

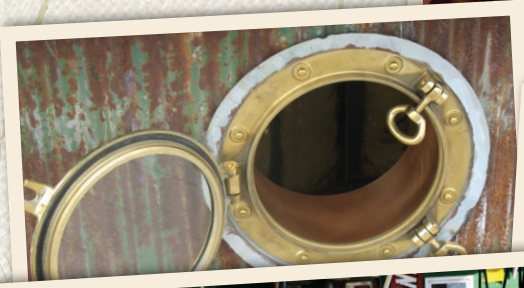


ANNUAL REPORT

2011



COMING TO A RIVER NEAR YOU...



Dear Supporters,

If I had to choose one word to describe 2011, it would be “MONUMENTAL”—monumental for me personally, and monumental for the organization. In May, I married my long-time love, Tammy Becker. For the past nine years, Tammy has worked tirelessly by my side to help LL&W become what it is today. Ours is the eighth marriage between members of the Living Lands & Waters’ barge crew. I know what you are thinking and, yes, it is sort of a love boat (or should I say a love barge?)!

On another personal note, earlier in the year I was featured on NBC Nightly News, inducted into the National Rivers Hall of Fame, and had the opportunity to speak to a packed house at the Kennedy Center where I was honored to receive a standing ovation from all four living, former U.S. presidents: Jimmy Carter, George Bush Sr., George W. Bush, and Bill Clinton.

The consuming focus in my life from July through October was the building of our new floating classroom/headquarters barge. Those were the most demanding four months in my 14-year career with LL&W. Thanks to many generous donors, and to the LL&W crew, staff, board, and more than 160 union carpenters, electricians, plumbers, pipefitters, floor layers and ironworkers (most of whom were volunteers), for their unbelievable work ethic which resulted in the building of an amazing new barge. This new facility was built to accommodate not only teachers and educators, but students as well. So far, LL&W has hosted more than 92 workshops with 1,700 teachers and educators in attendance, and we can now look forward to bringing thousands of students aboard to further our mission for years to come.

We also jumped on an opportunity to purchase a bigger towboat with more horsepower, replacing our old tug which didn’t have the power to traverse the oftentimes harsh river.

On top of all of this, we didn’t skip a beat. In 2011, we were still able to accomplish the following:

- *Host Alternative Spring Break in Memphis, TN where we removed 160,000 pounds of garbage in three*

weeks with 105 students from 19 colleges across the country.

- *Facilitate 54 cleanups in nine states along the Mississippi, Illinois, Ohio, Tombigbee, and Cumberland Rivers.*
- *Remove a total of 374,074 pounds of debris from our waterways with the help of 2,713 volunteers throughout the year.*
- *Replenish our nursery by planting 120,000 acorns.*
- *Coordinate the second Great Mississippi River Cleanup in 17 cities from St. Paul, MN to St. Louis, MO in which we removed 133,641 pounds of trash with the help of 1,850 volunteers.*
- *Distribute and/or plant 142,000 trees in eight states with the help of 1,186 volunteers.*
- *Recycle approximately 80,000 pounds of plastic bottles.*

As you can see 2011 really was a monumental year in so many ways. Upgrading our equipment and expanding our programs have been expensive, but the long-term impact

will be huge. I end this letter with this promise— We will continue to strive to be the hardest working cleanup organization on the river.

On behalf of the crew, the river and me, a sincere thanks for your continued support!

Sincerely,



Founder & President



A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Every year seems to be the most challenging and most rewarding. 2011 was no exception. The pressures of accomplishing all the river cleanups, harvesting/processing/distributing 142,000 trees, shifting schedules due to high and low waters, participating in building the new barge living quarters/classroom, and presenting countless outreach events left the crew and office staff exhausted in the fall. In my ten years on the board, I cannot remember a year when the board was more critically involved in a variety of issues. Buying a refurbished tug boat to power the new barge, repairing LL&W's largest barge, providing guidance on building the new barge, reviewing many HR policies, organizing the Barge Party and overseeing a total remake of the LL&W website are but some of the issues in which the board was deeply involved.

As we begin a new season, the crew's and board's exhaustion is replaced by heightened energy to fully utilize the resources (new classroom and living quarters/classroom barge, larger tow boat, educational opportunities) to accomplish its mission. I cannot finish this paragraph without expressing profound thanks to the benefactors of LL&W who have made this possible and to the volunteers who work with LL&W to get 'er done throughout the year. And, of course, I must salute Chad who pulls all this together and inspires us, through his relentless 24/7 hard work and buoyant personality, to progress in our shared mission.

