

Mark your calendars!

River Keepers Annual Meeting: 5:30-7:00 p.m. on March 27 in the Executive Suite of the Loretta Building, 208 Broadway in Fargo.

Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop: 6-8 p.m. on April 28 at Rabanus Park. Pre-registration encouraged.

Walk This Way: 7 p.m. on May 20 at Oak Grove Park. Free.

Build Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshop: 6-7:30 p.m. on May 5 at the Rabanus Park. Pre-registration encouraged.

Plant it 4 the Planet: 9:30 a.m. on May 16 at Iwen Park.

Reforest the Red: 4-7 p.m. on May 20 at Dike East.

Lil' Fishermen's Derby & Clinic: 5-8 p.m. on June 2 at Dike East. Free.

Catfishing Experiences: For times and prices call 701.235.2895.

Awards Presented

Partnership Award: Fargo Park District Forestry Department, City of Fargo Forestry Department, City of Fargo Department of Planning and Development



Environmental Award: *Living with a River* publication

Volunteers of the Year Award: Marlo and Terri Sloan



Friend of the River Award: Bob Stein

Outgoing President: Cindy Gray

Water Festival 10 Year Volunteer Recognition: Ginger Deitz

Numbers

Members: 190

Volunteer Hours: Almost 600 people contributed 2300 hours to River Keepers' projects and committees.

Presentations: Presentations were made to over 20 groups, reaching almost 1000 people.

Finances

Sustaining Sponsors: Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, Southeast Cass Water Resource District.

Government Members: City of Fargo, City of Moorhead, Clay County, Fargo Park District

Red River Clean Team
Thomas French
Mike Slotten

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2013 Profit & Loss

Income	
S.S. Ruby/Canoe & Kayak Rentals	\$12,265.80
Memberships	\$15,979.08
Appropriations	\$105,000.00
Grants	\$29,466.88
Sponsorships/Donations	\$60,654.40
Sublease	\$9,784.92
Misc. & Project Income	\$6,581.57
Total Income	\$239,732.65
Expense	
Office Expense	\$31,713.24
Project Expenses	\$25,219.65
Payroll Expenses (11 staff)	\$170,325.00
Misc. Expenses	\$282.27
Total Expense	\$227,540.16
Net Income/Loss	\$12,192.49

Board of Directors

Barry Nelson, Pres.
Angelique Kube, V.P.
Mitch Martel, Sec/Treas.
Cindy Gray, Past Pres.
Larry Boulger
John Brummer
Troy DeLeon
Camille Grade
Rennae Gruchalla
Ardis Haaland
Christina Hargiss
Don Krogstad
Bryan Leininger
Su Legatt
Tom Moberg
Karen Nitzkowski
Jan Ulfterts Stewart

Full Time Staff

Bob Backman,
Executive Director
Christine Laney,
Project Manager

Bookkeeper

Jeannie Baskerville

Ruby Crew Operations Manager

Donna Tosio

Ruby Crew Pursers

Sam Benson
Thomas French
Christine Laney
Rachel Leitch
Nora Meyer
Donna Tosio

Ruby Crew Captains

Bob Backman
Christine Laney
Jay Leitch
Gary Prosser
Donna Tosio

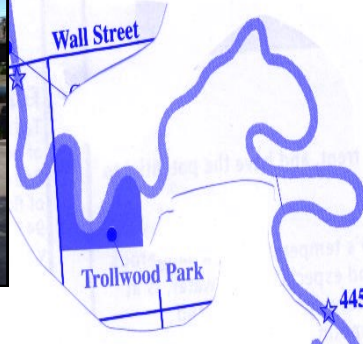
Ruby Crew First Mates

Sam Benson
Thomas French
Mike Slotten

2013 River Keepers Highlights

Board Leadership:

River Keepers' Board of Directors conducted four successful fundraising events that raised almost \$15,000 for River Keepers! These volunteers also participated in an educational tour of the Red River and its amenities in Fargo-Moorhead.



Riparian Restoration:

Along with the Cass County Soil Conservation District, City of Fargo, and Fargo Park District, coordinated *Plant it 4 the Planet* and *Reforest the Red* to celebrate Arbor Day. Over 300 volunteers planted 1200 trees and shrubs.



Downtown Riverfront Cleanup: Along with City of Fargo Forestry, Fargo Park District Forestry, and City of Moorhead, the Red River Clean Team, managed by River Keepers, removed two tons of tree trimmings and 400 pounds of trash from the downtown riparian area. They also planted over 300 trees.

Water Quality:

With the support of the North Dakota Department of Health, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the assistance of volunteers, we took semi-monthly water quality samples during ice-free conditions. With grant support from the Minnesota Department of Health, River Keepers convened an advisory group and researched community outreach messages and protocols for pharmaceutical disposal.



Protect our land, water and children by disposing of your old medications at:

The Moorhead Law Enforcement Center
915 9th Ave N., Moorhead
M-F 8:00-4:30

- ♻️ Empty pills into the pill safe in the lobby
- ♻️ Put liquids in a sealed bottle, inside a secured ziplock bag
- ♻️ Disposal is free and anonymous

Red River Watershed Center:

River Keepers, the International Water Institute (IWI), and the Red River Basin Commission have established common office space at 1120 28th Avenue North, Suite B in Fargo. All three non-profit organizations have water-related missions and have agreed to collocate in the Red River Watershed Center to increase efficiency and explore expanded opportunities to work together.

Race the Red: Organized the canoe and kayak races with 7 competitive and 22 (the most ever!) fun teams participating. We had our first stand up paddle board entry! Fourteen volunteers provided about 22 volunteer hours.



S.S. Ruby and Canoe & Kayak Rentals:

Almost 1500 passengers heard about the Red River via the S.S. Ruby.



Geotagging Intern:

Thanks to the support of the Barry Foundation, we had an eager full time summer intern that 'geotagged' the urban reaches of the Red. Geotagging is combining photographs with GPS location. Among other uses, this data is used in reforestation plantings.

Storm Drain Marking Program:

Collaborated with City of Fargo, City of Moorhead, Concordia College, Fraser, and a Boy Scout group to mark storm drains with a "Do Not Dump" message. Over 60 volunteers contributed 124 volunteer hours.



Red River Water Festival:

Annual hands on educational festival with 1600 students (78 classes) attending over four days. About 100 people volunteered 700 hours.



Water Trail:

Advocated for additional access and riverfront camping sites. We continue encouraging the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to resolve issues related to the failed portage/enhanced fishing access project at the North Dam.

Living Lab:

After our lease was cancelled at the Living Lab, we continue to research potential replacement sites.



Workshops:

Partnered with Cass County Soil Conservation District and Moorhead Community Education to produce a *Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop*, a *Make Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshop*, and a *Composting Workshop*. Assembled and sold rain barrels.

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.

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