Dear Friend,

Summer’s arrival has been greeted with wild enthusiasm by the plant community, as is evident from the huge display of Oxeye Daisy and Hawkweed blanketing the fields and roadsides. The meadow grasses are shoulder high and even our garden plants seem to be taller and more robust than in past years.

The members’ hikes were much anticipated, with full attendance on both occasions. Roy’s stories about Emma Toft were enchanting as were the abundant displays of Twinflower, Yellow Lady’s Slipper and Thimbleberry. Miss Emma’s Lupines were standing tall in the old garden. A Bald Eagle vocalized from the top of a big White Pine, then circled over us in a clear blue sky. Roy said that it was Emma thanking us for our caretaking of her beloved place.

At the June 4th hike we were pleased to have Tom Krischan join us and share his knowledge of the plant community. Tom and his wife Donna created the Krischan Fund for Student Research in Botany at Toft Point. With both Roy and Tom expounding on our sightings we knew we were in good hands.

We have just completed the huge task of mapping the alien Phragmites plants on the shoreline of the Toft Point property. The mapping was done at the request of the Wisconsin DNR and will enable them to quantify the scope of these invasives and establish the funding to help us eradicate them.

Marne Kaeske, the coordinator for the Door County Invasive Species Team, instructed our volunteers on the use of the GPS instruments and how to record the Phragmites patches for the mapping. We then fanned out into the marsh, recording locations from The Ridges Sanctuary boundary all the way to the southern “Little Bayou” area. Our team included Joe Wallner, Marc Savard, Jim Jennings, Mitch Leavitt, Roy Lukes and Nick Anderson. In August we will be mounting our eradication effort and will be contacting our volunteers for help.

Until then, we’ll see you at the Annual Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, August 14th starting at 12:30 PM in the Baileys Harbor Town Hall. Look for details in this newsletter.

Nick Anderson, President
Annual Meeting and Potluck

All members are invited to our Twelfth Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 14th at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall.

The potluck begins at 12:30 pm and will be followed by the annual meeting. A special program will follow that. Forty-one years ago Roy produced a “Tour of Toft Point” with narration by Miss Emma. This is all being digitized so it can be presented in a better format for our members to enjoy.

Please register with Charlotte Lukes to say you will attend and let her know how many people are in your group. Call her at 920-823-2478 or email Rnclukes@mwwb.net by August 10th.

Opening on Board of Directors

We invite our members to consider joining our board of directors. There will be one open space beginning this August after the annual meeting.

Meetings are held once a month from late April until October. We are a working board involved in many aspects of the Toft Point State Natural Area preservation and maintenance.

Board members serve a three-year term. If you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot please call our president, Nick Anderson at 920-868-3499. He or any other board member will be glad to answer questions you may have regarding this position.

Membership Report

Annual Members…………… 169
Life Members……………… 85
Total 254

OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nick Anderson, President 2013
Jim Jennings, Vice-president 2013
Liz Wallner, Secretary 2011
Nancy Rafal, Treasurer 2012
Bill Johnson 2012
Charlotte Lukes 2012
Marc Savard 2011
Tom Turriff 2013
Bill Wolff 2011

Newsletter Editor, Charlotte Lukes

Toft Point lodge dining room. Roy Lukes
Friends of Toft Point, Inc.-Membership Form  New____Renew____

Single Annual____ @ $10.00 - Single Life Membership ____ @ $250 (Payable in 2 annual gifts)

Family Annual ____ @ $20.00 - Family Life ____ @ $400 (Payable in 2 annual gifts)

Contribution of $_________ for General Expenses____ for Operating Endowment Fund____
     for Invasive Species Endowment Fund____

Please print-

Name__________________________________________ Local phone_________________

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The Friends of Toft Point, Inc. is a 501 ( c ) (3) non-profit organization.
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Trail Docent (training provided) ______

Trail Maintenance (supervised crews) ______

Invasive Plant Removal (supervised) ______

Big Tree Recording (with assigned crew) ______

Serve on Board of Directors (six meetings per year) ______

Help with Annual Meeting & Potluck in August ______

Name____________________________________________________

Address___________________________________________________

Phone_____________ E-mail___________________________________

Fill in form and mail to: Charlotte Lukes, 3962 Hillside Rd., Egg Harbor, WI 54209
I can only feel, in thinking over the history of the Toft family at Baileys Harbor and Mud Bay, that a young 16-year-old girl, Julia Anne Panter, who married Thomas Toft, age 30, would become the matriarchal family leader over the years. She gave birth to seven children and worked hard to hold the family together and to develop very fine youngsters and outstanding citizens. They in turn were very instrumental in working for many years to preserve Toft’s Point which later would result in Wisconsin’s excellent Toft Point State Natural Area.

Here is a picture of Julia Anne in her later years.

Please read in Roy’s book, Toft Point, A Legacy of People and Pines, pages 8 to 36 to increase your understanding of the early years of the Toft family at Toft Point. It will deepen your enjoyment of the Toft Point program narrated by Emma Toft at the annual meeting this August. Roy Lukes