

# The Maple Leaf

Fall 2016

Friends of Maplewood State Park Box 259 Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

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Don Del Greco, Park Manager  
Jeff Fjestad, Assistant Park Manager

## Upcoming Events:

Sept. 12 – Annual Meeting  
Sept. 24-25 Leaf Days  
Oct. 1 – 2 Leaf Days  
Feb. 25 – Candlelight Ski  
April – Maple Syrup Day

## Advisory Committee

Steve Nagle, **chairperson**  
Alma Ronningen, **secretary**  
Stu & Corinne Peterson, **treasurer**  
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Ruth & Van Holmgren  
Ruth Holt  
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Cris Kling  
Diane & Dave Knopf  
Phyllis & Cliff Knutson  
Bob & Karen Kreiser  
Denise Laymon  
Bonnie & John Nordstrom  
Sonya & Dan Oehler  
Larry & Judy Olson  
Wayne Runningen  
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Lila & Alex Stoffel  
Becky Thompson

Friends of Maplewood WEBSITE

[friendsofmaplewood.org](http://friendsofmaplewood.org)

## MUSIC at MAPLEWOOD



The day was a little chilly, and rain showers sprinkled off and on, but by 7:00 the sun was out, the mosquitoes were nowhere to be found, and 65 people set up their chairs under the Josh Hanson Memorial Picnic Shelter. It was a wonderful concert. Lee Brenna and Casey Perrin sang gospel and country songs that left a special

feeling with you. Lee added a few stories from his life which put a smile on your face and made you wonder how his mom and dad survived.

[pictures by Greg Stetz]



It was a great evening of song outside at Maplewood. You know how at sporting events they do the wave to get the crowd fired up. Well, before the concert, we did the wave too, but a little different. Seems when somebody emptied their chair out of the bag, a mouse nest with mommy and babies came out too. Mother mouse dragging her babies scurried around under the chairs causing everyone to raise their legs. A new kind of wave.

Thank you Lee and Casey for the great inspirational evening. They will be back next summer and we'll add to our Music at Maplewood. Look for an event each month. If you have any suggestions for us, please contact John Nordstrom at [nordlake7@hotmail.com](mailto:nordlake7@hotmail.com) or 218-334-6567.

# NEWS and



## Bike, Boots, or Boat Challenge

One of the events for the statewide birthday is the “125 Mile Bike, Boots, or Boat Challenge.” A person can print off a mileage tracker and start enjoying the state park’s trails. A member of the Friends of Maplewood, Van Holmgren, completed the 125 mile challenge on his bike. He visited a number of state parks and in less than 2 months he had completed the challenge. At Maplewood’s 125 year picnic celebration he was given his 125 year sticker. Congratulations Van.

## RUNNING WILD TRAIL RUN

2016

It was a beautiful morning for Fifth Annual Running Wild Trail Run at Maplewood State Park. We could not have planned more perfect weather. We had 280 runners come out for the race, all ages, and from all over the country. Our fastest 7K runner for the Men was Hans Frank-Holzner (17) of Fergus Falls at 28:16 and for the ladies Rachel Sakry (21) of Milnor, ND at 35:01. We have had a lot of runners that continue to return to Maplewood each year to participate in Running Wild Trail Run. We look forward to the 6th annual Running Wild Trail Run on Saturday June 10th, 2017. For more information visit [www.RunningWildTrailRun.com](http://www.RunningWildTrailRun.com)



Mary Ellen Tungseth and Courtney Larsen

## Jane Aschnewitz

Jane passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Jane was a vibrant member of the Friends of Maplewood since 2002. She worked hard and was willing to do most anything. Always present at our meetings and volunteering for any job that needed to be done. It should be noted that she was the one who brought up the idea of giving wagon rides through the park during Leaf Days. For many years she was the one who rode the wagon, giving the talk, all day long, for 2 weekends in a row. It was hard to get her to take a break.

Jane was active in the Chamber of Commerce of both Perham and Pelican Rapids. She was known for starting the turtle races in Perham. For the past few years Jane has not been able to help the Friends group, but she was not forgotten. Her inspiration will be missed as we lost one of our most active members. God Bless the memory of Jane. And thank you Jane. We never said it enough.

