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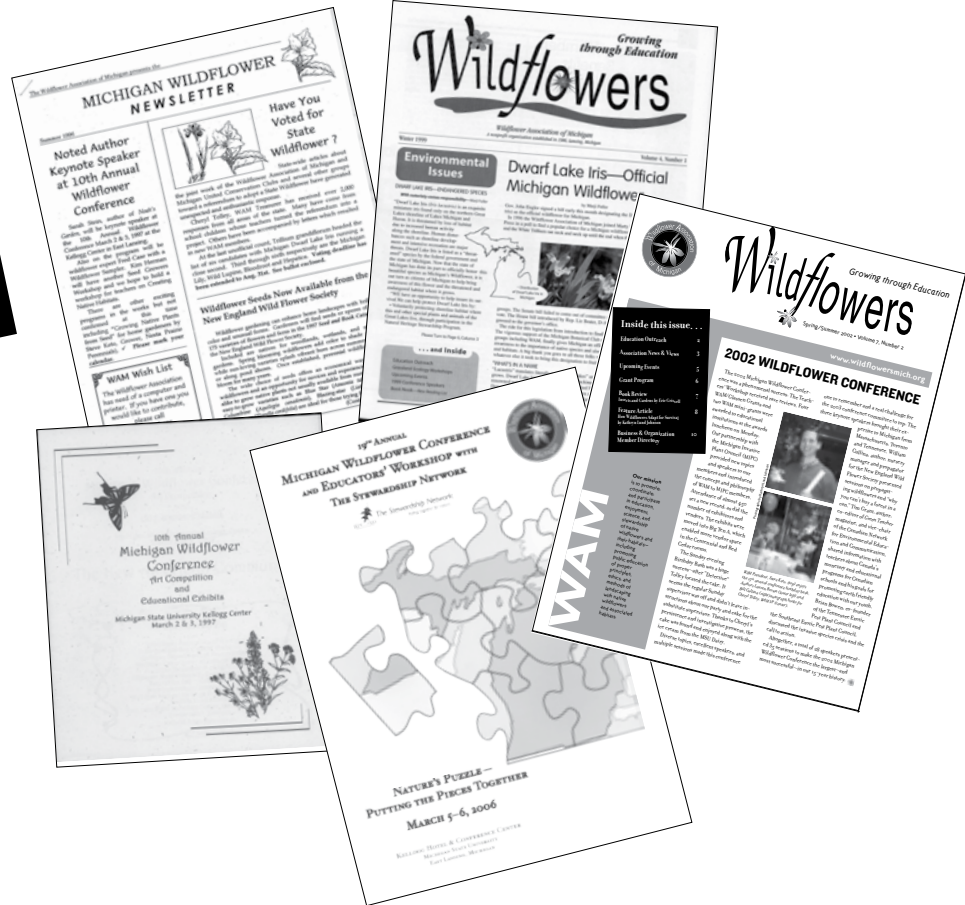
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Newsletter editor retires ending ten years of publishing for Association



Our mission is to promote, coordinate, and participate in education, enjoyment, science, and stewardship of native wildflowers and their habitats—including promoting public education of proper principles, ethics, and methods of landscaping with native wildflowers and associated habitats.

WAM

A raised hand to offer help at the 1996 Michigan Wildflower Conference led to over ten years of growth, a career change, and many new friends. What can I say— it's been a great ride! However, when I agreed to run for president three years ago, I promised my husband, Don, that I would retire following my term in office so we could travel and do some other fun things. The time has come for me to say thank you for the privilege of serving as newsletter editor and graphic designer for WAM. This will be the last issue of Wildflowers until we find a new editor. Won't you raise your hand?

