



# CFC NEWS

*Saving Living Space for Living Things*

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## CFC 2003: a year in review

Editor's Note: this article is based on a report given in September by Karen Hunter to the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs.

Citizens for Conservation volunteers were busy in 2003, "Saving Living Space for Living Things." Here's a summary of the year's activities.

Early spring brought controlled burns to CFC preserves. Burns are an effective tool in suppressing non-native invaders like buckthorn. We safely conducted burns at Grigsby Prairie, Flint Creek Savanna, and Baker's Lake; however, unusually dry weather made wetland areas too dry and dangerous to burn.

In the early spring our board of directors authorized payment of \$3,500 to The Care of Trees to clear and herbicide brush along Baker's Lake. This clearing should significantly improve the health of native savanna plants that secure soil on the natural slope to the lake. This continues work volunteers started last year and provides a dramatic view! Volunteers spread wood chips to improve walking trails.

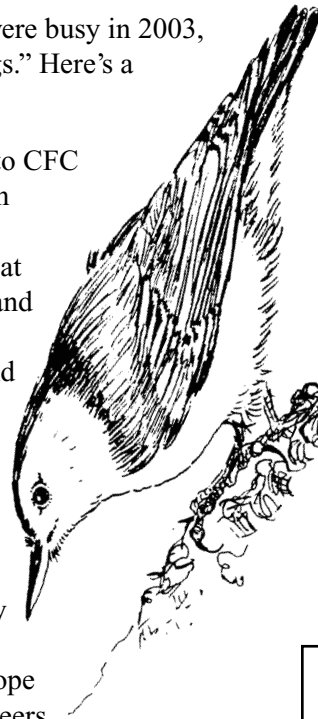
After the prescribed burns, CFC turned its attention to wildflower rescue. While the number of forbs rescued from impending development was modest, replanting them at the southwest corner of Flint Creek Savanna had a dramatic impact under a magnificent oak grove.

We then planted 3,000 penn sedge plugs in the area. Penn sedge is a small, native woodland sedge which secures the soil for delicate spring wildflowers.

This summer we released 4,000 purple loosestrife beetles at Flint Creek Savanna and the Barrington Bog. We also stocked the large pond adjacent to our headquarters with native sunfish and planted with 3,000 wetland sedges.

Citizens for Conservation's work is much more than restoration. This past year we've worked in conjunction with the Land Trust Alliance and Fox River Watershed Land Alliance to learn about conservation easements. As development swallows the last bits of open space in our community, CFC foresees conservation easements as an important method for protecting natural areas. In June CFC began work on its Demonstration Garden

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WHITE-BREASTED NUTTHATCH

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in the area surrounding our headquarters. Our goal is to show how short native plants can be incorporated into the home landscape. We planted a small-scale prairie consisting of a matrix of prairie dropseed interspersed with short, prairie forbs (those under 3'). Taller white wild indigo was added for architectural interest. While some plants bloomed this year, the majority spent the summer growing the tremendous root systems that characterize prairie plants. Each grass, sedge or forb is labeled with both the Latin and common names. We hope this project will inspire homeowners to replace some wide expanses of lawn grass with native species.

Children enjoyed our Summer and Winter Adventures in Nature Study series. Both our spring 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Plant, Shrub and Tree Sale and our fall Shrub and Tree Sale were successful fund-raisers. Besides CFC's frog and bluebird monitoring and exhibiting at the Deer Park Barn Razing, we proudly won the Marshall's Award for our float in the Barrington 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We are a very active organization!

To showcase our accomplishments, CFC hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Flint Creek Savanna. While children enjoyed storytelling, crafts, and face painting, adults and children together learned about our natural environment through preserve tours and lectures from experts on trees, reptiles, amphibians, and insects. The event concluded with dinner for 128 guests.

One of our greatest accomplishments this year was our Intern Program. We hired four college students whose salaries were partially funded by a grant from the Oberweiler Foundation. Two of them, Greg LeFevre and Nancy-Jean Bachmann, were interns for CFC last year. The knowledge and excellent work ethic they'd exhibited influenced us to ask if they'd work for us again. We were thrilled when they both eagerly accepted. Being experienced, they required less supervision and immediately began teaching our two new interns Albert Carbo and Rachel Steffens the what, why and how of stewardship. This summer several high school students volunteered for restoration. They enjoyed it so much that our usual Thursday and Saturday workdays weren't enough for them, and they volunteered an estimated 150 hours working side by side with our interns. There's no doubt that the positive influence of our dedicated and hardworking interns inspired these young people. We're hopeful their experience will groom them to become future interns.

