

The Official Newsletter of the "Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve"

"Wonders of the Kickapoo Valley" **Friends Photo Contest Begins!**

The Friends of the Reserve are sponsoring another photography competition. This year's contest, with a theme of "Wonders of the Kickapoo Valley", follows the successful "Between Fences" contest of last fall.

Entries are now being accepted at the KVR Visitor Center for photos following this year's theme. Photographs should be taken of subjects and scenes of the valley and may be in black & white or color. Entries should be matted with a neutral color mat and submitted in an 8"x10" size. Each photographer may submit up to two entries. The two categories are students in grades 6 to 12 and adults, 18 years or older. Submission deadline for entries is October 31. No e-mail entries will be accepted.

Photograph entries will be judged by popular voting at the KVR Visitor Center (Nov. 8 – Dec. 1) and by a panel of judges. There will be cash awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each category as well as three honorable mentions. One "Best of Show" Award will be made. Winners will be announced at an Awards Ceremony at the Visitor Center on December 6. Winning entries will be on display at the Visitor Center from December 8 through January 31.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the Friends' web site at kickapooofriends.org. For answers to questions contact Carol Nelson at don094@centurytel.net or 608 435-6203.

Give Us Your Best Shot!

FRIENDS' SPAGHETTI SUPPER AT VISITOR CENTER ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

The annual Friends of the Reserve ***Spaghetti Supper*** will be held at the KVR Visitor Center on Friday, October 3 from 5:00 until 8:00 pm. Held in conjunction each year with the **Dam Challenge**, the supper has become a tradition where one can enjoy a good Italian meal. Featuring spaghetti with the special homemade sauces of Joanne Shird, the meal also includes fresh homemade bread and salad, along with an array of homemade desserts. The cost of the supper is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children aged 12 and under.

Friends members are asked to call the Reserve at 608 625-2960 if you can help work at the supper. Work shifts run from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with arrangements being made for other times as well. Desserts, such as homemade cookies or bars, are also needed. Drop off your delicacy at the Visitor Center the day of the supper or bring them with you when you come to help with that night's supper.



Here On The Kickapoo

The latest publishing venture of the Friends of the Reserve will be released at a program at the KVR Visitor Center on Friday, September 12, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Here On The Kickapoo by Ralph Nuzum with a forward by Brad Steinmetz is a new volume of six of Nuzum's "little books" about his beloved Kickapoo Valley. The book also contains other writings by Nuzum as well as his personal and family's business history.

A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program. Chuck Hatfield, Friends' member, who acted as publisher of this latest book, will speak about the project. Others scheduled to speak are Henry Peterson, who will review projects in the Kickapoo Valley done with UW Foundation funds in Nuzum's name, Evelyn Brocher, niece of Nuzum who will share remembrances of her uncle, and Steinmetz.



DRIFTLESS DIALOGUE SERIES AGAIN OFFERS VARIETY OF SPECIAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE



(above) – Dressed in traditional costumes, a dance troupe from the Milwaukee area Hmong community prepares to begin a dance at the KVR Visitor Center lobby.



Members of the Lao Veterans of America demonstrated Laotian musical instruments at the Hmong History Culture Program held at the KVR Visitor Center on August 23.

The learning has already begun for the second **Driftless Dialogue** series of programs to be held at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. In August, “Home Winemaking” and “Hmong History & Culture” events were held at the Visitor center. Programs will continue on a monthly basis through May of 2009. The schedule of events includes:

- **Hunting Ethics** with Dr. Bob Norton, Sept. 17, 6:30 pm

- **Value of Public Places** with Dan Small, Oct. 23, 6:30 pm

- **Gray Wolves** with Dick Thiel, Nov. 13, 6:30 pm

- **Invasive Wildlife** with Scott Craven, Dec. 10, 6:30 pm

- **Raptor Rehabilitation** with Coulee Region Rehabilitation Center, Jan. 10, 2009, 2:30 pm

- **Healthy Planet, Healthy People** with Dr. Luke Fortney, Feb. 11, 6:30 pm

- **5 Steps to Successful Prairie Establishment** with Neil Diboll, March 14, 8:30 am to noon

- **Aldo Leopold & the Science of Phenology** with Stanley A. Temple, April 25, 8:30 am to noon

- **Old Wisconsin History** with Erika Janik, May 16, 2:30 pm

The series is brought to the Reserve by the Kickapoo Valley Reforestation (Nuzum) Fund.

For more information on the programs contact the Reserve at (608) 625-2960 or check the KVR web site at <http://kvr.state.wi.us>.

Informational postings on each of the programs can also be found at the Friends web site at www.kickapooofriends.org.

