



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League July 2015

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Coming Events

July

- 14 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
28 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30
Miranda Brandon, Photographic
Artist

August

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
25 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30
Malcolm Mitchell,
Springbrook Nature Center's "Spring
Project"

September

- 8 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00
22 Social/Educational Meeting 7:30

IMPACT



July 28 Social/Educational meeting: Miranda Brandon, Photographic Artist – "Impact!"

Miranda Brandon was born and raised in Oklahoma, moved to Minneapolis in 1999 to study photography at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, and has recently completed her Master of Fine Arts at the University of Minnesota (Spring 2014). Her work focuses on the entangled relations and shared spaces between human and non-human species, specifically birds in her two most recent bodies of work. Her love for birds grew out of time spent volunteering in the avian nursery at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, where she helped care for sick, injured, and orphaned birds.

Later volunteering for the local Audubon monitoring for bird fatalities due to window collisions, she began her project Impact highlighting the consequences of how spaces are constructed. Miranda continues to volunteer for the Audubon and also for The Raptor Center, rehabilitating flight strength in raptors prior to release.

Inspired by her experience with Project BirdSafe – a collaborative project from the Bell Museum, she has exhibited these images and will show her art and discuss how she made the images.

**Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter
of the Izaak Walton League**

June 9, 2015

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.

June 9 Board of Directors Meeting
June 23 Social/Educational Meeting
July 14 Board of Directors Meeting
July 28 Social/Educational Meeting
August 11 Board of Directors Meeting
August 25 Social/Educational Meeting

Attendees: Steve Schaust, Patrice Lindgren, Joe Klohs, Tim Johnson, Dick Brown, Jim Arnold, John Farley,

Guest: Marlys Carls-Steiskal

Events/Issues..... Dick/Larry/Jim

Social/Educational Meeting Speakers

June – Susan Weller, Bell Museum Director

July – Miranda Brandon, Photographic Artist

August – Malcolm Mitchell, Springbrook

Nature Center

There were several environmental bills on the table for the 2015 legislative session that would be the most anti-environmental bills in recent memory. If a Special Session is held, there would be a rally held on Friday June 12th at the State Office building. Look for e-mails within the next couple of days.

Chapter House & Grounds ... Joe/Jim/Steve

Fireplace repair update – Work is on course to start in July.

Kitchen remodel update – Demolition will begin after June 20th, scheduling of subcontractors is underway, and permits are being pulled.

The front foundation wall repair – Is on hold for now, but we will continue to monitor it.

Driveway re-leveling – Hopefully, with all of the volunteers we will have around the Chapter House in the month of July we could get a few people to help spread the piles of dirt left by the winter plowing around the driveway.

More to come.

Newsletter Marlys

It was again suggested that an article on the electrical work required for the kitchen remodel be written for the next newsletter.

Treasurer's Report John

Update was given.

Scholarships Jim

Our scholarships recipients have been invited and will be introduced to our members at the next Social Education meeting on June 23rd. The quarterly financial report was presented to the board.

Webmaster Barb

No update was available at the time of this meeting.

Rentals Rentals Tim

Rentals have been very slow the first half of the year. No reservations will be taken for the month of July while the kitchen remodel is going on.

Membership..... Lorraine

Our current membership stands at 97. We would like to welcome back returning member, John Wexler.

2015-16 Scholarship Students

Four of our talented scholarship award winners for the 2015-16 school year were introduced at the June 23 meeting. For full biographies see the June issue of *Timberlines*.

Emily Nagel is a graduate of Red Wing High School and plans to attend the U of M in the fall. Many of Emily's outdoor activities have been involved with Red Wing's Environmental Learning Center



Kayla Berry, a graduate of Maple Grove High School, will attend the University of Minnesota College of Science and Engineering. She plans to major in



bioproducts and biosystems engineering. She hopes to work on plant based fuels, lower cost solar photoelectric cells and model wetland purification processes.

Sophia Vrba, a graduate of Maple Grove High School, is planning to double major in genetics and biochemistry at the University of Minnesota before continuing on to earn a graduate degree. During college she plans on joining research-oriented organizations to utilize the numerous research opportunities on



campus. She has already received a research grant through the College of Biological Sciences at the U of M.

Kaelyn Williams (not pictured) could not attend, as she is interning as a naturalist at a Duluth nature center and volunteer for UMD's Sustainable Agriculture Project this summer.

