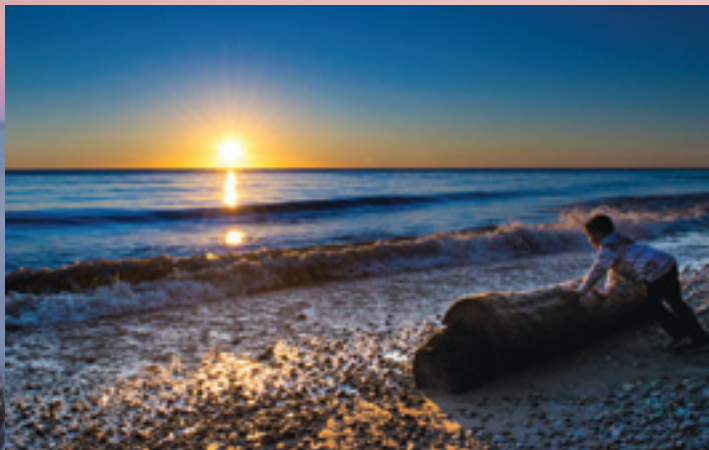


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WISCONSIN'S GREAT WATERS!

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF GREAT WATERS

ASSESSING THE INVESTMENT: THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE

With this calendar we aim to show the human side of our Great Waters—all the ways people connect with and value our waters.

A new report from the Great Lakes Commission documents tangible economic values as well.

With nearly one-third of U.S. and Canadian economic activity centered around the Great Lakes and 95% of our nation's fresh surface water, the Great Lakes are a natural treasure and a vital economic asset. Restoring, protecting and wisely managing them is an enduring priority for our nation.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative was launched in 2010 to restore and protect the lakes. Congress appropriated significant funding for projects that have dramatically improved environmental conditions around the region. These accomplishments have resulted from the unparalleled partnerships between the U.S. federal government, states, cities and towns, tribes, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that the GLRI set in motion. And now a comprehensive economics study led by the Great Lakes Commission shows that GLRI also provides long-term economic benefits.

The study found that every \$1.00 spent under the GLRI program:

- Will generate at least \$3.35 of additional economic activity over the next two decades;
- Will generate \$1.62 in additional economic activity in tourism related industries through 2036;
- Produces quality of life improvements worth \$1.08 to residents in coastal communities;
- Creates and supports thousands of jobs—about the same number of jobs per dollar of investment that would be created by a conventional federal stimulus program designed to boost job growth.

To learn more about this study and to see examples of how GLRI investments are providing tangible benefits in many Great Lakes coastal communities, visit the Great Lakes Commission website: <https://www.glc.org/work/blue-economy/GLRI-economic-impact>

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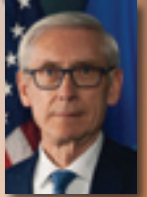
The Office of Great Waters is pleased to present our eleventh annual calendar. We hope this calendar will be a daily reminder of how magnificent Wisconsin's Great Waters are and why we need to protect them. The calendar is a collection of photos from our 2019 photo contest, creative writings submitted by Wisconsin authors, and descriptions of stewardship projects. As these photos and writings clearly show, the Great Lakes and Mississippi River are among Wisconsin's most scenic and beloved natural resources.

Thank you to all 2019 photographers and authors for sharing your talent with us!

Visit the Office of Great Waters website to see more photos and writing submissions dnr.wi.gov (Search: *Photo and Writing Submissions*).

The Mississippi River, Lake Superior and Lake Michigan—these vast and beautiful waters are part of Wisconsin's heritage and economic strength. Wisconsin is working together with local communities, tribes, nongovernmental organizations, businesses and industries to restore and protect these vital resources. These actions are improving Wisconsin's economy, environment and quality of life. I applaud all the dedicated stewards who are working throughout Wisconsin to improve and restore these amazing resources.

- Governor Tony Evers



The Great Lakes and Mississippi River are vital to our communities, industries, tourism, and our way of life. Throughout Wisconsin, people are working together to protect these important resources by cleaning up pollution, restoring habitat, monitoring fish and wildlife, and improving water quality for today and for generations to come. This work is essential to maintaining our economy and quality of life. I deeply appreciate all the hard work of the good stewards who take care of our Great Lakes and mighty Mississippi River.

- Preston Cole, DNR Secretary



WISCONSIN'S GREAT WATERS 2020 PHOTO CONTEST

The DNR's Office of Great Waters invites you to submit your best photos of the mighty Mississippi, Lake Michigan or Lake Superior for our 2020 photo contest. We're looking for beautiful shorelines and river fronts, people enjoying the water, cultural and historical aspects of these waters, and people involved in stewardship activities. *Photos of all seasons are needed!*

Winning photos will be used in the 2020-2021 Wisconsin's Great Waters calendar and in other DNR publications, presentations, websites and displays. Photo submission deadline is February 1, 2020.

