



THE NEWSLETTER

Dubuque County Conservation Society
"Organized in 1933 for Protection of Soil, Forests, Waters and Wildlife"
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Dubuque County Conservation Society Unaudited Minutes – March 14, 2017

Present: Pat Hayes, Mark Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Whitey Kemp, Tom Klinge, Bev Rettenmeier, Dan Simon, Bob Walton

Guest speaker was Curt Kemmerer to discuss purchasing some land near White Pine Hollow

Mark Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

After correcting that the additional Blue Bird materials were purchased by County Conservation people, NOT the DNR, Paul motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Pat and approved.

Paul motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Whitey and approved.

Old Business;

McLaughlin Wildlife Area: No status

Hafeman Wildlife Habitat Area: No status

Leifker Wildlife Area: Tree planting April 14.

Oxford Junction Property: Tree planting April 15. Paul will supply pictures and a write-up.

Website: Connie, Pat, Dan, Paul and Tom will meet Tuesday, 5/28/2017 @ 04:30 to discuss the website and what needs to be done..

Operation Releaf program: We owe \$21,000. Pat moved to pay \$6,300 so the vendors can be paid seconded by Tom. We will wait for a Vendor list and/or an invoice.

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: Invested \$10,000. Need a picture of an activity to put on this site.

Ray and Wally Memorials. Pat asked Brian to get trees and will ask him where to get a plaque. Ray's tree will be at John Deere, Wally's at Swiss Valley. Waiting on Brian for status of the above items.

Tour of Lost Mound. For DCCS Board members only. Will do Thursday May 11 Meet at 09:00 am 3 miles south of Hanover by the big sign. We can accommodate 14 people. Tom will bring a camera. Bob will supply directions. Need a count by May 9.

New Business:

Tom sent a thank you note to JoAnn Wiegel for her generous donation in Ray's memory.

Tom will upload our booklet to the cloud. Need procedure.

After having Mark sign a letter, Tom mailed it out.

Tom made a motion to donate \$500 to the Heritage Foundation, seconded by Paul and approved.

Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. Paul seconded it and it passed.

Dubuque County Conservation Society Audited Minutes – February 14, 2017

Present: Gerda Preston Hartman, Pat Hayes, Mark Kaufman, Whitey Kemp, Tom Klinge, Dan Simon, Bob Walton

Mark Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Whitey motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Bob and approved.

Tom motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Whitey and approved.

Old Business;**McLaughlin Wildlife Area:** No status**Hafeman Wildlife Habitat Area:** No status**Leifker Wildlife Area:** Tree planting April 14. Pat and Mark released trees and cut along the river.**Oxford Junction Property:** Tree planting April 15. Paul will supply pictures and a write-up. Pat put up a wood duck house. There is still a break in the dike along the river. Pheasants Forever will meet with us to discuss ????.**Website:** Decided to go with dbqccs.org.**Operation Releaf program:** We owe \$21,000. Pat moved to pay \$6,300 so the vendors can be paid seconded by Tom.**Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque:** We will invest \$10,000.**Bluebird Workshop:** March 25 10 am. Tom needs to take spare parts, especially sides to Swiss Valley.**Ray and Wally Memorial.** Pat asked Brian to get trees and will ask him where to get a plaque. Ray's tree will be at John Deere, Wally's at Swiss Valley.**Tour of Lost Mound.** Will do Thursday May 11 Meet at 09:00 am 3 miles south of Hanover by the big sign. We can accommodate 14 people. Tom will bring a camera.**New Business:****Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference 2017** Tom moved to pay up to \$660 for board members to attend this event, seconded by Tom and the motion passed.**Trivia bee on Feb. 23rd** We decided not to attend this.

The DNR is reviewing some property to buy at Ram Hollow. 20 acres @ \$4,000/acre. Mafk will talk to Curt Kemmerer.

Tom will upload our booklet to the cloud.

Bluebird Workshop

Submitted by Tom Klinge



The bluebird workshop was a success again this year. With over 50 people attending including 15 kids, we supplied over 75 kits. The chili was a big hit as were the cookies and other sweets. Thanks to all who brought them.

Allie did an excellent job in her presentation, while Paul introduced the Conservation Society and Pat explained the construction process.