Marji Fuller, Managing Editor

Association News & Views

President's Note



Cheryl Smith Tolley, President

In the last newsletter I wished for cooler weather—I guess you need to be careful what you wish for! Summer is indeed over. This past growing season was a delight. I have watched the native plantings in my yard over the past few years go from small plugs to giant plants, some even need dividing or moving entirely. My initial plan was a little too ambitious and I planted things that were way too large for the space. We all learn as we

go. That is why I so enjoy our conferences; each year I learn something new, or often, a lot of new things.

The 2006 Wildflower Conference will be another of those learning experiences—education is the principle mission of the Wildflower Association of Michigan and, with all of your participation, we can achieve the goal. One of the ways you can help is to step forward and share your talents. We are especially in need of someone to assist with the newsletter. I know that there is someone out there who is willing and able. I cannot contact each member personally, although I would like to, so you will need to come forward to initiate the conversation. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the conference this year.

Happy Holidays,
Cheryl

P.S.

This year at the annual meeting we will elect three members to the WAM Board of Directors. Biographies of these candidates are published in this newsletter for your review.

It has been a much talked about dream of the board members to begin an endowment fund for WAM. Recently my husband and I were looking at estate planning. As a part of that, we looked at the organizations we support with our time and monies. I would challenge others to remember WAM in their estate planning also. After all, you can't take it with you. So why not leave some of it to those organizations like WAM you support.

Jewel Richardson

WAM Board Candidates

Raymond Rustem

During the last 12 years I have supervised the Wildlife Division's Natural Heritage Unit. The programs in this unit include the Nongame Wildlife Fund, Endangered Species Program and the Natural Areas Program. One of the projects

initiated during this period was a Schoolyard Habitat program. As part of the small grants program, we offered schools funding to support development of school sites in the state. Prior to my work with the Heritage Unit, I served as the division's Wildlife Education Specialist. I have enjoyed my time with the Wildflower Association of Michigan's Board and wish to continue the close ties with the board.


Nancy Cutbirth Small

Nancy Cutbirth Small is the co-founder and co-president, with her husband, Tom, of the Kalamazoo Area chapter of Wild Ones. Since retiring as an English professor at Western Michigan University ten years ago, she's become a missionary for native plants, writing and (with her husband) giving presentations about them, and working with various organizations to restore plant communities and wildlife habitat on both public and private land. Their latest project involves a series of wet prairie restorations along a degraded urban creek in Kalamazoo. At present, Nancy is writing a book on landscaping with native plants. Nancy has served on the Stewardship Committee and Board of Directors of the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy and has been a member of WAM for a decade.

Darwyn Heme

Darwyn Heme received an associate's degree in landscape architecture from Lansing Community College and a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University, with an emphasis on environmental and vegetation management. He has been employed by the Michigan Department of Transportation for 32 years, 18 of those in roadside vegetation management. Darwyn has been a member of the WAM board since 2002, and has managed the speaker audio-visual support duties at the Michigan Wildflower Conferences for the past three years.

Jewel Richardson

Jewel Richardson is a long-time nature lover. She owns Wetlands Nursery in Saginaw, and is committed to the perpetuation of Michigan's native flora. Jewel has served on the WAM board since 2002. 

Book Review by Ray Rustem


LAST CHILD IN THE WOODS

by Richard Louv

Published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Author Richard Louv coined the term “nature deficit disorder” to describe what is happening with today’s young people and their relationship to nature. He pulls information from many different areas of science to illustrate the importance of the child/nature connection. Many of today’s adults can trace their interests in science, music, biology, and the environment to key experiences they had while exploring the natural world. The message throughout this book is that this connection must be revitalized if nature and the outdoors are to have a healthy future.

Louv’s book will trigger memories of your first experiences with the natural world, then describe to you how differently today’s youth relate to the outdoors. Often, this “divide” is encouraged through the rules of well-meaning adults. Parents and mentors, stresses, need to become aware of the importance of allowing their children to explore in nature.

As a parent, I found Louv’s premise to be very provocative, and I highly recommend this book to all WAM members and their friends. 

