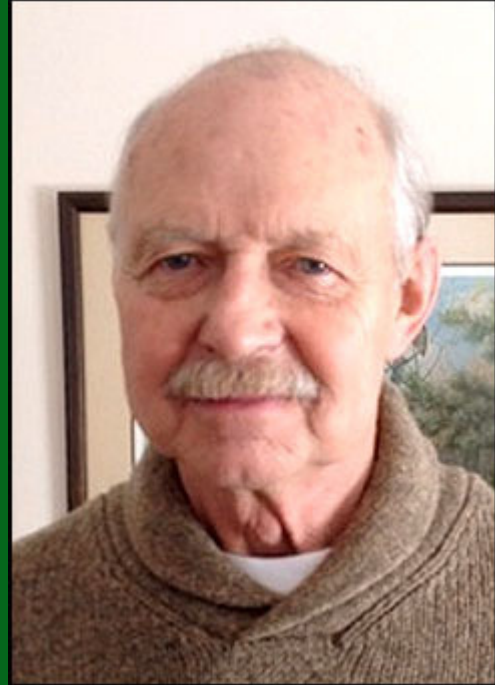


## Member Profiles

### Carl Evert

Carl retired from the Department in January, 1997 after a 31 plus year career in several different programs. He began in 1965 as a conservation aide in the Southern District and was assigned to Jefferson County in the Game Management program working for Paul Kennedy in a training capacity. That was during the early years of a vigorous land acquisition program. It was his first exposure to the basics of real estate work. After a year in that capacity he was assigned to Rock County as a Game Manager where, as in rest of the state, land acquisition was a priority.



That assignment continued until late 1970 when he was appointed to a position in the Bureau of Aid Programs in the central office. Carl worked in that office for only five months before being asked to start a real estate program in the Southeast District. He took that opportunity to get back to land acquisition work and they moved to Oconomowoc. He worked in that capacity for nine years.

In 1981, Carl was appointed director of the Office of Lands. After several years that Office and the Bureau of Real Estate were reorganized into the Bureau of Real Estate. In 1987 several programs, including Real Estate and Engineering were organized into the Bureau of Property Management. In that organization, Carl continued on as Director of Real Estate until retirement in 1997.

Carl noted, "The real estate program directed and coordinated the Department's land acquisition program. Approval of land transactions were recommended to the Secretary, Natural Resources Board, and the Governor. Following approval we closed transactions and maintained all natural resource land records. Although it was a bit of a challenge at times, I enjoyed my frequent contact with the Board and keeping them briefed on the Department land program and transactions that were being recommended for approval".

Carl was born in Madison and raised on a farm in northwestern Dane county. After high school he worked for two years before attending Wartburg College in Iowa for two years. He came home and married Jeanne, took a break from school for a couple years to take a crack at farming. It didn't take long to decide that farming wasn't the answer for him and he transferred his credits from Wartburg College to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He continued to farm for a living while attending classes and gives Jeanne the credit for making that work. He graduated with a B.S. degree in 1965. It was at the UW-Madison where his interest in natural resources was kindled by several professors in the biology-conservation field.

Jeanne Wieneke and Carl went to high school together. They began going together at that time and continued until they were married in 1959. She worked at the U.S. Armed Forces Institute (the extension education program for armed forces personnel) in Madison and U.W. Extension until they moved to Janesville in 1966. While there she went to work at U.W. Rock County. While in Janesville she learned how to play tennis and subsequently taught Carl how to play. After they moved to Oconomowoc she played league tennis and gave beginner lessons for the City Recreation Department. Since that time she has developed an active interest in sewing and quilting.



Carnival cruise in the Caribbean  
with a group of friends.  
2002

She has maneuvered herself into the largest room in the house and outfitted it as a sewing studio.

Carl and Jeanne live on the 155 acre farm where he was raised. The property has become his playground. They maintain a tall grass prairie and have nursed along a short grass dry prairie on one of their hilltops. There are also two, one acre fish and swimming ponds.

Carl maintains over two miles of woods road in their 40 acre woods and enjoys spending a couple weeks each spring cooking maple syrup.



Carl and son Mike in 2007 on one of our two ponds. This pond is one acre in size and 14-16 feet deep.

2007



This prairie was planted in the mid-1990's while I was still working.  
It is planted adjacent to the farmstead and has a nice mix of prairie plants.  
We maintain it regularly with vigorous burning.

2005



Grandpa and Grandma with Grandchildren and Max the Dog.

They have three children. Chuck lives in Janesville, Mike in Cross Plains, and Valerie in Kohler and they have seven grandchildren.

Other activities that occupy Carl's time are playing tennis once or twice a week and keeping up the property which is now fun and not a task. He serves on the local town planning commission, and on the boards of the Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society, the Mazomanie Historical Society, and the local food pantry.

The Everts enjoy traveling, especially cruising the Caribbean area, the Mexican coast and resorts, and have been to Europe twice. They cruised to and from Hawaii -- very nice. In between overseas adventures, they like to visit parts of the United States they have not seen.

Carl points out, that in retrospect, he is extremely pleased to have played a role in the acquisition of some of Wisconsin's finest natural resources. He has found, while associating with other natural resource agencies around the country, they regard Wisconsin's land protection program as outstanding!