

President's Corner



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This month's headline is our annual picnic being held on Thursday August 22rd at the St. Germain Community Shelter. Set up is at 5:15 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. The Picnic will be Rick Polaski doing his spit roasted chicken right on site. The menu will be Barbequed chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, and dessert. All food, place settings, coffee, soda and water will be included. The cost will be \$5.00 for members and \$10 for non-members/guests payable when you arrive at the picnic. You must RESERVE so we can get an accurate count to order the chicken. The reserve DEADLINE will be Sunday August 18th . Please call Bob or Judy Schell at 715 542 2321 (cell 715 891 7524) as early as possible to let us know. This year Jane and Marlene felt it was time to have just a good old social time at the picnic with no formal presenter. In the past it was sometimes difficult to hear presentations because of the shelter environment. We will have a brief award presentation as well. So plan on coming to just enjoy a good meal and good company as well.

While on the subject of events, our Christmas party this year will be held on Monday December 9th. This is a change from our original date due to booking conflicts. It will still be at the Clearview Supper Club. So mark your calendars.

Our annual Kayak-50/50 ticket sales have gone well this past month thanks to those of you working in the booth at the flea market, Christmas in July and Forestfest at Trees for Tomorrow. We just completed a very successful 3-day run at Pig in the Pines Rib Fest where we made \$1200 in ticket sales. We were also set up at Christmas in July and Judy set up for Forestfest at Trees for Tomorrow. This past month through Aug. 4th- we have the following volunteers to thank: Joan Crawford, Melody Kysiak, Marv and Karen Anderson, Kay Schultz, Chuck and Pat Thier, Donna Rollman, Arlene Riecenberg, Stan and Marlene Rakowski, Ellyn Dahnke and her granddaughter and Lydia, Bob and Judy Schell, Mac and Betty McCormick, Lori and Mike Pergolski, Frank Klamik, Gary Walbruck, and Jim and Trudy Carlton. We have some great people in this Club---Thank you for your efforts!

In a sad note, two of our great club supporters have required another round of Chemotherapy treatments. Ellen Finch is getting treatment in Minocqua and is having difficulty adapting to the Chemotherapy. Steve Pulec is fighting recurring cancer as well. Both are fighting the good fight and facing the ordeal with dignity. Our thoughts, prayers and support go out to both.

Steve, despite his health issues, is still continuing his support of our Wildlife Club by holding a raffle along with Sheila and Tara at the New Twilight Bar and Grill. They have donated many prizes including a 51-inch LED TV and \$500 to be raffled off with all the proceeds split between our Fish and Wildlife Club, the BoBoens and the disabled at the American Legion. Tickets are on sale now at the Twilight and will culminate with the drawing and Chicken Dinner fund raiser on Sunday Sept. 1st . Instead of the annual pig roast fund raiser they will be doing their famous spit roasted Chicken dinners on September 1st, for \$10, so call the Twilight (715-479-7078) early to reserve a dinner -- all dinner proceeds also go to the clubs as well.

This time of year marks the startup of mushroom hunting in the northwoods. Our lifetime member, Cora Mollen and Anne Small (our editor) lead a local group of mushroom hunters on forays every Wednesday during the later summer/fall. This is

NEXT MEETING

Annual Picnic

Thursday, Aug 22nd

St. Germain Community Shelter



Set-up - 5:15 pm
Dinner - 6:00 pm



MENU: spit roasted, BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, & dessert. Place settings, coffee, soda & water included.

COST: (Payable when you arrive at picnic)

\$5.00 members

\$10.00 non-members/guests

50/50 Raffle: Kay Schultz & Melody Kysiak

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Thank you for donations from the following:

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a fun and very informative group that welcomes anyone interested in finding out about mushrooms. The group is called the Northstate Mycological Club and will gladly help you to learn about these tasty morsels. You can reach Cora at 715-892-1375.

On July 25th, 2013 we held our monthly meeting with Licia Johnson from the Discovery Center speaking on "Wild Edibles, Medicinal Plants and Natures Teas". Wow was it a treat for the 39 people in attendance. Licia spent several days preparing for the talk by collecting wild plants and herbs and making up some delicious and exotic concoctions for us to try. She brought along Peter Rebholtz and Irv Rueger to assist with the serving and explanation of the plants and berries used. Licia and her crew kept us on the edge of our seats with our sample Dixie cups in hand waiting to try another taste of tea or home made brew. It was like being at a wine tasting with the vine-

