

Become a Friend of Wisdom Prairie or renew your membership today!

Join us as we keep the restoration work of Holy Wisdom Monastery moving forward for the benefit of generations to come. Please select the appropriate annual membership below, and consider making an additional contribution to assist the Friends in our good work. **Please fill out both sides of this form.**

- Renewal (thank you for your continued support!) New member
 \$15 Student Membership \$30 Individual Membership \$40 Family Membership
 \$_____ additional contribution

Memberships and contributions are tax-deductible.

My check is enclosed (payable to Benedictine Life Foundation)

Please charge \$_____ to my credit card. Security code _____

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Burning the prairie



Photo by Mary Kay Baum

Caring for the earth

Caring for the earth is part of our mission, rooted in the Benedictine values of stability and respect for all of creation. The sisters have a long history of environmental stewardship and invite others to help with this work.

Many who visit Holy Wisdom Monastery discover a spiritual connection to the land—while volunteering, walking the trails or spending time outside reflecting on the mysteries around them. Come experience the wonders of nature.

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Friends of **WISDOM PRAIRIE**



dedicated to *caring for the earth*
at Holy Wisdom Monastery

Friends of Wisdom Prairie

The Friends of Wisdom Prairie are dedicated to caring for the earth at Holy Wisdom Monastery. Since 2014, the Friends have offered financial and volunteer support toward the ecological restoration and maintenance of the monastery's 130 acres and an additional 60 acres owned by Dane County. The Friends and the monastery partner with Dane County, many other organizations, and individuals like you who value caring for the earth. Here's what was accomplished in 2019:

- Provided more than 1,700 hours of volunteer service to the monastery
- Burned 95 acres of prairie & woods
- Sowed prairie and savanna seed on 15 acres of land
- Controlled weeds on newer prairie
- Installed a new trail system
- Maintained newly planted bur oaks in our savanna restoration areas
- Collected prairie seed with Dane County Parks
- Conducted a systematic program of surveys of biota at the monastery including identifying 4 kinds of bats that live on monastery land
- Provided environmental and eco-spiritual education opportunities.
- Educated 500 people at our dinner lectures, tours, outing and workdays.

**Won't you join us?
Become a Friend!**



Friends enjoy:

- Making a difference by protecting and restoring natural habitats and improving the water quality of Lake Mendota
- Access to miles of nature trails
- Volunteer work parties
- Guided tours to learn about seasonal changes on the prairie
- Dinner lectures at the monastery with noted speakers
- Outings to other natural areas to learn how they care for the earth
- Membership meetings to further the organization's purpose and socialize with other Friends.

Your financial and volunteer contributions make the environmental work at Holy Wisdom Monastery possible.

Thank you!

Member contact information

Name(s): _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Daytime phone: _ (_____) _____ Home Work Cell (circle one)

Memberships make great gifts!
I want to give this membership as a gift to:

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