Curtis Lundy
2011 Board Chairman



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LL&W MEET THE TEAM



MADELINE LULOFF | Office Manager

Madeline joined the LL&W team in January 2005 after actively volunteering since 1999. She has a bachelor's degree in Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University. Madeline's work experiences include Naturalist/Interpreter at Nahant Marsh Education Center, Davenport, IA, and Program Tutor and Recreation Supervisor for the City of Rock Island's Parks & Rec Department. Madeline is a motivated environmentalist who is involved in several local groups including the Board of Directors for Keep Rock Island Beautiful. Madeline's optimistic attitude and strong will to succeed shines through in LL&W's home office.



ANNE POWERS | Financial Manager

Anne came on board in November 2004, bringing with her 28 years of experience in The University of Iowa's Athletic Business Office. She graduated from Christian College in Columbia, MO, and attended The University of Iowa. After proving herself as a LL&W superstar volunteer, she was recruited to join the full-time staff. We feel fortunate to have Anne and her energetic and fun personality on board!



MIKE HANLIN | Captain

Mike, a retired educator from East Moline, IL, has been with LL&W since the beginning. Captain Mike received his Charter Boat Captain Master License in the 60's while working his way through college. After many years of teaching, Chad persuaded Mike to come aboard as Captain. They made their first trip up the Mississippi River together with one additional crew member. Captain Mike is an environmentalist who enjoys the outdoors. He always has a great story to tell about his experiences working with LL&W, and looks forward to future trips "Rollin' On The River."



WILLIAM "BILL" KINZLER | Captain

Bill is captain and owner of Running Rivers, LLC which provides a diversified customer base with project and management consulting, survey, brokerage, and business evaluation services. Captain Bill first received his Masters License in 1972. He joined the LL&W team in February 2010 and serves as an outstanding Captain who provides a wealth of information to the LL&W crew and staff. Captain Bill enjoys outdoor sports, traveling, getting lost in a good book and being with family.





TAMMY BECKER | Programs Manager

Tammy is the high-spirited director of the LL&W educational workshops. She has a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Western Illinois University. Tammy joined the team in late 2002 and uses her extensive experience gained from the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps to put together informative, fun and successful workshops. Tammy also works hard as a cleanup team member and grant writer. She is the most positive personality within our group, which is quite an accomplishment with this enthusiastic group of optimists!



GEOFF MANIS | Team Leader

Geoff graduated from Western Illinois University with a degree in Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration. Geoff began his tenure at LL&W as an office intern during the 2004 fall semester and became part of the team after graduation in December. Geoff leads by example, and his hard work ethic and leadership skills are appreciated by the entire LL&W team.



MIKE COYNE-LOGAN

Education Coordinator, Crew Member

Mike (a.k.a. Nozzy) graduated from Northern Illinois University in 2000 with degrees in history and education. Before joining the crew in July of 2007, Mike taught school in Rock Island, IL. Mike began volunteering with LL&W in 2005 which lead to his decision to come on board.



DICK SOUTHWICK | Crew Member

Richard "Dick" is a Quad City native who resides on the shore of the Mississippi River in East Moline, IL. After graduation from Moline High School, Dick served in the United States Marine Corps. He worked at several area manufacturing facilities, retiring from John Deere Harvester Product Development after 32 years as mechanic, machinist, welder, fabricator and procurement specialist. Dick will join the team in May 2012 and will use his skills and experience to advance the efforts of LL&W.



BEN GRAFTON

Operations Manager, Crew Member

Ben is from Moline, IL and graduated from Moline High School in 2004. He's been affiliated with LL&W since the Hurricane Katrina Project in 2005, and officially joined the crew in March of 2009. Ben's hard work ethic, carpentry skills and easy-going personality make him a great addition to the LL&W crew.



NORA COYNE-LOGAN

Programs Coordinator, Crew Member

Nora graduated from Northern Illinois University in 2008 with a degree in Communication. After graduation, Nora became the Membership Coordinator at the River Music Experience in Davenport, IA. She also assisted with booking musical engagements, marketing duties, and various administrative tasks. Nora joined the LL&W team in January of 2010 to help remind her brother, Nozzy, to keep his shoes tied.



