Dan	R-La Crosse, 32	50
Kedzie, Neal	R-Elkhorn, 11	30
Kreitlow, Pat	D-Chippewa Falls, 23	80
Lasee, Alan*	R-DePere, 1	30
Lassa, Julie	D-Stevens Point, 24	80
Lazich, Mary	R-New Berlin, 28	30
Lehman, John	D-Racine, 21	100
Leibham, Joseph	R-Sheboygan, 9	40
Miller, Mark	D-Monona, 16	100
Olsen, Luther	R-Ripon, 14	50
Plale, Jeff	D-So. Milwaukee, 7	80
Risser, Fred	D-Madison, 26	100
Robson, Judy*	D-Beloit, 15	100
Schultz, Dale	R-Richland Center, 17	70
Sullivan, Jim	D-Wauwatosa, 5	80
Taylor, Lena	D-Milwaukee, 4	70
Vinehout, Kathleen	D-Alma, 31	70
Wirch, Robert	D-Pleasant Prairie, 22	100

\*Not seeking reelection

# 2009-10 ASSEMBLY SCORECARD

Representative	Party/City/District	Score	Representative	Party/City/District	Score
Ballweg, Joan	R-Markesan, 41	36	Nerison, Lee	R-Westby, 96	62
Barca, Peter	D-Kenosha, 64	100	Newcomer, Scott*	R-Hartland, 33	7
Benedict, Chuck*	D-Beloit, 45	100	Nygren, John	R-Marinette, 89	38
Berceau, Terese	D-Madison, 76	100	Ott, Al	R-Forest Junction, 3	75
Bernard Schaber, Penny	D-Appleton, 57	100	Ott, Jim	R-Mequon, 23	44
Bies, Garey	R-Sister Bay, 1	81	Parisi, Joe	D-Madison, 48	100
Black, Spencer*	D-Madison, 77	100	Pasch, Sandy	D-Whitefish Bay, 22	100
Brooks, Ed	R-Reedsburg, 50	56	Petersen, Kevin	R-Waupaca, 40	40
Clark, Fred	D-Baraboo, 42	100	Petrowski, Jerry	R-Marathon, 86	50
Colon, Pedro*	D-Milwaukee, 8	100	Pocan, Mark	D-Madison, 78	100
Cullen, David	D-Milwaukee, 13	100	Pope-Roberts, SONDY	D-Verona, 79	100
Danou, Chris	D-Trempeleau, 91	94	Pridemore, Don	R-Hartford, 99	13
Davis, Brett*	R-Oregon, 80	50	Radcliffe, Mark	D-Black River Falls, 92	94
Dexter, Kristin	D-Eau Claire, 68	100	Rhoades, Kitty*	R-Hudson, 30	50
Fields, Jason	D-Milwaukee, 11	94	Richards, Jon	D-Milwaukee, 19	100
Fitzgerald, Jeff	R-Horicon, 39	44	Ripp, Keith	R-Lodi, 47	69
Friske, Don*	R-Merrill, 35	50	Roth, Roger*	R-Appleton, 56	55
Garthwaite, Phil	D-Fennimore, 49	88	Roys, Kelda Helen	D-Madison, 81	100
Gottlieb, Mark	R-Port Washington, 60	50	Schneider, Marlin	D-Wisconsin Rapids, 72	94
Grigsby, Tamara	D-Milwaukee, 18	100	Siedel, Donna	D-Wausau, 85	100
Gunderson, Scott	R-Waterford, 83	38	Sheridan, Mike	D-Janesville, 44	100
Gundrum, Mark*	R-New Berlin, 84	40	Sherman, Gary*	D-Port Wing, 74	100
Hebl, Gary	D-Sun Prairie, 46	100	Shiling, Jennifer	D-LaCrosse, 95	100
Hilgenburg, Steve*	D-Dodgeville, 51	100	Sinicki, Christine	D-Milwaukee, 20	100
Hintz, Gordon	D-Oshkosh, 54	100	Smith, Jeff	D-Eau Claire, 93	100
Hixson, Kim	D-Whitewater, 43	94	Soletski, James	D-Green Bay, 88	100
Honadel, Mark	R-Milwaukee, 21	50	Spanbauer, Richard	R-Oshkosh, 53	81
Hraychuck, Ann	D-Balsam Lake, 28	100	Staskunas, Tony	D-West Allis, 15	100
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Krusick, Peggy	D-Milwaukee, 7	94	Vos, Robin	R-Racine, 63	13
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Mason, Cory	D-Racine, 62	100	Williams, Annette P.*	D-Milwaukee, 10	100
Meyer, Dan	R-Eagle River, 34	69	Williams, Mary	R-Medford, 87	62
Milroy, Nick	D-Superior, 73	100	Wood, Jeff*	R-Chippewa Falls, 67	73
Molepske, Louis	D-Stevens Point, 71	100	Young, Leon	D-Milwaukee, 16	94
Montgomery, Phil*	R-Ashwaubenon, 4	56	Zepnick, Josh	D-Milwaukee, 9	94
Mursau, Jeffrey	R-Crivitz, 36	81	Ziegelbauer, Bob	I-Manitowoc, 25	81
Murtha, John	R-Baldwin, 29	53	Zigmunt, Ted	D-Brillion, 2	94
Nass, Steve	R-Whitewater, 31	33	Zipperer, Rich*	R-Pewaukee, 98	31
Nelson, Tom*	D-Kaukauna, 5	100			