In the fall we start picking seeds, an important task in restoring our nature preserves. Unusually warm temperatures allowed us to proceed for a few weeks longer than in years past for a total of more than 800 volunteer hours in seed collecting alone. We then cleaned and sowed the nearly 150 pounds of seed. Immediately following seed collection, we began our winter restoration chore of brush-clearing.

On Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, Karin Lee, the high school representative who serves on CFC's board, recruited 11 high school volunteers to trim Christmas trees donated to the Cook County Forest Preserve for Bakers Lake. Robert Sliwinski of Christopher Burke Engineering, the company that designed the rookery and continues to be interested in its success, taught student volunteers about the birds that return every spring and about their nesting requirements. Students analyzed each tree and pruned an appropriate space. When colder weather arrives and the lake freezes, volunteers will carry the trees to the island to replace the trees from last year.

We send a most sincere thank you to all the community-minded volunteers who helped make this successful year happen!

### **Congratulations!**

...to **Karin Lee**, Barrington High School representative on CFC's board, who was recently recognized by being named to the 2003-2004 *Daily Herald* Northwest Suburban Leadership Team. A *Daily Herald* article lists some of her amazing accomplishments. Karin "has volunteered on the Oncology floor at Good Shepherd Hospital and at the Art in the Barn fund-raiser; is a substitute teacher, tutor and mentor at the Chicago Northwest Suburban Chinese School; participates in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Pride Mentor program and Amnesty International; received the President's Student Service Award; and is the fiction editor of *Nuance Literary* magazine. Lee has been named National Merit Scholar Award Semi-finalist and logged a perfect 36 on the ACT and 1550 (out of 1600) on the SAT. She'd like someday to be a pediatrician, but for now she's hopeful her activities will help her with another goal: being a 'conscientious human being.'" All we can say is: you go girl!

...to *CFC News* staff writer **Tamara Oberholtzer** and her family on the birth of her son, Seth Michael.

# CFC donations in memory of Waid Vanderpoel

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# Using the “barley roll” technique to control algae

by Tom Vanderpoel

2003 brought the usual busy restoration schedule, but one experiment was unique. It involved a low-tech, inexpensive approach to algae control in our wetland-detention complex. We are trying to develop detention facilities of the Savanna subdivision into a showcase restored pond and marsh.

During the last two years we have planted thousands of native plant plugs on the edges of the ponds. Behind them in the new prairies, we have heavily sown seed mixes. So far results have been encouraging. We have also tried to restore a different type of ecosystem, one new to CFC, in the pond itself. Here we are planting submerged aquatic plants that have been decimated in their natural pond ecosystems because of siltation and poor water quality. These plants help create a healthy aquatic ecosystem that allows fish and other life to flourish and add a fascinating component to our over-all restoration at



Flint Creek. To get these plants to grow successfully, water quality is critical. The planting of prairie around the pond will help siltation. Establishing edge or emergent plants also will help avert siltation and absorb excess nutrients. Again, these two aspects are progressing successfully. However, an algae problem threatens to smother submergent plants and render the pond unstable for fish and other life.

We undertook an experiment this summer to help control algae, and it is peculiar to say the least! Rotting barley straw is effective at inhibiting color and suspended solids attributed to algae. So we ordered 30 bales, not easy to find, and proceeded to make 50-foot rolls consisting of a snow fence, barley, one-gallon plastic jugs, and some zip ties. In one colorful workday we assembled four rolls and flopped them over a dozen volunteer shoulders and then hauled them out to the ponds. The plastic jugs float, so we created rafts anchored by ropes and stakes. The results are slow, and will not be seen until spring. At that time we will need to be replace the rolls and begin the process started again.

We realize that to control algae in the long term, we need to halt all siltation and work with the neighbors to control fertilizer run-off. We hope this experiment will let us get a foothold until long-term solutions come to fruition. In the meantime these strange devices in the ponds, besides being turtle rafts, may help our restoration efforts, another reason to look forward to spring.



