



HOMEWOOD IZAAK WALTON PRESERVE

Dedicated to Service in Conservation

To our members and friends:

September 2023 Newsletter

FALL TRAIL MIX CONCERT FRIDAY OCTOBER 13 THE WILDWOODS

Our great music man, Steve Ploum, has done it again bringing to the Preserve the band **Wildwoods**, so they ought to fit right in !

Our beautiful venue out in the east meadow by the east picnic pavilion will open up for concertgoers at 6 pm: Opening act (Donna Herula) starts at 7 pm, followed by our headliner **The Wildwoods**. This amazing trio has been described as “Harmonies that you can dip a spoon into”. **The Wildwoods** are able to generate their own positive reviews from the likes of *Paste Magazine*, *Americana Highways*, *Foliking.com* and *All Music.com*. We are pleased to introduce yet another very high caliber artist like **The Wildwoods** to our community, and thrilled that more and more people have expressed their confidence in Trail Mix to curate another amazing night out, right here in the tranquil surroundings of our Preserve.



We’ve sold-out two consecutive indoor concerts and the Aug 12th concert with Phoebe Hunt was the most well-attended Trail Mix Acoustic Concert Series concert to date. In addition, Trail Mix and the Preserve were thrilled to see how many people made an evening of it, gathering early for a drink under the twinkle lights in the East Pavilion, sat at candlelit tables, and together, created a sweet communal vibe, “like a mini Ravinia” some said.

As was the case on August 12, Izaak Walton volunteers will sell pizza, gourmet wrap sandwiches, water and soft drinks plus our new vendor, Cork Gaming and Wine Bar will provide beer/wine/cocktails.

So make sure you arrive right when the doors open at 6pm for the next outdoor Trail Mix concert on October 13th, with The Wildwoods, from Lincoln Nebraska. They are supporting their third album, *Foxfield St. John*, which features songs written while on their first European tour, and in addition to an impressive number of Spotify listeners, they boast music videos on Instagram that routinely hit north of 200k plays, and some have topped 6M plays. The opening act is also quite impressive: From Chicago, Slide and Delta Blues guitarist, singer/songwriter, Donna Herula, the 2022 winner of the Independent Blues Awards for “Best Traditional Blues Artist” and “Best Acoustic Blues Album.” She will open with a set starting at 7pm on the 13th.

We have simplified the ticket sales for this concert. There are two tiers of tickets. The slightly more expensive tier assures a dry seat / warm seat should the weather be less than ideal; meaning that if we need to, we will move the stage under the pavilion if light rain. If heavier rain/chilly weather, the concert will be moved indoors at Senior Hall. All pre-purchased tickets will be less expensive than tickets purchased at the door. Please visit <https://www.trailmixmusic.org/reservations-donations-merch> for more information and to purchase tickets. To arrange alternative means of payment, please email Trailmixmusicfest@gmail.com.





GENERAL MEETING—WORKING IN WATER, AN INTERNATIONAL VIEW

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26TH—7 PM at SENIOR HALL

Protecting and managing global water supplies for people and the environment are perhaps the most important environmental challenges of the 21st Century. Human history is closely tied to both fresh and saltwater ecosystems; yet these systems have been abused and damaged for centuries by human activities.

We are very pleased to have one of our own, Dr. David J. Zaber, an environmental scientist and a member of our Board and Conservation Committee to present this program on this critical subject. Dave has worked for decades on ecological assessment, management and conservation with a focus on agriculture, environmental pollution and ecological restoration. Dave Zaber will be discussing his experiences in several African countries — Angola, Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania - as an expert consultant with U.S. Agency for International Development's Farmer to Farmer program. Dave Zaber's work highlights global issues related to water use and conservation and the importance of global cooperation in solving environmental challenges.

Our General Meeting in September (9-20-23—see September Newsletter.) brought us a focus on Antarctica. So this October meeting we move our focus to Africa. What can we learn that is applicable to us from these far-away places ? Come to the meeting and you will find out !

WALK WALTON

Once again, we are pleased to host The Homewood Science Center (HSC) which will be conducting their 7th annual Walk Walton event at the Preserve on Sunday Oct 22 from 10am until 1pm. This is a Nature Fest and fundraiser sponsored by the Weglarz Company for the benefit of HSC. This year's fest will feature the [Illinois Natural History Survey's Traveling Exhibit](#), an insect petting zoo, Spooky science in Black Bear Lodge, learning about marine biology with UChicago's Professor Cathy Pfister, exploring nature with representatives of the Forest Preserves of Cook County, participating in a special project led by the Middle School Conservation Ecology interns plus a pumpkin patch and donuts & hot drinks. We encourage you to participate. Registration is open; for more details and to register, please reserve your space today on the Homewood Science Center website

at: <https://www.homewoodsciencecenter.org/registration>.

RUN FOREST

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For the 16th consecutive year, we will again be sponsoring our Fall Trail Race event on Saturday, November 4th at 9:00a. 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 via email registration. Anyone learning about this event for the first time and desiring to participate, register on line at: runtheforest.com or please call John Brinkman at 708/638-9418.

ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE, BAKE SALE, AND AUCTION PARTY
SATURDAY Nov 11th, 7 PM SENIOR HALL

Once again this year our annual fundraiser is back live and in person on the evening of Saturday November 11th after the two year hiatus in '20 and '21 due to the pandemic ! This is our primary annual fund-raising event and accounts for a substantial amount of annual Preserve revenue. The event consists of an auction, bake sale and prize drawings:

AUCTION: We will auction off items donated by members, typically household items, small tools, etc.as well as gift cards from local merchants. Please bring auction items to Senior Hall prior to or in the morning of November 11th tagged with your name (if desired). This year we will make best efforts to upgrade the auction and refrain from auctioning off unwanted junk.

BAKE SALE: Please bring bake sale items to Senior Hall on the day of the event at any time after 9am. We then sell raffle tickets at the event for \$5 for a chance to win a bake sale item.

GRAND PRIZES: 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).

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

PIZZA: Early arrivers can purchase pizza and soft drinks for sale after 6:15p. Table snacks and water will be provided free of charge.

RAFFLE TICKET MAILING: By now your mail carrier has delivered to you your raffle ticket booklets for this event to be held **Saturday November 11th, at 7:00 PM**. Included with the ticket booklets is a letter describing this year's event. Individual raffle tickets will again cost \$5 or \$25 booklet of 6 tickets. 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 during office hours on Saturday mornings 9-noon 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. **Also**, members will receive one complimentary turkey coupon (\$25 value) for selling each block of 6 or more ticket booklets (36 tickets)

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.

2024 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

You still have time to submit photos ! Deadline is September 30. Go to hiwpcalendarcontest@gmail.com for details.

Your President, John Brinkman



TRAIL MIX FALL CONCERT---FRIDAY OCTOBER 13th—7 PM

Featuring *The Wildwoods* Outdoors on our East Meadow

Come out to our beautiful grounds for a night of great music in a wonderful natural setting. See details in the article in this newsletter

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Working in Water---An International View

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