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Celebrate the season with Friends of KVR

Saturday, December 5, will be the date of The Friends of KVR's annual holiday event, held at the KVR Visitor Center. Friends' members and the general public are invited to enjoy a day and evening of food, the arts, and music and dancing.

MAKING CHEESE

Steve Shapson, owner of Cedarburg Homebrew, Wine & Cheese, will teach how to make gourmet cheeses. P 3.

WHAT IS A "COOKIE WALK"?

Fill your holiday cookie jar with an array of homemade cookies and candies made by Friends of KVR members. Meander among the tables, collecting your favorites for \$6/lb., or take home our mix.

PHOTO SHOW & AWARDS

Best-of Show winners will be announced for the Friends of KVR's photography show. Prints of the twelve winning entries selected for the calendar are on display through Dec. 12. A slide show of all entries will be shown. P 2.



CALENDAR SALES

Friends of KVR's 2010 calendar, including the twelve winning photographs, is on sale. \$12/\$15 mailed with gift card.

STRING TIES BAND

The String Ties, a band with local roots, will play their mix of bluegrass, country, and hot dance music. A special live recording of *The Fatal Oak*, a song about the Kickapoo, will be made during the evening.

MEMBERSHIP \$5 OFF

Purchase your 2010 Friends' membership at the holiday event to receive a \$5 discount. Membership info, p 4.

FRIENDS' GIFT SHOP

The gift shop features a variety of gift items such as photographs, cards, books, photo plates, T-shirts, water bottles, fine coffee, DVDs, CDs, and more.

Friends of KVR members make the Spaghetti Dinner and Dam Challenge a great success



Thank you!

Over 400 competitors!

150 Served!



Friends of KVR Photography Show attracts 61 photographers, 165 photographs, for 2010 calendar

The Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve's 2009 Photography Show attracted 25 students and 36 adults submitting 165 photographs of life in the Kickapoo Valley. All entries were digital, and are on display at kickapoofriends.org.

Three independent judges selected twelve photographs to be used for the 2010 calendar. These photographs were printed and matted by Friends' member, Jack Hill, of jackhillart.com, using the gilcee process on watercolor finish paper. They are on display through Dec. 12 at the KVR Visitor Center, where visitors can vote for Best of Show in Adult and Student divisions. Online voting is available at kickapoofriends.org. Voting ends Nov. 30.

The calendar page winners included two students and eight adults (two adults each had two images chosen for the calendar).

Winners are: Jerry Quebe, Snowshoes at KVR; Alice Lybek, Ice Caves; Gregg Attleson, Forest Artistry; Amanda Crowe, Up Close with Kermit; Harry Peterson, Early Morning and Camp Creek at Sunset;

Aurora Shimshak, Tree Cubby; Jennifer Banowetz, Autumn Radiance; Devi Stroffregen (student), Good Morning Beautiful; Chad Berger, Lower Star Valley and Morning Fog; Zach Roth-Reynolds (student), Winter Wonder Land.

Thanks to the many Friends' members and others who volunteered to make the show a success. Special thanks to Alan Buss, Constellation Web Services, webmaster of the Friends of KVR's website, kickapoofriends.org, who donated his web services for the show, creating a photography gallery, submissions form, and winners' pages. Friends of KVR thanks Alan, as well as Gail Hanson, LaFarge Schools art teacher; Jack Hill, jackhillart.com; and Rick LaMartina, lamartinaphotos.com.



Thank you, to all 61 photographers who shared their vision of scenes of the Kickapoo Valley.

Judges reported that the quality of photographs was high and there were many worthy photographs.

Special thanks to the Westby students who came as a group and submitted many beautiful

photographs. They exhibited skill, insight, and determination.

A DVD slide show of all submitted photographs will be shown throughout the evening of Dec. 5. The Friends of KVR also plans to produce photo note cards with many of the submitted images.

Calendars are now on sale for \$12, or \$15 for the calendar mailed, with a gift card. Purchase your calendar/s at the Reserve Visitor Center.

Friends & KVR Calendar of Events

TO REGISTER, when required:

Call **608-625-2960** or email:

kickapoo.reserve@krm.state.wi.us

Saturday, December 5

Cheesemaking Steve Shapson, owner of TheCheeseMaker.com and Cedarburg Homebrew, Wine & Cheese, will teach how to make gourmet cheeses. Sample homemade cheeses. Refreshments 9:30 am. Talk 10 am.

