Playful Prose Positing Purposely Profound Pedagogy

The Meaning of Life Based Upon the Letter "P" by Ken Leinbach, Executive Director

I biked in to work in an absolutely fabulous mood. No particular reason, just enjoying life. So I’m riding along lost in my thoughts, meditating in a stream-of-consciousness kind of way on a friend who is depressed.

If he could just find his passion, I thought, or a new passion then maybe it would bring purpose to his life. There seems to be a definite connection between purpose and passion. Perhaps the meaning of life is to find one’s purpose and that one finds passion through exploring one’s passions … Hmm. Suddenly another “P” word came to mind, presence.

Being present in the moment, in my opinion, is the key to being whole. If one is fully present, one’s passions become easier to discern, which in turn provides purpose. Abruptly a fourth “P” floats through the synapse of my brain, place. “What the heck does this one mean,” I wonder, knowing intuitively that it has importance.

I arrived at work and put the meditation briefly on hold. Dan, Urban Adventures Coordinator and friend, greets me at the bike rack. We call him our sage, as he has either a wise word or a wise crack for every situation. I share with him this new found theory for the meaning of life based upon the letter P. He gets it immediately and adds playful to the mix. It’s Perfect! Being attuned to the playful in life is almost as important as all the other Ps. When one is passionate, has purpose, and is present, a freedom to be naturally playful is the result. I like it!

Hmmm. I’m still stuck on place. Now the phones begin to ring and I don’t have time to ponder. I check my mail and Pow! There is the answer in a note from a friend. “Joseph Campbell believed that myths served as organizing principles for individuals, tribes,

Annual Meeting, Potluck
Tuesday, September 27

by Lorraine Jacobs, President, Board of Directors

The Board of Directors invites all to attend the Urban Ecology Center’s 2005 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 27.

As a member, you know that we have experienced a year of growth, new experiences and excitement galore! Come celebrate with us as we take a look back on our accomplishments. Learn what we anticipate for the future and dream with us about the possibilities.

In addition to the review and visioning, we will present Board members and elect the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee Nominees:
President - Lorraine Jacobs
Vice President - John Clancy
Secretary - Anne Steinberg

Summer Camp Success: A Community Effort!

by Susan Winons, School Program Coordinator

It was a busy summer at the Urban Ecology Center! Six weeks of camp brought over 150 children from ages 3 to 17 for weeks of environmental science and outdoor recreation. If you stopped by the Center at all during those weeks, you may have seen the flurry of activity. What was not obvious on the surface, however, were the individuals and groups that contributed behind the scenes to make our summer a successful one. Numerous volunteers did everything

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Welcome Ginger Lee. We now have 2 Gingers! Ginger Lee, not to be confused with Ginger Duiven, is our new Public Ally intern. She becomes part of the Center team on September 19th. Ginger will be teaching river ecology through our “River Connection” collaborative program with Riveredge Nature Center. She also will be taking care of the Native Wisconsin Animal Classroom and heading the Community Supported Agriculture program. Ginger plans to wrap up a PhD in Philosophy from Marquette University this fall. Ginger has greatly enjoyed teaching college students and looks forward to working with children again. Hailing from the Riverwest community, Ginger is excited to share her passion for education with our students.

Sometimes dreams do come true. Have you ever read our wish list and thought, “I don’t have $40,000 for a climbing wall!” We like to put some “dream” items on our list. For example, you may have noticed in recent newsletters our wish for a Toyota Prius to serve as a community car. About a month ago, we received a call from Lynde Uhlein’s office…she was planning to sell her Prius, but after reading the newsletter, decided to donate it to the Center! The Prius will be used by staff (who bike, bus and take other alternative transportation to work) to go to meetings around the city, run errands, go to conferences, etc. We are also exploring the concept and logistics of a “community car” for our members and friends. Our grateful thanks to Lynde and everyone at the Brico Fund who made the hybrid donation possible! And we’re still in need of funding for a climbing wall to go on our tower…give us a call if you think you can help!

Like to garden? We are considering providing some community garden space near the Center. If anyone is interested in helping design, construct, maintain, or participate please call Ken at (414) 964-8505, x101.

We need cake! Help us celebrate the first birthday of the new building at the Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 24 by baking (or buying) a cake. If you are interested in contributing to our birthday cake collection, please contact Sarah Rohe at (414) 964-8505, x114.

