

Member Match

The Ridges Sanctuary has a **great** opportunity to revitalize its operating fund in this time of economic concern. An anonymous Ridges' member has offered to match gifts up to \$10,000. If 200 members give \$50 each, we can easily reach our goal.

Because of the economic problems in the country and because most foundations won't cover operating expenses in their funding, many non-profits like The Ridges are experiencing shortfalls in their operating budget. The difficulty lies in balancing donors and fundraising with rising costs of programming and facility expenses.

Please help our operating fund to secure \$20,000 by October 1, 2009, using any one of three ways to donate:

- Call (920) 839-2802
- Send a check to The Ridges Sanctuary PO Box 152 • Baileys Harbor • WI • 54202
- Donate online at www.RidgesSanctuary.org



Come 'Play' With Us!

"What work I have done I have done because it has been play. If it had been work I shouldn't have done it."
Mark Twain

Come and help with wood chip hauling, trail checking, general maintenance before we hunker down for the winter. Remember the Great Chili and those awesome brownies we had last Fall! It will be served again by TRS staff!



Come for all morning or just an hour or two! Families are encouraged.

Free wheelbarrow rides!

Ridges' Fall Work (Play) Day October 3 from 8—Noon.

Please call The Ridges if you can come 839-2802

WISCONSIN NATURALIST PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Naturalist Program provides opportunities to engage students of all ages and walks of life in environmental stewardship and citizen science. The courses focus on the native ecosystems of Door County and involve ten 2.5 hour classes each Thursday from Sept. 10—Nov. 19 at Gibraltar Schools.



Course is filling fast so please call if you are interested: 839-2802.

Coming Up!

Aug 23 • Volunteer Recognition at Bjorkklunden

Aug 28 & 29 • Monarch Workshops 10 AM

Sept 10 • WI Naturalist classes begin

Sept 25 & 26 • Logan Creek Hikes 10:00 AM

Sept 26 • Ridges' Flea Market /Muffins/Lunch Baileys Harbor Autumn Fest

Oct 3 • Ridges' Fall Clean-up Day

Oct 18 • Ridges' Nature Center Closes

Dec 12 • Ridges' Natural Christmas

Dec 19 • Christmas Bird Count

Feb 6 • Ridges' Great Waffle Breakfast (Emma Toft's Birthday Feb 9)

For more information or to sign up for any of The Ridges' events:
(920) 839-2802
info@RidgesSanctuary.org

We Wish ...

Copy machine paper
Office Supplies

Large plastic covered tubs/bins

Vacuum for the Range Light

\$\$\$ for a riding lawn-mower

Underwriter for taxidermy cost for one or all of our frozen zoo!

Stacking plastic patio chairs

Small garden rototiller

A roofing fork

Chocolate for staff

Underwriters for our newsletter "sanctuary"

\$\$\$\$ for our wish list!

Wishes Do Come True!

For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to www.RidgesSanctuary.org

THE RIDGES FLEA MARKET

Be Green on The Green

Saturday Sept. 26

In conjunction with

**Baileys Harbor
Autumn Fest**

In the Green Space behind
the Nature Center

**Muffins in the Morning
Lunch Mid-Day**

Call: 839-2802 or m/matthes@aol.com to reserve a space to sell your items or just come and browse the recycled treasures and specials from The Ridges' Nature Center

THE RIDGES
Flea Market



RECYCLE

**Notes from the
Range Light**

7/3/09 Visitor reported watching Fox snake eating a shrew along the trail!

7/11/09 Dragonfly Workshop participants saw 4-spotted & 12-spotted skimmers, lots of Meadow hawks, and several Hine's emeralds (although most of them evaded our nets)

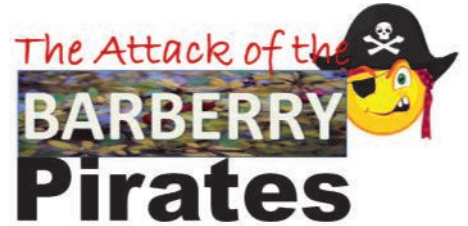
July & August Pinesap & Indian Pipes (unusual plants with no chlorophyll) were seen in several locations.

8/12/09 Spotted coralroot 'spotted' on Ridges' property west of Hwy 57

8/13/09 Purple fringed orchid spotted on Ridges Road

Aaargh! Phragmites

AND Barberry, & Black Swallow-wort & Swamp Thistle & Honeysuckle & Helleborine & the list goes on! The Barberry Pirates are dedicated to searching out and destroying these invaders who threaten the beauty and diversity of The Ridges and Door County. Sign up to get notices of the latest attack plans and then decide if you can come or not! We welcome all! - no questions asked! We take NO prisoners! 839-2802.



MONARCH WORKSHOP

Learn more about the life and times of Monarch butterflies and then go out in the field to net and tag butterflies to track them on their migration routes. The workshops are designed for all ages (children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult).



Friday & Saturday August 28 & 29

10 AM–11:30 AM

Advanced Registration Requested: 839-2802 or karen@RidgesSanctuary.org



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer at The Ridges' Nature Center

Any day of the week! Enjoy the beauty of The Ridges through Oct. 18

9 AM–12:30 PM or 12:30 PM–4 PM

A little job with BIG Thanks — Call Pam G. at 839-2802

July Nature Center Winner—Jan McAuliffe

Check your mailing label for an expiration date for *your* membership and support the oldest member-based nature preserve in Wisconsin. Or consider a donation to support The Ridges.

Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

Name: _____ Send a gift card? Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____ Phone () _____

Email address: _____

Second Address from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Membership: Individual ____ \$40 Family ____ \$65 Family Plus ____ \$95 New? or Renewal?

Additional Donation: ____ \$25 ____ \$50 ____ \$100 ____ \$150 ____ Other \$ _____

Check enclosed Credit Card # _____ Exp date ____/____

Signature

Mail to and make checks payable to: The Ridges Sanctuary • PO Box 152 • Baileys Harbor • WI • 54202 (or signup/donate online: RidgesSanctuary.org)