

DEMETER NEWS

• FOCUSING ON OUR COMMUNITY & THE UW-MADISON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL & LIFE SCIENCES •

BADGER LANDS TOUR



Mike Mossman

In August a most interesting Demeter tour of the 7,350 acre Badger Lands area, south of Devil's Lake, began with an introduction by Verlyn Mueller in the Badger Army Ammunition Museum. Then during a bus ride, retired DNR ecologist Mike Mossman, a member of the Badger History group, gave a history of the area and explained that three entities now manage the lands formerly occupied by the Army Ammunition Plant. It was retired in 1972 and most of the buildings, roads and equipment have been cleared away.

The Ho-Chunk are returning their portion to pre-settlement conditions of prairie, and perhaps some day, bison. On the USDA Dairy Forage Research Center section, staff are collaborating with CALS faculty to study carbon sequestering by different crop systems, greenhouse gas emissions and manure management, as examples of a holistic approach to dairy farming. They have a working dairy facility which will be replaced in the near future. Alison Duff (see August Newsletter) described a current study which is looking at the effect of equipment driving patterns on soil compaction and alfalfa productivity. Representing work on the third and largest segment, the only part open to the public, was Marla Steele of the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance. This organization is helping the DNR with restoration efforts and, with Mike Mossman and others, has developed a free App, "Explore the Badger Lands." The Great Sauk Trail, a paved biking and walking trail, crosses the entire area.



Ho-Chunk Earth, Sky, Water Mural



Alison Duff



WHAT WERE THOSE APPLES?



Priscilla

Were you one of those at the Corn Roast Picnic unable to identify the early, crisp, sweet eating apples donated by Demeter member Betty Forest? Their name is "Priscilla," and the trees are nearly disease-free. The name tells you they were developed at Purdue, Rutgers, and the University of Illinois.

About 140 Corn Roast attendees also enjoyed corn that was picked and cooked by members of the corn roast committee, pork and beef sandwiches from UW-CALS Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery, as well as coleslaw and cherries jubilee with Babcock ice cream. Thanks to all of the committee members who procured and served the delicious food.

Our new CALS Dean, Glenda Gillaspay, told about her plant science background and gave an update on the college. Francisco Pelegri, chair of Genetics, introduced Daniela Drummond-Barbosa, a new faculty member.

Fifteen Demeter-supported students were present. They talked about their majors and expressed thanks to Demeter. Taylor Schaefer, a previous Demeter scholarship recipient and now the 75th Alice in Dairyland, gave an enthusiastic talk about Wisconsin agriculture. Schaefer, a native of Racine County, earned a bachelor's degree in Animal and Dairy Sciences. Her earnings from showing beef cattle in 4-H also helped her pay her way through college, she said. Schaefer added that she has enjoyed talking to groups about Wisconsin agriculture as well as learning about Wisconsin's agricultural products such as ginseng. Wisconsin ginseng growers produce about 95 percent of the country's ginseng crop, a majority of which is exported to Asia.



Pres. Sally Leong & candy count winner scholar Kylie Konan

Lynn Grooms, Corn Roast Co-Chair



Dorothy Binning, Walter Stevenson, Judy Barth and Doug Maxwell

Meat Production in Wisconsin: Bottlenecks and Opportunities

ZOOM MTG. 7 PM Thursday January 26, 2023

Jeff J. Sindelar, Professor & Extension Meat Specialist
Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery, CALS

Jeff Swenson, Livestock & Meat Specialist WDATCP

Join Zoom Meeting (email reminder coming later)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have started the new year with a bang with 141 registered participants at the annual Corn Roast. These included new members, many guests and our new Dean Glenda Gillaspay. I am pleased to report that our membership has grown to 98 through the efforts of many members bringing attention to our organization and its mission and member benefits. Demeter is all about fellowship and community and how we, together in friendship, can make a difference in our community through our service. In this spirit, a group of ten members traveled to Kemp Station for four days to sew new curtains for the windows of the historic lake cabin. Work and sharing meals together and our life experiences were part of the special Demeter experience we all have as a participant in Demeter activities. We are making plans for several fun activities in the new year including a canoe/kayak trip with a picnic, an adventure to discover pollinators in action, and a visit to a lavender farm. I look forward to seeing all of you in person in the new year to have some fun together!