Help wanted. Are you (or someone you know) outgoing, excited about the Center and able to work in a fast-paced environment? The Center is hiring two part time receptionist/administrative assistant positions, 16-20 hours per person, as early as September 1. Please call Judy Krause, (414) 964-8505 x102, to learn more.

Recycle your vegetable scraps! Compost bins are available for sale. Bins have a 15 cubic feet capacity, are easy to assemble, include a compost book and cost only $49.

Join the Center email list. From astronomy to biology to spontaneous lunches, members find out first on our email list. Our list is not given to anyone and is used for Center business only. Sign up today! If you are a member of the UEC, send an email to ebrinks@urbanecologycenter.org and type “subscribe” in the subject line. Also, add uec@urbanecologycenter.org to your address book to prevent our email from being blocked by your spam blocker.

Many thanks. The Center would like to thank the following organizations for their generous contributions: Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors’ Youth Foundation, Constance P. Godfrey 2004 Trust, Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Johnson Controls Foundation, Greater Milwaukee Foundation & Trinity Foundation of Wisconsin.

Giving opportunities found in our community. Please take advantage of these ways to give to the Center.

The Center is a member of Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee. If your employer does not offer workplace giving, call Judy at 964-8505, x102, to help start a Community Shares campaign.

Through a partnership with Ranch Community Services, you can donate your car or other older vehicle to support both nonprofits. The Center receives 50% of the sale for any vehicle donated by our contacts.

Recycle old ink-jet cartridges and cell phones at the Center. A donation is made for each shipment of recyclable materials.

Wish List

We are grateful for the generous support of our members and friends. If you have a donation for the Center, please call 964-8505. The Center is in need of the following items:

- Large copy machine
- 18-inch reflecting telescope with Dobsonian mount
- Sweatpants of all sizes
- Portable fabric covered display board
- Lateral 2 drawer file cabinet (36”)
- Firewood
- Flatbed scanner
- Juggling stuff
- Ping-pong table (in good condition)
- Step stools
- Desk/floor lamps
- Large cast iron bell
- Folding room divider screens
- $40,000 for tower climbing wall
Volunteers’ Corner

by Ben Calsbeek, UEC Board of Directors and Volunteer Committee Member

Sad Goodbye

The Center would like to acknowledge the sad, unexpected loss of one of our Board Members, Tony Brown (51). He died at his home on July 12. Being a part of the Center was very important to him as he appreciated the connection with nature that our programs manifested for children. Tony had been a Board Member for over 3 years. His professional position at “The Ranch” became a means to connect their clients with the Center, whether through job training, sharing artwork or simply visiting. Tony will be remembered with the planting of a tree in the memorial area of Riverside Park.

Profile: Stephanie Sandy

Autumn is always one of my favorite seasons: clean, crisp air, a different shade of blue painting the sky, and of course … school. With autumn comes a bit of urgency to days recently filled with leisure. Here at the UEC it’s no different. School programs get back into full swing and volunteer efforts at the Center are especially appreciated. Volunteers like Stephanie Sandy help the Center fulfill its mission year.

“I love kids, I love nature, I love the solitude and solace of nature, and I love sharing what I can,” declares veteran volunteer Stephanie. Working and volunteering in various capacities since 2000, she knows first hand the multifaceted ways the UEC benefits our community. Since a chilly Wednesday Walk one February morning along the river, Stephanie knew she wanted to be involved. Beginning as a member of the Burdock Brigade, she eventually became more involved as a Volunteer Teacher. Leading children through the woods in the school program has become one her favorite activities. Stephanie is “amazed to see kids sometimes entering the woods fearful and afraid and come out seeing the woods as not just a safe place to be but a place full of wonder.” Even more enjoyable is when one of the children reaches out and wants to hold her hand during their walk, pointing out favorite trees and insects together. Stephanie has also taught YogaKids! at the UEC, as well as at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center and other schools and community centers.

There are many ways to get involved and volunteer at the UEC. As Stephanie simply points out, “the Urban Ecology Center is good for the soul.” Find out for yourself by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Winans, about being a Volunteer Teacher or about other ways to get involved.