\*Not seeking reelection



# CARYL TERRELL

## WINS LIESL BLOCKSTEIN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

*By Shahla Werner, Chapter Director*

I recently learned that past Chapter Director Caryl Terrell won the Liesl Blockstein Community Leadership Award. This prestigious award, presented by our workplace giving partners at Community Shares of Wisconsin, is given to an individual who has exhibited exceptional leadership skills in working at the grassroots level for social change. Because I could think of no one more deserving of such an award, I was so happy to hear that she would be recognized for her grassroots efforts for over 25 years on behalf of Wisconsin's environment and democracy.

Caryl Terrell has degrees in Economics from Oberlin College, Oberlin OH and in Public Policy & Administration and Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Caryl is the recipient of many awards, including the 2001 Virginia Ferguson Award for Exemplary Service as a Sierra Club Employee; the 2000 Local River Guardian Award from the River Alliance of WI; the 1997 Wisconsin Idea Award in Natural Resource Policy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; the 1995 White Lady's Slipper Award from the Aldo Leopold Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology, 1992 Outstanding Achievement Award from the Sierra Club and the 1992 Environmentalist of the Year Award by the Madison Audubon Society. She has also served as one of five Commissioners, appointed by the County Executive in 1993, who govern the Madison Metro Sewerage District.

Caryl played a key role in protecting Wisconsin's environment during her tenure with the Sierra Club. Just a few of the conservation victories that she helped bring about include protecting the Wolf River from Exxon's proposed Crandon Mine, passing groundwater protection legislation, passing comprehensive, mandatory recycling and subsequent fights to maintain program funding, and including biodiversity goals for state forests in partnership with other goals. The outstanding results of Caryl's work showed in the growth of the chapter during her tenure. When she began working for the JMC membership was roughly 6,000 and grew to 16,000 members.

Caryl is the current Chair of the John Muir Chapter's Legislative Committee, and the Chair of the Chapter's Global Warming Team, a group of volunteers working on

solutions to critical energy issues throughout Wisconsin, and a member of the Chapter's Political Committee, who works to elect environmental leaders for local and state office. In her role with the Global Warming Solutions team, she helped pass a budget provision to enable Dane County to form regional transit authorities. She went on to lead the team to successfully urge the Dane County Board to create an RTA last fall.

Caryl actively volunteers for the Sierra Club and many other organizations, and we are very grateful that she is also one of our most generous and loyal supporters. In addition to including the Sierra Club in her estate plans, the Sierra Club- John Muir Chapter thanks Caryl and her husband Bob for providing one of the most generous gifts the Chapter has ever received in 2010.

Caryl epitomizes how much one person can influence the broader world around them. She has done and continues to do so much for the Sierra Club that we can never thank her enough. If you get a chance to see Caryl, thank her for her commitment to building a brighter future for Wisconsin. She will be honored this fall at the annual awards banquet for Community Shares of Wisconsin. ♻️

*For more information on Caryl, see page 7 of the Jan 2010 issue of the Muir View.*



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# SIGN UP FOR THE AUTUMN ASSEMBLY TODAY!

The John Muir Chapter will be holding our Autumn Assembly on October 8th to 10th at Camp Ehawee, north of La Crosse. We hope you will join us for this chance to connect with the Sierra Club and our conservation work in Wisconsin!

This year's event, organized by the Coulee Region Group, features keynote speaker and

Sierra Club Deputy Director of Conservation Bruce Nilles, as well as workshops on eco-house building, Asian carp, Mississippi River conservation and much more. There will also be a silent auction to support conservation on Saturday, and opportunities to enjoy the fall scenery while bird watching, stargazing and canoeing the Black River. Signing up to attend the Autumn Assembly today helps

our volunteer organizers accommodate your food and lodging needs. FREE childcare is also available on Saturday by contacting the volunteer listed on the registration form, but this must be arranged in advance. ☺

Fill out a registration form from page 15 of the last Muir View, or download the form: [www.wisconsin.sierraclub.org/events/aa.asp](http://www.wisconsin.sierraclub.org/events/aa.asp)

