**Mark your calendars! River Keepers 2013 schedule of events:**

**River Keepers Annual Meeting:** 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on March 28 at Probstfield Center for Education.

**Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop:** 6-8 p.m. on April 24 at the Living Lab. Pre-registration encouraged.

**Reforest the Red:** 4-7 p.m. on May 21 at Dike East.

**Composting:** Give Your Soil a Boost and Conserve Water Workshop: 6-7:30 p.m. on May 22 at the Living Lab. Pre-registration encouraged.

**S.S. Ruby Boat Tours and Canoe/Kayak Rentals:**
- Regular operating season runs May 24 - September 1.
- For more information, call 701-793-RUBY.

**Race the Red:** 6 & 7:30 p.m. on June 10, Lindenwood to Dike East. Pre-registration encouraged.

**River Keepers’ Golf Scramble:** 1 p.m. on June 17 at Moorhead Country Club.

**Canoeing, Cooking and Camping:** A women’s weekend on the Red River, June 21-23. Pre-registration required.

**Displays & Parades:**
- We were at 16 community businesses, conferences, and special events.

**Presentations:**
- Presentations were made to over 20 groups, reaching almost 900 people.

**Rain Gardens: Capture the Rain of the Plains Workshop:** 6-7:30 p.m. on May 3 at Dike East. Free.

**Lil’ Fishermen’s Derby & Clinic:** 5-8 p.m. on June 3 at Dike East. Free.

**Catfishing Experiences:**
- No reservations required - June 4 & 22, July 2 & 27, August 6 & 24.
- For times and prices call 701-793-RUBY.

**Build Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshop:** 6-7:30 p.m., May 8 at the Living Lab. Pre-registration encouraged.

**Walk This Way:** 7 p.m. on May 7 at Dike East. Free.

**Build Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshop:** 6-7:30 p.m., May 8 at the Living Lab. Pre-registration encouraged.

**Red River Water Festival:** September 17-20 at Hjemkomst Center. Pre-registration required.

**Cookie Fundraiser:** During the month of June at downtown Fargo Atomic Coffee.

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"Promoting a renewed vision for the Red River of the North."

**Income**

- S.S. Ruby/Canoe/Kayak Rentals: $22,209.96
- Memberships: $12,973.55
- Appropriations: $98,100.00
- Grants: $10,756.00
- Sponsorships/Donations: $52,343.69
- Sublease: $5,108.02
- Misc. & Project Income: $6,345.28

**Total Income: $212,786.53**

**Expense**

- Office & Related Expense: $29,813.34
- Project Expense: $21,604.77
- Payroll Expense: $156,581.64
- Miscellaneous Expense: $1,287.74

**Total Expense: $209,287.49**

**Net Income/Loss: $3,499.04**

**Awards Presented**

- Environmental Award: Luther Aadland
- Good Neighbor Award Partnership Award: Ilya Trombitsky
- Education Award: Dr. Don Schwert
- Distinguished Service Award: Mark Bittner

**Board of Directors**

- Barry Nelson, Pres.
- Angelique Kube, V.P.
- Mitch Martel, Sec./Treas.
- Cindy Gray, Past Pres.
- Larry Boulger
- Troy De Leon
- Ardis Haaland
- Christina Hargiss
- Don Krogstad
- Su Legatt
- Tom Moberg
- Jan Ulfferts Stewart

**Full Time Staff**

- Bob Backman, Executive Director
- Christine Laney, Project Coordinator

**Ruby Crew Operations Manager**

- Rachel Leitch
- Nora Meyer
- Danna Nelson
- Donna Tosso
- Mark Nerland
- Mike Slotten

**Ruby Crew Captains**

- Bob Backman
- Joseph Calvert
- Mike Knorr
- Dan Koper
- Christine Laney
- Jay Leitch
- Gary Prosser
- Donna Tosso
- Chris Winning