Upcoming dates for volunteers:

Fall Ice Cream Social: Saturday, September 24, 2005, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Come and lead a children’s craft, give a carriage ride, recruit new members for the Urban Ecology Center, or scoop ice cream! Do you juggle? Face paint? Please call Susan at (414) 964-8505, x110, if you can commit two or more hours to volunteer that day.

Volunteer Recognition: Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m.

Instruments and Nature

“The cicadas sound different from the tower than they do from the forest,” observed a student participating in the “Instruments and Nature” camp offered to 26 five to ten year-olds this summer. What may seem like an odd collaboration for a nature center turned out to be a smashing success for kids this summer. The Wisconsin Conservatory of Music was interested in offering an all-day sampler of instrument lessons, but were concerned that the children needed a break for their hands, ears, bodies and minds. What started as simply a need to get the kids outside to play became a rich educational experience, not only for the campers, but also for the teachers.

Each morning for a week, the campers started the day at the conservatory with piano, guitar and violin lessons. At lunchtime we picked up the students in our natural gas powered vans and brought them to the Habitat Playground for a picnic and playtime. Then the day was completed with recorder, drum and nature lessons at the Center. The ecological explorations focused on nature as musical inspiration. Rimski-Korsakov’s Flight of the Bumble Bee, recorded by Yo Yo Ma and Bobby McFerrin, kicked off the week. The campers not only had advanced listening capabilities but they also had powerful inquisitiveness. We barely finished half of the planned activities because this group enjoyed the long silent hikes, could look for bugs for hours and were able to discover incredible beauty in the sights and sounds of Riverside Park.

We were a little late to the afternoon recorder and drum lessons one day because Andy, a 2nd grader, discovered the full representation of a spider’s life cycle on Jeremy Wolf’s new sculpture by the playground (see page 2 for details). On the sculpture, there was an empty egg sack, hundreds of miniscule baby spiders and a protective mother all within an area barely the size of a quarter. Students learned to recognize specific bird, insect and mammal calls. And they taught me to focus even more closely on the sounds of the park. I discovered that the cicada has a warm buzzing sound when the breeze carries it over the canopy to the top of the tower. Yet in close proximity, in the midst of the forest, the sharp urgency of each individual call takes on a much harsher tone. We hope to offer this program again next year. Please stay tuned!
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cultures and civilizations. Knowing one’s myth was as important in his mind as knowing one’s name, ancestry or blood type; it gave one a context in a world that often left one feeling placeless.” Bingo! It ultimately is all about feeling one’s place.

Place is similar to purpose, yet it is of a slightly different flavor. Feeling one’s place is about feeling right with the world. In order to feel right with the world one must have a purpose derived from one’s passion which is obtained through being present. Playfulness is a welcome outcome to feeling one’s place, or it may be that feeling one’s place is the outcome of a playful attitude. A bit of a Paradox, don’t you think?

Phew! Way too Profound. Time to stop thinking and get some Popcorn, Pretzels and Peanuts!

So what does all this have to do with the Urban Ecology Center? The Center represents the collective passion of many in our community. Our mission or purpose is derived from this passion and is grounded in a place, Riverside Park. In the Center you can’t miss our focus on place, from the recycled gym floor that three generations of neighbors played on at the old Bartlett School, to the local map painted on the main hall’s floor, to the animal room representing Riverside Park’s residents.

The Center’s educational Philosophy in this place is one based upon mentoring youth in our community to an environmental ethic. The foundation of being an effective mentor has to do with being 100% present to the Pupil. A playful approach is the key to our success. While environmental Problems in this world are severe and the issues surrounding them contentious, the heart of a child’s existence should be play and wonder. As Michael Weilbacher once wrote,

“Eight year olds should not be asked to become warriors or worries. Children have much more important work to do: Watch ants. Grow flowers. Dance between the raindrops. This is sacred work, and childhood needs to be preserved just as much as rain forests and wetlands.”

Astronomy Notes

by Art Paque and Woody Hagge, community volunteers

Mars returns with the arrival of autumn! Watch the Red Planet brighten from magnitude -1.0 in early September to -2.3 on October 29th when it will be just 43.1 million miles away. The planets and stars will form many delightful couplings this fall; don’t miss Uranus’s two meetings with the Moon, a good opportunity to spot this distant planet. Keep your fingers crossed for the Draconid meteor shower October 8th; it might produce a meteor storm.