## AUTUMN ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE [HL] Hope Lodge, [SNC] Stry Nature Center

Friday, Oct. 8th	
<b>Afternoon</b>	Hike on your own at the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge and Perrot State Park. View our great bluffs, rivers & nature with friends.
<b>6:00pm - 10:00pm</b>	Registration & check-in (HL)
<b>6:00pm - 10:00pm</b>	Snacks & conversation by the fireplace in (HL)
Saturday, Oct. 9th	
<i>Babysitting available Saturday. Contact Sharon at: 906-362-1003.</i>	
<b>6:45am - 8:00am</b>	Morning bird watching/hike with Pat & Bobbie Wilson [meet at HL]
<b>6:45am - 8:00am</b>	Morning bike ride with Don McCrery (bring your bikes) [meet at HL]
<b>9:00am - 9:15am</b>	Welcome & announcements [Marilyn Pedretti, Chair - Coulee Region Group]
<b>9:15am - 10:15am</b>	<b>Breakout Session I</b> (A) Pam Thiel, Project Leader with Fish & Wildlife & Wildlife Conservation Office: "Asian Carp & Their Potential Impacts" [HL] (B) Nature walk & Found Object Art: Young and old are welcome to join us for a walk to look for some of nature's treasures, and find crafty ways to display and preserve special finds. [SNC]
<b>10:30am - 11:45am</b>	Keynote: Bruce Nilles, Deputy Director of Conservation for the National Sierra Club; "Building a Better Energy Future" [HL]
<b>1:00pm - 2:00pm</b>	<b>Breakout Session II</b> (A) Gretchen Benjamin, Assistant Director, Upper Mississippi River Program The Nature Conservancy: "Mississippi River - The Challenges of Northamerica's Largest Watershed and What Needs to be Done" [HL] (B) Creating Backyard Wildlife Habitat: Discuss simple ways your family can make your yard a home to wildlife, and create your own bird house or feeder to take home. [SNC]
<b>2:15pm - 3:15pm</b>	<b>Breakout Session III</b> (A) Craig Thompson, Regional Land Program Supervisor & Southern Wings Program, Wisconsin DNR: "Orioles & Ocelots: Wisconsin Costa Rica Connection" [HL] (B) Will Fantle, Co-Founder of the Cornucopia Institute: "How We Eat: Being an Environmental Steward for the Planet" Bertha Lodge (C) Live Animal Presentation: Join Suzanne Broten of the Coulee Wildlife Rehab Center, and meet some of her real animal friends! [SNC]
<b>3:30pm - 4:30pm</b>	Afternoon keynote: Alan Stankevitz: "Eco-Housebuilding Adventures" [HL]
<b>4:30pm - 6:30pm</b>	Social time - shop the silent auction, visit and enjoy some adult beverages. [HL]
<b>4:30pm - 6:00pm</b>	OPTIONAL SESSION: "Spending money: Maximizing c3 and c4 funds" Learn how to spend c3 funds and reserve c4 funds for critically-important projects. This session is open to everyone, including treasurers. Refreshments provided! Bertha Lodge
<b>7:15pm - 7:45pm</b>	Chapter Awards Presentation
<b>8:00pm - 9:30pm</b>	Entertainment: Synister Dane & The Kickapoo Disco Cosmonuts [HL]
<b>8:00pm - 11:00pm</b>	Campfire
<b>9:30pm - 10:30pm</b>	Explore the Night Sky with Lennie Lichter Minihaha Outdooramphitheater
Sunday, Oct. 10th	
<b>7:00am - 8:00am</b>	Early morning walks (on your own) Coffee available.
<b>9:00am - 9:30am</b>	Group updates
<b>9:35am - 10:10am</b>	Chapter Update: Transit, Retiring Old Coal, Celebrating New Phosphorus Rules! [HL]
<b>10:15am - 10:50am</b>	Dave Blouin, 2010 Elections Update: Supporting Conservation Champions [HL] For the Kids: Recycled Project Class [SNC]
<b>11:15am +</b>	Meet at [HL] for Sack Lunches and canoe trip down the Black River (approx. 4 hour trip, quiet water - rental canoes available) OR Attend 10-10-10 Climate Action Event, Details TBA



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# WISCONSIN NATIVE SPECIES

## AN ODE TO COMMON MILKWEED



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Sierra Club cannot take responsibility for any adverse effects caused by the consumption of wild plants. Always seek advice from a professional before using a plant medicinally or before eating any wild-gathered plant.

By LeslieJo Meyerhoff

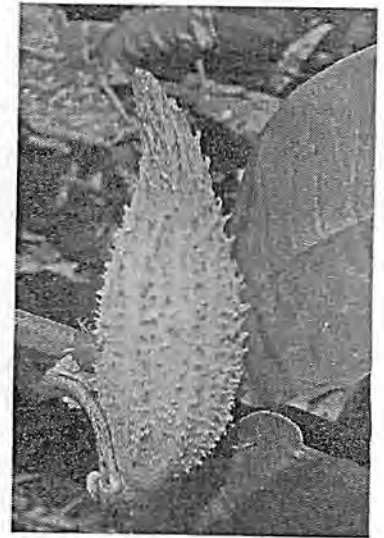
When people think of the Common Milkweed they think of Monarch Butterflies, fragrant purple flowers, sticky white sap, and fluffy, cottony seeds floating on late summer breezes; few people think of a tasty side dish...

The Common Milkweed (*Asclepias Syriaca*) is a member of a family of perennial flowering plants that includes the much showier Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias Tuberosa*) which has become a relatively familiar garden plant, and Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias Incarnata*) which is a lovely member of many wetland communities. Although it is commonly considered poisonous due to its cardio-active properties, it is listed as medicinal in the Peterson Guide to Medicinal Plants & Herbs which includes its uses by Native Americans. It is also listed as a contraceptive. According to "How Indians Use Wild Plants for Food, Crafts and Medicine" by Frances Densmore, the Chippewa (Ojibway) ate the flowers, used the root as a charm for attracting deer, and medicinally to stimulate milk flow in new mothers.