A special thanks to Dale Lonning and Paulette Lynn whose sizable donations helped us get to a total of \$409.72. Dale has been attending the workshop for the past few years using the houses for a Bluebird trail in Asbury. Thanks also to everyone else who contributed to our treasury.

We also signed up a new member.

Dubuque Community Celebrates Earth Week With Variety of Activities

April 22 marks internationally-celebrated Earth Day. Private businesses, non-profits, volunteer groups, and government offices are partnering locally to offer a variety of events to celebrate the day and support the Sustainable Dubuque vision.

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. More than one billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

Following is a list of activities for every age group to get involved in Earth Day in Dubuque.

- **Thursday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.** – Green Iowa AmeriCorps Eco-Movie Night at the Dubuque Bike Coop. Showing "Hungry for Change"

- **Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** – STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Festival at the Clarke University Kehl Center. Free Science, Technology, Engineering and Math activities for children in 3rd through 8th grades and their families
- **Monday, April 20, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** – Composting Workshop hosted at Dubuque Rescue Mission by Dubuque County ISU Extension & Outreach
- **Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.** - Illegal Dumping Presentation hosted by Keep Dubuque County Clean & Green at Carnegie-Stout Public Library
- **Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.** - Earth Day Hike at Swill Valley Nature Center
- **Saturday, April 25th, 10 a.m. to noon** - Port of Dubuque Cleanup. Sponsored by the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, DMASWA, and Keep Dubuque County Clean & Green
- **Thursday, April 30, 7:30 p.m.** - Loras College Sustainability Lecture: "Practicing Joyful Stewardship: Sustainability at Luther College"

Visit us on **facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/sustainabledubuque>) to stay up to date on these events and more!

CONTACT: Cori Burbach, Sustainable Community Coordinator, City of Dubuque. cburbach@cityofdubuque.org or 563.690.6038.

Great Give Day

From the website www.greatgiveday.org

What is Great Give Day?

Great Give Day is a 24-hour, online giving event organized annually by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque to grow philanthropy in its seven-county region, including Allamakee, Clayton, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson and Jones Counties. The event will take place this year on Thursday, May 11, 2017. The minimum donation is \$10 and there is no maximum. Bonus grants will be made available to amplify charitable donations. The goal is to inspire the community to come together for 24 hours to contribute as many charitable dollars as possible to support the work of local nonprofit organizations. Great Give Day is based on other successful giving days hosted by community foundations across the country.

How does it work?

The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque has set up an online giving platform at GreatGiveDay.org with searchable profiles of participating nonprofits. All donations will be processed through this website, which allows nonprofits and donors to track the giving on May 11 via the site's leaderboards. Anyone can donate to their favorite participating nonprofits via GreatGiveDay.org. Donations may also be scheduled through the website beginning on April 20; those gifts will be processed through the online platform on May 11.

Why give through Great Give Day?

While we encourage community members to support local nonprofits with year-round giving, Great Give Day was created as a 24-hour, community-wide celebration of giving and nonprofits. Plus, gifts made on Great Give Day are amplified by bonus dollars from local corporate sponsors.

How are donations amplified?

The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque works with corporate partners, donors and affiliate foundations to secure bonus dollars to be awarded to participating nonprofits on Great Give Day through hourly prizes and grand prizes. The prize schedule will depend on the total bonus dollars raised and will be posted at www.GreatGiveDay.org once it is finalized.

For more information see www.GreatGiveDay.org

Ruffed grouse sightings reported in Tete des Morts area

Submitted by Paul Kaufman

With permission from the Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District

The month of May is time for spring flowers to bloom, crops to emerge, and, if one is lucky, time to hear the drumming of the ruffed grouse. One landowner in the watershed had the rare opportunity to hear the drumming and called DNR Biologist Greg Schmitt to verify the presence of the ruffed grouse.

According to Schmitt, members of the Ruffed Grouse Society along with Iowa Department of Natural Resources personnel have worked for many years on public and private land to promote grouse habitat management. Specific habitat work includes aspen management, edge feathering, tree planting, and timber stand improvement.

