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# SOUTHEAST SIERRAN

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND COMMON SENSE CONSERVATION IN WISCONSIN

### A Presentation and Discussion with Author Eric Hansen

Wisconsin's rich history of successful citizen conservation campaigns holds vital lessons for the challenges we face today: proposals to expand Tar Sands crude oil transportation through both pipelines and Great Lakes shipping, crude oil trains, and catastrophic climate change -- as well as mountaintop removal mining. One bedrock truth runs throughout these campaigns: citizens have a right to know about, and a right to object to ill-advised industrial schemes that threaten their community's health. Hansen will highlight key aspects of both the campaign victories of the recent past--as well as the strategic opportunities of our present situation.

Eric Hansen is an award-winning conservation essayist and environmental campaigner. Further information at [www.eric-hansen.com](http://www.eric-hansen.com)

Join us April 17 at 6:30 pm in room 120 of the Biosciences Building at Gateway Technical College, Kenosha Campus, 3520 30th Avenue. You are also invited to meet at 5:00 pm for supper (on your own) at the nearby Gateway Cafe, 3619 30th Avenue.

## Annual Dinner at Kenosha's Fireside Restaurant

The Annual Dinner this year is on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at the Fireside Restaurant, 2801 30th Ave. in Kenosha. The social hour will begin at 5:30 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm. A cash bar is available throughout the evening. The cost is \$16.00, which includes a beverage such as coffee or tea, and tax and tip.

The dinner choices are:

1. Pasta primavera, salad
2. Pork roast, salad, stuffing, vegetable, mashed potato
3. Chicken asparagus, rice, salad
4. Baked tilapia, salad, baked potato

Please contact JoAnn Hansen at [jhansen120@wi.rr.com](mailto:jhansen120@wi.rr.com) or 262-554-7030 to make a reservation and make your dinner choice. Checks may be brought with you to the dinner, made payable to SEGG.

As of the newsletter deadline, David Drake is tentatively scheduled to speak. David's program in February, on Wisconsin Wildlife was cancelled due to severe weather; see the February/March Southeast Sierran, p. 1, for a description.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**, Thursday 6:30 pm: ExCom meeting at UW-Parkside, Tallent Hall, vending room. Meetings are open. If you have items for the agenda, contact [melissa.warner3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melissa.warner3@sbcglobal.net) or any ExCom member (see p. 7)

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**, Thursday 6:30 pm: Program meeting, author and outdoorsman, Eric Hansen, at Gateway Technical College, Bioscience Building, Room 120, 3520 30<sup>th</sup> Ave., Kenosha. For more information, see p. 1.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Tuesday (time): *Chasing Ice* at the Golden Rondelle, 1525 Howe St., Racine. For more information, see p. 4.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**, Thursday 5:30 pm: The SEGG Book Club will meet at the Berge's house, 1529 Crabapple Drive in Racine, for a pot-luck supper at 5:30 p.m. and a discussion of the book "Forest Unseen" by David George Haskell starting around 7:00 p.m. For more information, see page 3.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday 9:00 am: Work day at Bristol Woods (Kenosha) and Colonial Park (Racine). Dress for the weather with sturdy shoes and long pants, bring your own drinking water, and be prepared to pull garlic mustard and/or cut woody invasives. Contact Barry Thomas, [bthomas6@wi.rr.com](mailto:bthomas6@wi.rr.com), (Bristol Woods) or Melissa Warner, [melissa.warner3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melissa.warner3@sbcglobal.net), (Colonial Park) for more information.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday 9:00 am: Birding outing at the Jean McGraw Nature Preserve located off the west frontage road of I-94 between Hwys. 50 and C in Bristol. Bring water, bird book and binoculars, if you have them. Otherwise we can all share! Newcomers are especially welcome. Dress for the weather and be prepared for mud if it has been wet. We will be learning about early spring migrants and wildflowers in our area. Those that want lunch can choose a nearby restaurant afterwards. Call Mary Ann Ortmayer for details 262-554-5058.