Saturday, December 5

KVR Friends' Cookie and Candy Walk (begins 6:30) **Photography Show Awards** (6:45), and **Dance with music by The String Ties** (7:00). KVR Visitor Center. See p 1.

Volunteer opportunity. Friends, please bring 4 doz. cookies or candies (no bars, please) to KVR visitor center Fri., Dec. 4, until 4:30 or Sat., Dec. 5.

Saturday, December 12

Dyeing Silk Scarves with Teas, Berries and Other Foods. Will include demonstration and time to make your own scarf. 1 pm - 4 pm. Reg. deadline Dec. 4.



* Winter Festival '09 *

Saturday, January 9

KVR Winter Festival

Chili & Bread Contest, Kickapoo Quick Auction, Mutt Race, and much more. 9 am - 4 pm. KVR Visitor Center.

Volunteer opportunity.

Call 625-2960 or email

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Saturday, January 9

Driftless Dialogue III: Science of Snowflakes. Meteorologist, Dan Baumgardt, will talk all about snow crystals and snowflakes. 3 pm.

Saturday, January 30

Designs from Nature: Mandalas

Learn how to create and design your own 9:30 am - 4 pm. Reg. deadline Jan. 16.

Saturday, February 6

Carving a Traditional Scandinavian Spoon

Learn history, design and carving techniques for making your own spoon from a green branch. 8:30 am - 4 pm. Reg. deadline Jan. 22.



Above,
new
Friends
of KVR
board
members,

Nancy Foudray (top) and Janet Kruk, enjoying a walk on the Reserve this summer.

Friends of KVR Board of Directors' News

The Friends of the Kickapoo Reserve held its annual meeting Oct. 24, 2009. President Fritz Cushing presided over the meeting, which included the election of two new members, Nancy Foudray and Janet Kruk. Paige Baumgartner and Brian Turner stepped down. Brian was instrumental in Homecoming on the Reserve and other history-oriented programs; Paige organized volunteers and headed-up The Cookie Walk. **Thank you, Brian and Paige for your generous service on the board!**

Fritz listed the Friends' past year's accomplishments, including: the Spring Fling, Homecoming at the Reserve, reprint of The Pearls, road clean-ups, garden and cemetery upkeep (especially Bernice Shroeder's efforts), installation of a computerized archiving system, photography show expansion, Spaghetti Dinner, Appreciation Dinner, up-to-date website, informative quarterly newsletters, additions to Friends' gift shop, support of KVR staff and programs, and more. He praised volunteers for their efforts.

Members who wish to have Friends of KVR board meeting agendas emailed to them please contact: Patti.Knowler@krm.state.wi.us. Meetings are bimonthly, Dec., Feb., April, June, August, Sept., with the annual meeting in Oct.; meetings are generally held the second Monday of the month. **All members are encouraged to attend.**

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Join Friends of KVR NOW - enjoy the benefits of membership in 2010

Friends of KVR's memberships are per calendar year. Join now to enjoy full benefits throughout all of 2010.

Members receive the quarterly newsletter, email notices of programs and events, a KVR 2010 visitor pass, special discounts on programs and

classes, and the opportunity to contribute to the success of the KVR.

Full information is available at kickapooofriends.org; by emailing Patti.Knowler@krm.state.wi.us; or at the KVR Visitor Center.

MEMBERSHIPS:

- ___ INDIVIDUAL - \$30/YR
- ___ FAMILY - \$45/YR
- ___ STUDENT - \$20/YR
- ___ MUNICIPAL, BUSINESS - \$50/YR

Membership includes annual KVR visitor's pass or passes; it does not include camping fees.

Friends of KVR is a 501C(3) tax-exempt organization.

Friends' Appreciation Dinner features exquisite menu, good company

About fifty Friends' members and guests enjoyed Sicilian appetizers, lasagna, salad, and desserts prepared by Joanne Shird and served by members at Organic Valley's Milky Way cafe after the group's annual meeting, Oct. 24. Joanne thanks her helpers: "I am grateful to all the Friends' volunteers who, despite being the honorees at the Appreciation Dinner, stepped right up and volunteered that night! I very much appreciate each and every one of you who helped prep, serve and clean up at 'your' dinner. I certainly could not have pulled it off without all of your help."

President Fritz Cushing, thanked Joanne at the dinner, which included some of her family recipes. **Friends of KVR thanks Joanne Shird for sharing with us.**

Thanks also to **Organic Valley**, and to **Butch and Bonnie Sterling** for donating homemade wine.

