



Glidden Drive Association

President's Message

by Bill Hensge

The Big Anniversary Dinner

JULY 22: Excitement, energy and responses from you, our members, are building nicely toward our **FIFTIETH (50th) GDA Anniversary Celebration**, which will culminate at **Donny's Glidden Lodge Restaurant** for a Sunday noon dinner.

THE MEMORY BOOK:

The highlight along with our dinner and other planned activities will be The Memory Book, which is being compiled. Thanks to so many of you who have submitted your memories, and while the deadline will have passed by the time you have received this Newsletter, there may be time for several more if submitted quickly to Jane Hensge – no guarantees.

YOUR INVITATION & RESPONSE: You should have received your invitation on or about May 1 and we must have your response and check returned as quickly as possible to ensure your attendance. Donny's does have seating limitations for a private party.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for Saturday, July 7 and we need several volunteers to serve either as a Board Member or Officer. There will be significant turnover as we close out 2011 – 2012. Board meetings are bi-monthly. Contact a Board member for additional information and interest.

OUR WINTER DINNER AT Mr. G's was well attended by nearly 50 people and included several new couples to our social events. Thanks to all who made this outing a nice success on a relatively mild winter

Saturday. And many thanks to Gary Henger who assumed full responsibility for this event and who ensured that no detail was overlooked. Nice job and kudos to Gary.

WE WELCOME BACK ALL OF YOU who were away for the winter. No doubt you were aware of our very mild season with not much snow, and were probably surprised to see "spring-like" conditions upon your arrival. It is highly improbable to bike and play golf in March and April in Door County, but many of us did.

Finally, you are reminded to check out our GDA website at www.doorbell.net/gda for more information of interest.



Let the Party Begin

by Jane Hensge

The festivities for the 50th Anniversary Celebration are well under way. With the generous input of so many of you, we will have a special memento of this occasion. We will be sharing the finished product at the dinner and distribute copies to all members of the Glidden Drive Association beginning sometime the week following the party.

You should have received your invitation about May 1; if not, call Jane Hensge.

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to include a personal recollection for this book. See you at the celebration!

Largest Conservation Purchase in Door County in Nearly 50 Years

483 Acres Preserved in Sevastopol

by The Door County Land Trust

In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt recommended that land just inland from Lake Michigan in the Town of Sevastopol be preserved and open for the public to enjoy. One hundred and seven years later, President Roosevelt's wishes have been granted.

The Door County Land Trust recently purchased 483 undeveloped, pristine acres just south of the Whitefish Dunes State Park. The property is part of the Shivering Sands State Natural Area (SNA) and is bordered on the east by Glidden Drive; it adjoins lands already protected by the Nature Conservancy. The purchase represents the largest conservation project in the Land Trust's 26-year history and the largest conservation project in Door County since the 1967 expansion of Newport State Park.

"A project of this magnitude would not have been possible without a lot of people coming together and working toward a common goal," states Dan Burke, Door County Land Trust Executive Director. "The Land Trust had the backing and support of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy, the Town of Sevastopol, many sporting organizations and the Glidden Drive Association. Most importantly, the families that owned the land displayed an extraordinary amount of patience as this purchase took over three years to complete. Without their vision and perseverance, this land would not have been protected."

The purchase by the Land Trust means the public will now have an expanded opportunity to experience and appreciate the beauty and diversity of the Shivering Sands area as the land will be available for hiking, hunting, and other nature-based activities. For Dick Baudhuin, one of the former owners of the property, public access was a motivating factor for selling to the Land Trust. "I feel strongly that this land be open for the public to enjoy and that sustainable forestry activities continue. I want this to be a place that brings the community together, a place where people who appreciate nature can share their common interests."

The Land Trust's recent purchase includes portions of two wild lakes, Schwartz and Arbter, hundreds of acres of forest, and numerous spring-fed springs, seeps and creeks. According to Wisconsin's late, renowned ecologist, Jim Zimmerman, "Shivering Sands is the largest unbroken natural area in Door County and has the largest white cedar tract in Wisconsin."

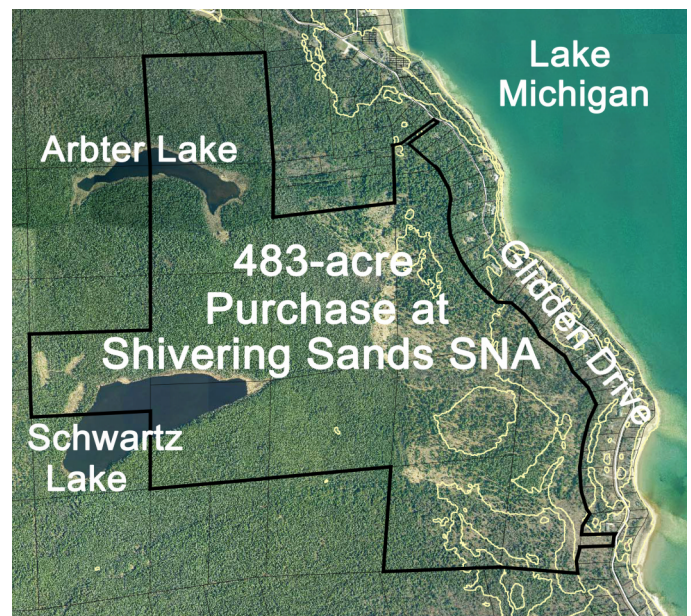
Identification as a Wisconsin Five Star Land Legacy Area further solidified the claim that the Shivering Sands

SNA is a biologically-rich jewel. It houses nineteen natural landscape communities including dunes, kettles, swales, old and present shorelines, small lakes, streams, ponds, fens, bogs and forests. These natural communities provide habitat for unique plants such as dwarf lake iris, tussock bulrush and coast sedge. They also provide habitat for an impressive list of animals such as otter, fisher, mink, weasel, badger, fox, sandhill crane, bald eagle, one hundred plus other species of breeding birds, and the federally-endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly.