September

September’s morning planets are Mercury (-1.5), found low in east northeast first week of month and Saturn (0.3) 35˚ up in the twilight sky by month’s end. Evening skies will display Venus (-3.9) low in west southwest, Mars (-1.0) rising in east northeast 10 p.m. on 1st earlier as the month progresses; Jupiter (-1.7) low in west southwest just after sunset through midmonth.

On September 1st-5th, look at sunset in the very low west southwest for Venus and Jupiter 1˚ apart. Find Mercury (-1.0) 2˚ to right of the Moon on the 2nd. Look very low in the east at 5:30 a.m. Mercury is found 1˚ north of Regulus (1.34) very low in the east northeast 5:45 a.m. on the 4th. Look for Jupiter and Venus above the Crescent Moon on the 6th. Look low in the west to southwest at sunset. On the 16th, find Uranus (5.7) 3˚ above the Moon after dark. It is easily found with binoculars about one half the field of view above and in line with the Moon’s right edge. Bring those binoculars back out to find Saturn 1˚ south of Beehive (M44) on the 17th. Look very low in the east northeast at 3:00 a.m. Early on the 22nd (at 12:01 a.m.), look for a cluster of Moon, Mars, and Pleiades (M 45). Fall officially arrives later that day; Autumnal Equinox is at 5:23 p.m. On the 28th, look for Saturn 3˚ from the Moon (2:30 a.m. until sunrise). September’s New Moon is on the 3rd. Full Moon (Harvest/Acorn) on the 18th.

October

October’s morning skies will display Saturn in the east northeast after 2 a.m., then moving high in the east southeast by dawn. Evenings will shine with brilliant Venus (-4.1) low in the south west for two hours after sunset; Mars (-1.9) rises in the east northeast at twilight, finishing the night in the west southwest at dawn.

After sunset on the 4th find Jupiter and Mercury 3˚ west of Moon. Use caution, they will be only 13˚ from the Sun. Look to the southwest on the 7th to find Antares (1.03) 0.5˚ above Moon. Watch this from sunset until 8 p.m. The 8th features the Draconid meteor shower. Number per hour will vary but there is a potential for storm levels this year! Watch in the north, 60˚ up after 9 p.m. Use your binoculars on the 13th to find Uranus 3˚ above Moon. The Moon will be 0.3˚ south of Pleiades at 10 p.m. on the 19th. Also find Mars [-2.1] 10˚ in the west. The Orionid meteor shower is on 21st. Watch before dawn in the south, 40˚ up in sky, for 10-15 per hour. This one may be hard to see because the bright Moon will interfere with viewing.

On the 25th, the Moon will be 4˚north of Saturn from moonrise until dawn.

Be sure to view Mars (-2.3) on its closest approach to Earth. Look at 10 p.m. on the 29th.

Daylight savings time ends on October 30th.

October’s New Moon is on the 3rd. Watch for a Full Moon (Hunter’s/Changing Season) with a partial lunar eclipse on the 17th. The greatest eclipse will be seen at 7:03 a.m. and it ends with moonset at 7:13 a.m.
Sponsorships Sustain School Program

Our Neighborhood Environmental Education Project (NEEP) is a partnership program between the Ecology Center, sponsors and local schools. It is designed to provide students with ongoing contact with Milwaukee's urban wilderness and to promote mentoring relationships between our environmentally responsible staff and the students. Each school receives 24 trips to the Center so that individual students can come more than once. We prioritize enrollment for partnering schools each year, so that we not only see the same students multiple times during the year, but also year after year. We also limit the schools we serve to a two mile radius from the Center so that students can return with their friends and family after school hours. We've been delighted to develop very strong relationships with many of these students who return for summer camp, for after-school programs and to volunteer.

Each year as we read the news about more budget cuts for schools, our partnering schools show their commitment to the project by dedicating their time and funds. But the true cost of this program is almost double their commitment. The difference is made up by the support of our very generous sponsors.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the ongoing sponsors of NEEP. One example of an exemplary sponsor is Harley-Davidson Motor Company. They have sponsored two schools for the past four years. They chose the two schools furthest west because they wanted to support schools in their community.

Another example is Urban & Taylor who helped us connect a new school to the program by contributing $5,000 so that the school could sample our programs before signing on for a full contract.