Schmitt said that some Iowans recall tremendous ruffed grouse populations in the 1970's and 1980's. This population surge was a result of a major land use change. The change in cattle markets and the decrease in cattle herds resulted in less pasturing in NE Iowa. This resulted in the natural conversion of pastured woodland openings to early successional habitat. Early successional habitat occurs when shrubs and young trees create a high stem density (8,000 to 12,000 stems/acre) that is essential to ruffed grouse survival. After allowing those forests to mature beyond the critical 5-15 year old habitat, the grouse population plummeted. These same areas now only have 1-3% ruffed grouse habitat. Ruffed grouse populations have decreased over the past 30 years as their habitat has disappeared.

A male grouse will drum all year long to maintain his territory, usually 6-10 acres, but increases his drumming during mating season. If you happen to hear the drumming, or see some grouse, call Greg Schmitt at the NRCS office in west Union at 563-422-6201 so he can add them to his population study.

Volunteer Opportunity to plant trees.

Leifker Wildlife Area: Tree planting April 14 at 01:00 pm. The Leifker property is located on the right hand side (west side) of Highway 136 going south out of cascade right before you cross the Maquoketa River (approximately 6.5 miles). There is a little parking lot located there.

Oxford Junction Property: Tree planting April 15 at 09:00 am. To get to Oxford Junction take 61S through Maquoketa to IA-64 W for about 3 miles, then Hwy-146 for about 4 miles, IA-136 for 12.5 miles. Once in Oxford Junction, take County Road X64 and follow B street to the property. If you get lost, call Tim @ 563-581-9034.

Bring a shovel and a pair of gloves.

Bill introduced to fund Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund

Posted on March 14, 2017 in <http://www.inhf.org/blog/press-center/>

(DES MOINES) – Rep. Bobby Kaufmann (R-Wilton) last week announced a new, revenue neutral approach to funding the Iowa Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Fund, which has sat empty after 63 percent of Iowans supported the fund's formation in the 2010 general election. The ballot measure, HF 597, calls for the first three-eighths of any new sales tax penny be devoted to funding the trust with its existing formula.

The Water, Infrastructure, Soil for our Economy (WISE) water quality solution Kaufmann is introducing increases Iowa's sales tax by three-eighths of a penny over the next three years while offsetting the increase with an adjustment to the income tax filing threshold.

“This is a sensible, balanced approach to finally combat Iowa's pervasive water quality issues while not raising the overall tax pie for Iowans,” said Kaufmann. “Rather than revisit this issue every year with no solution, I'm going to fight for this as the permanent, reliable funding we need to address the problem that an overwhelming majority of Iowans agrees needs fixing.”

11 Republican co-sponsors have signed on to the bill: Reps. Heaton, Hinson, Bloomingdale, McKean, Zumbach, Gustafson, Baxter, Koester, Taylor, Wills and Jones.

The proposal provides a dedicated funding source for other concepts advanced in legislation this year, and the water quality bill passed by the Republican-led Iowa House in 2016. The funds will be administered through existing state programs and agencies and will not grow bureaucracy.

The bill requires a minimum 60 percent of trust fund dollars goes to proven water quality solutions outlined in Iowa's

Nutrient Reduction Strategy, with annual audits by the state auditor ensuring the dollars are going to the voluntary, non-regulatory compliance. No funds can be used for eminent domain or condemning property.

“This will put Iowa’s Nutrient Reduction Strategy into overdrive,” said Kaufmann. “The need is there. The desire to fix water quality exists. This provides the funding to get the job done.”

How it works:

Phases in funding for the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation with the existing formula over 3 years with a sales tax increase of 1/8th of a cent each year.

Reduces individual income taxes for all Iowans by zeroing out the lowest tax brackets proportionally to the increase in sales tax.

Converts the sales tax on pressurized water into a water excise tax and creates a drinking water treatment financial assistance program for installing or upgrading drinking water infrastructure and source water protection projects. This program functions independently of the Trust Fund and is managed by the Iowa Finance Authority.

Clarifies the trust fund formula (aka “Code 461”) to ensure at least 60% of the funding goes to water quality practices outlined in the Nutrient Reduction Strategy with annual reporting and audit provisions to guarantee accountability.

The Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, once filled, will provide upwards of \$180 million annually for water quality, outdoor recreation and conservation projects. Learn more about the trust fund and how you can pledge your support at www.iowaswaterandlandlegacy.org.