## 125th Anniversary Picnic



Maplewood was selected as one of a handful of Minnesota State Parks to host a Special Commemorative 125th Anniversary Picnic Event at the Josh Hanson Memorial Picnic Shelter on July 17th. The beautiful Sunday afternoon event was attended by a variety of park guests, camping families, local residents and summer travelers. The event dovetailed at the end of the local Pelican Rapids “Pelican Fest” and included various Naturalist programming: MinnAqua programs, old-fashioned games, campfire cooking, kite building and flying, a prairie restoration program, and refreshments. Thanks to Wayne Runningen for his prairie restoration program.

# NOTES

## LIFETIME MEMBERS

We have 39 Lifetime members.  
We are happy to announce our newest.

Dave McRoberts  
Lisa & Mark Spriggs

## MEMORIALS

Remember the Friends of Maplewood when you are giving a memorial. All donations are used to improve Maplewood State Park. Mail them to the Friends group and a thank you receipt will be sent to you.

### IN MEMORY OF

Marvin Ronningen

Jane Aschnetz

Ed Hanyzewski

Jim Beaton

Phyllis Haugrud

Phyllis Haugrud

Eldred Kvidt

### GIVEN BY

Cliff & Phyllis Knutson

Dennis & Kay Albright

Jeff & Barb Grunewald

Van & Ruth Holmgren

Ed & Sharon Fjestad

Alma Ronningen

Van & Ruth Holmgren

Van & Ruth Holmgren

John & Bonnie Nordstrom

John & Bonnie Nordstrom

Lyle Haugrud

Scott Kvidt

## THRIVENT

Friends of Maplewood is now enrolled as a participating organization in Thrivent Choice. If you are a member of Thrivent, you can direct your Choice dollars to the Friends of Maplewood State Park. We appreciate your donation. We have received \$152.00 since our last newsletter.

## DONATIONS

Thank you **Alma Ronningen** for the donation of a corn grinder.

Thank you **Fred Berg** for the donation of a corn sheller.

### **Prometheus Motorcycle Club**

They donated \$500 to be used on the Josh Hanson Memorial Picnic Shelter. The money was used to clean and stain the Picnic Shelter. Also for bark to be used in the native plantings located around the picnic shelter. Thank you for your support.

## THINGS WE NEED

Do you have one to donate or one we could buy??

1. Apple Press—like to demonstrate at Leaf Days how the early Maplewood settlers took apples and made apple sauce and apple juice. Or maybe one we could borrow.
2. Old barn / shed wood that we can cut up and use for the kids to make bird houses or bird feeders.
3. YOKE—put around your neck to carry 2 pails.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

\$67,000 in our checking account

\$50,042 in our Parks & Trail account

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

### SNOWBIRDS

Do you head south for the winter? The postal service does not forward our newsletter. If you want to receive the winter copy of The Maple Leaf, please send your winter address to:

nordlake7@hotmail.com or call 218-334-6567

Or send it to Box 259, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

If you have already done so, we have a record of it, so only necessary if new or changes.



# SUGAR SHACK

We have started. It is August 29<sup>th</sup> and Egge Construction has pushed the dirt and sand into the correct height and shape. Gary Wagenman has finished building the forms for the cement floor. Hanson's plumbing has been out to rough in the drains and the pouring of the cement took place August 25<sup>th</sup>. As you read this the volunteer construction crew under the guidance of David Knopf has begun to build the walls. It is

an exciting time and finally we can see the end of this project. No, unfortunately it will not be totally completed by Leaf Days which was our second plan. (If your memory is good you will remember our first plan was to be done by Leaf Days 2015.) So we move only as fast as we can and it will be done by the time it is finished. No more predictions, but when it is finished completely, shined up good, with an installed evaporator, you can count on it that you will be notified for a grand opening open house complete with some proud Friends of Maplewood standing around looking for something new to work on for Maplewood State Park. And all you people who donated money to make this happen, can stand there also to feel good about this accomplishment.

