



# Timberlines

## W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League

June/July 2011  
[www.breckenridgeikes.org](http://www.breckenridgeikes.org)



## Coming Events

### July

July 11-15, 2011, National IWLA  
Convention, Des Moines, IA  
Fall Social/Educational meeting:  
Darby Nelson's upcoming book Love  
of Lakes

12 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

26 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30  
JOHN HICKMAN, SPEAKER

### August

09 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

23 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30  
Laura Van Riper, BIOLOGICAL  
CONTROL OF INVASIVE SPECIES

### September

13 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

27 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

### October

11 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

25 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

## Social Educational Programs

July Ikes Speaker: July 26, 2011, 7:30 PM

JOHN HICKMAN, SPEAKER

On Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM KARE TV aired the documentary, *River Revival:*

*Working Together to save the Minnesota River.* John Hickman, the executive producer of the documentary and board member for Friends of the Minnesota Valley will present the film and lead a short discussion about it after the presentation.

Hickman says, "We undertook this project because we believe that more people need to hear the whole story of the Minnesota River. To be sure, the river faces some serious challenges. At the same time, there are many positive efforts underway that have made the river cleaner than it was even 10 years ago. These success stories need to be told."

AUGUST 23, 2011 7:30 PM

Laura Van Riper, BIOLOGICAL CONTROL  
OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Laura Van Riper is the terrestrial invasive species coordinator for the Ecological and Water Resources Division of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Laura started at the DNR in March 2010. Previously, Laura earned a Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Minnesota. Her dissertation research focused on the effects of yellow sweet clover invasion at Badlands National Park, South Dakota and its impacts on soils and native and nonnative species. Recently, Laura spent 4 years working as a research associate at the U of M studying garlic mustard invasion in Minnesota forests. Over her career, Laura has enjoyed working in the prairies and forests of Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota.

## **Breckenridge Chapter Board Meeting Minutes June 14, 2011**

**Attendance:** John Rust, Jim Arnold, Steve Schaust, Bruce Hansen, Dick Brown, Roger Williams, Wes Hendrickson

### **Calendar:**

Audubon will provide the July program. The August program has not yet been determined.

### **Issues:**

- Steve reported that our Chapter's resolution restricting use of lead in ammunition (passed at state) is causing concern for some Chapters in eastern U.S. It is expected there will be some proposed changes in the resolution at the national convention in July. Dick passed out materials from Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics (FSEEE). Their latest newsletter urges the public to support a list of wilderness bills. For more information visit [www.fseee.org](http://www.fseee.org).

### **Buildings and Grounds:**

- An ad hoc group made up of building and grounds and finance committee met recently to make a list of maintenance and improvement needs. The list was shared with the board. The group will hold another meeting soon to determine how to attack this list. Members of the committee are Dick Brown, Bruce Hansen, Barb Franklin, Steve Schaust and Jim Arnold.
- New toilets have been purchased and are in need of a small group or individual to install them.
- A neighbor's tree (Arnolds) has fallen into the IWL property and is hung up on two large IWL trees. Jim asked permission for Reid's Lawn & Tree Service to bring equipment through the IWL property to remove the tree. The Arnolds will pay the cost of removal. Permission was granted with a unanimous vote.
- The board postponed a decision on removal of two large dead trees near the front of the IWL property. Tom Reid removed a smaller dead oak (12" diameter) that was threatening to fall on to West River Rd. Tom took the firewood and did not charge the Chapter. He has also offered to remove a dead balsam tree on the edge of driveway at no cost.

### **Art Show Preparations:**

John reported on preparations for the upcoming art show:

- We have 42 entries at this time. John expects we will meet our goal of 50.
- Brooklyn Park has been very helpful with publicity.

- Children's activities include planting, watercolor painting and bird feeders.
  - Food for Friday reception (John or ?)
  - Sign (Marlys)
  - Art will be dropped off Wednesday (4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Wes, :00 to 8:00 pm John)
  - Temporary walls set up Thursday a.m. (Jim, John F., Wes, Roger)
  - Hanging art Thursday p.m. (Roger, Barbara Boulka) temporary "S" hooks then plastic ties.
- Music: Park Center string quartet, Tom Ward  
John also explained the procedures for transactions , sales tax, voting, and awards.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Bruce gave us an update on our checking and savings accounts. Bruce pointed out that the checking account currently contains \$2,500 earmarked for the scholarship endowment fund. These funds have not yet been transferred because of problems setting up electronic transfers with Schwab, the new custodian of the endowment fund. The paperwork problems were recently solved, so the transfer can occur soon.

### **Rentals:**

Wes reported on rentals. We currently have commitments that will total just over \$4,000. There are many open dates for July through November. Wes asked about the daily cost involved in maintaining the Chapter House. Bruce said the information is available, and that he'd would bring it to the next meeting.

### **Scholarship:**

Three of our new scholarship recipients will be at the June meeting. Three of the recipients can not attend: Two are working on internships out of state, and another will be presenting her research at a national high school environmental conference in New York.