ASHLEY STOVER

Programs Coordinator, Crew Member

Ashley graduated from Western Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in Biology. As an undergraduate, Ashley interned at a zoo and a wildlife rehabilitation center, realizing her dream of working with animals. After graduation she worked as a veterinary technician for three years. In March 2010 Ashley volunteered for LL&W's Million Trees Project where her dedication, persistence, and organizational skills were so helpful she was invited to join the crew that season.



SARAH PORTER | Crew Member

Sarah graduated in 2005 from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in biology. In 2011 Sarah received her master's degree in geography from the University of Iowa. She came on board after working on a statewide land cover mapping project for use in conservation and other related fields at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Sarah has a great appreciation for the river and environment and is grateful that a master's degree doesn't always get you a cozy desk job. Sifting through mud with a smile on her face, Sarah's energetic personality and positive attitude are great assets to the crew.



JOHN BOSTROM | Crew Member

John (J.B.) graduated from Black Hawk College in 2009 and attended Western Illinois University. After volunteering with LL&W for several years and attending Alternative Spring Break, J.B. was urged to join the crew in the summer of 2011. He's a quick learner and "Jack of all trades" who easily transitioned into his new role as crew member.



2011 EXPENSES

EXPENSES

Program Services

Salaries and Benefits	426,877
Contract Services	24,250
Travel & Lodging	99,867
Operating Expense	245,392
Repair Expense	118,044
Insurance Expense	94,693
Educational Programs	3,432
MillionTrees Project	79,537
Great Mississippi River Cleanup	35,100
Other Projects	15,420
Depreciation	166,882
TOTAL	1,309,494

SUPPORTING SERVICES

Management and General

Salaries and Benefits	102,321
Office Supplies and Equipment	25,603
Professional Fees	17,760
Depreciation	8,355
TOTAL	154,039

Public Relations

Website	14,616
Annual Fundraiser	18,240
Promotional Expense	17,072
Marketing/Fundraising	35,781
TOTAL	85,709

TOTAL EXPENSES **1,549,242**



2011 DONATIONS

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Up to \$999 925 individual, business and memorial
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CONSTRUCTION of *our* NEW BARGE

In appreciation to all those who contributed to the construction of the new classroom/headquarters barge—
Thank you very much for making it all happen!

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EDUCATION & OUTREACH

2011 marked a huge milestone for Living Lands & Waters' educational programming and outreach. On June 20, LL&W staff anxiously watched from shore as our new barge made its first contact with water—rolling from the shipyard into the Ohio River. The barge then headed to Alton, IL where the crew and more than 150 union volunteers began construction of the actual classroom structure, with building continuing throughout the season.

In 2012, the new classroom barge will travel to various ports along the Mississippi, Illinois and Ohio Rivers. We anticipate that 800-1000 high school students will come aboard in our inaugural year!

In addition to classroom construction, MillionTrees projects, and river cleanups, LL&W staff visited classrooms and talked with over 1,000 students about the value of our rivers and the importance of clean water. We also shared our mission with more than 39,000 individuals who attended outreach events. By bringing a boatload of garbage to the events, LL&W created a visual reminder of how neglected our rivers are.

Thanks to all of our sponsors and supporters for giving us the opportunity to convey the importance of our rivers to thousands of students and communities!

***Keep a look-out for the new classroom in 2012.
It's Coming to a River Near YOU!***



—River— CLEANUPS

Living Lands & Waters host numerous community river cleanups each year with help from volunteers of all ages. Volunteers board LL&W's work boats, piloted by the crew, and head to predetermined sites along shorelines and islands. With trash bags and shovels in hand, volunteers scour the shoreline. After the volunteers depart, the crew moves the garbage from the shoreline to boats, and then to the barges for unloading and sorting—recyclable items on one barge and the remaining garbage on another. In 2011, the crew and volunteers removed approximately 187 tons (374,074 pounds!) of debris with the help of over 2,713 volunteers at 54 community based cleanups in nine states.



