

# THE BOGHAUNTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT *from Jim Reinartz* *The Bog Guardian Program Needs To Expand*

The Friends' Bog Guardian Program has been working for over five years to keep four aggressive invasive plants, Wild parsnip, Teasels, Phragmites, and Japanese knotweed (The Big-4) from taking over the roadways around Cedarburg Bog and the UWM Field Station. Since 2018 the Guardians, a dedicated group of volunteers, have been successful at preventing any Wild Parsnip or Teasels from making seed in our 27 mi<sup>2</sup> project area.

In 2019, we obtained grant funding from SEWISC, the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium that has helped with the program; and cooperation with the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust has been crucial in controlling Phragmites and Japanese Knotweed. The goal of eradication of these two species from our area is within sight. Before 2018, all four of these species were less common in the surrounding area, and I removed the new invaders that I found around the Field Station and Bog.

We now have a new invasive species rapidly being moved along roadways south of the Bog, Wild Chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*). Roadway mowing is spreading the seed of Wild Chervil in the Town of Cedarburg, south of the Bog. In the past three or four years the invader has gone from a couple of spots to widespread. If we do not act to prevent Wild Chervil from spreading to the Bog Guardian control area, it will soon be common and very difficult to get under control. We now have a "Big-5" invasive species that are the targets of our "not-in-my-yard" program.

Many roadsides north, south, east, and west of the Bog are dominated by one or more of this Big-5. Where they are abundant on the roadsides, they have also invaded the fields and wetlands off the road, degrading every place they grow. The Cedarburg Bog neighborhood is exceptional because our roadsides, fields, and wetlands are essentially free from the Big-5. We have the opportunity to keep these plants (and others) from ever damaging our area. Roadsides like ours are becoming increasingly rare. It would be a shame if we just let the Big-5 take over the roadways of the Bog neighborhood, and they surely will if we just sit back and watch!

The Guardian program is focused on continuing the complete eradication of these invasives in our 27 mi<sup>2</sup> project area. In late June and early July, we will begin road surveys to find any isolated plants and patches of the invaders that have sprung up this year. After the surveys are complete, we will kill the plants before they can make seed and spread.

If you would like to help with these efforts or learn more about the Bog Guardian program, contact the Friends of Cedarburg Bog:

Website: [bogfriends.org](http://bogfriends.org)

Email: [bogfriends@gmail.com](mailto:bogfriends@gmail.com)

Phone: 414-897-1739



Chervil Stem, Chervil Leaves, & Chervil Flowers -  
Peter M. Dziuk, MN Wildflowers

## WILD CHERVIL

*An Invasive Plant Moving to the Bog Area*

The Friends' Bog Guardian Program has added Wild Chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*) to the list of invasive plants that it is excluding from a 27 mi<sup>2</sup> area around the Bog and Field Station. Wild Chervil, spread by roadside mowing, is becoming very common in the Town of Cedarburg, south of the Bog. In the past three or four years the invader has gone from a couple spots of occurrence to widespread. As an invasive plant, Wild Chervil has a legal classification of Restricted in our area, which means that it is illegal to plant, grow, or spread it.

Wild Chervil is in the carrot family and like wild carrot (Queen Anne's lace), wild parsnip, Caraway, and Japanese Hedge-parsley was introduced to North America as an ornamental and edible plant. Both



Birding By Canoe Event 2023 - photo by Gale Clapper

the leaves and root of Wild Chervil are edible. Wild Chervil has white flowers like the very common Queen Anne's lace. It is also a monocarpic plant that flowers and fruits once (most in their second year) and then dies.

Wild Chervil is easy to recognize. It comes into full bloom well before Queen Anne's lace or any of the other white-flowered members of the parsley or carrot family. It is a much leafier plant than the wild carrot, with lush, fern-like leaves. It also has hairy leaves, hairy ribbed sheaths and stems, and smooth fruits that ripen to shiny black.

Wild Chervil is not necessarily a threat to the Cedarburg Bog itself. It invades forest edges, fields, pastures, prairies, roadsides, and fencerows. The Field Station natural areas and the upland margins of the Bog are susceptible to an invasion by this aggressive species.

