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Whooping Cranes Find Safe Haven at Pope Farm Conservancy



On October 22, 2013, a flock of Whooping Cranes made a stop at Pope Farm Conservancy. It was an incredible site for everyone visiting the conservancy, including a group of 4th graders on a school field trip. The cranes landed in one of the wheat fields and were accompanied by a yellow ultralight aircraft and its pilot, dressed in a white crane suit. These cranes are part of Operation Migration at the White River Marsh State Wildlife Area in Green Lake and Marquette Counties, WI and are currently being conditioned to follow the ultralight aircraft from Wisconsin to Florida. Though originally scheduled for a landing in New Glarus, their unexpected visit to Pope Farm Conservancy was most welcomed.

Final Seed Collection Date

The FOPFC will be conducting another Prairie Seed Collecting session at Pope Farm Conservancy on **Thursday**, **Oct. 31 from 11AM to 2PM**. If you want to volunteer, just show up at the upper parking lot. This event is open to the public and no registration is necessary. You can come later than 11AM or leave early, whatever fits your schedule. If it rains earlier on Thursday morning we will cancel and try to reschedule. If you have any questions, please reply to info@popefarmconservancy.org.

Volunteer Graphic Designer Needed

The Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy is seeking a volunteer with skills in graphic design to assist with the layout and design of our printed biannual newsletters. Our first newsletter will be 8 pages (or less) and mailed to FOPFC members in February 2014, followed by a second mailing in May. This position includes lots of creative freedom and can be completed remotely. Written content and photos will be provided by FOPFC board members and committee chairs. Experience with Publisher, Pagemaker, or similar software needed. We anticipate a time commitment of 5-10 hours per newsletter. If desired, the volunteer can assist with additional graphics for print and web materials, including brochures, flyers, e-newsletter design, and social media/website graphics. If interested, please contact Janie Starzewski ASAP at (608) 712-7314 or janie@popefarmconservancy.org.

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The Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy has a <u>new online store!</u> Thanks to CafePress.com, we are now selling a number of products, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, tote bags, mugs and more, with our unique logo printed on them. 15% of sales proceeds will go to FOPFC to help preserve, protect, and promote Pope Farm Conservancy. Our store will be expanded on in the future, but if you have any suggestions for additional items you might want to purchase, please <u>send us a message!</u>

Friends Celebrate 100 Charter Members



Despite the rainy weather the "friends" showed up to enjoy treats made from the 7 crops grown at PFC. 72 people have volunteered to help at PFC this past summer and fall. A huge thank you goes out to all for making our first year so successful! Check out these <u>additional photos</u> from our event.

Fall Savannah and Birding Tour



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Thanks to Mike McDowell (pictured above in center) for leading our Fall Prairie and Savanna Birding Tour on Saturday, October 12th, 2013. We were so pleased to have Mike show us an

abundance of birds and add to our bird life list.

Friend of the Month

Thank you Janie Starzewski for volunteering your remarkable creative ability to the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy. Janie developed the fantastic FOPFC website which has drawn comments far and wide. In addition she maintains our Facebook page that has gained nearly 500 "likes" in 3 months. She continues to be an invaluable resource to the "friends" as the Public Relations Committee Chair for FOPFC.



And a Happy field of Sunflowers to you, Janie!!

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