

December 2022 News Update

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Season's Greetings from the Friends!



Thank You Volunteers for a Great Year!

As the 2022 FOPFC activities at Pope Farm Conservancy come to a close, we would like to thank our volunteers for their time, dedication, and commitment to our mission and goals. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Thank you to our **Programs Committee** for organizing the educational programs and arranging for guest speakers. Thank you, as well, for planning the membership picnic!

Thanks to the **Education Team** for their work with the school system, and the field trips, and thank you for adding 20 new educational videos to our website and library in 2022.

Thanks to the **Restoration Team** volunteers who helped with seed collection and monarch butterfly tagging. A special shout out to the trail stewards, as well, for their efforts to make Pope Farm Conservancy a better place by monitoring the Conservancy's trails and property.

We also have a dedicated group of **volunteers who help behind the scenes** with data entry, bookkeeping, photography, writing, graphic arts, thank-you cards, the website and social media, maintaining the rain garden and the heritage gardens, supervising work projects and more! We are very grateful to those who do many other special projects that help with our overall effort.

Thank you so very much for ALL you do!



Winter at the Conservancy



Make the most of our Wisconsin winter weather by enjoying some fresh air and outdoor fun at Pope Farm Conservancy! The conservancy is open year-round from sunrise to sunset. It's a great place for trekking through snow, winter birding, and even photography. With sufficient snow accumulation, visitors are welcome to come and enjoy winter activities, such as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking, and sledding.

REMINDER: Please stay on the designated trails and do not venture out into the prairies or crop fields. The lower parking lot off Old Sauk Road will remain open and plowed through the winter months. All other parking lots will be closed.

❄️ 2023 Winter Outing at PFC ❄️

The Programs Committee is once again hoping to schedule a winter outing at the conservancy in January or February 2023. All are welcome to join us for a winter trek around the conservancy. Bring your own hiking boots, cc-skis, or snowshoes!

The date for this outing is TBD, based on weather conditions and snow cover. Be sure to check your email for updates. We will also post info on our website and Facebook page. Stay tuned and fingers crossed for a little more snow!

Winter Membership Drive

Give the Gift of Membership

When you gift a FOPFC membership, your friend or loved one will be welcomed into the Conservancy's family of dedicated individuals committed to enhancing the educational opportunities at Pope Farm Conservancy, preserving the balance of its wildlife habitat and historical features, and protecting its scenic landscapes and tranquility for the enjoyment of the public.



As a FOPFC member, the gift recipient will receive:

- A personalized card announcing your special gift, delivered via USPS
- Monthly email updates on the Conservancy
- Updates on upcoming activities, programs, and volunteer opportunities
- Our semi-annual magazine, filled with beautiful photos, as well as informative and insightful articles about PFC's history, educational programs, and its many plants and animals.

To gift a membership to a friend or loved one, complete the online membership form:

<https://www.popefarmconservancy.org/membership/> and select “Gift Membership”.

FOPFC Gifts and Gear

This holiday season, we've got the perfect gifts for the nature lovers in your life! When you purchase FOPFC logo gear (t-shirt, sweatshirt, tote bag, or mug), a portion of every sale goes directly to the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy.

Visit Our Online Store: <https://www.bonfire.com/store/fopfc>

Let us know if you have any questions/concerns regarding your order. Email us at info@popefarmconservancy.org.



Upcoming FOPFC Meetings

Programs Committee Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 (1:30 p.m.)

Location: At the home of Diane Smidt, 202 Saratoga Circle, Madison, WI

Discussion topics: The committee will be focused on the progress of events for the 2023 season. If interested in event planning, all are welcome to join this meeting. Otherwise, please send event ideas to Diane Smidt (diane.smidt@gmail.com).

REMINDERS

Make a Year-End Donation

The season of giving is here! We hope you are proud of the conservancy's development over the years and all it contributes to the community. The Friends group has done much to enhance this property, and your support is very important to us. Please consider making a year-end donation to the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy. Go to: <https://www.popefarmconservancy.org/donate/>

As a donor, you will receive regular updates on the Conservancy. This includes articles, news, event/tour calendars, as well as our news magazines. Your financial support is key for the FOPFC to continue to do good things at Pope Farm!

Renew Your Membership

Just a reminder...you can now renew your membership online at <https://www.popefarmconservancy.org/membership>, or you can renew by mail. Please send a check (Payable to FOPFC) to FOPFC, 10333 Blackhawk Road, Middleton, WI 53562.

If you have already renewed your membership, THANK YOU! We hope you enjoy being a part of our community. For questions regarding your membership, please send an email to info@popefarmconservancy.org.

Get Involved: Volunteer Opportunities

- The PR Team needs help writing stories and short articles for our publications. If interested, please email us at info@popefarmconservancy.org.
- The Programs Committee is currently planning events and educational talks for 2023. If you would like to get involved or share your ideas for programs offered at the conservancy, please contact Diane Smidt (diane.smidt@gmail.com) or come to the Programs Committee meeting on Jan. 10th.

If there's another activity you'd like to help with, please fill out the Volunteer Interests Form on our website.

Connect with FOPFC Online

Website: <https://www.popefarmconservancy.org>

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/friendsofpopefarmconservancy>

Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/groups/fopfc-photos>

Photo of the Month



“Anne came dancing home in the purple winter twilight across the snowy places.”

- L.M. Montgomery

Photo by Steve Mayeshiba

Winter Photos Wanted!

We would love to showcase your wintertime photos of Pope Farm Conservancy here in our newsletters. If you have a photo to share, please send it janie@popefarmconservancy.org.

FOPFC Photo Contest 2023

The Programs Committee is organizing a photo contest in 2023. We will be looking for entries of spring and summer photographs taken at the conservancy. Stay tuned... more information to come!



**Thank you for supporting the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy!
Our journey is ongoing, and YOU are part of it!**