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**Newsletter
August -
September 2014**

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**48th Annual Meeting and Private Showing of
Preserving ParkLands Exhibition**

Once again we have partnered with the McLean County Arts Center to co-sponsor and host "Preserving ParkLands", a juried watercolor exhibition celebrating the beauty of the ParkLands preserves.

ParkLands members can have a private viewing of the watercolor exhibition at our 2014 Annual Membership Meeting at the McLean County Arts Center, 601 N. East St., Bloomington.

The meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14. A meal with a choice of several box lunches prepared by the Garlic Press will be served, followed by a presentation and 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 Monday, September 8th.



Jeff Little's 2013 entry "Sound of Spring"

Julie Elzanati

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We are holding a 50/50 raffle at the annual meeting to help raise funds for ParkLands' co-sponsorship of the exhibition. Tickets are \$10 each or \$40 for 5 tickets.  
They will be sold until the beginning of the business agenda at the September 14 Annual Meeting.  
***Help us make our second art exhibition a success!***  
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**PARKLANDS ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 @ MCLEAN CO. ARTS CENTER**

**ORDER YOUR LUNCH NOW
DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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.

___ GARLIC PRESS ROAST BEEF on House-made Ciabatta roll, with tomato, red onion, Living Water Farms Spicy Asian Greens & House-made Blue Cheese Sauce or Horseradish Cream.

___ CALIFORNIA SMOKED TURKEY CLUB on House-made Ciabatta, with applewood bacon, cheddar cheese, tomato, red onion, romaine lettuce & House-made Guacamole.

___ CHICKEN SALAD on multigrain bread, oven-roasted chicken with celery, carrots, scallion & a tarragon orange dressing (made with local Greek yogurt) lettuce, onion & tomato.

___ ROASTED GARLIC HUMMUS on a House-made Ciabatta roll with cucumber, tomato, red onion, local Living Water Farms sunflower shoots, feta cheese & lemony Greek vinaigrette.

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

___ Option 3. Include a local 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 8 TO:

ParkLands Foundation
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Letcher Basin Eagles Nest Successfully Again

Two eaglets hatched from the Letcher Basin nest early this March, and fledged from the nest in early June. One of the eaglets in particular has been very inquisitive...flying and perching near our barn one morning, trying to pick apart an old beer can down at the river, and flying around in circles over my head as I mowed the paths in our field down by the river.

It's been fun and rewarding as always observing their behavior and being able to experience Bald Eagles growing up literally in your own "back yard". We are so lucky that the eagles decided to build their nest in a protected area such as Letcher Basin that is right across the river from our property.

The two juveniles have now left to whereabouts unknown just in the last week of July, and we are hoping that they are over at Evergreen Lake, learning to fish on their own.

The two adults have not been seen here either in the past few weeks. It's a bit early for them to be taking off for their "post-nesting vacation", but I'm sure that the fishing is better over at the lake. They usually return periodically just to check on the nest and make sure that all is well at the homestead. We should see them back on a more regular basis in November as they start re-furbishing the nest for another season.

Mary Jo and Sandy Adams



ELECTION OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

To fill three vacated seats, the following individuals are hereby presented for nomination for three-year terms (2014-2017):

Dan Deneen
Bethany Evans Campbell
Patrick Murphy

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 will be saying farewell to Todd Bugg and Eric Smith.

The Board of Directors will consider the following slate of officers for election when they meet on Sept. 14:

President - Jim Franks
Vice President - Dan Deneen
Secretary - Julie Elzanati
Treasurer - Nancy Armstrong



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Out & About

Annual Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 14, 12 p.m.
McLean Co. Arts Center
601 N East St., Bloomington

Lunch forms must be received by 9/8/14

Julie Elzanati
(309) 376-3776
julie.elzanati@gmail.com
www.parklandsfoundation.org

Sugar Grove Nature Ctr. Hummingbird Festival & Pollination Celebration

Sat., Aug. 30, 10 - 2
www.sugargrovenaturecenter.org

Illinois Prairie Wild Ones program

Mon., Sept. 9, 7 pm
"Pollinators"
Univ. of Ill. Extension
402 N. Hershey, B'ton
www.wildones.org/chapters/ilprairie

"Exploring Nature in Illinois" Program & Book Signing

Michael Jeffords & Susan Post
Tue., Sept. 30, 6 p.m.
Sugar Grove Nature Center

Seed Collection

Saturday, Oct. 11, 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. 25, 9 a.m.
Cayuga Ridge (Pontiac)
Meet @ BP gas station @ Lexington I-55 exit
Leader: Mary Horgan
(309) 824-5636

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