**Ruby Crew Pursers**

- Rachel Leitch
- Nora Meyer
- Danna Nelson
- Donna Tosso
- Mark Nerland
- Mike Slotten

**Ruby Crew First Mates**

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- Mark Nerland
- Mike Slotten

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Look for River Keepers at many community events throughout the basin. For more information about any of these events, go to www.riverkeepers.org; find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RiverKeepersFM; or contact us at christine@riverkeepers.org or 701-235-2895.
2012 River Keepers Highlights

Board Leadership: River Keepers’ Board of Directors conducted four successful fundraising events, Celebrate Our Red at the HoDo, the 2nd annual Golf Tournament, a cookie fundraiser at Atomic Coffee, and an ice cream social at Moorhead downtown Dairy Queen. These efforts raised $14,000 for River Keepers!

Red River of the North International Historic Canoe Trail: Worked with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and North Dakota Game and Fish to add potential access sites and portages.

Canoeing, Kayaking, and Fishing: Partnered with Fargo Park District and FM Walleyes on the Lil’ Fishermen’s Derby and Clinic with 118 youth and 84 adult participants. Partnered with Moorhead’s RiverArts, FM Muskies, and the National Wild Turkey Federation to provide a fishing clinic with 53 youth and 48 adult participants. Organized Race the Red with 12 competitive and 14 teams participating. Twenty-three volunteers provided about 75 volunteer hours helping make these events successful.

Downtown Fargo Riverfront Cleanup: Along with City of Fargo Forestry, Fargo Park District Forestry, and City of Fargo Fargo Planning and Development, ten AmeriCorps members who removed 80,000 pounds of woody debris and 1400 pounds of trash from the downtown riparian area during an 8 week project.

Water Quality Monitoring: Worked with a volunteer to research local pharmaceutical disposal practices. Worked with a volunteer to coordinate a meeting to discuss potential fish kills with local and state officials. Contributed 42 volunteer hours. Coordinated a meeting to discuss semi-monthly samples during ice-free conditions.

On-the-Water Clean-Ups: Worked with local and state agencies and the railroad to encourage speedy clean-up of debris remaining in river after a derailment.

Youth Service Projects: Collaborated with Concordia College, YMCA, Kappa Alpha Theta, Barnsville High School, Oak Grove, Bennett Elementary, Fargo North Environmental Club, MSUM, Ellen Hopkins, Shenne 9th Grade Center, Barn Buddies 4-H Club; Eagle Scouts, West Fargo Family Life Science Class, North Dakota Department of Health, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 10 volunteers assisted in taking semi-monthly water quality samples.

Workshops: Worked with Cass County Soil Conservation District, City of Fargo, and Fargo Park District coordinated Plant it at 4 the Planet and Reforest the Red to celebrate Arbor Day. About 300 volunteers planted 1800 trees and shrubs.

T-shirt Bags: To help reduce the amount of plastic bags blown into the riverfront, we worked with 112 volunteer who contributed 182 volunteer hours to encourage converting used t-shirts into grocery bags.

Riparian Restoration: With Cass County Soil Conservation District, City of Fargo, and Fargo Park District coordinated Plant it at 4 the Planet and Reforest the Red to celebrate Arbor Day. About 300 volunteers planted 1800 trees and shrubs.

Red River Water Festival: Annual hands on educational festival with over 1500 students (76 classes) attending over four days. Over 130 people volunteered over 700 hours.

Riparian Development: Continue to encourage local agencies to develop set back ordinances.


Riverfront Development: Worked with local and state agencies and the railroad to encourage speedy clean-up of debris remaining in river after a derailment.

Living Lab: Produced 8 interpretive signs for Keep Beatrice Beautiful modeled after those at the Living Lab. A teacher workshop, a classroom family event, four community workshops, and numerous service learning activities occurred.

Other Activities: Stay connected with River Keepers, learn about volunteer opportunities, and community events on our webpage at www.riverkeepers.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RiverKeepersFM.