

# *Landings* News Splash

Winter 2019-2020 Newsletter from the Door County Land Trust

***“When we see land as a community  
to which we belong, we may begin  
to use it with love and respect.”***

***-Aldo Leopold***

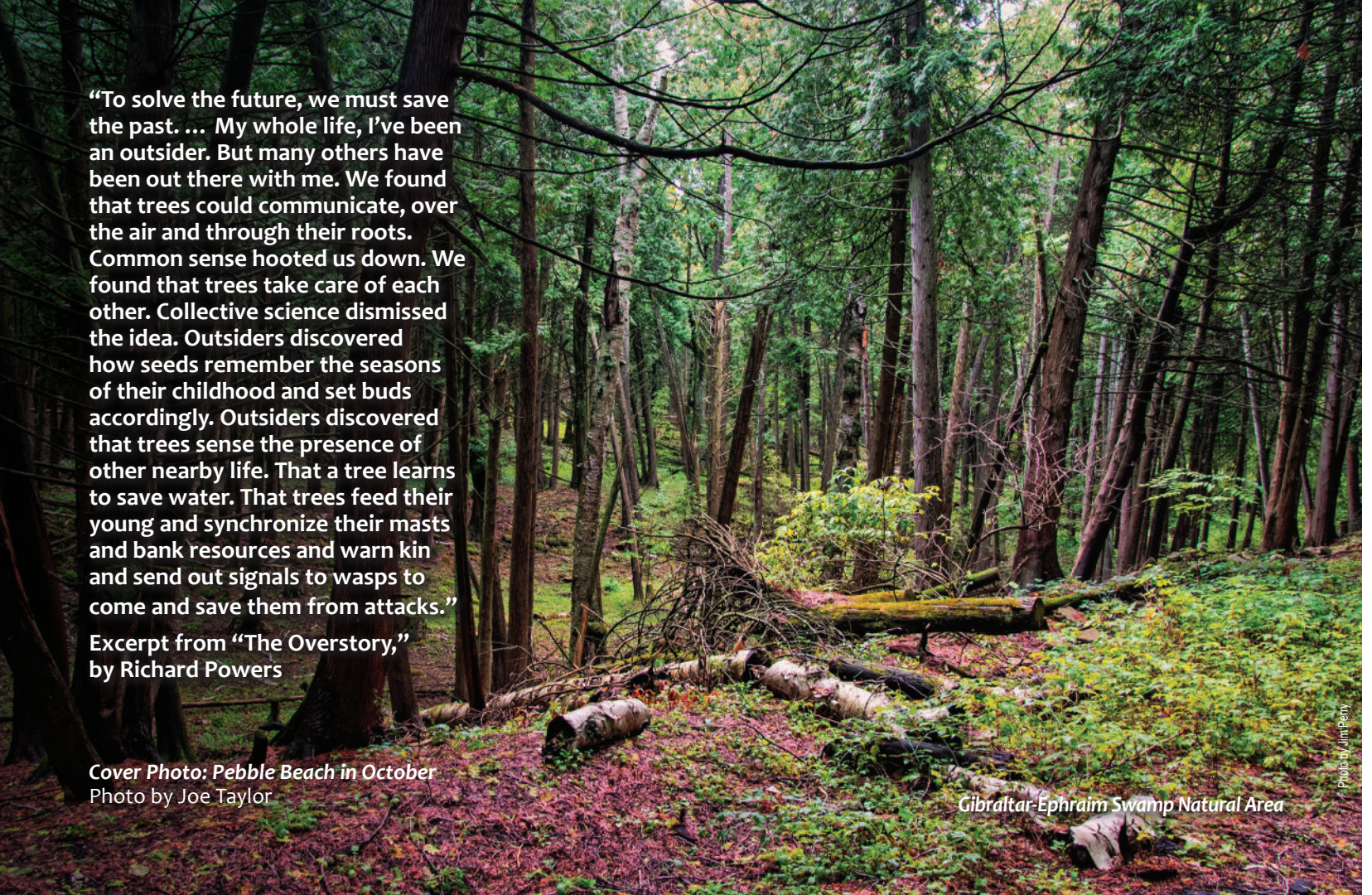


**Door County Land Trust**

**Protecting Door County's Exceptional Lands and Waters...Forever**

**Thank you for helping to  
protect Door County's  
wild things and wild places.**



A photograph of a forest scene. The foreground is filled with fallen leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, along with several large, weathered logs. The middle ground shows a dense stand of tall, thin trees with green foliage. The background is a continuation of the forest, with more trees and a slightly hazy atmosphere. The lighting is soft, suggesting an overcast day.