Entry Categories:

- 1. People enjoying Wisconsin's Great Waters – Great Lakes and Mississippi River.** Images of people fishing, boating, playing on the beach, etc.
- 2. Natural features and wildlife.** Great Lakes and Mississippi River waters and shorelines, fish, birds and other wildlife.
- 3. Historical and cultural features.** Lighthouses, harbor towns and river towns, shipping, festivals, etc.
- 4. Great Waters Stewardship.** Show us how you, your agency/organization, or a local group is protecting or restoring the shore, backwaters, wetlands or beaches of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior or the Mississippi River. Send us a photo of your work and a brief (approximately 180 words) description of the partners involved, funding and accomplishments.

Rules and instructions:

1. The contest is open to everyone. Photos must be submitted electronically.
2. Attach each photo (jpeg format) to a separate email. In each email, please include the photo title, where in Wisconsin the photo was taken, the entry category, your name, email address, mailing address and phone number. Email to: DNRGreatWatersPhotoContest@wisconsin.gov

3. Photos must be high resolution (maximum file size 15 MB), horizontal in orientation, and taken in Wisconsin, with some exceptions for border areas. Photo editing is OK!
4. The Wisconsin DNR reserves the right to use an electronic or print copy of any image entered in the contest for non-commercial educational or promotional use with credit to the photographer. For example, photos may be used for DNR displays, slide shows, videos, publications and website.

Judging:

Photos will be judged by a panel of Wisconsin DNR staff. Criteria for judging will include creativity, visual and technical merit, and composition.

Awards:

Winning photographs will be included in the 2020-2021 Wisconsin's Great Waters calendar and featured on the DNR website. Winning photographers will be contacted by mail or email and will receive the calendar by mail.

Email photos and entry information to:

DNRGreatWatersPhotoContest@wisconsin.gov

WISCONSIN'S GREAT WATERS 2020 WRITING PROJECT

Is your talent writing? Send us your original Great Waters short essays, stories, poems, or songs. Help get the word out about how great Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River are. Submissions should be approximately 180 words. Share your favorite writings with us and you may find your words in our calendar, website, publications and displays! All authors will be credited. Deadline is February 1, 2020.

E-mail writings and entry information to: DNRGreatWatersWritingProject@Wisconsin.gov

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ABOVE: "Soaking up the Sun"
 By **EMILY BLOOMFIELD**
 The Ridges Sanctuary
 Baileys Harbor, WI

September 2019

Samuel Myers Park Restoration
 By **JULIE KINZELMAN**
 Racine Health Dept.

Few urban coastal wetlands remain in Wisconsin. Wetlands provide many benefits, such as: providing important habitat, removing pollutants, and storing flood waters. From 2015 – 2017, the City of Racine undertook a large scale project to restore existing coastal wetlands at Samuel Myers Park, as well as to increase stormwater capture and infiltration. Wetlands and rain gardens were built to capture, store, and filter stormwater runoff prior to its reaching Lake Michigan. Habitat enhancements, including butterfly gardens, a dry prairie, and sand dunes host numerous varieties of native plants, shrubs and trees, making the park an attractive stopover for migrating birds and insects.

The City of Racine earned a "5 Blooms Bronze Award" from the 2016 International Communities in Bloom Committee for their shoreline rehabilitation efforts at Samuel Myers Park, and the Park also achieved "Monarch Waystation Certification" from Monarch Watch in 2017.

A visit to the park and walk along the Lake Michigan Pathway or Oakes Trail will provide visitors with an ever changing coastal landscape, replete with stunning views of Lake Michigan, punctuated by explosions of color from the flowering varieties of native vegetation unique to each of the habitat zones (upland butterfly gardens, the rain garden, prairie, sand dunes and wetlands). Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding, provided by the U.S. Forest Service, is allowing naturalization of the site to continue, increasing the tree canopy and native vegetation with assistance from the Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps and AmeriCorps NCCC.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 ☾ First Quarter Moon	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 ○ Full Moon	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 ☾ Last Quarter Moon
22	23 Autumn Begins	24	25	26	27	28 ● New Moon
29 Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown	30	 Photo by JULIE KINZELMAN	 Photo by JULIE KINZELMAN	 Photo by HOWARD VRANKIN		



ABOVE: "Invisible Energy"
 By **MARK STRAUB**
 Milwaukee, WI

October 2019

A Parliamentary Debate by **DAN BUCKLER**

It was at the annual Parliament of Fish that Benny the Brook Trout finally earned his fins.