Calendar— Winter 2006

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation

January 29, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – Winter Plant I.D. Independence Lake (vehicle entry fee). Learn how to identify winter plants by looking at pods and seeds.

February 5, 4 p.m. to ? – “End of a Winter Day” Hike and Bonfire Lyndon Park North. We’ll hike to one of the wetlands to explore and enjoy winter twilight time, then head back to the pavilion for drinks and snacks around a fire.

February 18, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – Winter Tree I.D. Osborne Mill Preserve. Learn how to identify trees by buds, bark, seeds, and other features of winter.

February 19, 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – From Woods to Wetlands: A Nature Outing for Families at DeVine Preserve. Come and learn about some of the neat things found in these different habitats. In case of a thaw, wear boots that can get muddy. For more information, contact our park naturalist, Faye Stoner, at stonerf@ewashtenaw.org or 734-971-6337 x 318. For directions to the parks, please visit our Web site: <www.parks.ewashtenaw.org>, or call our office at 734-971-6337

The Michigan Botanical Club, Red Cedar Chapter

January 3, 7:30 p.m. – Dr. James Detjen, Director of the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism at Michigan State University. The center offers courses on environmental journalism to undergraduates and graduate students. Dr. Detjen will give us an overview of the objectives of the center, and its impact on the public. Room 244, MSU Natural Science Building.

February 7, 7:30 p.m. – Dr. Leah Knapp, Director of Biological Programs, Olivet College. Dr. Knapp will discuss endangered plants in Michigan and factors that have taken them to this precarious status. Room 244, MSU Natural Science Building.

Michigan Botanical Club, Southwest Chapter

January 9, 7 p.m. – Pam Smith, Biogeography and history of Warren Dunes

March 20, 7 p.m. – Dave Karowe, How will climate change affect the earth’s vegetation?

Kalamazoo Nature Center

January 7, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – “Adventure Naturalists: Snake Safari”. Fee: \$4/child (in addition to regular admission rates, if applicable). Pre-registration required: (269) 381-1574 x27 by 1/4/06. Audience: K-2nd grade, with a caregiver. Leave your snake fears at the door and enter the fascinating world of these no-legged creatures. Learn all about how snakes move, eat, shed their skin and survive. Get to know the live snakes that live here at the nature center. Snacks provided.

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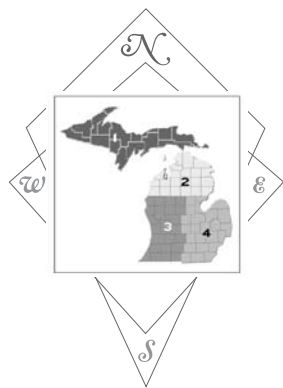
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REGIONAL REPORTS

REGION 3 — SOUTHWEST


Marquette Conservation District reports...

CREATING A NATURAL LANDSCAPE CONFERENCE
MARCH 18, 2006

The Muskegon Conservation District, in partnership with sponsors, including Blandford Nature Center, The Land Conservancy of West Michigan, the National Wildlife Federation, Wildtype Native Plants, and the West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science, present the 11th “Creating a Natural Landscape” conference at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids. The theme for the 2006 conference will be “Creating Backyard Habitat.”

Featured speakers include Nicole Rom, of the National Wildlife Federation, discussing NWF’s “Backyard Habitats” program; and Lynn Sampson, State Biologist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service, who will present “Improving Property for Wildlife – Things to Consider”.

Afternoon sessions will focus on food, water, and shelter for wildlife development. Welcome back our feathered and furry friends with great ideas from the experts! The conference will also feature displays from local groups, businesses, and outdoor organizations.

Cost for the conference, including a catered lunch and all related presentation materials, is \$35 per person. For tickets and all other pertinent information, please contact the CNL Committee at the Muskegon Conservation District, 940 N. Van Eyck St., Muskegon, MI 49442 or 231.773.0008, or e-mail Rebecca Bieneman at Rebecca.Bieneman@macd.org. 