My first experience with Common Milkweed (*Asclepias Syriaca*) as an edible came at the hands of a camp counselor named Lynn. She taught our "Nature" class and introduced us to the joys of Sumac "lemonade" and both the flowers and pods of Common Milkweed. As young campers we really enjoyed working our way through the tall grasses picking first the flowers of the milkweed and then the pods later in the season. Both were prepared by boiling in water, draining, then adding salt, pepper, and butter.

I seldom make Sumac "lemonade" anymore but I have continued to enjoy both the flowers and pods of Milkweed. I no longer boil them but choose to steam them instead since I don't have cardiac issues or eat enough of them to worry about potential toxicity. The flowers are best when they are still small, green clusters, and the pods are best picked before they are bigger than your thumb to insure they have not gotten "cottony". I don't wash them after picking because it seems to affect their texture, so I simply look them over carefully, removing any insects, grass, or dried bits. I steam them (flowers for 10 minutes, pods up to 20 minutes). After they are done they can be seasoned and eaten as is. Try adding

them, with wild mushrooms and mild cheese, to scrambled eggs. I also freeze some for later addition to soup or stew. One of my favorite dishes is shrimp, chanterelles, and either the steamed flowers or pods cooked in a sauce of butter, cream, a bit of garlic and parmesan cheese, on pasta. The flavor and texture of both the flower clusters and the pods, once they are cooked, is reminiscent of asparagus tips, and I would recommend their use as a fun, unique substitution for cooked asparagus in anything from creamed soup, to quiche, to cold salads.



Next time you are driving in the country and you spot a patch of Common Milkweed, think not only of butterflies and floating fluff, but of a tasty addition to dinner as well. ☺

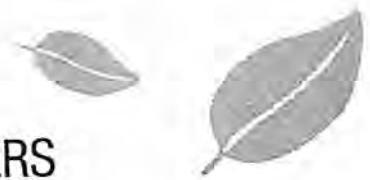
*LeslieJo lives in Polk County, Wisconsin, and has been eating wild edibles since her childhood experiences in the 70's.*

*"I lived in the city during the 80's so didn't forage much. Once I moved to a more rural area I resumed the practice. Besides Common Milkweed I also harvest herbs like Monarda, Agastache, and Raspberry leaves for tea. Nettles make a great spinach substitute, and wild mushrooms are a great protein source. You need to know what you're picking and be aware of where you pick as well. If you can see it from a blacktop road you shouldn't eat it due to the exhaust emissions from vehicles and the runoff from the road surface. Avoid any area that is subjected to pollution. This includes golf courses and agricultural land that may be treated with pesticides. Foraging for edibles can be a fun family activity. When we head out to the fields and forests to forage it puts us in touch with our most ancient ancestors. It can be fun, fascinating, and have positive health benefits as well. Tread lightly...Nature is amazing!"*

# THE GREEN REVIEW

BOOKS RELEVANT TO WISCONSIN SIERRA CLUB MEMBERS

Amy Lou Jenkins BSN MFA. Amy is the author of *Every Natural Fact: Five Seasons of Open-Air Parenting* - [www.AmyLouJenkins.com](http://www.AmyLouJenkins.com)



## SILENCE OF THE SONGBIRDS

How We Are Losing the World's Songbirds and What We Can Do to Save Them

by Bridget Stutchbury, Harper Perennial, 2008, 244 pages.

most two-thirds of their coffee in open sun. The Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center has the numbers to show that the decline of the Baltimore Orioles, Tennessee warblers, and thousands of other songbirds followed the loss of diversity when rainforest lost out to coffee plantations. (Many of these birds are insect eaters. As we loose the birds, increases in some insect populations and insecticides bring new problems and human health concerns) Hundreds of millions of coffee drinkers can vote for the birds, vote for the environment, vote for the biodiversity essential to the human ecosystem when buying coffee. Midwesterners who look for orioles in the beginning of May have been known to put out their orange slices, jelly feeders, and Oriole nectar on Mother's day. It's a great way to spend the morning, hot coffee and the seasons first flourish of orange flash as the Orioles visit our backyard feeding stations. Stutchbury and others hope that by next Mother's Day, if not sooner, we understand the relationship between our morning coffee and our colorful neotropicals.

The choice for shade-grown coffee is easy to make, as is the choice to buy only 100 percent recycled toilet tissue, and to cancel our catalogs to diminish the logging to the old-growth boreal forests of Canada. Other issues such a light pollution, invasive species, pesticides, and habitat pressures from growing populations can be more complicated issues. Yet, Stutchbury has an easy action plan for each of these issues.

It might be counterintuitive to believe that a book full of problems and statistics about losses leaves you with hope, but it does. Southbury's love of songbirds is imbued on every page so that as the reader completes each chapter their love for songbirds and resolve to act for them grows. By the time the epilogue offers a "what to do" chart, the suggested changes seem like easy choices. The reader believes that the most difficult action to take would be to let the songbirds die. ☺

By some estimates, we may already have lost almost half the songbirds that filled the skies and landscapes only 40 years ago.

With an obvious nod to Rachel Carson, Bridget Stutchbury *Silence of the Songbirds* executes the work Cason might have chosen to write about today. Elegant and understandable, Stutchbury's fervor for birds is matched by her scientific acumen. But this isn't a dry science book. It's a call to save songbirds and the ecosystems that humans and every species depend upon. The experiential nature and structure of the book follows the return of migrant songbirds, offering the reader a sensory and emotional encounter.

