



The Warbler

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY JAN KNUTSON



A couple weeks ago we burned our prairie — a yearly spring event for our family, friends, neighbors and even some Beloit College fraternity guys. It was a little windy that Saturday morning, but we made a plan and decided to burn. All went well and now, as we already see the greening and growth of the prairie, we can hardly wait for the summer field of fireflies and native wildflowers.

Our prairie burn brought to mind a couple lessons that can apply to Welty:



- Lesson # 1...The importance of renewal. Even though our prairie looked charred and black and naked that Saturday, I know that the burning was necessary for new growth and rejuvenation of the tall grass habitat. This same principle of renewal applies at Welty. Even though it was sad to say goodbye to some of our board and committee members ending their terms in April, I know that we have a great group of new board members that are ready to carry on the Welty mission and traditions.

- Lesson # 2...The importance of a good plan and great volunteers. When I called the town fire department to report that we were going to burn that Saturday morning, the fireman diplomatically asked, "So, how's the wind out there?" It was indeed a somewhat windy morning for our burn, but we

had a good plan and lots of volunteers and everything went well. The same kind of good planning is important at Welty. With a good plan and our great volunteers we can accomplish anything! Here's your chance to make a difference and get involved to support Welty! Give Kelly Washburn, our volunteer coordinator, a shout @ 361-1377 or volunteer@weltycenter.org. We need volunteers for Welty committees, summer programs, summer day camp, and the Welty Nature Rendezvous on June 19. See ya at Welty!

In closing...Sen. Nelson's words from a 1991 speech still ring true: "A well designed environmental education program will produce an informed and committed conservation generation that will provide the critical understanding and support for moving the nation to a sustainable economy."

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Spring has certainly sprung at the Welty Environmental Center! My old friends, the ephemeral spring wildflowers, are blooming each in their turn in the Oak Savanna. I saw my first group of newly hatched goslings the other day. And just today as I took a walk the toad calls were all I could hear in the wetlands! Though spring in the Stateline always seems to be too short for me. In fact, I have already turned my attention to the excitement of summer.

Any children 14 years or older who have aged out of most of Welty's summer programming but would still like to be involved are welcome to join us as volunteer Junior Naturalists. We will be hosting an orientation for new and previous Junior Naturalist volunteers on Monday, June 14 from 9am to 3pm. We will train for summer programs, get a chance to know each other, and even have some fun. No need to bring a lunch – we'll feed you today! Please register at 608-361-1377 by Friday, June 11 so we know who to expect. Thank you!

This year marks the first time the Welty Environmental Center has hosted a day camp program, and we will have two weeks that you can participate in. The first week, June 21-25, will be our Kick-Off to Summer week. Each day of the camp runs from 9am to 3pm, and we'll meet every day, Monday through Friday. Each day will be filled with exploration, environmental education, crafts, and free play in nature. Children ages 6 to 12 years are invited to attend, and we welcome any Junior Naturalist volunteers who want to help any or all of the camp days. A week of camp costs only \$60 for Welty members, and \$75 for nonmembers. A limited



amount of scholarships will be available from the Rock County Conservationists. What a deal! If you and your family are interested in extending the experience, please join us for a Family Night on Friday, June 25 at 6:30pm. Genencor's sponsorship will provide treats as campers share skits, songs and crafts from the week. For \$10 more per Welty member family, \$15 for each nonmember family, your whole family can set up a tent at Beckman Mill County Park and enjoy an evening of stargazing, night hikes, and campfire fun as Friday turns to Saturday. A second week of day camp, A Survivor Theme, will take place from August 9-13. We only have space for 30 campers each week, so sign up early! Jessica Buchberger, who has been Welty's Duffy intern from Beloit College all year, will be staying on to help during camp as our summer intern. We're very excited to have her a little longer.