—Cumulative— GARBAGE STATISTICS

5-Gallon Buckets	3,019	Trash Cans	312
55-Gallon Drums	5,770	Car Engines	14
Bags of Trash	73,216	Chairs	1,044
Sinks	130	Stoves	188
Tires	63,271	TVs	210
Barge Rope	16,552 ft.	Lawn Mowers	51
Refrigerators	938	Couches	51
Air Conditioners	63	Motorcycles	11
Washing Machines	216	Cars	9
Gas Tanks/Cans	359	Dishwashers	66
Propane Tanks	1,295	Barge Cable	8,661 ft.
Mannequin Hands	2	Bathtubs	25
Hot Water Heaters	284	Mattresses	90
Porta-Potties	18	Duck Decoys	203
BBQ Grills	147	Trucks	1
Shopping Carts	47	Toilets	97
Coolers	271	Septic Tanks	2
Bowling Balls	90	School Bus Top	1
Bowling Pins	30	Bags of Police Riot Gear	12
Toy Dolls	243	Construction Cones	95
Boats	67	Big Wheels	42
Freezers	102	Parking Meter	1
1970s Ford Econoline Van	1	Pianos	4
Balls	14,733	Jet Skis	6
250-Gallon Drums	62	Messages in Bottles	63
Milk Crates	688	Buoys	170
Bicycles	105	Sunken Barges	3
Life Jackets	205	Hot Tubs	12
Tractors	19	1-Foot Thick Styrofoam	13 football fields



GREAT MISSISSIPPI RIVER CLEANUP

WITH LIVING LANDS & WATERS



**GRAB
SOME
BUDS**
AND GET INVOLVED

— The Great — MISSISSIPPI RIVER CLEANUP

In 2011, Living Lands & Waters hosted the second annual Great Mississippi River Cleanup (GMRC)—a cleanup of the Mississippi River from St. Paul, MN to St. Louis, MO. We divided the Upper Mississippi River into four regions and facilitated 20 cleanups in four days between June and September. The unusually high water up north posed a problem, and cleanups at some sites had to be rescheduled up to three times! Despite the rising river, we still had 1,850 ambitious volunteers help us remove 133,641 pounds of debris from the banks of the Mighty Mississippi! Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen!

Stay tuned for information about 2012's Great Mississippi River Cleanup. Updated information will be available soon on LL&W's website, livinglandsandwaters.org and Facebook page. Plans are already underway!

2011 GMRC Sponsors and Major Partners

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2011 Participating Cities

Minnesota: St. Paul, Lake City, Wabasha, Winona | **Wisconsin:** Alma, La Crosse, Prairie du Chien
Iowa: Dubuque, Sabula, Davenport/Bettendorf, Muscatine, Burlington, Fort Madison, Keokuk
Illinois: Moline/Rock Island, New Boston, Oquawka, Quincy, Alton | **Missouri:** St. Louis



— 2011 —
**XSTREAM
CLEANUP**

On Saturday, August 13, volunteers at the eighth annual Xstream Cleanup removed approximately 69,455 pounds of debris from Quad Cities area waterways and illegal dumpsites. Cleanups were held at 46 locations in Bettendorf, Davenport, LeClaire, McCausland and Lost Grove Lake in Iowa, and East Moline, Milan, Moline, Rock Island and Silvis in Illinois.

A total of 1,284 volunteers worked 3,556 hours and collectively gathered 1,449 bags of trash, 1,585 tires, 22 appliances, 20 bicycles, 21 pieces of furniture, 5 televisions and 10 mattresses. This was the equivalent of 28,980 pounds of trash, 38,040 pounds of tires, 1,650 pounds of appliances, 460 pounds of bicycles, 75 pounds of televisions, and 250 pounds of mattresses for a grand total of 69,455 pounds. In addition, volunteers unloaded 46,440 pounds of debris from Living Lands and Waters' garbage barge. The material was hand sorted and 20,540 pounds were recycled.

Additional items, reflected in the pounds above, included:

Automotive-related items car bumper with license plate, muffler, rims, battery

Home items carpet, siding, doors, linoleum flooring, paneling, toilets, ladders, vacuum sweeper, fire pit, pots/pans, toaster oven, shoes, leather jacket

Metal filing cabinet, fence, pipe, sheet metal, iron tubes, bike rack

Kids' items baby car seat, swimming pools

Electronics TVs, laptop, satellite dish

Large items antique tractor wheel, boat, part of truck, bus seat, lawn mower, riding tractor

Miscellaneous barrels, 5-gallon buckets, barricades, construction cones, sleeping bag, false teeth, GI Joe, mail box, garden gnome, crutches, cooler, shopping carts, lawn chairs, railroad ties

In addition, the following locations worked on beautification efforts:

Nahant Marsh: removed 12 trailer loads of invasive brush

North High School grounds: removed 20 bags of invasive vegetation and 100 invasive trees

Downtown Davenport: cleared 1.5 acres of the invasive Tree-of-Heaven

Fairmount Cemetery: removed locust trees from 1,505 square feet of prairie

Green Valley Nature Preserve: chipped 6 yards of invasive brush



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
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ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

From late February to Mid-March, the Living Lands & Waters' crew hosted more than 105 students from 19 different colleges in Memphis, TN as part of its Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program. Over the course of three weeks, students and the crew combed the shores of Lake McKellar, a backwater lake fed by the Mississippi River. The enthusiastic group collected more than 160,000 pounds of garbage in only three weeks!

