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Sept/Oct 2014

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## Newsletter of the Chippewa Valley Group

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### September

- 3 Monthly Meeting  
Annual Potluck Picnic
- 16-21 Ice Age Trail building
- 28 John Muir Centennial Show

### October

- 1 Monthly Meeting  
Southern Utah Redrock
- 4 Parade of Colors Hike
- 10-12 JMCAutumn Assembly
- 11 Wild Cat Hike

### November

- 1 Ice Age Trail Hike
- 23 Living Room Adventure

**September Monthly Meeting  
Annual Potluck Picnic  
Wednesday, Sept 3, 6:00 PM  
Braun's Bay, Carson Park**

**ANNUAL PICNIC AT BRAUN'S  
BAY PAVILION IN CARSON  
PARK, SEPT 3, 6 PM**

The annual Sierra Club Chippewa Valley Group potluck picnic will be at the Braun's Bay pavilion in Carson Park, Eau Claire. We will kick off our group's 2014-2015 activities along with meeting the fall election's local public candidates.

It's a great opportunity to meet the candidates and learn about their views on the environment. It's also just a good opportunity to see old friends and catch up on all the summer adventures.

1. Bring a tasty dish or dessert to share, if you are able to.
2. Bring your own utensils!!
3. Bring a beverage of your choice.
4. Bring friends to the outing. They might choose to become Sierrans.

We'd love to have you join us! -Caryn



**October Monthly Meeting  
Utah Redrock Wilderness  
Wednesday, Oct 1, 7:30 PM  
North Star Middle School**

**Clayton Daughenbaugh** will speak on "Southern Utah Redrock Wilderness." Clayton is the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance's (SUWA) Midwest Regional Coordinator. He holds several leadership and volunteer positions with the national Sierra Club including that of chair of the National Wildlands and Wilderness Team. Sierra Club works together with SUWA and two other organizational members as parts of the Utah Wilderness Coalition Executive Committee that coordinates the nationwide land protection campaign. A lot has happened since our CV Group was last updated by SUWA.

The wild places of southern Utah are the largest network of undesignated wilderness quality lands remaining in the lower 48 states and are under threat from widespread off-road vehicle damage and resource extraction, potentially including tar sands. The national campaign to protect them has long been a public lands priority of the Sierra Club. A portion of the area is currently a priority in the Club's national monument efforts

The program includes a 15 minute DVD narrated by Robert Redford which shows the land, the threats, and outlines the protection effort.

Come to **Stella Blue's** restaurant in Eau Claire at 5:30, where Clayton will join us for dinner and conversation..

**Welcome, New Members!  
April-July 2014**

**Almena** Janice Carr **Altoona** Rosemary F Durocher **Augusta** Dale & Kathy Zank, Alan Ross **Barron** David Kaseno, Christopher Myers, Dale Hanson **Bloomer** John L Benson **Boyceville** Cindy Theorin **Boyd** Patricia A Sullivan **Cadott** Sharon McGinnis **Chetek** Gerald Loken, Cala Hakseth **Chippewa Falls** Joe Cuhai, Theodore Konop, John Kraemer **Colfax** Linda Olson **Cornell** Bernice Pinney **Durand** Barbara Pabst **Eau Claire** Xiang Ji, Roberta Noor, William Carter, C Gransee Paral & B Paral, Betty Hanson, Ken Raines, Mary Tlusty, Michele Wagener, Debbie & Michael Elledge, Richard Arnold, Elizabeth Balch, Brad Blomquist, Conrad Hutterli, Robbie Joern, Rennesoy Thorp, Andrew Becker, Daniel Hoy, J D Kinney, Jennifer Olson, Diane Omtvedt, Mary Priebe **Eleva** Ed Gorell, Kristi Gorell **Fall Creek** Kathy Amundson-Forsberg, Janice Charles, Louise & Melvin A Natti, Annmarie Anderson **Hillsdale** Janis Schoonover **Holcombe** Jim Hannitt **Ladysmith** Jim Schultz, Maryann Luplow, Jane Fox **Merrillan** Michael Finney **Menomonie** Judy & Paul Helgeson, Jerry Duncanson, Jane Bolstrom, Courtney Danielson, Jerry Duncanson, Evelyn Felcan, Kay Yost **New Auburn** B Rederer & J McClintock **Osseo** James Christenson **Pepin** Marshall Seymour, Candy Huebner **Rice Lake** Lillian Georgick, Mike & Margit Moe, Diane Foust **Stockholm** Jane Whiteside **Strum** Jan Nelson -from Patty Henry