For adults and families we will be taking a few evenings to explore some natural areas throughout the region. June 17 we will meet at Colored Sands Forest Preserve, just a few short miles from Beckman Mill, at 5:30pm. In July we will explore Magnolia Bluff County Park, and August will find us on Clinton's Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail. I hope you can join us. Be sure to check out the rest of our exciting summer programming options – a complete list can be found on our website, www.weltycenter.org, or one can be sent to you by calling the center at 608-361-1377.

See you outside!
Lena Verkuilen
Director, Welty Environmental Center

WELTY WISH LIST

We wish we may, we wish we might...

While you are doing any spring cleaning, please keep the Welty Environmental Center in mind. The following items would be helpful to continue to provide educational and fun environmental programming to people of all ages:

Manilla file folders used are just fine; **Plastic sheets** for a heat laminator; **Fishing poles**, line, lures and hooks; **Scrapbooks** and scrapbooking supplies; **Taxidermy** mounts and animal pelts.

If you are planning on having a garage sale this spring please consider donating some or all

of your profits to the Welty Environmental Center. What a great way to reuse and support environmental education in the region!

The Welty Environmental Center can provide you with a receipt for your tax deductible donations. Thank you very much!!

2010 WELTY SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

For all Welty Center events you can call 608-361-1377 or email info@weltycenter.org for registration and more information.

Saturday, June 5; 9am-3pm

Summer Fishing Fun Kickoff

Beckman Mill County Park

Families with all ages welcome

Cost: \$15 per family for Welty members, \$20 per family for nonmembers

June 5 and 6 are Free Fishing Days in Wisconsin, meaning you do not need a license to fish these days. What a time to see if you and your family want to become licensed anglers! Come out to Beckman Mill County Park for workshops and give-aways for beginning fisher-folk, and tips for those with more experience. We'll start the morning with basic knots, fish identification and casting techniques. Fun fishing games and crafts will be part of this all day event. Welty has a limited supply of fishing poles, so call ahead if you need to be outfitted. Bait and tackle will be available. Bring a lunch to spend a whole day enjoying the art of fishing. Please park at the main parking lot, and walk down to the Welty Environmental Center near the dam. Register by Wednesday, June 2 to be outfitted with fishing gear for the day.

Friday, June 11; 9am-3pm

Friday Fishing Fun

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: \$12 per person for Welty members, \$15 per person for nonmembers

Spend a whole day out at the ole' fishing hole! Children will learn basic fishing techniques, fish identification, and enjoy a whole day by the water. Bring a white or light-colored shirt to decorate, and all participants will need to bring a lunch (refrigeration is available). Water bottles, sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended. All participants will be registered for a fishing prize to be drawn at the final Friday Fishing Fun program on August 6. Register by Thursday, June 10 to be a part of a full day of fishing and fishing-inspired fun!

Monday, June 14; 9am-3pm

Junior Naturalist Orientation Day

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 14-17 years

Do you love being outdoors? Have you thought about helping younger children enjoy the things you liked doing in nature when you were younger? Come out to the Welty Environmental Center to learn how you can help with summer programs! We welcome volunteers who have helped us in the past, as well as new helpers. Come learn what programs will take place this summer, how to help, and even have a little fun yourself. Lunch will be provided for all our Junior Naturalists. Register by Friday, June 11 to be a part of environmental education in the stateline area!

Wednesday, June 16; 9-11am

Welty Wednesday – Flutter-Bys

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 5-10 years (4 years and under, with parent)

Cost: \$6 per person for Welty members, \$8 per person for nonmembers (parents free)

Learn about butterflies that live in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois as we explore the park this morning. We'll play a few games along the way as we look for butterflies and caterpillars. We'll peek under leaves for caterpillars, and swoop nets gently to get a close look at butterflies. Any participant who attends 3 Welty Wednesday sessions will receive a FREE registration to a 4th session! Register by Tuesday, June 15 to participate.

