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President's Corner

On Thursday August 26, 2010 over 58 members attended our Annual Picnic at the St. Germain Community Shelter. We had a wonderful meal with plenty of food for everyone. We had a good 50/50 raffle with \$73 going to the club and the same amount split amongst four of our members. We also raffled off a book written by our presenter for the evening, Bill Jamerson. The lucky person of the night was Geri Shambo with a win of both the book and a part of the 50/50 pool.

A highlight of the picnic gathering was the presentation of a Lifetime Club Membership to Ellen Finch. Ellen was recognized for 18 years of dedicated work as our newsletter editor as well as for being active on the board and always pitching in to help with many of our activities. We also presented Ellen with an engraved wooden plaque marking the occasion along with a dinner gift certificate for her and her husband Jim.

Our presenter for the evening, Bill Jamerson, of Escanaba, Michigan, entertained us with stories and songs of the early miners and logging people of the UP of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin. Bill spoke of and sang songs about the many ethnic groups of the area. There were many traditions and customs of the era that remained into modern times due to the remoteness of the area. Cornish miners brought over the recipe for the pasty, a self-contained meal in a crust. Miners would heat the pasty on a shovel over their head-lamp candle in the copper and iron mines. The Swedes, Finns, and Norwegians would contribute their own customs and tastes to the evolution of ethnic ways of the UP. Many of the northwoods loggers and miners were of Scandinavian descent that resulted in the major recreational pursuit of the day, ski jumping. These young ski jumpers traveled far to attend weekend ski jump meets in little towns across the UP and Wisconsin. (Personally I know how true this is for I can remember attending ski jump meets in my small down state hometown in the 50's. There would be 80 to 90 young men jumping each Sunday in a different town. Once my older brother completed the longest jump and ended up with a broken shoulder after falling at the end of the run). Bill sang many other storytelling songs covering everything from berry picking and jam making to the "Flying Bietila Brothers of Ishpeming". All in all, it was a great program and the picnic was enjoyed by everyone.

In other club news, the Kayak raffle is going very well thanks to the help of those of you manning the booth. (For August: Jack Schell, Brenda Veeder, Ken and Ellyn Dahnke, Stan and Marlene Rakowski, Donna Rollman, Rick Polaski, Rich and Linda Polaski, Dick and Lolly Kloepfer, Mac McCormick, Chuck and Pat Thier, Judy and Bob Schell) We set up for the three days of Pig in the Pines and took in a total of over \$800. We have printed additional tickets that are again being paid for by St. Germain Sport Marine – a big thanks to Tom and Kim Christensen for their contribution to the Club.

We need help for the final push for ticket sales at Cranberry Fest in Eagle River on October 2nd and 3rd. This is a large event and we usually do very well there with ticket sales. We need two people for the Morning (9-12) and Afternoon (12-3) shifts on both Saturday October 2nd and Sunday October 3rd. Please call me or Judy at 715 542 2321 if you can help with one of the shifts.

Just as a reminder ---OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 6 PM ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD AT THE VILAS COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM IN SAYNER. We will be getting our own tour of the museum and will be presenting a contribution check to the museum. The museum is rich in local history closely tied with the wildlife and fishing activities of the area. We look forward to seeing you there.

BOB SCHELL, PRESIDENT

NEXT MEETING

Special location and time

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Vilas County Historical Museum
on Hwy 155 in Sayner

You are invited to step into the past with a tour the Vilas County Historical Museum

RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Chuck and Pat Thier

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, Sept 23, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Vilas County Historical Museum

MEMBERSHIP:

152 paid members

65 complimentary members

3 lifetime members

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

September

Our northern roads are edged with an amazing display of color and foliage as late summer plants, invigorated by recent rains, come into bloom. Midas would be pleased, as gold seems to dominate.

Familiar to many and much loved is the Black-Eyed Susan with its showy, deep-yellow petals and dark center. It appears in bright troops, the tall, sturdy stems over-reaching the ferns and grasses and low growing flowers. Hairs on stems and leaves prevent moisture loss and probably explain the ability of this flowering plant to thrive on dry, sandy sites. The stems are grooved lengthwise adding strength so the plants can survive lashing of winds and heavy downpours. Pollinators lured by the bright petals help foster a good crop of seed that sustains the Black-eyed Susan population each season. This is a North American native that began as a Midwesterner, but has spread up and down the Atlantic coast.

There are the Goldenrods too. Their large flower heads glow against the dark-green background of Bracken and the Sweet Fern shrubs. Yellow-gold blossoms are arrayed in plum-like, branched or flat-topped clusters. A close look reveals that each blossom is made up of delicate ray and disk flowers and you'll likely find lots of bugs on the flower clusters as Goldenrods seems to be magnets to just about any insects interested in flowers. An American native, Goldenrod has a history of use as a healing herb and is often, unjustly, blamed for fall allergies.

The blossoms and foliage of Birdfoot Trefoil quite literally blanket highway right-a-ways. The bright yellow flowers, shaped like pea blossoms, hang on slim stems among mounds of the clover-like leaves. The plant gets its name from its seed pod structure. Pods closely resemble a bird's foot. This trefoil originated in Europe, but is now wide-spread in North America and often planted as a forage crop. The official state highway seed mix includes this plant. It contributes nitrogen to the soil, serves well to prevent erosion and adds beauty.

Also part of the roadside "golden touch" are the bold, aromatic Tansy, Mulleins, Butter-and-Eggs, and the delicate Potentillas.

~Cora Mollen

One of the most prevalent ground cover plants of the northwoods, Bracken Fern, was considered so valuable for use as fuel and as thatching for roofs during the Middle Ages that it was used to pay rents.



Editor's note:

Special thanks to Ellen Finch for her dedication to "Paw Prints" over the years. Without her countless hours at the computer, folding and labeling, the newsletter may not have been delivered each month. I hope that I can continue in her footsteps and that everyone still enjoys reading the monthly club news. Any comments or suggestions are always welcome.

---Anne

Photo (left): Judy Schell presents Ellen Finch with plaque for her years of service to the Club.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Brian & Barb Coulter
New Berlin, WI

John Blochowiak
Milwaukee, WI

SUNSHINE REPORT

KEN DAHNKE - Diagnosed with Lymes Disease

MEL MROZAK - Shoulder surgery late in August

Please call **LINDA POLASKI**, 479-4718, if you know of any of our members who need a card of sympathy, encouragement, cheer, etc.

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FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

As the temperature drops, many people put their rods away and grab a bow or gun. Remember, the fish are changing locations. In the next two months walleye will move off the dying weeds and out to deep water mud flats. Then by ice-up they move back to shallow bays or humps. It all goes by water temperature. Deep is usually an area near structure and can be 25 to 60 feet of water. Watch other boats. They usually group up in a small area. The location is the same year to year. They can be hard to catch at this time. Light jigs and minnows or split shots and hook work. Don't overlook jigging Rapalas or spoons.

Good fishing,
Frank Klamik



CLUB PLEDGE

- ✓ I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the state of Wisconsin—especially of the Sayner-St. Germain area.
- ✓ I promise to obey all rules and regulations governing the harvest of wildlife and plant material.
- ✓ I promise to educate future generations so that they may become the caretakers of our water, air, land and wildlife.