The gathering of robed and wigged representatives of the fish world was often a sleepy affair (lacustrine policy not lending itself to great drama). Even in years of debate, the Parliament acted defensively, passing laws retreating from those places too dirty or warm or dangerous for fishkind. But this year was different; excitement was in the water.

There in the hold of an ancient shipwreck, Benny spoke.

"Yesterday I swam to where the white-water rumbles, but it rumbled no more. I moved on to find rocks beneath willows, and feasted on caddisflies in the cool shade."

"The way is open and clean and fertile. Let us build our new nursery there."

An incredulous murmur grew in the crowd of parliamentarians and public. But Her Excellency Rowena, a sturgeon of many years, and carrier of many votes, lifted her voice.

"Long have my barbels grown in the open waters of this lake. But I too feel it time to return inland, where our grandmothers once roamed."



Photo by **JOSEPH EICHERS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Photo by MARK STRAUB	1	2	3	4	5	☾ First Quarter Moon
6	7	8 Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown	9	10	11	12
13 ☽ Full Moon	14	15	16	17	18 Clean Water Act Signed in 1972	19
20	21 ☾ Last Quarter Moon	22	23	24	25	26
27 ☽ New Moon	28	29	30	31 Halloween	 Photo by DALE KAUFARIC	 Photo by JOSEPH EICHERS



ABOVE: "Starting the Day"
 By **ART EICHMANN**
 Sturgeon Bay, WI

November 2019

Bay Rat
 By **BRUCE DEADMAN**

After 60 summers and going on five years full-time on Green Bay, I'm a Bay rat, plain and simple.

My parents got the old place before they owned a house. The rules were simple:

- On land, be able to hear the cow bell and get home within 15 minutes.
- On water, when I could drag the Lone Star into the Bay, I could row anywhere within sight of the house. When I was strong enough to muscle the Sea Horse onto the stern, my range expanded from Camp Wabansi to Chaudoir's.

Dad and I ran the dog, shot .22's, and clobbered perch. Mom skinned them all.

They sold the place when I was 14, and I didn't speak to them for a month.

But that fall they bought the "new" place in beautiful downtown Dyckesville. An idyllic place to be a teen: skiing, sailing, cruising the beach, bonfires and July 4 fireworks. Watching the Bay change from sleepy to raging in minutes. I loved it all. I still do, which is why I work hard to preserve it for my grandkids and yours.

I'm a Bay rat.



Photo by **ANGELA BOTNER**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Photo by JOSEPH EICHERS	 Photo by JOSEPH EICHERS	 Photo by RAW HIREKATOR	1	2		
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 First Quarter Moon	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10 Edmund Fitzgerald Sinks in Lake Superior in 1975	11 Veteran's Day	12 Full Moon	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Last Quarter Moon	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 New Moon	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30



ABOVE: "Exquisite Bois Brule River"

By **ANGELA BOTNER**

The Brule River originates in Solon Springs and flows north into Lake Superior.

Rivertown Babies

By **SARAH (AUE) PALODICHUK**

After growing up in farm country, I assumed my kids would have similar experiences when we settled down in Prescott. Truth is, they are Rivertown Babies.

As a toddler, my daughter excitedly identified the St. Croix from her window and the M-I-S-S-I-S-S-I-P-P-I out mine as we crossed the bridge. Now she is the teacher, throwing in that big, beautiful word "confluence" as she tells her brother about the meeting of the rivers.

Did I mention it was a lift bridge? Like clockwork, the ice goes out, barges start appearing, the marina opens... and the lift bridge syncs with our schedule. "Mama, are we going to be late?" asks a tiny voice as the stoplight flashes yellow.

There is great joy, though, in the sight and sound of the choo choo rumbling across its own span, traveling carefully along the mighty river. We listen with windows down, car carefully angled to optimize the view from all seats.

Boaters enjoy holidays, bikers love the Flood Run, and visitors shop and eat downtown; but little ones look out the sunroof for eagles, know their beaches have currents, and can't get enough of Freedom Park. They are Rivertown Babies.



