



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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**Happy New Year!
First Meeting of the Year**
Wednesday, January 10, 7:00pm

Benvenuto's in Fitchburg - 2949 Triverton Pike Dr.

The meeting starts at 7:00pm, but you may want to arrive at 6:30pm to chat and place your order. Check out Benvenuto's website for their menu: <https://benvenutos.com/>

Speaker: Lisie Kitchel

Lisie Kitchel is a Conservation Biologist with the WDNR Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation, formerly the Bureau of Endangered Resources. She is trained as an aquatic ecologist and works on rare aquatic species statewide. She has been chasing our native mussels and other aquatic organisms around the state for over 20 years. Conservation of our native freshwater mussels is her passion and one which she enjoys sharing with others who enjoy the lakes, rivers and streams of Wisconsin.

Topic: Our native mussels/clams of Wisconsin

We will explore one of Wisconsin's most diverse, yet hidden treasures, the freshwater mussel. Learn all about our state's 50 native species, where they can be found, their fascinating life cycle, including their dependence on fish and ways they fool them, and amazing contributions to the history of Wisconsin, from food to buttons to pearls. You are guaranteed to come away with a greater appreciation of these unique animals and their beauty.

Hope you can join us!



In the News

Four year old helps find a shipwreck in Green Bay (NY Times)

Clean Lakes Alliance's speaker series for January is "What's Under the Ice?" with speakers from limnology and the DNR

Updated Dane County Fish Advisories (Public Health Department)

Ice cover on the Great Lakes reaches record lows (CNN)

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2023 Holiday Party

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2023 holiday party! We had a great time. Congratulations to Andy, the newest recipient of the travelling trophy for most dives! And thank you so much to Lisa, Nikki, and Diane for helping to organize and host the party. And thanks to John Hanrahan for taking these photos.

We hope to see you all in 2024 at our monthly meetings, cleanup dives, and other events.