Inspired by the experience, students from the University of Memphis continued picking up debris after the LL&W team departed.

They organized three cleanup events, recruiting an additional 225 volunteers who removed another 15,000 pounds of garbage, including 12,000 pounds of recyclables. Imagine if we could inspire groups like this wherever we go?

There's still a lot of work to do at Lake McKellar, and LL&W looks forward to returning with even more students in 2012!

MILLIONTREES PROJECT

Harvesting, bagging and delivering trees kept us busy in early spring. With help from 60 high school students, we were able to harvest thousands of oak seedlings from our Beardstown, IL nursery. More than 600 volunteers lent a hand during the tree bagging events held in Springfield and Rock Island, IL and at LL&W headquarters in East Moline, IL. The trees, 142,000 in all, were then delivered to schools, businesses, organizations, sponsors, and community members throughout eight states.

Later in the spring, we recruited 650 volunteers to assist with planting over 8,000 oak seedlings in Le Claire and Des Moines, IA and Peoria, IL.

Clearing over 1.5 miles of invasive vegetation in Alton, IL prepared the way for a mulched trailway along the Mississippi River. A restoration event in Le Claire, IA brought together 150 volunteers who helped remove an acre of invasive honeysuckle and plant 150 trees.

We replenished the nursery with 120,000 acorns and plan to harvest the seedlings in the spring of 2012. We are currently looking for a new nursery site that is closer to our home base which will enable us to maintain it more efficiently and to recruit more local volunteers.

We truly appreciate the great community support that has helped this program grow.

ADOPT-A- RIVER MILE

“Bay West enjoyed a hugely successful company volunteer event at our first ever Mississippi River Cleanup for 2011. We saw dedication and commitment from our staff as well as those family members and friends of staff who donated their time to this eco-conscious effort. We look forward to our next river cleanup event and see these opportunities not only as a way to help the environment, but also as a team building exercise and a way to help our community.”

*Megan Millsop
Commercial Marketing Manager
Bay West, Inc.
Customer-Focused Environmental &
Industrial Solutions*

“Cleaning the river is good in two ways – it is good for the environment and it is good for the heart of the person doing the cleaning.”

*David Grimes
HPT Keokuk Plant
AmerenMissouri
Keokuk, IA*

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Group Name	# OF MILES	MILE #'S
CYC-June Combs	2	108-110 IL
AmeriCorps-Belleville/East St. Louis	1	180-181 IL
Azcon Corporation	3	202.5-205.5 IL
Twillman, Joan	2	212-214 MO
Mississippi Crews	10	273-283 MO
Hannibal Early Bird Kiwanis	1	308-309 MO
Greenwell Family	1	309-310 MO
Warsaw H.S.	2	359-361 IL
Kibbe Life Science Field Station	2	362-364 IL
AmerenUE	2	364-365 IL/IA
Bob Flam Family	1	371-372 IA
Reida, Jon	2	381-383 IL
Beelman Sisters	1	382-383 IA
Ft. Madison High School	1	383-384 IA
Motorcyclists For Jesus	34	384-401 IL/IA
Cascade Boating Association	2	401-403 IA
Burlington Rotary	2	403-404 IL/IA
ADM Grain-Gulfport, IL	1	404-405 IL
Mississippi Manor B&B	1	404-405 IA
Notre Dame Elementary School	1	405-406 IA
ADM Grain-Burlington, IA	1	406-407 IA
River's Rats	2.5	408-410.5 IA
TEE Inc.	5	415-420 IL
ADM Grain-Keithsburg, IL	1	427-428 IL
Wapello H.S. Consv. Science Class	1	431-432 IA
Westmer Elementary School	1	432-433 IL
Showalter/Sedam Group	1	433-434 IL
Millage, Todd	2	451-453 IA
Derksen Family	4	453-457 IA
Morse Family and Friends	10	457-462 IL/IA
Muscatine Izaak Walton League	1	462-463 IA
LACMRERS Research Station & Students of IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering, Univ. of Iowa	2	463-465 IA
Docherty, Melonee	1	465-466 IL
Treiber Family	1	466-467 IA
Loud Thunder River Patrol	2	466-468 IL
Plummer, Julie	1	468-469 IA
Derek & Friends	1	468-469 IL
Olderog Family	1	471-472 IA
Henkel Family	1	472-473 IA
Buffalo Elementary School	1	473-474 IA
Lafarge Corporation-Davenport Plant	1	474-475 IA
Mid American Energy Employees	1	475-476 IA
Ryan Family	1	477-478 IA
Augustana College	1	478-479 IA
American Society Of Civil Engineers	1	479-480 IL