Photo by **RAVI HIREKATUR**

December 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 ☾ First Quarter Moon	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day
8 Great Lakes Compact Enacted in 2008	9	10	11 ○ Full Moon	12 Wisconsin Great Lakes Strategy Released in 2005	13	14
15	16	17	18 ☾ Last Quarter Moon	19	20	21 Winter Begins
22 Hanukkah Begins at Sundown	23	24	25 Christmas Day ● New Moon	26 Kwanzaa	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	 Photo by PHILIP SCHWANZ	 Photo by KATHLEEN WOLLEAT	 Photo by WENDI HUFFMAN	



"Super Cold Morning"
 By **JOSEPH EICHERS**
 Port Washington, WI

Pipe Dreams
 By **MEGAN MADER**

The West stands like Tantalus –
 Endlessly taunted by the sapphire
 seas of the cool, blue North.
 Desert tensions send tendrils of thirst
 to The Lakes,
 Sucking at them like leeches
 Until a hydra's head of pipelines
 bursts from the depths,
 Sprawling across the continent
 Like an Amazonian parasite brought
 forth by Waukesha precedent –
 Not even the Greatest of Lakes could
 quench the infernal thirst.
 Thirst driven by politics and
 economics they say.
 Follow the lines of supply and
 demand until they intersect.
 Then watch as they run off the page
 and appear on the map –
 Life-giving pipe veins to make the
 desert bloom,
 And let the City of Angels fly,
 Straws that drain the Greats of
 their blue
 Until they are blue no more.
 Courtroom wars and barricaded
 shores
 Could not defend our Mother
 Superior.
 Nor Michigan.
 Nor Huron.
 Nor Ontario.
 Nor Erie.
 And eerie it is – the imminent
 depletion of our H-O-M-E-S.



Photo by **LAWRENCE JOHNSON**

January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Photo by PHILIP SCHWARZ	 Photo by KEVIN O'DONNELL		1 New Year's Day	2 First Quarter Moon	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Full Moon	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Last Quarter Moon	18
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21	22	23	24 New Moon	25 Chinese New Year Year of the Rat
26	27	28	29	30	31	 Photo by ART EICHMANN
Remember to submit your best Great Waters photos and writings! See information on the first pages of this calendar. Deadline is February 1, 2020.						



ABOVE: "Arch of the Apostles"

By **MICHAEL DEWITT**

Stockton Island, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Lake Superior
1st place – Natural Features & Wildlife

I took this image in February 2018. As Lake Superior began to freeze that winter, the conditions were perfect to create one of the most amazing natural phenomena I've ever witnessed in the Apostles. Big north-east seas, pounding at the exact angle necessary, blew ice into this small cove on Stockton Island and piled it 15-20 feet high. And there it froze into a petrified wall. Before The Lake could freeze over, the same wind blew waves into this cove again, hollowing out the massive ice wall into an incredible arch, some 12 feet high.

Geologically Speaking

By **PATRICIA WILLIAMS**

Liquefied rock erupted – sizzled red with mind-boggling heat – became an enveloping mantle.

Languidly, the overlay sank, – created the Great Lakes basin – while ice sculpting in endless ages caused a prehistoric rise.

The glacial sheet retreated, ever altered the ecosystem – a driving outflow covered hollows, nurtured rivers, whittled valleys.

Ongoing uplift and volatile climate – eternities of fire and ice – indicate the Lakes remain unfinished,

unknown changes..... still to come.



Photo by **HOLLY HUNG**

February 2020

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THURSDAY

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☾ First Quarter Moon

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Groundhog Day

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☉ Full Moon

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Valentine's Day

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☾ Last Quarter Moon

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Presidents' Day

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☉ New Moon

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ABOVE: "Capture the Moment"
 By **KRISTINE HINRICHS**
 Milwaukee Pier Head Lighthouse
 1st place – People Enjoying Great Waters

March 2020

Hearing Paradise

By **TRACEY LUDVIK**

Listening, I hear the lake swell beyond
 my bedroom window.
 I want to be surrounded by the sound of
 Lake Michigan spray.
 Constant hum of lapping waves,
 soothing me, rocking me,
 into each day and through
 each night.
 Half asleep, half awake, dreaming
 both worlds.
 Squeals of seagulls pique my ears
 awake.
 The sun's rays hum through the sand—
 lull me back to space
 until the vigorous evening breeze
 rustles the trees and flutters the
 curtains breathing through my place
 on the beach.

Work in Progress

By **TRACEY LUDVIK**

Young oak shakes off last summer's
 spent leaves to blow in autumn's
 cool breeze.
 Braces for a white coat, bends to the
 force of January's storm, but does
 not break.
 Bathed in May rain, sprouting neon
 buds along sturdier limbs.
 Young oak prays to luminaries
 takes on heavier loads, pushes
 roots deep into loam, and what
 remains of last year's harvest.