**“To solve the future, we must save the past. ... My whole life, I’ve been an outsider. But many others have been out there with me. We found that trees could communicate, over the air and through their roots. Common sense hooted us down. We found that trees take care of each other. Collective science dismissed the idea. Outsiders discovered how seeds remember the seasons of their childhood and set buds accordingly. Outsiders discovered that trees sense the presence of other nearby life. That a tree learns to save water. That trees feed their young and synchronize their masts and bank resources and warn kin and send out signals to wasps to come and save them from attacks.”**

**Excerpt from “The Overstory,”  
by Richard Powers**

**Cover Photo: Pebble Beach in October**  
Photo by Joe Taylor

**Gibraltar-Ephraim Swamp Natural Area**



## OVERSTORY, OUTSIDERS, AND OUR OUTDOOR FAMILY

Dear friends,

I recently read “The Overstory,” a Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Richard Powers told from the perspective of the trees and forest. One character’s personal fascination launches a career focused on the communication between trees. The scientific community initially discredits her ideas, casting her as an outsider. But, later in the novel, researchers confirm and expand upon her ideas, making this ‘outsider’ a leader—and lending truth to fiction by including discoveries which are actually real.

“Outsiders discovered how seeds remember the seasons of their childhood and set buds accordingly. Outsiders discovered that trees sense the presence of other nearby life.” To preserve the knowledge of the trees, she begins to save seeds for the predicted, imperiled future. “To solve the future, we must save the past.”

Here’s my takeaway: the Door Peninsula is awash with ‘outsiders’ who sense the deep truth of nature, whether guided by science or intuition, and I take great comfort in that fact. From volunteer preserve stewards, to the Chambers Island conservation heroes, to people just like you, our community of ‘outsiders’—our *outdoor family*—is a force and together we are making a difference.

As the days in our ‘Year of Discovery’ shorten, for me, the discovery of the year remains the overwhelming power of our community. From belief in the Land Trust’s mission to protect lands and waters, to unprecedented generosity, you, our community, stepped-up to swiftly protect Pebble Beach in perpetuity. Call us ‘outsiders’ or ‘insiders,’ we’re all part of this outdoor family, and our hearts are right where they belong.

Solving the future by saving our past is what we do. And, it’s what you do by supporting Door County Land Trust. Thank you.



Tom Clay, Executive Director  
Door County Land Trust



*Chambers Island conservation heroes (seated, front row; see page13) with past and present Board of Directors and staff.*



Photo by Dan Eggett

## PROTECTING A GEOLOGIC GEM

Pebble Beach is iconic in many ways, but its biggest claim to fame lies in its namesake – the smooth, long, wide (dolomitic limestone) pebbles that cover the beach. As loved as the shoreline is, the real geologic value of the property rests not in today's beach but in the ancient shoreline ridges. The property shows thirteen post-glacial shorelines created by changing water levels in the Green Bay basin during and after the retreat of the last continental ice sheets. From Little Sister Cemetery down to today's shoreline, one can see the receding lake levels of ancient Lakes Algonquin and Nipissing. The historic beach shows how the Niagara Escarpment crumbled to form the fragile shorelines, and is one of a few remaining examples of what formed over thousands of years.

## WAVES OF SUPPORT FOR PEBBLE BEACH

Door County Land Trust met the first milestone to protect Pebble Beach thanks to hundreds of supporters contributing to protect the beloved shoreline and land. The Village of Sister Bay with help from the Land Trust met the second milestone for the project when they received \$1 million in funding through the Wisconsin Department of Administration via a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program grant and completed the purchase of the property on September 18, 2019. The next project milestones include applying for a grant through the Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and the completion of a conservation easement agreement which will permanently protect the land and shoreline for generations to come. The Village of Sister Bay continues to raise funds for the project through the Door County Land Trust website at [DoorCountyLandTrust.org/PebbleBeach](http://DoorCountyLandTrust.org/PebbleBeach).