Muddy Creek, San Rafael Swell

## Chair's Notes

Caryn Treiber, Chair  
Chippewa Valley Group

### Join the largest climate change march in Sept 21 in New York City!

World leaders are meeting in NYC for a UN summit on the climate crisis. UN Secretary Ban Ki-moon is urging governments to support an ambitious global agreement to dramatically reduce global warming pollution. Over 750 businesses, unions, faith groups, schools, social justice groups, and environmental groups will take to the streets for a peaceful call to action to make the world safe from the ravages of climate change. For more info on Sierra Club's participation go to [clubhouse.sierraclub.org/peoples-climate-march](http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/peoples-climate-march). To sign up for bus transportation to the march contact Kim Acheson, [Achesonk@uwec.edu](mailto:Achesonk@uwec.edu) or 715-523-1984. When signing up for a bus, please identify as Sierra Club at [peoplesclimate.org/transportation/click](http://peoplesclimate.org/transportation/click) on Wisconsin (and also let our Madison SC office know.)

### Attend the 2014 Autumn Assembly Oct 10-12 2014 with keynote speaker

**Ron Seely**, award winning environment writer for the Wisconsin State Journal for 35 years and winner of Sierra Club's prestigious David Brower Award in 2014. He now serves as editor and reporter for the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism.



Local member **Barb Flom** from

Knapp, WI, will describe how we successfully fought back proposals to strip local control from sand mining decisions.

This Autumn Assembly will be held at the Phantom Lake YMCA on 72 acres of scenic woodland in Mukwonago, WI. Details are in your July-Sept 2014 *Muir View* and at [Wisconsin.sierraclub.org](http://Wisconsin.sierraclub.org).

### Members' Nature Adventures?

Share in our newsletter column! Let's make a list of some of our favorite natural haunts!

1. Beaches at Madeline Island
2. Copper Falls State Park near Mellen (near proposed Penokee Hills taconite mine)
3. Red Cedar/Chippewa/Old Abe trails
4. Public town campground on Lake Superior shore in Herbster WI

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## Green Drinks EC is back!

Jeremy Gragert, Conservation Chair

After a few year's hiatus, the popular environmental meet-up known around the nation as Green Drinks is starting again in Eau Claire. Sierra Club members are highly welcome to attend!

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. Part of a national movement, Green Drinks is unique because there is no agenda, there are no dues, there's no board of directors – it's just a social opportunity for people to network and work toward a more sustainable future. Everyone is welcome, including community members, students, faculty, staff, youth, and business leaders.

Green Drinks Eau Claire is held during the academic year at UW-Eau Claire, on the last Tuesday of each month from 6-7:30 pm in "The Cabin" in the UWEC Davies Center.

## SCHEDULE:

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm: Sept 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, 2014; Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 31, April 28, 2015

LOCATION: "The Cabin" is on the first floor of the UW-Eau Claire Davies Student Center. You are encouraged to walk, bike, or take the bus when possible. Parking information details are at <http://www.uwec.edu/parking/>. Parking permits not required for parking in the Phillips Lot behind Davies in S and F stalls after 3 pm, or in G and P stalls after 6 pm.

Green Drinks is hosted by Progressive Students & Alumni (PSA), a UW-Eau Claire student organization. PSA is a civic engagement network that tackles issues of social, economic, and environmental justice on and off campus. Stay in touch with Green Drinks by joining the Facebook Group: [facebook.com/groups/101383546408/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/101383546408/). Jeremy Gragert: [jgragert@gmail.com](mailto:jgragert@gmail.com), 612-220-1970 (mobile)

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## Hello Prairie Enthusiasts!

The second annual Prairie Days will be held September 6th at Simply Dunn in Downsville. It will include a very impressive list of presenters with topics that should capture everyone's interest.

There's **Steve Betchkal, Matt Kuchta, Jean Accola, Bill Hogseth, Paula Kleintjes-Neff, Mark Leach, Bill Hogseth, Douglas Owens Pike, and Faye Jones**. See what I mean? . . . You can't beat that for talented people who are willing to share their passion with you. The day starts at 10 a.m. and goes through 4:30 p.m. You can join at any time of the day but I encourage you not to miss a minute of it. There will be a pot luck lunch so bring a dish to pass. If you joined us last year, you know it was a sumptuous feast. And all of this is free and open to the public. The only thing I ask (besides your bringing a dish to pass): would you share the good word about this event with others? (E-mail or call Kathy for details -ed)

**Kathy Stahl**, TPE Chippewa Savannas Chapter Chair 715-962-4010. E-mail: [theprairieenthusiasts.csc@gmail.com](mailto:theprairieenthusiasts.csc@gmail.com)

## Events - Paul Ebel

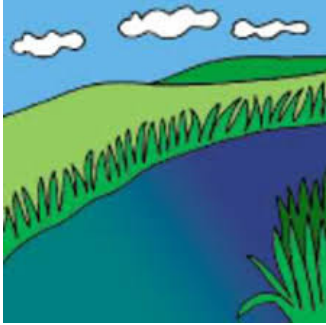
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**Sept 6/Sat 8 am-Noon\*\***

### **Celebrate the Chippewa River:**

Spend the Morning with Our World Class River. Speakers, exhibitors, posters, videos at Hobbs Ice Arena in Eau Claire. Paddling events from Phoenix Park.