7 Weeds You Should Actually Let Grow In Your Yard

From <http://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/home-and-garden/7-weeds-you-should-actually-let-grow-in-your-yard/ss-BBv5utb?li=BBnbcA0#image=7>

Dandelion

Bane of the lawn gardener’s existence, dandelion is virtually a pan global species, sprouting up in yards from Argentina to Siberia. But before you decide to wage war on it, consider this: Dandelion leaves contain many essential nutrients, like iron and manganese, and are an almost unbeatable source of vitamin C. Chop the raw, young leaves into a salad, or steep for a few minutes for a healthy tea. For nursing mothers, dandelions are an excellent way to naturally boost milk production. Try these **four delicious ways to cook dandelion flowers**.

Goldenrod

The goldenrod genus *Solidago* occurs all across North America in a variety of different habitats. More often than not, it pops up in garden beds and the fringes of the backyard, too. Goldenrods are one of the most important sources of food for migrating butterflies and other pollinators active in early to late fall. Be pollinator-friendly and let it thrive.

Poison Ivy

Here’s a weed only a die-hard wildlife aficionado can love. But as nasty as poison ivy can be, the white and waxy berries formed by the vine come fall are second to none in terms of nutrition content for birds. Learn how to distinguish poison ivy’s tri-lobed leaves and it’ll make tolerating this plant in your yard easier. Once you know where it is, you’ll quickly discover another loveable characteristic of the vine: blazing scarlet fall foliage! (Touched some by accident? **Here’s what can soothe a poison ivy rash—and what you should definitely NOT try.**)

Jerusalem Artichoke

Not a common backyard weed, if you find Jerusalem artichoke, you’ve hit the jackpot. This aggressive, leggy relative of the sunflower likes rich, moist soils and will take over a ditch or other wet spot if given half a chance. Fortunately, controlling this weed is utterly delicious: dig up Jerusalem artichoke and harvest its tubers. They’re earthy, nutty, rich and make an excellent alternative to the potato. A word of caution, however: the reason they’ve never enjoyed the same popularity as the spud is that they tend to cause flatulence!

Milkweed

If you haven't already heard, monarch butterflies are experiencing a population crash of epic proportions. The government is even considering putting them on the endangered species list because their numbers have plummeted so low. Monarchs rely on one group of plants on which to lay their eggs: the milkweeds. Unfortunately their migration route over the breadbasket of the midwest takes them through acres and acres of milkweed-free agricultural fields (farmers view the plant as a nuisance). If you have any of the milkweed species growing in the garden, do your part for conservation and leave them up for monarchs to chew on. Another little known secret: the flowers of common milkweed are incredibly aromatic. (Try **planting these flowers to attract monarchs**).

Queen Anne's Lace

The pillowy umbels of Queen Anne's lace mean "summer" across a broad swath of North America. This wild relative of the carrot isn't native, however. It actually comes from Europe. Luckily that doesn't seem to bother the beautiful anise swallowtail, which uses the plant as its larval host (and lots of other plants in the carrot family). Moreover, it's a great nectar source for pollinators of every stripe.

Thistle

Preserving this weed might be a little difficult to stomach, but if you're a nature lover, it's really a no brainer. Prickly though they are, the many native thistles of North America are great fodder for birds, like the colorful goldfinch, and the many creepy crawlies that are integral to a healthy food chain. Garden designers like Piet Odoulf have begun embracing these striking, purple headed plants in formal settings too, letting their jagged silvery/grey foliage stand in contrast to more common garden choices. A word to the wise: there are several nasty invasive thistles that aren't good for the environment. Ask your local extension office which ones to look out for and how to identify them.

Events Calendar

Swiss Valley Nature Center/Mines of Spain/Audubon Society/Hurstville Calendars

All programs are subject to weather conditions. To check for changes to this schedule, check the websites in the list of organizations below. The programs are open to the public and are designed for people of all ages unless otherwise described. For additional info or preregistration contact one of the following depending on the program's location:

Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Road Peosta, IA 52068, 563-556-6745. www.dubuquecounty.org or you can search for "Swiss Valley Nature Center Facebook".

EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Heights, Dubuque, IA at 563-556-0620. www.minesofspain.org

Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd Street, Maquoketa, IA at 563- 652-3783. www.jacksonccb.com

Dubuque Audubon Society, P.O. Box 3174, Dubuque, IA 52004-3174, 563-582-215. www.audubondubuque.org/

Isaak Walton League, 11001 Thunder Hills Rd, Peosta, IA 52068, 563-556-6020. www.facebook.com/izaakwalton.dubuquechapter

REMEMBER: At the Swiss Valley Nature Center Park Packs are available at no cost and when the snow starts flying snowshoes & Cross Country Skiis will be available also at no cost.

Woodcock Watch & Owl Prowl Friday, April 7th, 7:00pm Whitewater Canyon

Join Bob Walton, Jackson, Jones, and Dubuque County naturalists for a night at Whitewater Canyon. We will be on the hunt for some amazing nocturnal birds. We will call for owls and observe the mating dance of the American woodcock. It will be a wonderful night full of wildlife to be sure to join us dressed for the weather!

Lunch-n-Learn: Mushroom 101 Wednesday, April 12th, 11:00 AM Swiss Valley Nature Center

Martine Augustine member of the Prairie State Mushroom Club will give a general overview of a mushroom, the many types, interesting facts about them and more! Pre-register for your catered meal.

Audubon April Program: Living with Ticks April 13, 2017 7 pm EB Lyons Interpretive Center

Brian Preston, Executive Director of DCCB, will speak on everything you need to know about ticks. This should be one of our more practical programs.

Egg Eggstravaganza Apr 14 Friday 10:00 AM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join us on this no school day for spring fun, including an egg scavenger hunt and egg dyeing with natural pigments!

Kids in Nature Series, 9:00am Thursday, April 20th - Amazing Ants**No May Program Thursday, June 15th - Mudluscious** Swiss Valley Nature Center

Bring out your non-school age kiddos for a morning of fun in nature. We will explore a nature topic with books, games, and hands-on activities. Call 563-556-6745 to register.

Honeybee Basics and Beyond Friday, April 21st, 6:00pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

The 2017 Iowa Honey Queen, Carly Raye, will be presenting about honeybees, honey, beekeeping and beyond! Those who attend will learn how bees make mummies, the color of mystery honey, the strange use of beehives in medieval times, and much more! Come learn why we want to save the bees and how we can make that happen.

Nature Tales: Egg Eggstravaganza Apr 21 Friday 10:00 AM Hurstville Interpretive Center

We will learn about animals that lay eggs and dye eggs using natural dyes.

Earth Day Clean Up Apr 22 Saturday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM See the Hurstville web site for details

Bring household hazardous waste materials downtown to be recycled. See full description for what will be accepted.

Wildflower Walk Apr 22 Saturday 9:30 AM Hurstville Interpretive Center

During the pancake breakfast, learn to identify early blooming spring wildflowers! With a short lifespan, you don't want to miss this strange and beautiful display of delicate flowers.

Keystone StarLab Friday, April 21st, 7:30pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

The Keystone StarLab will be at Swiss Valley Nature Center. Climb inside and see the night sky in a whole new way!

Trout Stocking April 22nd, 10:00am-12:00pm Heritage Pond

Bring the whole family out to see the Iowa DNR stock trout into Heritage Pond. We will have extra poles and bait on hand if you need them but you must have a valid fishing license and trout stamp.

Heritage Trail Cleanup Saturday, April 22nd, 2:00-3:30 Meet at Heritage Pond parking lot

Lend a hand and help us clean up the Heritage Trail. We will meet at the Heritage Pond parking lot and split into groups to cover different areas of the trails. Trash bags, grabbers, and gloves will be provided. Come on your own or get a group together and help us keep Heritage Trail clean and beautiful for both users and wildlife. Call 563-556-6745 to let us know you'll be there!

Beavers on Buck Creek Apr 29 Saturday 9:30 AM See the Hurstville web site for details

Get a chance to explore private land, owned and managed by Friends member Dave Gossman. This property is loaded with flora and fauna coming back to life after a long winter.