A sentient reader of *Silence of the Songbirds* is likely to make a few permanent changes in their daily habits.

Americans love our coffee, and this fervor has led to astonishing losses. By the early 90's, 40 percent of Latin American coffee farms had abandoned shade grown beans for sun farms. Birds, frogs, bats, insects, rain-forest trees, all lost out in whopping numbers. Columbia now grows al-



## SAVING SAILING

The Story of Choices, Families, Time Commitments, and How We Can Make a Better Future

by Nicholas D. Hayes, Crickhollow books, 2009, 236 pages.

Nicholas D. Hayes tells us that participation in sailing has decreased 70% since 1979. If the

reader is neither a sailor, nor aspires to sail, this statistic might not seem too earth-shattering. But Hayes is making a point about how American families spend their time together, or perhaps don't spend time together. Sailing, like hunting, hiking, fishing, and other activities are in a per capita decline. Hayes offers insights and stories about the quality of a life that includes family and group outdoor activities, with sailing as the centerpiece. The lynchpin for a turnaround? Hayes calls those with outdoor skills, such as sailing, to be mentors to others. Invite the pale and housebound to share the fun. ☺



## WILD WITH CHILD

Adventures of Families in the Great Outdoors

edited by Jennifer Bove, Solas House, 2010, 215 pages.

Twenty-six outdoor writers are sure to convince every reader that outdoor adventures are essential family experiences. Go snow camping, walk in your nearby woods, explore the

Grand Canyon, take a stab at hunting - just don't go alone. *Wild with Child* serves an in-your-face antidote to all those solitary tales about one man and a wilderness. Just what is so great about dangerous and lonely treks? Bove's collection of experiential essays settles the issue. Take the kids and grandkids to enjoy the wild world. Along the way these writers show they build joyful lives and experience-enriched relationships. Need some inspiration? Read *Wild with Child* and don't skip Mark Jenkins' foreword with the five basic tips for taking kids into the wild. ☺

# FALL OUTINGS

The Sierra Club, as an organization, serves a dual purpose. John Muir's vision for an environmental group was not just one of education and legislation. He felt very strongly that the best way to empower people to want to protect the wild places of the earth was to get them out to enjoy them. Therefore the Sierra Club has always fostered a strong outings program to go along with our conservation ethic. To that end, there are many local events available to hike, bike, camp, ski etc. To see the latest information, visit <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/Events/outings.asp>

Outings are open to all members of the John Muir chapter and to the general public. Note that all outings are subject to change. PLEASE contact trip leaders ahead of time so they know you are coming and can contact you in case of cancellation or other changes.



## **SATURDAY, OCT. 1: BLUE HILLS CANYON HIKE**

Expect a colorful day in the woods, critters in abundance, exploring features of glacial and pre-glacial times in several canyons in the southwest portion of the Blue Hills. Hikes to various points range in round trip walking time from 20 minutes to 2 hours. Total distance of hiking paths can range from 2 to 5 miles. Meet at 9 AM at the Blue Hills Inn at the intersection of CTH W and O, north of Weyerhaeuser. Goodhiking boots essential for small-rock-filled terrain. Bring a lunch. More info or to RSVP: Jim Connell: 715 234-8883 or [james.connell@uwc.edu](mailto:james.connell@uwc.edu) [CV]

## **SATURDAY, OCT. 2, 10A.M.: HIKE THE LODI MARSH SEGMENT OF THE ICE AGE TRAIL**

Join us for a 6-7 mile moderate difficulty hike on the Lodi segment of the Ice Age Trail. Meet at the south trailhead along Lodi Springfield Rd (the one with the kiosk) .5 miles north of Lee Rd. Carpooling from Madison will meet at 9 AM at the Hill Farm State Office Building (DOT) on Sheboygan Avenue. Bring a lunch, water, bug repellent, sunscreen and weather appropriate clothing. For more info, directions, or to RSVP contact David Smith (Madison) at 608-233- 1210. [4L]

## **TUESDAY OCT. 5: CRUISIN' FOR CUISINE AT HARVEST**

Harvest, 21 N. Pinckney Street, Madison. Enjoy the company of fellow Sierrans while sampling fine local cuisine and participating in a thought-provoking educational discussion. We try to mix locations and price points, so hopefully we'll hit a spot you like! Open to members and non-members alike, so bring a friend if you want. Please RSVP a week in advance to Lacinda Athen at [lacinda.athen@gmail.com](mailto:lacinda.athen@gmail.com) or 608-274-7870 and she will make reservations for the group. Dinner time will be provided when you RSVP. [4L]

## **OCT. 8-10: ANNUAL JOHN MUIR CHAPTER SIERRA CLUB AUTUMN ASSEMBLY**

Fall is coming and with it the annual John Muir Chapter Autumn Assembly. All Wisconsin Sierra Club members are invited to attend this fun and educational gathering. This year's Autumn Assembly will be held in Mindoro, WI. In this beautiful outdoors setting, we will offer great speakers, hiking and other nature activities. It is also a chance to meet Sierra Club members from other parts of the state. Information and the registration form for this year's Autumn Assembly -- agenda, speakers, registration -- can be accessed at <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/Events/aa.asp>. Hope to see you there!