Thursday, June 17; 5:30-7pm

Evening Exploration at Colored Sands Forest Preserve

Ages: Families and adults

Enjoy an evening walking the trails at the Colored Sands Forest Preserve (10602 Haas Rd – Durand, IL 61024). Bring your binoculars to look for birds as we explore this hidden gem. The group will meet in the main parking lot before heading out on the trails. Each month we will find a new natural area in the stateline region to explore. Registration is encouraged, but not required. Call the Welty Environmental Center at 608-361-1377 for directions.

2010 WELTY SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR CONTINUED

Saturday, June 19; Noon-4pm

Welty Nature Rendezvous

Beckman Mill County Park

All ages are welcome!

Come celebrate the beginning of summer at Beckman Mill County Park, seven miles west of Beloit, WI. Bring the whole family to enjoy an afternoon in the park. There will be food, kids' games, local vendors, a silent auction, horse-drawn wagon rides, and more! Admission is free, but donations are accepted. A special family nature walk will kick off the event at 11:30am (call for information and registration). Kick back and relax with an afternoon of old-fashioned family fun on the shores of the Raccoon Creek!

June 21-25; 9am-3pm daily

Summer Kick-Off Day Camp

Welty Environmental Center

Ages 6-12 years old

Cost: \$60 per child for Welty members, \$75 per child for nonmembers (Limited scholarships available)

Celebrate the official start of summer by spending a whole week outside! We will explore nature, play games, make nature crafts, peek in the pond, go fishing, and just enjoy being outdoors. Participants will need to bring a lunch and water bottle each day. A special family wrap-up event, sponsored by Genencor, will be held Friday evening, June 25. An optional camp out in Beckman Mill Park (additional fee charged) for the whole family will cap off the week Friday night. Sign up early to be one of the 30 campers this week!

Wednesday, June 30; 9-11am

Welty Wednesday –

Scales and Tails

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 5-10 years (4 years and under, with parent)

Cost: \$6 per person for Welty members, \$8 per person for nonmembers (parents free)

Learn about the frogs, toads, turtles and snakes that live in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois as we explore the park this morning. We'll play a few games along the way. We'll peek in the creek for frogs and tadpoles, and sneak through the woods for toads and snakes. Any participant who attends 3 Welty Wednesday sessions will receive a FREE registration to a 4th session! Register by Tuesday, June 29 to participate.

Friday, July 2; 9am-3pm

Friday Fishing Fun

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: \$12 per person for Welty members, \$15 per person for nonmembers

Spend a whole day out at the ol' fishing hole! Children will learn basic fishing techniques, fish identification, and enjoy a whole day by the water. Bring a white or light-colored shirt to decorate, and all participants will need to bring a lunch (refrigeration is available). Water bottles, sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended. All participants will be registered for a fishing prize to be drawn at the final Friday Fishing Fun program on August 6. Register by Thursday, July 1 to be a part of a full day of fishing and fishing-inspired fun!

Wednesday, July 7, 2010; 9-11am

Welty Wednesday – Buzz Buzz

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 5-10 years (4 years and under, with parent)

Cost: \$6 per person for Welty members, \$8 per person for nonmembers (parents free)

Learn all about bees as we explore the park this morning. We'll play a few games along the way. We'll carefully peek in the prairie for bees, and find out why they are so important! Any participant who attends 3 Welty Wednesday sessions will receive a FREE registration to a 4th session! Register by Tuesday, July 6 to participate.

Friday, July 9; 9am-3pm

Nature Guys

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: \$12 per person for Welty members, \$15 per person for nonmembers

This is a day just for the guys to get out and explore! We'll creep through the woods and prairie, play games, make a craft or two, and just enjoy being outside. Old clothes, sunscreen, insect repellent and a water bottle are recommended. All participants will need to bring a lunch. Be ready to get dirty as we explore all of the park we can! Register by Thursday, July 8 to participate.

Donations from participants are always welcome and appreciated.

