



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League
September/October 2009
www.breckenridgeikes.org



Coming Events

October

- 13 Board Meeting
- 17 Watercolor Painting Workshop
9:00 - 12:00
- 25 First Annual Breckenridge Chapter
Nature and Wildlife Art Show
12:00noon – 5:00pm Open to
chapter members and the public.
Free!!
- 27 Social/Educational Meeting
6:00pm - 8:00 pm Nature and
Wildlife Art Show, Breckenridge
Chapter House
8:00pm - 9:00 pm Presentation by
Paul Danicic - Executive Director,
Friends of the Boundary Waters

November

- 10 Board Meeting
- 24 Social/Educational Meeting

*Volunteers for
refreshments needed.
Please call
Melissa Sonnenberg
if you can help.
763-549-8873*

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"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Breckenridge Chapter Board Meeting
Minutes
September 8, 2009**

Attendance: Barb Franklin, John Rust, Amy Rust, Wes Hendrickson, John Fraley, Roger Williams, Jim Arnold, Steve Schaust, Bruce Hansen, Dick Brown, Melissa Sonnenberg, , Bill Barton.

New Board Members:

President Steve Schaust welcomed new board members John Fraley and Roger Williams

Calendar:

September and October programs are confirmed. Steve will check with Scott Hed on a presentation on Alaska's Bristol Bay. John R. will check with Brigit Murphy about a possible program on her recent work with Piping Plovers in Michigan. Roger offered to fill in with a slideshow from his Costa Rica trip if needed.

Issues:

Dick encouraged phone calls in support of the Clean Water Restoration Act.

Treasurer:

Bruce gave a brief treasurer's report. We had a lengthy discussion about how to deal with the recent \$5 increase in the state's portion of IWL membership. A motion to subsidize the state increase from Chapter dues was defeated. The board then voted to subsidize the state increase with \$2.50 from the Chapter's dues. As a result the dues for Breckenridge Chapter members will be \$2.50 higher for the coming year.

Chapter House & Grounds:

Dick, Steve, and Jim installed the new windows at the east side of the Chapter House. Hans Nielsen did a fine job on the

trim work. We agreed to spend up to \$75 for new mesh to help protect the windows from break ins.

We had a brief discussion on future plans for the driveway entrance. It was suggested that future plantings in that area be native.

Website:

Barb reported that the Geo cache sites set up for tater days are still in place. One will have to be moved since it doesn't comply with Brooklyn Park guidelines regarding distance between geo cache sites. Barb has registered our site with geocaching.com and reports a great increase in interest.

Scholarship:

Jim reported on the Chapter's scholarship endowment which currently totals almost \$40,000. Paperwork has been filled out to make it easier to transfer funds from the endowment to the Chapter's checking account.

Rentals:

It was reported that rentals are down about \$3,000 from the totals of recent years.

Eagle Scout Request:

The Chapter received a letter requesting a donation for an eagle scout project that would provide bat habitat at Oak Grove Park. The scout will be invited to next months board meeting to discuss his project.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Arnold, substitute secretary

Breck's Autobiography featured on Channel 12

Barbara Franklin and John Moriarty, co-editors of Breck's soon-to-be published autobiography, were interviewed by Shannon Slatton and it was featured on the Channel 12 news. The following is the article that appeared on the Channel 12 website.

“A Man Before His Time”

Childhood memories for Barbara Breckenridge Franklin often revolve around an adventure outdoors. She grew up on the banks of the Mississippi River in Brooklyn Park, and spent hours looking for fossils or watching baby wood ducks.

"I just took it all for granted. I never knew how much I was learning by actually being there," said Franklin.

That's because her father was famous wildlife researcher, filmmaker and photographer Walter J. Breckenridge.

"He was such a pioneer in all things," said Franklin. Franklin and her brother are working with Breckenridge's colleague, John Moriarty, to get Breckenridge's autobiography published this fall.

Breckenridge passed away in 2003 at the age of 100, but he started work on the book when he turned 90. The book will talk about Breckenridge's contribution to the world of natural history as well as include several of his paintings and drawings of Minnesota wildlife.

