

UW-Madison Arboretum

Celebrating 75 Years

Restoring Land and Enriching Lives



Final Summary of Events

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July 15th, 2010

Spring Semester, 2009

Arboretum Special Event: UW weekly seminar class: Looking forward to the next 75 years of Restoration Ecology

Outcome: Under the supervision of Joy Zedler, Botany 950 students traced the development of key ecological concepts through history. Under Paul Zedler's guidance, Environmental Studies 992 students brought their interdisciplinary approaches to bear on where the Arboretum could make its greatest contributions in the future. We also asked our guest speakers (featured below) to offer guidance on how restoration might meet the challenges we can expect as land use and climate continue to change over the next 75 years.



Joy Zedler



Richard Hobbs



Jeb Barzen



Mary Jean Huston

May 30-31st, 2009

Arboretum Special Event: Citizen Science Training and Monitoring Workshop

Outcome: PhD candidates Alycia Crall (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Greg Newman (Colorado State University) received funding from the National Science Foundation to determine the best ways to teach citizens about invasive species, global positioning systems (GPS), vegetation monitoring, and online data entry. With the help of Marian Farrow, Earth Partnership Field Manager, and Brad Herrick, Ecologist, this ground-breaking workshop helped address some gaps in what we know about citizen science. There were approximately 60 participants in this event.

June 21st, 2009

Arboretum Special Event: Arboretum's 75th Birthday Party

Outcome:

- 343 attendees
- Free Cake, punch, and lemonade
- Presentations by Artist Joseph Ingoldsby (displayed June Gallery artist) and Arboretum Director, Kevin McSweeney.
- The Arboretum received a Dane County Cultural Affairs grant to support Joseph Ingoldsby's work.



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September 20th, 2009

Arboretum Special Event: Zoo Run Run

Collaboration with: Henry Vilas Zoological Society

Outcome:

- 1,350 runners/walkers (~500 came through the Arboretum)
- First time Arboretum volunteers and a first time collaboration with the zoological society.
- This event will be happening again next year – *Sunday, September 26, 2010*



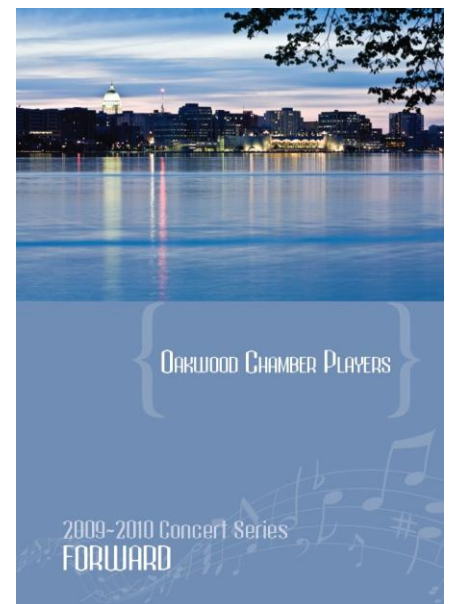
September 26th, 2009

Arboretum Special Event: Oakwood Chamber Players Collaborative Performance

Collaboration with: Oakwood Chamber Players

Outcome:

- 132 attendees
- The Arboretum received a Dane County Cultural Affairs grant to support this event.
- First time Arboretum event and first time collaboration
- Due to the success of this event, the Friends of the Arboretum has graciously decided to host the Players at the Arboretum, again in 2010: *October 3; 2011: February 6, March 13, May 22*



Oakwood Chamber Players

November 9th, 2009

Arboretum Special Event: The unveiling of the “Let’s Celebrate” 2010 Art Calendar

Collaboration with: Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission (DCCAC)

Outcome:

- 61 attendees
- First time DCCAC event and collaboration



November 15th, 2009

Arboretum Special Event: Wisconsin Academy Evening at the Arboretum with speaker Jonathan Patz speaking on, “Heat Waves and High Water: Climate Change, Public Health, and the 2050 Wisconsin Landscape”

Collaboration with: Wisconsin Academy

Outcome:

- 145 attendees
- First time collaboration



Jonathan Patz



November 17th, 2009

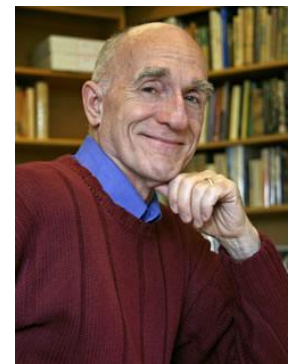
Arboretum Special Event: Professor Scott Russell Sanders presents,

- Center for Culture, History and Environment (CHE) Colloquium Series
- Gaylord Nelson Institute Lecture Series, speaking on, “Speaking for the Land: Aldo Leopold as a Writer”

Collaboration with: CHE, the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, Center for the Humanities - Year of Humanities

Outcome:

- 135 attendees
- The Arboretum received a grant from the Year of Humanities in support of this event.



