

WISCONSIN'S GREAT WATERS

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF GREAT WATERS

2021 | 2022 CALENDAR



HEALTHY FORESTS: A NATURE-BASED SOLUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Our climate is changing, with far-ranging consequences for our communities, natural resources and major economic sectors. We can respond in a variety of ways to influence how our changing climate will affect us and the natural and built environments we depend on. Our responses fall into two broad categories: mitigation and adaptation. Mitigation refers to the steps we take to slow down the rate of climate change through reductions of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere, while adaptation refers to the ways we prepare for and react to changes in our climate to reduce the risks posed by those changes.

One type of mitigation strategy includes storing carbon in the environment so it cannot be

released into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, a major greenhouse gas. Wisconsin launched an important mitigation strategy in 2021 with Governor Tony Evers signing an Executive Order pledging to conserve 125,000 acres and plant 75 million trees by 2030 as part of the U.S. Chapter of the Global Trillion Trees Initiative.

When fully realized, the state's pledge will result in 28.8 million metric tons of carbon dioxide stored over the next 50 years. That's equivalent to the amount of carbon dioxide produced by six million passenger vehicles for a year.

Forests are woven into the culture of Wisconsin where 17 million acres of forestland cover nearly

half the state and are vital to our social, ecological and economic well-being. Forest products contribute \$24.4 billion annually to Wisconsin's economy. Forests also provide essential benefits like clean air and water, wildlife habitat and recreation.

Because forests are vital for human health as well as the ecological and economic well-being of both rural and urban communities, the pledge also includes planting a million trees in Wisconsin cities by 2030. Benefits of urban tree planting include improved public health, reduced city temperatures, reduced heating and cooling costs, reduced stormwater runoff, improved air quality, increased property values and other social, community, wildlife and economic co-benefits.

With this pledge, Wisconsin recognizes that healthy forests are a key nature-based solution to slow climate change—in addition to safeguarding water resources, providing wildlife habitat and supporting our economy. DNR will implement the pledge in partnership with public, private and non-governmental partners. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund helps preserve these valuable natural areas.

To learn more, see the Governor's Task Force on Climate Change. Also see the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts, a collaborative helping people better understand climate change impacts and developing adaptation strategies to build our state's resilience.

The Office of Great Waters is pleased to present our 13th annual calendar. We hope this calendar will be a daily reminder of how magnificent Wisconsin's Great Waters are and how we all can help protect them. The calendar is a collection of photos from our 2021 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 2021 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 2022 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 2022 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 2022-2023 *Wisconsin's Great Waters* calendar and in other DNR publications, presentations, websites and displays. Photo submission deadline is April 1, 2022.

Entry Categories:

- 1. People enjoying Wisconsin's Great Waters** – Great Lakes and Mississippi River. Images of the many ways people interact with our waters.
- 2. Historical and cultural features.** Lighthouses, harbor towns and river towns, shipping, festivals, etc.
- 3. Natural features.** Show us the awesome beauty of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River waters and shorelines in all seasons. Sunrises, sunsets, vistas, storms, waves, flowing waters and ice formations are examples in this category.
- 4. Wildlife.** Images of the many species of wildlife that rely on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River.

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.
3. Photos must be high resolution (maximum file size 20 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.

Email photos and entry information to:

DNRGreatWatersPhotoContest@wisconsin.gov

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 2022-2023 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.

WISCONSIN'S GREAT WATERS 2022 WRITING PROJECT

Is your talent writing? Share your original short essays, stories or poems inspired by your connection to our waters. Or describe stewardship efforts to protect and restore healthy habitats for Lake Michigan, Lake Superior or the Mississippi River. Submissions should be approximately 200 words. Share your favorite writings with us and you may find your words in our calendar, website and publications! All authors will be credited. Deadline is April 1, 2022.

E-mail writings and entry information to:

DNRGreatWatersWritingProject@Wisconsin.gov

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ABOVE: "Reflections"
 By **MARK STRAUB**
 Milwaukee Community Sailing Center

September 2021

Great Lakes Provide Great Escapes
 By **ERIC ENGLUND**

There's a place I go to escape the City, where emails and phone calls, are traded for the solitude of hemlock forests and waterfalls.

These inland seas beckon to me, as they have for countless generations. Where cliffs, dunes and beaches, are the places where nature quietly preaches.

The Ojibwe knew the power was here too, when they made their homes on these ancient shores. That energy can still be felt today, as it recharges each of us in some unique way.

