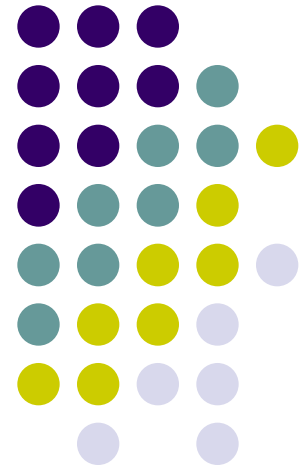
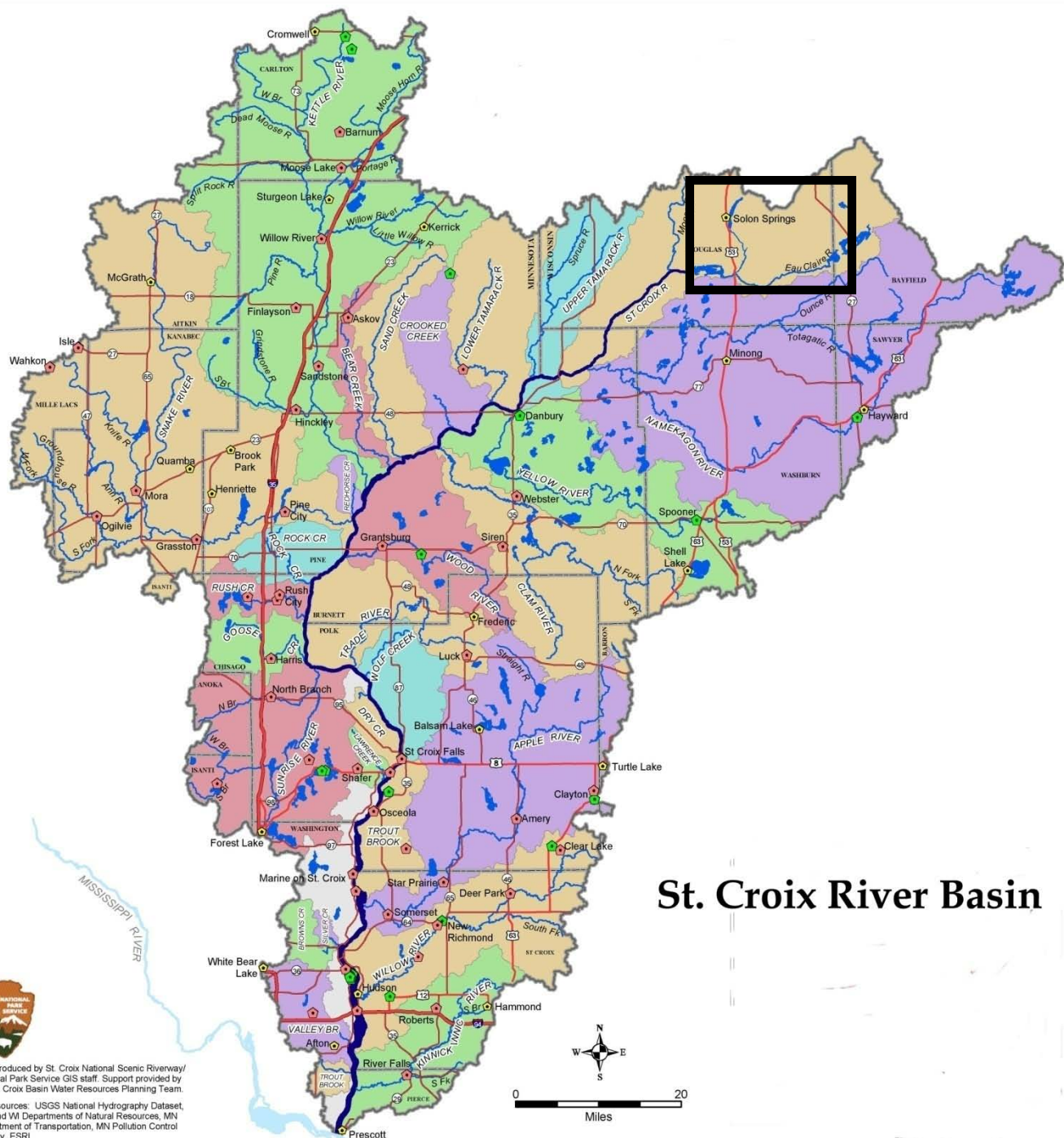