Photo by Jim Perry

*Ancient shoreline ridge, Little Sister Bay*



Photo by Mary Van Dyke

*Pebble Beach, Little Sister Bay*



Photo by Jim Perry

*Cedar forest, Little Sister Bay*

## MACKAYSEE SHORELINE PROTECTED

This summer a 25-acre property was added to the Chambers Island Nature Preserve on the northern shore of Lake Mackaysee. The property contains mature forests, coastal wetlands, and more than 2,500 feet of Lake Mackaysee shoreline. Lake Mackaysee is a shallow lake with a sandy shoreline comprised of small ridges formed by wave action that closed it off years ago from Green Bay. Preservation of this land helps protect the ecology of Lake Mackaysee. The forested part of this property features mature red oak, sugar maple, white pine, big tooth aspen, and paper birch. Among Chambers Island's unique ecological features is its diverse forest which attracts more than 170 species of birds during the year. Nesting bald eagles depend on Lake Mackaysee and its surrounding forests for food, habitat, and their young. In addition to the record number of bird species found here, the Chambers Island Nature Preserve is now Door County Land Trust's largest nature preserve at 715 acres.

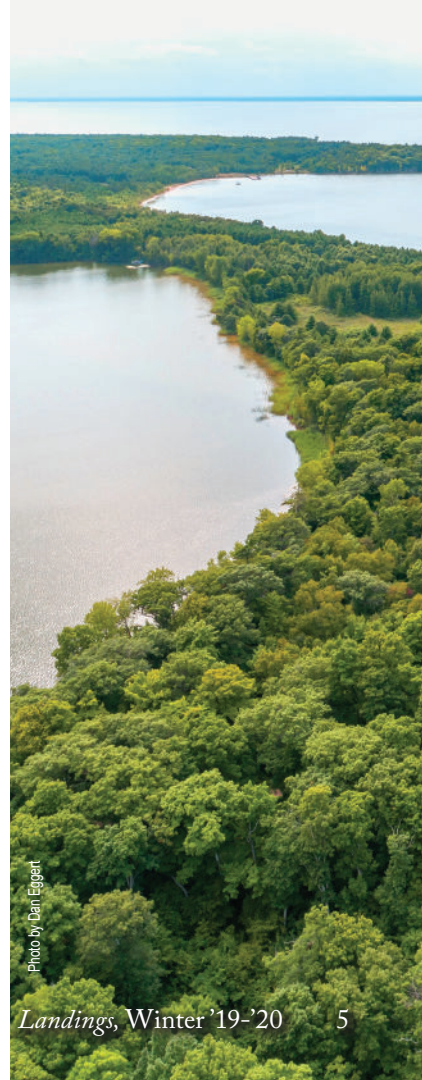


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*Landings, Winter '19-'20*





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## HEADWATER WETLANDS PROTECTED AT GIBRALTAR-EPHRAIM SWAMP

Gibraltar-Ephraim Swamp Natural Area is a large coastal wetland corridor in Ephraim that is the focus of a multi-year land protection effort by the Land Trust. In 2019 key headwater wetlands and stream corridors of two creeks flowing into Eagle Harbor and Green Bay were protected with two purchases totaling 120 acres. Now, more than 275 acres are permanently protected at the heart of a larger wildlife corridor that contains a mature white cedar forest, providing habitat for a variety of birds, plants and animals. Grant funding through the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program supported the two purchases. Meanwhile, efforts to raise the necessary Stewardship Endowment Fund contribution for the long-term care of the newly protected lands continue.





Photo by Jim Perry



Photo by Jamie Palmer



Photo by Nancy Allen



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## BAY SHORE BLUFFLANDS BUCKTHORN BLAST EFFORTS CREATE A BUFFET FOR THE BUTTERFLIES, BIRDS, AND BEES

The three-year community conservation effort to battle buckthorn and other invasive shrubs at the Bay Shore Blufflands has begun a new chapter as Door County Land Trust reintroduced native species this summer. The new garden incorporates many native plants, while also providing the neighborhood a teaching space highlighting sustainable gardening. Volunteers and preserve neighbors assisted by planting a demonstration pollinator garden and braided row hedge near the lower parking area on Bay Shore Drive.

