

## Save the Date!

We are excited to announce our 2016 work day volunteer opportunities! We are extending the work days from one or **two** days (Saturday and Sunday); transportation will be provided on the US Fish & Wildlife Service boat (from Washington Island) with our own captain (aka Ranger, Dusty), unless otherwise noted! Due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances, work day itineraries may change prior to the work day — watch our website and Facebook page for updates and contact the volunteer coordinator assigned to the event with any questions.



### May 14 & 15: First Work Days of the 2016 Season

Help us get Plum Island ready for visitors! You'll get a chance to experience the beauty of Plum Island and Death's Door while patrolling the shoreline for litter, grooming the walking trails and checking the buildings for weather damage.

The FOPPI Women in Preservation will be placing the Aldo Leopold benches that were made last season, spiffing up the boathouse and taking an inventory of our equipment and supplies. We'll begin this season's citizen science wildflower and wildlife count and survey the wetland area for a future project.

Contact Mary Beth Volmer ([mvolmer01@aol.com](mailto:mvolmer01@aol.com)) to reserve your spot.



### June 4 & 5: Nature Naturally

Spend a day (or two) listening to the birdsong and feeling the cool lake breeze at your back on Plum Island. Projects include light trail maintenance, beach patrol, and various other activities to prepare the island for the following weekend's Door County Lighthouse Festival visitors. You'll also contribute to the citizen screen projects by observing the wildflower and wildlife population present on the island.

The FOPPI Women in Preservation will be building boot brushes to keep invasive seeds from hitchhiking on visitors' shoes.

Contact volunteer coordinators: Tim Sweet ([tjsweet@charter.net](mailto:tjsweet@charter.net)) or Paul Schumacher ([spaulsdoor@aol.com](mailto:spaulsdoor@aol.com)) to reserve your spot.



### June 11 & 12: Lighthouse Festival Stop on Plum

Share your Plum passion with others while serving as docents on Plum Island for the 23rd Lighthouse Festival. Greet visitors from across the country and share the heroic rescue stories of those that served on Plum and Pilot Islands. Docent material will be provided.

Four docents are needed each day.

Contact Tim Sweet ([tjsweet@charter.net](mailto:tjsweet@charter.net)) if you are able to assist on either (or both) of these days. Volunteer transportation provided by Shoreline Charters.



### June 25 & 26: Plum Perfect

Join the FOPPI Women in Preservation (WIP) program build Aldo Leopold benches and place them around the island. Mentors will be on hand to assist with the assembly ... no experience necessary!

WIP will also work in the pollinator gardens and make preparations for the July work day event.

Volunteers are also needed for building, beach and trail patrol, grounds maintenance and citizen science observations.

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### July 9 & 10: WIP Rustic Campout

All are invited to camp with the FOPPI Women in Preservation on Plum Island! We will cook our meals over a fire, enjoy the phenomenal Death's Door sunset, observe the island's night life (owls, bats, moths) and rise early in the morning for a birdwatch with avid birders, Janet & Steve Wissink. We'll be learning about the history of the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Plum, Pilot, Hog, Spider, St. Martins and Rocky Islands) in our spare time.

You'll also get a chance to get that *dirt under your fingernails* by assisting with trail and grounds maintenance, beach patrol and citizen science observations.

Contact volunteer coordinator, Amy Lesnjak ([lesnjak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lesnjak@sbcglobal.net)) to reserve your spot.



### July 23 FOPPI Annual Member Picnic

This is our gift to YOU — we provide a picnic lunch in the birch grove as our thank you for supporting us with your gifts of time, treasure and talent.

Not a member yet? Membership information is available on our website: ([www.plumandpilot.org](http://www.plumandpilot.org)).

Contact volunteer coordinator, Tim Sweet ([tjsweet@charter.net](mailto:tjsweet@charter.net)) to reserve your spot on the boat. Transportation provided by Shoreline Charters.



### August 6 & 7: Paddle around Plum

Follow WIP Mentor, Jonathan Ringdahl, on a canoe / kayak trip along the Plum Island shoreline. View the gorgeous Niagara Escarpment cliffs, the various island eco-systems, the Grape Shot and perhaps pieces of the Resumption shipwreck. Volunteers can have their boats transported across from Washington Island on the USFWS boat; others may paddle over. Later, grab your snorkel and flippers and dive on the Grape Shot to view the work the WI Historical Underwater Archeologists completed last season.

Volunteers will assist with grounds maintenance, citizen science observations, beach and trail patrol.

Contact volunteer coordinator, Mary Beth Volmer ([mvolmer01@aol.com](mailto:mvolmer01@aol.com)) to reserve your spot.



### August 20 & 21: Explore Plum Island

Welcome visitors to Plum Island and show them what makes this island, and the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge, so important to preserve and restore. Other volunteer activities include grounds maintenance, citizen science observations, beach and trail patrol. Last year two of our volunteers found a NOTE in a BOTTLE; maybe you'll be the next lucky explorer!

Contact volunteer coordinator, Scott Nelson ([ScottNe@greenbaywi.gov](mailto:ScottNe@greenbaywi.gov)) to reserve your spot.

### September 10 & 11: Batten down the hatches!

Help get Plum Island closed up for the winter; service vehicles and assure that the buildings are secured. Other volunteer activities include grounds maintenance, citizen science observations, beach and trail patrol.

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