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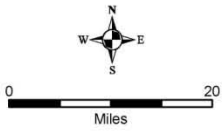
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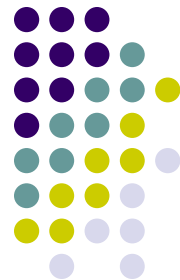


St. Croix River Basin



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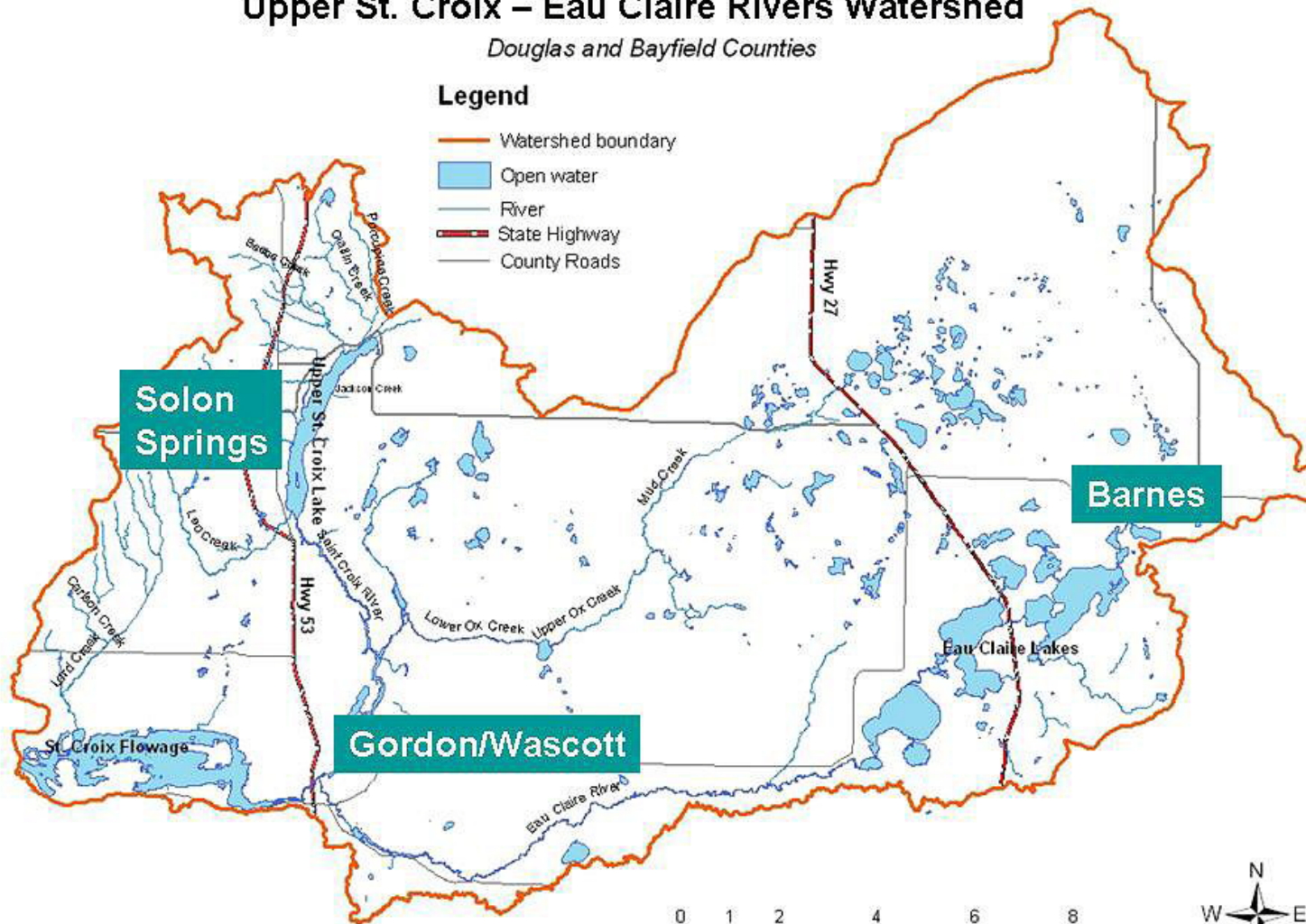


