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# 32nd Annual Natural Landscapes Conference

## The Horicon Basin's Water of Life

*A Wetland of International  
Importance*

**Saturday  
February 4, 2012  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Concordia University  
Center for Environmental  
Stewardship**

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1111 E. Brown Deer Road  
Bayside, WI 53217

## CONFERENCE LOCATION



Map courtesy of Concordia University

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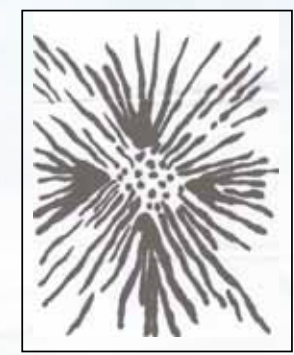


**Concordia University  
Center for Environmental Stewardship**  
12800 N. Lake Shore Drive  
Mequon, WI 53097

**DIRECTIONS**  
**From the North:** Travel south on I-43, take Cedarburg Exit #89 (Pioneer Rd/County Hwy. C). Turn right from exit, then turn left at Port Washington Rd (Cty W - stoplight with Mobile Gas station on northeast corner). Travel to Highland Rd (2 mi.) & turn left. Parking lot & shuttle on south side of Highland Rd.

**From the South:** Travel north on I-43 to Mequon Rd Exit #85. Turn right from exit, then turn left on Lake Shore Dr. Continue north to Concordia (2 mi.). Parking lot & shuttle on south side of Highland Rd.

## Horicon Basin



241 species of birds can't be wrong. Each year millions of birds and tens of thousands of wild mammals convene at Horicon Marsh. Because of this, we say that on certain days Horicon is Milwaukee's best safari daytrip.

"Central place, an image"  
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The marsh basin is truly a global heritage area and it has been formally recognized as a wetland of international importance by the United Nations. The Horicon Basin has a rich history and today it is described as the largest freshwater cattail marsh in North America.

## MILWAUKEE AUDUBON SOCIETY

*The mission of Milwaukee Audubon (MAS) is to protect and restore Wisconsin's natural heritage and ecology through active leadership, education, advocacy and stewardship.*

MAS is a local chapter of National Audubon and an active member of the Wisconsin Audubon Council. Although MAS has been around for much longer, MAS was incorporated in 1976 as a section 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. At present there are approximately 1,900 members covering six counties in southeast Wisconsin.

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- 8:00 am** Registration and Vendor Visit - Concordia Center for Environmental Stewardship
- 8:40 am** Welcome - Bruce Bessert, Director - Concordia Center for Environmental Stewardship  
Opening Thoughts - Andrew Struck - President, Milwaukee Audubon Society
- 9:00 am** Presentation of letters and introduction to honor song - Jim Uhrinak - Secretary, Milwaukee Audubon Society  
Honor song with hand drum - Ron Preston - Arena Director, Milwaukee Indian Summer
- 9:15 am** **Keynote by - Bill Volkert - Naturalist Emeritus, Horicon Marsh  
History and Ecology of the Horicon Marsh**
- 10:45 am** Break / Vendor Visit / Book Signing
- 11:15 am** The Bufflehead, our cutest duck, nests on Horicon Marsh - Bill Volkert and Jack Bartholmai
- 11:30 am** Reflection on a Wetland - animals and aesthetics of Horicon Marsh - Jack and Holly Bartholmai
- 11:45 am** Presentation of Milwaukee Audubon Society's - Lorrie Otto Memorial Recognition Award  
Dan Panetti - Vice President, Milwaukee Audubon Society

**12:00 pm** Lunch / Vendor Visit

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

	<u>Natural Landscapes</u>	<u>Wildlife Connections</u>	<u>Cultural Landscape Heritage</u>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Horicon Marsh Water Quality</b> Jim Congdon - Rock River Watershed Specialist	<b>When Muskrat Died Trying</b> <i>Comments on an American Indian earth diver story, muskrats, and Horicon</i> Jim Uhrinak - Wildlife Ecologist	<b>Vistas, Prominence, and Visual Connections in the Horicon Basin</b> Herman Bender - Founder, Hanwakan Center for Cultural Landscapes
<b>2:30 pm</b>	Break and Vendor Visit		
<b>2:45 pm</b>	<b>Wetland Vegetation of Horicon Marsh</b> Randy Powers - Prairie Future Seed Company	<b>Pelicans at Horicon</b> Wendy Woyczik - Wildlife Biologist, Horicon National Wildlife Refuge	<b>Indian Mounds of Dodge County</b> <i>History of Mound Exploration in Dodge County from 1830 to Present</i> Kurt Sampson - Curator, Dodge County Historical Society Museum; President Elect, Wisconsin Archeological Society; President, Friends of Aztlan
<b>3:45 pm</b>	<b>Ducks Unlimited Horicon Marsh Initiative - Supporting Wetland Conservation</b> Mike Brumley - Regional Director, Ducks Unlimited	<b>"Leatherbirds," White-nose, and Wind power - Bat Monitoring and Current Threats</b> Noel Cutright - Founder, Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory	<b>Dodge County Greenway Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Resource Network</b> Eric Fowle - Director, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

**4:45 pm** Closing Thoughts and Next Year's Conference - Andrew Struck, President - Milwaukee Audubon Society

*In cooperation with Concordia Center for Environmental Stewardship*

## Keynote by **Bill Volkert**

Naturalist Emeritus of Horicon Marsh

### "History and Ecology of the Horicon Marsh"



<http://billvolkert.com/>

Bill Volkert put Horicon Marsh on the world map. His legacy contribution has been to raise Horicon from the level of local focus and state concern by working with others who have recognized the international significance of the basin. Beginning in the 1970s the spectacular return of geese got most of the press; by the 1980s Bill was giving voice to a holistic understanding of marsh ecology including the rich cultural landscape it supported. Bill worked as wildlife educator at Horicon and served as naturalist for the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area for 27 years.

Bill was everyone's first choice to lead this year's conference. We look forward to hearing his accumulated wisdom and getting a glimpse into thoughts on his anticipated book about the Horicon Basin.



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## REGISTRATION

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**\$30 Pre-Registration before January 28**

**\$35 Registration after January 28 and at the door**

**\$10 Student Registration with ID**

Number of persons registering: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to:** Milwaukee Audubon Society

**Memo:** Natural Landscapes Conference

**Mail to:** Milwaukee Audubon Society, Inc.

Natural Landscapes Conference Registration

1015 17th Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024

Parking and shuttle are free in the Highland Road parking lot. Complimentary continental breakfast included. Lunch available for purchase in the Campus Dining Hall or off site at numerous venues.

For more information please call us at **414.352.2437** or visit [www.milwaukeeaudubon.org](http://www.milwaukeeaudubon.org). Pick up packets on the day of the conference after 8:00 am at the pre-registered table.