The Door County Land Trust plans to transfer ownership of the preserved land to the DNR for long-term management. The Land Trust will work with the DNR and volunteers to establish and maintain hiking trails, eradicate invasive nonnative plants, and manage the health of the upland forest community.

Funds for this purchase were made possible through generous grants from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund of Wisconsin and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetland program. The Land Trust extends its thanks to The Nature Conservancy of Wisconsin for its invaluable help in securing grant funds and to members of the Land Trust for providing the private funding needed to make this historic project a reality.

Contributions toward the Land Trust's purchase of the Baudhuin property may be sent to the Door County Land Trust, P.O. Box 65, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 or made online at www.doorcountylandtrust.org. The Door



483 Acres (continued)

County Land Trust is a local, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Door County's open spaces and wild places. Since 1986, the Door County Land Trust has permanently protected over 6,000 acres throughout Door County. Visit the Land Trust's website to find out more about the Land Trust and for maps and directions to Land Trust nature preserves.



Foam on Shivering Sands Creek

Around The Drive

by The Old Beachcomber

Wal-Mart Open

Our new WalMart Superstore is now in operation. With the old building down and being made into a parking lot and retention pond, parking is in short supply near the new building, but this should soon be rectified.

You can enter the new lot from Egg Harbor road, across from the Nightengale (or is it Nightingale?) or at the side, from 14th Ave.

The new store has a large grocery section, bakery and even such modern conveniences as self-checkout, which may take some self-education to make it work. My experience with it suggests that humans will have to adapt to the computer, and not the other way around as you might hope.

Charter Chatter

If you are a Charter communications customer from 4000 Glidden Drive to 4300 and experienced multiple phone, TV and Internet outages from March 10 through 19, you might be due a refund, but you must ask.



Charter Supervisor Doug Kurshner fixes a cable problem

This address range is approximate, and might cover a greater area than just 4000-4300, but it was limited to only part of Glidden. After numerous service visits, the problem was traced to a bad underground cable section, and Charter has replaced it.

There's No Place Like Foam

Have you seen piles of foam in our creeks? There is one spot in Shivering Sands that seems to accumulate it quite often (see picture). This may or may not indicate contamination.

According to Paul LaLiberte, in a paper made available through the Door County Soil and Water Conservation Department, foaming is often caused by an "increase in nutrients and/or organic material at the surface. This enrichment decreases surface tension so that any aeration, such as winds, riffles, dams, waterfalls, etc., produces foam.

"While inorganic nutrients are capable of lowering surface water tension and causing foaming, the most common cause in freshwater systems is glycoprotein or proteoglycan polymers of biological origin. This includes organic material associated with plants or plankton production."

So the answer is...there is no one cause.

Bill Schuster, Soil & Water Department head, has promised to provide a report on the Shivering Sands watershed area this summer, including samples and analysis from several years of data collection.

The LaLiberte paper is posted on our web site.

Sevastopol TV Wins Awards

Our Charter Channel 986, Sevastopol's cable TV station, has won four Excellence awards in the Spring 2012 VideoFest held by Wisconsin Community Media. All shows were produced and edited by Laddie Chapman. You can see the winners and many other locally-produced videos on not only cable TV, but also on www.YouTube.com/user/shermanbay. They are: *Sevastopol History with George Evenson*, *Valmy thresheree with Dennis Connolly*, *George Evenson Visits the Simon Infants*, and *Sevastopol Dairy Breakfast with Dennis Connolly*.

The *Valmy Thresheree* was also recipient of the Best in Show Award for Documentary/Feature produced by Seniors.

In Memoriam

Joe Winkler

Ken Moss

Salamander Survey

by Carl Scholz

Because of the decline in amphibian populations, their numbers are being monitored by organizations such as the Wisconsin Salamander Survey.

As the term amphibian suggests, most of the animals in this class, *amphibia*, live in the water and on land. There are exceptions, however; mudpuppies never leave the water and red-backed salamanders never enter the water.

The Shivering Sands Wetlands Complex in the town of Sevastopol is the largest unbroken natural area in Door County and is designated as a Five Star natural Area by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. It is an ideal habitat for these environmentally blooded (cold blooded) creatures that are very important in the web of life.

Monitoring salamanders consists of five traps for five consecutive days. This year traps were set on March 20 through March 25. This setting is four weeks earlier than in 2011.

The red-backed “sally” is common throughout Door County as is the mudpuppy.

The booklet *Amphibians of Wisconsin* is an excellent source of amphibian information. It is available at Whitefish Dunes State Park.

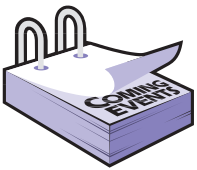
The Results

	2012	2011	2010	2009
Blue spotted salamanders	170	67	103	188
Spotted salamanders	37	26	30	0
Wood Frogs	328	187	347	1
Giant water beetles	8	7	3	20
Crayfish	2	9	2	1
Leeches	0	1	2	0
Egg Masses	1	0	1	0
Mud Minnows	0	12	0	0



Red-backed salamander

Mark Your Calendar



Monday, June 4, 2012: GDA Board Meeting, 9AM at Sevastopol Town Hall

Saturday, July 7, 2012: GDA Annual Membership Meeting, 10AM at Sevastopol Town Hall. Come early for coffee & donuts.

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

Monday, August 6, 2012: GDA Board Meeting, 9AM at Sevastopol Town Hall

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