# Citizens for Conservation volunteer list for non-restoration /stewardship activities (January - December 2003)

We gratefully acknowledge the participation of these volunteers in CFC activities other than restoration or stewardship.  
We apologize for any misspellings and unintentional omissions.

## Artwork & Photography

Laura Arndt  
Donna Ducay  
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Rob Neff  
Wendy Paulson  
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John Schweizer  
Tony Szabados  
Marcy Trojak

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John Schweizer  
Waid Vanderpoel

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Ginger Glantz  
Diane Greening  
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Patsy Mortimer  
Rob Neff  
John Schweizer  
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Mark Vanderpoel  
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Melissa Washow

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Donna Bolzman  
Dorothy Sigel

### Miscellaneous

Kathryn Norcross Black (Run  
Through the Woods registration)  
Ken Cowan (intern program)  
Meredith Tucker (policy manual)  
Tom Vanderpoel (intern program)

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Teri Masino  
Patsy Mortimer  
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Cathy LeFevre  
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Lucy Wyatt

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Beth Cripe  
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Carol Hogan  
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Bill Hunter  
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Sharon Pasch  
Wendy Paulson  
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Kay Rind  
Jo Seagren  
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Parker Seagren  
Scott Seagren  
John Schweizer  
Art Sigel  
Dorothy Sigel  
Tony Szabodos  
Nong Tarlton  
Neil Timlin  
Kathleen Tsai  
Meredith Tucker  
Ruth Vanderpoel  
Waid Vanderpoel  
Gail Vanderpoel  
Tom Vanderpoel  
Marcy Trojak  
Erin Vukovich  
Jeannie Vukovich  
Scott Vukovich  
John Wagner  
Larry Washow  
Melissa Washow  
Wes Wolf  
Lucy Wyatt

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Jeanne Kelley  
Marjorie Larson  
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Patsy Mortimer  
Wendy Paulson  
Waid Vanderpoel

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### **Conservation Easements**

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Patsy Mortimer  
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# Are the stars out tonight? I don't know if it's cloudy or bright...

by Meredith Tucker

The old song lyrics are especially appropriate in our time and culture. Throngs of people migrate to the suburbs to experience a more pastoral lifestyle, where their children grow up among trees and flowers, surrounded by birds and bunnies and wide-open spaces. This natural experience should include seeing the moon, stars, and planets; but few suburbanites can view the Milky Way from their yards these days. Have your children ever seen it? Probably not.

As people move from city to suburb, they tend to pack up the city and bring it with them. In part because of new residential lighting, there is insufficient darkness in most communities to allow residents to see the stars because the sky has a milky or pinkish glow. Astronomers, amateur and professional, are unable to pursue their interests, and no one can see the stars with a luminescent sky. When installing outdoor lighting around homes and businesses, owners often give too little consideration to glare or light trespass or wasted energy.

There are three principal problems with residential outdoor lighting:

- Some of the lights are unnecessarily bright.
- Some outdoor lights are improperly shielded, allowing glare and nuisance light to scatter where they are neither needed nor desired.
- There are too many outdoor lights.

Because many fixtures spread light away from their intended targets, too much illumination goes skyward or sideways instead of being aimed down and toward the object that needs illumination. For safety's sake, one may wish to light doorways, windows, and walkways. Reflector or director light bulbs aimed downward and toward the entranceways will provide light where it is desired without scattering it upward and outward.

As homeowners replace incandescent porch and driveway lights with halogen and metal-halide lamps, lighting becomes excessively bright and harsh. Rather than beautifying a home, harsh lighting will detract from

its appearance. When one uses 25-, 40-, or 60-Watt directional lights provide even illumination, minimize energy consumption, and decrease sky glow.

There are other negative effects of too much night light. Birds and other small creatures have difficulty finding a dark and sheltered spot to spend the night. Residential lighting is a boon for nocturnal predators. In addition, some plants do poorly near night lighting. When lights remain on all night, the photo period (day length) in effect increases, damaging many species of trees and shrubs. Plants can't distinguish artificial light from natural light; thus, they don't recognize shortening autumn days and fail to become dormant when they should, increasing the likelihood of frost damage. Especially prone to damage from artificial light are red maple, eastern poplar, American beech, catalpa, most sumacs, and all species of birch.

