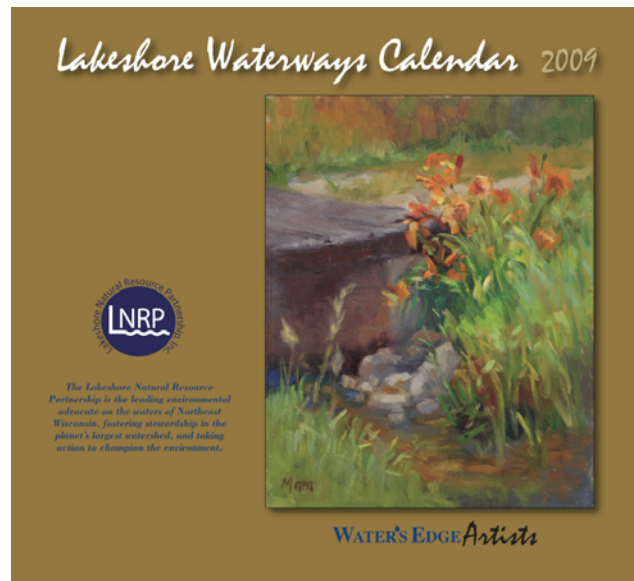


WATER'S EDGE Artists

A very accomplished group of artists have created the Water's Edge Artists group and worked with the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) to develop the Lakeshore Waterways Calendar.

A Lakeshore Waterways exhibit was shown at the Rahr-West Art Museum for four weeks in October and November. A reception with over 160 people in attendance to launch the calendar project was held on Sunday, October 26th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

The project began in the autumn of 2006 when the LNRP met with a number of painters who share a method called plein air (literally, painting in the open air). Plein air painters paint from life using all of their senses to capture the light and colors particular to a place. In December 2007, a workshop on "Developing a Stewardship Ethic Through Art" was held at the Woodland Dunes Nature Center. From the first meeting, the Water's Edge Artists developed their mission statement:



The Water's Edge Artists is an alliance of plein air artists dedicated to the conservation and protection of water resources in the Lakeshore Basin of northeastern Wisconsin. Through collaboration with the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, our efforts reflect the shared passion for preserving the local fragile environments of our watersheds.

The Water's Edge Artists have chosen prominent and otherwise overlooked creeks, streams, lakes, rivers and wetlands to feature in their paintings. The calendar hopes to capture the essence of these important places through the painters' direct contact with nature. Sales of the calendar go directly to LNRP's efforts to protect and restore the waterways of the Lakeshore Basin.