Izaak Walton League-Davenport	2	479-481 IA
Master Naturalist	1	480-481 IL
Norcross Safety Products	1	481-482 IL
Moline Conservation Club	2	481-483 IA
Missman, Stanley and Associates	1	482-483 IL
American Water Company-Iowa	1	483-484 IA
Rock Island Arsenal Volunteers	3	483-486 Arsenal Is.
Lindsay Park Yacht Club	1	484-485 IA
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary-Flotilla 9-5	1	485-486 IA
KONE Inc. Employees	1	485-486 IL
Bethany-TRP	1	486-487 IA
Sierra Club-Eagle River Group	1	486-487 IL
Jamieson Family	2	487-488 IL/IA
Alcoa	1	488-489 IA
Lenger Family	1	488-489 IL
Boy Scout Troop 24-Bettendorf	2	489-491 IA
Ahern Clan	2	489-491 IL
Scott Comm. College-Student Gov't	1	491-492 IA
Flynn/Despain	1	491-492 IL
Scott Comm. College- Env. Club	1	492-493 IA
Rock Island-U.S. Army Corps of Eng.	4	493-495 IL/IA
Gander Mountain-Davenport	1	495-496 IA
QC Analytical Services- QCA Green Start	2	496-498 IA
Port Byron Green Committee	2	497-499 IL
Northern Border Pipeline	2	500-501 IL/IA
Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, IA	2	501-503 IA
Getz Family	4	503-505 IL/IA
Seabee Veterans Assoc.-Island X2	1	505-506 IA
Exelon Nuclear	1	506-507 IL
Artco Fleeting Services-Clinton	8	512-516 IA/IL
Moore Family	2	516-518 IA
Fulton Middle School	1	519-520 IL
Carey Family	3	520-523 IA
Almost Ready Paddlers	1	527-528 IL
Elk River Paddlers Cooperative	2	528-529 IL/IA
Chestnut Park School (G. 6-8 Science)	1	537-538 IL
Binder Family	2	539-540 IL/IA
Lazy River Marina	4	540-542 IL/IA
The Carlson Family	2	543-545 IL
Carol & Gary Thompson	6	569-573 IL/IA
Friends of Dubuque Co. Consv. Board	1	573-574 IA
Artco Fleeting Services-Dubuque	8	574-578 IA/IL
Dzine Wise	1	579-580 IA
S.I.F.E Chapter - Univ. of Dubuque, IA	1	582-583 IA
Scheiber, Steve	2	583-584 IA/WI
Friends of Dubuque Co. Consv. Board	1	589-590 IA
Friends of Dubuque Co. Consv. Board	2	595-597 IA

Artco Fleeting Services-Cassville	4	606-608 IA/WI
Lake Park Earth Club	1	608-609 WI
Clark Family	1	619-620 IA
Agri-Bunge McGregor	1	633-634 IA
Artco Fleeting Services-Prairie Du Chien	4	634-636 IA/WI
Harpers River Friends	12	642-648 IA/WI
Brice Prairie Conservation Club	2	703-704 WI/MN
Vandergriff/Eisenmenger Families	1	715-716 WI
ADM Red Wing	2	790-791 WI/MN
River Ridge Homeowners Assoc.	1	793-794 WI
Bass Wranglers	1	814-815 MN
River's Edge Academy	1	841-842 MN
Bay West, Inc.	3	844-847 MN
McCormick Family	2	847-848 MN
Huck Finners	6	951-957 MN
Sobiech, Scott & Amber	1	Mile 1 Zebulon Pike Lake, MN
Panther, Robert & Joanne	3.1	1272.5-1275.6 MN Mississippi Headwaters
109 Groups	257.6	

