



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League

January 2014
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January

- 14 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30
19 Holiday Party Social hour will be from 4 to 5, dinner at 5 and program at 6.

February

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30
25 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

March

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting
25 Social/Educational Meeting

Stan Tekiela speaker at Holiday Party

Award winning author/naturalist Stan Tekiela will explain all about the different kinds of bears found in North America, along with telling some of the most amazing stories of his adventures in the wild to capture these incredible images. Hundreds of award winning images are the backbone of this presentation. This presentation is visually fun and full of adventure. A real crowd pleaser! Copies of his book, *Bears: Black, Brown and Polar*, will be available for sale. This is a book packed with amazing images of the three species of bear found in North America all taken by award winning author / naturalist Stan Tekiela.

Get Ready For the Silent Auction

The silent auction has become an important fundraiser for our Chapter's scholarship fund. In each of the last five years we have raised seven hundred dollars or more. At this year's holiday party, January 19, we will again have many unique items donated by our members as well as a number of services and gift certificates donated by local merchants. Be sure to arrive early to get a good look at all the items. Bidding will start at 4 pm and continue until 6 pm.

If you would like to donate an item, or if you know a nearby business that would be willing to make a donation, contact Jim or Judy Arnold (763 560 8972 or jjarnold@q.com) or bring the item to the Chapter House by 4 pm on January 19.

Remember, our Winter Party is coming up January 19. More details on page 5. We Would like to have a big group attend and enjoy the gathering. PLAN ON IT! Make your reservation now.

Pancake Breakfast will be the first Sunday in May. Put that on your new calendar too. We will need many workers for this fund raiser too.

Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League

December 10, 2013
Board of Directors Meeting Notes

IWLA Member Pledge: We strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, the wise stewardship of the land and its resources, to know the beauty and understanding of nature, and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space, to the preservation of this heritage, and to our sharing in it.

December 10th Board of Directors Meeting
January 14th Board of Directors Meeting
January 19th Holiday Party
February 11th Board of Directors Meeting
February 25th Social/Educational Meeting
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Issues Dick/Bill

Social Meeting Speakers – Heather Holm, is a possible speaker for the February Social/Educational meeting, her presentation would be on native pollinators.

Dick presented articles on “New insecticides do unintended harm beyond honeybee die-offs”, “Bee deaths lead to insecticide review”, and from The Xerces Society “Essays on Invertebrate Conservations”.

The Raptor Center sent a letter and is looking for support of copper shot. Dave Zentner, suggested that the Chapters should decide their position and consider having educational meetings. This topic will be on the January State Board meeting agenda.

Brooklyn Park Natural Plantings – Jim and John attending the meeting held on 12/10. The city is looking at rewriting the city ordinance on natural plantings. Based on the information provided we shouldn't have any issues with the Chapter's property. Very positive meeting. There will be further discussion in a couple of months and that will include more input from a group of citizen.

Holiday Party Planning – Social hour will begin at 4 with Tom Ward and his dulcimer providing entertainment, with dinner at 5. The program portion of the evening will begin at 6, with our speaker Stan Tekiela.

Volunteers are requested for Sunday at 10 am to begin set up.

Barbara – Will be the contact person for RSVP's and the food signup sheet.

Pancake Breakfast – Is scheduled for May 4th, making sure that we block off May 3rd for set up. More to come.

The IWLA State Division Meeting is January 18th at the REI in Bloomington.

On Thursday February 27th, there will be a showing of the documentary “Hooked on Growth”, at the Gloria Day Church at 7pm.

Chapter House & Grounds ...Jim/Steve

Spring project list

Install a drip cap over the overhangs.

Replace/fix motion light on the backside of the shed.

Charter House, each of the light fixtures in the meeting room area has one socket that is not working.

Entrance garden project, we would like to get it done in 2014. Mary Jo has a rough draft that can be reviewed.

Keep an eye out for additional repairs/maintenance items and we will compile the list.

Newsletter Marlys

One of our better newsletters, we had four people provide articles and pictures. We are always looking for articles, please consider writing an article for next month's newsletter.

Treasurer's Report Vera

Update was given.

Scholarship CommitteeJim

We received a scholarship donation from Larry Swanson in the amount of \$1,500. We will have 5 recipients in 2014.

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Update given.

Rentals Wes

We already have a total of 16 rentals on the books for 2014. Wes would like to hand off the rental responsibilities if anyone is interested.