Spring Wildflower Series Sunday, April 30th, 1:00 – Swiss Valley Nature Center (Hike)**Saturday, May 6th, 1:00pm** – Heritage Trail (Bike)

Head out with a DCCB naturalist and check out the variety of beautiful spring wildflowers in bloom. Choose from two different dates and locations or join us for both! The program at Swiss Valley Nature Center will be a hike and we will be biking for the Heritage Trail program. Please bring your own bike and helmet.

OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier): Forage & Float Tuesday, May 2nd, 9:00am-1:00pm Meet at EB Lyons Center

Join us for a day of foraging and floating! Jen Meyer and Andy Benson will be discussing wild edibles and where to find them. We will gather some items to add to our lunch and you can either stay to help cook or take part in a float down Catfish Creek. We will all meet back at the center for a delicious lunch! Cost is \$6. Bring your own canoe or kayak or borrow one of ours. Supply is limited so call to register today, 563-556-6745.

Bird Banding with Dave Shealer Saturday, May 6th, 9:00am-11:00am Swiss Valley Nature Center

Local birding expert Dave Shealer from Loras College for a bird netting and banding program at Swiss Valley! You might get a chance to see chickadees, cardinals, and even migrating songbirds traveling to northern breeding grounds. You will want to be part of this unique, one of a kind experience.

Great Give Day May 11 Thursday 12:00 AM - 11:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join thousands in this Annual Day of Giving, hosted by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. Minimum donation of \$10.00.

Tour of Lost Mound. Thursday May 11 09:00 am

For DCCS Board members only. Details will be discussed in the next board meeting.

Audubon May Program: Pollinators May 11, 2017 7 pm EB Lyons Interpretive Center

Chris Hiher from Pheasants Forever will speak on pollinators.

Beeswax Workshop May 12 Friday 5:30 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Learn more about this natural resource, how honey bees produce it, methods of harvesting and ways it can be used. Participants will have fun making their own candles, salve and lip balm to take home.

Spring Species Count May 13, 2017. See www.audubondubuque.org/calendar.html for more details**Rain Barrel Workshop May 20 Saturday 1:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center**

Rain barrels collect rainwater and save the water for future use, plus by storing the rain water, you are reducing storm water runoff. All materials and instruction will be provided at this workshop to build a 55-gallon rain barrel.

Conservation Volunteer Picnic Sunday, May 21st, 1:00 Swiss Valley- Green Ash Pavilion

Dubuque County Conservation could not fulfill its mission without a group of dedicated volunteers. We would like to invite those who have volunteered with us over the past year or who are interested in volunteering with us in the future to attend our first Conservation Volunteer Picnic. Call 556-6745 to let us know you plan to attend.

Free Fishing Weekend (June 2-4) Saturday, June 3rd, 11:00-1:00pm Heritage Pond

Take advantage of the Iowa DNR's free fishing weekend with a day of fishing at Heritage Pond. We will have extra poles and bait on hand.

Marsh Exploration Jun 11 Sunday 2:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join a naturalist in exploring the Hurstville Marsh! All ages welcome. Plan to get wet!

Becoming an Outdoor Woman Summer Workshop Saturday, June 17th, 7:30am-2:30pm

This summer event is for any woman (18 and over) who has wanted to learn more about the great outdoors or is just getting started in the addictive hobby of outdoor recreation! Volunteers will provide hands on interaction for participants: rifle, shotgun, archery, fish cleaning and cooking, fly fishing and more!

Flowers of the Prairie Jun 24 Saturday 1:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Learn more about prairie wildflowers, how to identify them and what medicinal and food uses they served for the pioneers and Native Americans from Danuta Hutchins of Storm Lake. Inside and outside components included!

Other Events Calendar

Winter Farmer's Market starts Saturday 9am-noon November 5, 2016 at The Colts Center, 1101 Central Ave

Board Members 2017

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Mark Kaufman	President	879-3452	Gerda Preston Hartman	588-0649
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Tom Klinge	Secretary/Newsletter	815-747-7786	Dan Simon	583-0514
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			Bob Walton	
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Reminders:

The next meetings will be held **Tuesday, April 11, 2017 and Tuesday May 9, 2017 06:00 pm** on the second floor of the Oky-Doky at 250 West 1st street. All Members are invited and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Check the event calendars for some exciting things to do.

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