**Dave Carlson** speaking at 8:45am,  
**Randy Hoffman** speaking at 10:00 am



**Sept 13/Sat 9 am-3 pm\*\***

### **Chippewa Valley Sustainable Future Festival**

Exhibits, demonstrations, speakers, environmental organizing. Forest Street Community Gardens (north of the Farmer's Market in downtown Eau Claire) FREE and open to the public. More info: [sustainablefuturefest.com/](http://sustainablefuturefest.com/)

**Sept 13/Sat 9 am-4 pm\*\***

### **Green Life Xpo Energy Exposition**

Renewable/Alternative Energy, Recycling, Conservation, Sustainable Living, Food, Door Prizes, Kid's Green Zone, Exhibitors, Presentations, Bus Tours. 9:00AM to 4:00PM  
Milt Lunda Memorial Arena, Jackson County Fair Park (Hwy 54 West) in Black River Falls, WI  
Entrance Fee: \$2. (Children Age 17 & Under are FREE)  
More info: [www.greenlifexpo.com/](http://www.greenlifexpo.com/)

**Sept 16-21/Tue-Sun**

### **Build New Ice Age Trail in Chippewa County**

Camp Nawakawa will be home as we build an all-new 1.5 mile segment of trail, including bridges, steep slopes, & wetland structures as well as begin work on a new section near Brunet Island. Free food & camping. Come for all or part of the event. Learn more and register (appreciated) at

## [mobileskills.iceagetrail.org/harwood-lakes-chippewa-river-segments](http://mobileskills.iceagetrail.org/harwood-lakes-chippewa-river-segments)

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**Sept 23/Tue 7 pm\*\***

### **Social Cinema: Wisconsin's Mining Standoff**

Presented by Al Jazeera America Fault Lines  
Guest speakers: Producer Devon Cupery, and Al Gedicks from the Wisconsin Resources Protection Council. Woodland Theater in the UW-Eau Claire Davies Student Center FREE and open to the public. Sponsored by Progressive Students & Alumni (PSA), 371 Productions, and Eau Claire Climate Action Now (CAN)

**Sept 28/Sun 2-3:30 pm**

### **John Muir Centennial Show**

The John Muir Centennial Show is coming to the Wise Nature Center at Beaver Creek Reserve. Join us as we celebrate the life of one of America's greatest naturalists, who passed away 100 years ago this December. Headlining the show will be the musical four-some of Chance, comprised of Ed Willett, Cheryl Leah, Jane Aleckson and Thomas Clyde Mitchell. Their tribute production, titled "John Muir - University of the Wilderness," includes dramatic readings of his writings performed by actor T.C. Mitchell harmonized with the music of the native Wisconsin band. Chance's show is self-described as "a place where contemporary, classical and Celtic music beautifully collide." A must see this fall! Register at the BCR website [Beavercreekreserve.org](http://Beavercreekreserve.org) Click on *View all events* and look under Sept 28.



**Oct. 4/Sat\***

### **Parade of Colors Ice Age Trail Hike**

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail at the Chippewa Moraine is one of the most spectacular in Wisconsin. Add fall color to sparkling lakes to a cool day, and you have the perfect hike! Hike 6 miles or less (you choose), end at the Interpretive Center and enjoy refreshments. Start between 9 and 11 AM at the Obey Interpretive Center at the Chippewa Moraine, 7 miles east of New Auburn on CTH M. Details at <http://chippewamoraine.iceagetrail.org/chapter-events> (Look for Oct. 04, 2014). Richard Smith: 715-967-2164 or [chapter@iatchippewa.org](mailto:chapter@iatchippewa.org)

**Oct. 11/Sat\***

### **Wild Cat Hike, Black River Falls State Forest**

We'll hike the Wild Cat and Norway Pine ski trails. Be prepared for a hilly 6 miles of strenuous climbs, steep downhills, and some awesome overlooks. Following the hike, lunch in Black River Falls. Meet at 8 AM at Gordy's parking lot on Birch St. to carpool. Take Hwy. 94 south and exit at Millston. Then, east on CTH O, left on N. Settlement Rd., to the Wild Cat parking lot. Eleanor Wolf: 715-835-4829 or [ellewolf1@hotmail.com](mailto:ellewolf1@hotmail.com) (carpooling)

**Sept 30/Tue 6-7 pm\*\***

### **Green Drinks**

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM The Cabin in the UW-Eau Claire Davies Student Center (see Jeremy's article for details)



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