Upper St. Croix – Eau Claire Rivers Watershed

Douglas and Bayfield Counties

Legend

- Watershed boundary
- Open water
- River
- State Highway
- County Roads



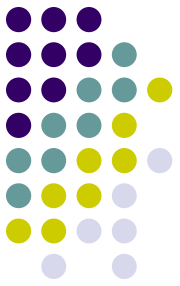
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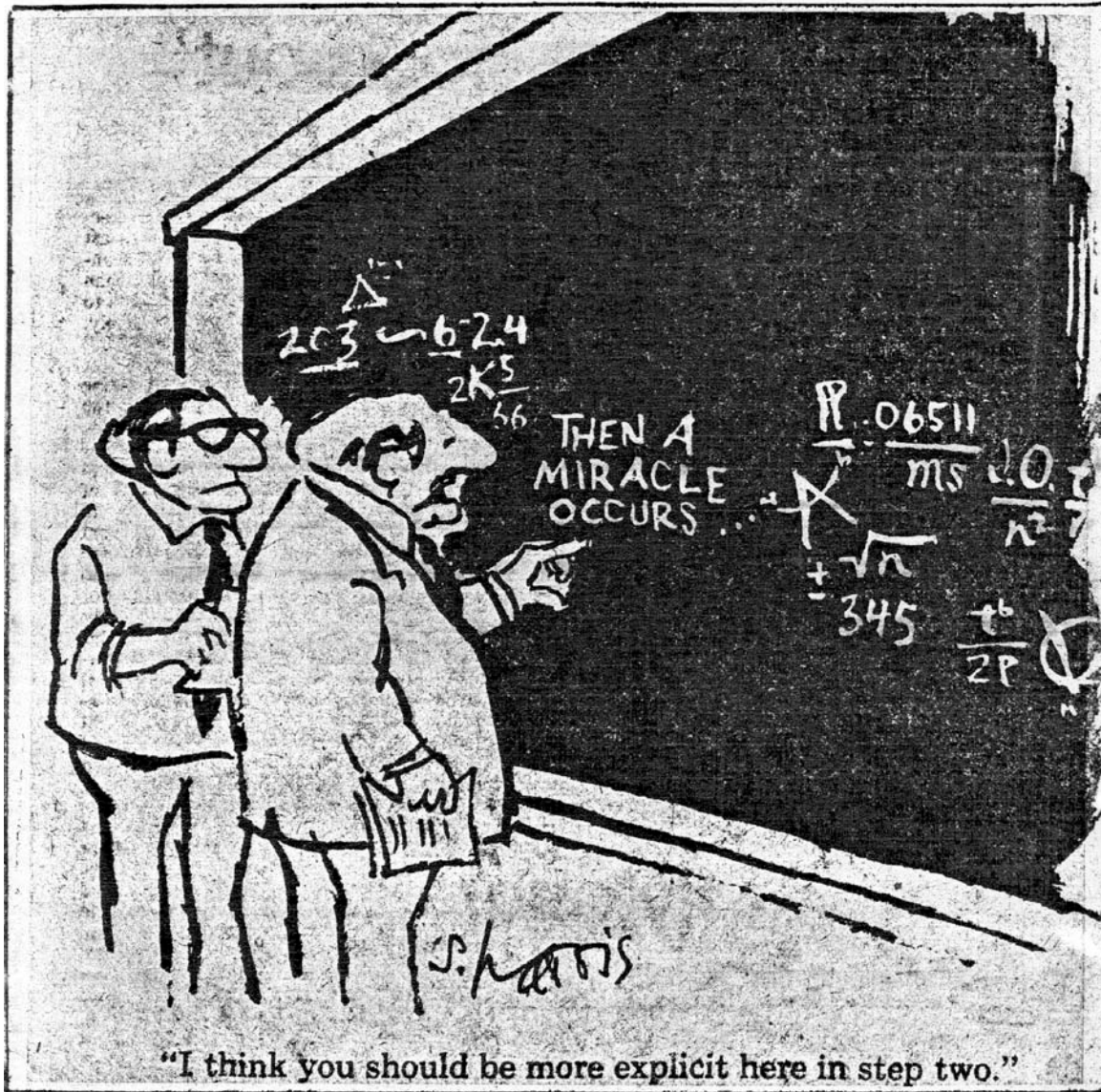
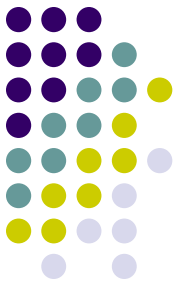
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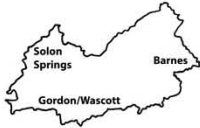
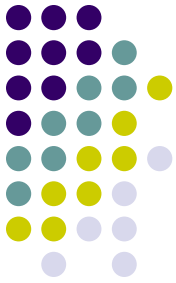
- To provide lake and river associations within the watershed with an opportunity to share project status information and study results
- To increase public awareness and understanding of local streams, wetlands, lakes, and rivers
- To provide connections between citizens and their environment and to promote public stewardship



