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Newsletter

August -

September 2013

Shades of Summer:



*Discover ParkLands
Juried Watercolor
Exhibition*

**47th Annual Meeting — Exciting
Event at New Venue**

This year, ParkLands Foundation is doing something new and different for our Annual Meeting. We have partnered with the McLean County Arts Center to co-sponsor and host "Shades of Summer: Discover ParkLands", a juried watercolor exhibition celebrating the beauty of the ParkLands preserves.

Details about how to enter the exhibition competition can be found at www.mcac.org (the artist application deadline is Friday, Aug. 30).

To give ParkLands members a private viewing of the watercolor exhibition, we will hold our 2013 Annual Membership Meeting at the McLean County Arts Center, 601 N. East Street, Bloomington.

The meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 22. A picnic lunch with a choice of several box lunches prepared by the Garlic Press will be served, followed by the Annual Meeting at about 1:00 p.m. Members may stay after the meeting to view the watercolor exhibition. To make reservations for the lunch, please complete the form on page 2 and mail it so it will arrive no later than September 9th.

Julie Elzanati

✔ We are holding a raffle to help raise funds for ParkLands' co-sponsorship of the exhibition. ✔
✔ Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for 3 tickets. At the annual meeting, we will draw the winning raffle ✔
✔ ticket. The prize is a \$250 credit toward the purchase of art in the Shades of Summer: Discover Park- ✔
✔ Lands exhibition. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Ecology Action Center, by contacting Mike Hall ✔
✔ for delivery(ParkLandsOffice@gmail) or any of the ParkLands directors. They will also be sold until 1:00 ✔
✔ p.m. at the September 22 Annual Meeting. ✔

**PARKLANDS ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 @ MCLEAN CO. ARTS CENTER**

**ORDER YOUR LUNCH NOW
DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

We will order brown bag lunches from the Garlic Press Market Café. Identify your choices below.
COST = \$12 (includes one sandwich or quiche with one option)

NO SUBSTITUTIONS PLEASE

SANDWICHES & QUICHE:

___ ARTICHOKE GARLIC TUNA SALAD on multigrain bread, with tomato, red onion & romaine lettuce.

___ BOAR'S HEAD TAVERN HAM & SWISS on multigrain bread, with tomato, romaine lettuce & house-made Stoneground Mustard Sauce.

___ BOAR'S HEAD ROAST BEEF on a toasted Ciabatta roll, with tomato, red onion, romaine lettuce & housemade crumbled Blue Cheese Sauce.

___ CALIFORNIA SMOKED TURKEY CLUB on sourdough bread, with applewood bacon, cheddar cheese, tomato, red onion, romaine lettuce & Guacamole.

___ THE "KNUCKLE" SANDWICH, Italian Hero style sandwich, on a toasted Ciabatta roll, with tavern Ham, Fennel Salami, spicy Capicola, provolone cheese, with our signature sweet & spicy Peppadew Pepper Medley.

___ BOAR'S HEAD AROASTICA CHICKEN CAESAR on sourdough bread, with tomato, red onion, romaine lettuce & housemade Roasted Garlic-Parmesan Caesar Sauce.

___ VEGETARIAN MUFFALETTA, toasted Ciabatta roll, with herbed goat cheese, artichoke hearts, roasted red peppers, red onion, baby spinach, olive spread and sweet & spicy Peppadew Pepper Medley.

___ GLUTEN FREE CRUSTLESS QUICHE

OPTIONS:

___ Option 1. Include a bag of Zapp's potato chips and a cookie with my sandwich.
I want a soda / water bottle (circle choice).

___ Option 2. Include a Greens Salad with Croutons & Dressing and a cookie with my sandwich.
I want a soda / water bottle (circle choice).

___ Option 3. Include a Greens Salad and a gluten-free cookie with my quiche.
I want a soda / water bottle (circle choice).

NAME(S) _____

Please print

PHONE/eMAIL _____

PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED ORDER FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT BY SEPTEMBER 9 TO:
ParkLands Foundation
P.O. Box 3132, Bloomington IL 61702-3132

ParkLands' Financial Future — Development Report

The majority of ParkLands Board of Directors and several guests met for a charrette—an intensive planning meeting—on July 16 at Lancaster's Restaurant to discuss the new ParkLands Development Committee and development directions for the foundation.