We have reached our monetary goals. We have earned \$50,000 and have generated with grants and donations another \$50,000. Of course as with any building project there will be cost overruns. So we continue to work raising money to completely finish with no outstanding bills and also to have some money to be used for curriculum materials for all who come to learn. Following is a list of those who have donated to the Sugar Shack. We thank all of them for their contributions. [If we have missed anyone, we apologize. Please notify John Nordstrom so our records can be corrected and with our final thank you, you can be included.]

Tom & Sally Allen  
 Norm & Sue Anderson  
 Erik & Twila Aslesen  
 Jim & Fran Bassett  
 George Bassingthwaite  
 Duane & Cleo Bohne  
 John & Kathy Borge  
 Walt & Glenda Bro  
 Deb Carpenter  
 D. Mae Ceryes  
 Ron & Carol Buckholz Chihos  
 Robert Conn  
 Bonnie & Don DelGreco  
 Georgia & Mel Duncan  
 Ed & Sharon Fjestad  
 Marilyn Folden  
 Linda C. Haibara  
 Solvieg Halbakken  
 Terry Heller  
 John & Nancy Hess  
 Ruth & Van Holmgren  
 Lonny & Lisa Hovland  
 Jerry Jacobson  
 Merl Johannes  
 Wayne & Dena Johnson

Roland Jordahl  
 Catherine & Thomas Kane  
 Gary Keller  
 Cliff & Phyllis Knutson  
 Gene & Gwen Koski  
 Scott Kvidt  
 Dorene Kvam  
 Brian & Denise Laymon  
 Elton & Gabi Lezon  
 Lori & Keith Lien  
 Judy Mach  
 Clifford McLain  
 John McMillen  
 Dave McRoberts  
 LaVerne & Roger Moltzen  
 Tom & Polly Musacchia  
 Stephen Nagle  
 Dorene Nelson  
 Lloyd P. & Donna Nelson  
 Dick and Gloria Nord  
 John & Bonnie Nordstrom  
 Stu & Corinne Peterson  
 Jan & David Rolfson  
 Alma & Marvin Ronningen  
 Gregory & Tammy Smith

Dale & Kari Steenblock  
 Gene & Marion Stoll  
 Bill & Monica Stutsman  
 Galen & Sharon Vaa  
 Ken & Joan Voigt  
 David & Bonnie Weaklend  
 Phletus & Sally Williams  
 Carol Zielinski

Arvig Enterprises, Inc.  
 CoBank  
 Del Trust  
 Detroit Lakes Kiwanis Club  
 Frank W Veden Char. Trust  
 Lake Region Electric Cooperative  
 Larry's Super Market  
 Lion's Club of Vergas, MN  
 Otter Tail Power Company  
 SJE Rhombus  
 Vergas State Bank

# FRIENDS R BUSY

## PICNIC SHELTER WORK

On May 26, 9 volunteer friends spent 4 hours washing the logs in preparation for staining. We scrubbed and power washed all the logs in the picnic shelter. Any free moments were spent weeding the area around the picnic shelter. Thanks to D. Mae Ceryes, Bob Hanson, Terry Heller, Jerry Jacobson, Phyllis & Cliff Knutson, Bonnie & John Nordstrom.

On June 6th, eleven volunteer friends spent 4 1/2 hours staining the logs at the picnic shelter. It was a race against the rain, but we won and the picnic shelter looks good. Again we spent free moments weeding. Thanks to Denny Albright, Mike Beaton, Bob Hanson, Jim Hotzfield, Steve Johnson, John McMillen, Bonnie & John Nordstrom, Alma Ronningen, and Carol & Dave Svingen.

## CANDLELIGHT SKI

February 20th found us doing battle with Mother Nature again. Little snow and warm temperatures make it very difficult to have a candlelight SKI, but we fooled her. We HIKED. We had to move the trail off into the woods in a few spots because of



standing water. But 95 people came and with a rousing bonfire, hot chili, delicious bars, great exercise, and good conversation, all seemed to have a wonderful time. Thanks to all the members who helped with food, set up and took down candles, and stayed around all night. We'll be back next year to hopefully ski.

## MAPLE SYRUP DAY

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> was a very cold day. Despite that about 140 people came to Maplewood to learn about the making of maple syrup. Ice cream topped with maple syrup along with a delicious brunkaka cookie was served to the visitors. We had 2 exciting additions this year. The first was horse drawn wagon rides provided by Brian & Denise Laymon.