Engaging the Public



2008 Riverfest Program

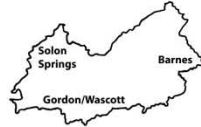


St. Croix Riverfest Event Schedule – Saturday, June 14, 2008

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Barnes/Eau Claire Lakes Area	
8-11:30 am	#B-1 Pontoon Classroom - Bony Lake - Meet with a guide or older and bring their own life jacket. Reservations required.
9 am-11am	#B-2 Landscaping workshop and plant sales - Barnes Town Hall
10 am-2pm	#B-3 Barnes Kid's Fishing Day - Robt Barnes Park
9 am-5 pm	#B-4 Artists and Authors - Barnes Town Hall
1-2:30 pm	#B-5 Local History and Story-telling - Eau Claire County Historical Society located on South Shore Road approximately 1/4 mile from Barnes Park
3-4:30 pm	#B-6 Eurasian Watermilfoil Identification - Barnes Town of Barnes Park on Tomahawk Lake. Appointments required.
Gordon/Wascott Area All events at Gordon/Wascott Historical Society	
9 am	#G-1 Conservation Case Study - Meet at the historical society with people interested in conservation easements as well as the local history.
9 am	#G-2 Gordon Ranger Station Open House - Gordon/Wascott Historical Society
9 am	#G-3 Gordon Dam Park Event - Gordon Dam Park
10 am	#G-4 Underwater Video Program - Meet with SCUBA divers and Grantsburg High School students to watch the underwater world of the Gordon/Wascott area.
11 am	#G-5 Aquatic Plants of the St. Croix Flow - Seminars on lake shore restoration and rain garden design.
1 pm-3 pm	#G-6 Local History and Story-telling - Gordon/Wascott Historical Society
Solon Springs Area All events at Solon Springs Community Center	
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	#S-1 Voyageur Canoe Paddle/Ride - Palm staff will host and provide some of the propulsion for the canoe ride, but must bring their own life preserver.
9:30 am	#S-2 St. Croix River Paddle - Main Street to the mouth of the river. Participants must bring canoe/kayak, sack lunch and water. Paddle will take 3-4 hours and end at the mouth of the river. Transportation will be provided by the community.
10 am	#S-3 St. Croix Portage Trail Hike - Meet at the mouth of the river and hike the valley walls between Brule River and Upper St. Croix River.
	#S-4 Festival of the Arts - Solon Springs Community Center



St. Croix Riverfest Watershed Conference Friday, June 13, 2008 Solon Springs Community Center

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Conference co-moderators are Butch Lobermeier and Christine Ostern.

