



# The Warbler

A PERIODIC NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE WELTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, INC. volume 8, issue 1

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my last Warbler message as president of FWEC. At our upcoming annual meeting in April, new officers will be elected. The nomination process has not been completed as yet. However members will receive notice of the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors of FWEC in a future mailing in time for the meeting.



bought the land and house adjoining the park. and remodeled the house which serves, for the time being, as our center. This property has now been purchased from FWEC by the County and added to the Park.

In 2003 we hired our first paid employee, Program Director Tanya Zastrow. She has

developed and presented programs for all ages and has built up FWEC's relationships with schools, other nature organizations, and community groups. Last year students from 30 different schools attended programs at the Center. The annual Welty Nature Rendezvous festival each May gets better every year.

FWEC has helped improve Beckman Mill Park by developing the self guided

nature trail and by facilitating restoration work on the oak savannah. All of you who have volunteered and contributed to FWEC can take pride in these accomplishments. There are many challenges ahead , but I have no doubt that with continued work our mission will succeed.

*Stephanie Dobson*  
FWEC President

This seems a good time to reflect on what has been accomplished in the eight years of the existence of FWEC, Inc. When we started , we had no place to call home. By early 2001, we entered into an agreement with Rock County to locate our Center in Beckman Mill Park. Later that year the premier edition of the Warbler was published; about four editions per year have been coming out since then. In 2002 we

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, March 15, 2008**

11am-2pm: Maple Sugar Festival at Big Hill Park

**Sunday, April 20, 2008**

2008 Annual Friends of the Welty Environmental Center Meeting  
Join us at the Beloit Historical Society. We will be hosting the Lynch Family from Madison who will share their experiences eating only locally grown food for an entire month.

**Saturday, May 3, 2008**

All Day: 2008 Nature Rendezvous

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# WELTY CAMPFIRE FEAST

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Good food, good people, good weather, and good fun! That best describes the Welty Campfire Feast held on Saturday, February 2nd at 2pm. The campfire feast was a success thanks to the efforts of the volunteer cooks and feast participants. Mary Ann and Brian Buenzow contributed a hearty pheasant noodle soup. Brian shot the pheasants while in North Dakota on vacation and prepared them for his

original soup. Tom Kautz, retired Rock County Parks Director, prepared venison sloppy joe's complete with an on-site demonstration on how he mixes the best ingredients for a tasty BBQ sandwich. Everyone took part in preparing the Memphis Mollies for dessert! Memphis Mollies are cakes, topped with pie fillings then cooked in a Dutch oven. They made for an excellent dessert, even served

with ice cream. After the meal Brian demonstrated the many varied calls of turkeys using handheld and mouthpiece turkey callers. Special thanks to the cooks, everyone that helped at the feast, and everyone that loaned their Dutch ovens for the day. Recipes for some of the food enjoyed at the event are included here.

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## PHEASANT SOUP

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pheasant plucked
- water
- 2 stalks celery
- 1 small onion
- 3 carrots/parsnips
- ½ sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup noodles or ½ cup rice
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ¼ tsp sage
- dried parsley
- 3 cubes chicken bouillon
- 1 oz butter or vegetable oil
- ½ tsp diced or dried garlic
- savory (optional)
- tarragon (optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Place pheasant in large soup pot and just cover with water. Add salt. Simmer slowly for one hour until tender. The slower you simmer, the clearer the broth will be. Cool pheasant, take from broth and de-bone. Cut large pieces to bite size. (I put the skin, grizzle, and lower leg in the dog's dish and bones in the garbage.) Put the cut up meat back into the soup broth.
- Sautee diced onion and celery in butter or vegetable oil until the onions are glassy. Use a little more butter or oil if you pheasant was a wild one with very little fat. Fat is what gives soup its flavor! Add sau-

téed onion and celery to soup pot.

- Add sliced carrots and/or parsnips, sage, chicken bouillon, garlic, and rice (if using noodles instead of rice, add those later), and simmer 30 minutes. Not too fast, remember?
- Add parsley, other spices, mushrooms, and noodles (if you didn't use rice) and simmer another 10 minutes.
- The soup is now ready, but it will taste even better if you heat and serve it tomorrow with crackers or fresh bread and butter.
- Enjoy!

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## THANK YOU, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS & PARTNERS!

Bertha Driscoll, Beloit, 5 pairs of hand-made mittens for Maple Sugar Program school children who need them.

The "Knit Wits" of Roscoe Methodist Church, 19 pairs of hand-made mittens, to keep visiting school children warm, so no child will be left inside during sugar season.

Williams Tree Farm, Rockton, white pine cones (collected by their father), to make peanut butter & birdseed feeders, a popular activity at Beloit's Winterfest — inspiring a steady stream of kids for

three hours, plus several adults who stopped by Welty Center's activity table.