When assessing your home lighting, please consider the following guidelines:

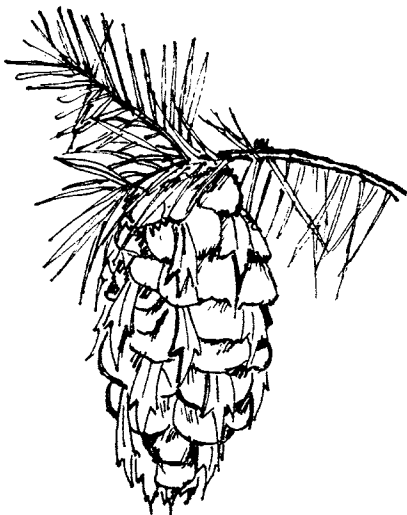
- Use only outdoor light that has a purpose; what do you need to illuminate?
- Whenever possible, aim lights below the horizon.
- Shield landscape and building lighting so it does not shine sideways onto adjacent property or upwards into the night sky.
- Suit illumination levels to harmonize with residential use. When estimating the amount of light to use, less may be more.
- Save energy and improve security by using infrared and motion detectors that turn lights on and off as needed

Municipalities are beginning to identify the problems created by too much night lighting. The City of Chicago is turning off lights during spring and fall bird migrations to minimize the number of songbirds colliding with brightly-lighted buildings. To decrease the amount of wasted and scattered light, the State of Illinois (and much of metropolitan Chicago) has

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instituted a statewide full-cutoff streetlight policy on all state and federal highways. Many towns are turning off streetlights to save money, and most find no increase in crime or traffic accidents. One hopes that suburban residents will do their part to decrease sky glow and unnecessary artificial night light by following some of the simple guidelines provided here.



### In appreciation

We thank Elaine Parnell for a contribution in memory of her husband Robert, and Steven and Nancy Stitle for a contribution in honor of Erik Johnson's Eagle Scout Award.

## Jr. Naturalist program kick off a success

The kick off for the Junior Naturalist program went extremely well with over 25 children and their families attending on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. We received more calls at the office than ever before for the upcoming treasure hunt. Over 30 kids are now enrolled in the program. One explanation for the increased enrollment is the response from Lines School with 14 children. Lines has not had a contact person for the last three years. Vicki Klein is the new coordinator for the Junior Naturalist Program.

— Edith Auchter

## Thank you... Thank you...

...to **Wendy Paulson** for donating a bird-watching telescope to use at the CFC headquarters.

...to **Art and Dorothy Sigel** for donating a cell phone for use by the interns and volunteers in the field.

...to **Charlie Keppel** for donated his honorarium from his talk at the Palatine Garden Club to CFC.

...to an **anonymous donor** for donating slide carousels.

...to **Dorothy Sigel and Melissa Washow** for kitchen and deck maintenance.

...to **Patsy Mortimer** for giving special donor tours and providing delicious quiches and also coordinating the volunteer bonfire.

...to **Kathryn Norcross Black, Sam Oliver, Larry and Melissa Washow** for their help with Run Through the Woods.

...to **Thomas Contracting** for volunteering its time and expertise to grind and reinstall Waid Vanderpoel's dedication plaque on the granite rock at Flint Creek Savanna.

...to **Laura Arndt, Cathy LeFevre and Jo Seagren** for providing the artwork and photographs for this issue of CFC News.

...to **Dr. Kiran Frey** for initiating a fundraiser for CFC. Twenty percent of the proceeds from a chess tournament on January 31, 2004 featuring an international grandmaster will go to CFC.

...to **Ron Falese** of Windfall Enterprises for a printer for the CFC office. Ron called us when he read the non-profits' wish list compiled by BADC and the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks to all involved!

... to **Joyce Allen** for a new tabletop easel with white board for the office.

...to the **Concerned Citizens of North Barrington** for their monetary contribution.

## From the Staff Director

Aldo Leopold wrote, "When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." I was reminded of these words as I followed tracks in the snow to see who had visited the community in our woods overnight. I thought about the community that is Citizens for Conservation as I opened contributions to our annual appeal sent from donors not just in our immediate area, but from those as far away as New York and Colorado, who care about the land here.

Our community is a board of directors, whose work and vision guide the organization, and our members and contributors, who with an incredible mix of ages, interests and talents create a synergy that works to help CFC carry out its mission. As a community of conservationists, we work to achieve the harmony between the land and ourselves that Leopold defined.

