



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League

June/July 2012

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Coming Events

July

- 10 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 10 20th IWLA National Convention
Lincoln, Nebraska
- 20th IWL National Convention
Lincoln, Nebraska
- 24 Joint Social/Educational
Meeting with Audubon
Chapter of Minneapolis
Tom Schlagenhaft, DNR
Mississippi River Planning
Director - Lake City, "

August

- 14 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 25 IWLA 90th Anniversary
Celebration Holiday Inn
Maplewood
- 28 Social/Educational Meeting
7:30 pm
ADAM WARTHESEN of the
Land Stewardship Project

September

- 14 Board Meeting 7:30pm
- 27 "Conversation on Climate
Change" - Champlin Park HS
(Thursday)

November

- 27 Stan Tekiela - Uncommon Facts
about Common Birds

Rain Garden Maintenance

Eight Breckenridge Chapter members spent Saturday morning, June 23, weeding and cleaning the rain garden. Thanks to Jim and Judy Arnold, Linda Erickson, John Fraley, John Rust, Gretchen Sable and Darryl and Dianne Sannes for making a big improvement in the appearance and health of the garden. Special thanks to Mary Jo Duncan who donated more than thirty plants from her garden for use at the Chapter House. Now in its fourth year of stopping and filtering the run off from the driveway, the rain garden does need occasional maintenance to help the deep rooted native plants do their work.

Usually one or two work sessions a year have been scheduled. Shorter sessions held more frequently would probably be more effective. Proving that gardeners are capable of multi-tasking, some brainstorming was done while weeding. We have decided to start an "Adopt a Garden" plan. The gardens will be organized into 10 to 12 relatively small areas that can be worked on whenever an individual or small group has the time. We already have three commitments. See next month's Timberlines for more information on how you can sign up for your own special plot. Call Jim Arnold (763 560 8972) with questions or suggestions.

Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America 6-12-12 Meeting Notes

Board Members Attending: Steve Shaust, Marlys Carls-Steiskal, Jim Arnold, Bill Barton, Wes Hendrickson, John Fraley, Barb Franklin, Dick Brown, Larry Kennebeck - John excused to pick up an injured bird.
Discussion of unfilled board seat was held.

CALENDAR: (Breckenridge event dates in all CAPITAL LETTERS)

JUNE 23RD – RAIN GARDEN CLEAN UP AT CHAPTER HOUSE

JUNE 26TH SOCIAL MEETING Jerry Bahls
DNR – ASIAN CARP

JULY 10TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 10th – 20th IWLA National Convention
Lincoln, Nebraska

JULY 24TH – SOCIAL MEETING Tim
SCHLAGENHAFT DNR – MISSISSIPPI
RIVER PLANNING

AUGUST 28TH – ? working on Shawn Otto
author Fool Me Twice

SEPTEMBER 27TH (THURSDAY AT
CHAMPLIN PARK HIGH SCHOOL)
“CONVERSATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE”

NOVEMBER 27TH STAN TEQUILA -

August 25th IWLA 90th Anniversary

Celebration Holiday Inn Maplewood, Mailings coming out soon. \$50 tickets - \$89 rooms – Free shuttle to the State Fair. Invitations have been mailed. Lorraine is donating a signed numbered Breckenridge print for the Auction, value ~\$200. Bruce is donating a camping print, value \$150. Discussion of donating camp Menogyn session (discount cost to Breckenridge \$250 for family of four, choice of four dates). Jim motioned to purchase a long weekend for family of 4 at camp Menogyn for \$250 with a minimum bid of \$200. Dick Brown seconded. Passed with one abstention. Barb called Lars and he has benches and tables so he will donate some things. Jim will ask Denny about a walking stick.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Plan on raising the price next year. Will emphasize promotion and

work organization in the future.

TIMBERLINES NEWSLETTER – Another good issue – thanks Marlys. Pictures were done digitally and look great.

CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR – Discussed flyer design & some details of meeting. Program will be Dr. John Abraham Mechanical Engineering professor from St. Thomas, Dr. Lee Frelich Forestry professor from U of M, & Paul Douglas Meteorologist. At Champlin Park High School 6:30-7:00 PM, 7:00-9:00 PM

Presentations and Q&A. Jim will get certificate of insurance. John is to get a contract for use of Champlin Park High School (Carrie Niesen). They will provide podium & microphone – John to work on microphones for questions. MEP is going to get contact info for legislators to invite. **ISLAND DEER POPULATION** - Steve is investigating the island deer population. Steve is working with METROPOLITAN BOW HUNTERS ASSOCIATION to set up a hunt thru Brooklyn Park. The City of Brooklyn Park’s insurance will cover the hunt. We would grant permission.

GROUNDS – Chimney letters are ready. Looking for a replacement kitchen faucet. Tree at front may fall down into road. Steve said he could lead a crew to take it down.

TREASURER’S REPORT – 12 months down ~\$2000.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Four new recipients. Three of current six returning.

