Spring 2013 Newsletter

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Message from the President

Hopefully many of you had the opportunity to attend one of Paul Tukey's presentations on Natural Lawn Care at Collins Learning Center on April 26th. Whether you agree with all or just some of the aspects of natural lawn care, presentations like Paul Tukey's are offered to start the thought process and get you to think about some of your yearly lawn and garden rituals.

Crossroads, by working with our Building and Grounds committee, has adopted a comprehensive pesticide application and lawn care maintenance program. This program takes into consideration public safety and common sense lawn care.

Paul Tukey with members of Safe Lawns of Door County. Photo by Peter L Wyatt at Wyatt's Gallery

With a theme of Biodiversity this year we will be considering programs and projects at Crossroads that take into account the impact of our actions on the present and future landscape at Crossroads. We also hope to involve as many people as possible, both young and old, in the process. Our Friends Group, diligent volunteers and school groups will all be invited to participate in the planning and initiation of the many activities going on at Crossroads this spring and summer.

As each and every one of you set about your spring and summer outdoor activities, spend a few minutes to consider what impacts those activities will have on our environment. You may be surprised what good things for all of us can come from just stopping to 'Think about it'.

Dick Weidman,
President, Crossroads Board of Directors

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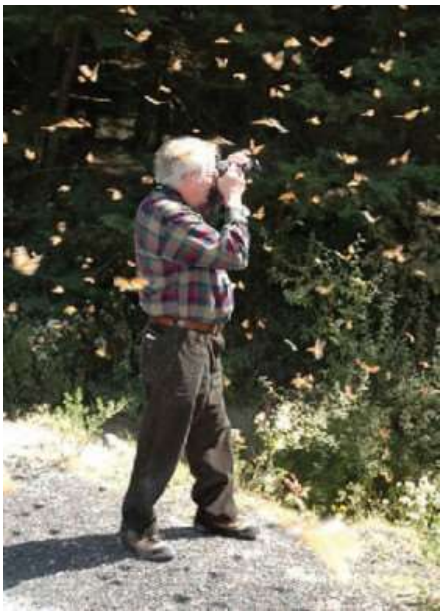
The Monarch and Biodiversity

Dr. Lincoln Brower Returns to Crossroads



On June 9, at 7:00 Dr. Lincoln Brower returns to Crossroads to present the keynote address for the Crossroads at Big Creek's Monarch Weekend. His presentation is titled "Monarchs and Biodiversity."

Even if butterflies had faces, the monarch might seem an odd choice to "put a face on biodiversity." Even the youngest visitors to Crossroads take their task of spreading milkweed seeds very seriously. Children know that without milkweeds, there would be no monarchs.

Milkweed indeed is the host plant for monarch caterpillars, but these plants bloom for only two or three weeks each summer. Adult monarchs feed on nectar-producing flowers. Consequently, adult butterflies require blooming flowers from May through September and along their migration routes.

Most animals, from the microscopic creatures in our soil to the largest of mammals, depend on a variety of plants to thrive. And plants need a variety of creatures for pollination and seed distribution. Because plants and animals coevolved, native wildlife favors native plants.

Dr. Brower writes that "the numbers of overwintering monarchs in Mexico hit an all time low this winter." In his lecture, he will explain why monarchs are in trouble. But they are not unique. Bees…amphibians…songbirds…all seem to be in decline.

Habitat loss and loss of biodiversity are among the significant problems facing wildlife. During our Monarch Weekend,

programs will focus on biodiversity. Several family programs are scheduled.

For those interested improving biodiversity on their own property, on Saturday, June 8 at 10:00, Chriss Daubner, a Master Gardener and member of Wild Ones, will share her experience in creating a prairie to provide three season food and shelter for monarchs and other pollinators.

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Partnering in a Triangle of Healthy Living

While planning outdoor activities with Crossroads and the YMCA, Kevin Grohskopf of Ministry Door County noticed that these three institutions are not only in close proximity, but that they form a Triangle of Healthy Living. Each is – a Triangle promoting outdoor exercise for physical and mental health benefits. In collaboration, we hope to improve the health and quality of life in Door County. Green Exercise, a movement which began at University of Essex in Great Britain, is defined at any activity that takes place in a natural environment and is designed to increase the amount of physical activity taken by individuals.

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Luke's Outdoor Classroom

Educators Barb and Mike Madden enjoyed sharing the wonders of nature with their students. They wished to commemorate those students and their son, Luke, by supporting the creation of the Council Ring and Outdoor Classroom by matching the gifts of others.

Luke was a boy with very special needs, but he found comfort in the outdoors.

With their contributions and the support of many others, the outdoor classroom will assist children and adults enjoy the sounds and smells of the outdoors that offered their son peace.

Running Green for Crossroads

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013

Start Time: 8:00 am

A Commitment to "Running Green"

- The Atayne performance t-shirts race participants receive are made in the USA from 100% recycled fabrics
- Post event refreshments are locally grown or produced within 30 miles
- Paper goods are biodegradable
- Food waste is composted

- Water bottle usage in place of paper waste
- Awards are made locally by artists and businesses
- Courses are marked with reusable flags that are removed after the event
- Event promotes a silent sport for all ages with minimal footprint
- Increases awareness of 'green' living in our community
- Proceeds from the event support the general fund at Crossroads at Big Creek Environmental Learning Center

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