



Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center

200 Monroe St., Prescott, WI 54021 (715) 262-0104

www.Freedomparkwi.org

May 2011 Program Schedule



Sunday, May 1, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Earth Day Extravaganza!

Fun for the entire family, kids and adults alike!! **Dixieland music by the River Town Minstrels!**

The **Bell Museum of Natural History** from the U of MN will be on hand with lots of bones and furs to touch and see! **3M and SETAC**, participating in Earth Day across the country, will be on hand for an interactive display, focused for children, on how to clean oil from water. Learn about **rain water** and how we can help prevent flooding.

Help Prescott qualify to become a **Bird City!** Make a suet feeder; **learn to recognize bird calls** and how to ID birds by shape and markings. Find out what you need to bring birds to your backyards. Where do our summer birds spend their winters? Make seed balls to help our prairie restoration project and learn from the **Prairie Enthusiasts** how our Wisconsin flowers and grasses are needed by birds and other animals! Free cookies while they last! Don't miss this fabulous, wonderful celebration of our earth's health! Free family event! Check out the **newly installed brick pavers** in the butterfly garden and please consider helping us complete this worthwhile project. <http://www.freedomparkwi.org/Resources/BrickOrderForm2011.pdf>

Come inside and check out our **gift shop** with lots of new items for all ages- we have items which make great gift items too!

Wednesday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. Senior Gathering Council

Come and join the discussion of the creation of a Community Center for Prescott as well as options for senior housing. The Senior Gathering Council is open to all seniors and all are cordially invited. For questions, please contact Genny Taevs at 715-262-8323.

Sunday May 15, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Senior Potluck Luncheon

Come and share in the fellowship of a delicious potluck luncheon. Stay for the public program, "All the Roads to Joy: Memories along the Mississippi".



Sunday, May 15, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. "All the Roads to Joy: Memories along the Mississippi" led by Wang Ping, Creative Writing Professor Macalester College.

Join us for a fabulous poetry workshop as we create poems, stories and memories to be used in the international River Flag exchange project. Please bring your favorite memories, photos, and stories to the Center and we'll have a celebration of your life and the river's life with laughter and memory. What you create may be included in the "Kinship of Rivers" project, and may be brought to

the Yangtze River in China and hung along the bank as river gifts from the Mississippi. (<http://www.kinshipofrivers.org/>)



Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. – noon. Great River Road Learning Center Plant Sale.

Join us for our second Plant Sale, held in the picnic shelter at the Great River Road Learning Center in Freedom Park. All proceeds will benefit the gardens and plant restoration projects that will be enjoyed by park visitors. Remaining plants will be sold during the Memorial Day Chicken Feed at the park. **DO YOU HAVE PLANTS?** Help raise money for our beautiful Freedom

Park by donating potted plants, to be delivered to park by 5 p.m. Friday, May 20. Garden volunteers CAN HELP pot your plants. Please call for more information. Plant sale contact person: Kathy Oss, 715-262-5739. We welcome •Perennial plants for shade and sun• Prairie, native plants & grasses •Vegetable, herbs & annuals •Garden Art & Objects •Tools & equipment in good condition.

Sunday May 22, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Artists Reception: ‘On the Road’ featuring the River Falls Town and Country Artists.



Come and enjoy the reception featuring the works of a group of talented River Falls area artists including **Doug Johnson** (potter), **Cheryl Maplethorpe** (painting, sculpture, fiber art, beadwork), **Ingrid Bjerstedt Rogers** (potter), **Jill Berke** (pastels, dried flowers, textiles), **Dianne Ginsberg** (oils, photography), **Dorothy Webster** (watercolor) and **Anne Kerfoot** (watercolor, pressed flowers). The artists will be on hand to answer questions and talk about their inspiration.

A portion of the sales of art work supports our programs. Come and meet artist **Dianne Ginsberg** who operates her Art Attack Studio for visual art instruction in downtown River Falls. She offers classes for youth and adults year round. **Dorothy Webster's** watercolors reflect a love of the natural beauty of the woods and prairies she knew in her youth as a Wisconsin farm girl. Her work has been displayed at the Rio Fest in Texas, The Phipps Gallery in Hudson, and many other venues.

Anne Kerfoot has been painting in water color over 20 years with several groups and has enjoyed traveling with sketchbook and watercolors--Spain, Mexico, Montana, Colorado, and up and down the Mississippi and St Croix. She has several awards from the Saint Paul Watercolor Society, has owned a gallery in Maiden Rock, and shown her work at the Hudson Hospital, the **Bell Museum of Natural History** on the U of M campus, Art on a Line (MN State Fairgrounds), GLOBAL MADE in River Falls and also at The Great River Road Learning Center.

For more that 40 years **Doug Johnson** has produced a variety of ceramic vessels fired by various methods (primitive, Raku, Salt/stoneware). These vessels are usually thrown on the potter's wheel, then altered or manipulated; their primary concern is creative expression, not commercial success. Doug has a MFA from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and is Professor Emeritus, Art Department, UWRF 1965 - 1997. He has shown his work at the International Design Center, the WI Designer/Craftsmans show and many others.

Monday, May 30. 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Memorial Day Celebration

Freedom Park is an ideal place to watch the Honor Guard and Prescott High School Marching Band pass by on their way to the Veteran's memorial service at 10 a.m. Stay for the 11:00 a.m. Chicken Feed sponsored by the Prescott Chamber of Commerce. This weekend marks the 5th Anniversary of the opening of the Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center. Be sure to enjoy our anniversary refreshments. **Come and see our newly installed brick pavers and consider helping us complete this great project.**