"He was a man ahead of his time," said John Moriarty, who worked with Breckenridge at the [Bell Museum of Natural History](#). "He worked to get the bounty taken off hawks. He did papers on lead poisoning in ducks in the 1930s and that's an issue we're still dealing with today."

"Breck," as he is still called by friends, was intrigued with capturing animals on film and he used Banfill Island in the Mississippi River as his laboratory and studio. Franklin remembers her

father would sit in a duck blind for hours trying to capture the first wood duck coming out of the nest.

"Now you can set up a mini-cam, go into the house and wait," said Franklin. "He would have loved that."

Breckenridge also wanted to teach people about nature and conservation. Many of his papers and findings were published not for academic use only, but for the Department of Natural Resources in publications that were readily available for the public to read. Breckenridge helped found a program with State Parks that promotes interpretation and education to answer the public's questions.

"We need to continue to work to push ideas that Breck worked on, and getting people to understand that we are responsible for this habitat," said Moriarty.

In 1996, the [Izaak Walton League](#) located in Brooklyn Park decided to formally change their name to [Walter J. Breckenridge Izaak Walton League](#) to honor their famous local member. The "Ikes," as they are called, are one of the nation's oldest conservation groups. Originally founded to combat water pollution, now the Ikes work to promote conservation and preservation of all natural resources. The Breckenridge Ikes now own Banfill Island as well as a parcel of land where their chapter house sits in Brooklyn Park.

The Ikes recently built a rain garden on their property to manage rainwater runoff, and replanted the area with native plants. Future plans are for Banfill Island to remain undeveloped as a nature preserve.

Breckenridge would have approved.



Watercolor Painting Workshop
Breckenridge Chapter House
October 17



Artist: Barbara Boulka

Nature Painting Workshop

Saturday October 17
Breckenridge Chapter House
8816 West River Road

Join us for 2 watercolor painting workshops led by award winning artist, Barbara Boulka. Barbara will take us on a watercolor painting adventure! Using a step-by-step approach and a relaxing atmosphere, participants learn watercolor painting techniques, and leave the workshop with a beautiful piece of art. Beginning and experienced students welcome. No drawing is necessary. Barbara will supply all materials. If you prefer, you may bring your own paints and brushes. Materials fee of \$8.00 per class to be paid to Barbara during the workshops. Please bring a flat piece of cardboard 12" x 22".

Session 1 Saturday October 17: 9:00am – 12:00noon Fee: \$27

Session 2 Saturday October 17: 12:30pm – 3:30pm Fee: \$27

Session 1 & Session 2: Fee \$48

Bring your lunch if staying for both sessions!



"All my art is created with intent, joy and awe, for it shows me how I am universally connected to all of creation, for there is no separation."

- Barbara Boulka

Register for watercolor painting classes - Please register by October 14th

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 State: _____ Zipcode: _____

- Session 1 Wet into Wet Flowers: Fee \$27 (Saturday October 17 9:00am – 12:00noon)
- Session 2 Wilderness Landscape: Fee \$27 (Saturday October 17 12:30pm – 3:30pm)
- Session 1 and 2: Fee \$48 (Saturday October 17 9:00am – 3:30pm / bring lunch!)

Materials fee of \$8.00/session (cash or check) is payable to the art instructor during class.

Mail this entry form with class fees by October 14th to:

Breckenridge Chapter / Nature Painting Workshop
 8816 West River Road
 Brooklyn Park, MN 55444



Nature and Wildlife Art Show Breckenridge Chapter House

8816 West River Road Brooklyn Park
www.breckenridgeikes.org



Sunday October 25 12:00noon – 5:00pm Art Exhibition
Tuesday October 27 6:00pm – 8:00pm Art Exhibition and Reception
Tuesday October 27 8:00pm – 9:00pm Paul Danicic (keynote): Boundary Waters Wilderness

Join us for the first Breckenridge Chapter Nature and Wildlife Art show. Members of the chapter, friends, and the public are invited to attend this free art show and are also invited to submit works of art. You may submit framed nature and wildlife paintings, photographs, and sculptures. Cost to enter art into the show: \$10 for first work of art and \$5 for second submission. Maximum framed size is 30 inches by 40 inches. Refreshments will be served during the show. You may bring giclées for sale, if you have a print rack. Please make prior arrangements. Contact: John 763-202-3346 or imgahn2u@yahoo.com

Paul Danicic, Executive Director of the Friends of the BWCAW will be speaking after the Art Show on Tuesday October 27. The presentation will discuss current issues facing the BWCAW including new sulfide mining proposals, and how they may affect water quality, fish, and wildlife in the BWCAW.

