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Our New Executive Director

Tom Joseph, Interim Executive Director

As of June 1, Sarah Johnson will become the Discovery Center's new Executive Director. Sarah and the Center know each other well: she is an active volunteer, and has served the organization on a professional level, as Program Director in 2005-06 and Board President 2009-10. Few others know the organization as Sarah does, or have shown a similar level of dedication. The staff and Board are thrilled Sarah will apply her talents to the Discovery Center full-time.



(l-r) Naturalists Zach Wilson and Licia Johnson, Facilities Manager Terry Sexton, new Executive Director Sarah Johnson, Board President Duanne Swift, Administrative Assistant Beth Meyer and Interim Executive Director Tom Joseph.

Sherlene Schmidt, our super-volunteer, sums it up: "Who could be better for the Center? If you know Sarah, you know she loves her family, this Northwoods community and the Discovery Center!" Indeed, as publisher of FYI Northwoods and owner of Northwoods Home Rentals, Sarah is a respected, visible, busy business owner; yet she still finds time to appear at community events with her family, two youngsters in tow.

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The Big Event

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OUR MISSION

The North Lakeland Discovery Center is a community-based environmental learning center that promotes stewardship of the region's natural and cultural resources.

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Join Us for FunRaising on May 30th

The tent is reserved, the caterers are ready, we have great items to auction and we just need you to attend the 14th Annual Big Event Auction and Social on Sunday, May 30th, from 4:00-7:30 at the Discovery Center. Your invitation is enclosed with details about the evening, a list of terrific items you can bid on and a thank you to the sponsors that help to underwrite this event.



You can register by returning the enclosed card with your check or, new this year: go to our website to register and pay online. Individuals pay \$25 for wine tasting, appetizers, dinner and lots of fun and, also new this year: you can reserve a table for dinner with wine for up to 10 individuals for \$400.

The invitation lists many of our auction items but here are a few highlights: a week next March in a beautiful Tucson casita with the use of a red convertible, outings with many area guides, a delightful Victorian dollhouse for your grandchildren, original art by Sara Muender, Barbara McFarland, Jeff Richter, Terry Daulton and others, a gourmet dinner with wine in your home, and tickets for the Badgers, Brewers and Packers. And this year we want to fund-a-wish to provide \$2,500 for teaching materials for our naturalists.



Our lodge chock full of goodies.

Last year this event sold out a week in advance.

We've added a few more seats this year but, be certain to secure your spot and make your reservation early!

Our New Executive Director, continued from page 1

Sarah didn't apply for the job initially, and came to the decision only after making certain it gelled with her personal and professional plans. Her thoughtfulness is a quality that will serve the Center well. Couple this with a background in environmental education, and it's easy to see Sarah's unique skill set. Zach Wilson, our Senior Naturalist, says, "I am most excited about Sarah's leadership style as a team player and her dedication to the Center, community and the environment. I strongly believe, between her passion for the environment, our mission, and her business background, that she will lead the Discovery Center to its greatest potential."

We could go on...but Sarah would be the first to say, "Enough!" Welcome, Sarah. And congratulations and thanks, too, to Duanne Swift, who'll be President through our July elections.

Fund an Intern Update:

Last month we asked you to help fund our three summer intern positions. We're delighted to announce that we've filled all three positions with bright, qualified and eager young naturalists. Our heartfelt thanks to all who donated. If you haven't yet, it's not too late. We're watching our budget very closely, so if you have a few extra dollars to help us keep them on as long as possible, please send them our way by check or through our website. Many thanks.

Volunteer Spotlight

Jon & Judy Cassady



Cheryl Bowen, NLDC Member and Volunteer

Judy is the current President of the Discovery Center's Bird Club and Jon is the Program Director, which they note is only possible because of the support of others at the Discovery Center and those associated with the Bird Club -- a very "competent and reliable

board and membership back up."