Other help came from Keaton Laymon and Deb Jacobson of the Midwest Minnesota Harness Club. The wagon traveled for about 3/4 mile loop and it was busy constantly. About 80 people got a chance to ride the wagon. The second was the making and serving of home made ice cream. What a great taste especially when topped with maple syrup. A lot of information about maple syrup was given out. To the volunteers who spent the day greeting and serving, Judi Engebretson, Alma Ronningen, Kathy Hanson, Cliff & Phyllis Knutson, Carol & Sanford Emery, Van & Ruth Holmgren, and Steve Nagle, a BIG thank you.



## ART IN THE PARK FOOD BOOTH

Friends had their food booth in Pelican Rapids in July for Art in the Park. We made a profit of \$454.00 for the day. Thank you to all our volunteers. Lynn & Tom Carlson, Judy Engebretson, Liz & Collin Engebretson, Kathy & Bob Hanson, Kim Haugrud, Van Holmgren, Phyllis & Cliff Knutson, Bonnie & John Nordstrom, Stu Peterson, Stu's grandson Reid, Roberta Reed, Alma Ronningen, Wayne Runningen. Special Thanks to Lake Region Electric for their coffee donation and West Central Turkeys for their donation of turkey.

## MAPLE SYRUP 2016

It was a very good maple syrup season. It was our 7<sup>th</sup> season and it was the best. The volunteers set out 130 taps and collected 1240 gallons of sap which they boiled down into 32 gallons of maple syrup. This was done in 13 separate boils. That is about 467 volunteer hours.

Our set up, demonstration, maple syrup, and clean up crew was Bob Hanson, Loren Abel, Charlie Sorum, Terry Heller, Denny Albright, Ron Hegerle, Jeff Grunewald, and Stu Peterson.

There were 3 school groups (Frazee/Vergas, Pelican Rapids, Underwood) that came to the park to learn about maple syrup. We also had visitors on maple syrup day and at other times. About 350 individuals came to Maplewood during the season to learn about maple syrup. Don DelGreco and Jeff Fjestad take care of most of the school group visitation. We hope to really expand that part of our program once the Sugar Shack is completed.

## JEFF FJESTAD - ASSISTANT PARK MANAGER

Back in the 1980's Jeff would come to Maplewood with his mom and dad and enjoy the countryside. Later, as a Boy Scout, he spent many a weekend camping with Troop 313 out in Maplewood State Park. Little did he know that at the age of almost 40, he will have spent half of his life working in this park that he loves.



In 1995 he graduated from high school in Pelican Rapids. Jeff took a natural resource management class from Mr. J, the Ag teacher. Mr. J, knowing that Jeff had an interest in the outdoors, told him about a possible job at Maplewood State Park. With his encouragement Jeff went out and applied. He was hired by Bob Hanson, the Park Ranger, and when Jeff graduated from high school on a Friday, he started work on Monday at Maplewood State Park in a "work experience program".

Jeff continued his education at Fergus Falls Community College for 2 years working summers and fall at Maplewood. While continuing his education at NDSU, he was hired to work seasonally as a Building & Grounds Worker. This was his position even after he graduated in 2000 with a degree in Natural Resource Management. In September of 2003 he was hired as an Assistant Park Manager.

Over the 21 years he has worked at Maplewood he has seen many changes. The electrification of the main campground, the unbelievable changes in tents and those 40 foot 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailers, and the horse trailers complete with kitchens and sleeping quarters are some of those changes that stand out. Jeff stated, "Maplewood is becoming busier and busier every year with attendance always on the rise."

Meeting the new visitors is something Jeff enjoys, but he also likes those people who come back all the time and he is on a first name basis with many of them. Fall is his favorite time of the year at Maplewood and his favorite place in the park is in the south part of Maplewood, on the Star Loop. There, high on a hill, close to 21 Lake, is a wonderful view looking south.

Jeff met his wife Tracy at Loony Days in Vergas. She works as an accountant for Ag Country Farm Services in Moorhead. They have been married for 6 years and live in Barnesville.