Sally Leong, President

DIGITAL MEDIA SURVEY

A survey was mailed to members to assess your interest in moving to a digital platform of communication. About 50% of the membership responded. A significant number of members still prefer paper copy communication; therefore, at this time we will continue to use our current methods of communication. This survey also revealed that some members are not using email so we will be attentive to this in the future. We want to thank members for participating in this analysis which has informed the board of your wishes and needs.

Sally Leong, President



KEMP STATION SERVICE PROJECT



On Wednesday morning September 21, five cars headed to Kemp Research Station in the northwoods of Woodruff, Wisconsin. Scott Bowe, Station Manager greeted Linda Harvey, Martha Maxwell, Sally Leong, Darlene Olson, Judy Stevenson, Dick and Virgene Vathauer, Mary Jane and Vern Gettlinger and Jan Martin.



The project assignment was to make new curtains for the 14 windows in the old cabin by the lake. These new curtains were to have a blackout lining and be put on rods with grommets. It was a big job but not too big for these ten hardy souls. Meals were assigned and a wonderful variety of menus was enjoyed in Mead Lodge's beautiful dining hall overlooking Tomahawk Lake.

There were jobs for everyone: designers, cutters, pressers, sewers, dishwashers, installers and of course, some to prepare and serve meals. By mid-afternoon on Saturday the project was finished and those that had stayed on also headed home with good memories of how beautiful and special Kemp Station is and of the relaxing times spent getting to know each other, visiting during meals, sitting and chatting by the fire or playing a card game.



Jan Martin & Linda Harvey, Project Co-chairs

Sharon Brantmeier with AWA scholarship awardees: L-R McKenzie Trinko, Senior in Animal Science with a French certificate is from Shawano, WI and has been to 21 states in her 21 years.

Olivia McDonald, Junior in Life Sciences Comm. with certificates in Business Management for Ag & Life Sciences, Entrepreneurship & Food Systems, from 150 head black angus beef cattle farm, showed at Rock Cty 4-H Fair 12 yrs. Aims for career in public relations for strategic communications for an agricultural company.

Natalie Roe, Sophomore Dairy Science & Life Sciences Communications, owns and manages TopLine Swiss with two brothers, their own nine-head herd of registered Brown Swiss heifers and cows.

SOURCES OF STUDENT SUPPORT FUNDS

Over the years a most important function of Demeter has been the support of students. This aid now takes the form of Academic Scholarships, Research Awards, Study Abroad Scholarships, Internships, and Grants to student organizations. Funding for these different forms of student aid comes from two sources: donations to the Student Support Fund held in the Demeter bank account and income from endowments at UW Foundation.

The Student Support Fund is generated primarily by donations for Student Support sent to the Demeter Treasurer along with membership dues or registrations for events. These funds are deposited in a Demeter bank account and used each year. In the past several years these gifts have supported Internships at West Madison Research Station and Allen Centennial Garden as well as several student organizations such as the Food Science Club. Thanks to this generous, regular giving by members, about \$9,000 has been available each year for Student Support.

At the UW Foundation there are eight separate Demeter endowment accounts that earn income for student aid. Seven of these funds have been thoughtfully established by Demeter members and are named accounts: the Carrie Aberle Fund, the Oscar N & Ethel K Allen Memorial Fund, the Martha D & Douglas P Maxwell Fund, the Elsa Thomsen Fund, the H L & Jobelle Shands Fund, the Daisy Pound Fund and the Carole Walsh Fund. The annual spendable income from these seven accounts is about \$34,000, and these funds will support 21 students for FY22-23. The other UW Foundation account is the Demeter Education Fund which has been built from many contributions by Demeter members over the years. It currently earns an estimated annual spendable income of \$4,100 from an endowment market value of \$75,035. In FY 22-23 the accumulated income in this fund was used to partially support two internships, one at the Allen Centennial Garden and the other, a newly funded internship at the Arlington Research Station. The Arlington RS staff were excited to receive an internship award this year!