Whether listening for the spritely call of the meadowlark, in the last remnant prairies, or enjoying the vineyards and orchards, where they grow the best apples and cherries.

There's one thing upon which we can all agree, regardless if we live in the city or country. These great lakes provide great escapes.



Photo by **MATT BOURKE**

Background Photo by **ROBERT GUSCHL**

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5	6 Labor Day ● New Moon	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 ◐ First Quarter Moon	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 ○ Full Moon	21	22 Autumn Begins	23	24	25
26	27	28 ◑ Last Quarter Moon	29	30	 Photo by JOSEPH EICHERS	 Photo by LOREN HONSKI



ABOVE: "Golden"
By **KELLY L. JOHNSON**
Sturgeon Bay, WI

New Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) designated a new national marine sanctuary this summer along Wisconsin's Lake Michigan coast for shipwrecks that played a vital role in our nation's early history. The sanctuary includes a 962-square-mile area of Wisconsin's Lake Michigan from Kewaunee County south to Ozaukee County to protect 36 historically significant shipwrecks, 21 of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Well-preserved by Lake Michigan's cold, fresh water, several of the known shipwrecks are essentially intact and look much like they did when they sank. The area also includes Wisconsin's two oldest known shipwrecks, with the oldest dating back to 1833. Research suggests that up to 60 additional shipwrecks could be discovered in the sanctuary.

The historic shipwrecks represent the tenacity and entrepreneurial spirit of generations of Americans. Spanning the 1800s through the early 20th century, shipwrecks in the sanctuary represent diverse vessel types that played critical roles in evolving the Great Lakes from a maritime frontier into the nation's busiest waterway and expanding our nation's economy. During this period, workaday wooden schooners and innovative steel steamships moved more people, raw materials, agricultural and industrial products than ever before.

In partnership with local communities, the sanctuary designation expands on Wisconsin's longstanding stewardship of these historic sites, bringing new opportunities for research, resource protection, educational programming, community engagement and economic development.

The sanctuary designation also provides a national stage to promote heritage tourism and recreation — ensuring public access to our most spectacular natural and cultural resources and elevating the status of our state as a premier coastal recreational destination. Learn more at: <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/wisconsin/>

October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Photo by CHRIS SCHULTZ	 Photo by JOHN BREVOGEL	 Photo by JOHN FAX	 Photo by JOSEPH EICHERS		1	2
3	4	5	6 ● New Moon	7	8	9
10	11 Indigenous Peoples Day	12 ☾ First Quarter Moon	13	14	15	16
17	18 Clean Water Act Signed in 1972	19	20	21 ○ Full Moon	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						



ABOVE: "Kohler Andrae Morning"
By **JOHN ANDERSON**

Point Beach in November
By **THOM SINGLETON**

It was a fall pilgrimage to a favorite spot on Lake Michigan.
Temperature at 50, but still a bracing wind blew.
Waves marched ashore like columns of soldiers to its command.
Just a handful of people admired the wave-smoothed beach stones.
Creeping juniper covered the dunes like a green blanket.
We turned into the woods and walked the ridges between water-filled swales, ancient shorelines piled up by Lake Michigan's forefather, Nipissing.
Wind-blown leaves fell from the trees and showered us with gold.
Beech trees with their knot-hole eyes winked at us walking by.
We ate our picnic lunch, said a fond farewell to a beloved Lake, and headed home.

A Lakeshore Hike at Hartman Creek State Park on a Warm November Day
By **THOM SINGLETON**

The far shore gleams in the morning sun, its trees reflected with perfection in the still water.
In the distance, the tamarack, its foliage changed to gold by the Midas touch of fall, glows like a sunrise and seems to melt into the watery mirror of the lake.
Sunlight shines on a nearshore pine, its branches low over the water, catching reflected ripples of light in the shadows.
Tiny bufflehead ducks dive for food, then bob up, sunlight highlighting the stark contrast in white and black of their head and body.
A flock of honking geese, no doubt taking a break from their southerly migration, land on the water, disturbing for a time its glassy surface.
A cathedral of pines stands in praise for all that is good in the world.

November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Photo by DAWN GOMERICK-SUMMER	1	2 Election Day	3	4 New Moon	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends	8	9	10 Edmund Fitzgerald Sinks in Lake Superior in 1975	11 Veteran's Day First Quarter Moon	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Full Moon	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27 Last Quarter Moon
28 Hanukkah Begins at Sundown	29	30	 Photo by JOSEPH ECHERS	 Photo by LISA QUISTORF	 Photo by LINDA RAPPEL	



ABOVE: "Red Lighthouse and Blue Skies"
 By **DAVID ENRIQUEZ LOPEZ**
 Sturgeon Bay
 2nd place (tied) – Natural Features

December 2021

The Night Shift

By **PATRICIA WILLIAMS**
 – from her collected poems,
Midwest Medley, Kelsay Books, 2018.

