

## October 2014 News Update for Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy

### 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 you desire to order  
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](mailto:info@popefarmconservancy.org).

## Members Picnic

### Fall Weather and Happy Friends



The Fall Membership Picnic was cool, but the fall colors were beautiful. We all enjoyed each other's company, and Mel Pope talked about the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy, recapping 2014 and laying out some of our plans for 2015. We announced that the 2015 Sunflower field will be back up on top of the hill.

## Seed Collection Continues

### A message from Curt Caslavka – Prairie Restoration Committee, Chair

Photo by Barbara Esser

The prairies at Pope Farm Conservancy are still young and still in their restoration stage. Our goal is to establish a large variety of different native prairie plants throughout the prairies. To help that process along, we collect certain seeds from places where the plants are well established and then plant those seeds in other parts of the prairie.

That's where you come in! We need your help to collect seeds



when they are ripe. The seeds of different plants ripen at different times, so we have chosen 9 dates when we'll be collecting, weather permitting. Our first collecting date was August 16, but we have additional dates now into November.

You can sign up for one or more of these dates from the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy (FOPFC) website. The easiest way to get to the registration page is to go to this URL: <https://www.popefarmconservancy.org/events/2014-prairie-seed-collection/>  
We will have team leaders on hand to help you on each of those dates.

Please join us – it's fun and it's an investment in the future. Hope to see you in the prairies soon! If you have any questions, please send an email to [prairie@popefarmconservancy.com](mailto:prairie@popefarmconservancy.com).

## They Came to America...The Story of German Immigration



On October 15, twenty people braved the weather and were rewarded with a presentation on German Immigration by Antje Petty of the Max Kade Institute. The talk was very entertaining! Antje talked about why and how immigrants came to this region of Wisconsin. In attendance was Mae Goth Hartwig (pictured above in white jacket) whose great-great grandmother lived in the log cabin at Pope Farm Conservancy in the early 1870s.

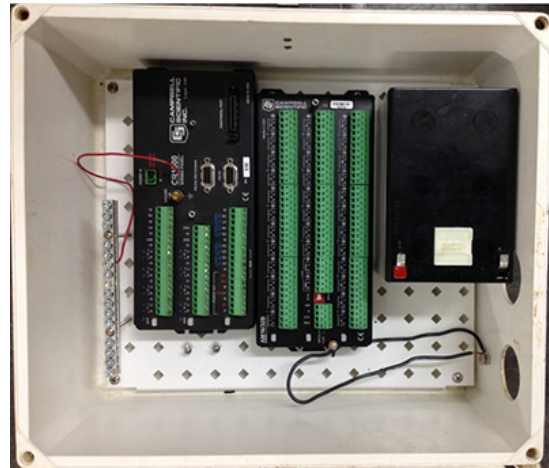
## Bucky Badger Report



Bucky continues to live in the Conservancy, and has numerous burrows throughout. Badger scat and diggings are seen as Bucky prepares for the winter.

## Question of the Month

What are those white boxes in the field?



The instrument enclosure pictured here will be installed in two locations in the north side of Pope Farm Conservancy, one in the prairie and one in what is now planted to winter wheat. The enclosures are housing data collection equipment used to collect soil temperature and moisture data over the winter. The data collection is part of a winter erosion study being performed by Ed Boswell and Dr. Nick Balster from the UW- Madison Soil Science Department. This study will help our understanding of winter soil dynamics with changing snow cover and its effects on soil erosion and conservation. The data will also be used to improve soil erosion computer modeling software. The sites will be labeled with contact information for the researchers. Although the research sites will be visited frequently during the study, we would greatly appreciate any information regarding the condition of the equipment (tampering, vandalism).

If you have a question for us, please send it to [info@popefarmconservancy.org](mailto:info@popefarmconservancy.org) and we will try to answer it.

## Friend of the Month

### Peggy Ahlgren

Thank you, Peggy! Your work as an events coordinator just touches the surface of all you have done. From helping organize the Goodwill Ambassadors for Sunflower Days and Heritage Day, to working on the information tables at many of our tours, you have been a remarkable friend of the conservancy. Your effort in building a community of friends through the volunteer social hour program, and your work on the PFC seed collection effort has been noticed. Your efforts are very much appreciated.



And a happy field of Sunflowers to you, Peggy!

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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!**