Membership Lorraine

Current membership for 2013 is 107. We have received 57 membership renewals for 2014, reminder

OPINION: by Dick Brown

THE SMALLER AND MIGHTIER THINGS

On February 25th, 7:30 PM our speaker, Heather Holm will explain the importance of Bumble and other native Bees and of certain Beetles, Flies and Butterflies.

Some mainline conservation groups are slowly catching on to the fact the larger species we try to protect are not always basically the most important. Realistically the plants every species all depend on, including humans are dependent on pollination by animals less than 2" long or even less than 1/4 inch. Much has been said of the decline in the domestic Bee population in recent years. But, there has been a great decline in native pollinators also. With many plant species, especially our native plants, fruits and vegetables these native pollinators are more effective.

The native shrubs and flowers we have planted at our Chapter House the last few years in the rain garden and throughout the woods for the birds, etc. will benefit most by such native pollinators. The time has come when all environmentally inclined conservation groups should decide to come to the rescue of our seemingly insignificant but basically important native pollinators. However, there will be many industrial and commercial groups that will be in opposition to sensible practices. Many farmers, every gardener and flower grower should be interested in this vital agricultural subject. Let's learn which pesticides are the worst and which alternatives are the best.

Dick Brown, Conservation Issues Chair,
Breckenridge Chapter

Member of Xerces Society for Invertebrate
Conservation

Editor's Note: The last part of this article was accidentally cut off on the printed version of the Timberlines, and so here is the very last few lines. Some people asked what happened to the deer?

Walking on Thin Ice Deer Rescue

I am thankful for all that were concerned about Mother Natures creatures, big or small.

PS This was a 20 second mention on the channel 11 news that evening.
She didn't make it.

August 2014

**Five full weekends in one month!
This is the only time you see this
phenomenon in your life.**

**We won't be around to see the
next one!!!**

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Made in Minnesota Solar Incentive Program set to launch

The 10-year, \$15-million-a-year Made in Minnesota Solar Incentive Program is set to launch in 2014. Applications for the Solar Electric Production Incentives and the Solar Thermal Rebates will be available at the Commerce website.

Made in Minnesota was one of several initiatives enacted by the 2013 Legislature to increase deployment of solar energy throughout the state. It will help achieve the state's new solar electricity standard, which calls for 1.5 percent of electric sales from investor-owned utilities to come from solar electricity by 2020. The program is intended to boost the state's market for solar electric and solar thermal systems and make solar more affordable for Minnesota residents and businesses.

For more information go to: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energy/topics/resources/Newsletters/Renewable-Energy/2013-Renewable-Energy-News/December-2013/made-in-minnesota-solar-incentive.jsp>

Minnesota's Scientific and Natural Areas

The DNR is proposing to allow more recreational opportunities at selected SNAs to increase awareness and support for the SNA program. Public hearings will take place in early 2014 for each SNA where additional uses are proposed. More details will become available in January.