WELCOME TO NEW FRIENDS

The Friends of the Reserve would like to say WELCOME to the following new members for 2008:

Lyn Korenic – Madison, Jeff & Jennifer Banowetz – La Farge, Connie Hilton – Milton, Nicholas Brown & Sarah Kanouse – Iowa City, Iowa, Rich & Lois Milonczyk – La Farge, Rick, Sadie & Reed Urban – Ontario, Greg, Sherry, Josh, Jake, & Jordan Johnson – La Farge, Linda Gambrell – Hillsboro, Lee & Yolanda Hayden – Madison, Michael & Kelly Scheder – La Farge, Michael & Judith Nugent – Waukegan, Ill., Drs. Paul & Paula Grenier – Viroqua

As of September 1, the Friends of the Reserve membership for 2008 stood at 103 members.



FRIENDS & KVR CALENDAR

- Sept 1 –Friends’ photo contest, “Wonders of the Kickapoo Valley” Entries accepted
- Sept 12 – Book Release Celebration, Here On The Kickapoo by Ralph Nuzum – 6:30 pm reception & program
- Sept 15 – Friends of Reserve board of directors’ meeting – 7:00 pm
- Sept 17 – “Hunting Ethics” with Dr. Bob Norton – 6:30 pm*
- Sept 26-28 – KVR Annual Trail Ride*
- Oct 3 – Friends Spaghetti Supper – 5:00 to 8:00 pm
- Oct 4 – Dam Challenge Triathlon
- Oct 11 – Nature Art Series – Field Sketching - 9:30 am-4:00 pm
- Oct 23 – “Value of Public Places” with Dan Small – 6:30 pm*
- Oct 25 – Friends of Reserve Annual Meeting – 5:00 pm at Visitor Center and Friends’ Membership Appreciation Dinner – 6:00 pm at Organic Valley in La Farge
- Oct 31 – Entry Deadline for Friends Photo Contest
- Nov 8 – Dec 1 – Public voting on Photo Contest at Visitor Center
- Nov 13 – “Gray Wolves” with Dick Thiel – 6:30 pm*
- Dec 6 – Friends’ Holiday Cookie & Candy Sale – 3:00 pm
- Dec 6 – Photo Contest Awards Ceremony – 5:00 pm
- Dec 6 – “String Ties” Dance – 7:00 pm
- Dec 10 – “Invasive Wildlife” with Scott Craven – 6:30*
- Jan 10, 2009 – KVR Winter Festival

* - a Driftless Dialogue II program



Three Friends’ Events on December 6

Saturday, December 6, will be a busy day at the KVR Visitor Center as three different events sponsored by the Friends of the Reserve will be held. The events are held in conjunction with La Farge’s Small Town Christmas and will begin with the Friends’ Cookie & Candy Sale at 3:00 p.m. Load up your holiday goodie larder with special cookie & candy favorites prepared by your friends and neighbors. Buy these sweets by the pound or the tray for your holiday parties!

At 5:00 p.m. the Awards Ceremony will be held for the Friends’ Photo Contest, this year with a theme of “Wonders of the Kickapoo Valley”. A “Best of Show”, chosen by a panel of judges, will be announced and remain on display at

the Visitor Center. Winning photos in both the student and adult categories, chosen by the popular voting done in November, will remain on display through January.

“String Ties”, regular popular performers in the area, will entertain beginning at 7:00 p.m. This acoustic, bluegrass band will perform your favorites tunes as well as their special holiday musical selections. Admission is \$5, but Friends members will be admitted **FREE if they renew their membership for 2009!**

Mark this date, December 6, on your calendar for a day of fun at the Reserve.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER

All members of the Friends of the Reserve are invited to a membership appreciation dinner to be held at the Organic Valley Milky Way Café on Saturday, October 25, beginning at 6:00 p.m. To know how much food to prepare, please RSVP to Brad Steinmetz by e-mail at bstein@mwt.net if you will attend.



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June Flood on Kickapoo at Reserve



(Top Left) Bridge 18 at height of June flood on Kickapoo River
(Top Right) The intake tower at the dam is surrounded by water during June flood
(Bottom Left) Rampaging Kickapoo River races past dam tower during June floods
(Bottom Right) The approaches were washed out, but the covered bridge on the Reserve survived the record flood of the Kickapoo River

FRIENDS' ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 25

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve will be held on Saturday, October 25, beginning at 5:00 pm at the KVR Visitor Center. Three positions on the Friends' board of directors will be up for election at this meeting. Check the Friends web site (kickapoofriends.org) in October for a meeting agenda.

The Friends of the Reserve are a proud co-sponsor of the 5th Annual Kickapoo Valley Reserve Trail Ride being held from September 26-28.

NATURE ART SERIES RETURNS TO RESERVE

Monica Jagel returns to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve in October to teach another series of Saturday workshops in nature art. The noted local artist will lead the workshops beginning on Saturday, October 11, with "Field Sketching". Other topics include "Pen & Ink" on November 1, "Designs From Nature" on January 24, and "Stone Texture" on February 21. A fee for each workshop is \$40 (\$30 for KVR Friends); and there is a limit of 15 in each workshop. Contact the Reserve at 608 625-2960 or e-mail to kickapoo.reserve@krm.state.wi.us for more details. Ms Jagel's work is currently on display in the lobby of the KVR Visitor Center.