REGION 1 — U. P.

Marquette Conservation District— Sue Rabitaille reports...

The Marquette County Conservation District and other partners have received a grant to plant locally-native materials along a one-block portion of a non-motorized trail system in downtown Marquette.

REGION 2 — NORTHERN L.P.

Huron National Forest— Pat Ruta McGhan reports...

The Huron Manistee National Forest recently received cooperative funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to help educate the public in Manistee and Mason Counties about the impacts of invasive plants. The effort will focus heavily on the Lake Michigan shoreline habitat and habitat of the threatened Pitcher’s thistle. Community field trips on weed identification, Pitcher’s thistle identification, and weed removal will be held this spring and summer. For more information call Pat Ruta McGhan at 231.745.4631 ext. 3102 or send e-mail to: pruta@fs.fed.us

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January 8, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. – “All About Owls” Meet: KNC Interpretive Center Lobby. Fee: Members-free, Non-members-regular KNC admission. Audience: General. Meet a live great horned owl and learn the special adaptations that make owls such silent, stealthy hunters. Take a hike to discover how to call owls on your own.

January 10, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – “Story Corner” Meet: KNC, Expedition Station. Fee: Members-free, Non-members-regular KNC admission. Audience: Children with caregivers. Join us in the Expedition Station to listen to enchanting tales all about our natural world. During our time together we will travel to amazing places and meet interesting characters along the way.

January 11, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. “Owl Prowl” Meet: KNC Interpretive Center Parking Lot. Fee: Members-free, Non-members- \$4/adult, \$3/senior, \$2/child. Audience: General. Owls are busy selecting mates and setting up territory this time of year. This is the ideal time of year to explore the woods after dark and listen for owl activities. Dress warmly and walk quietly.

January 14 and January 28, 2 p.m. – “Nature on Skis” Meet: KNC Interpretive Center Parking Lot. Audience: General. Explore our trails in a whole new way—on cross-country skis! A KNC naturalist will be your guide along the trails. If there is no snow, come for a nice winter walk! Please bring your own skis. Call ahead in the morning to find out what trail we will be taking and whether it will be by foot or skis.

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January 15, 2 p.m. – “Signs of Life in Winter” Meet: KNC Cooper’s Glen Auditorium. Fee: Members—free, Non-Members—regular KNC admission. Audience: Adults and Families. It might be the “Dead of Winter” but all around us life does go on. Join Naturalist Dan Keto as he leads this discovery walk to uncover the signs and stories left behind by the passing parade of wildlife in our woods. Discover scat, tracks and much more—snow or no snow. Please dress warmly and wear proper footwear for the outside portion of this program.

January 17, 10:00 -11:30 a.m. – “Knee High Naturalists: The Mitten” Meet: KNC Tree Top. Fee: \$4/child (in addition to regular admission rates, if applicable). Pre-registration required: 269.381.1574 ext. 27 by 1/13/06. Audience: Children ages 3-5, with caregivers. Join Miss Kara for an amazing adventure about the animals of the forest while reading Jan Brett’s *The Mitten*. We will spend some time outside on the trail so bring your boots and winter clothes! Then we will warm up inside with a snack and craft.

January 21, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and January 25, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – “Snowshoe Lacing Workshop” Meet: KNC Glen Vista Auditorium. Fee: Members \$135, Non-members \$150. Pre-registration required by January 7 to 269.381.1574, ext. 27. Audience: Adults (or children with parents). Looking for a fun way to explore the beauty of winter? How about using your own handmade snowshoes? Join Jen and Doug Wright to explore the history and art of lacing snowshoes! Each participant will receive a pair of Green Mountain Bearpaw snowshoes (bindings included) and the materials and instructions to complete the lacing project. If you don’t complete the project on Saturday, further assistance will be available on Wednesday, January 25, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

January 31, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – “Boomers & Beyond! (aka: Senior Brown Bag Lunch)... Winter Birds/Journaling” Meet: KNC Tree Top. Fee: Members-free, Non-members-regular KNC admission. Audience: Seniors, ages 55+. What is going on in your backyard this time of year? A lot! Learn about the visitors to your feeders and wildlife in your yard. Begin a nature journal, record everyday sightings around your home. If you have a journal, please bring it along with your sack lunch. If not, paper will be provided. We’ll provide drinks and desserts!