InkSmart, Beloit, for kindly refilling Welty Center's HP black and color printer cartridges, free of charge.

Thank you all! Your contributions are greatly appreciated and definitely put to good use, helping to introduce another generation to the wonders of the natural world.

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## MEMPHIS MOLLY

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 Boxed white cake mix
- 1 can pie filling (cherry)
- 1 bag pecans
- 1/4 cup brown sugar

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Line dutch oven with tin foil.
- Pre-heat dutch oven.
- Mix cake according to box.
- Bring pie filling, pecans & brown sugar to low bubble.
- Pour cake mix over top.
- Put lid on dutch oven and bake for 20 mins.

This recipe is for one dutch oven.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Events, field trips, and programs for the Welty Environmental Center

For registration or further information, please call (608)361-1377, visit [www.weltycenter.org](http://www.weltycenter.org) or email [info@weltycenter.org](mailto:info@weltycenter.org)

## MARCH

### Eco-Fair at Hedberg Library

Sunday, March 2nd, 1pm-4pm

Welty will have a table with energy displays and activities.

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### Natural Step Study Circle

Tuesday, March 11th & 25th, 7pm

River Center in Beloit

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### Sugar Time

Wednesday, March 12th, 1pm-3pm

Ages 6-12, Fee: \$6

Come to BIG HILL PARK and make maple syrup with Welty! Learn how to identify a maple tree. Drill a hole and tap a tree. Collect sap for cooking in the evaporator. Finish the cooking at the finishing station and best of all enjoy a tasty treat!

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### Maple Sugar Festival

Saturday, March 15th, 11am-2pm

All Ages, Free!

The 4th annual celebration of maple sugar will take place at BIG HILL PARK. The festival has activities and food for all ages to enjoy!

- ☞ Take a tour of the maple trees and see how trees are tapped and sap is collected.
- ☞ Learn how to tap a tree.
- ☞ Visit the evaporator and see how maple sap is boiled and turned into tasty maple syrup.
- ☞ Enjoy a pancake breakfast with REAL maple syrup! Sausage, applesauce, hot chocolate and coffee complete this tasty hearty meal. (Adult: \$5.00, Child: \$3.00)

## APRIL

### Natural Step Study Circle

Tuesday, April 8th & 22nd, 7pm

River Center in Beloit

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### Welty Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 20th, 2pm

Beloit Historical Society

Our program will explore eating locally as something everyone can do to make the world a better place

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### Evansville Energy Fair

Friday, April 25th, 4:30pm-8pm

Theodore Roosevelt Intermediate School

Welty will have a table with activities

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### Bloom Festival

Saturday, April 26th, 9am-Noon

Rotary River Center in Beloit

Welty will have a table with information and kids' activities

## WELCOME LYNSAY!

Welty is proud to have another wonderful intern from the Duffy Partnership Program through Beloit College. This semester's intern is Lynsay Bush. She is from North Carolina and currently a sophomore at Beloit College. During her time at Welty, she will be working on a variety of projects from helping out with maple sugar programs to developing a PowerPoint for a program on nature play. Lynsay is very energetic and ready to help out where she can.

## FREC Earth Day

Saturday, April 26th, 1pm-4pm

Spencer Park, Belvidere

Welty will have a table with information and kids' activities

## MAY

### Natural Step Study Circle

Tuesday, April 6th & 20th, 7pm

River Center in Beloit

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### Welty Nature Rendezvous

Saturday, May 3rd, 8am-4pm

Breakfast from 8am-10am

Exhibits and programs start at 10am and run until 4pm.

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### FREC BioBlitz

Saturday, May 17th, 8am-4pm

Byron Forest Preserve District

Welty will have an information table and will volunteer at the event as a FREC Partner



## VOLUNTEER CORNER — IT'S ALMOST SUGAR TIME!

The first three weeks in March will be among the busiest ever for the Welty Center – please join us for our maple sugar programs and 4th annual Maple Sugar Festival! Already scheduled are 23 separate sessions, across 13 days, with 527 students registered so far. Lots of help is still needed! Training is available. Location - Big Hill Park.

1. Maple Sugar Guides needed.  
Enjoy a morning or afternoon outdoors, and introduce school children to the wonders of maple sugar season. Learn how to guide 3rd grade students through the Welty Center's annual maple sugar programs. Lead groups of ~10 students through one or more 30-minute learning stations:  
Station 1 shows the students how the trees are tapped by letting them drill a hole and insert a tap into a stump. Students then

see how maple sap is boiled and turned into maple syrup. The station concludes with students tasting the finished product.

Station 2 takes the students to see the tapped sugar maple trees where the sap is being collected. At the trees, the students learn how to identify a maple tree, learn about photosynthesis, and they taste sap that is flowing out of the tap.