A "vee" of Canada geese
 silhouetted against the moon,
 take leave
 – cross pastures, cities
 and no-stoplight towns –
 fly the night shift.

Maple and oak,
 birch and unsung sumacs
 transform overnight
 – an advent
 of red and gold –
 a hidden force
 works the night shift.

Bears and ground hogs
 hibernate the winter away,
 prairies and fields
 – soon pallid –
 sleep.
 No one on the night shift.

Out of Reach

By **PATRICIA WILLIAMS**

Shadows play in painted light
 that filters through the trees
 at sundown –
 bathes every living thing
 in the molten gold of a sunflower field
 – fades –
 gives way to hovering darkness.

The mirrored moon floats on water,
 – visible but untouchable –
 washed in the piercing pain
 of wanting something
 you can't have.

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 Photo by CHARLES BOLESWAD	 Photo by ROSCOE SOPHINK	 Photo by DAVID SCHLIEPP	1	2	3 ● New Moon	4
5	6	7	8 Great Lakes Compact Enacted in 2008	9	10 ● First Quarter Moon	11
12 Wisconsin Great Lakes Restoration Strategy Released in 2005	13	14	15	16	17	18 ○ Full Moon
19	20	21 Winter Begins	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa Begins ● Last Quarter Moon	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	 Photo by LISA QUISTORF



ABOVE: "Polar Dip"
 By **JOSEPH EICHERS**
 Port Washington
 1st place — People Enjoying our Great Waters

January 2022

Snow Lessons

By **MARILYN ZELKE WINDAU**

In silence, in the dark,
 snow is falling to the earth.
 In my state of Wisconsin, it will be
 four inches of white tonight,
 crystalline soft fluff.

The anticipation of flake touch on
 tongues
 will call early to expressive machines,
 loud in their rasping of cement.

Inside, paper is waiting.
 Scissors are silent,
 anticipating small hands.

Children cut out individuals.
 They know no two are alike.
 Windows will soon be adorned
 in beauty and pride.

Classes in Snow Rolling 101
 utilize mittened hands to create heads
 and bodies,
 balled weapons against siblings,
 structural strength of forts to be lessons
 in play.

In Sheboygan, at Lake Michigan's shore,
 water warmer than air accepts these
 gifts.
 Melting like white chocolate,
 snow frostings dissolve,
 await humans who dip annually,
 plunge joyfully to greet a new year.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
						1 New Year's Day	
2 ● New Moon	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9 ● First Quarter Moon	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ○ Full Moon	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25 ● Last Quarter Moon	26	27	28	29	
30	31 ● New Moon	Remember to submit your best Great Waters photos and writings! See information on the first pages of this calendar. Deadline is April 1, 2022					



ABOVE: "New Beginnings"

By **CELINA BRAULT**

Cave Point County Park, near
Sturgeon Bay, WI

February

By **PATRICIA WILLIAMS**

– from her collected poems,
Midwest Medley, Kelsay Books, 2018.

A portly, gray, contortionist
hangs upside down on the feeder,
one hind leg extended in the air –
pillages birdseed.
His friends play chase, spiral up a pine,
paws lug in all-wheel drive.
Dark-eyed juncos, winter visitors,
vacation here from farther north,
vie with jays and doves for seed spillage.

Eighteen turkey roosters
– a flock of jakes and toms –
heads down, beards dragging,
forage in the snow,
scurry back and forth in dizzy disorder.
The cat surveys the scene,
mutters cat-talk to himself
– an old man grouching about unruly
children
disturbing his late morning nap –

The groundhog says I have six more
weeks to sit and watch,
wait patiently for spring.

