



## Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve, Inc.

*Dedicated to Service in Conservation*

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To our members and friends:

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### **GERNERAL MEETING AND PROGRAM—Thursday October 18, 7:00PM**

We are pleased to invite Jordan Lyznicki, an aquarist at the Shedd Aquarium, into our cabin who will present a program: “Freshwater Aquatic Life: From the Shedd Aquarium to the Lakes of Izaak Walton.” Jordan, a resident of Homewood, is the Senior Aquarist for the Amazon Rising Exhibit and a Fishes Enrichment Coordinator at the Shedd Aquarium. Did you know that liquid freshwater represents .03% of the worlds water but contains 41% of the world’s species of fish ? Jordan will speak extensively about the amazing fish species in the Amazon River Basin and discuss interesting similarities that it has with the Great Lakes and highlight specific species in our own lakes. Every program presented by these types of deep experts in their field has brought us amazing knowledge of which few of us had any idea ! So come on out on Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and expand your knowledge of freshwater fish. Note that this program is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of October, not the usual 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

### **ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE, BAKE SALE, AND AUCTION PARTY-Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

You will soon receive (or already have received) your ticket booklets in the mail for our Annual Turkey Raffle and Auction Party to be held Saturday November 10th, at 7:00 PM. This event consists of an auction, bake sale and prize drawings. A letter is included with 2 ticket booklets describing in detail changes for this year’s event. The three Grand prizes this year are in cash: \$500, \$250, and \$150. We will also raffle off 30 turkey coupons from Walt’s foods (value \$25.00). Individual raffle tickets will again cost \$5 and a booklet of 6 tickets will cost \$25. This is our primary annual fund raising event and it accounts for a substantial amount of annual Preserve revenue. Please consider purchasing or selling these tickets and return the ticket stubs and payment via mail or in person at Senior Hall (1100 Ridge Road). Tickets may be donated to the needy if you wish; simply note that when returning ticket stubs and payment. Any ticket drawn with this designation will result in the coupon being donated to organizations that serve those in need.

Additional ticket booklets are available at Senior Hall. Stop by or call to request additional booklets. (708-798-1850). Again this year we are able to accept payment for raffle tickets via credit or debit card in person at Senior Hall. Members will receive one complimentary turkey coupon (\$25 value) for selling each block of 6 or more ticket booklets.

We are also planning to raffle off **Door Prizes** for those members who buy at least one booklet of tickets and are in attendance that evening.

You may also contribute to the success of this event by donating items for the auction and bake sale. Please bring auction items to Senior Hall prior to November 10th tagged with your name

(if desired) and estimated value; bake sale items can be delivered the afternoon of the event. As best we can, we will post pics of the larger and potentially more valuable auction items on our web and Facebook pages between November 1 and the day of the auction. For many, many years the enthusiasm of our membership for this event has been gratifying and wonderful. Thanks to you all for your continuing support for this key fund raising event. Look for more details about the door prizes and bake sale in the October Newsletter.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

From early October until our annual Turkey Raffle and Fundraiser, we will staff the office with reliably best efforts as follows: WED THURS and FRI: 3-5pm SAT: 9-noon

### **THE ANNUAL ART SHOW RETURNS**

We are again sponsoring a nature themed art show on Saturday and Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (each day from 10a-4p) in the cabin. Michelle Kaysen, who organized the show the last two years, has already contacted local artists and several of them have agreed to participate. A Board level Committee comprised of Bob and Pam Enright Jill Sharbano and Todd Wittenberg has been formed to handle all further arrangements for the show. The cabin has proven to be a wonderful setting to display nature oriented original art and photographs, which are for sale. As in the past, we are mixing in a little music with Homewood's own "Work In Progress" providing live music on Saturday from noon to 1:30p. Free coffee and cookies will be available. So stop by the cabin either day and enjoy nature themed art.

### **HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER FUNDRAISER--SUNDAY OCT 21**

The Homewood Science Center, which was formed with the backing of the Village of Homewood in 2014, is now in their third year of actively providing STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and science) events put on at their building, formerly the Ryan Funeral Home across the street from City Hall and at other locations. We have once again accepted their request and invitation to partner with them in holding their third annual fundraiser on our grounds and in Black Bear Lodge on Sunday October 21 rain or shine. This event is called "Walk Walton 3.0" which consists of two parts: the "Walk" from 10:30a to noon and the "Fest" from noon to 3p. In the morning, walkers will set out on about an approximate 2.0 mile loop with a chance to speak with nature and professional experts along the way. This is a unique opportunity to learn much more about the Preserve and its natural attractions. In the afternoon the "fest" will feature a double dose of Pop Up Science: "Spooky Science" and "Autumn Ecology", entertainment for children, a raffle, bonfires and family fun. An insect petting zoo is planned. Our volunteers will provide non-alcoholic drinks for sale, which will benefit the Preserve. Food trucks will be in the parking lot offering more items. They will be charging admission, \$25 for adults, but no charge for children if accompanied by an adult. During this event, the grounds area from the Senior Hall to Black Bear Lodge to the east picnic shelter will be roped off for their exclusive use. We encourage you to participate and support them by registering in advance on their website: [www.homewoodsciencecenter.org](http://www.homewoodsciencecenter.org).

## **THE BEES HAVE BEEN BUSY....AND PRODUCTIVE !**

As you know, beekeepers Michael Rusnak and Tony Ferracane established 10 beehives in June of 2016 in a very favorable location in the prairie lakes area near the Dedert Corp property. As part of this arrangement we receive 2 lbs. of honey per hive annually as “rent.” They also sell us an additional 5 gallons of honey with an added discount from their normal wholesale price. They added two more hives in this area this spring. Bob and Pam Enright, both Board members, established two more hives in a different area just southeast of the prairie lakes area and have offered to donate all of their honey to the Preserve. We thank them ! We are pleased to report that the hives are again productive this year and our HIWP honey is for sale in the cabin. The honey in 12 oz. jars sells for \$8 each is now available in the cabin. Be sure to stop by the cabin and get some HIWP natural honey !

## **ADDITIONAL 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY VOLUNTEERS**

We thanked our many volunteers for the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic in our last Newsletter but left out the following individuals: Sherry and Evangeline Bono, Breanna, Isabella, and Lilly Norder. Thanks !

## **RUN FOREST RUN**

For the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, we will be sponsoring our Fall Trail Race event on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30a. This 4-mile run through our well maintained trail system has become a very popular event in our local running community. Anyone who has participated in the past has already been invited to participate again via email registration. We may need to limit the number of registered runners as our trails can comfortably handle only a limited number of runners. Nevertheless, anyone learning about this event for the first time and desiring to participate is encouraged to call John Brinkman ASAP at 708-638-9418.

Sincerely,  
Your President,

*John*

John Brinkman

# **HOMEWOOD IZAAK WALTON PRESERVE PROGRAM**

**Aquarist Jordan Lyznicki from the Shedd Aquarium will present a program on “Freshwater Aquatic Life: From the Shedd Aquarium to the Lakes of Izaak Walton” Don’t miss this program, sure to be quite informative !**

**Date: Thursday October 18th**

**Time 7:00 PM**

Place: Arthur Senior Hall 1100 Ridge Road Homewood, IL  
Light refreshments will be served