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8 am	Registration - Coffee
8:30 am	Attendee Welcome
9 am	St. Croix National Scenic Riverway film (Introduction by Branda Thwaites, St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, National Park Service, and local students who appeared in the film)
9:30 am	Overview of current Upper St. Croix-Eau Claire Rivers watershed-wide project (Scott Peterson, Friends of the St. Croix Headwaters)
10 am	Solon Springs Streams Youth Monitor Training (Presented by Solon Springs Youth Monitor Zosel, Solon Springs School). Pre-award to Amber Johnson.
10:30 am	WAV and Citizen Based Level 2 Monitoring (Presented by Friends of the St. Croix Headwaters)
11 am	Improving Communication With Geographic Information Systems (Presented by Lee Wiesner & Bayfield County Land Use Department)
11:30 am	Upper St. Croix Lake Management (Presented by Croix Lake Association)
Noon	Lunch and Presentation
1 pm	Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program (Presented by Douglas County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator)
1:30 pm	How Lake Associations Can Partner with the State When Aquatic Invasive Species Are Detected (Presented by Lake Association)
2:30 pm	Bayfield & Douglas County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Stefanie Strzalkowski and Douglas County AIS Coordinator, Stefanie Strzalkowski and Douglas County AIS Coordinator, Stefanie Strzalkowski and Douglas County AIS Coordinator

Festival of the Arts

Saturday, June 14

Solon Springs Community Center

Hosted by RAV/N and St. Croix Writers Club

Arts and Crafts Display from 10am-3pm

St. Croix Summer orchestral performance at 12:30pm

St. Croix Writers Club hosted by Jo Stewart at 1pm

Woodtones Barbershop Quartet at 2pm

Barnes Town Hall & Eau Claire Locks

Hosted by Lu Peet and Dave Pease

Artists & Authors from 9am-5pm

Local History & Story-telling from 1-2:30pm

Gordon/Wascott Historical Society, Gordon

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Riverfest 2008 Website



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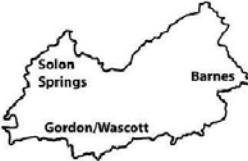
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St. Croix Riverfest 2008

June 13-14, 2008 in Solon Springs, Wisconsin






River of Life by Kay Karras, Poet Laureate of




Solon Springs

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The Riverfest 2008 theme is *Meet the waters, Meet the People, Celebrate our Nature:*

-  Watershed Conference on Friday to discuss pride of place, our common historical legacy, and the status of the health of the watershed. Included will be presentations by local groups, youth and adult citizen volunteers, and agencies.
-  Patagonia Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival on Friday evening & Kid's Special Film Festival on Saturday.
-  Festival of the Arts on Saturday.
-  Watershed-wide community-events celebration on Saturday including canoe rides, water trail paddle, underwater video demonstration, pontoon classroom, youth events, local tours, and much more. All Saturday events are free.
-  St. Croix Living History project.

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Solon Springs
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Friday, June 13
7pm
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contribution
Hosted by Friends of the St.
Croix Headwaters

Lakes & Streams Conference
Solon Springs Community Center
Friday, June 13
8am to 5pm

Local citizens will gather at the Solon Springs Community Center at 8 am for a day-long conference to share their stories about conservation, stream and lake monitoring, and efforts to try to stop aquatic invasive species from spreading.

A new St. Croix National Scenic Riverway film will be shown in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers act.