Jeff has always enjoyed hunting and fishing. Deer hunting with his family is very important to him. Although he finds little time to spend in his shop he does enjoy woodworking. His new love is being a father. Harper Ann Fjestad was born on May 12, 2016. This is how he likes to spend his free time although I think we'll find him out deer hunting again. Thank you Jeff for making Maplewood State Park an important part of your life.

## WELCOME

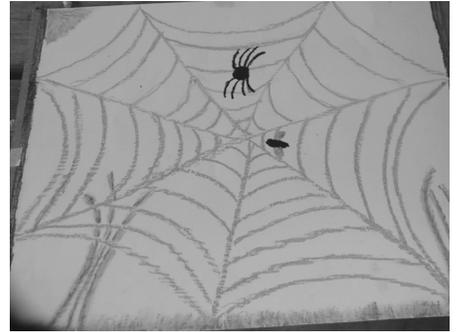


Introducing to you, the newest member of the Friends of Maplewood, **Harper Ann Fjestad**. Born May 12, 2016 at 5 lbs 6 oz. I'm sure she will get to spend many a time at Maplewood State Park. When she reaches the age of 20, what new things will she get to experience at Maplewood? We're hoping a new bike trail as well as some other things we're dreaming about.

## DRAWING CLASSES AT MAPLEWOOD

First off, we want to thank Lila Hauge-Stoffel for her time and energy in offering these classes. This summer her 3 classes were drawing wild

flowers, birds, and insects. The classes were well attended and got larger each month. In June there were 23 participants, July brought 32 participants to Maplewood, and in August a total of 52 adults and children showed up to draw insects. Age was not a factor as people from 3 to 87 came to learn about drawing.



They all had fun learning. Lila is such a gracious host and teacher. It is fun to just walk around and see kids, families, moms and dads, and grandparents having a good time drawing nature at Maplewood State Park. I found a mom and daughter who were camping in Maplewood. There was also a mother with 3 children who discovered the drawing class on the website and drove down from Moorhead. A grandmother with her 2 grandkids came from New York Mills, a couple from Monticello who came to go kayaking, and 2 families from Foley who were here camping are just a few of the people who came to draw insects. The list could go on and on.



A few of the pictures tell the story of how much fun and interest the people were experiencing.



## “National & State Parks on the Air” Event

On Saturday, April 2, five amateur radio operators (Ham Radio) from the St. Cloud unit journeyed to Maplewood to activate the North Country Scenic Trail (TR04). The Radio Unit joined with MN State Parks and the NPS to celebrate Minnesota State Parks & Trails 125th anniversary and the National Park Service’s 100th Anniversary with a transmissions/operations event in Maplewood. By 11:30 AM two stations were on the air, one on 20 meters using a mono band vertical antenna, the other on 40 meters using a windom antenna. Over 250 contacts were logged in 4 1/2 hours of operation talking with stations in 45 states (including Hawaii), Guam, three Canadian Provinces and even a rare transmission from an aeronautical station aboard a Boeing 767 traveling over Kansas. The group invited Maplewood State Park Manager, Don DelGreco to make a few radio contacts to Arizona and Alabama.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PLEIN AIR PAINTING EVENT

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

Josh Hanson Memorial Picnic Shelter, Maplewood State Park

Registration: \$45.00

Contact Information: Lila Hauge-Stoffel  
218-770-1627

There will be a presentation/demonstration of Plein Air Painting by guest artist Carl Oltvedt, retired prof. of the School of Visual Arts, MSUM. After lunch there will be on-location drawing and painting under the direction of Carl Oltvedt and later a critique of the day's efforts. If you are interested please contact Lila for more information.

## Leaf Day

### North Country Trail Hikes

The Glacial Edge Chapter will be holding guided hikes on the North Country Trail each of the four days of Leaf Days. The plan is to meet at the Trail Center at 10am each day.

Come join the fun  
and leave the  
**GUIDING** to us.



## LEAF DAYS Sept 24-25 Oct. 1-2

We will have our usual wagon rides with a little history of Maplewood as you travel the road.

We will have activities both weekends, but nothing planned yet except for the guided hikes.