If you notice Wild Chervil growing near the Cedarburg Bog, please notify FOCB by sending an email to: [bogfriends@gmail.com](mailto:bogfriends@gmail.com)

-Jim Reinartz

## CANOEING THE CEDARBURG BOG

A Great Blue Heron sprang up behind cattails on an island in Mud Lake. Too unexpected to capture with the camera, it gracefully lifted off so close one could hear the wings flap as they spread to their wide width and flew into the blue. Tracking the lovely fowl to the horizon, I was rewarded for my early dawn canoeing at the Cedarburg Bog.

The notes of songbirds and light winds made rising in the wee hours worth the drive to the early morning event in Mud Lake. The sight of those large wings flapping above

me lifted my spirit up with them as I felt it soaring.

There's nothing like immersing yourself in nature and it doesn't get more natural than the Bog. One can feel the layers of peat sediment below with the paddle while gliding over shallow water and lily pads. The Cedarburg Bog is actually a Fen due to the higher mineral content in the water. It is a highly diverse ecosystem important for migratory birds and endangered species.

At least a half-dozen canoes and several kayaks traversed the water of Mud Lake the morning of Mother's Day for a two hour tour, paddling past reeds by floating islands and watching swallows flit to birdhouses on posts poking out of the water near roosting platforms for mallard ducks.

John O'Donnell led the quiet group across the water. An empty nest was spotted at the base of a tree



as a pair of Canadian Geese flew overhead. A Red-winged Blackbird perched on the tip of a cattail as usual to survey the terrain. After 9 am, another group of paddlers experienced many of the same sensations and discovered the Sandhill Cranes as well while avoiding the expected sprinkle of rain. The calming effect of such an outing removes the stress of daily life and reignites the urge to explore more.

Friends of the Cedarburg Bog offers many programs and events for the public like this wonderful canoe outing to Mud Lake. If you would like more information about upcoming FOCB events visit the website: [www.bogfriends.org](http://www.bogfriends.org)

– Gale Clapper

## SUCCESS WITH SEASONS OF CHANGE

Our first Artist in Residency program has been a tremendous success and had a warm reception at the Cedarburg Cultural Center show opening. We were pleased to have Jeff Kunkle at the Bog and showcase his work this past spring. Thank you to Jeff for his time and talent, to Jim Reinartz for making frames, and to Jeanette Gabrys at the Cultural Center for pulling the show together. We look forward to more opportunities to merge the beauty of the bog with creative perspectives in the future.

–Michelle Inhofer

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Supporting stewardship and  
appreciation of the Cedarburg  
Bog through land management,  
preservation, research and education.*

## SEARCHING FOR FLOWERS

Spring is my favorite time of year to go for hikes searching for wildflowers in bloom. In early April, the delicate blooms of the Hepaticas are seen just inches above the forest floor among the dead leaves of seasons past. The landscape quickly transitions to lush green foliage of Fern fiddle heads unfurling, sedges sprouting and flowers blooming. The anticipation is always exciting as you never know what you might find. And even though I have a million photos of flowers, I still always take one more because I don't have a photo of this exact flower.

Some springs it can be cold and wet. Other years we have temperatures in the 80s and sunshine almost every day, like this spring. No two calendar years are ever the same. These weather variations affect the phenology of plant and animal life. Simply put, phenology is the study of seasonal natural phenomena. This can be documented by certain species in bloom, when trees leaf out, or when insects emerge and birds migrate.

Although this uncertainty of what the weather may be can make it hard to predict when it is the "best" time to schedule a hike, it also tells us that there is no perfect time. We can go on weekly hikes in the same location and always find new species in bloom. The landscape is always changing and there is always something to enjoy. So get out there and explore the natural world around you!

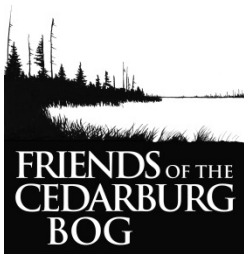
–Danielle Bell



Jack in the pulpit - photo by Danielle Bell



Wood Betony - photo by Danielle Bell



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## FRIENDS OF THE CEDARBURG BOG EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, walks meet at the UWM Field Station on Blue Goose Rd.