Photo by **MARTHA TROWE**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 ☾ First Quarter Moon	3	4	5	6	7
8 ☀ Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 ☉ Full Moon	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 ☾ Last Quarter Moon	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Spring Begins	20	21
22	23	24 ☉ New Moon	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Photo by **LAWRENCE JOHNSON**

Photo by **LORRI HOWISKI**



ABOVE: "Rocky Shores"
 By **EMIL TONEY**
 Cave Point County Park, near Sturgeon Bay, WI
 2nd place (tie) – Natural Features & Wildlife

Off the Tip of Door County
 By **THOM SINGLETON**

Porte Des Mertes.
 A door of legend.
 A door of danger.
 A door of death.
 The last paddle for warring tribesmen.
 The last passage for doomed sailors.
 The watery grave for many a man.
 An irresistible challenge for me and
 my friend.
 A gauntlet thrown down to the wind
 and the waves.
 A crossing in a two-man kayak.

And sure enough, in the middle of
 the strait,
 Big waves, piled-up by the
 freshening wind,
 Broke over our foredeck,
 The rollers large, but, mercifully, regular.
 Reached Plum Island, and took a
 breather,
 But not for long, as angry gray
 clouds neared.
 Returned to the mainland as the
 day darkened,
 But before the gale hit,
 Before the Door of Death opened wide
 yet again.



Photo by **TOMMY NIGBOR**

April 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 ☾ First Quarter Moon	2	3	4
5	6	7 ○ Full Moon	8 Passover Begins at Sundown	9	10	11
12 Easter	13	14 ☾ Last Quarter Moon	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day ● New Moon	23	24 Arbor Day	25
26	27	28	29	30 ☾ First Quarter Moon		

Photo by **ROBERT MALINOWSKI**

Photo by **QUINN HOACKER**



ABOVE: "Apostle Dreams"
 By **MICHAEL DEWITT**
 On Hermit Island, looking to Oak Island
 Apostle Islands National Lakeshore
 2nd place (tie) – Natural Features & Wildlife

Island Of Old Children
 By **ELLA SHIVELY**

Moningwanakauning is a nursery. The stones here on this island are born from the hard labor of water and Earth, a millennia of crushing pressure and parental angst. I dig my toes in the sand, unearthing little white rocks buried like baby teeth in the pebbly beaches of nostalgia. The Earth and Inland Sea feather their nest with pine trees.

Dipped underwater, Monet's lilies bloom across this drab pebble in my hand. Beneath the surface, a rust-speckled stone glistens red.

There are hunks of compressed history the size of my fingernail scattered across the sand. I toss them into Lake Superior, playing God, undoing and redoing the long processes of geologic time. I select a fist-sized rock from the beach and hurl it into the waves as hard as I can. Against the vast hissing and hushing of Gichi-Gami, I cannot hear the splash.



Photo by **MATT JENSON**



Photo by **GAYLE SHEAHEN**

May 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Photo by STEVE BEISING			 Photo by MATT JENSON		1	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 Full Moon	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 Last Quarter Moon	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 National Maritime Day New Moon	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Memorial Day					First Quarter Moon	



ABOVE: "Go Fly a Kite!"
 By **BILL POHLMANN**
 Two Rivers Neshotah Beach
 Kites over Lake Michigan Festival

June 2020

Mystic Shores
 By **ELIZABETH SPROEHLICH**

The shores of the Great Lakes call to you with the rhythm of the waves. They crash onto the shore, gliding softly over the sand where they wearily peak, only to slide backward. A brief kiss from the next incoming wave repeats the sequence. Shoes are an option, but why go to the beach if not to feel the soft crushed shell sand between your toes. It awakens the senses sending a message to your brain that no problems can linger when billions of shells gave their lives to caress you.

Between the lake and the white beach is a mystical place. We call it the dark sand. This water drenched sand says, "stay with me and I will share treasures and magic."

Walk for miles seeing your foot impressions left behind for others to know your path. But, if you venture too close to the water, they will be erased forever as if you never existed. A clean slate for the next passing visitor.

There are amazing stones smoothed by decades of water tumbling them unceasingly. Some call out to be saved for their beauty, their uniqueness, their texture. A few tiny intact shells somehow manage to escape the savage pounding on the shore. Every venture out allows some wonder, whether you capture it forever, or enjoy it in the moment walking on to seek the next.