The Cassadys were not always avid birders - however, it didn't take long. They attended the Christmas Bird Count in 2005 the year they retired. At that time, other than common birds like robins, nuthatches and chickadees, they were not familiar with the vast variety of our northern avifauna. By March of 2006, they were hooked and joined the Bird Club.

"The Discovery Center Bird Club provides opportunities to learn about the environment. The way we live impacts the bird population. Joining the Bird Club is a great way to learn about and enjoy birds with like-minded friends"

Judy and Jon do not consider themselves expert birders, but "now we can't go anywhere without keeping track of bird sightings, even out the car window at 60 miles per hour!" Who would have thought that birding would lead to driving dangerously?!



We thank the Cassadys for their commitment to birds, the Discovery Center, and our active Bird Club.

Naturalist Notes:

6th Annual Birding Festival

Licia Johnson, Staff Naturalist

The woods are getting a bit louder these days with the calls of our neotropical migrants. That's right, little song birds are once again filling up our forests. Some of the most recent arrivals include the Hermit thrush, Pine warbler, White-throated sparrow, Yellow warbler and the Sapsuckers.

To celebrate the arrival of our visitors, join the Discovery Center at our 6th Annual Birding Festival this month. A welcome reception will kick-off the festival, Friday, May 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., in the Discovery Center's main lodge. Enjoy a variety of appetizers and beverages served by the Bird Club. A special "Habitats North: Artists at Home with Birds" exhibit will be on display with featured artist narration. Enjoy hearing six artists' views about the rich diversity of birds and habitat as one of the compelling reasons for living, enjoying, studying and creating in the North. Callie Bates will also share her beautiful talents on the folk harp, an instrument she has played for more than 10 years.



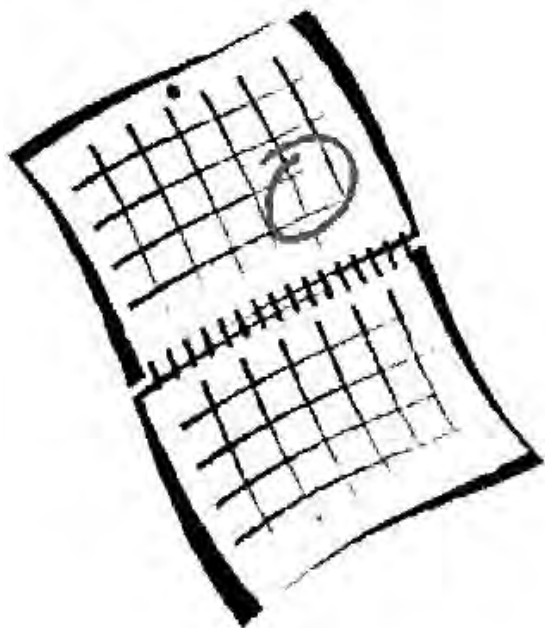
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On Saturday, May 15, start your morning with a guided sunrise warbler walk or bird banding demonstration at 6 a.m. A hearty variety of breakfast foods will be available at 7:45 a.m., followed by this year's keynote speaker, Stan Tekiela -- award winning naturalist, wildlife photographer and writer -- who will speak about "Uncommon Facts about Common Birds." Morning field trips include hikes, a paddle or auto tour and the afternoon is filled with presentations given by local birding experts and enthusiasts, bird banding, and "build your own" bird feeder construction.

The event's itinerary and registration form are available at www.discoverycenter.net or by calling 1-877-543-2085.



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Mark your calendar & sign up for our upcoming Special Events:

Friday & Saturday, May 14 & 15:
6th Annual Birding Festival

Sunday, May 30: The Big Event

Saturday, June 26: Wine in the Woods

Saturday, July 3: 14th Annual
"Just Tri It" Triathlon

AIS Work Begins



AIS coordinator Colin Brainard. Photo credit: Licia Johnson

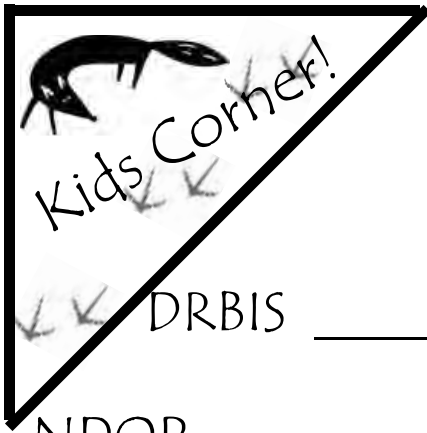
Thanks to funding from the Town of Manitowish Waters and Wisconsin DNR Grant AEPP-231-10, the Discovery Center will be immersed in the effort to combat aquatic invasive species (AIS) this summer through both prevention and containment efforts.

Our new Program Guide features a variety of educational and fun programs, from collecting beetles that selectively eat purple loosestrife to AIS pontoon cruises to our "If you can't Beat 'Em, Eat 'Em" rusty crayfish boil. We have funding, resources, personnel and energy. But in order to succeed, we need your help: please attend workshops and programs, and please volunteer. Learning what to look for is surprisingly easy, and it can be done while you're out enjoying the lake.

For more information, contact Colin Brainard, our AIS coordinator, by phone at the Center or by email, ais@discoverycenter.net. Unchecked, aquatic invasives can seriously impact our lakes. Let's eat 'em and beat 'em.

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If gardening gives you pleasure, there's an opportunity for you at the Discovery Center. Planting, watering and weeding begin in May. And if this plants a 'seed' with you, call Sherlene at 686-2639 for a chance to bloom.



Mixed Up Nature Hike

Below is a list of items to look for on a nature walk but they are all scrambled! Unscramble the words and head out on a trail to see what you can find. Good luck!

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MAY 2010 PROGRAMS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3 Bird Club Meeting 7 pm Bobcat Cabin	4	5 Brown Bag Koller Library Manitowish Waters 12pm-1pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Helping Hands Day 9am-2pm	14 Birding Festival	15	16
17	18	19	20 Nibbles N Knowledge Antarctica Trip 5-7:30 PM @ NLDC Lodge NLDC Board Meeting-3:30pm	21	22 TWA Advisory Council Meeting 9am-4:30pm	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Waterfall Tour 9am-4pm ----- T-shirt Stamping 10am-12pm	30 Big Event

JUNE 2010 PROGRAMS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3 Purple Loosetrife Workshop ----- How to Form a Lakes Association	4	5 Power Yoga 8:30-9:30 am	6
7 Bird Club Meeting 7 pm Bobcat Cabin	8	9 Flowage Pontoon 9 am-12 pm or 3-6 pm	10 Nibbles N Knowledge: Pure Superior 5-7:30 pm	11	12 Power Yoga ----- Tai Chi and Yoga 10-11 am ----- Clean Boats, Clean Waters 9:30-11:30 am	13
14 DYW: Going Batty 9-11:30 am	15 AC: Fishing Tournament 9 am-4:30 pm	16 Free Guided Nature Hike 10-11:30 am	17 Lake Monitoring Workshop 9-11:30 am	18 Canoe Trip 9 am-3 pm	19 Power Yoga ----- Nature Nook: Scavenger Hunt 10 am-2 pm	20
21 DYW: Ickyology 9-11:30 am	22 AC: Wildlife Pontoon 9 am-4:30 pm	23 AIS Lake Monitoring 10 am-12 pm	24 Kids Kayak Day 9:30 am-12 pm Or 1-3:30 pm	25 Flowage Pontoon 9 am-12 pm or 3-6 pm	26 Power Yoga ----- Tai Chi and Yoga ----- Nature Nook: T-shirt Stamping ----- WINE IN THE WOODS 4:30-7:30 pm	27
28 DYW: Lake Invaders! 9-11:30 am	29 AC: White Water Canoeing 9 am-4:30 pm	30 Free Guided Nature Hike 10-11:30 am		New this year: register online! For the latest program details and to register, visit our website at www.discoverycenter.net or call 715.543.2085		

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