Station 3 is inside the nature center where students enjoy a 12 min. video on maple sugaring. After the video the students learn how native americans made maple sugar, and determine the order of how maple syrup is made.

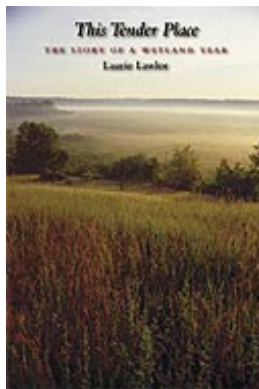
Students will rotate through the stations, and guides will lead a station 3 times for the 1hr. 30min. program. Sign up for either a

morning shift or an afternoon shift, or more if you can. Bring a friend! Programs are scheduled for most weekdays March 3-19, usually twice daily (8:15-10:30 a.m.; 12:15-2:30pm).

2. Maple Sugar Festival and Pancake Breakfast - organizers and helpers needed. Saturday, March 15, 2008, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Come out to Big Hill Park to enjoy the day, and help for a couple hours to host an outdoors pancake breakfast with REAL maple syrup. Help needed with everything from equipment set-up, to pancake flipping and coffee serving, to cleanup and equipment take-down. Help with maple sugaring activities for all ages. Also, as soon as possible, we need a head pancake chef to take charge of the food planning. Could you help with publicity or distribute flyers?

## A BOOK REVIEW BY PEG BREDESON

***This Tender Place: the story of a wetland year***  
by Laurie Lawlor.



This personal story of Lawlor's relationship with the wetland on her property in southeast Wisconsin is rich in visual imagery and historical context. She intertwines nature lore, landscape change and cultural history as she takes us through the seasons. Discover bits of information such as the words the Potawatomi used for plants found in the wetland they inhabited well before her or how the glaciers created the wetland. The book chronicles the universal ties among people, wild places, and healthy wetlands. Lawlor has written over 35 books for children and adults where her love for the earth so often

flows throughout. Here is a wonderful way to learn more about this fragile ecosystem, learn about the history of this area of our state, and to enjoy the author's respect for the land. I especially love phenology or the reoccurring events in nature and the connections between parts of the ecosystem. The phenology of her wetland is woven throughout this tender book. Enjoy.

3. Other winter projects: Welty Center inventory; "Nest" housekeeping team; herbarium
4. Other things you'd like to do? Fill out the enclosed Volunteer Interest Survey; or download it from our website at [www.weltycenter.org](http://www.weltycenter.org), then fill it out on your computer, and email it back.

Contact: [volunteer@weltycenter.org](mailto:volunteer@weltycenter.org);  
Nina 815-629-2779,  
or Tanya 608-361-1377

## CONTRIBUTING TO THE WARBLER

Do you have something that you would like to share with other members of the Friends of the Welty Environmental Center?

Are you hosting an event, or know of an event, that might interest your

fellow members?

Do you have a story to share about your experiences with the environment or the Welty Center?

Let us know about it!

[thewarbler@weltycenter.org](mailto:thewarbler@weltycenter.org)



# Welty Environmental Center

## Volunteer Interest Survey

[www.weltycenter.org](http://www.weltycenter.org)

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ **ext.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please join us! Whatever your skills, interests, and time availability, your ideas and energy are appreciated. Come join the fun, and learn and grow along the way, as we work together to Foster a Sustainable World.*

Please check your areas of interest. Feel free to elaborate, or to add other categories.