Our goal is to connect local businesses and funders to local schools so that the education of our children is supported and embraced by the community. As we expand our reach to new schools, the need for the community's support grows. If you think that you or your business could provide $1,000 to $3,000 in ongoing annual support, please contact Ginger Duiven or Beth Fetterley at 964-8505. Bring this article with you to work as a conversation starter and ask about your company's philanthropy and community support.

NEEP Business Sponsors

Please join this distinguished list of sponsors by supporting our program:

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Ralph Evinrude Foundation
Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors
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From the Board by Lorraine Jacobs, President, UEC Board of Directors

Two of the Board of Directors' main responsibilities include governance and financial oversight of the organization. In an effort to keep our membership informed and assured that the operation is being properly guided and rigorously scrutinized, I share the following:

- During the summer, the Executive Committee concluded an annual review of the Executive Director, Ken Leinbach. Our evaluation confirmed his positive dedication and dynamic energy. Ken is a delight to work with and a phenomenal asset to the Center. With our goals aligned, we look forward to a year of growth and success.
- Our fiscal year comes to a close on August 31. A detailed and conservative budget was presented to the Board for review. Increased school participation, weekend programming and maintenance needs are reflected in the new budget. The Board unanimously accepted the proposed budget with the understanding that meeting the funding goals will require a commitment from everyone.
- We have revamped our traditional Annual Meeting to include social, educational and informational experiences (and a potluck) for our members. I hope that you will try to attend. See additional information on page 1 of this newsletter.

The energy and talent of the staff and volunteers ensure that the Center remains a vibrant place. Your support is always appreciated. Thank you.

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Treasurer - Mark Sandy
Board member renewals:
Jennifer Bolger, Dick Burke,
Dennis Grzezniski, Lorraine Jacobs, and Kathy Werlein
Board elected during 2004-05:
Jeff Anthony, Ben Calsbeek,
Monique Charlier, Danni Gendelman,
Robert Graumann, Troy Hilliard
and Bill Rumpf
Annual Meeting Agenda:
4:30 Board Meeting (all welcome)
5:30 Potluck Dinner
6:00 Presentations
7:00 Close

Please RSVP to Lorraine Jacobs, 562-6608, or ljphotos@netsstream.net
We need to know how many are in your party and the type of food item you will bring for the dinner. Children are welcome.
**Special Events**

**Fall Ice Cream Social**
Saturday, September 24
12 noon - 4 p.m.
For everyone
Free

Help us celebrate our building’s first year anniversary!

**Highlights include:**
- Free Ice Cream!
- Rock Climbing
- African Drumming
- Community Booths
- Arts & Crafts
- Live Entertainment
  - 12:00pm - Sandy Weisto & Friends (Folk Music)
  - 1:30pm - Anjum Belly Dance Troupe (Performance & Free Lessons!)
  - 2:45pm - Jahmes Tony Finlayson from “One Drum”

**Interest Groups**

**Urban Stargazers**
Thursday, September 8 8 p.m. & Thursday, October 13 7 p.m.
Free - donations welcome

**September** Join us for information and stargazing.

**October** Telescope Collimation. Speaker: Jeff Setzer, Northern Cross Science Foundation. Walter Scott Houston once said “poor collimation is the number-one killer of telescopes worldwide.” All telescopes need to have their optics aligned (collimated) periodically in order to produce good images. Learn how to collimate the most common types of telescopes in the amateur market, including Newtonians, Schmidt-Cassegrains and even refractors.

**Vegetarian Potluck**
Thursdays, September 15 & October 20 6:30 - 8 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations welcome
Bring a plate and fork along with your meatless dish to share at our picnic style meal.

**Burdock Brigade**
Every Tuesday, 9 - 11 a.m. and Saturdays, September 3, 17 and October 1, 15 9 - 10:30 a.m.
Free
Improve biodiversity in the park by removing alien plant species like burdock.

**Wednesday Walks With Ken**
Every Wednesday 9 a.m. - Urban Ecology Center building 10 a.m. - Riverside Park
Free - donations welcome

Explore Riverside Park and/or our new “green” facility with our Executive Director, Ken Leinbach. Call ahead to confirm, 964-8505.

**Early Morning Birdwalks**
Every Thursday 8 a.m.
Free - donations welcome
Interested bird watchers of all ability levels are invited to join us in exploring for bird life.