November 29th, 2009

Arboretum Special Event: Close to Home—Arboretum Local Products Expo -
“Celebrating Sustainability, Recycling and Locally Produced Goods”

Collaboration with: Local Products Vendors

Outcome:

- 732 Attendees
- First time event
- This event will be happening next year – *Sunday, November 28, 2010*



Vendors pictured from top left to bottom right: (Jennifer Hall, Porchlight Products; Miguela Fry; Sherry Bahr; Farmer John's Cheese, John Dougherty; Naystalgia, Linnea Phillips; R.V. James Designs, Vaughan James). Photo Credits: Fawn Youngbear-Tibbets

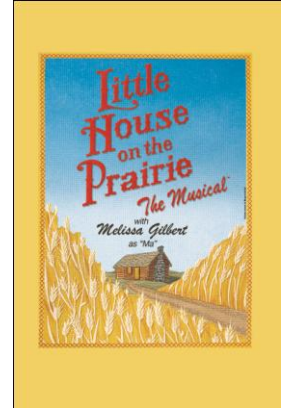
January 23rd, 2010

Arboretum Special Event: Overture Hootenany

Collaboration with: The Overture Center

Outcomes:

- First time event and collaboration with the Overture Center
- Arboretum supplied children activities, prairie grass image, educational information surrounding prairies and restoration ecology.
- This event was surrounding the Overture Center performance, "Little House on the Prairie"

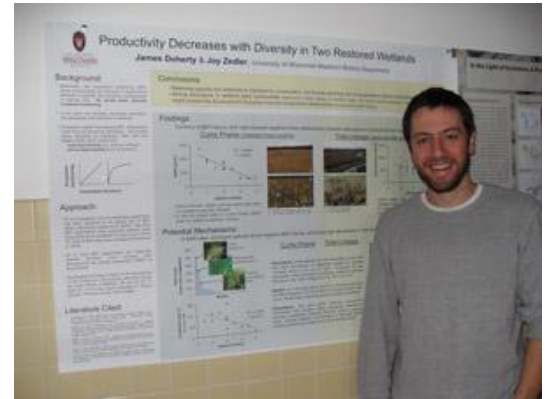


February 10th, 2010

Arboretum Special Event: Science Day

Outcomes:

- Arboretum's 10th Anniversary of Science Day
- UW students presented their research that was relevant to the Arboretum
- The festive event drew attendees from WDNR, FWS, local consulting groups, UW students, Arboretum guides and staff, and members of the public.
- The audience heard three kinds of reports -- discoveries of species we never knew we had, documentation of species that Arboretum lands have lost, and ways to begin new restoration efforts.
- This event will happen again – *Spring, 2011*



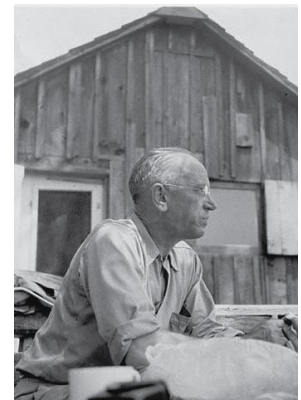
Student, Jim Doherty

March 5th, 6th, 7th, 2010

Arboretum Special Event: Aldo Leopold Weekend

Outcome:

- 20 people at Friday's Brown Bag Lunch - "Lunch with Leopold"
- 233 people on Saturday - "Madison Reads Leopold"
- 35 walkers on Sunday - "Walking in Leopold's Footsteps"
- Friday's Brown Bag Lunch was a first time event.
- This event will happen again – *Saturday, March 5, 2010*



April 9th and 10th, 2010

Arboretum Special Event: Society for Ecological Restoration Midwest – Great Lakes Chapter

Outcome:

- Arboretum hosts 2nd annual conference.
- First time event at the Arboretum, with hopes to host again.
- Arboretum staff led four tours of different parts of Arboretum property.
- 7 Arboretum staff collaborated to present two posters.
- Arboretum staff, UW faculty, and UW students collaborated to do 3 oral presentations.
- Leopold Professor Joy Zedler gave a keynote address.

April 10th and 11th, 2010

Arboretum Special Event: “The Man Who Planted Trees” and “Life Cycle of a Tree.”

Collaboration with: The Overture Center

Outcomes:

- First time event.
- 20 kids and 16 adults participated in the event on Saturday in between “The Man Who Planted Trees” performance.
- 53 kids participated in the EPF event on Sunday, as well as over 90 individuals went on the Arboretum led walk.



May 29th, 2010

Arboretum Special Event: “CCC Day at the Arboretum.”

Collaboration with: Milwaukee Public Theatre and Voices Theater

Outcomes:

- First time event.
- The Arboretum received a Dane County Cultural Affairs grant to support this event.
- 77 attendees for 1pm session, 101 attendees for “Camp We-Kan-Tak-It” performance, and 60 walkers on tour (not a direct total, since most were overlap)



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EVENTS TO COME:

September 23rd, 2010

Arboretum Special Event: Arboretum University Lectureship with Dr. Peter Raven. Dr. Raven will be speaking on, "Aldo Leopold (1887-1948): Where are we now?" 6pm at the Arboretum visitor's center. Watch the Arboretum website for more information:

www.uwarboretum.org

Collaboration with: Department of Botany, Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology, the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, Department of Soil Science, and Department of Horticulture