February 2022

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SATURDAY



Photo by **LORRI HOWSKI**

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☾ First Quarter Moon

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Valentine's Day

☉ Full Moon

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Presidents' Day

☾ Last Quarter Moon

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Photo by **MAC PONTI**



Photo by **KELLY L. JOHNSON**



Photo by **LINDA RAPPEL**



Photo by **LISA QUISTORF**

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ABOVE: "Ollie the Otter"
 By **JULIE DELISLE**
 Coal Dock Park in Port Washington, WI
 1st place – Wildlife

Spring is Magical
 By **KAREN GERSONDE**

Spring is a magical time in Wisconsin. Life emerges from the deep sleep of winter. With the last traces of snow on the ground, Early wildflowers start to push their Sleepy heads above the ground. A welcoming sight, a sight to behold. Trout lilies, trilliums and wood violets All pop up to say, "Hello." Ice is waning on the frozen lakes. The waters open up and boats begin to venture out. Fishermen are eager to get out and catch their "Prize." Animals can be seen on the shores, Lapping up water that is cold and clean, A refreshing drink for them. People once again walk the shores. They are happy it is spring and anticipate The summer that is to come. Seagulls soar above the waves, Looking for lunch, dinner or whatever they can find. Spring in Wisconsin! There is nothing like it. Nothing can compare.

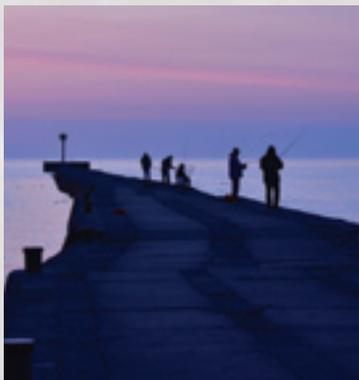


Photo by **LYNN THORNTON**

March 2022

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 Photo by JOSEPH EICHERS	1	2	3	4	5	
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	 Photo by ROBERT GUSCHL	

● New Moon

◐ First Quarter Moon

○ Full Moon

◑ Last Quarter Moon

● New Moon

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Spring Begins



FAITH II
ELLISON BAY, WI

ABOVE: "Sunrise with Faith II Fishing Tug"
By **SUE MANGAN**
Near Sand Bay in Sister Bay, WI
1st place – Cultural & Historical Features
The fishing tug is a Great Lakes icon.

April 2022

As Nostalgia Awakens the Senses
By **KRISTINE KUCERA**

The smelt are running! Those four words echo through the community and drive families and friends to the piers of Lake Michigan.

During the night together, side by side, the groups become friends united by the shared camaraderie of this annual ritual. Sometimes there is silence as the nets are lowered and raised. Sometimes there are cheers when the bounty is great.

With the rise of dawn, the smelters disappear one-by-one and the piers are once again empty – with no signs of the gathering to harvest the bounty offered up by our Great Waters. This annual shared community only comes together in the dead of night.

If I close my eyes, I can still hear the murmurs of the smelters and see the lights on the crowded pier. I can smell the cooking oil as the flour-dredged smelt are fried. I can almost taste the memories and feel the generational connection touch my soul.

Next year. Same time. Same place. Always.



Photo by **TITUS SELHEIMER**

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 Photo by DAVID LOPEZ	 Photo by JERRY KIESOW	 Photo by LAURA RAFFIN			1	2 Ramadan Begins at Sundown
3	4	5	6	7	8 ☾ First Quarter Moon	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Passover Begins at Sundown	16 ☉ Full Moon
17 Easter	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23 ☾ Last Quarter Moon
24	25	26	27	28	29 Arbor Day	30 ● New Moon



ABOVE: "Milky Way Giving Way to Sunrise"
 By **BRENDAN DOWLING**
 Cana Island, near Baileys Harbor, WI
 1st place – Natural Features

A Tribute to Lake Michigan
 By **LISA LEHMANN**

The lake!
 Oh, beautiful Lake Michigan
 An environment, a playground, a living,
 life
 Sculpted by wind, wave and ice
 H2O unsalted
 The shore!
 Still, serene, lapping
 Rolling, roiling, roaring, morphing,
 changing
 Surprising every day Mishigami
 Great water, Great Lake



Photo by KRIS FRITZ

Late Spring Camp, Peninsula State Park

By **THOM SINGLETON**
 A garden of sapling cedar, beech, and birch.
 A sprinkling of forget-me-nots and trilliums
 Bursting with life resplendent in the spring rain.
 Camped in this verdant wood, I imagine my reflection
 In the glimmer-glass foliage, so gleaming the green.
 At the water's edge, the eternal lap of waves smoothing the seemingly solid stone,
 While flight-weary vagabonds - egrets, pelicans, and mergansers -
 Alight for a time, take respite from their long migration North.

May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

☾ First Quarter Moon

○ Full Moon

☾ Last Quarter Moon

Memorial Day

● New Moon

Photo by MASON MORRIS

Photo by NATHAN FARVOUR

Photo by MASON MORRIS



ABOVE: "Sailing at Sunset"
 By **SUE MANGAN**
 Sister Bay, WI
 2nd place (tied) – Natural Features
 Sailboat is "The Passage North" which sails
 out of the Sister Bay Marina.