Please register at: [www.bogfriends.org](http://www.bogfriends.org) (click on Programs & Events).

Walks are free and open to the public; a \$5 donation is appreciated.

Questions? Contact (414) 897-1739 or [bogfriends@gmail.com](mailto:bogfriends@gmail.com) Please, No Pets.

### Butterflies & Dragonflies

Sunday, July 9 10:00 – 11:30 am

Dragonflies and butterflies thrill us with their beauty and their aerial acrobatics. Join naturalist Kate Redmond to find out about their lifestyles and how to identify them. Bring binoculars. We'll meet at the north end of the Bog in the Hwy 33 parking lot. (No restrooms)

### Quarterly Board Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 6:00 pm

All members are welcome to join the FOCB board meeting. The July meeting is being held in person and over Zoom. If interested in the agenda and to receive access to the meeting, please contact [admin@bogfriends.org](mailto:admin@bogfriends.org)

### Summer in the Bog

Sunday, July 16, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Come explore the sights, sounds, and smells of the vibrant Cedarburg Bog in Summer with Jim Reinartz. Bring a pair of binoculars if you have them and join us for a hike that will be rich with history and highlighting the seasonal transitions of the Bog.

## OZAUKEE-WASHINGTON BIRDING COALITION

The Ozaukee-Washington Birding Coalition (OWBC) has scheduled events coming up. The coalition consists of the Friends of the Cedarburg Bog, the Lac Lawrann Conservancy, Mequon Nature Preserve, and Riveredge Nature Center. Each organization will offer events and handle registration for the event.

Visit [www.bogfriends.org](http://www.bogfriends.org) for full event details.

### Wildlife and Bird Photography

Saturday, July 15, 11 am - 12:30 pm

Lac Lawrann Conservancy

Bring your camera(s) and join veteran expert photographer Bill Joers for a photography class. Additional information and registration available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4CADA23A1FB6-wildlife>

### Breeding Season at the Horicon Marsh

Sunday, August 6, 6 am

Horicon Marsh - meet at Auto Loop off Hwy 49

Join veteran birder Carl Schwartz on a late summer field trip to Horicon Marsh. Special focus will be on finding any recently reported eBird rarities as well as sorting through a huge proliferation of all sorts of recently fledged waterbirds. To register email Carl Schwartz at: [cschwartz@wi.rr.com](mailto:cschwartz@wi.rr.com)

### Lac Lawrann Conservancy Birding Field Trip

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day) 6:30 - 10:30 am

Lac Lawrann Conservancy w/ John O'Donnell

The multi-varied habitats of forest, wetland and savannah make for a dramatic landscape and good for birds. Additional information and registration available at: [lACLAWRANN.ORG](http://lACLAWRANN.ORG)

## WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED WITH THE FOCB



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### Bog Ethnobotany: Plant Use by Great Lakes Native Americans

Saturday, July 22, 9:00 AM – Noon

Into the Bog and through the woods, join ethnobotanist Lee Olsen in search of plants used by eight Great Lakes Nations for food, medicine, basket weaving, dyes, and technology. Lee will demonstrate utility uses (dyes, cordage, fiber, and construction), reveal medicinal plants, and identify food plants. Bring good hiking shoes and dress for the weather.

### Save the date: FOCB Annual Meeting & Picnic

Sunday, October 1, 3-6:30 pm

Join with the Friends of the Cedarburg Bog and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Field Station for the annual fall hike, pot luck picnic, and a camp fire. The Friends of the Cedarburg Bog will supply brats, burgers and beverages. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. Come for the walk, the potluck or both!

## OWBC PARTNERS

**LLC** - LacLawrann Conservancy  
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[lACLAWRANN.ORG](http://lACLAWRANN.ORG)

**MNP** - Mequon Nature Preserve  
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**RNC** - Riveredge Nature Center  
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