## MAY

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**, Thursday 6:30 pm: ExCom meeting at UW-Parkside, Tallent Hall, vending room. Meetings are open. If you have items for the agenda, contact [melissa.warner3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melissa.warner3@sbcglobal.net) or any ExCom member (see p. 7)

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**May 17<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday 9:00 am: Highway 38 Cleanup. Meet in the parking lot of the little church on the corner of Highway 38 and Four Mile Road for assignments, safety vests, bags, etc. Wear good walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. You may also want to wear gloves. There will be a pot-luck lunch afterwards at Warners, 4444 N. Green Bay Road, Caledonia. See page 7 for some history of our cleanups.

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### Other Opportunities:

**April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday 9:00 am to 11:00 am: Work days at Big Foot Beach State Park in Lake Geneva. Meet at the pavilion located in the day use picnic area at 9:00 am., weather permitting.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** Earth Day programs at Gateway Technical College campuses in Kenosha and Elkhorn. See <http://www.gtc.edu/celebrate-earth-day> for more information.

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# FROM THE CHAIR



## State of the Group – Planning Day Summary

By Melissa Warner

About two dozen SEGGers gathered at River Bend on a cold January day for the Annual Planning Meeting. Our first order of business was a lengthy discussion of how we as a local group can address the issue of our changing climate. The Board of Directors of the Sierra Club has adopted this issue as a

top priority for action in the coming year, and asked us to share our thoughts and ideas with them. We decided we need to help spread the word about the Chapter's program to increase home use of photovoltaics and find out more about and encourage Net-Zero Energy buildings. One result is the scheduled showing of *Chasing Ice*, the documentary about the rapid disappearance of the Greenland ice cap (see article on p. 4)

Our Conservation Committee will experiment with changing from the centralized structure we have used for many years to a branched one with three co-chairs, one for each of our three counties. The co-chairs will gently oversee projects and problems in their county, and coordinate action on state issues (see Barry's article p. 5). We need a co-chair for Racine County. SEGG members represent an environmental viewpoint at the various Watershed Restoration Planning meetings, including the SE Fox. We will continue to work on invasives control and restoration in Colonial Park and at Pringle Nature Center, do the Highway 38 Clean-up three times/year, and encourage monarch habitat. SEGG has long provided a strong voice on conservation issues, and this will continue.

We educate ourselves and the community through our monthly program meetings. Wendi Schneider, Jo Ann Hansen, Donna Peterson and I welcome your suggestions and we need your contacts in order to continue to provide interesting presentations. Suggestions at the planning meeting ranged from green burials and the Conservation Congress to frac sand mining and brownfields. What interests you? Programs with a personal context are most engaging.

Jeff Sytsma, Treasurer, reported that SEGG's 2013 income of \$6385 was slightly exceeded by our expenses of \$6910, but he stated that we have more than enough in reserve to cover such a deficit. We receive income from

both National Sierra Club and the John Muir Chapter, as well as reimbursements from the Sierra Club Foundation for expenses that are clearly educational. We also earn money by selling rain barrels (~\$715), cranberries (~\$340) and calendars (~\$72). We would love suggestions on other ways to raise money. Some groups have a silent auction – do you think that would work for SEGG?

Field trips were on the agenda; see the Calendar (p. 2) to join the April 26th field trip to the Jean McGraw Nature Preserve on the Des Plaines River. We're also looking into a joint activity with the Great Waters Group. Another suggestion was to visit and learn about Gateway Technical College's Center for Sustainable Living; we thought it was such a great idea that we're going to have our June picnic there. Where else do you think it would be fun to go with a great group like ours?

We closed the day with an open discussion about leadership. We have open positions on the ExCom, we need a Conservation Co-chair for Racine County, we need a Program Committee Chair, an Outings Committee Chair and a Newsletter Editor. Sierra Club is the largest and most effective grassroots environmental group, and we have an important message to share with the community. If you've been thinking that you could help us get that message out – why not step up now? If not now, when?

### SIERRA BOOK CLUB

"Forest Unseen" by David George Haskell is the book for the next meeting of the Southeast Gateway Group's Book Club. Haskell is a professor of Biology who marked off a circle a little over a meter across on a forested slope in southeastern Tennessee near the western edge of the Cumberland Plateau. He visited this spot throughout one year, observing what lives in this little area and how it changes over the year. He thinks like a biologist but writes like a poet. The book won the National Outdoor Book Award and is a most enjoyable way of learning about the biology, ecology and wonder of a small, but typical, piece of nature.

