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General Meeting: April 2, 2007 **Migratory Bird Rescue and Protection**

Presented by

Annette Prince

Chicago Bird Collision Monitors

7:30 pm

**Libertyville Village Hall, 118 W. Cook
Second Floor Meeting Room**

The program will detail the work of the CBCM, a grass-roots conservation project working to address the problems of migratory bird collisions. Volunteers rescue birds injured from building strikes, collect fatalities, and work to reduce the risks that lighting and building designs pose to birds that pass through the downtown area each spring and fall. It is estimated that over a billion birds are killed each year as a result of colliding with man-made structures. Confusing lights from urban areas along with the reflective and transparent glass of buildings pose serious hazards to migratory birds. From residential structures to high-rise buildings in urban areas, collision deaths are ranked as the second greatest threat to migratory bird populations after habitat loss. Thousands of dead and injured birds are found each year in just the one square mile that CBCM volunteers monitor during spring and fall migration. These birds include more than 120 different species

General Meeting: May 7, 2007 **Notice of Annual Election and** **Agenda Changes: Election of** **Officers for 2007-8 and a referendum** **on Amendments to the By-laws will** **be held prior to the scheduled** **program.**

(Members in good standing may request a copy of the amendments from a Board Member.)

Volo Bog

Presented by

Stacey Iwanicki
Naturalist, D.N.R.

Stacy Iwanicki is a Natural Resource Coordinator working for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at Volo Bog State Natural Area and Moraine Hills State Park. She has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Zoology from Michigan State University. Stacy began working as the environmental educator at Volo Bog in 1987. In addition to leading tours of Volo Bog, she recruits, coordinates, and trains a group of about 50 volunteers. With their help, Volo Bog State Natural Area is able to provide guided tours of this unique Illinois wetland to the public on most weekends and to school children during the week. Beyond the Bog Tours, Stacy and the volunteers also offer 17 different educational programs to school and youth groups, plus a variety of other programs and events for families and adults throughout the year.

Bird House and Feeder Kits

Houses to accommodate Bluebirds and Wrens and feeders will be available at each meeting of LCAS. The price is \$7 for members and \$10 non-members for houses and \$8 for members and \$11 for non-members for feeders.

Hospital for Birds

[David M. Bird, Bird Watcher's Digest Sep/Oct 2006]

Volunteers from the Chicago Bird Collision Monitors spend their mornings during the migratory season looking for birds that have been injured by flying into the city's skyscrapers. Each day, 10-20 tiny feathered patients are whisked to a new hospital established in the old terminal building of Meigs Field. After receiving an anti-inflammatory drug, recovered birds are released in a nearby field. Non-releasable birds are donated to zoos and nature preserves.

Liberty Prairie Conservancy Preserves 100 Acres Near Antioch

(Grayslake, Jan. 3, 2007) The Liberty Prairie Conservancy completed an agreement that will keep 100 acres of high quality marsh and oak savanna west of Antioch open and natural forever.

“We’re thrilled that we could partner together with the landowners, Searle and Sue Wadley, to preserve a large natural area of state-wide importance along the Fox River,” said Carole Whitcomb, the Liberty Prairie Conservancy’s board president.

“The Conservancy has played a key role in showing us our options and explaining to us how we could protect the land,” said Searle. “Without the Conservancy, it might well have never gotten done.”

Approximately 90 acres of the preserved land is part of an expansive marsh that provides nesting habitat for many birds, including five state-threatened and state-endangered birds (sandhill crane, black tern, yellow-headed blackbird, least bittern, and common moorhen). According to Brad Semel, natural resources specialist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, this marsh recently hosted the largest nesting population of black terns in Illinois and in another year hosted the largest nesting population of yellow-headed blackbirds in the state.

“Our philosophy is that we are temporary stewards of this land,” said Searle. “While we are here, we will steward and manage it. But we know the land needs legal protection so it will always be preserved.” The Wadleys, both former employees of Abbott Laboratories, bought the property in 1988. They had been looking for a 10-acre lot at the time, but when they toured the property, their plans changed. “We immediately fell in love with the place,” said Sue Wadley. Since 1988, they’ve observed 132 different bird species visit their land.

The strategic location of the newly preserved land makes it even more ecologically valuable. It sits between three publicly protected sites – Gander Mountain Forest Preserve, Chain of Lakes State Park, and the Peat Lake Natural Area just across the Illinois border in Wisconsin. Through the conservation easement that the Wadleys donated to the Conservancy, the Wadleys still own the land, but they and future landowners will not be able to develop it.

Spring Bird Walk Schedule

(see LCAS website for calendar <http://w.w.w.lakecountyaudubon.org>)

MARCH

- 24 Volo Bog 9AM
- 24 LCFPD, Woodcocks @ Ryerson Woods 6:30
- 31 Lake-Cook Aud.- Lake County Loons 8AM
- 31 WBC @ Wright Woods 8AM

APRIL

- 7 McHenry Dam 8:30AM
- 7 WBC Migrating Loons @ Various Locations 8AM
- 14 WBC @ Crabtree Forest Preserve 8AM
- 15 Volo Bog 8AM
- 15 LCFPD, Woodcocks @ Ryerson Woods 7:00PM
- 21 Lake-Cook Aud- Fort Sheridan 8AM
- 21 WBC @ Blacktern Marsh 8AM
- 28 Volo Bog 8AM
- 28 WBC @ Mediwine Forest Preserve 8AM

