



Media Announcement: Bong Naturalist Association (BNA) Recipient of Kenosha Community Foundation CBK Small Grant Award!

The Bong Naturalist Association (BNA), Friend's Group with Richard Bong State Recreation Area (RBSRA), in Kansasville, WI, is very pleased to announce that the Kenosha Community Foundation has selected the BNA to receive a Creativity by Kids (CBK) Small Grant award of \$1,000. The purpose of the CBK grant is to provide funds for groups offering programs in the arts or the understanding of our natural world, emphasizing cross-cultural and multi-generational programs. Funds for the CBK Grant program are derived from two endowment funds at the Foundation: Clark-Barber Family Fund and the Kubasiewicz Family Trust (CBK.)

With this generous grant award BNA will present Ryan Meisel's "Spiritual Currents" on Saturday, July 22nd. Ryan's performance is an interactive indigenous musical experience using Native and modern instruments to honor our spiritual connection to nature. To make this experience more comfortable, this grant award is also funding the replacement of several amphitheater benches.

In addition, BNA will add family-centric natural magnifying-play stations to enhance our new, in 2022, BNA/privately funded Sunrise playground. The play station activities will greatly enrich childrens' creative play experience.

Tom and Ruth Clark, of the Kenosha Community Foundation's CBK Small Grants program, noted that "We admire and appreciate the diversity of activities and programs that you offer at Bong State Recreational Area. They enhance the beautiful environment!"

BNA invites RBSRA visitors of all ages, abilities and sensitivities to enjoy "Spiritual Currents" and try out our new magnifying-play stations!

The BNA wishes to thank the Kenosha Community Foundation CBK Small Grant Program and is very grateful for providing us with the means to not only offer this unique program but also to enrich the creative play experience at our new playground.

As Tom Targos, with The Foundation's Kubasiewicz Family Trust, beautifully states "The Foundation's CBK Small Grant program is so pleased to support the BNA's two initiatives- "Spiritual Currents," (which promises to be an unforgettable musical experience) and the play stations to the playground at the Richard Bong State Recreation Area. We are proud of these efforts that showcase the vitality and uniqueness of the Bong State Rec Area - a true jewel of Western Kenosha County."