

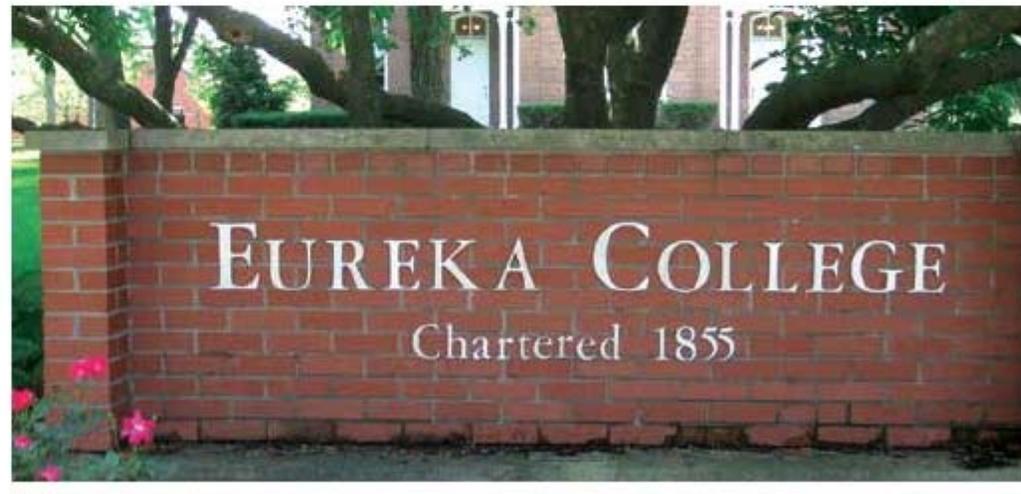
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Walnut Grove Festival at Eureka College – April 25th

Join ParkLands at the Walnut Grove Festival at Eureka College on April 25th from 1 to 5 p.m. The festival will be held outdoors at the Rinker Outdoor Amphitheater – in the event of rain, the location will be moved to the Cerf Center. This is the 3rd annual event hosted by the Eureka College Student Alliance for a Greener Environment (SAGE).

A true “festival”, the event will have plenty of entertainment including local artists and musicians. Vendors and educators will also be present to share their knowledge of sustainability and locally grown or made products. Be sure to bring the kids, there

will be exciting crafts like paper-making. There will also be games, a cakewalk, face-painting, and more to keep them entertained throughout the day.

Featured at the Walnut Grove Festival

Musical line-up: John Till, Peter Adriel, The Sites and The Golden Fleece

Vendors: Teresa's Fruit & Herbs, Raising Kane, Bearded Men Knitting Hats, Kaitlin Graves Art, The Walnut Woodlathe, Native Plants of Illinois Nursery and Kaitlin Bell Art

Educators and non-profit organizations: The Parklands Foundation, The Gifts in the Moment Foundation and Green Top Co-op Grocery

For Sale: An environmental studies class from Eureka College will be selling unused furnishings from the college, including desks and desk chairs.

For more information, visit Walnut Grove Fest on Facebook

Invasive Species Day – May 17th **1-4 pm @ Letcher basin**

Come learn about invasive plants at ParkLands. Members will be on hand to discuss the dos and don'ts of invasive species, teach you how to identify some common invasives, and share information on native plant species that are encouraged for planting.

Guided bird and wildflower walks will take place throughout the day.

Pack a picnic to enjoy while at the event!

Bird walks: 1:15, 2:15 & 3:15

Wildflower Walks: 1:30, 2:30 & 3:30

Directions to Letcher Basin can be found online click on the green push pins to find Letcher Basin, http://www.parklandsfoundation.org/?page_id=13



Japanese honeysuckle
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ParkLands EDventure – June 7th

12:30-5pm @ Merwin Nature Preserve

Join an EDventure at the ParkLands Foundation Merwin Nature Preserve in McLean County. Local experts Don Schmidt and Don Meyer will offer current and historical narratives about land use in the Mackinaw River watershed. Enjoy a guided tour of restored savanna, prairie and forested areas along the river. Discover the beauty and biological diversity of plants and animals native to Central Illinois. Learn how to find art in nature. All ages welcome. Your trip includes transportation to and from the preserve, snacks and refreshments. Call Julie Elzanati at (309) 268-8166 for more details.

\$10 per person

No charge for children 14 and under, but they must register and be accompanied by a parent.

Course Code: 1965

Section: AE4D

To register, call 309-268-8160. Note: All participants must be registered.

Meet Our Tour Guides!

Don Schmidt

- Retired Illinois State University Department of Biological Sciences Professor
- Retired Illinois State University Horticulturalist
- Former weekly co-host of WGLT's Dean of Green™
- Past president of ParkLands Foundation

Don Meyer

- Illinois State University Department of Agriculture Lecturer
- Former McLean County Extension Director for University of Illinois Extension
- Former Panelist on WILL-TV Illinois Gardener
- Farm management consultant and auctioneer

Moon Walk at Letcher Basin

Informal walks under the full moon. Meet before sunset to watch the moon rise over the prairie.

- May 2, – 6pm (Sunset at 6:53 Moonrise at 5:38)
- May 30, – 7pm (Sunset at 7:19 Moonrise at 4:25)
- July 4, – 7 pm (Sunset 7:30 Moonrise at 9:25)
- Aug.1, – 7pm (Sunset 7:12 Moonrise at 7:57)
- Aug. 29, – 6pm (Sunset 6:34 Moonrise at 6:30)
- Sept. 26, – 5:30 (Sunset 5:47 Moonrise at 4:18)



Recruiter of the Year Challenge

What's the best way to recruit a new member for ParkLands? Invite them to one of our preserves. Board Member Dan Deneen has purchased a \$100 gift card from Caffé Italia to be given to the ParkLands Member with the most diligent recruiting efforts during 2015.

To qualify the ParkLands Member must: 1) take a prospective member to Merwin or one of our other preserves; 2) give them a membership application or information for our website; and 3) ask them to consider becoming a member. Members will also receive credit if they successfully recruit a member without taking the recruit to a preserve.

Dan is eligible to win, but hopes that someone is better at showing others the beauty of ParkLands than he is! Please e-mail our office with the names of prospective members you have taken to a preserve or have otherwise successfully recruited. Recruits that members bring to volunteer days can be counted as prospective members.

Awareness Days and Events



DATE	ACTIVITY	DATE	ACTIVITY
April 22, 2015	Earth Day (45th)	May 22 , 2015	International Day for Biological Diversity
April 24, 2015	Arbor Day	May 22 , 2015	Don't Fry Day (National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention)
April 25, 2015	Save the Frogs Day	May 23-31 , 2015	National Go Canoeing Week (UK)
May, 2015	Lyme Disease Awareness Month	May 27, 2015	International Otter Awareness Day
May 4-10, 2015	National Wildflower Week	June 5, 2015	World Environment Day
May 9-10, 2015	World Migratory Bird Day	June 6, 2015	Butterfly Education and Awareness Day
May 18, 2015	Plant Conservation Day	June 13, 2015	National Get Outdoors Day

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