MAY

- 5 LPC Secret Gems Tour 8:30AM
- 6 LCFPD @ Ryerson Woods, 7AM
- 12 Lake-Cook Aud- Foley Fishing Pond/Rosewood Park
- 12 McHenry Dam 8:30AM
- 12 WBC @ Chicago Lakefront 8AM
- 13 Volo Bog, 8AM
- 13 LCFPD @ Wright 7AM
- 19 Volo Bog 8AM
- 19 LCFPD @ Ryerson Woods 6:30PM
- 20 Lake-Cook Aud-Open Lands, Lake Forest 8AM
- 26 Volo Bog 8AM
- 26 WBC @ Moraine Hills State Park 8AM

JUNE

- 3 Lake-Cook Aud- Rollins Savanna 7AM

WBC= Wild Bird Center, Libertyville, 847-573-1450 (walks will start from the store unless indicated) <http://www.wildbird.com/stores/lib>;

Lake-Cook Aud= Lake-Cook Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society, 847-731-0331; http://www.lakecookaudubon.org/Home_Page.html;

LCFPD= Lake County Forest Preserve District, reservation and fee required, 847-968-3321 <http://www.lcfd.org/>

LPC= Liberty Prairie Conservancy, 847-548-5989, reservation required and fee for non-members, <http://www.libertyprairie.org/>

Volo Bog State Natural Area + McHenry Dam/Moraine Hills State Park, 815-344-1294 <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgmt/PARKS/R2/VOLOBOG.HTM>

Help Wanted: Bluebird Monitors

Walt Sivertsen needs help monitoring bluebird trails at Chain-O-Lakes State Park, Sun Lake Forest Preserve, Half Day Forest Preserve, Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve, Dan Wright Woods Forest Preserve Long View Meadow [Rts 22& 83].

If you can help, please contact him at:

847-244-4373 (waterman07@sbcglobal.net)

Teresa and Mark Borota made a donation to LCAS as a memorial to Gloria Tillack of Long Grove, because she so loved birds.

Some Energy-saving Tips

Excerpted from The Lake County News Sun, October 30, 2006

Energy audit:

A good first step in making an older home more energy-efficient is to do or get an energy audit -- that evaluates how much energy the home uses, pinpoints problem areas where the house is losing or wasting energy and what you can do to correct it. Energy audits cost up to \$400 but some energy companies provide free audits for low-income households. To locate an energy auditor, call your local utility companies or state energy department (see www.naseo.org for a list.

Energy saving tips:

- 1. Weatherize:** Plug leaks around windows, doors, ducts, pipes and electrical outlets with caulking and weather-stripping and close fireplace damper when not in use. Insulating window films are also an inexpensive way to help seal drafty old windows.
- 2. Insulate:** Add insulation to attic, walls and basement. Also make sure air ducts are insulated and sealed. See www.simplyinsulate.com
- 3. Tune-up:** Get a professional to service her heating and cooling systems every year and change the filters. Costs range between \$50 and \$100.
- 4. Smart thermostat:** Invest in a programmable thermostat (\$50 to \$125), which can be set to lower temperatures at night or when you're away.
- 5. Vent check:** Be sure furniture and drapes don't block the air flow from the floor vent.
- 6. Water heater:** Reduce the hot water heater to warm or 120 degrees Fahrenheit and make sure it has an insulating blanket.
- 7. Light for less:** Replace your light bulbs with new compact fluorescent (CFLs), which use 75 percent less energy. And don't forget to turn off everything (lights, television, computer, etc.) not in use.
- 8. Free heat:** In the winter, keep blinds or drapes open on sun-exposed windows during the day and closed at night to conserve heat. Also, close off all unoccupied areas of the house.
- 9. Home upgrades:** If your house has leaky single pane windows, old appliances, an outdated furnace and more, consider upgrading with efficient, money saving products that have the Energy Star label -- the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency.

See www.energystar.gov for a comprehensive list of home improvement products and where to get them, or call (888) 782-7937

Frank Underbrink Remembered

Frank Underbrink, co-founder of the Lake County Audubon Society and Libertyville and Vernon Hills High School teacher, died on February 9, 2007. Frank was an enthusiastic and driving force in the Lake County Audubon Society in which he held many offices including President and Vice-President over the years and our perennial representative to the Audubon Council of Illinois. He will be deeply missed by his fellow board members.

He had taught at Libertyville High School and at Vernon Hills High School since it opened, retiring from there in 2006 after 31 years. He ran the Debate Team and the Model UN program at both high schools where he was a popular, memorable and much respected teacher by his students. He taught world history, French, geography, international studies and current events.

Frank graduated from Libertyville Township High School in 1952. He earned his bachelor's degree from Carlton College in Minnesota, worked on his masters degree at Northwestern University and University of California at Berkley. He studied as a Fulbright Scholar in both France and England and had a government fellowship between 1961 and 1963. He studied at St. Anthony's College of Oxford England, and held academic and administrative positions at the University of Paris Sorbonne and the English College in Paris.

He was a world traveler, translator, tour guide as well as a photographer for UNESCO at World Heritage Sites, having visited 79 countries in his lifetime. He was a supporter of the Early Music Now program in Milwaukee, past president of the Chicago Archeological Society and went on many digs through the United Nations including King Tut's Tomb. He was active in local township politics where he was a big supporter of open space in Lake County, regularly working in the field rehabbing district wild lands.

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