## **SATURDAY, OCT. 9, 10AM: BAXTER'S HOLLOW**

One of the best places to be in southern Wisconsin in autumn is in the Baraboo Hills about 40 miles northwest of Madison. We'll visit The Nature Conservancy's Baxter's Hollow in the heart of the largest swath of contiguous forest in the region. We'll talk about the plants and animals living there and about the ancient geology that created the hollow. The summer's rain has taken a toll on some of the roads and trails in the Baraboo Hills and we may have to hike a mile or so to reach the trailhead. The trails are fairly gentle but can be under water in some places and there is a stream crossing hopping over chunks of concrete. For carpooling from Madison, we'll depart from the western parking lot of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation building on 4802 Sheboygan Ave at 9:15 AM. For directions and other questions please contact Jon Higgins at 608-345-5997 or [jonnylv@earthlink.net](mailto:jonnylv@earthlink.net) [4L]

## **SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 6:30PM: CANDLELIGHT HIKE AT LAKE KEGONSA STATE PARK**

Join us for a beautiful fall evening hike along 2 miles of trails lit with hundreds of glowing luminaries. When we are done hiking we can warm up by the bonfire and enjoy refreshments sold by the Friends of Lake Kegonsa State Park, and grills will be available for cooking. Bring your own meat or purchase from the Friends. Carpooling from Madison meets at 6:00 PM at Dutch Mill Park & Ride (Hwy 51 and Broadway Rd). Please RSVP if you wish to meet at the trailhead. A valid state park admission sticker is required. To RSVP or for directions or more info, contact Kathy at 608-848-5076 or [kmulb@charter.net](mailto:kmulb@charter.net). [4L]

## **SUNDAY, OCT. 17, 10:15AM: BLUE MOUNDS HIKE**

We'll meet at the Park & Ride at the corner of Old PD and Business 15 at 9:30 and carpool to Blue Mound State Park at 9:45. You can also meet us at the park at 10:15. A State Park Sticker is required on all vehicle entering the park: annual \$25.00 daily \$7.00. Look for me wearing white Life is Good baseball style hat. We'll hike several of the trails at Blue Mound State Park, about 5 miles total. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy hiking boots. Pack plenty of water and a lunch. Plan on returning to the Park & Ride at 2:00 P.M. For more information contact Bill Fenske at [duh.guru@att.net](mailto:duh.guru@att.net) [4L]

## **FRIDAY, OCT. 22 - 7:00 PM: FULL MOON HIKE AT INDIAN LAKE COUNTY PARK**

Come learn about the geologic and settlement history of Indian Lake and observe the majestic oaks by night. Meet at 7 PM at the Indian Lake parking lot on Hwy 19, 2 miles west of Hwy 12. Wear good walking footwear and bring fluids, a snack to share, and a light. Conducted with the Dane County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail. To RSVP or for more info, please call Kathy at 608-848-5076 or [kmulb@charter.net](mailto:kmulb@charter.net). [4L]

## **SATURDAY, OCT. 23: ALDO LEOPOLD TOUR**

Join us for a Fall Trip to the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center in Baraboo, Wisconsin. We will tour Leopold's wilderness getaway called "The Shack," as well as the recently constructed Legacy Center, designed to meet the high standards of the U.S. Green Building Council and reflects Leopold's environmental ideals. When: Leaving at 8 am, October 23 and returning around suppertime. Where: Tour will leave from State Fair Park "Park and Ride" via carpool. Contact: Denise O'Meara (414-257-4128) or Gary Hofmeister (262-993-7888) if you are interested in attending this all day event. We need to guarantee 10 people and we can take up to 20. Cost: There is a \$10.00 admission fee, about a \$15 gas charge, and an \$8.50 lunch fee. [GW]

## **SUNDAY, OCT. 31, 9AM: LODI PRAIRIE RESTORATION**

Please check the website at [wisconsin.sierraclub.org](http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org) for details.

## **SATURDAY, NOV. 6: ICE AGE TRAIL HIKE**

What to do in November? Join a group in hiking the Ice Age Trail before the snows fly. The kettle lakes and glacial landforms are more visible with the leaves down. Gather first at the Bohemian Ovens and Bakery in Bloomer. Steve White: 715 720-8890 or [whitemartin@discover-net](mailto:whitemartin@discover-net). [CV]

## **TUESDAY, NOV. 9TH: CRUISIN' FOR CUISINE AT IMPERIAL GARDEN**

Imperial Garden, 2039 Allen Boulevard, Middleton. Enjoy the company of fellow Sierrans while sampling fine local cuisine and participating in a thought-provoking educational discussion. We try to mix locations and price points, so hopefully we'll hit a spot you like! Open to members and non-members alike, so bring a friend if you want. Please RSVP a week in advance to Lacinda Athen at [lacinda.athen@gmail.com](mailto:lacinda.athen@gmail.com) or 608-274-7870 and she will make reservations for the group. Dinner time will be provided when you RSVP. [4L]

