



Celebrate With Us!

We've reached 100 Charter Members!

Celebrate the first 100 Charter Memberships at Pope Farm Conservancy on **Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.** at the top of hill. Enjoy some homemade treats and beverages on a beautiful fall afternoon. Meet the Board members and learn about what the Friends accomplished in our first year. Stop by this *member's only* event and celebrate our success! This event is FREE and no registration is required.

What's in Store for 2014!

We've just finished our planning for next year. Here are some of the activities we have in mind:

1. Promote the public's enjoyment of the Conservancy
 - Maintain the gardens and interpretive signs
 - Keep in touch online and through our mailings
 - Build 'Sunflower Days' into an annual event
 - Coordinate five public tours
2. Support education in the Conservancy
 - Work on grade school curricula and share with area schools
 - Sponsor 'Sauerkraut Day' to honor German settlers
3. Prairie restoration
 - Seed collection, cleaning, and interseeding
 - Targeted weed control
4. Develop our board and committees
 - Create opportunities for members to be involved in Conservancy activities

If you're looking for a community of Friends who love the Conservancy as much as you do, we welcome your participation in accomplishing these goals. Please send an email to info@popefarmconservancy.org or fill out our [online volunteer form](#) if you want to help!

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Web and Data Collection Teams are Forming!

- Website & Facebook Team: Our website and Facebook page are extremely popular! If you're comfortable with Word Press or Facebook, we need your help to keep up!!
- Newsletter & Monthly Mailings: Anyone interested in writing or newsletter editing? As you know, there are very special happenings in the Conservancy. We're looking for volunteers to help us keep in touch with members by putting together these monthly mailings and two newsletters a year.
- Data Entry: Those who know data entry could help us keep up-to-date records.

We are using CiviCRM and MailChimp. If you're comfortable with Excel, we'll be glad to introduce you to these programs. If you are interested in volunteering with our Web and Data Collection Teams, please contact Janie Starzewski at janie@popefarmconservancy.org.

2. Planning 'Sunflower Days' and Public Tours

Anyone who visits the Conservancy when the sunflowers are in bloom knows that those 7-10 days are incredibly popular. Thousands come to experience this wonder! What we found out was that we need help with everything from overflow parking, to answering questions, to working with photographers. This year we're going to plan ahead for these 'Sunflower Days'. The Events Committee will also be preparing 5 tours for the public next summer. If you'd like to help us get ready for August 2014, let Mel Pope know you're interested at mel@popefarmconservancy.org.

3. 4th Grade Field Trips (October 15-17)

Stephanie Williams, a Naturalist for the Middleton Cross Plains School District, is looking for volunteers to help her out with their 4th grade field trips to Pope Farm Conservancy from October 15-17. If you're interested, contact Stephanie at stephanie@popefarmconservancy.org.

***** Keep a look out for more volunteer opportunities posted in future monthly mailings! *****

Fall Prairie and Savannah Birding Tour!

October 12th (7:30 – 9:30 a.m.)

Join Mike McDowell at Pope Farm Conservancy for a fall prairie and savanna birding tour. The nesting season is over and fall migration is well underway. We'll scour the conservancy for any lingering warblers, flycatchers, sparrows, and other late migratory birds. Meet at the lower parking lot just off of Old Sauk Road. The hike will take approximately 2 hours, so wear comfortable shoes for hiking and bring binoculars if you have them. If you need binoculars for the tour, please contact Mike McDowell at (800) 289-1132 or mmcdowell@eagleoptics.com. All ages are welcome! The tour is **FREE** and no registration is required.



Fall Seed Collection Dates are Still Open

There are still dates available for seed collecting in the prairies at Pope Farm Conservancy this fall. We have had over 50 people sign up to help with this important project to keep our prairies healthy. If you are interested in helping with seed collection this fall, please fill out the [sign-up form](#) on our website. Hope to see you there!



Friend of the Month

Thank you to Doug Normington and his company [NORMCO Multi-Media, Inc.](#) for donating their time to create the beautiful video about the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy. You can view this video on our website or on [YouTube](#). Thanks for your great work! **And a happy field of sunflowers to you, Doug!!**



Membership Drive

Our membership drive started 12 weeks ago, and we have just reached our first 100 Charter Members -- that equates to about 180 people! Let's keep spreading the word! Go to <https://popefarmconservancy.org/membership/>

Connect with Us on Facebook

Our new Facebook page has really taken off. It's been a great way to share pictures and information with those who "like" Pope Farm Conservancy. Like us Today!

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



**Thank you for joining the
Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy!
Our Journey Begins and You are part of it!**

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