Application form to submit Art for the Show – Must be received by October 10th.

Artist Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ State: __ Zipcode: _____
Email: _____

I certify that I have personally created the above listed works of art to be shown. I will not hold the Breckenridge Chapter, the Izaak Walton League, or its volunteers responsible for any damages, theft, or loss of my work while it is in their possession. Artists who desire to insure their art must make their own arrangements.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail this registration form with entry fee by October 10th to:

Breckenridge Chapter / Art Show
8816 West River Road
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

Entry # 1) Fee \$10.00

Title: _____
Medium: _____
Size with frame (max 30x40"): _____
Price (if for sale): _____

Entry # 2) Fee \$5.00

Title: _____
Medium: _____
Size with frame (max 30x40"): _____
Price (if for sale): _____

Artwork drop off: Saturday Oct. 24 between 9:00am and 12:00 noon or by special arrangement.

Artwork pick up: Tuesday October 27 between 9:00 – 10:00pm or by special arrangement.

All art must have wire for hanging. Contact: John at: 763-202-3346 or imgahn2u@yahoo.com

Entry # 1)

Title: _____
Artist: _____

(Detach this label and affix to back of artwork)

Entry # 2)

Title: _____
Artist: _____

(Detach this label and affix to back of artwork)



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An illustration of various art supplies including a paintbrush, a palette, and a pencil, arranged in a decorative, stylized manner.

ART

EXHIBITION

Sunday October 25

12:00 noon - 5:00 pm – Art Show Opens

&

Tuesday October 27

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm – Art Show Reception

8:00 - 9:00 pm – Presentation by Paul Danicic

Paul Danicic, Executive Director of the Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness will be speaking after the art show. (Paul will be discussing important issues facing the BWCAW today such as sulfide mining and how it may affect water and wildlife in the BWCAW).

Join us for the first Breckenridge Chapter Nature and Wildlife Art show and presentation. Members of the chapter, friends, and the public are invited to attend either or both events. Refreshments will be served.

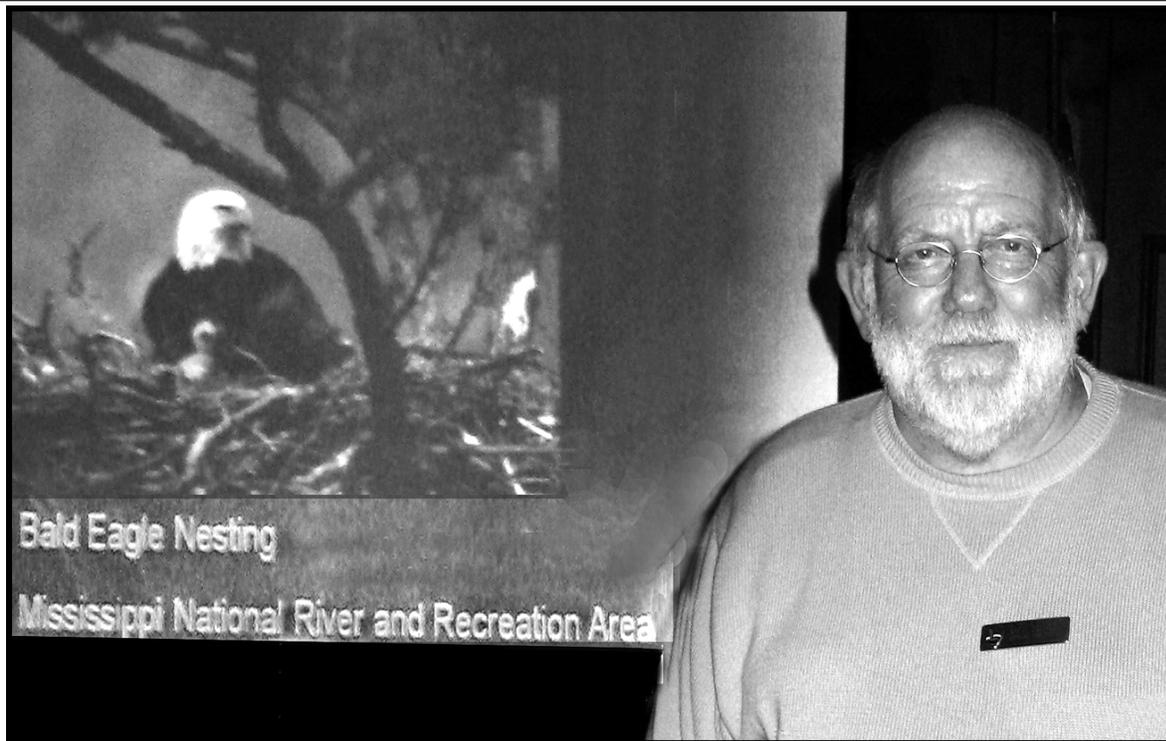
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September Program Summary