June 2022

Door County Fish Boil

By **REBECCA SEYMOUR**

Twilight softly settles in as the sun emits its final golden glow before being swallowed by the western edges of the rolling landscape. A moment of magic as day blends blissfully into night. Swooping sea gulls give up the sky as twinkling fireflies dance over tables set in the sand for feasting.

A mesmerized hush focuses guests on the fire-licked caldron, suddenly overflowing frothy, briny water – a clarion call for imbibing the sweet whitefish taken from Lake Michigan's depths.

Contented sighs and bursts of laughter waft through the heady summer air as a full moon finally slips free from the eastern horizon's watery mooring.

Hearts content and bellies full, promises are made to gather again real soon for this sumptuous meal under the stars.



Photo by **KAREN GERSONDE**

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5	6	7 ☾ First Quarter Moon	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 ☉ Full Moon	15	16	17	18
19 Juneteenth	20 ☾ Last Quarter Moon	21 Summer Begins	22	23	24	25
26 Photo by KAREN GERSONDE	27	28 ☉ New Moon	29	30	 Photo by MARC PONTO	 Photo by MAUL HERTEL



ABOVE: "Heading Out"
 By **MATT BOURKE**
 Sturgeon Bay, WI

July 2022

Lake Michigan Morning

By **MICHAEL GAYNOR**

As we motor through the rocks opening to Lake Michigan, the Oak Creek Power Plant illuminates the lake. We throttle up to speed and head due east to 92 feet where we switch to the trolling motor.

Michigan is calm this morning, so we can both set lines allowing the boat to push along about 1.5 mph. Six lines in the water, I bump the trolling speed, hoping for the early morning bite. A flicker of light pops on the eastern horizon. We look at one another and smile. In our 70's, alive, healthy, and fishing on a magnificent body of water, we realize this is a special time on a special lake as two good friends enjoy each other's company and Michigan's ambiance. Then, it happens!

The dippy rod starts thumping. "Fish on, buddy!" It takes teamwork to steer the boat, bring the fish in, net it and keep our lines straight. Ten minutes later, the lake rewards us with a beautiful chinook. Lines are back in the water, the sun is glowing spectacularly on the Lake Michigan horizon, and two old fishermen have another tale to tell. Hold on! Rod is thumping! "Fish on, buddy!"



Photo by JON MATTRISCH

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 Photo by JON MATTRISCH	 Photo by JULIE DEUSKE	 Photo by LINDA OLIG			1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6 First Quarter Moon	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Full Moon	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Last Quarter Moon	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31				New Moon		



ABOVE: "Breaking Dawn"
 By **MATT BOURKE**
 Algoma, WI
 2nd place – Cultural & Historical Features

365 Shades of Blue

By **PETER SWART**

If you live on the Lake, you know that it's true, each day on the Lake brings a new shade of Blue.

From day to day and dawn to dusk, the Blue shades shift and speak to us.

The aqua Blues and summer sun remind us that it's time for fun.

The milky Blues with silky fog suggest a day to walk the dog.

The dark black Blues with angry waves demand a more respectful play.

And so it goes from day to day, the Blue shades shift, the Blue shades say, a different story every day.

The Lake is not a lifeless thing. It changes each day, from Summer through Spring.

It changes us too, if we stop and we listen. If we slow ourselves down, and we see what we're missing.

We'll see some new Blues and we'll learn some new things. We'll see the fresh dew and we'll hear the gulls sing.

We'll feel the cool breeze and we'll find the Lake's pace. We'll love how it proves life just isn't a race.

If you want to learn more, take a walk on the shore. Put your toes in the sand and a hand in your hand,

And enjoy the Lake views, enjoy all of its beaches, enjoy all of its Blues, and enjoy what it teaches.