Photo by **JAMIE BRILL**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Photo by JENNIFER KELLY</p>	1	2	3	4	5 ○ Full Moon	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ● Last Quarter Moon
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Summer Begins
21 Father's Day ● New Moon	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 ● First Quarter Moon	29	30	 <p>Photo by DALE KAUFJARIK</p>	 <p>Photo by TITUS SEILHEIMER</p>		



ABOVE: "River Rockets"
 By **BILL POHLMANN**
 Fireworks explode over the Manitowoc River
 and the USS Cobia
 Manitowoc, WI
 2nd place – Cultural & Historical Features

July 2020

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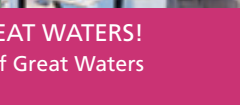
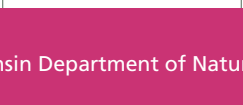
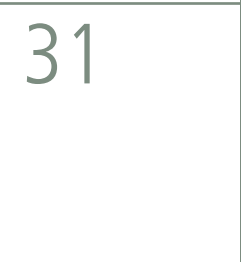
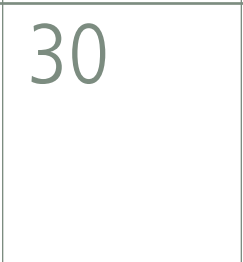
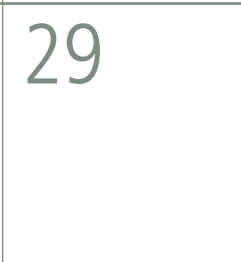
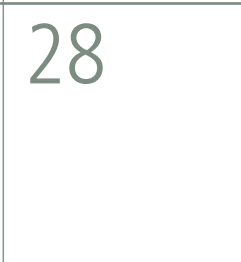
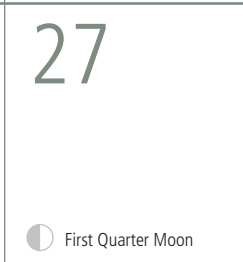
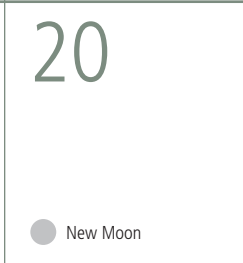
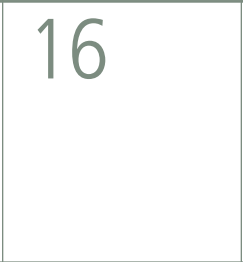
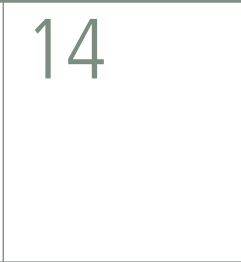
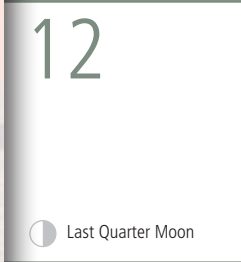
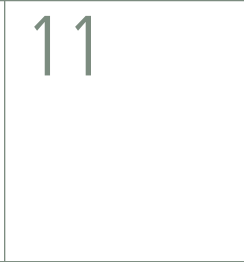
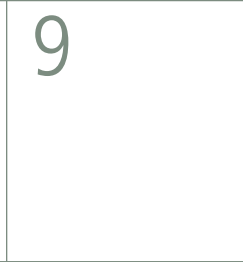
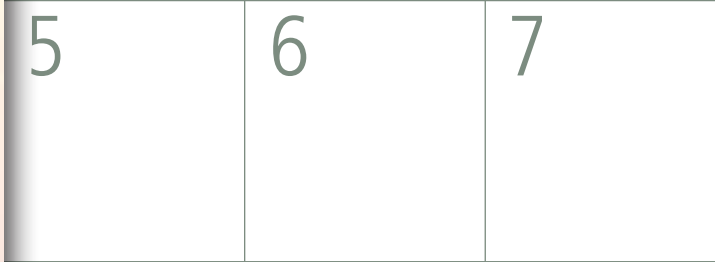
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Photo by **CHUCK GERMAIN**



Great Lakes Summertime
 By **KAREN GERSONDE**

Summertime on the Great Lakes,
 Cool breezes, gentle waves,
 Colors of blue off the charts.

Seagulls soaring overhead, and on
 the ground, catching crayfish, any
 fish, squawking over their meal.
 Fighting to keep it till it's all gone.

Families enjoying the beaches,
 Swimming, picnicking, sunbathing,
 playing volleyball in the sand.
 Little ones squeal with delight! The
 water is cold, crisp, clean, exhilarating.
 Inviting!

Boaters enjoying the waters at sunset,
 on golden pond, sailing, kayaking,
 canoeing, sightseeing,
 The sky is golden, orange, yellow, red
 and purple.
 The sun sets in all its wondrous glory.
 An amazing sight to behold. And
 memories to hold onto even longer.