The Friends of Maplewood will be selling food, clothing, and Maple Syrup at the Picnic Shelter.



It is the time of year that the Friends of Maplewood needs lots of volunteers. We need people to serve food, cook brats, sell clothing, direct traffic, visit about Maplewood with people, or help with one of our many activities. Nothing is too difficult and it is always an enjoyable time. Please volunteer to help for as much time as you can spare. Contact John Nordstrom at 218-334-6567 or nord-lake7@hotmail.com.

We are always looking for new activities to offer during Leaf Days. If you have an idea or skill or craft to offer contact John Nordstrom. People, especially children, who come to Maplewood to look at the leaves and beauty of Fall are also interested in doing different activities.

# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE for 2017

**Friends of Maplewood membership drive for 2017 starts NOW.** Included in this newsletter is a membership sheet. Fill it out and sent to Box 259, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572 or bring it to the Annual Meeting. If you are a renewal, we only need your name and any changes of address or email. If you are a Snowbird, give us both your addresses so you don't miss the Winter issue.

Another great year in 2016. We had a total of 270 paid memberships which is up 13 over 2015. Remember your dues are used entirely to support Maplewood State Park. Thanks for supporting Maplewood State Park by joining the Friends of Maplewood. Further your support by getting a friend to join.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee is attempting to do some reconfiguration. Most of the time we have no trouble getting people to volunteer to help. What we do have trouble with is getting people to be in charge of events. We spent a lot of time at our last Advisory meeting talking about this. So we are going to attempt to go with committees for each event. These are our events for 2016-2017 and the committees.

**Annual Meeting food:** Ruth Holmgren, Karen Kreiser, Ruth Holt

**Leaf Days:** Deb Bruns, Ruth & Van Holmgren, Ruth Holt, Bob Kreiser, John Nordstrom

**Candlelight Ski:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Ruth Holt

**Maple Syrup production:** 1. Bob Hanson 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Maple Syrup Day:** 1. Phyllis & Cliff Knutson 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Maple Syrup School Group Organizer:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Sugar Shack:** Stu Peterson with David Knopf as contractor

Another problem is to find a chairperson for our Advisory Committee. It seems that once you become chairperson, you end up being there and nobody will take it over. We decided that a term limit is necessary and that the chairperson should be chosen or elected by the Advisory Committee. To begin the process John Nordstrom accepted being President through the 2017 Annual Meeting and Denise Laymon volunteered to be the Chairperson elect.

**What do we need:** We need some people to volunteer to be on the Advisory Committee and then in time, serve on a committee. You can be a snowbird. The Advisory Committee will have a meeting in January, May, August, and Annual Meeting in September. Think about it. Would you be willing to serve on the Friends of Maplewood Advisory Committee or one of their committees? The Friends of Maplewood has been successful in establishing some great events for Maplewood State Park, but we are in need of finding people to help continue them. Many of us have been on the Advisory Committee for 10 to 16 years and we need a volunteer transfusion. New ideas, new excitement, new vision, new helpers. We aren't quitting, we just need help.

**WILL YOU HELP ?** Call John 218-334-6567 or email

nordlake7@hotmail.com



## 2017 Membership Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type:**

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member

\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

**Annual Membership Dues:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Single \$5

\_\_\_\_\_ Couple \$10

\_\_\_\_\_ Family \$25

\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime \$500

\*Make checks payable to:  
**Friends of Maplewood**

Send membership application to:

Friends of Maplewood  
Box 259  
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572



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Rapids, MN  
Permit #40

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

**FRIENDS OF MAPLEWOOD**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016      6:30 p.m.**

**Josh Hanson Memorial Picnic Shelter**

**The Friends of Maplewood Annual Meeting is a time for all interested Friends of Maplewood State Park to gather and find out what has been happening at the park. There will be an update on the Sugar Shack. [Come early & stop up to see that the Sugar Shack has taken shape.] It is also a time to share your thoughts and ideas for Maplewood. We will review 2016.**

**Light meal will be served. Come for a taste of ice cream topped with Maplewood's own maple syrup. Bring a friend and join us at Maplewood State Park on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30. You can pay your 2017 dues at that time. Thanks for taking the time to help improve Maplewood State Park.**