In order to partially fund two internships annually from the Demeter Education Fund, each at the \$3,000 level, it will be necessary to increase the endowment of this fund by about \$50,000.

If you would like to contribute to the Demeter Education Fund at UW Foundation, contact Brooke Mulvaney, brooke.mulvaney@supportuw.org, 608-308-5330 or Demeter Treasurer Douglas Maxwell, douglas.maxwell08@gmail.com or 608-332-3625.
Douglas Maxwell, Demeter Treasurer

ED FUND LEADERSHIP

Demeter is indebted to Liv Sandberg for her many years of dedicated service to the Demeter Education Committee, working with the CALS Office of Academic Affairs, the UW Foundation, the Demeter Board, the scholarship students and interns, and the many student clubs and organizations. Liv is turning over her responsibilities as chair of the committee to George Shook, Emeritus Professor of Dairy Science. George considers the administration of student support funds the central and most important work of Demeter.

DONATIONS - STUDENT SUPPORT sent to Treasurer for Annual Use

Candee Craven, Mary Tibbitts, Laura Hernandez, Hanna Boekhoff-Walsh, Leo Walsh, Mary Shapiro, Mary Diezel, Ruby Dobson, Ann Ellingboe

IN MEMORY OF

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Betty Pope by Linda Harvey, Martha & Doug Maxwell
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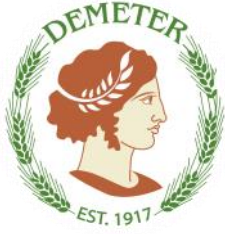
DONATION to SEWING WORKSHOP

Liz Barlow



Students at Corn Roast. L—R Back row: Morgan Hmielewski, Kat Eugster, Olivia McDonald, Christine Gill, Kylie Konyn, Natalie Roe, Abigail McGraw, Anita Anongdeth. Front Row: Bea Sutton, Katie Weick, Elijah Kirschstein.

Have you made the **Required Minimum Distribution** from your IRA yet? Consider donating to Demeter Education Fund at UW Foundation to support CALS students and save on taxes! Ask Demeter treasurer Doug Maxwell how.
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Judy Barth

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CONGRATULATIONS

Liz Henry for a
CALs Honorary Recognition
Award

SYMPATHY

Family of Marian Kaesberg on
her death

Zoerb & Pope Families on the
death of Betty Pope

Lynda & Dave Thomas
on the death of Lynda's father
William Buckingham

Family of Bob & Phyllis Kauff-
man (Ellen & Remmert Borst)
on death of Robert Kauffman

Family of Jobelle Shands on
her death

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BULB PLANTING at ALLEN CENTENNIAL GARDEN

This was our 21st year of planting bulbs at the Allen Garden. It was a perfect, blue-sky day. Reba Luiken and staff report that we planted 700 bulbs, all purple and white in the Corner, Promenade and Mediterranean Gardens, and a wild, "organized mix" of tulips and daffodils, sold as ratatouille, in the Orientation garden. The latter is a prelude to next year's Linnean clock garden, in which flowers open and close at different times of day.

Those planting this year in addition to Reba Luiken and her staff were (below L-R) Diane Amundson, Gail Schaefer, Gail Schomisch, Carrie Aberle, Martha Maxwell, Linda Harvey, Mary Jane Getlinger and Jan Martin.

Jan Martin, Bulb Planting Chair



CALENDAR

MEAT PRODUCTION ZOOM
7 PM 26 January 2023 (See p.2)

SEWING WORKSHOP
10AM - 4PM, Blue Bar Quilts
6333 University Ave. Middleton
Lynda Thomas 608-836-4677
3rd Tuesdays, September thru May

BOARD MEETINGS
18 January 2023, 8 March 2023
7 PM via Zoom

**SPRING LUNCHEON & ANNUAL
MTG**
3 May 2023, Blackhawk CC

GARDEN PARTY
14 June 2023
Allen Centennial Garden

CORN ROAST PICNIC
5 pm Wednesday, 6 Sept 2023

Demeter welcomes all those interested in
agriculture and in supporting
students in the College of Agricultural
and Life Sciences.

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