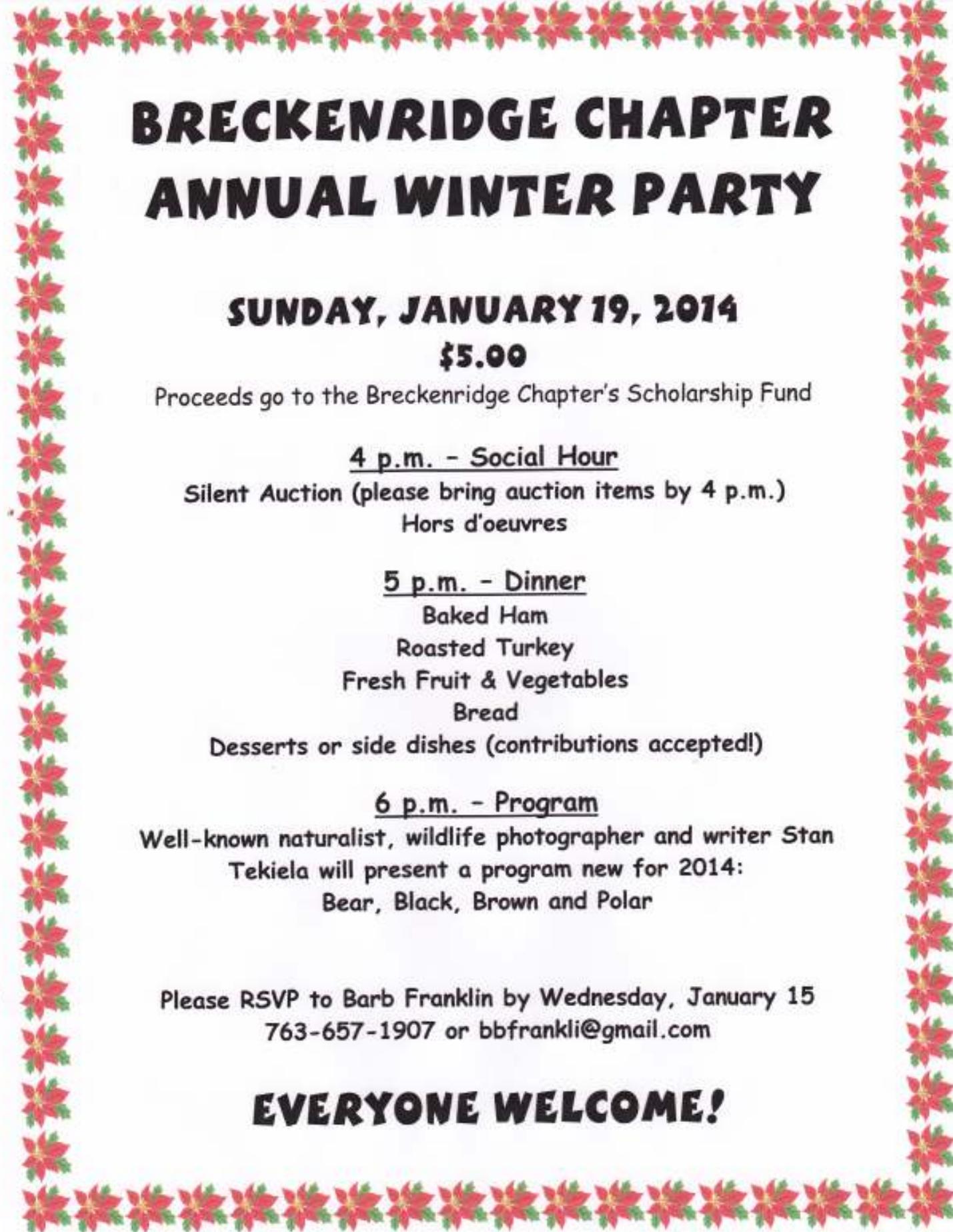
For more information about SNA's and to sign up for their newsletter go to: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snas/index.html>

Kicking Off the 2014-15 Scholarship Program

The Breckenridge Chapter will soon send scholarship application materials to local schools and post the 2014-15 application on our web site. This will be the sixteenth year our chapter has made available \$500 scholarships to high school seniors and/or current college undergraduates. Thus far sixty-three scholarships totaling \$31,500 have been awarded to local students with a strong interest in, and a commitment to, environmental causes.

Last month the Chapter received large donations to the Chapter's Scholarship Endowment Fund from Tom and Marilyn Breckenridge and Larry Swanson. The Breckenridge and Swanson families were involved in creating the scholarship endowment and have continued to make significant financial contributions. Their generosity has helped the endowment grow to \$50,000. Other members have helped the endowment grow through silent auction involvement as well monetary contributions.

If you would like more information about the Chapter's scholarship program, or would like to learn how you make a contribution to the endowment, please contact one of the scholarship committee members: Jim Arnold, Judy Arnold, Melisa Sonnenberg or Charlie Taflin.



BRECKENRIDGE CHAPTER ANNUAL WINTER PARTY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014

\$5.00

Proceeds go to the Breckenridge Chapter's Scholarship Fund

4 p.m. - Social Hour

Silent Auction (please bring auction items by 4 p.m.)

Hors d'oeuvres

5 p.m. - Dinner

Baked Ham

Roasted Turkey

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Bread

Desserts or side dishes (contributions accepted!)

6 p.m. - Program

Well-known naturalist, wildlife photographer and writer Stan

Tekiela will present a program new for 2014:

Bear, Black, Brown and Polar

Please RSVP to Barb Franklin by Wednesday, January 15

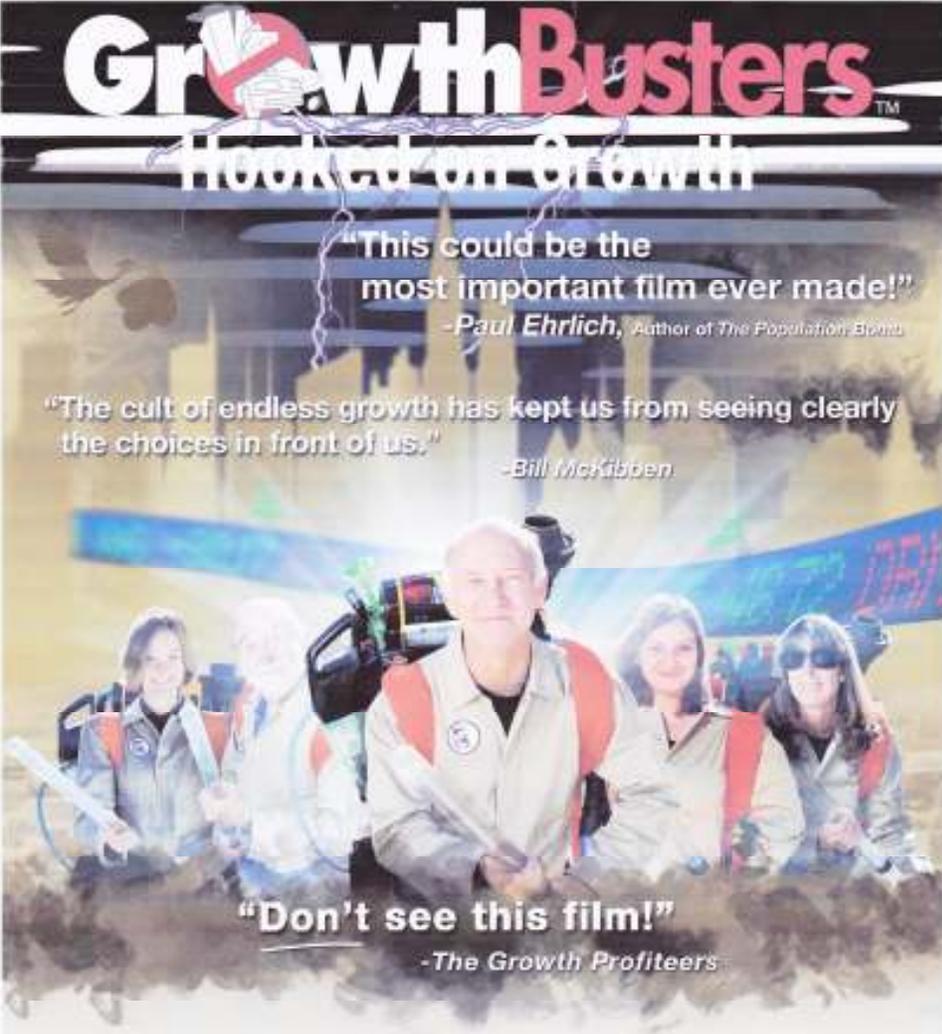
763-657-1907 or bbfrankli@gmail.com

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Hooked On Growth film event

This groundbreaking documentary challenges our beliefs linking growth with prosperity and fulfillment. The film explores how our attitudes toward economic, consumption and population growth prevent rational responses to evidence we've out grown the planet. In this David vs. Goliath story, filmmaker Dave Gardner shares his own personal story of daring to challenge our growth-worshipping system. He is rebuked by elected officials who are deacons of the church of growth everlasting. He takes on millionaire real-estate developers enriched by public growth subsidies, and he tackles economists who spin pro-growth propaganda.

GrowthBusters weaves the tale of Gardner's efforts to wean his hometown from growth addiction, with examination of the most critical global issues of our time. Interviews with leading thinkers, animation and humorous skits debunk the "grow or die" myth. Cultural myths



GrowthBusters™
Hooked on Growth

"This could be the most important film ever made!"
-Paul Ehrlich, Author of *The Population Bomb*

"The cult of endless growth has kept us from seeing clearly the choices in front of us."
-Bill McKibben

"Don't see this film!"
-The Growth Profiteers

7 PM THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2014 IN SAINT PAUL, MN AT
GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH 700 SOUTH SNELLING AVENUE
FREE AND OPEN TO ALL - DISCUSSION FOLLOWS FILM

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and taboos are exposed and explored. Providing a ray of hope, the film also profiles groups and individuals exploring alternatives and moving the world toward true sustainability.

<http://ww.growthbusters.org/>

Bill Barton

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Deadline is the last day of each month.
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refreshments for one of our
Tuesday meetings, please
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Feb. 25 Linda Eriksson
March 25 _____



★ Winter Party January 19,
2014 RSVP to Barb
Franklin now

★ Pancake Breakfast the first
Sunday in May. Put it on your
calendar.

★ Have you renewed your
membership? Another
important thing to do.