## **SATURDAY, NOV.13TH, 10AM: PHEASANT BRANCH CONSERVANCY HIKE**

Join Bill for a hike at the Pheasant Branch Conservancy. We may see deer and wild turkeys while hiking. We'll hike for about 2 hours; starting up the hill where we'll be able to see Lake Mendota and the Capitol Building. We'll then hike in the wooded area on the Conservancy Loop Trail. Wear hiking/walking shoes and bring water and a snack. Meet at the Conservancy parking lot at 4484 Pheasant Branch Road, Middleton, WI (The Northernmost parking lot) at 10:00 am. Please R.S.V.P. to Bill Fenske at [duh.guru@att.net](mailto:duh.guru@att.net). [4L]

## **SATURDAY, NOV. 20 10AM: DEVIL'S LAKE RIM HIKE**

Finding a safe hiking place during deer gun hunting season can be a challenge. Fortunately, the trails circling the Devil's Lake gorge in Devil's Lake State Park are far away from the shooting. We'll do the rim hike climbing both the East and West Bluffs. Along the way learn about the powerful forces of plate tectonics, volcanism and massive glaciers that shaped the place we call Devil's Lake over the last 2 billion

years. The hiking varies from easy to challenging and involves some climbing over rocky, steep and potentially slippery trails with and altitude change of about 600 feet in a quarter mile. Bring water, a lunch, a good pair of hiking shoes or boots and weather appropriate clothing. We'll meet in the South Shore parking lot by the concession at 10:00 AM. Carpooling from Madison will leave the western parking lot of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation building on 4802 Sheboygan Ave at 9:00 AM. A state park sticker or day pass is required for cars in the park. For directions and other questions please contact Jon Higgins at 608-345-5997 or [jonnylv@earthlink.net](mailto:jonnylv@earthlink.net) [4L]

## **SUNDAY, NOV. 21: LIVING ROOM ADVENTURE**

It's November and you've done another year of camping, hiking, paddling, and other outdoor pursuits. Share slides, photos, and tales from your travels. A potluck dinner gets us ready for the evening's adventures. Patty & Jeff Henry: 715 832-1387 or [grayjay8@charter.net](mailto:grayjay8@charter.net) [CV]

## **TUESDAY DEC. 14TH: CRUISIN' FOR CUISINE AT LILIANA'S**

Liliana's, 2951 Triverton Pike Drive, Fitchburg, WI. Enjoy the company of fellow Sierrans while sampling fine local cuisine and participating in a thought-provoking educational discussion. We try to mix locations and price points, so hopefully we'll hit a spot you like! Open to members and non-members alike, so bring a friend if you want. Please RSVP a week in advance to Lacinda Athen at [lacinda.athen@gmail.com](mailto:lacinda.athen@gmail.com) or 608-274-7870 and she will make reservations for the group. Dinner time will be provided when you RSVP. [4L]

## **SUNDAY, DEC. 19, 9AM: TABLE BLUFF RESTORATION**

Please check the website at [wisconsin.sierraclub.org](http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org) for details.

## **SUNDAY, DEC. 19, 6:30PM: WINTER SOLSTICE BONFIRE AT PICNIC POINT**

Come to our annual Winter Solstice bonfire at the farthest fire pit area out on Picnic Point. Bring warm liquids for yourself and a snack to share. Don't forget a knit hat, warm gloves/mittens and boots. Feel free to bring cozy Holiday stories to share or holiday songs to sing. Picnic Point can be accessed along the north side of the Picnic Point peninsula, just off of the Lake Mendota Lakeshore Path. To RSVP, contact Lacinda at [lacinda.athen@gmail.com](mailto:lacinda.athen@gmail.com) or 608-274-7870. [4L]

## **OUTING INFORMATION**

### **Host group is indicated in brackets**

[CV] Chippewa Valley Group [GW] Great Waters Group  
[CR] Coulee Region Group [SEG] Southeast Gateway Group  
[4L] Four Lakes Group [SCVI] St. Croix Valley Interstate Group  
[FV] Fox Valley Group [JM] John Muir Chapter

### **Liability Waiver & Carpooling**

In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

## JOHN MUIR CHAPTER 2010 EXCOM CANDIDATES

Please read the following candidate statements for election to the Executive Committee as at-large delegates. Vote for your choices by using the ballot form on the next page.

### JIM STEFFENS



I am pleased to be a candidate this year for the John Muir Chapter ExCom. I have been a member of the Club since 1996, having served as Delaware Chapter Chair for two years and as John Muir

Chapter Chair for three. Since 2005 I have served as the John Muir Chapter Delegate to the Council of Club Leaders, and during that time I have served on the Executive Committee of the Council. The main role of the Council, consisting of delegates from each Chapter as well as the Sierra Student Coalition, is to serve as liaison between the Club Board of Directors and its national committees, and the Chapters.

I am currently Chair of the Council John Muir Chapter ExCom and also am a member of the Club's National Honors and Awards Committee. I am also presently serving as Chair of the Chapter Personnel Committee for one of the very few Chapters that is fortunate enough to be adding paid staff. That we are able to do so is a testament to the ability of our Chapter volunteers and staff to work together effectively, to plan and execute conservation plans successfully, and to manage our finances prudently.

In my personal life, I am retired from a career in the chemical industry, serve as a community member of the Green Committee at Lands' End in Dodgeville, grow enough tomatoes to make my own tomato sauce, and help my fiancée build a cabin and clear land near the shore of Lake Superior. With your support, I would welcome the opportunity to continue helping support the fine work of the John Muir Chapter.