**Marked programs are not accessible for persons with physical disabilities. All others have limited accessibility.**
Family Programs

Harvest Moonrise Family Walk*
Saturday, September 17
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Distance: less than 1 mile
$7 (Members - $4)
Please call (414) 964-8505 to register.

On this night the full Harvest Moon rises within minutes of the sun setting. Watch this unusual occurrence from the tower of the Center. Following the moonrise, we will hike through the darkness as we explore our senses, view the night sky and listen for nocturnal creatures. Your perception of the dark will never be the same!

Fall Color Family Bike Ride
Saturday, October 8
2 - 4 p.m.
For all ages
$7 (Members - $4)
Please call (414) 964-8505 to register.

All ages are welcome to join our Fall Color Bike Ride along the Oak Leaf Bike Trail. Learn basic tree identification and why the leaves turn brilliant colors in the fall. We will start at the Center and go as far as time allows. Come and use one of the Center's bikes (5th grade and up) or bring your own.

Survival!*
Saturday, October 22
2 - 4 p.m.
$7 (Members - $4)
Please call (414) 964-8505 to register.

Come learn real survival techniques while building survival shelters in Riverside Park using only natural materials. We will discuss how to prevent getting into a survival situation as well as how to survive in nature. We will be outside, so dress for the weather.

Storytime in the Park
Sundays, September 11 & October 9
2 - 3 p.m.
For preschool - 4th graders accompanied by an adult
$5 (Members - $3) per child
Please call (414) 964-8505 to register.
Listen to nature stories and meet animal friends in our classroom or look for new friends in the park!

Science Saturdays
Every Saturday
Drop in anytime between 9:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Free - donations welcome

Drop in anytime to discover the world of science through interactive activities.

Discovery Hike for Families*
Sundays, September 25 & October 23
2 - 3:30 p.m.
For children, ages 6 & up, accompanied by an adult
$5 (Members - $3)
Bring your family (or friends) and explore Riverside Park! We will see what we can discover in a guided walk through the park.

Ecology Center Tours
Every Wednesday
5:30 p.m.
Free - donations welcome
Call ahead to confirm, (414) 964-8505.
Explore our new “green” facility with our Director of Education Beth Fetterley.

Saturday, October 22
Bicycle Botany
10 - 11:30 a.m.
For high school age youth
$7 (Members - $5)
Enjoy the mosaic of colorful leaves on a relaxing bike tour along the Oak Leaf Trail. Practice identifying trees and learn how the giants of the plant world adapt to survive in our Wisconsin climate. Bring your own bike and helmet or borrow one of ours.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Orientations
Saturday, September 17 & October 15
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Free
Please call (414) 964-8505 in advance to register.

Volunteers play a vital role in operating the Center. Come to this session and learn about the Center's programs and how to get involved.

Urban Adventures

Call the Center at (414) 964-8505 to register at least two days before the trip. Trips will run as scheduled, rain or shine.

Nearly Full Moon Autumn Hike*
Thursday, September 15
6 - 9 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children, ages 10 - 17
$8 (Members - $5)
Join us for a guided exploration on the trails along the banks of the Milwaukee River under the Harvest Moon. See the moonlight filter through the still-to-fall leaves and shimmer on the flowing river. Sunset is at 7:03 p.m. Moonrise is at 6:10 p.m. Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring water and a flashlight. Distance approximately 4 miles.

Friday Night “Triathlon”**
Friday, September 23
5:15 - 9:30 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children, ages 10 - 17
Adults: $30 (Members - $22)
Children: $15 (Members - $12)

Dinner price not included
Relax at the end of the work week with an evening paddle downtown for dinner. Meet at the Center for a walk through Riverside Park to the Milwaukee River, where we will launch the canoes and float downstream. After dinner (place TBA) we will paddle upstream to the Rowing Club Boathouse.

Annual Halloween Costume Canoe Trip*
Saturday, October 29
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children, ages 10 - 17
Adults: $30 (Members - $22)
Children: $15 (Members - $12)
Lunch is extra
Scare tourists on the Riverwalk at our yearly on-the-water Halloween Party! Meet at the Center for a walk through the park to the Milwaukee River then canoe downtown for lunch (place TBA). After eating we will paddle up river to the Milwaukee Rowing Club Boathouse. Cool prizes for the best costumes!
Bird Banding
Tuesdays, August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 27, & October 4
1/2 hour before sunrise until noon
Please call Tim Vargo at (414) 964-8505, x116, for details and to register.
Few experiences compare with feeling the rapid heartbeat of a bird in your hand while releasing it back to the wild. Join us for coffee, bakery and an up-close and personal look at birds during fall migration.

