



## **Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve, Inc.**

*Dedicated to Service in Conservation*

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To our members and friends:

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### **A BUSY MONTH THIS MAY---WE OFFER FIVE PROGRAMS / EVENTS !!!**

#### **1. GLENN KOTCHE FROM THE BAND WILCO----Saturday May 6 7PM**

Something new for us—we are teaming up with the Homewood Arts Council (HAC) to present a musical journey with Glenn Kotche, who has been the drummer for over 20 years in the well-known Chicago band **Wilco**. The Grammy award-winning band has logged close to thirty-years since Jeff Tweedy formed the band after the dissolution of Uncle Tupelo. The band's 12th studio album, *Cruel Country*, was just released last year. Kotche, a native of Roselle, IL, has enjoyed a successful solo career and has worked with artists such as Jim O'Rourke, Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) and Paul K. & The Weathermen. Kotche is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. Drinks and snacks will be available for a suggested donation. Doors open at 6:00PM.

Tickets are on sale now on line for \$15 at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/getting-in-tune-with-glenn-kotche-tickets-612547755827>

Tickets at the door will be \$20 if available.

#### **2. TRAIL MIX SPRING CONCERT NORA O'CONNOR and CASEY McDONOUGH FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 12 7PM--DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

Once again, just 6 days later, we are partnering with the Homewood Arts Council to sponsor our first Trail Mix concert of the new season featuring **Nora O'Conner and Casey McDonough of The Flat Five**. We present our usual gig: producing shows featuring big city talent without the big city ticket prices, big city traffic, and big city parking pain. This is a Chicago supergroup ("harmony junkies") whose members have toured/recorded with heavy hitters like Mavis Staples, The Decemberists, Neko Case, and NRBQ. *The American Songwriter* says of the Flat Five: "Imagine The Manhattan Transfer singing Steely Dan." *Spectrum Culture* says they have a unique ear for detail and the "remarkable ability to crystalize the music of the past 50 or 60 years". The Trail Mix Goes Local concert in March was an off-the-chain success. So much so that Trail Mix will make the all-local concert an annual thing.

The opening group for Nora and Casey will be **The Six of Spades**, which consists of five members of the Homewood Flossmoor High School Viking Choir. These five young people are blowing away audiences everywhere, so make sure to get Senior Hall in time for their set.

For this concert, we will be inside the acoustically brilliant Senior Hall. Come experience for yourself and you'll understand the buzz. Music starts at 7 pm (doors at 6:00pm). Concessions

(pizza, gourmet sandwiches, water and soft drinks) available; Flossmoor Station will be selling their great craft beer and you can also BYOB.

Tickets are limited, so act quickly by going to <https://www.trailmixmusic.org/reservations-donations-merch> (\$20 & \$15 for students).

To arrange alternative means of payment, please email [Trailmixmusicfest@gmail.com](mailto:Trailmixmusicfest@gmail.com). Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event for \$25.00 (if still available).

### **3. WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY---MAY 13**

On May 13, 2023, from 9:30am to noon, the Village of Homewood is celebrating World Migratory Bird Day at the Izaak Walton Preserve. Please come by and enjoy your pick of free activities. You are welcome to bring a picnic and explore the grounds.

- ❖ 9:30am – 10:15am in Senior Hall: *Bugs, Plants and Birds*, Judy Johnson, Thorn Creek Audubon Society, Homewood Green Thumb Saturday Program (drawing to win bird poster at end of program)
- ❖ 10:30am – 11:15am in Senior Hall: *Migration Mysteries*, John Elliott, Chicago Audubon Society (drawing to win bird poster at end of program)
- ❖ *Ongoing* Audubon-guided bird walks; binoculars and spotting scopes provided
- ❖ *Ongoing* Build a Birdhouse with Boy Scout Troop 342
- ❖ *Ongoing* Childrens' Programs with the Conservation Ecology Interns from the Homewood Science Center, including games and hands-on projects
- ❖ *Ongoing* Local Bird Photography Exhibit

This inaugural event is part of the Village application to become certified as a **Bird City Illinois** by the Audubon Council of Illinois and is sponsored by the Homewood Public Works Tree Committee.