The Book Club invites all interested persons to read this delightful book and join us to discuss it on Thursday, April 24, at John and Lila Berge's house, 1529 Crabapple Drive in Racine. There will be a pot-luck at 5:30 and the book discussion will start around 7:00 p.m. So call (262-633-8455) or e-mail ([jberge35@wi.rr.com](mailto:jberge35@wi.rr.com)) and tell them you plan to be there. This paperback book is available at book stores on- and off-line. While the titles may sound somewhat similar, this book is totally different from that discussed in the most recent Book Club meeting which centered on the abuse and legal protection of our eastern forests.

# Celebrate Earth Day *Chasing Ice* at the Golden Rondelle

By Tom Rutkowski

The Southeast Gateway Group of the Sierra Club along with Racine Green Congregations is sponsoring a community screening of *Chasing Ice* at SC Johnson's Golden Rondelle Theater, 1525 Howe St., Racine, on Earth Day, April 22nd. Our perception of threat, shaped by evolution, is tuned to the nearby and the immediate. We react to a predator in pursuit more strongly than to a threat moving at a glacial pace in a remote region. For this reason, climate change is such a difficult problem to face. It has developed slowly, not in any single place, but everywhere around the globe.

The power of the film *Chasing Ice* comes from its ability to speed up time, to alter our very perspective of time. Glaciers, which have come to signify the slowest of paces, rapidly retreat before our eyes. Those harsh and starkly beautiful regions of snow and ice that most of us will never see are shown to be most sensitive to the effects of climate change.

Initially skeptical of climate change, James Balog, a National Geographic photographer whose career explores the relationship between humans and nature, was assigned to document the receding glaciers of the far north. Soon after this first visit, Balog founded the Extreme Ice Survey, a project intended to record the

melting glaciers of Iceland, Greenland and Alaska. Making what is normally invisible visible, the film is both stunningly beautiful and deeply disturbing. *Chasing Ice* has won over thirty awards from around the world, most notably a Sundance Film Festival award for excellence in cinematography.

Balog and his crew faced considerable obstacles in their effort which they pursue with tenacity and great patience. Finding a device that would take a photograph every eight minutes in such conditions was their first technical challenge. In addition, Balog's own physical limitations made such expeditions especially risky. These problems provide a human scale in a land where people are dwarfed and insignificant.

A discussion following the film will focus on the impacts of climate change on Wisconsin and will offer possible actions to be taken at a local level. The event will serve as an opportunity to receive information about the John Muir Chapter's partnership with H & H Electric which offers special rates on residential photovoltaic installations.

There is no admission charge, but registration is required. Contact the Golden Rondelle at 262- 260-2154.

## ROOT RIVER WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN

A public meeting of Root River stakeholders was held on February 26 at the Boerner Botanical Gardens, with presentations by Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) staff members Michael G. Hahn, Chief Environmental Engineer, and Joseph Boxhorn. The agenda included numerous recommendations including "priority projects". The recommendations called for broader collection of water quality data in the tributaries of the Root River and several lakes and ponds in the watershed. Recognizing the financial restraints on the Racine Public Health laboratory which does much of the testing, SEWRPC recommended lowering the frequency of some tests currently being done.

The only handout at the meeting, which was attended by about two dozen persons from various organizations and a few people who live close to the river, was a ten-page (17" x 8.5") spread sheet containing about 150 projects addressing water quality, habitat and recreational use. Most of these were developed or suggested at the December 4 meeting of stakeholders. More projects are expected to be added to this list in the near future. Unfortunately, many were not costed and none was prioritized.

This spread sheet, which will be in Chapter VI of the final report, and drafts of the first five Chapters, are available at the SEWRPC website, [www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPC/Environment/Root-River-Watershed-Restoration-Plan.htm](http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPC/Environment/Root-River-Watershed-Restoration-Plan.htm). If one doesn't want to type in that long address, just the first part will do and then follow the directory on the left hand side of the home page. The final public stakeholders meeting, at which SEWRPC will summarize the final plan, present the implementation strategy and pass out copies of the executive summary, is scheduled for July 31 at the Johnson Foundation at Wingspread. Root-Pike WIN and Southeast Wisconsin Watersheds Trust (Sweet Water) will present their Information and Education Plan for implementing the watershed plan at that meeting, also.