Lake and river groups in the Solon Springs, Barnes/Eau Claire Lakes, and Gordon/Wascott areas will discuss their current projects and join in a discussion of Clean Boats, Clean Waters

Your
Weekend
Tonight

St. Croix Riverfest, a two-day buffet featuring everything from pontoon rides and film festivals to a conservation conference, runs today and Saturday.

Tonight's feature is the Patagonia environmental film festival 7-10 p.m. at the Solon Springs Community Center. Saturday events will be held in Barnes, Solon Springs, Gordon and Wascott.

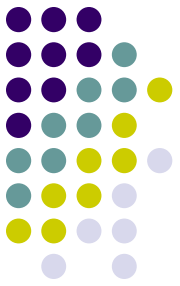
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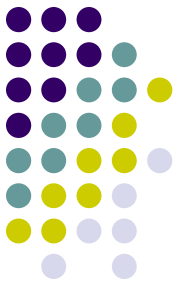
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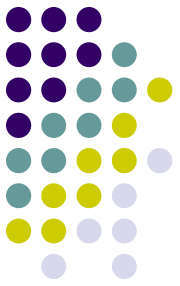
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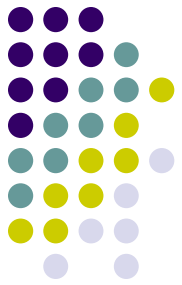


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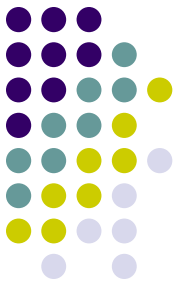




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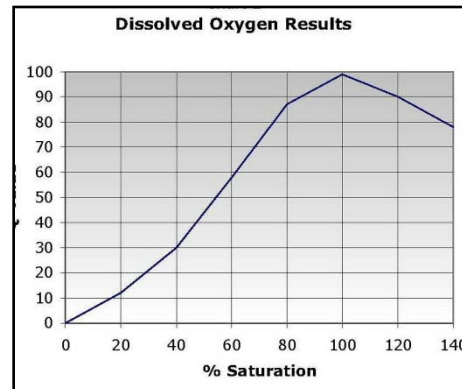


River of Life

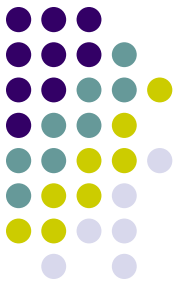
Onward, onward runs the river
Over rapids – laughs with glee
'Round the bends of rocks and sand bars
Onward, onward to the sea
Whispers softly in the shadows
Weeping 'neath the willow tree
Lingers longing in the deep pools
Begging, begging – follow me....



Kay Karras
*Poet Laureate of
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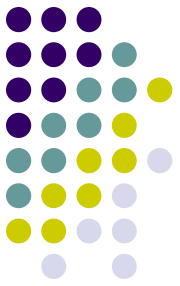
Riverfest 2008 Evaluation



- **Community buzz**
- **Attendance at events: conference, film festival, shore side, water, hiking, arts, youth**
- **Micro-successes (conversations overheard during events)**
- **Community building: recognition, group interaction, volunteers**

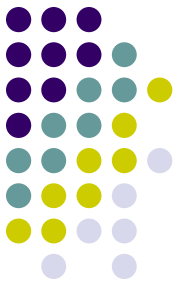


Riverfest 2008 Participation



Watershed Conference	40
Film Festival	40
Solon Springs Events	150
Gordon / Flowage Events	110
Barnes / Eau Claire Lakes Events	80
Total	420
Children's Festival (co-hosted with Lucius Woods Performing Arts)	200
Hosting Organizations	14
Sponsoring Organizations	10

Thank You



Hosts

**Barnes Area Historical Association
Douglas County Forestry Department
Friends of the St. Croix Headwaters
Gordon/St. Croix Flowage Association
Gordon - Wascott Historical Society
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Property Owners Association - Barnes/Eau Claire Lakes Area
Rural Arts Voice North (RAVN)
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