⇒ To begin the meeting, President Todd Bugg addressed three priorities—increased membership, accumulation of a land fund to allow purchase of natural properties with participating grants, and sufficient annual funding to cover administrative expenses. There was general agreement on these priorities. The group determined that administrative expenses should be covered through annual receipts, instead of establishing another endowment.

The group spent a good deal of time addressing property maintenance and restoration needs. Members of the Stewardship Committee discussed the appropriate annual expenditures for property maintenance, including the salary and benefits for Land Steward Jason Shoemaker and the cost of several summer interns. Although ParkLands now has approximately \$1.1 million in endowments dedicated to stewardship activities, as well as pasture/crop rent payment and government conservation program payment, the foundation needs an additional \$2 million in endowments to create enough revenue to cover yearly stewardship maintenance expenses.

In addition, there was consensus among those involved with stewardship that ParkLands will need to raise \$1 million in new funds and grants over the next decade to restore all of its properties to “good” condition, generally meaning removal of invasive species and initial efforts to reestablish native plants.

⇒ To reach the acquisition and stewardship goals of ParkLands, the Development Committee will undertake a capital campaign in the next year or two, with an emphasis on contacts with members, local businesses, and the community at large (fundraising efforts with local businesses, large and small, has been lacking in the past). The campaign will focus on present giving as well as long-term commitments to ParkLands through estate planning with hopes of

increasing endowments for stewardship and acquisition of properties.

The participants also suggested that the Development Committee begin an annual campaign with a focus on bridging the gap of approximately \$25,000 per year between current receipts from memberships and other sources and the administrative expenses of ParkLands Foundation.

ParkLands will recruit ParkLands directors, members and community leaders to serve on the Development Committee and to assist in its various tasks over the coming years. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the ParkLands office at PO Box 3132, Bloomington, IL 61702-3132 or parklandsoffice@gmail.com.

Dan Deneen

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

To fill four of five vacated seats, the following four individuals are hereby presented for nomination for three-year terms (2012-15):

Dr. Finn Amble
Jessica Chambers
Nathan Hinch
Mike O'Grady

Members may nominate candidates for director by petition filed with the secretary (Julie Elzanati) at least 7 days prior to the annual meeting. The petition must contain the signatures of at least 15 ParkLands members. No nominations are allowed from the floor during the annual meeting.

Nominating Committee
Dan Deneen, Chair
Jim Franks
Don Schmidt
Todd Bugg

The Board of Directors will consider the following slate of officers for election when they meet on Sept. 22:

President - Todd Bugg
Vice President - Jim Franks
Secretary - Julie Elzanati
Treasurer - Nancy Armstrong



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In May the ParkLands Board of Directors honored its retiring member and treasurer Barry Brenneman (pictured with wife Diane). He was presented with a resolution and a picture of the distinctive oak on the river in the Merwin Preserve photographed by Mary Horgan.

Calendar

Annual Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 22, 12 p.m.
 McLean Co. Arts Center
 601 N East St., Bloomington

**Lunch forms must be
 received by 9/9/13**

Julie Elzanati
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julie.elzanati@gmail.com
www.parklandsfoundation.org

Sugar Grove Nature Ctr. Hummingbird Festival

Sat., Aug. 31, 10 - 2
www.sugargrovenaturecenter.org

Illinois Prairie Wild Ones program

Mon., Sept. 9, 7 pm
 "Tough Trees for the
 Landscape"
 Arborist Guy Sternberg

Univ. of Ill. Extension
 402 N. Hershey, B'ton
www.wildones.org/chapters/ilprairie

Seed Collection

Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m.
 Cayuga Ridge (Pontiac)
 Meet @ BP gas station @
 Lexington I-55 exit
 Leader: Jason Shoemaker
 (309) 531-7065
shoemaj@hotmail.com

Seed Collection

Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m.
 Cayuga Ridge (Pontiac)
 Meet @ BP gas station @
 Lexington I-55 exit
 Leader: Jason Shoemaker
 (309) 531-7065
shoemaj@hotmail.com

NOTE: Work dates are subject to change. Join Jason's e-mail list or log on to www.parklandsfoundation.org.