Wednesdays, Feb. 1 to 22, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. – “Yoga at the Nature Center” Meet: KNC Glen Vista Gallery. Fee: \$12/walk-ins or \$55 for a 6-week punch card. Pre-registration: 269.381.1574, ext. 27. Audience: Ages 14+, beginners to advanced.

February 5 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – “Beneficial Bees” Meet: KNC Cooper’s Glen Auditorium. Fee: Program free w/ admission. Craft \$5, Audience: Ages 10+. Learn about the secret lives of the bees and the beneficial products we use that they produce. To conclude the program you may make a tube of beeswax lip balm to take home (\$5/tube).

February 12, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – “Ancient Micro-worlds” Grand Opening Meet: KNC Glen Vista Gallery.

Fee: Members-Free, Non-members- regular KNC admission. Audience: General. Help us celebrate the newest exhibit in our gallery, Ancient Microworlds! Take a journey back in time to learn about the creatures that formed the fossils these beautiful photos were taken of. There will be activities for all ages throughout the nature center.

February 24, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – “Birds of Prey” Meet: KNC Cooper’s Glen Auditorium. Fee: \$4/adult, \$3/senior and \$2/child. Audience: General.

February 28, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. -- “Boomers and Beyond: Maple Sugar Magic” Meet: KNC Tree Top. Fee: Members-Free, Non-members- regular KNC admission. Audience: Adults ages 50+.

Monroe Conservation District

January 26 – “43rd Annual Meeting and Pancake Supper” (Supper - 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.), Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Community Center, 1920 Lewis Avenue, Ida, Michigan. Cost: \$5.00 for ages 12 and over, children 11 and under eat free. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., with the election of one director. Entertainment for the evening will be “Wildlife Encounters.” Live animals are used to highlight a wide range of wildlife concepts, including information on the animals’ biology, life history, adaptations, myths, and wildlife problems. A variety of live Michigan wetland mammals, birds and reptiles are used to illustrate the tremendous value and importance of wetlands to both wildlife and people. The presentation is lively and entertaining, and provides an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. Tickets will be available at the door.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

February 4, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – “Plants of Passion” Join Dr. David Michener, Assistant Curator and Adjunct Professor, MBGNA, for a stirring lecture about those plants that have ignited passion in the hearts of men and women. Then stroll through the conservatory to witness the beauty and smell the fragrances that have inspired people through the ages. Join us during February for a month-long celebration of *Plants of Passion*. Space is limited. Registration strongly recommended. \$10, members \$7.

February 19, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – “Chocolate: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask!” Calling all chocoholics! A special lecture by Dr. Patrick Fields, aka: “Dr. Chocolate,” will answer your questions. Immerse yourself in the fascinating history of this plant that has charmed people for 3000 years. Explore its intoxicating effects when the lecture is followed by a premier chocolate tasting. Space limited. Registration recommended. \$15, members \$10.

January 11, 18, 25, and February 1, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – “Botanical Beachcombers and Explorers.” Instructed by Edward G. Voss, Ph.D., Curator Emeritus, Herbarium, U-M., and author of Michigan Flora. This is a “Who done it” presentation with a blending of botanical history, travel and wildflowers. Four lecture/demonstration sessions introduce the earliest

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trees and shrubs that make up the skeleton of the natural world. Emphasis will be on identifying the many plants and plant communities. The last class will find us sharing a potluck lunch and reviewing the plants and their habitats.