WELTY NATURE RENDEZVOUS — JUNE 19th

The warm, sunny May has many people thinking summer, and we here at the Welty Environmental Center hope you and your family can help us kick off summer at this year's Welty Nature Rendezvous on Saturday, June 19 from noon to 4pm. The event is free, but donations are accepted. As in years past the event will include local vendors, horse-drawn wagon rides, food, and a children's activity area. We extend a big thank you to

Genencor for generously sponsoring many of the special events of the day. New this year will be a family nature trivia walk starting at 11:30am. Families are encouraged to register in advance to take part in this one mile walk through Beckman Mill County Park. Look for the trivia stations throughout the course. Water bottles will be included in the registration fee of \$5 per person (maximum fee per family is \$15). Call Kelly

Washburn at 608-361-1377 if you are interested in setting aside a few hours during that day to help out. Some volunteer tasks include helping set up or take down the event, helping in the kids' area, or working with concessions. Thank you in advance to all our volunteers, and for everyone who comes out to celebrate the Welty Nature Rendezvous!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Enjoy the outdoors while learning about the natural world! The Welty Center is accepting applications for volunteer Junior Leaders! As a Junior Leader, you will assist in leading programs, help children with specific tasks and become a role model for younger kids. You may select which program you would like to assist with. Once the program is selected, inform Kelly at the the Welty Center. The fee for the program is waived as you will be volunteering!

Volunteer and have fun at the same time! Sign up to help at the Nature Rendezvous June 19th! Many exciting positions are available. Call or e-mail Kelly at the Center to sign up for a position or for more information.

For more information or to register for a volunteer training, contact Kelly at volunteer@weltycenter.org or call 608-361-1377.

THE SCRAP METALS DRIVE

On April 17, 2010 FWEC held its first scrap metals drive, as a fund-raising event, in the main parking lot at Beckman Mill Park.. Stateline Recycling Company, Janesville, Wisconsin provided, at no charge, a huge, 20 ft. long dumpster and hauled away its contents to be recycled. About 30 people brought scrap to donate. It came in cars, pickup trucks or trailers. During the three-hour metals drive a total of 7740 pounds of steel and other metals were collected, filling the dumpster. \$541.80 was raised. Our thanks to everyone who helped with the drive and to all the people who brought scrap to donate. We're thinking of doing this again next year!



MEET SOME NEW WELTY BOARD MEMBERS

Peg Bredeson

Peg has agreed to serve as Internal Secretary on the FWEC Board of Directors. She has been retired for three years after 34 years at the Beloit Public Library; for her last 16 years, she held the position of Library Director.

Land stewardship and conservation is her passion. She has been active in the Prairie Enthusiasts Organization. She enjoys field work managing invasive species. She has experience in bird banding and controlled burns. Peg also enjoys basket weaving and vegetable gardening. She has a son, Garrett who is working toward a doctorate in Philosophy at Vanderbilt University.



Marty Densch

Marty is a pharmacist. He and his wife of 35 years live in Beloit. He is now serving his fourth two year term on the Beloit City Council. A Rotarian for 20 years and a member of the Symphony Guild, he shows his interest and commitment to the community. He organized the City's participation for the America in Bloom contest that Beloit won two years ago.

Marty grew up in Rock County with a father who was an avid outdoorsman and who involved him in camping and fishing. Through those activities, he developed an interest in science and nature. He has admired the work of the Welty Center and is glad to be involved on the board of directors.

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who braved the raw windy and wet day March 13 to celebrate the annual run of Sugar Maple sap at this year's Maple Sugar Festival! Many pancake lunches were served to help fuel a trip to the sugarbush. Thank you to our volunteers -- who made the day a success. Over the course of March 496 third graders from

the School District of Beloit came to Big Hill Park to experience the maple sugaring process first hand. When you add in their teachers and chaperones, the Welty Environmental Center served 614 people! The equipment is all cleaned and put away for another year, and we look forward to next spring when the sap runs again.

CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS!

Do you enjoy nature photography? Have you taken a picture of your child or grandchild enjoying a program at the Welty Environmental Center? Then this contest is for you! The Friends of the Welty Environmental Center is putting together a calendar for 2011 and we need your pictures. More contest details will follow in the next edition of the Warbler, but until then keep your lens focused. Photos can be of flora, fauna, landscapes, weather, and especially people enjoying nature and Welty Environmental Center programs. Any photos including people will require consent that the photo may be used in promotional material for the Welty Environmental Center.

EARTH WEEK UPDATE

- Earth Day has come and gone once more, and the Welty Environmental Center helped mark its 40th anniversary with many events. Our scrap metal drive was a rousing success, netting 7,740 pounds of metal, and earning \$541.80 to support environmental education programming in the region! If you missed it, tuck that metal in a corner for the next drive. Welty is also looking to sponsor a summer or fall electronics drive, so keep an eye out for information.
- Welty's UW-Whitewater intern, Pam Garland, led a well-attended Nature Rocks Family Nature Club program following the metals drive. This was a culmination of her time with us this spring, and all families had a great time. Everyone left with flowers and beans to grow all summer.
- The "Meet Carl and Susan Welty" event on April 22 brought a nice group together to share remembrances of our namesakes. The Beloit College Archives Department was on hand to share its collection as well.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Earth Week celebrations!

2010 WELTY SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR CONTINUED

Wednesday, July 14; 9-11am

Welty Wednesday –

Birds of a Feather

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 5-10 years (4 years and under, with parent)

Cost: \$6 per person for Welty members, \$8 per person for nonmembers (parents free)

Learn about the birds that live in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois as we explore the park this morning. We'll play a few games along the way. We'll look in the trees for nesting birds, and peer over the water for geese, ducks and cranes. Any participant who attends 3 Welty Wednesday sessions will receive a FREE registration to a 4th session! Register by Tuesday, July 13 to participate.

Friday, July 16; 9am-3pm

Friday Fishing Fun

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: \$12 per person for Welty members, \$15 per person for nonmembers

Spend a whole day out at the ole' fishing hole! Children will learn basic fishing techniques, fish identification, and enjoy a whole day by the water. Bring a white or light-colored shirt to decorate, and all participants will need to bring a lunch (refrigeration is available). Water bottles, sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended. All participants will be registered for a fishing prize to be drawn at the final Friday Fishing Fun program on August 6. Register by Thursday, July 15 to be a part of a full day of fishing and fishing-inspired fun!

Wednesday, July 21; 9am-11am

Welty Wednesday –

Creepy Crawlies

at the Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 5-10 years (4 years and under, with parent)

Cost: \$6 per person for Welty members, \$8 per person for nonmembers (parents free)

Learn about insects and their relatives as we explore the park this morning. We'll play a few games along the way. We'll look up in the sky, under logs, and even in the water for bugs and their cousins of all sorts. Any participant who attends 3 Welty Wednesday sessions will receive a FREE registration to a 4th session! Register by Tuesday, July 20 to participate.

Friday, July 23; 9am-3pm

Nature Girls

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: \$12 per person for Welty members, \$15 per person for nonmembers

This is a day just for the girls to get out and explore! We'll creep through the woods and prairie, play games, make a craft or two, and just enjoy being outside. Old clothes, sunscreen, insect repellent and a water bottle are recommended. All participants will need to bring a lunch. Be ready to get dirty as we explore all of the park we can! Register by Thursday, July 22 to participate.