### LIZA PECKHAM



My name is Liza Peckham, and I'm very excited about the opportunity to run for a chair on John Muir Chapter's Executive Committee. I began my membership in college, and served as an intern in Madison

for the John Muir chapter. As an intern, I helped with fundraising efforts, worked to strengthen communication between the Chapter and Student Coalition, attended Club events and events of interest to the Club, and assisted on a project aimed at conveying to the governor and Public Service Commissioners the need to reduce global warming. In 2009, I was named as a "Backyard Hero" by the John Muir Chapter for my continued volunteer work after graduating from the UW-Madison with degrees in Psychology and Biological Aspects of Conservation.

Over the years I have been grateful to be a part of the preservation and improvement of Wisconsin policy, education, and overall quality of life of our citizens. Wisconsin is one of our nation's most beautiful states, and I would love to further protect our land, air and waters. I am very interested in becoming more involved in the endeavors our Chapter undertakes. Since I work at an insurance office in Madison, being active in the Sierra Club allows me to utilize those fund-raising and member-retention skills for civic and environmental issues. I love communicating with people, and finding the right connections to satisfy a need.

It would be great to further engage members, and work to match potential volunteers with the issues and activities that they're passionate about. I would also love to see membership numbers grow, and to maintain those relationships for years to come. We have a healthy population of Sierra Clubbers in Wisconsin, but we can never have too many comrades! We have huge potential with fresh faces in the group, and these newer-generation members are wonderful prospects for activism, new ideas, volunteering, and networking. I think it's especially important to have strong lines of communication with all members to ensure that the majority's desires and priorities are reflected in the Executive Committee's actions.

Please vote for me to represent your interests on the Executive Committee!

### GARY WERNER



My name is Gary Werner and I live in Madison, Wisconsin. I have been a member of the Sierra Club since 1961 and am a charter member of the John Muir Chapter. I live in the territory of the Four Lakes Group.

In my career I serve as the Executive Director of the Partnership for the National Trails System, a federation of 35 non-profit trail organizations supporting the 30 national scenic and historic trails, including the Ice Age and North Country Trails. The Partnership works with Congress and the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to secure and maintain adequate funding and administrative support for the National Trails System.

During the 1960s I helped organize the Chapter's outing program and served on the Executive Committee. In 1971 I served as the first paid lobbyist for the John Muir Chapter and helped to secure passage of Wisconsin's Environmental Protection Act (WEPA). I have served a second stint on the Executive Committee since 1996, as well as the Finance, Fundraising, Political, and Personnel Committees, and terms as Conservation Chair and Personnel Chair.

I am seeking re-election to the John Muir Chapter's Executive Committee for a variety of reasons. I feel that the John Muir Chapter should continue to focus our energies through our ongoing statewide Energy Conservation and Water Conservation campaigns that will integrate work done locally by the Chapter's Groups with efforts aimed at changing State and/or Federal policies and practices. I also feel that we must strongly support the legislative and administrative advocacy of the Chapter. After the November election we will still have a long environmental agenda needing action by a legislature that may not hold protection of the environment as their guiding principle. Finally, I feel that we should better integrate the Chapter's conservation and outing activities so that outings are used to educate advocates about various land and water management issues and help to train us in being better stewards of our lands and waters while we enjoy their beauty and solace. Outings should be a key component of our vigorous effort to recruit many more activists throughout the Chapter.



# JOHN MUIR CHAPTER 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION BALLOT

**Vote for no more than 3 candidates.**

**VOTER #1:**

- Jim Steffens
- Liza Peckham
- Gary Werner
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTER #2:**

- Jim Steffens
- Liza Peckham
- Gary Werner
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: LIZ WESSEL, 546 WOODSIDE TER., MADISON, WI 53711**

**BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 6, 2010**

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**2010 Autumn Assembly**  
 October 8-10 @ Camp Ehawee, north of La Crosse | Turn to PAGE 9 for details!

**JOHN MUIR CHAPTER CALENDAR**

**2010 EXCOM MEETINGS**

- November 9 Conference Call
- January 15, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting  
10am at the First Congregational Church, Baraboo

**2010 EVENTS**

- October 8-10 Autumn Assembly  
Camp Ehawee, La Crosse
- October 10 350.org Parade for the Planet, Madison
- October 14 Community Shares of WI Awards Banquet  
Monona Terrace, Madison
- November 2 General Election
- November 6 Excomm ballots due
- January 8, 2011 River Touring Section annual meeting  
11am at Summit Town Hall, near Oconomowoc  
Contact: Gregg Riemer, 608-257-5239, duNord@sbcglobal.net



**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR JOHN MUIR CHAPTER GROUPS**

- Chippewa Valley <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/chippewa/>
- Coulee Region <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/coulee/>
- Four Lakes <http://www.4lakes.org>
- Fox Valley <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley/>
- Great Waters <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/gwg/>
- SE Gateway <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/segg/>
- St. Croix Valley Interstate  
<http://www.northstar.sierraclub.org/about/groups/st-croix/>

Even if there is not a Sierra Club group located near your home, you can still take meaningful action.

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