# ELIZABETH MCGOWAN WINS PULITZER PRIZE

by Lila and John Berge

Good news about a former SEGG member! Elizabeth McGowan, along with two co-workers at InsideClimate News, was awarded a 2013 Pulitzer Prize for national reporting. They won for a series of articles about an oil spill in Michigan, "The Dilbit Disaster: The Biggest Spill You Never Heard Of". They shared the \$10,000 prize that comes with this highest award given in journalism. The Boston Globe and The Washington Post were the other two finalists.

Their rigorous reports on the flawed regulation of our nation's oil pipelines was highlighted by the experiences of residents forced to permanently or temporarily relocate after a million gallons of diluted bitumen (dilbit, a term the three introduced to our lexicon) from the tar sands of Canada spilled into the Kalamazoo River in the summer of 2010. This is the same stuff that some want to build the Keystone XL pipeline in order to pump "dilbit" from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. The Sierra Club opposes it. To find out what unfolded in Michigan, Elizabeth spent a week at the scene in 2011, observing how "dilbit" quickly sinks to the river bottom, unlike other kinds of oil which can be skimmed off the water surface. This under-reported environmental disaster was ignored by most national media.

Elizabeth's narrative style of journalism reconstructed the disastrous spill, making it personal by conducting hundreds of interviews with community members as well as local, state and federal officials. It was the most expensive cleanup of a petroleum spill since the government started keeping records in 1968.

Elizabeth was a reporter for the Racine Journal Times from 1993 to 1997. She and her partner Don Looney rafted the Salmon River with Sierra friends from Racine in 1996. They left Racine in 1997 to live on The Nature Conservancy's Lulu Lake Preserve near East Troy as caretakers and moved to Washington, D.C., in 2001 so Elizabeth could continue her career as an energy and

environment reporter. Her work has appeared in Nature Conservancy Magazine and Outdoor America as well as Washington D. C. area media.

Elizabeth and Don continue to enjoy adventurous travel. In June they spent two weeks removing invasive plants in Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, kayaking in Resurrection Bay and hiking in Denali State Park. Elizabeth joined InsideClimate News in 2010, a virtual newsroom with reporters across the country. She is currently on leave from the six-year old Web site to write a book about the cancer that prompted her to embark on a solo 4,250-mile bike trip across the country in 2000. Elizabeth is a 1983 graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism.

## County Conservation Co-chair Job Description

By Barry Thomas

As Melissa mentioned in *From the Chair*, the SEGG has decided to change our Conservation Committee structure from a committee with a single chairperson, to three co-chairs, one co-chair from each of the three counties in our area. We are currently seeking a co-chair for Racine County. The general responsibilities of the position are:

- 1) Become aware of environmental issues in your county.
- 2) Develop an e-mail list of members in your county who are willing to:
  - A. receive updates regarding environmental issues,
  - B. write letters on specific issues,
  - C. attend local meetings and forums with opportunities to ask questions or give input about environmental issues,
  - D. participate in work days and clean-up activities,
  - E. suggest and arrange field trips to local sites of environmental importance,
  - F. suggest and arrange programs of environmental interest to the Group.
- 3) Be able to give contact information for local officials and agencies who can help resolve environmental issues.
- 4) Be willing to take a turn writing a conservation article for the Southeast Sierran.

Please contact me at [bthomas6@wi.rr.com](mailto:bthomas6@wi.rr.com) or Melissa Warner at [Melissa.warner3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Melissa.warner3@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in making a valuable contribution to the Group and to the environmental health of our area.



# Big Foot Beach State Park Friends Group Provides Essential Services

By Shane Jones

It was September 2009 when my wife and I made the move from Kenosha to Lake Geneva. We had decided it was time to start a family and the sensible move was to get closer to Elkhorn where my wife worked. We knew we had found the right place when we discovered a new home in an established neighborhood only a block away from Big Foot Beach State Park in Lake Geneva. The idea that with just a few steps out the door we could be in a state park sealed the deal.

As I walked into the park for the first time I had mixed emotions. On one hand I was giddy to have a state park so close to my home. On the other hand my stomach began to sink as I looked around at the walls of buckthorn that lined the trails. I have a graduate degree in ecology and teach environmental biology at a regional college. In a funny way, my biggest motivation was a fear that my kids might grow up associating buckthorn with natural beauty.