### **Timberlines:**

Marlys reported that this month's newsletter was more expensive than normal (over \$90). More pages and a lack of coupons was the cause. She also reported that she will not be available to edit the August newsletter. Steve will ask Barb if she could substitute that month.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Arnold, substitute secretary

## OPINION

Lutsen Ski resort has a permit to withdraw X amount of water from the Poplar River to make artificial snow. This permit is grandfathered in before it became illegal to take large amounts of water from Trout Streams. They have been grossly extracting water beyond their permit. The Legislature granted them an extended permit for 5 years with a minimum flow guarantee of 10%. The resort claims there are few, if any, Trout in that part of the river which the DNR disputes.

Other resort rational sites economic circumstances, competition, demand for early snow and need to expand business. The Duluth Ikes and Trout Unlimited opposed the expanded water withdrawal but lost their case. Dave Zentner of the Duluth Ikes makes 2 proposals:

That Duluth Ikes and Trout Unlimited meet with Lutsen Ski Resort and explore options for their seeking a different water source.

Begin as soon as possible to stop withdrawal from the river, not wait five more years...

Most people agree skiing is a rather benevolent sport.

However, I believe that when a sport turns into a business and that business expansion depends on harming the environment; then we need to call a halt to that expansion.

It is possible the McCabe Chapter, Duluth and Trout Unlimited may ask other IWLA, MN Chapters to help in some way on this issue.

Dick Brown



2011-2012 scholarship award winners.

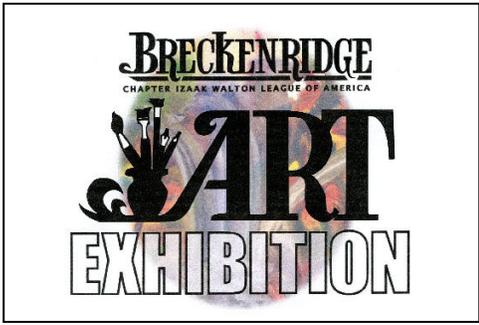
L-R: Ruth Burke, Kristen Peterson, Jim Arnold, Karin Sather, Ellen Squires.



**String Quartet From Park Center High School.**

**Julia Holmes – Violin  
Mary Dashiell – Cello  
Ugonna Ojiaku – Viola  
Angel Daley Violin**

	<b>Results of the 2011</b>	Dell Erickson
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A BIG thank you to John Rust for all his tireless work and the other Ikes who gave generously of their time in making this art show so very successful! There were about 55 artworks ranging from photographs, to paintings, to wood carvings, and hand crafted works. Below are the award winners.



1<sup>st</sup> Place “September Orange Poppies”, Kathy Braud



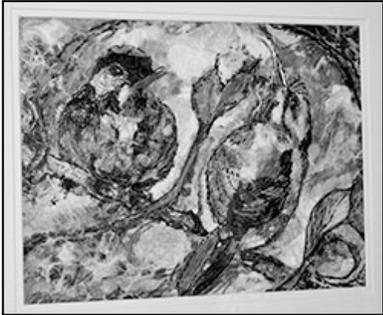
2<sup>nd</sup> Place “Morning Orchid”  
Megan Troup

Megan tells me she has just developed an interested in photography. A wonderful beginning! Not seen in this black & white version, Kathy Braud’s watercolor and artful effects made her orange poppies painting deserving of its 1<sup>st</sup> place.



3<sup>rd</sup> Place “Foggy Morning Trumpeter Swan”,  
Roger Williams

In the vicinity Anoka and the Coon Rapids dam a large number of Trumpeter Swans can be found. Roger captured this image in early morning fog on a cold winter’s morning just as the sun momentarily broke through.



Most Creative Award,  
“Jamaican Todies”  
birds. Torn paper collage,  
Raynea Schneider



John tending food



Art show visitors



More visitors.



Left, Park Center Quartet played wonderful music for the art party.

Some of the art show visitors listening to the Quartet.

Text and photos by  
Dell Erickson

**Thank you to \*ALL\* that helped with the Art Show:**

**Especially: The string quartet From Park Center High School.**

**Julia Holmes – Violin  
Mary Dashiell – Cello  
Ugonna Ojiaku – Viola  
Angel Daley Violin**

**Also Thank You to:**

**Don Luce - Presenter  
Wes Hendrickson  
Joannie Johnson**

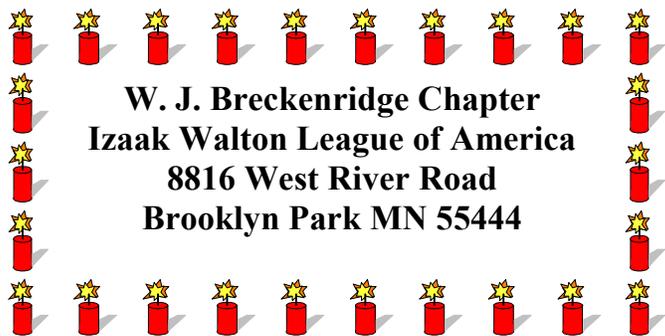
**Roger Williams – Organizing and Hanging Art**

**Barbara Boulka – Hanging Art/Consultant  
Bill Barton**

**Marlys Carls-Steiskal  
Jim Arnold  
Barbara Franklin  
Dawn Rust  
John Fraley  
Larry LaFontaine  
Dillon LaFontaine**

**Mary Anne Kinane – Helping kids activities  
Tom Ward – Music/Dolcimer  
Chapter members that promoted the show**

**Many apologies for people and names that were missed – Thank you as well!!!!**



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