Does What Goes Around Come Around?

During the time Jesse Ventura was MN. Governor, the IWLA, No. Mpls. Chapter (now W. J. Breckenridge Chapter) sponsored a resolution advocating raising industrial hemp. Mark Gustafson, one of our members (there were more) was an avid Independent Party supporter at that particular time. He brought much credible information to our Board Meeting.

Other information supporting the raising of industrial hemp was also available. As I remember the main advantages were:

- *The stalks made a very strong fiber; rope, etc.,
- *Could be (and is in many countries) used for making shirts, caps, pants, oils and other clothing. For several years Mark wore a shirt and cap made from Hemp, which he purchased in Mpls., made in Canada,
- *Farmers could compete with other countries growing Hemp,
- *Hemp might be used to create ethanol,
- *Raising Hemp would require little, if any fertilizers or pesticides,
- *As a perennial it would require less cultivation than Corn or Soy Beans; not a row crop. It would be a boon to wildlife especially on buffer strips,
- *It can be distinguished from the Marijuana Hemp and has almost no hallucination effects.

The only thing not discussed to my memory is whether it could, as a Perennial, become overly invasive to natural environments.

Our Chapter presented the Hemp Resolution at a MN DIV Board Meeting. There were not enough votes to pass. One strong objection from a MN DIV member, who was a police officer, was that it was hard to distinguish from the Marijuana Hemp. His adamant testimony seemed to swing the MN Board and was defeated.

Now according to the *Mpls. Tribune*, June 25, there are moves in the MN Legislature to allow the raising of Industrial Hemp, even if only for academic research to begin with. At this time the Federal Government is the main obstacle.

What goes around sometimes comes around! And if it does how is the Breckenridge Chapter going to stand? Also, will the MN DIV change its position?

Dick Brown

Depends on Who Tells It

My lawnmower seat tells me our yard is an example of rough terrain.

My ego tells me it is a classic study of Biodiversity.

My neighbors may have their own ideas.

But my very closest neighbors, Bees, Butterflies, Beetles and Birds seem to be satisfied. I can tell by their smug little expressions.

Dick Brown



Never a dull moment...

A large basswood tree on the north side of the Chapter House fell towards the Chapter House in the July 14 storm. Fortunately two oak trees supported its weight and stopped it from landing on the roof. Tom Reid came to our rescue and cleared away the mess on July 16. And fortunately our insurance will pay for half of the cleanup fee.



KITCHEN REMODELING

(Thanks to Dianne Sannes for the photos.)

The last party in the old kitchen. Mary Ellen Vetter and Sylvia Winkelman served ice cream at the program on June



The ladies came and did the packing up.

Out goes the old.



And then the real work began.....

John Fraley, Tim Johnson and Jim Arnold remove the underlayment.





Dick Brown's wonderful trailer, which got filled to the top with trash.

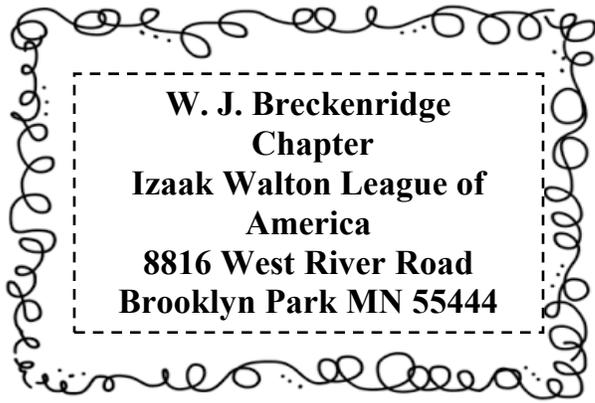
The plumber was there on July 24, and Brad Larson has roughed in some of the ceiling. Stay tuned!

Clearwing Hummingbird Moth

Melissa Sonnenberg & I each saw this unusual specimen on our bee balm. It's a Clearwing Hummingbird Sphinx Moth & you might want to keep an eye out for it. It's only about 2" long and looks for all the world like a miniature hummingbird! I've seen the regular sphinx moth, but this one is about half the size!



Barbara Franklin



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Deadline is the last day of each month.
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If you can provide light refreshments for one of our Tuesday meetings, please contact
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July 28 Jean Fraley
August 25 Audubon

Thank you



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