Their work now serves as an oasis for butterflies, birds, bees, and other pollinators. More than twenty volunteers participated in the initial planting and took turns over the dry summer months to water the young seedlings. The plants will mature over the next several years, providing the pollen, nectar, fruits, and seeds that native and migratory wildlife need for survival.







Photo by Jim Perry

## CITIZEN SCIENTISTS IN ACTION

Along Door County's Lake Michigan shoreline, stretching from Baileys Harbor north to Newport State Park, lies the Door Peninsula Coastal Wetlands complex. It is designated a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention, an intergovernmental treaty for protection of exemplary wetland systems around the world. One of only 39 sites in the US bearing this designation, more than 11,000 acres of land have been protected by Door County Land Trust and conservation partners including The Nature Conservancy, The Ridges Sanctuary, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Wisconsin Department of



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Natural Resources, Door County Parks, and others. During June 2019, conservation partners worked together with Milwaukee's Urban Ecology Center to host a "BioBlitz" to document species found here. The four-day study aimed to count as many plant, animal, insect, bird, spider, and other species as possible. Researchers and scientists worked in partnership with volunteer citizen scientists to collect and record the data. More than 500 documented species show the breadth of biodiversity on these lands. Research efforts such as these aid in providing information needed for the care of the wetlands.

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# Protect the lands you love... forever.

*Our commitment to protecting Door County's exceptional lands and waters is forever.*

*You can help protect the land you love by making a gift that will last forever.*

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## The Legacy Circle

When you inform the Door County Land Trust of your intent to make a planned gift, you will be welcomed into the Legacy Circle, a group of benefactors who have indicated that the Land Trust has been included in their estate plans.

For more information, contact Development Director Cinnamon Rossman or Executive Director Tom Clay at [giving@doorcountylandtrust.org](mailto:giving@doorcountylandtrust.org) or (920)746-1359.

**[DoorCountyLandTrust.org/PlannedGiving](http://DoorCountyLandTrust.org/PlannedGiving)**

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*Door County Land Trust welcomed several new households to the Legacy Circle this year. Their names are listed in **bold type**.*



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 Youell, Sylvia  
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*Thank you!*

## UPCOMING MOONLIGHT HIKES AND MORE...

Reserve your spot today! Register at [DoorCountyLandTrust.org/Hike](http://DoorCountyLandTrust.org/Hike)

**1/11 7-9pm Sat Full Moon Hike at Miller Conservation Easement, Baileys Harbor**

**1/11 7-9pm Sat Full Moon Hike at Legacy Nature Preserve at Clay Banks, Southern Door**

**2/9 7-9pm Sun Full Moon Hike at Neuman Conservation Easement, Baileys Harbor**

**2/9 7-9pm Sun Full Moon Hike at Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal Nature Preserve**

**4/11 10am-12pm Celebrate Spring Hike at Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal Nature Preserve**

**4/22 9:30-11:30am Earth Day Walk at Heins Creek Nature Preserve, south of Baileys Harbor**

## SAVE THE DATE!

## MIDWINTER GATHERING

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

Each winter we gather round to hear stories of the incredible lands and waters that together we are protecting—and to raise a glass to celebrate the success. Look for your invitation in the mail in January, but mark your calendars and plan on joining us for an evening of winter celebration!







Photos by Mary Van Dyke

## DISCOVER, STEWARD, INSPIRE! VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers contribute to every aspect of the Door County Land Trust. They maintain trails, monitor birds, advise committees, lead events, inspire our community of supporters, and so much more.