Monarch Migration & Tagging
Saturday, September 3
2 - 3:30 p.m.
$5 (Members - $3)
Please call (414) 964-8505 to register.
Join Monarch Watch, a national research project. Learn how to carefully catch, tag and release monarch butterflies while supplying valuable data to scientists at the University of Kansas.

Adult Birding Workshops: Thrushes
Wednesday, September 7
5:30 - 7 p.m.
For adults
$5 (Members - free)
Please call (414) 964-8505 to register.

The Land Ethic of Aldo Leopold
Speaker:
A. Carl Leopold, Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research
Tuesday, September 13
7 - 8:30 p.m.
$5 (Members - free)
Please call (414) 964-8505 to register.
Carl will talk about his perception of the thinking of his father, Aldo Leopold, as the land ethic concept developed. He will also describe what has happened with the ethical concept in the subsequent 50 years.

Globalization and Its Critics
Adult Discussion Course
Organizing Session
Wednesday, September 21
6:30 - 7:30 pm
$20
Please register by September 14 so we can order materials.
This nine session course explores how globalization is affecting the environment, local economies and social and cultural customs throughout the world. On September 21 there is an orientation to the discussion format, books are distributed, and time and location of the discussions will be determined. Fees cover the cost of the materials.

A Naturalist in China: Reflections on Urban Ecology
Speaker:
Beth Fetterley, Director of Education, Urban Ecology Center
Tuesday, October 11
7 - 8:30 p.m.
$5 (Members - free)
Please call (414) 964-8505 to register.
In spring of 2004, Beth traveled to Beijing and Shanghai with the UW-Milwaukee Executive MBA program. She will share her experiences as a naturalist in the two cities from an environmental, cultural and business perspective.

Adult Birding Workshops: Copycats
Saturday, October 15
4:30 - 6 p.m.
For adults
$5 (Members - free)
Please call (414) 964-8505 to register.

We Energies Byron Wind Turbines Tour
Saturday, September 2
5456 County Road F in Byron, Wisconsin
Tours start every half hour between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and take about 30 minutes.
Reservations are not needed for individuals or small groups, but groups of 10 or more should call (414) 221-4264.
Take a tour of the We Energies Byron wind turbines! Visitors will have an opportunity to enter the tower base and watch the wind turbine shut down and be restarted. Attend a tour or visit our website (www.we-energies.com/efct) to learn more about wind turbines, the importance of wind and other renewable energy.

Community Connections
If you or your group have a program to share with others, give us a call and we’ll consider listing it in this section.

Friends of Milwaukee County Historical Society Historic Twilight Cruise with John Gurda
Thursday, September 8
6 - 7 p.m.
Board on the west bank of the river between Michigan and Clybourn streets.
$20 for Friends members, $25 for non-members.
Registration required by September 1.
Call the Milwaukee County Historical Society at 414 273-8285 for more details. No refunds.
John Gurda, Milwaukee historian and author of “The Making of Milwaukee” will narrate the late-summer, twilight cruise aboard the Iroquois. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

Author: Eric Hansen
Schwartz’ Books at 2559 N. Downer Ave.
Wednesday, September 21
7 p.m.
Where are the U.P.’s most memorable hikes and hideouts? Eric Hansen, author of the U.P.’s first hiking guide, walked 900 miles across northern Michigan to find answers. He found miles of quiet shoreline, thumping waterfalls and sparkling cascades, and rock balconies with knock your socks off views that stretch fifty miles and more. His presentation will include slides of hidden gems like Shining Cloud Falls - as well as the scenic viewpoints of Drummond Island’s Marblehead, the tip of the Keweenaw’s Bare Bluff and the Trap Hill’s Norrish Bluff. Eric’s writing credits include extensive writing for Backpacker Magazine, and an earlier guidebook, Hiking Wisconsin. Widely traveled, he is a veteran of 21 treks to the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

UWM MBA Program Alumni Association Class of 2003 Reunion
Wednesday, September 21
4:30 - 7 p.m.
Corner of Murray and Bradford
$20
Registration required by September 1.
For details contact: Ruth Prus of ssppblockparty@yahoo.com or (414) 961-2094.
Start off the afternoon with Jim Boren and the JBO Polka Band. Stay for Paul Carbat and the Milwaukeeans. Stroll through Murray’s Marketplace, enjoy Alterra Coffee and home made baked goods. There will be a children’s activity area. Join the raffle to win Packer tickets!