ILLINOIS RIVER

GROUP NAME	# OF MILES	MILE #'S
THE Nat'l Bank Employees-Havana, IL	1	109-110 W
Better Fishing Assoc.	1	221-222 S
Peru Rescue Squad	1	222-223 S
TEST, Inc.	1	223-224 E & W
ADM Employees-Ottawa, IL	18	236-245 N & S
ADM Employees-Morris, IL	2	263-265 N
6 groups	24.0	

2011 YEAR in REVIEW

JANUARY

This was the start of a very exciting year! Plans began to unfold for the construction of our new barge that would serve as the base for our new floating classroom structure. In preparation for the upcoming season, we started the year by repairing six boat trailers and mending leaks in our work boats. We also spent time at several outreach events throughout the Quad Cities informing students, community members, and other local organizations about LL&W's mission and upcoming projects.

FEBRUARY

We began working on our MillionTrees Project and harvested 100,000 trees from our nursery in Beardstown, IL. On February 15, we opened the fleet for the season in Paducah, KY where it was stored all winter, and headed to Memphis, TN.

MARCH

On February 28, we kicked off our first week of Alternative Spring Break in Memphis, TN. There were a lot of cold and rainy days on the river but, despite the weather, we still had over 100 students from 19 colleges throughout the country help the LL&W crew remove 160,000 pounds of debris from the McKellar Lake area in three weeks! The crew made its first trip to Aberdeen, MS for a cleanup on the Tombigbee River. Meanwhile, back in the Quad Cities, 600 volunteers helped wrap and prepare 142,000 oak tree saplings for distribution and planting as part of our MillionTrees Project. On March 21, Chad received his biggest honor to date-- a standing ovation from all four living, former U.S. presidents at the Points of Light Tribute, "A Celebration of Service," at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.!

APRIL

We continued to focus on the MillionTrees Project throughout spring. In April, the crew helped distribute 142,000 trees to schools, organizations, sponsors, businesses, and community members throughout an eight state region. In addition, we planted 2,000 trees with the help of 60 volunteers in Peoria, IL and replenished our tree nursery in Beardstown, IL with 120,000 acorns.

MAY

Wedding bells were ringing in May in celebration of the marriage of our two veteran crew members, Chad Pregracke and Tammy Becker, who tied the knot in a beautiful backyard wedding along the Mississippi River in East Moline, IL. In between wedding planning and celebrating, the crew planted 6,000 trees in Des Moines, IA with the help of 150 hardworking volunteers. The month long construction of our new barge began in the middle of May. The rest of the month was spent back at the shop, preparing materials for the construction of our new classroom/headquarters structure that would commence in July! We had events scheduled for the lower Ohio River but, due to historic flooding, those events had to be rescheduled.



JUNE

This was the beginning of our busiest summer to date! We started the month in Alton, IL, where we cleared 1.5 miles of vegetation and laid over 600 feet of mulch along a trail way, and removed 3.43 tons of debris from the Mississippi River with the help of 150 volunteers. June was also our kickoff of Part 1 of the Great Mississippi River Cleanup (GMRC) on the Upper Mississippi in Lake City, MN; Wabasha, MN; Alma, WI; Winona, MN; and La Crosse, WI. Three of the cleanups had to be cancelled due to unusually high water. Mid-month we facilitated two cleanups on the Ohio River, including our annual

Marine Industry River Cleanup Challenge in Paducah, KY, where we removed 15,480 pounds of debris with 222 volunteers. The annual Marine Challenge was, once again, a great event where plenty of garbage was collected and a delicious barbeque was enjoyed by the crew and marine industry volunteers! On June 14, we hosted a restoration event in Le Claire, IA where we removed an acre of invasive honeysuckle and planted 150 trees with 150 volunteers. At the end of the month, the crew headed to Owensboro, KY to watch the launching of our new barge!

JULY

The heat really kicked in as construction began on our new home and floating classroom atop our new barge in Alton, IL. The crew, along with 160 union workers from St. Louis, worked long, hard days in record breaking heat and humidity to build this new structure. After three weeks of construction, all the crane work was completed and all the tresses and walls were set. By the end of the month the roof was on and the entire structure was enclosed! In the midst of working on the new barge, the crew also facilitated Part 2 of the Great Mississippi River Cleanup in three cities, removing 14,452 pounds of garbage with 146 volunteers; six cleanups on the Illinois River in 5 cities, removing 26,620 pounds of garbage with 194 volunteers; and three cleanups on the Ohio River, removing 3,333 pounds of garbage with 37 people! Chad was also featured on NBC Nightly News, highlighting the work of LL&W and volunteers at the Marine Challenge in Paducah, KY!