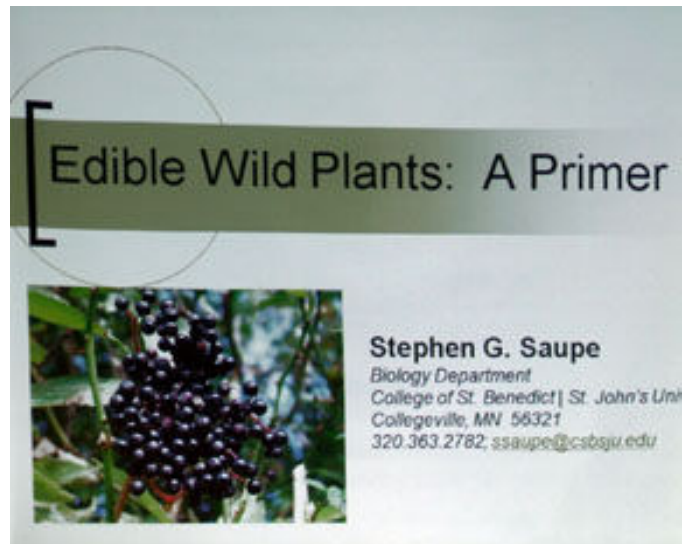
RENTALS – We are at ~75% of historical average for number of rentals with openings left the rest of the year so promote rentals!

ISSUES – Dick signed on to an Alaska Wilderness League letter for the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (22,000,000 acres of habitat) to protect key areas of habitat.

Bill Barton



Kristen Peterson and Kaelyn Williams attended our June meeting and spoke about their future plans.. They are 2 of our 3 scholarship winners for this year.

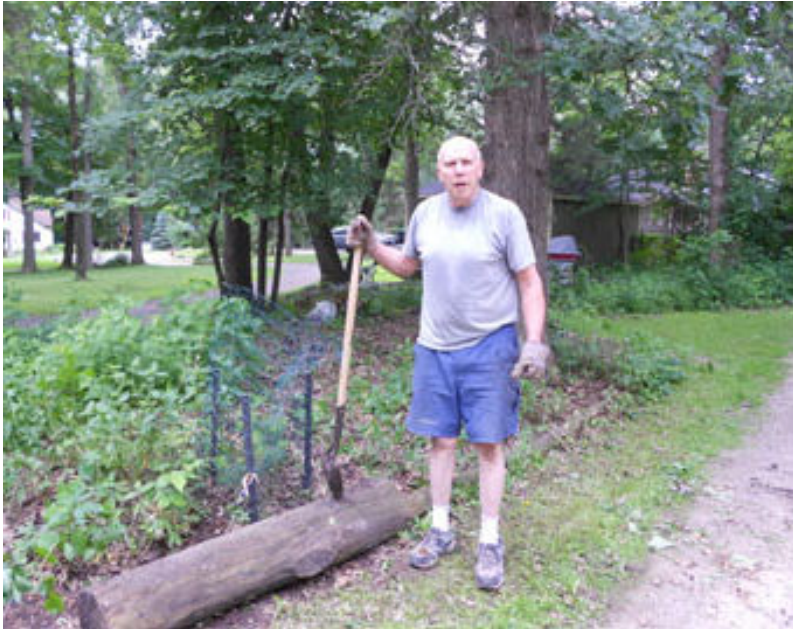


Tuesday, June 26, 2012
Stephen G. Saupe: Edible Wild Plants

What's missing from your diet? Stephen G. Saupe, a professor in the joint biology department of the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, quizzed us on what to look for (and avoid!) when seeking wild foods. Stephen is a plant biologist who was inspired to become a botanist by Euell Gibbons, author of *Stalking the Wild Asparagus* and has taught for more than 30 years.



**Rain Garden Cleanup
June 23
Thanks to All Who Helped!**



Pictures of the Pancake Breakfast in May



Dell Eriksson and the Boy Scouts working the Pancake.



Barb Franklin, Linda Eriksson, Dawn Rust working the Plant Sale at the Pancake Breakfast.



The Cooks at the Pancake Breakfast. Mark Gustafson, Pres. Steve Schaust, and Sarah Schaust.

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Marlys Carls-Steiskal at: **EditorBreckIWL@msn.com**
Deadline is the last day of each month.
“All articles in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the position
of the Breckenridge Board of directors.”

If you can provide light refreshments for one of our Tuesday meetings, please contact Barbara Franklin 763-657-1907 Or bbfrankli@gmail.com

July 24 - Mona Geeting
August 28 -

Thank you!



**AUGUST 28TH-7:30 pm-SOC/ED MEETING
ADAM WARTHESEN**

of Land Stewardship Project will be our presenter. At this time (June 29) the house and senate will be in conference on the 2012 Farm Bill. As National IWLA sent us a directive to call our MN Senators about 2 or 3 weeks ago on the highly expensive and elaborate Farm Bill, your Conservation Issues Chair did respond both by phone and email on behalf of our chapter (both Senators & Representatives). Of course the Bill will have been passed before Aug 28, both Breck members and our Audubon friends will be deeply interested in this subject as the future of wildlife, our natural systems and the preservation of our natural heritage will be greatly affected by this bill.

Dick Brown