<b>Naturalists &amp; Program Assistants</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> assist naturalist with school and public programs	
<input type="checkbox"/> create teaching visual aids, puppets, and other props	
<input type="checkbox"/> design educational displays	
<input type="checkbox"/> develop scout programs	
<input type="checkbox"/> teach a program	
<input type="checkbox"/> develop curriculum	
<input type="checkbox"/> library	
<input type="checkbox"/> native plant identification and herbarium creation	
<input type="checkbox"/> stream monitoring	
<input type="checkbox"/> energy bicycle; energy programs	
<input type="checkbox"/> sustainable agriculture; local foods programs	
<input type="checkbox"/> team building <input type="checkbox"/> lead nature walks	
<input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify)	
<b>Publicity, Marketing &amp; Outreach</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> assist with media relations and press releases	
<input type="checkbox"/> distribute flyers and posters	
<input type="checkbox"/> design brochures/leaflets	
<input type="checkbox"/> write newsletter articles <input type="checkbox"/> edit articles <input type="checkbox"/> newsletter layout <input type="checkbox"/> proofreading	
<input type="checkbox"/> assist with membership and volunteer recruitment, involvement & retention	
<input type="checkbox"/> assist with fundraising activities	
<input type="checkbox"/> liaison with employer, faith community, school, or other organization	
<input type="checkbox"/> web design <input type="checkbox"/> information booth <input type="checkbox"/> speakers bureau	
<input type="checkbox"/> create promotions	
<input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify)	
<b>Land Stewardship</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> restore native habitats: <input type="checkbox"/> prescribed burns <input type="checkbox"/> seed collecting <input type="checkbox"/> planting <input type="checkbox"/> planning <input type="checkbox"/> maintenance	
<input type="checkbox"/> remove exotic species: <input type="checkbox"/> buckthorn <input type="checkbox"/> garlic mustard <input type="checkbox"/> rose/honeysuckle <input type="checkbox"/> weed landscaped areas	
<input type="checkbox"/> native garden <input type="checkbox"/> heritage garden <input type="checkbox"/> trail creation or maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> grounds keeping	
<input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify)	
<b>Arts and Crafts</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> build birdhouses and feeders <input type="checkbox"/> build worm composting bins <input type="checkbox"/> build bat houses	
<input type="checkbox"/> knit or crochet hats or mittens <input type="checkbox"/> sewing <input type="checkbox"/> graphic design <input type="checkbox"/> writing <input type="checkbox"/> music	
<input type="checkbox"/> photography <input type="checkbox"/> drawing <input type="checkbox"/> painting <input type="checkbox"/> prints <input type="checkbox"/> video <input type="checkbox"/> cooking <input type="checkbox"/> make signs	
<input type="checkbox"/> cut/drill "tree cookie" nametags <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify)	

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To: **Welty Environmental Center  
8606 W. County Road H  
Beloit, WI 53511**



### Volunteer Interest Survey (Continued)

<b>Administration &amp; Management</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> office skills	<input type="checkbox"/> mailings <input type="checkbox"/> database <input type="checkbox"/> data entry <input type="checkbox"/> receptionist <input type="checkbox"/> mapping
<input type="checkbox"/> financial guidance	<input type="checkbox"/> tax work <input type="checkbox"/> auditing <input type="checkbox"/> bookkeeping <input type="checkbox"/> grant writing <input type="checkbox"/> phone calling
<input type="checkbox"/> computer/IT support	<input type="checkbox"/> "Nest" cleaning, organizing, decoration, or repair <input type="checkbox"/> board member
<input type="checkbox"/> special interest (please describe):	
<b>Festivals and Special Events:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Maple Sugar Festival (March)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Rendezvous (May) <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Harvest Festival (October)
<input type="checkbox"/> organize or lead activities	<input type="checkbox"/> equipment set up <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake Breakfast
<input type="checkbox"/> merchandise/gift sales	<input type="checkbox"/> sponsorship <input type="checkbox"/> materials/in-kind services <input type="checkbox"/> publicity <input type="checkbox"/> move firewood
<input type="checkbox"/> shopping/errands <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify)	

Available: M T W Th F Sa Su      Times:  Morning  Afternoon  Evening

I prefer to volunteer:  Weekly  Monthly  As Needed  Other:

Locations:  Home  Welty Center  Local Park  Local School  Place of business

How did you learn about the volunteer opportunities available at the Welty Environmental Center?

Website  Welty Event  Beloit College  Voluntary Action Center  Newsletter  Friend Other:

Comments? What else you would like to tell us about you or about your interests? Occupation?

*Never doubt the ability of a few thoughtful concerned citizens to change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead. Survey is also available by email: [volunteer@weltycenter.org](mailto:volunteer@weltycenter.org)*

# GIFTS & MEMBERSHIPS UPDATE

**CORPORATE DONATIONS** Steve Vavrus & Sue Swanson  
Genecor Hank & Lyn Woodard  
Kerry America Larry & Barbara Zastrow

**GIFTS OF  
\$1,000.00 OR MORE**

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Anderson  
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\$100.00 OR MORE**

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Dr. Kendyle Smith  
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& MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWALS**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide leadership in environmental and ecological education to students, teachers and individuals of all ages so that the residents of this region can make informed decisions leading to respect for and the enjoyment, preservation, and sustainable use of our natural resources.

Membership Dues for Calendar Year 2007

- Student/Child (\$10)
- Individual (\$15)
- Family (\$25)
- Organizational (\$100)
- Lifetime (\$1000)

Contributions	
Level	Amount
Swallow	\$25
Killdeer	\$50
Goldfinch	\$75
Cardinal	\$100
Bluebird	\$150
Crane	\$250
Great Blue Heron	\$500+

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Help support environmental education and programming in our region. FWEC members receive issues of this newsletter and information about programming and events. We have 501(c)(3) tax exempt status and are solely a private, non-profit educational organization. All dues and contributions are tax-deductible.

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