February 6, 13, 20, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – “Orchid Fever” Orchids have fascinated us for centuries. They have compelled otherwise reasonable people to become overcome by “Orchid Fever.” Explore the fascinating ethnobotany and natural history of these exquisite plants, along with their more practical requirements for growth. Their natural history will include morphology, pollination strategies, habitats and species groupings. Learn the requirements for growing orchids while you pot plants of your own to take home! A materials fee of \$25 will be collected at the first meeting and will include orchid plants and potting materials. Instructors: Alex Challis, M.S., Botany, U-M; Ann Arbor Orchid Society and American Orchid Society and Harry Winter, Ph.D., Biochemistry, U-M; Ann Arbor Orchid Society and American Orchid Society. \$45, members \$40.50.

February 26, March 5, 12, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – “Wildflowers of the Western Great Lakes Region,” presented by Fred Case, M.S., Botany; wildflower authority; author, *Orchids of the Western Great Lakes Region*, and *Trilliums*.

March 22, 29, and April 5, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – “Plant Identification” Learn to use field guides and more complicated botanical texts to improve your skill at identifying wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. Learn which books to buy and how to find meanings of Latin words. Emphasis will be on the three volumes of Michigan Flora by Edward G. Voss, as well as other helpful sources. Texts will be furnished for us during the class. Instructor: Ellen Elliott Weatherby, M.A., former head of Adult Education Program, MBGNA; wetland and protected plants consultant. \$60, members \$54.

To learn more about these and other programs, and to register, phone 734.647.7600. To pay by check, make payable to “MBGNA.” To become a member, send a separate check made out to “MBGNA.” Fees are \$55/couple or family, \$45 for single membership, and \$20 for university students. Membership applies to both the gardens and the arboretum. Web site: <www.sitemaker.umich.edu/mbgna>. 

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naturalists and explorers who collected plants in the Upper Great Lakes area, including Thomas Nuttall, Henry R. Schoolcraft, Dr. Zina Pitcher, Dr. Douglass Houghton, William A. Burt, Louis Agassiz, Henry David Thoreau, and engineers of the U.S. Lake Survey. Color slides of the people, their travel routes and the species they discovered make this the ideal way to botanize the winter. \$60, members \$54.

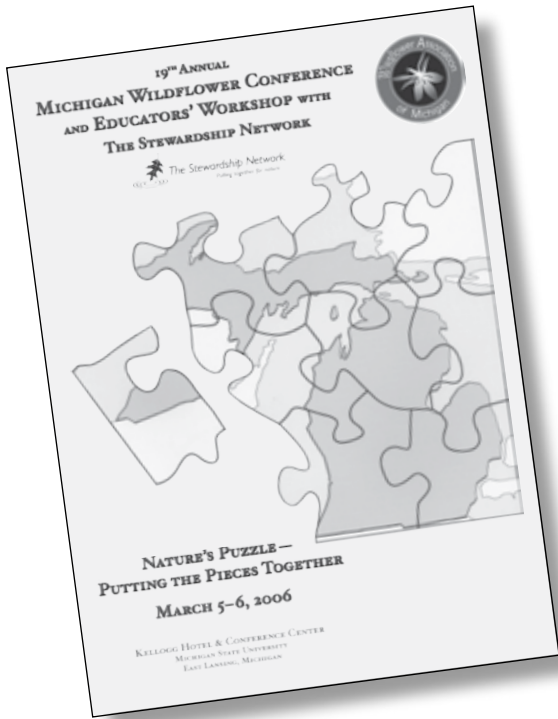
January 25, February 1 and 8, 9:00 a.m. to noon – “Winter Botany, with Ellen Elliott Weatherby, M.A.,” former head of Adult Education Program, MBGNA; wetland and protected plants consultant. Field trips will feature invigorating hikes to little-known areas, state land, U-M property, or turn-of-the-century classic botany localities. This is the perfect time of the year to learn or review the



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