



FRIENDS OF FRED SMITH, INC.

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Dear Seymour,

On behalf of the board of directors of Friends of Fred Smith I extend our sincere thanks to you for agreeing to serve on our Advisory Board. We truly appreciate your willingness to review what we're doing and advise us in our efforts to preserve and develop Fred Smith's Wisconsin Concrete Park. Our newly-launched Advisory Board includes friends from varied disciplines, all of whom have expressed enthusiasm for the site, or for the genre of art that Smith's work represents, at some time or another. We are thrilled to have a group of "elders" (by this I mean friends possessing talent and expertise, not advanced years!) to guide us at this juncture in our development.

I have enclosed an initial package of information about Friends of Fred Smith, to familiarize you with who we are and what we've been doing. Please don't toss it—you won't get such imposing packages in the future. Enclosed are:

- FoFS advisory board roster,
- Friends of Fred Smith organizational history,
- FoFS board of directors profiles,
- FoFS conservation history,
- 2002 conservation project synopsis and photos
- FoFS membership form (we will appreciate your membership at the highest level you are comfortable with, if you are not yet a member),
- * • A copy of *The Art of Fred Smith*,
- And, so you can boldly display your affiliation, a sporty FoFS window cling.

This summer we had a completed a very successful conservation project (synopsis enclosed), held children's workshops, took the FoFS float to several parades, and dedicated a veterans memorial at the annual Wisconsin Concrete Park celebration. Managing directors David and Elizabeth wrote several successfully funded grants, and some which are pending, and are moving ahead toward establishing important ties with area schools, as well as developing educational programming projects—one of our primary goals. Our new conservation and educational programming studio is erected, but we still need to raise about \$12,000.00 to finish this major building project. We hope to identify a donor or donors to contribute to a "challenge" fund-raising effort (don't be shy—as Fred Smith said, "Donations Appreciated").

We feel confident in the momentum we have built for site conservation, but are always questioning ourselves. We plan to step back and evaluate the long-range preservation / conservation plans for the site, and to establish long-range treatment parameters. No doubt we will come to you for input on these and other issues.

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I'll be in touch with periodic updates, and occasionally to solicit your input on FoFS goals, directions, and activities. Please feel free to contact me with questions, and especially with your input regarding any aspect of our activities. Thank you again for being a friend of the Friends of Fred Smith's!

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Stone', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Stone
chair, conservation committee
advisory board liaison

Hope you're well —