

November 2014 News Update for Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy

Announcing the Pope Homestead Planning Committee

Your ideas are needed on January 24th!



Photo by Jack Sherman

A new committee of the Friends called the Pope Homestead Planning Committee is crafting a vision for the future of the privately owned 15-acre Pope Homestead, which is adjacent to but not part of Pope Farm Conservancy. The property includes an historic barn, the farm house, and other buildings. Our goal is to preserve the barn and as much of the property as possible. We hope to accomplish this in a way that complements the activities at the Conservancy. We need your help with this new exciting project.

On the morning of **Saturday, January 24, 2015**, we invite you to participate in a visioning session at the **Town of Middleton Hall**, located at 7555 W. Old Sauk Rd., **9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** We will be brainstorming in small groups, using key questions provided that morning. After this session, the committee will research the feasibility of various options. Please mark your calendar now. More information will be available at <https://www.popefarmconservancy.org> in the near future.

Communications Volunteer Needed

Pope Homestead Planning Committee

To support our efforts to preserve the Pope Homestead, we need a volunteer willing to manage communications regarding our planning efforts. This volunteer will post provided information on the FOPFC website, email occasional updates to interested groups, respond to inquiries, and manage related information. If you have a computer and the time to help us over the next year, please send an email with your name and contact information to info@popefarmconservancy.org. Website experience helpful but not required. Training will be provided. This volunteer does not have to attend committee meetings, but would certainly be welcome at them if interested. Estimated time is an average of 2 hours per month.

Volunteer Social Hour

A cold November day, warmed by hot apple cider



Photo by Barbara Esser

A social hour was held for FOPFC volunteers in early November. It was very cold, but warm hearts endured. We enjoyed hot apple cider, and witnessed an incredible sunset.

Paddock Oak Savanna Planted by the Friends

Over 115 species of prairie restoration plants seeded

Thanks to all of the volunteers who collected, processed, and planted the Paddock Oak Savanna this year! There were 115 species of prairie plant seeds (worth over \$3,500) planted in November. We will all enjoy watching this remarkable Savanna take shape over the next couple of years.



NEW Amphitheater at Pope Farm Conservancy

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Photo by Barbara Esser

A new amphitheater was installed at PFC in early November. The amphitheater is located in the central part of the Conservancy overlooking the hillside prairie, and provides enough seating for 30 grade school students. The plaque will be installed in the spring.

Special Holiday Sale on PFC T-Shirts

\$12 for the first shirt, \$10 for each additional shirt

Although we broke even on our t-shirt sales this year, we have too much inventory and would like to make this special Holiday offer to the Friends. The first t-shirt is \$12 and every t-shirt thereafter is \$10, and this includes shipping! To order, please send us the following information:

- Your Name
- Mailing Address
- Phone
- Quantity of each size desired
Small _____ Medium _____
_____ Large _____ XL _____
_____ XXL _____



Please make checks out to *Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy* and mail your order &

payment to: Friends of Pope Farm

Conservancy, 10333 Blackhawk Rd,

Middleton, Wi, 53562. Be sure to include your mailing address, and we will mail you the shirt(s). If

you have any questions, please call [608-836-1072](tel:608-836-1072) or email info@popefarmconservancy.org.

Question of the Month

Is the Conservancy open during the winter months?

Yes, the conservancy is open year-round during daylight hours. The ski trails in Pope Farm Conservancy will be groomed by the Blackhawk Ski Club again this year and will begin when the conditions permit. If you are snowshoeing, please avoid damaging the groomed portion of the trail by walking to the side of it and not on it. The Old Sauk Road lower parking lot at Conservancy will remain open to accommodate



all winter activities. If you have a question for us, please send it to info@popefarmconservancy.org.

Friend of the Month

Dennis Schenborn

Thank you, Dennis! Your work as the co-chair of the Prairie Restoration Committee and your commitment the Friends is remarkable. Dennis helps plan and coordinate the Prairie Restoration activities, and his wife Elaine helps with their administrative support. Dennis has written articles for the friends, and has shared his wonderful photos of events and the landscape of Pope Farm Conservancy in many venues, including Facebook. That's not all...Dennis has helped the Friends by using his outstanding communication skills to present the Conservancy to the public. Thanks to you, Dennis, for really making a difference!



And a happy field of Sunflowers to you, Dennis!

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Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy!
Our Journey Begins and You are part of it!**