The Great Lakes have something to
 offer for everyone. It is calling you to
 come to its shores. Heed its call! For
 it is here that you will truly find all the
 wonders that these lakes have to offer.
 Come and enjoy...your new memories
 are waiting for you! What are you
 waiting for?



Photo by **KRISTINE HINRICHS**

Independence Day
 Full Moon

Last Quarter Moon

New Moon

First Quarter Moon



Photo by **KEVIN O'DONNELL**



ABOVE: "Hot August Night"
 By **KAREN GERSONDE**
 Near Ephraim in Door County
 2nd place – People Enjoying Great Waters

Stockton Island
 By **MARIE ZHUIKOV**

I awoke in sand from sleep
 and saw through a twilight
 search lights beam forth and back
 from sailboats moored for night
 offshore.

Vague forms slept nearby.
 All of us beside our purpose:
 Superior.

The July night air was deep –
 boundless as the breeze
 whispered among wavelets,
 lulling boats' bells.

We joined for the summer
 from other parts – places.
 Sailboats each, searching,
 searching –
 for friendship we found sleeping on
 the sand;
 singing common songs,
 each with touching hands on backs,
 heads on shoulders.

We drew a circle and sang inside.

Summer over, we drifted.
 Now we search,
 search the horizon of cities
 for our circle in the high night air
 offshore.



Photo by **NATHAN FARVOUR**

August 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1			
2	3 ○ Full Moon	4	5	6 Wisconsin State Fair Begins and Runs Through August 16	7	8
9	10	11 ◐ Last Quarter Moon	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 ● New Moon	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 ◑ First Quarter Moon					



ABOVE: "Montreal River"
 By **PHILIP SCHWARZ**
 Hurley, WI

Rivers

By **TIM BOYLE**

Dipping our toes into the river of time,
 It overflows its oxbows and starts to
 unwind.
 They say we can't step in the same river
 twice.
 But if history repeats, do we take its
 advice?

For a glimpse of the hand creating this
 mysterious push,
 Making ripples of sand and causing this
 rush,

We dive deep into eddies, behind
 boulders of thought,
 And lie in wait to be ready, for what has
 been brought.

Our curiosity nibbles as ideas float past,
 Avoiding the heed of false lures that are
 cast.




It seems very ironic we don't understand,
 How a bank makes a deposit of alluvial
 sand,
 And why fish never sleep— ever, it's said.
 Yet nor can they weep while swimming
 over their beds.

These cycles and systems and thalweg
 of flow,
 Keep tumbling and churning and moving
 so fast.
 Why is the river in such a hurry to go?
 And are we or the river moving as it
 watches us pass?



Photo by **MATT JENSON**

September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Photo by KAREN GERSONDE	 Photo by LORRI HOWSKI	1	2  Full Moon	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10  Last Quarter Moon	11	12
13	14	15	16	17  New Moon	18 Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown	19
20	21	22 Autumn Begins	23  First Quarter Moon	24	25	26
27 Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown	28	29	30	 Photo by JOSEPH LECHERS	 Photo by LORRI HOWSKI	



ABOVE: "Silver Creek Turned Gold"
 By **WENDI BUTKOVICH**
 This photo was taken from the shore of Lake Michigan on the south side of Manitowoc looking to Silver Creek Park.

Lake Superior Blue
 By **Ron Weber**







The lure of an outdoor life is that one never knows when they will experience something that changes the way they look at the world around them, something they will never forget. I had such an unexpected happening while muzzleloader deer hunting one crisp, cloudless mid-October day on one of Lake Superior's Apostle Islands.

As I stalked through the majestic hemlock-hardwood forest on the north end of Oak Island I reached a high bluff looking out over the lake. Up until that moment I thought I knew what the color blue looked like. The view from my vantage point high above the seemingly endless expanse the Ojibwe refer to as Gichi-Gami changed that notion. The blue of the sky was memorable enough and could be expressed as azure if one wished to be poetic. I can think of no words, however, to describe the blue of that water that still shimmers in my mind's eye. Maybe no fancy words are needed. I think it may be enough to simply say it was beautiful. Indeed, it was.