***Thank you for making the Door County Land Trust mission a part of your lives.***

Alesch, Karen  
Allen, Ross  
Andrae, Dan  
Andrae, Marjorie  
Aten, Nancy  
Barnard, Francha  
Barnes, David  
Barrett, Jean  
Basten, Susan  
Baumann, Galena  
Benson, Don  
Bero, Robert  
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Billeaud, Lana  
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Blankenburg, Ralph  
Brevard, Mary  
Buege, David  
Buege, Linda  
Burnham, Bonnie  
Capp, Stephen  
Carmen, Vicky  
Chang, Robert  
Cochrane, Carl  
Collins, Dan  
Cramer, Judy

Cubar, Susan  
Czypinski, Rob  
D'Abbraccio, Deanna  
Degeneffe, Amy  
DeNardo, Donna  
DeNardo, Tony  
Deschler, Peter  
Desotell, Larry  
Di Iulio, Helene  
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Dubick, Kris  
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Erskine, Tim  
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Fiorato, Tony  
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Fortin, Guy  
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Glasser, Linda  
Glasser, Mark  
Goodner, Dale  
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Groenfeldt, Keli  
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Hake, Bruce  
Hake, Donna  
Hanney, Roxanne  
Hansotia, Marilyn  
Harkaway, Jill  
Hartman, Mary  
Haus, Allison  
Haus, Nick  
Heilman, David  
Hein, Marilyn  
Herbst, James E  
Hermann, John

Holey, Mark  
Holm, Randall  
Hubbard, Denise  
Hubbard, Kenneth  
Hubing, Dan  
Hubing, Kathy  
Isensee, Karen  
Jacobson, Jean  
Jacobson, Rod  
Johnson, Donna  
Judd, Robert  
Keck, Krista  
Knox, Julie  
Kokes, Jeannie  
Kopec, Joe  
Krebs, Jean

Krebs, Jerry  
Krumenacher, Jamie  
Kruse, Christopher  
Laack, Debra Corrao  
Lester, Jim  
Lincoln, Eleanor  
Ling, Bob  
Ling, Heidi  
Lisle, Bev  
Lisle, Tom  
Livingston, Andy  
Lokken, Judy  
Lokken, Ron  
Lueking, Joel  
Lukes, Charlotte  
Maloney, Kevin

## CHAMBERS ISLAND NATURE PRESERVE LEADERS RECEIVE CONSERVATIONISTS OF THE YEAR AWARD!

This year Mary Brevard, Suzanne Fletcher, Barbara Frank, and Mary Jane Rintelman, were awarded Conservationists of the Year by Gathering Waters. These four conservation heros, partnering with the Land Trust, have overcome incredible challenges to protect Chambers Island. By the year-end, nearly 800 acres will be permanently protected. The story of the group's tenacity and vision illustrates a commitment to protecting the lands, waters, wildlife, and ways of life that make Wisconsin so very special. The Land Trust is proud to highlight these leaders and to recognize their five-year effort to protect Chambers Island.



Maloney, Laura  
Maloney, Ron  
Martin, Mark  
Maynard, Vicki  
McCarthy, Mary Jo  
McCutcheon, Mike  
McCutcheon, Windsor  
Miller, Ed  
Miller, Sandy  
Minahan, Thomas  
Morgan, Barbara  
Morley, Daniel  
Mullaney, Gail  
Mullaney, Pat  
Mutchler, Keith  
Nelson, Bryan

Nelson, Kay  
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Ottum, Barb  
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Peters, Glenna  
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Petersen, Sandy  
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Rintelman, Mary Jane  
Rockway, Sheryll  
Rockway, Todd  
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Rossman, Grace  
Samida, Judy  
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Samson, Lydia  
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Schrantz, Ann  
Schultz, Craig

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Shields, Walt  
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Sterrenberg, Paul  
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Swanson, Deanna  
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Webster, Bobbie  
Wehling, John  
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Wessels, Bill  
Wessels, Trudy  
Whitney, Jane  
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Wick, Tim  
Wilcox, Karen  
Wilder, Nick  
Wilson, Karen  
Wolff, Bill  
Wolff, Kathy  
Wolter, Cindy  
Wolter, Rich  
Wrede, Jan  
Wright, Pat  
Wulle-Dugan, Kate  
Yancey, John

Yancey, Karen  
Youngsteadt, Duane  
Youngsteadt, Leslie  
Ziarnik, David

*Your volunteer service deserves to be acknowledged. If we have made an error or omitted your name from the list, please notify us so we may correct it for future publications.*



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