### **4 NATIVE PLANT SALE----SENIOR HALL** **SATURDAY MAY 20 9AM—2PM SUNDAY MAY 21 10AM—12PM**

Once again this year, the Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve (HIWP) and Thorn Creek Audubon Society (TCAS) are co-sponsoring a native plant sale which is coming up soon. Thirty-seven different plants will be offered, including trees, shrubs, flowers, and ornamental grasses. Plants are chosen to represent different colors, textures, sun exposures and bloom times. All are native to Illinois. Judy Johnson, a member of both organizations and plant sale organizer, stresses that native plants support the environment in several ways. Local wildlife, including pollinators, depend on native plants for food and shelter. Native plants thrive without pesticides or fertilizers and once established do not require watering. The very deep root systems help prevent erosion and flooding.

The deadline for pre-orders was long ago but plenty of plants will be available for sale on the days of sale (with expanded hours) indicated above. Arrive early for the best choices. Check our website for the plant list of what may be available.

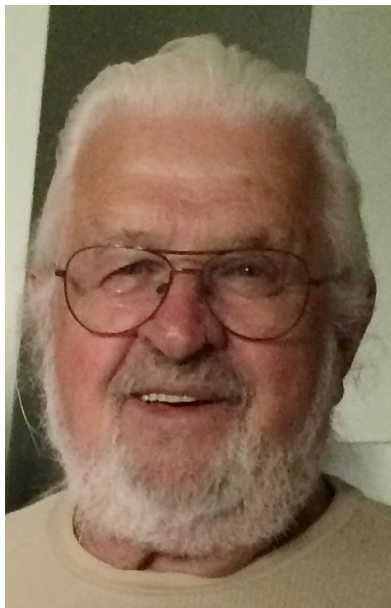
**5. MAY GENERAL MEETING—THURSDAY MAY 25 7PM—SENIOR HALL  
SHIFTING CHICAGO; A TALE OF ICE AND WATER**

We enjoy walking around the Preserve and enjoying the various aspects of the topography that it offers. But a rich past preceded what we see today. Chicago's geological history includes coral reefs and tropical forests, but the land surface of the region is the product of the glaciers of the last ice age and their aftermath. While the settlement and development of the Chicago area is the direct result of what the glaciers left behind, human activities have greatly modified the natural environment. The interactions between people and the natural landscapes, such as the reversal of the Chicago River, create ongoing environmental concerns.

Roy E. Plotnick is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is a fellow of the Geological Society of America and the Paleontological Society and the author of *Explorers of Deep Time*, published by Columbia University Press. So come out and be amazed by what you will learn about our rich geological past !

**MILKWEED SEEDS AVAILABLE - SAVE THE MONARCH BUTTERFLIES !**

Once again this year we will have milkweed seed packets available in the cabin during regular office hours (Saturdays from 9-noon) **for no charge**. Kay MacNeil who is very passionate about the amazing Monarchs, distributes these packets in our area every Spring. Kay has been working to save the Monarch Butterfly for many years. Key to these efforts is the propagation of milkweed, as Monarchs lay their eggs exclusively on milkweed which, subsequently provide food for the caterpillars. Consequently milkweed populations have dropped and along with them, the Monarch Butterfly population. Aside from the Monarch's natural beauty, they are truly remarkable in that they (a) turn from caterpillars to butterflies right here in the Midwest, (b) migrate to Central Mexico for the winter, (c) and then return north to lay more eggs before they die. So spread the word and plant Milkweed seeds: you can also order your own seeds: just send Kay \$3 cash and a self addressed business size envelope The price simply covers cost; no profit is earned. For additional information contact Kay MacNeil, 689 Golf Club Ln., Frankfort, IL 60423. Phone: 815-469-1294. Email: [kaymac60423@yahoo.com](mailto:kaymac60423@yahoo.com).



**FRED KOLODZIEJ 1942--2023**

We are saddened to report the passing of Fred Kolodziej on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Fred was well known and well liked by many of our directors and older members and active at the Preserve for over 20 years. Fred was a regular visitor to the office when Pete Santeford was our live-in caretaker and then staffed our office for about a year after Pete moved out. Fred also served on our Board for about two years. Fred was always helpful to our fish stocking chores several times a year. Usually cheerful and with a wonderful sense of humor, Fred will be missed dearly.

Your President,

*John Brinkman*

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