August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Photo by NATHAN FARVOUR	1	2	3	4	5 ☾ First Quarter Moon	6
7	8	9	10	11 ☽ Full Moon	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 ☾ Last Quarter Moon	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 ● New Moon
28	29	30	31	 Photo by WENDI HUFENBACH Photo by LYNN THORNTON		



ABOVE: "Cana Island Lighthouse"
 By **MICHAEL HENDERSON**
 Near Baileys Harbor, WI

September 2022

Shoreline Therapy
 By **ELIZABETH SPROEHLICH**

We come by the hundreds, we come
 all alone
 We're seeking some answers, some
 peace of our own

We briefly pass by for a breathtaking
 glance
 We linger for hours and wish it could
 last

We cast off our burdens, our
 heartaches, our woes
 We fill up our pant cuffs, our shoes,
 and our toes

We empty our souls as our spirits refill
 We need help with healing, we seek
 some goodwill

We exhale the thoughts, that gave us
 our pain
 We inhale new strength, and
 perspective is gained

We sit and reflect or we run, shout,
 and dive
 Our shorelines and waters allow us to
 thrive

We leave with so much: comfort,
 clarity, hope
 Yet feel so much lighter, we're ready
 to cope



Photo by **BROOKE WINTER**

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				1	2	3  First Quarter Moon
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10  Full Moon
11	12	13	14	15	16	17  Last Quarter Moon
18	19	20	21	22 Autumn Begins	23	24
25  New Moon	26	27	28	29	30	



ABOVE: "Above the Colors in Door County"
 By **JON MATTRISCH**
 Sister Bay, WI

October 2022

Lake Michigan Voices
 By **Marilyn Zelke Windau**

It's the sound of a woman's skirt ruffles
 slapping her knees
 as she sashays down a corridor.

It's the sound of a huge bird,
 perhaps an eagle,
 whooshing cooled air,
 combatting wind forces to take flight.

It's the sound of doors opening
 on Black Friday at dawn—
 then the constant disruption of silence,
 the rush-echo of forward.

It's the sound of soothe,
 the soft babbling of foam bubbles,
 stretching, reaching for shore,
 for sleep, for comfort, for home.

My lake has many voices,
 many spoken languages.
 It communicates eternally
 to those who listen.



Photo by **WENDI HUFFMAN**

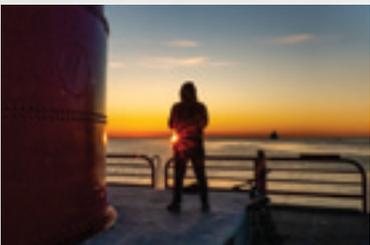


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 ☾ First Quarter Moon	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 ☉ Full Moon	10 Indigenous Peoples Day	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 ☾ Last Quarter Moon	18 Clean Water Act Signed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



ABOVE: "Manitowoc Lighthouse"
 By **MICHAEL HENDERSON**
 Manitowoc, WI
 2nd place – People Enjoying our Great Waters

Winter Storm
 By **MARILYN ZELKE WINDAU**

I faced her fierceness from the shore.
 Seeking the horizon, I saw only fog and
 furor — no freighters.
 Lake Michigan this day was the lake of
 the past which took the Carl Bradley to
 its depths in 1958.

Far out, navy blue became murky brown
 as the lake bottom churned up and over,
 up and over, time and again.

Eight-foot waves crashed the rocky shore,
 Pelting bullets of water, spewing "bb"s
 of ice.

Piers disappeared under rising waters.
 No seagulls in sight. No place to alight.
 Mallards sheltered, crouched beneath
 trees, shielded their bills in tail feathers.
 No floating out there today.

Allied with the northeast wind,
 Lake Michigan's roar was deafening.
 I closed my eyes to listen intently
 to the pounding rhythm of her stormy
 symphony.



Photo by **DAVID BUSSE**



Photo by **MICHAEL HENDERSON**

November 2022

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

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ABOVE: "Burnt Orange Sunrise"
By **LINDA RAPPEL**
Manitowoc, WI

Fuse
By **ED WERSTEIN**
First published in *The Camel Saloon*

All's quiet on the eastern front
as a thin white cloud
an open parenthesis
curves up from the line
separating the gray-blue sky
from the blue-gray lake.

Gradually it begins to glow
red-orange
like a lit fuse.

Slowly the sun,
like a programmed cherry bomb
rising light by light
from the bottom of a Times Square
billboard,
climbs out of the lake.

As it crowns into view
the horizon explodes,
flashes brilliant north to south, afire
like a distant war zone
only silently, and with hope.



Photo by **JOHN BREIVOGEL**

Milwaukee Lakefront
By **ED WERSTEIN**
First published in *Verse-Virtual*

Beyond the Calatrava
in the harbor
the freighters there, they come and go
never mentioning Michelangelo



Photo by **MARK STRAUB**

December 2022

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

"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



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"On Wisconsin"
Wisconsin Point Lighthouse



Photo by PHILIP SCHWARZ

"Perrot State Park"
On the Mississippi River



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