At the end of 2003 when newspapers looked back at their year, one of the top ten stories chosen by the *Barrington Courier-Review* was "Conservationists lose friend."

"The Barrington area lost a legend and nature lost a friend when Waid Vanderpoel died August 25 at the age of 81. A passionate advocate for preserving nature and one of the founders of Citizens for Conservation, friends and peers credit Vanderpoel with almost single-handedly saving 2,000 acres of open space for Barrington-area residents to enjoy..."

Waid helped us to see the land as a community to which we belong, and helped us learn to use it with love and respect.

—Sam Oliver

10/15/03

Dear CFC,

The Nature Ladies and District 220 third graders enjoyed their Grigsby Prairie walks this fall. This is the first year we had ever noticed switch grass close to the trail and the gentians were gorgeous as ever. Lines students were treated to several garter snakes. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Taub, coordinator

November 20, 2003

Dear CFC,

The environmental science classes at BHS would like to thank CFC for giving us the opportunity to help with your restoration efforts at Grigsby Prairie and Flint Creek Savanna. The students worked hard and gained a life long appreciation towards restoration efforts. In times where it is difficult to fund activities outside the classroom, it is assuring to know that citizens in the community are willing to help. We hope that you feel our time there is worthwhile. We look forward to spring planting with Tom (Vanderpoel) in late April or early May. Please extend a thank you from the students to all of your volunteers.

Sincerely,  
Tony Hafner  
Barrington High School

*December 15, 2003*

*To Friends at CFC,*

*It's great to have such a strong partnership for "Run Through the Woods." Thank you so much for all the care and preservation you give to North Barrington, our area, and our earth.*

*Marilyn McAlester, Director  
Run Through the Woods*

## Volunteer Bonfire

by Patsy Mortimer

On November 8, 2003, nineteen people from nine families, Allen, Hunter, Masino, Mortimer, Oliver, Ness, Vanderpoel, Vukovich and Wagner, gobbled down a varied smorgasbord of food while keeping warm by the blazing fire. A special feature of the evening was a full lunar eclipse at 7:18 that kept us looking at the sky for hours to catch a glimpse of the changing moon through the clouds. Next year we hope to attract more volunteers to this fun annual event by setting the date now for **Saturday, November 6, 2004.**

## Upcoming Events:

❖ **Tuesday, February 10, CFC's annual meeting,** "33 Years of Mud, Sweat and Tears—and Thriving," Barrington Area Library. Refreshments at 6:30, meeting begins at 7:00. Featured speaker: Linda Breuer, Director of Barnswallow, A Wild Bird Concern. Her presentation, featuring rescued live birds, will be, "Raptors in Your Backyard." Among the birds that she will bring is "Savanna" a young red-tailed hawk she rescued in CFC's Flint Creek Savanna in the summer of 2003. We will announce recipients of the William H. Miller Conservation Award and the Great Blue Heron Award, and present CFC Thank You Awards. Special 20-year service awards will go to Sam Oliver (Staff Director) and Dave Kullander (Treasurer). RSVPs are appreciated, please call 847-382-SAVE (7283).

**Saturday, March 6, CFC's Adventures in Nature Study: ANIMAL TRACKS.**

CFC office, 459 W. Hwy. 22, Barrington 2:30-3:30 p.m. Each footprint tells a story. We will look for them in the snow or mud and find out who lives in the Barrington countryside. Ages 7 and up. Call CFC at 847-382-SAVE (7283) to register.

❖ **Saturdays until early spring, Brush cutting.** 9-11 a.m. Meet by the CFC office across from Good Shepherd Hospital on Route 22. Bring gloves and loppers, if available. Dress for the weather and wear waterproof boots for the fen or bog. If you plan to meet at the work site, call Tom Vanderpoel (847-462-0358) or Bob LeFevre (847-438-3760) to confirm location.

### Brush Cutting Schedule 2004

January 31	Wagner Fen East
February 7	Flint Creek Savanna
February 14	Ela Road Prairie
February 21	Farms Trails North
February 28	Baker's Lake
March 6	Baker's Lake
March 13	Spring Creek Prairie
March 20	Grigsby Prairie
March 27	Wagner Fen West
April 3	Open Date



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