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We Energies Byron Wind Turbines Tour
Saturday, September 2
5456 County Road F in Byron, Wisconsin
Tours start every half hour between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and take about 30 minutes.
Reservations are not needed for individuals or small groups, but groups of 10 or more should call (414) 221-4264.
Take a tour of the We Energies Byron wind turbines! Visitors will have an opportunity to enter the tower base and watch the wind turbine shut down and be restarted. Attend a tour or visit our website (www.we-energies.com/efct) to learn more about wind turbines, the importance of wind and other renewable energy.

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**September 2005**

### Urban Ecology Center hours:
- **Monday - Thursday**: 9a-7p
- **Friday**: 9a-5p
- **Saturday**: 9a-5p
- **Sunday**: 12 non-5p

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1p Animal Feeding  
2p Survival! |
| 2p Discovery Hike for Families | 2p Discovery Hike for Families | 9a Building Tour with Ken | 10a Walk with Ken | 5:30p Building Tour with Beth |         |               |
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- Betty Brinn Children’s Museum (Jim Iotti) - Sim Park computer games
- Cherri Briscoe - freezer
- Vince Bushell - blenders, tood processor, scales
- Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association - spade, saw
- Rachel Collins - backpack
- Judith Pelterly - sweatsuits
- Pamm Frautschu - firewood
- Helga Guerrier - fax machine
- David Hertzl - firewood
- Judith Huf - nature magazines
- Mike & Caroline Jorn - binoculars
- Deborah Kerm/Garden Room - poster frames, fan, pitchers, coffee caratals
- Linda O’Hair - baby food jars
- Stella Ostrovskaya - Balka
- Kate Parent - camping gear
- Chris Payerl (on behalf of Al Fultz) - duck wings, deer antlers
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- Jerry Rubin - keyboard, puzzle toys
- Stu Rubner - film canisters
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- electric dryer
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- Susie & Fred Kasten
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- Susan Minahan
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Welcome New and Renewning Members:
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- Jasmine Alinder
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Summer Camp Success: A Community Effort!

from preparing summer camp materials to canoeing with campers, and others donated scholarship money so that children with financial need could attend our camps. Here is a glimpse of a few of the ways that our community got involved:

Mosquitoes and mice, skunks and snails! If you took a peek in the campground late in June, you may have seen our High School Outdoor Leaders putting on a puppet show on animal adaptations for our preschool and kindergarden EcoTots. Thanks to Jeff Anderson, a biology teacher at Riverside High School, we were able to borrow 50 animal puppets from his collection to use in our summer camp programs.

Tremendous teachers! Three teachers from our partnering schools went above and beyond to help their students get involved in summer camps at the Center. Janet Mays from O.W. Holmes Elementary School, Peggy McGuire from Urban Day School, and Margaret E. Woida from F.J. Gaenslen School not only recruited students for camps but also collaborated with parents and provided the campers' transportation every day. These women are truly mentors to children in our community and we at the Center take off our hats to these incredibly special people!

River Reflections

Fitting furniture! Downtown Montessori Academy generously lent the Center short tables and chairs so that our EcoTots and Early Adventures campers could have furniture that was just their size!

Beach day! For the 5th year in a row, member and friend of the Center Margaret Harvey donated the use of her beautiful lakefront property so that our campers could enjoy a day of fun in the sun.

Thanks for a great summer, everyone! We look forward to Summer Camp 2006!

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Membership

Membership benefits include discounts on programs and products, invitations to special events, opportunities for neighborhood stewardship and a one year newsletter subscription. For more information, please visit our website at urbanecologycenter.org.

- Individual - $25  
  (includes 1 guest)
- Family - $35
- Students - $12
- Newsletter subscription  
  (no membership) - $10

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- $250
- $500
- $1000
- $2500
- Other $ __________

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Mark your calendars!

- Tuesday, September 27
  Annual Meeting & Potluck

- Saturday, September 24
  Fall Ice Cream Social