

# Glidden Drive Association

## President's Message

# **Preservation Progress**

by Bill Hensge

by Herb Klein

Activity on the Drive continues to slow down as we witness the increasing departure of our residences for warmer climes. Meanwhile, as we head into the dead of winter, we are witnessing very little snow and temperatures to date on the mild side. Looking forward to February and March, I am sure, will bring both gleefulness and glumness to us who are here based on how much or little snow and cold. Ah yes, the beauties and challenges of Glidden Drive in the winter, which give us the opportunity to cope and overcome!

Laurel Hauser of The Door County Land Trust gave us an update on its Bauduin property acqui-



sition at our February 6 GDA Board meeting. See Gary Henger's excellent article herein for most interesting information. In addition, we are pleased to offer another hike/walk through the property if you have an interest – just contact a Board member.

The December 3 Christmas Party was a big success with over

50 in attendance. Special thanks go to Kaare Wold for the wine and beer, my wife, Jane, and her crew for decorations and cleanup, Laddie Chapman for the music, and to all of you who brought such delicious food. A wonderful time was had by all.

Our next big social event is the Winter Dinner, February 18 at Mr. G's. You should have received your invitation by now, but if not contact Gary Henger, George Wentz or me.

Remember our  $50^{\text{th}}$  GDA anniversary dinner on July 22. Jane Hensge still needs your thoughts and memories for the book to be published.

We welcome new members Dan & Tricia Forter at 4569, formerly The Mazzas.

Ten years ago, for my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, I wanted to do something to help preserve Glidden Drive's unique location — Lake Michigan, for a front yard, and 3,000 acres of varying woodlands behind it. The Nature Conservancy had a local office, was interested in acquiring acreage in back, and active in protecting our water. What better way to join them than by starting the Shivering Sands Land Protection Fund to help provide seed money for land acquisition and water quality investigation?

An initial pre-party gathering netted pledges of \$30,000, and over time, \$51,000 was raised. This helped the Nature Conservancy to purchase 550 acres over the years and fund ongoing water quality studies.

Currently, the Door County Land Trust is in the process of acquiring 483 more acres. With these two dedicated nature organizations working to preserve Glidden Drive's beautiful location, I'm very pleased that my  $75^{\rm th}$  birthday party had a hand in the turn of events.



Susie Woldt made this watercolor of her granddaughter, Kolby, at the Farm

# My Point of View

by Gary Henger

The property owners and GDA members on the forest side of Glidden Drive between fire numbers 4307 and 4605 may have greatly expanded backyards in 2012. The Door County Land Trust, with assistance from the Nature Conservancy, the State DNR, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is trying to permanently protect 483 acres of the Baudhuin property between the access lanes at 4307 and 4605. The Land Trust has already secured a purchase offer for this property. If fundraising efforts go well, the Land Trust hopes to complete this purchase in late winter. Once purchased all of the residents of Door County and Wisconsin will have access to this beautiful parcel of land adjacent to Glidden Drive.

On Thursday, November 3, 2011, Dan Burke and Laurel Hauser, Executive Director and Development Director respectively of the DC Land Trust, conducted a walk through the property for interested residents of Glidden and members of the Land Trust. I was familiar with some of the property because I have cross-country skied on part of the parcel.

It contains forested uplands, wetlands, walkable trails, and outcrops of sand dunes and dolomite, the mineral that formed Door County. Parts of Schwartz and Arbiter Lakes extend into the parcel. After the Land Trust acquires the land it will be transferred to the DNR for long-term management. A friends group may be formed to assist the DNR with day-to-day management activities.

Those who risked wet feet inched on slippery logs that bridged the creek that eventually connects Schwartz to Lake Michigan to get a glimpse of peaceful Schwartz Lake that is enjoyed by wildlife year round and fowl hunters in season.

It will be a boon to every citizen and especially the residents of Glidden Drive if the property is acquired.









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## Winter? What's That?

# Sunrise, Sunset

by The Old Beachcomber

by Darrell von Berg

Winter seems to have passed us by this year, at least for January and so far, February. With daily highs above freezing and a lack of precipitation, we have a serious shortage of snow coverage. Skiing and snowmobiling are on hold until things change.

One of the many delights of living on Glidden Drive is our Eastern exposure to our own "inland sea," Lake Michigan. On our shore we can watch beautiful sunrises and moonrises when we know their times. This chart is available online through the courtesy of the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, DC.

#### Lily Bay Boat Ramp

Weekly moonrise times are also available online and can be found in the "NOW" section of the Door County Advocate on Wednesdays.

When Eldor Kaiser prepared his house for sale just south of the Lily Bay Boat ramp county Park, a survey showed that there were two small, triangular parcels of land unaccounted for that probably belonged to the County. To clear things up, Mr. Kaiser quit-claimed both parcels, but it's not going to make much difference in the park/ ramp's paved area, as the paved portion was already encroaching on the orphaned land.

Baileys Harbor's Jack Jordan submits a fine Night Sky Over Door County piece on astronomical events and moon phases and rise times.

#### **New Walmart to Open**

Last November I was watching the dawn brighten in anticipation of a clear sunrise. Just as the announcing glow of red peaked in intensity, an upbound laker slowly passed across the sunburst, hidden from sight until its brilliant glory shown at its stern.

On midnight, March 13, our familiar Walmart store will close and the following morning, our new Walmart Super Center will open for business. The new store is being stocked from scratch and all the old fixtures will be auctioned off. In a few months, the building will be razed and a new parking lot will take its place.

Until the new lot is ready, we will have to enter from 14th Avenue, behind Econo Foods.

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# **April Deadline Looms**

by Jane Hensge

Even though we are in the doldrums of January, April is right around the corner and with April comes the cut off date for submission of articles for the Glidden Drive Fiftieth Anniversary Booklet. I have received great stories from quite a few, but there are surely many more tales that depict what Glidden Drive means to you. I have gotten stories of how you serendipitously found Glidden Drive, stories of birthday parties, surprise visitors both two and four legged varieties. Some stories are very poignant and some incredibly humorous. Some are long and some only a few sentences in length, but all reflect the events of everyday life here on Glidden.

Send vour reflections janehensge@sbcglobal.net or 4462 Glidden Drive, or 1611 Stonebridge Trail, Wheaton, Illinois 60189.

You can also call me if you wish at 743-7718 or 630-665-2154

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# Mark Your Calendar



**Saturday, February 18, 2012:** Winter Dinner. Contact Gary Henger: tbhdoor@charter.net, 746-1578. Reservation form is on our web site.

**Sunday, February 19, 2012:** Sevastopol Historical Society presentation on logging with Mike Madden, Town Hall, 1PM (snow date Feb. 26). Call Linda Wait 746-1230

**Monday, April 2, 2012:** GDA Board Meeting, Sevastopol Town Hall, 9AM. All are invited.

**Sunday, July 22, 2012:** GDA's 50th Anniversary Celebration, Donny's Glidden Lodge Restaurant. Contact Jane Hensge: janehensge@sbcglobal.net, 743-7718

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