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## Nov/Dec 2014

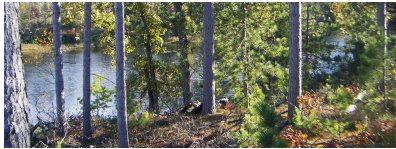
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### Newsletter of the Chippewa Valley Group

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#### November

- 1 Ice Age Trail Hike  
"Beat the Snow"
- 5 Monthly Meeting  
*Land Trusts 101*



- 8 Solar Energy Conference
- 23 Living Room Adventure

#### December

- 3 Monthly Meeting  
*Frac Airborne Particulates*



#### Welcome, New Members! August 2014

**Altoona** Jacob Tepsa **Augusta**  
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Sharon Rubin

-from Patty Henry  
(Current Group memberships 616 -ed)

**November Monthly Meeting**  
*Land Trusts 101 – Who, What,  
Where, and How*  
Wednesday, Nov 5, 7:30 PM  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
421 S Farwell St, Eau Claire

#### PLEASE NOTE NEW VENUE FOR THIS MEETING

This program will be given jointly by **Bob Fitzwilliam** and our own Group's **Richard Smith**. The presentation will, in brief, give a general explanation of what land trusts are and their unique role in land conservation. Then Bob and Richard will give us an introduction to their organizations and describe some recent and current projects.

**Bob Fitzwilliam** is the Executive Director of the West Wisconsin Land Trust, an organization that has preserved important areas in Western Wisconsin over the years.

**Richard Smith** is Vice President of Chippewa County Land Conservancy. He serves as President of the Ice Age Trail's Chippewa Moraine Chapter, which creates, supports and protects the trail in Chippewa County, and has served as a Director and Secretary of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. He's been a member of the Chippewa County Tourism Council, has served twice on county conservation advisory committees, and also has had experience with lake protection. He has lived for 14 years among the glacial lakes and forests of the Chippewa Moraine area. He previously lived in Eau Claire and served two terms on the EC County Board.

Richard is a founding member of our Chippewa Valley Group of Sierra Club and edited its newsletter from 1984 to 1994. He is currently publicity chair of the Group. He's received awards from the John Muir Chapter and the DNR.

**December Monthly Meeting**  
*Airborne Particulates Around  
Frac Sand Plants*  
Wednesday, Dec 3, 7:30 PM  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
421 S Farwell St, Eau Claire

#### AGAIN PLEASE NOTE NEW VENUE FOR THIS MEETING

Frac sand mining has been an issue of interest to our Group for some time now. Our December program, to be given by **Crispin Pierce**, will discuss the air qualities near these mines. Topics to be explained will include

What are airborne particulates?

What is PM10?

What is PM2.5?

What is Silica?

What health risks are associated with breathing particulates?

How are particulates emitted from frac sand activities?

What are the measured levels so far, and how do they compare to health standards?

What can communities do to protect against potential health effects?

Dr Crispin Pierce is an Associate Professor and Program Director of the ENPH program at UWEC. He is author of multiple publications on Environmental Health issues in our area.

We'll again gather before each meeting at **Stella Blue's** at 5:30 for a quick meal and chat with our speakers!

**Wednesday, November 12**

**Social Cinema: *The Price of Sand***

A documentary film about the frac sand mining boom in Minnesota and Wisconsin, including people and places in the Chippewa Valley. Due to a rapid increase in demand, pure silica sand has become a valuable commodity for use in hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas, and mines are opening here at a rapid rate. The film explores the impact on communities, roads, land, water, public health, and local economies.

7:00PM

Woodland Theater in the UW-Eau Claire Davies Student Center

FREE and open to the public.

Sponsored by Progressive Students & Alumni (PSA)

More info: <http://thepricesofsand.com>

**Tuesday, November 25 Green Drinks**

Green Drinks is an opportunity for a wide variety of folks interested in environmental sustainability issues to come together over drinks and conversation to find out what interesting environmental efforts are underway in the Chippewa Valley, and a place to share ideas for environmental action.

6:00PM to 7:30PM

The Cabin in the UW-Eau Claire Davies Student Center

FREE and open to the public.

Sponsored by Progressive Students & Alumni (PSA)

Join the "Green Drinks Eau Claire" Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/101383546408/>



**Clayton Daughenbaugh and petition signers at our 10/1/2014 meeting.  
From left: Virginia, Caryn, Donna, Eleanor, Paul, Margo(front), Clayton,  
Patty, Jeff, Catherine, Steve**



**Events - Paul Ebel**  
(\* Sierra-organized events)

**Nov 1/Sat**  
**Annual Ice Age Trail Hike\* (Beat the snow)**

Meet at **Bohemian Ovens Restaurant** in Bloomer 8:00 AM if you want breakfast with the group. If not, we rally at the Chippewa Moraine Interpretive Center at 9:30. .

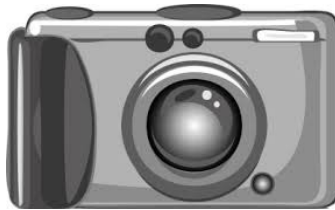
**Hike:** This year we plan to start hiking from Hwy E around 10 AM. We'll hike the new section that the Mobile Skills Crew recently completed, which is near Camp Nawakwa Girl Scout Camp. The hike will be approximately six miles in length. If you have questions call Steve White at 715-720-8890  
-Donna Martin



**Nov 23/Sun**  
**Living Room Adventure\***

**LIVING ROOM ADVENTURE**  
It's been just over 30 years! The Living Room Adventure is the Chippewa Valley Group's longest running "outing." Whether it's your first time or your 30th time, join us at the home of Patty and Jeff Henry on Sunday night, November 23. Bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner to begin the evening at 5:00. Gather up some photos from your past year's adventures, near or far. If you're not a photographer, find a spot near the fireplace and enjoy trips and trails from Elk Mound to Ecuador.  
Henry's live at 2014 Ruby Lane, Eau Claire. From the North Crossing, turn south on Riverview Drive. Ruby Lane

is the first right and Henry's are the third house on the right. Please bring your own beverage.  
Digital photos should be in Power Point, Adobe PDF slide show, or a directory of JPEG files to guarantee we can present them. Please bring them on CD or on a USB flash drive. If there are any questions, call Patty or Jeff, 715-832-1387.



**Nov 8/Sat**  
**Solar Energy Conference – free**

An upcoming conference on Affordable Solar is coming up on November 8 in Eau Claire.  
Solar energy is booming in the United States – we've increased our solar energy capacity by 418% since 2010! Individuals, businesses, and organizations across the country are taking advantage of the solar revolution to install their own clean, affordable energy systems.  
Unsure of how to take advantage of the great benefits that solar energy can provide? You're in luck! On November 8th, 2014, Affordable Solar of Transition Chippewa Valley, along with Chippewa Valley Technical College will host Solar Power Wisconsin, an affordable energy conference. CVTC and Transition are excited to welcome **Tyler Huebner** of Renew Wisconsin for the keynote address on the future of solar in Wisconsin. The conference will host panel discussion by solar installers, utility leadership, renewable energy advocates, and solar experts on topics ranging from home solar basics to utility integration. During the conference there will also be a vendor fair of solar installers, non-profits, and other solar industry experts.

The conference is free and open to the public, but we do ask that you register online [solarpowerwisconsin.com](http://solarpowerwisconsin.com). You can also find more information about the conference, speakers, and how to contact us with any questions. We hope to see you there!  
Thanks much! -from Dick Johnston



**A Reminder: VOTE!**



**Another Reminder:**



**Happy Holidays!!**

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