yard being the whole of the northwoods. We tried many varieties of tea starting with Labrador Tea, made from the dried leaves mostly found in bogs. Next we tried Balsam tea made from the new growth needles boiled for about 20 minutes (1 tsp to one cup water). Sweet fern leaves (which can also be used as an insect repellent) which grows on roadsides makes a tasty tea as well. A cup of Labrador or balsam tea has more vitamin C than a glass of orange juice. We also learned about eating wild leeks, milkweed flower buds for soup or salad, wild hazelnuts in the fall, and eating cattails like corn on the cob. Medicinal uses of plants covered included jewel weed leaves used to relieve poison ivy, Mullein is good for sore throat, Red Clover treats ulcers and sores, roadside yarrow relieves toothaches, Cottonwood buds in olive oil makes an anti-inflammatory and antiseptic salve. And for you hikers, large leaf Astor, Mullein and thimbleberry leaves make good toilet paper in a pinch. Finally, we were treated to Irv's special stew made from venison, cattail roots, Dandelion, Plantain, and wild rice. You could tell by the laughter and comments, Licia did a really good job educating and entertaining us as usual. Several of our regular attendees said it was one of our best meetings they have ever attended. At the end of the presentation we gave Licia our annual \$500 contribution for the North Lakeland Discovery Center.

On a personal note, after four years as President and Judy with 6 years as Secretary, we have decided not to run for office again next year...Sooo---we are looking for some dedicated individuals to step forward to take over these positions and give the club some new ideas and direction. We will work closely with anyone the first year to make the transition easier.

That's all for this month--see you at the Picnic.

Bob Schell, President

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

At this time of summer, many of you who feed the hummingbirds are probably noticing that you have to refill feeders quite often. The young have fledged and there are now many hungry birds seeking nectar. It is a good time of year to enjoy these tiny wonders. Because of their size, shape and feeding habits, there are not many birds that you can confuse with a hummingbird, but you may be surprised to learn about a unique moth species that looks strikingly similar.

The Clearwing Hummingbird Moth (*Hemaris thysbe*) is what you would call a hummingbird mimic, sharing many of the same characteristics. The thorax is olive-green above and whitish-yellow underneath. The wing



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shape, rapid wing beat and frequent visits to flower gardens where they often hover while feeding can also make them easy to mistake for the real thing.

Their handsome wings are clear with brown edges and veining and their wingspan averages around 2 inches.

In the cooler, northern climates, Hummingbird Moths produce one generation a year. The caterpillars of these moths feed primarily on honeysuckle leaves, but can also be found on cherry, plum and hawthorn shrubs. They pupate in cocoons and hatch out in late summer. Adult moths consume the nectar of a number of flowering plants including bee balm, red clover and thistles.

Clearwing Hummingbird Moths have a wide range through much of the Eastern and Northwestern US and Canada. I have only been lucky enough to see them on a rare occasion, but a friend who lives in the La Crosse area said that there was a hatch-out of hundreds of them early this month. I'm a bit jealous that I wasn't able to witness such a scene. Keep an eye out for this unique flyer in your gardens this summer.

Anne Small



SUNSHINE REPORT



Wishing a speedy recovery to Rich Polaski who had a hip replacement.

Our thoughts are also with Ellen Finch and Steve Pulec with their continuing health problems.

Please call Linda Polaski, 479-4718, if you know of any members who need a card of sympathy, encouragement, cheer, etc.

PROGRAM NOTES from Jane K.

Two words describe the July presentation by Licia Johnson of the Discovery Center -FUN and FABULOUS. If you weren't there, you missed a great evening.

The Picnic - we will be doing things a little differently this year. We won't have a speaker, but you might want to bring your dancing shoes as music from the 50's will be playing. Bob will give a short "state of the club" update. Tickets for the raffle items will be available - the 50/50 raffle will be for the big prize drawn at Cranberry Fest. The bigger the pot, the more you can win! See you all there.

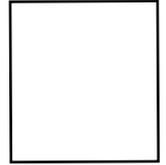
September Program - Jim Pikarsy, Ocean and Wildlife Photographer - A Fascinating Look Into the World of Whales!



Above: Judy Schell tending Forestfest at Trees For Tomorrow.



Above: Mike & Lori Pergolski tending the booth at Pig in the Pines.



FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

This is the start of the summer pattern. Continue to follow the green weeds as they move deeper. Move often! Try to pick the best feeding shelf in the lake. Pick a species of fish to try for. You are not going fishing you are going walleye fishing, northern fishing or crappie fishing. Then remember to follow that species as it moves through the year or day. Water temperature, spawning and prey location all are things to keep in mind.

Remember that the temperature a fish spawns at is their ideal body temperature. A bluegill that spawns at 62 degrees in May is looking for food, cover and 62 degree water in August. Fish deeper! Depth is also cover, also zooplankton is a food source along with insect life.

~ *Frank Klamik*



CLUB PLEDGE

- ✓ I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the state of Wisconsin—especially of the Sayner-St. Germain area.
- ✓ I promise to obey all rules and regulations governing the harvest of wildlife and plant material.
- ✓ I promise to educate future generations so that they may become the caretakers of our water, air, land and wildlife.