



# Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center

*located in the countryside of West Bend, we serve all those living with profound life challenges*

New Year – New Beginnings!

WINTER 2019-2020

Several years ago we headed to Blue Lotus for a fundraiser farm party. We drove down the long wooded driveway that didn't seem to end, parked on top of a hill, and walked down to the house where we were greeted by cheery, friendly faces. Immediately we felt joy which only grew as we walked the beautiful grounds with so many trees, gorgeous plantings, and the unique grass labyrinth.

My husband, son, and I took a relaxing canoe ride on the pond and thoroughly enjoyed listening to Fred and his band. I knew from this visit that there is something special about this place and the warm hearts that take care of it.

This is why I'm over the moon to be the new executive director at Blue Lotus. It is an honor to help the dedicated staff, board members, and volunteers continue the mission of providing a healing environment for those with profound challenges. As Louis Cozolino said, "We are not the survival of the fittest. We are the survival of the nurtured."

I look forward to meeting you and hearing your stories — what makes Blue Lotus special to you.

Being able to offer all the therapeutic and outdoor activities for those who have challenges takes many, many people. But together, we provide a beautiful natural landscape for people of all ages to feel safe, free from judgement so they enjoy Blue Lotus and take in all the healing aspects of this magical place. Thank you for all your support in the past and I hope you will join me in this new exciting year.

Kindly,  
Jacqueline Janz



## Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah Days are Back and Dear to our Hearts

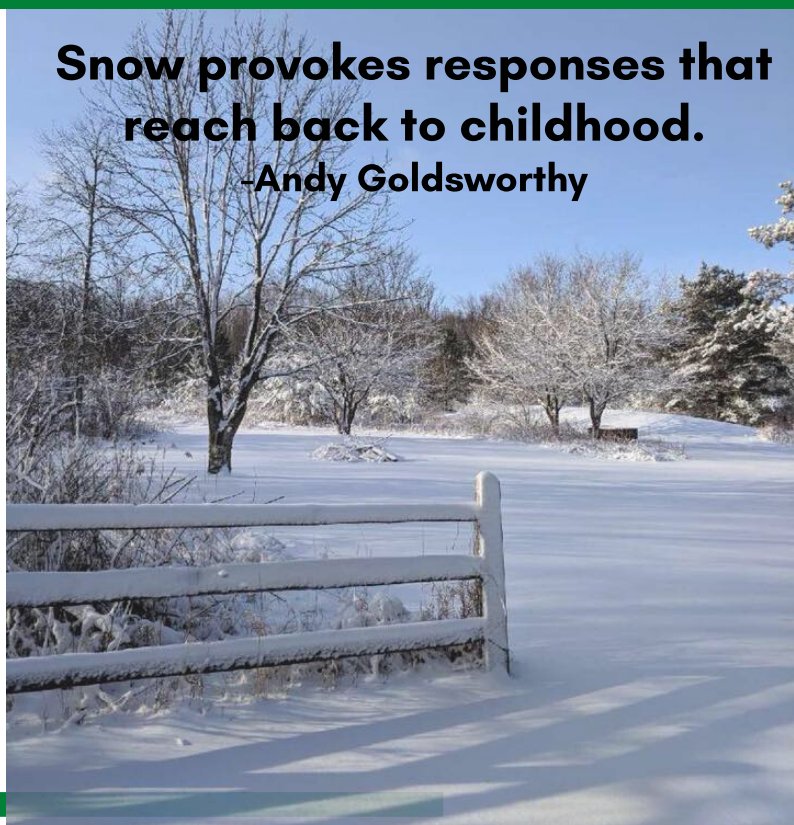
Blue Lotus offers a few family days each year for children with special needs to visit with their families. At the retreat center, individuals can relax and feel safe while enjoying the many outdoor activities. It allows families time out to enjoy each others' company in a beautiful setting. This year's Zip Days are:

- **June 10**
- **July 8**
- **August 22**

Registration is open! Go to [bluelotusfarm.org/upcoming-events](http://bluelotusfarm.org/upcoming-events) if you'd like to attend or volunteer for these outings.

## Snow provokes responses that reach back to childhood.

-Andy Goldsworthy





## FUN UPCOMING EVENTS BENEFITTING BLUE LOTUS

### The Roast of Bink Steinbach

West Bend Mutual Insurance Company's Prairie Center  
Thursday, March 5

### Twilight Music Serenades

at Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center  
Saturday, May 30 & Friday, September 18

### 15th Annual Golf Outing

Hidden Glen Golf Club in Cedarburg  
Monday, July 13



Spring Clean-Up Days: May 2 & 16

Spring Planting: May 27

There are many, many other volunteer opportunities! Contact Lisa at [lisa@bluelotusfarm.org](mailto:lisa@bluelotusfarm.org) or call 262-675-2473.

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Blue Lotus is Cooking Up Some Fun! Join us at our 2nd Annual Roast Fundraiser at West Bend Mutual Insurance Company's Prairie Center, 1900 18th Ave, West Bend, WI from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Cost is \$75 per person, \$400 for table of 6. Register online, [bluelotusfarm.org/upcoming-events](https://bluelotusfarm.org/upcoming-events), by February 14.

### Staff

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