

# *The Oakleaf*

**THE FRIENDS OF HOYT PARK NEWSLETTER**

November 2009

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This board meets monthly to discuss issues concerning Hoyt Park. We welcome your input.

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## **Hoyt Park Summer Ranger**

Thanks to your generous financial support, we funded a summer park ranger this year. We were fortunate to have UW student Ariel DeBroux for a second year.

This summer Ariel's focus and tasks were much the same as last summer; she focused on removal of invasive species, general park upkeep, and public relations. In addition, her special projects were the garden by the bathrooms and clearing the previously mowed area west of the parking lot.

In her final report, she states, "I truly enjoyed another opportunity to work in this beautiful park over the summer again, I feel lucky to have had such a great summer job!" Read her full report on our website.

## ***Hoyt Park Shelter*, by Ann Rutecki**

Our holiday party this year will have a special auction item. An oil painting commissioned by the FHP is a wonderful scene of our main shelter in winter painted by local artist Ann Rutecki. Ann loves to portray the everyday landscapes and adds her special magic to each piece. This oil



painting will go to the highest bidder at our Holiday Party on December 10; if you wish to bid on the painting but can't attend the Party, please contact Deborah Lawson ([dlawson@restainohomes.com](mailto:dlawson@restainohomes.com)) or another board member to submit your bid. View the painting now at the Parks Division office in the City-County Building.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

### 2010 BOARD MEETINGS:

- Thursday, Jan. 14
- Thursday, Feb. 11
- Thursday, Mar. 11
- Thursday, Apr. 8

All meetings begin at 6:45 p.m. in the Sequoia Library.

### HOLIDAY PARTY:

Thursday, December 10  
Details in separate mailing

### FULL MOON/ OWL WALK:

February 27, 2009  
Details in winter postcard

### CITY OF MADISON VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Wednesday, January 13, 2010  
Olbrich Gardens

### GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Saturday, February 13, 2010  
Details in winter postcard

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Additionally, we have used the painting to make note cards perfect for use as holiday cards, thank-you cards, and more. You can purchase these at the Park Division office, Century House, at the Holiday Party, or from any board member.

### Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for the 10th of December, at the University Club at 803 State Street. This year will feature artist, Ann Rutecki (see last article).

We will also have an exciting and special silent auction, whose theme this year is 'picnic in the park shelter.'

§ Come join us for an End-of-Year-Celebration  
on December 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the University Club  
with silent auction and speaker Ann Rutecki §  
Details in separate mailing.

Watch for the invitation in your mailboxes or call or email now to reserve your place or donate a themed item or service. Contact Deborah Lawson at 238-8186 or [dlawson@restainohomes.com](mailto:dlawson@restainohomes.com).

### Change to By-Laws; Membership Renewal

The proposed changes to the by-laws passed at a special meeting held at our summer picnic on June 27. Our fiscal year, and membership, will now follow the calendar year. We'll continue to have annual meetings in April.

Because of this change, we will make an appeal for membership renewal for 2010 with this newsletter, and a reminder in the spring newsletter. Please find a membership renewal form enclosed. You can print additional forms from our website.

### Holiday Giving

Make your generosity count this holiday season. Please give to The Friends of Hoyt Park. All donations are tax deductible.

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