Steve Johnson, Chief of Resource Management with the National Park Service was the presenter for the September Social/Educational program. Steve has worked issues related to the Mississippi River for over 30 years, and currently works for the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA).

MNRRA is partnering with Audubon for an extended water quality study. The study is performed by sampling bald eagle fledglings found in nests near various bodies of water, including MNRRA, the St Croix River, Isle Royal, and the Apostle Islands. The study encompasses shooting an arrow over a branch which pulls a filament line over a branch that hangs over an eagles nest. Then a climbing rope is pulled up and used to climb up to the nest. The young bald eagle is brought down for blood sampling, and feather sampling, which are then tested for various toxins. As the study has progressed, the researchers have found 14 successful bald eagle nests along MNRRA in 2006, and 25 successful nests in 2009. Most nests contain 2 or 3 eaglets, but one nest contained 4 young eagles. Near Pigs Eye Island, there are 3 eagle nests within a mile of each other. Behind the Breckenridge Chapter House there has been an active nest on Banfill Island for the past two years. One reason that eaglets are sampled is because toxins tend to bio accumulate in the food chain including, insects, invertebrates, fish, water fowl, and on up the food chain. Finally food brought to the young from the parent eagles is eaten by the young eagles. Using the feather and blood samples, the researchers test for mercury , lead, PCBs, DDT, PBDEs, and PFOs. Some of the effects of these toxins may include endocrine disruption, hyperthyroidism, altered immune systems, feminization of fish, and other unknown effects. Since DDT has been banned, bald eagles have made a remarkable comeback! Even here in Brooklyn Park, now days it is not uncommon to see a bald eagle. Steve mentioned that Minnesota has more Bald Eagles than any other state (of the lower 48). Something that I think we are all proud of. - John Rust

Jaguars in the US

Did you know that wild jaguars still live in the continental United States? Yes, there have been sightings in southern Arizona and New Mexico. In fact, the jaguar named "Macho B" has been sighted many times, the latest being earlier this year by the Arizona Department of Fish and Game. Macho B was later captured and had a radio tracking collar put on it. (See adjacent photo of Macho B provided by the Arizona Game and Fish Department).