Monday, July 26; 8:30pm

Full Moon Hike

Beckman Mill County Park

All ages welcome, and children need to be accompanied by an adult

Cost: \$3 per person for Welty members, \$5 per person for nonmembers

Join staff from the Welty Environmental Center as we explore the world after dark on a full moon in Beckman Mill County Park. We'll meet at the main parking lot, then journey through the park. Insect repellent is recommended. You may bring a flashlight, but we will use the light of the full moon to light our path as much as we can. This evening should bring frog calls, fireflies, and viewing of the summer constellations. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

Wednesday, July 28; 9am-11am

Welty Wednesday –

Water Wonders

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 5-10 years (4 years and under, with parent)

Cost: \$6 per person for Welty members, \$8 per person for nonmembers (parents free)

Join us for the final Welty Wednesday of the summer! This world is mostly water, so we'll explore the Raccoon Creek for life on this summer day. We'll play a few games along the way. We'll use pond viewers and nets to see who's swimming along. Any participant who attends 3 Welty Wednesday sessions will receive a FREE registration to a 4th session! Register by Tuesday, July 27 to participate.

2010 WELTY SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR CONTINUED

Thursday, July 29; 5:30-7pm

Evening Exploration at Magnolia

Bluff County Park

Ages: Families and adults

Cost: Donation to the Welty Environmental Center

Enjoy an evening walking the trails at Magnolia Bluff County Park in western Rock County. Bring your binoculars and field guides as we explore this unique park. The group will meet in the main parking lot before heading out on the trails. Each month we will find a new natural area in the stateline region to explore. Registration is encouraged, but not required. Call the Welty Environmental Center at 608-361-1377 for directions.

Friday, July 30; 9am-3pm

Friday Fishing Fun

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: \$12 per person for Welty members, \$15 per person for nonmembers

Spend a whole day out at the ole' fishing hole! Children will learn basic fishing techniques, fish identification, and enjoy a whole day by the water. Bring a white or light-colored shirt to decorate, and all participants will need to bring a lunch (refrigeration is available). Water bottles, sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended. All participants will be registered for a fishing prize to be drawn at the final Friday Fishing Fun program on August 6. Register by Thursday, July 29 to be a part of a full day of fishing and fishing-inspired fun!

Wednesday, August 4; 9am-3pm

Little House on the Prairie Day

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: \$12 per person for Welty members, \$15 per person for nonmembers

Did you ever want to travel back in time and live like a pioneer? Well, here's your chance! We'll celebrate the historic heritage of Beckman Mill County Park with a day of outdoor cooking, old-time crafts, and games your great-great-great grandparents used to play. Participants are encouraged to dress in pioneer clothes. All in attendance need to bring a lunch, and sunscreen, insect repellent, and a water bottle are recommended. Register by Monday, August 2 to be a part of the past for a day!

Friday, August 6; 9am-3pm

Friday Fishing Fun

Welty Environmental Center

Ages: 6-12 years

Cost: \$12/person for Welty members, \$15/person for nonmembers

Spend a whole day out at the ole' fishing hole! Children will learn basic fishing techniques, fish identification, and enjoy a whole day by the water. Bring a white or light-colored shirt to decorate, and all participants will need to bring a lunch (refrigeration is available). Water bottles, sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended. The fishing prize that participants have been waiting for all summer will be drawn at the end of the day!! Register by Thursday, August 5 to be a part of a full day of fishing and fishing-inspired fun!

August 9-13; 9am-3pm daily

Outdoor Survivor Day Camp

Welty Environmental Center

Ages 6-12 years old

Cost: \$60/child for Welty members, \$75/child for nonmembers (Limited scholarships available)

Summer is almost over, so get outside and enjoy it!! Have you ever thought you could live off the land? Try your hand this week at all kinds of outdoor skills, like orienteering, tracking, fishing, and campfire cooking. Participants will need to bring a lunch and water bottle each day. A special wrap-up event, sponsored by Genencor, will be held Friday evening, August 13. An optional camp out in Beckman Mill Park (additional fee charged) for the whole family will cap off the week Friday night. Sign up early to be one of the 30 campers this week!