With a little digging I learned that the park had a Friends group, the Friends of Big Foot Beach State Park. Friends groups are non-profit organizations that support parks through volunteerism, advocacy, and fundraising. The Friends of Big Foot Beach State Park was started in 2007 by a small but dedicated group of local stewards and outdoor enthusiasts. Little did I know just how important Friends groups are to the parks that they support. As state funding dwindles and budgets tighten, state parks often feel the squeeze first.

In 2012 I took over as Chairman for the Friends and put habitat restoration as the focal point of my agenda. We began scheduling monthly volunteer work days

and were even able to incorporate the Sierra Club's Inner City Outings program by bringing students from Pritzker College Prep high school in Chicago to help remove invasive species and explore outdoor activities. Clearwater Outdoor, a local outdoor adventure and clothing business owned and operated by Friends founder and board member Sarah Schuster, helped sponsor this event.

In 2013 our Friends group provided the park with a total of \$13,544 through grants and direct donations. These funds went to things such as new grills for the picnic areas, stump grinding that followed the loss of hundreds of ash trees from emerald ash borer, new sand for the beach, repairs to the park's Polaris ATV, prairie restoration, flowerbed maintenance, and our naturalist program.

A Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant of \$9200 (with an equal match from the Friends) was awarded to the park in 2013. It is being used to restore prairie, woodland, and savanna habitats, and fund six new professionally designed interpretive nature signs. Despite ongoing challenges with funding and resources, the park's future looks bright.

If you would like to get involved, we welcome you to our monthly board meetings and volunteer work days. Our board meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the park's maintenance building. We have open board seats and are always looking for new faces and fresh ideas. Our volunteer work days occur on the third Saturday of each month from April through October. We meet at the pavilion located in the day use picnic area at 9am and typically work until 11am.

## Welcome New Members!

Burlington	Patrick Kleven, Daniel Roath
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## HIGHWAY 38 CLEANUP

Back in 1990, the Southeast Gateway Group applied and was approved for participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program. We were assigned the approximately 3-mile portion of Highway 38 between Highway K and Five Mile Road in Racine County. Starting the following year, we have done a thorough pickup of trash and recyclables three times per year every year with the exception of one year when the highway was shut down for re-construction. That is a lot of bags of trash, but the number of bags seem to be getting smaller over the years. Are people really learning that there is a difference in purpose between a car window and a waste basket? Much if not most of what we pick up is from fast food places and other beverage containers.

The state or county supplies us with safety vests (they used to be bright orange but are now lime green), large plastic bags for the trash, temporary "worker" signs for when we are on the road, and permanent signs at each end publicizing the Group and our work.

We supply smaller plastic shopping bags for the recyclables and Bob Gericke made us a stack of pointed pickup sticks out of broken golf clubs.

It has worked out well to have a crew of twelve or more, so that we can divide up into teams of two that cover both sides of one-half mile of highway. So if you are interested in joining us, and are not already on the calling list, please contact John Berge at 262-633-8455 or [jberge35@wi.rr.com](mailto:jberge35@wi.rr.com) so that you can be contacted the week before the cleanup to see if you are available. Cleanups were scheduled at the January Planning Meeting. They are: May 17 at 9:00 a.m., July 19 at 8:30 a.m. and September 20 at 9:00 a.m. The pastor of the church on the corner of Five Mile Road and Highway 38 has given us permission to meet and park in their parking lot, and even offered to open the building if we need restrooms. We usually have a pot-luck lunch after the Cleanup in the belief that "If you feed them, they will come." So contact John and come join us!

## Southeast Sierran Editor Needed

Southeast Sierran Editor, Himani Gupta, has relocated to the South—something many of us have been considering given the challenges presented by the 2013-2014 winter! We thank her for her willingness to share her time and talents with us and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Now we need a new editor. The newsletter is published bi-monthly. The editor is responsible for collecting submissions, proof-reading and editing articles, using desktop publishing software to prepare the newsletter layout and emailing the finished product to the printer and webmaster. Assistance from the Chair and additional proofreaders is routinely provided and the process generally takes about 10 hours over a 2 week period.

Contact Dana Huck at [dhuck1105@wi.rr.com](mailto:dhuck1105@wi.rr.com) or Melissa Warner at [melissa.warner3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melissa.warner3@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.



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