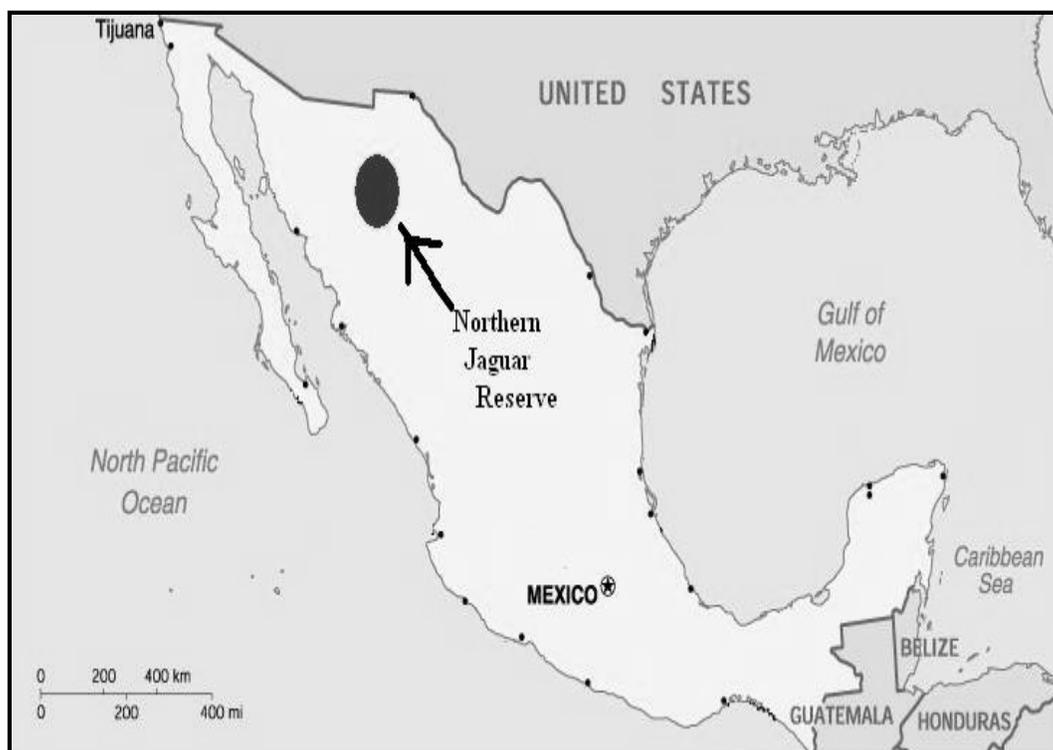


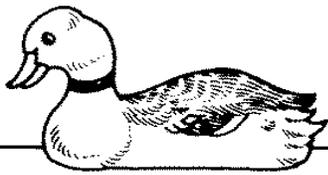
The Northern Jaguar Project (NJP) was formed in 2002 by a small group of dedicated conservationists and scientists from the southwestern U.S. and Mexico. NJP is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting jaguars and their habitat in Northern Mexico. It is revitalizing the northernmost jaguar population by maintaining a protected core reserve called the "Northern Jaguar Reserve" just 100 miles south of Arizona and New Mexico. The Northern Jaguar Project and the Northern Jaguar Reserve could not succeed without the generous support of communities, businesses, organizations, and individuals like you. You can support this work with a check or credit card donation directed to:

Northern Jaguar Project
2114 West Grant Road Suite 121
Tucson, AZ 85745

Or see their web site at: <http://www.northernjaguarproject.org/>

Article Submitted by John Rust





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Deadline is the last day of each month.

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Shoreline Restoration

I ran across a gem of a book at the library the other day. The second edition of the *Lake Phalen Shoreland Restoration Walking Tour and Plant Guide* features photographs and descriptions of 170 plant species, and includes a section with pictures of fall and winter foliage. It's not only a guide to walking around Lake Phalen, but it's a virtual laboratory experiment with lots of detailed information on steps and techniques in restoring the lake, appropriate plants, growing seasons and lots and lots of pictures - before and after and plants. It would be great reading if you're looking to restore lakeshore!

Co-authored by Haley Elvecrog, a University of Minnesota graduate student and Bill Bartodziej, Watershed District Natural Resources Specialist, this field guide details the shoreland restoration and common plant species found around Lake Phalen.

The guide contains two main parts. The first section summarizes and illustrates each restoration segment in a walking tour format. The plant section contains over 300 high quality photos of both beneficial native plants and noxious weeds. Close up photos of plants at various life stages, including some fall & winter images, make this book useful to the wildflower enthusiast throughout the year. It has a water resistant cover and coated pages that make it field-ready. According to Jason Husveth, President of the Minnesota Native Plant Society, “Not only is this guide invaluable for learning more about the shoreland restoration of Lake Phalen, but it will be an extremely helpful resource for those interested in lakeshore ecology, restoration and management.”

The *Lake Phalen Shoreland Restoration Walking Tour and Plant Guide* 2nd Edition is available at a cost of \$10 per copy from the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, or get it at your local public library.