Thursday, August 26; 5:30-7pm

Evening Exploration at Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail

Ages: Families and adults

Cost: Donation to the Welty Environmental Center

Enjoy an evening walking or biking the Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail near Clinton, WI. Bring your binoculars to scout late summer bird activity as we walk or bike this converted railroad bed. The group will meet in the main parking lot before heading out on the trail. Each month we will find a new natural area in the stateline region to explore. Registration is encouraged, but not required. Call the Welty Environmental Center at 608-361-1377 for directions.

THE GRANDFATHER CLOCK THAT CARL BUILT BY DICK NEWSOME

It stands 7 foot 3 inches tall and the inside of the door is inscribed “Susan Welty Christmas 1954” The luster and color of its fine finish are undiminished. This is the grandfather clock that Carl Welty made. It now is in the keeping of the Friends group to grace a room in our future, permanent center building.

The clock came to our attention when Joel Welty, Carl’s nephew, emailed to say that he and Elinore would like to donate the clock to the Welty Center. The clock came to them after Carl’s death, as Susan was moving into an apartment ; leaving their home on Spring Brook, of which many of our readers will have fond memories. Shirley and I visited Joel and Elinore at their home in Blanchard, Michigan to discover that the clock was much too large to fit into our car. We made arrangements with Shirley’s brother to bring the clock to Beloit on their next visit.

With the clock came papers which Susan had annotated, giving details about the making of the clock. Two papers are sales slips from Robert Notman, Antique and Curio Dealer, Edinburgh, Scotland. One sheet noting the purchase by Prof. Carl Welty of “clock movement 1825” for 3.0.0 pounds. The second sheet lists purchase of “grandfather clock works” for 3.0.0 pounds. Did Carl pay 6.0.0 pounds, or is one sheet a duplicate receipt with different wording?

Susan wrote on one of the sheets that “Clock face, when we bought it, had 4 hoop skirted ladies , one in each corner outside the numerals. They were crudely painted so Carl repainted the face. There appeared

to be the name “Simpson” very faintly visible on the face. Joel Peters *, in Carl Welty – His life and The Life of Birds , page 31, writes that on a trip to Edinburgh “They bought a last souvenir from an antique shop on the Royal Mile; a hundred-year-old grandfather’s clock face and works, and had it shipped to Beloit.”

Also among the papers are drawings of cabinets for grandfather clocks which Carl drew. One sheet is a very detailed drawing with measurements of ‘Catherine’s clock La Cross Nov 24. 1953.’ This would be Catherine Crail, Susan’s sister . Two other sheets are drawings by Carl that illustrate a few models for clock cabinets which Carl considered for housing the works from Edinburgh, and one of the model he made.

He was an accomplished craftsman and made several pieces of fine furniture for their home. These are disbursed, except for the clock , now returned to be placed in the Welty Environmental Center. Joel and Elinore also donated a large charcoal sketch of Carl. These, along with recollections and writings by several people, will help us pass along to future board members, staff and visitors a sense of why the Center honors Carl and Susan by having it bear their name.

** Joel Peters is Susan’s nom de plume.*



WOULD YOU LIKE WELTY EMAIL UPDATES?

The Warbler is published four times each year to communicate with Welty members and Friends. In this day and age we also find that many appreciate electronic communication via e-mail. Please make sure that we have your e-mail address if you would like Welty news and updates between newsletter mailings. Send us your e-mail address at: info@weltycenter.org and put “add us to your e-mail list” in the subject line.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide leadership in environmental and ecological education to students, teachers and individuals of all ages so that the residents of this region can make informed decisions leading to respect for and the enjoyment, preservation, and sustainable use of our natural resources.

Membership Dues for Calendar Yr 2010

- Student/Child (\$10)
- Individual (\$15)
- Family (\$25)
- Organizational (\$100)
- Lifetime (\$1000)

Contributions	
Level	Amount
Swallow	\$25
Killdeer	\$50
Goldfinch	\$75
Cardinal	\$100
Bluebird	\$150
Crane	\$250
Great Blue Heron	\$500+

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