AUGUST

Our fleet of barges headed north to the Quad Cities in early August, while union workers continued to work hard on the construction of our new floating classroom. When we arrived, we met up with Quad City union workers who helped put up the interior walls and install the plumbing and air conditioning. This was when it really started to take shape. Throughout the month we coordinated three cleanups on the Illinois River. On August 11, we hosted our annual Barge Party fundraiser in Davenport, IA with 800 people in attendance to celebrate another successful year and to see the progress on our new facility. Two days later we hosted Part 3 of the Great Mississippi River Cleanup with cleanups in Oquawka, IL; New Boston, IL; Burlington, IA; Muscatine, IA; Fort Madison, IA; and Keokuk, IA. Cleanups were also held at 45 sites in the Quad Cities as part of the annual Xstream Cleanup event! All in all, 77,364 pounds of refuse was collected with the help of 1,396 volunteers! In conjunction with the river cleanups that day, we also hosted our first ever recycling event aboard



LL&W's barges with volunteers helping to sort through 46,440 pounds of garbage of which 20,540 pounds were recycled instead of going to the landfill! The barges and crew headed north to St. Paul, MN. During our journey, a full crew of union workers and Quad City apprentices relentlessly worked on our new barge installing the ceiling and doors.

SEPTEMBER

Upon arrival in St. Paul, we met up with more union workers in the area who helped lay flooring. On September 1, we hosted the first of three Barge Kickoff events on the St. Paul Riverfront where local community members and media were invited to see the progression of the new floating classroom. Following tours of the facility, we conducted our second recycling event aboard the garbage barge. In three hours, with 40 pairs of helping hands, we sorted through 9,700 pounds of trash and were able to prevent 4,960 pounds from going to the landfill!



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Before heading back down river, we hooked up our fleet of barges to the Red Bull Mississippi Grind Skateboard Barge, a skateboard park on a barge. We hosted their crew and, at the same time, continued the building process along the way. Later in the month we hosted cleanups in Prairie du Chien, WI; Quincy, IL; Alton, IL and St. Louis, MO which concluded Part 4 of the Great Mississippi River Cleanup. Throughout the year, GMRC events took place in a total of 18 cities from St. Paul, MN to St. Louis, MO. With the help of 1,850 volunteers, we were able to remove 133,641 pounds of rubbish from the river!! We then headed to the Ohio River where we hosted two cleanups in Cave-in-Rock, IL, removing 10,000 pounds of garbage with 105 volunteers. By month's end we moved into our living quarters on the new barge!

OCTOBER

The barge headed up the Illinois River to Peoria, IL to host another kickoff of our nearly complete classroom. We held two cleanups in Peoria and then moved up to Starved Rock State Park for our final Illinois River cleanup of the year. With the help of 135 people, we removed 19,000 pounds of debris from this waterway. Mid-month, Chad headed to Pittsburgh, PA where he was inducted into the National Rivers Hall of Fame! The rest of our days were spent painting and staining the interior walls of the barge. We wrapped up the month with our final barge kickoff event and river cleanup of the year on the Cumberland River in Nashville, TN. Honky Tonk!

NOVEMBER

The barges and crew left Nashville and headed to Paducah, KY—the fleet's winter home. Over the course of the month, we unloaded the remainder of 2011's garbage from our barges and prepared for December events. We also spent two weeks finishing up the last of the work on the barge in order to be ready for our educational workshops in 2012.

DECEMBER

The focus for December was fundraising and planning for 2012 events. We also held our first ever crew retreat to talk about areas in need of improvement and safety training.

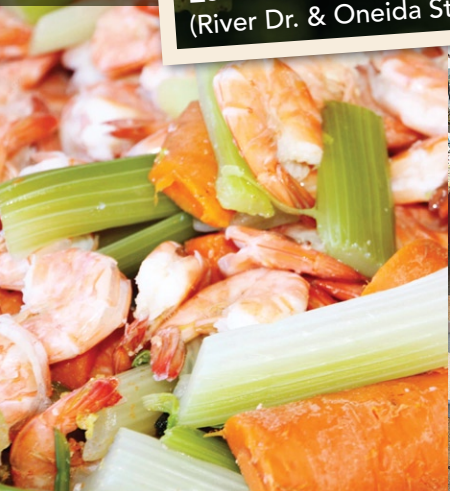
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