Photo by **PEGGY CARTER**

October 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  Full Moon	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9  Last Quarter Moon	10
11	12	13	14	15	16  New Moon	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  First Quarter Moon	24
25 Clean Water Act Signed in 1972	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween  Full Moon



ABOVE: "Super Moon Over Kewaunee Harbor"
 By **BRENT HUSSIN**
 Kewaunee, WI
 1st Place – Cultural and Historical Features

November 2020

Growing up by the Lake

By **TIM BOYLE**

Growing up by the lake
 Down from Water Street
 Walking the tracks with my dad
 And seeing who could walk one rail the longest

There is a particular sound a taconite pellet makes
 When shot into an open gondola car
 With a homemade slingshot

A distinctive shade of orange
 The iron ore turns the soles of your new Converse All-Stars
 As you walk out to the diamonds in the dock
 Where the fishing was good

Sitting in what is left of the seat in the old grader
 Overgrown with horsetail
 I smell creosote
 And picture the shore where the sawmills once stood

I hear the yells of, "Cannonball!"
 Echoing off the dock
 The seconds of silence
 Before the huge splashes
 And screams of how cold the water is
 Then laughter

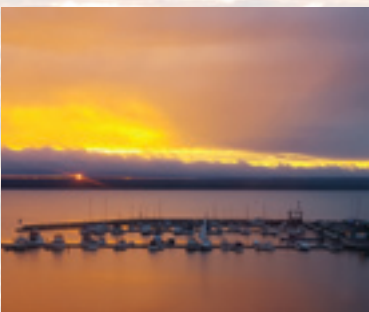


Photo by **TOM PLANK**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8 Last Quarter Moon	9	10 Edmund Fitzgerald Sinks in Lake Superior in 1975	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14 New Moon
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 First Quarter Moon
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30 Full Moon					

Photo by **GLENN A. GIERZYCKI**

Photo by **WENDI HUFFMAN**



ABOVE: "Pierhead Lighthouse"
 By **BRAD BELLISLE**
 Sturgeon Bay, WI

December 2020

LAKE SUPERIOR AUNTIE
 By **MARIE ZHUIKOV**

Today, someone called me one of the Aunties of Lake Superior. It must be my gray hair. I am now venerable, aged, historic, learned. No Babe of Lake Superior any more.

For twenty-seven years I've worked along its shores, pouring my female energy into water issues, drinking asbestos fibers from the tap, preserving wilderness, explaining research studies, discovering the secret of paralyzed gulls, and the mystery of tapioca beads washing ashore — leftover body casings from the zooplankton *Holopedium gibberum*.

I've promoted the consumption of the lake's fish, promoted consumption of the lake's lamprey (they're a delicacy in Portugal, you know), encouraged boaters to rid their craft of invasive zebra mussels and plants, and studied the lake's wolves and plovers. Then there's all the stories, fact sheets, DVDs, CDs, videos and radio shows....

"Aunties" confers a plethora. No Grandmother am I, one of only two. I have been too busy living my small life, raising sons, skipping rocks, writing words — watching pink and orange wash from the sky.



Photo by **ART EICHMANN**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Pearl Harbor Day Last Quarter Moon	8 Great Lakes Compact Enacted in 2008	9	10 Hanukkah Begins at Sundown	11	12 Wisconsin Great Lakes Strategy Released in 2005
13	14 New Moon	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Winter Begins First Quarter Moon	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins
27	28	29 Full Moon	30	31 New Year's Eve		

Photo by **BILL POHLMANN**

Photo by **TITUS SELMEIMER**

“The ultimate test of a man’s conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard.”

GAYLORD NELSON

Former Wisconsin governor and co-founder of Earth Day



Photo by NANCY GILL

The monumental bronze sculpture in this photo by Nancy Gill, *Spirit of the Rivers*, is a tribute to the Woodland Indians of the Upper Great Lakes. The three Native American figures—a young man portaging a canoe, a woman bearing packs, and an elder pointing the way—represent the culture and history of the earliest people who lived here. The figures appear to emerge from Lake Michigan just off the Mariners Trail, between Two Rivers and Manitowoc. The 10-foot figures rest on a base 3 feet high, with the 20-foot long canoe towering above the ground. The public art piece was created by world-renowned sculptor R.T. Wallen, a Manitowoc native. After nine years of volunteer efforts and fund raising, the monument was completed and publicly dedicated in September 2018. Learn more: <http://spiritoftherivers.org/>



Photo by KEVIN O'DONNELL

This photo was taken by Kevin O'Donnell in July 2018 at the Door County Land Trust Legacy Nature Preserve at Clay Banks on Lake Michigan in southern Door County, WI. This long exposure photograph captures the interaction of an unusual astronomical phenomenon, the waters of the lake, and the boulders of the Niagara Escarpment at the land trust property in a unique and tranquil way. On rare, clear, low humidity summer evenings, the Earth along the eastern horizon casts its own shadow from the set sun in the west. The light bounces off the atmosphere from underneath the Earth—producing an amazing blue to pink gradient known as the “Belt of Venus.”



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