



June 2015 News Update from the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy

Members Picnic

Saturday, June 20th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This year's Members Picnic will be a very unique and exciting experience. If you want to learn about the history of the land, this is your chance! Our featured guest, Rob Nurre, will present the history of the land at Pope Farm Conservancy as the "Surly Surveyor" by reenacting a look at the pre-settlement landscape of the Town of Middleton and the Pope Farm area through the eyes of John Mullett, Deputy Surveyor for the U.S. General Land Office, 1833. This program is highly acclaimed, entertaining, and it will be a special treat for the FOPFC membership.



We welcome you to bring your family and friends and join us for a picnic on top of the hill at Pope Farm Conservancy. **Please bring a dish to pass.** We will provide the beverages, plates & utensils.

This is an exciting event NOT to be missed!

Prairie and Savanna Birding Tour

Saturday, June 20th, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.



You will be in for a treat on this tour with Mike McDowell, photographer and birding expert, as you learn about the savanna and birds at Pope Farm Conservancy. Bring your camera and binoculars for this 1.5 hour trek. Remember to wear comfortable shoes. If you are in need of binoculars, please contact Mike at (800) 289-1132 or mmcdowell@eagleoptics.com. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

Photo by Mike McDowell

Fireworks Viewing



Photo by Mike Eckert

Pope Farm Conservancy will be open to view the fireworks on the following dates:

- **Saturday, June 27th** - Shake the Lake
- **Thursday, July 2nd** - Elver Park
- **Saturday, July 4th** - Miscellaneous displays in Middleton, Madison, and the surrounding areas

The Conservancy will close after the fireworks have been completed.

Prairie and Savanna Walking Tour

Wednesday, July 8th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.



Join us on a beautiful, scenic tour of the prairies of Pope Farm Conservancy with restoration ecologist, Mike Healy, owner of Adaptive Restoration LLC. Hear the story of how crop fields and bare ground were restored to one of the world's most rare and biologically diverse ecosystems. Get professional tips on how you can establish and maintain your own prairies, savannas and native plant gardens. We will meet at the lower Old Sauk Road parking lot. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

Goodwill Ambassadors Needed

Sunflower Days (August 1-9, 2015)

We need Goodwill Ambassadors to help with this year's Sunflower Days during the first week of August. We enjoy two hour shifts handing out information about Pope Farm Conservancy, answering questions, and selling merchandise. Last year, we had over 70 Goodwill Ambassadors sign up, and all agreed that it was truly an enjoyable experience. Please contact us at info@popefarmconservancy.org if you are interested in participating.

Photo by Barbara Esser (Sunflower Days 2014)



Volunteer Socials

A chance to enjoy a PFC sunset together



April 2015



May 2015

During the year, FOPFC will host 5 volunteer socials (possibly more!) for our volunteers. This is a great opportunity to come together and enjoy the sunset. We owe everything to our volunteers, and the socials are an attempt to thank them for their remarkable efforts. It is an enjoyable evening, and they are becoming very popular.

Renew Your Membership Online

Our online [Membership Renewal Form](#) is back! You can now renew your membership securely online using your PayPal account or a debit or credit card. As a member of FOPFC, you will continue to receive monthly updates on the Conservancy, bi-annual newsletters, notification of education tours and special events, and invitations to help us in our volunteer efforts. Memberships are good for one (1) calendar year from the date you join or from the last date of your previous membership. We hope you enjoy being a part of our community. Go to <https://www.popefarmconservancy.org/membership/> to renew your membership today!

The Archaeology of Pope Farm Conservancy Tour

Dr. Amy Rosebrough led a wonderful tour on the Archaeology of Pope Farm Conservancy on May 13th. Forty-five walkers joined us to learn about the evidence that was left at Pope Farm Conservancy thousands of years ago. A beautiful May evening, a fascinating topic, and a thoroughly knowledgeable speaker at Pope Farm Conservancy...it doesn't get much better!

Photo by Barbara Esser



Question of the Month

What Happened to the Badger?



Bucky or Becky Badger 2014

The Badger (or we think Badgers) are showing a strong presence at Pope Farm Conservancy in 2015. They are everywhere, and over 20 burrows in and surrounding the conservancy has been sighted. Badgers are primarily nocturnal. If you see a badger please do not approach it, but please take a photo and send it to us at info@popefarmconservancy.org. They are looking for the plentiful 13-lined ground squirrels at PFC as their food source. Having Buck and Becky living at Pope Farm Conservancy is a testament to the natural use of the conservancy. **If you have a question for us, please send it to info@popefarmconservancy.org and we will try to answer it.**

Friends of the Month

Roger and Linda Napiwocki

Thank you, Linda and Roger Napiwocki! The Napiwockis have been neighbors of Pope Farm Conservancy for over 30 years, long before the Conservancy existed. Roger and Linda are remarkable graphic artists and own a graphic arts company called Purple Moon Design. They have volunteered to lay out the bi-annual newsletters that you receive in the mail. Many of you have commented on the quality and professional nature of these newsletters. Roger and Linda Napiwocki, as part of Purple Moon Design, are responsible for graphically producing these beautiful newsletters for the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy! FOPFC could not provide this level of quality without the impressive professional talents contributed by the Napiwocki's.



And a happy field of sunflowers to you, Roger and Linda!

Photos of the Month

There have been some remarkable additions to our [Flickr photo gallery](#) since last month. It was impossible to select just one! Here are just a few of the spectacular photos shared by friends and visitors of Pope Farm Conservancy.



Photo by David Peterson



Photo by Chris Conohan



Photo by Brad Bellisle

We welcome you to share your photos of Pope Farm Conservancy for our next "Photo of the Month." You can upload your photo(s) to our Flickr page at <https://www.flickr.com/groups/fopfc-photos/> or send them to photos@popefarmconservancy.org.

Connect with Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy on Facebook

Are you on Facebook? It's a great way to share your pictures and stories with others who "like" Pope Farm Conservancy.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfPopeFarmConservancy>



**Thank you for joining the
Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy!**



Our Journey Begins and You are part of it!