



To our members and friends:

October 2021 Newsletter

ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER—DRAWING ON SUNDAY Nov 14th

We're disappointed that the continuing pandemic has again forced us to cancel our annual fall party including Turkey Raffle, Bake Sale, & Auction. But, as reported in our last Newsletter, we'll still conduct our raffle fundraiser and draw the winning tickets on Sunday November 14th. This year's raffle has cash prizes of \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100. We have 30 additional prizes; these are \$25 gift cards from Walt's Foods. Individual raffle tickets will again cost \$5 but a packet of 6 tickets will cost just \$25.

This raffle drawing is our primary fund-raising event of the year and accounts for a substantial amount of Preserve revenue. So, please consider purchasing or selling these tickets. You can return stubs and payment via mail or in person at our office in Senior Hall (1100 Ridge Rd.). If you stop by during Saturday office hours (9-noon) you can also pay via credit or debit card. The winnings from tickets can be donated to the needy if you wish; simply note that wish on the ticket stub. Any ticket drawn with this designation will result in the gift card being donated to organizations that serve people in need.

A few weeks ago, you should have received a letter with details of the raffle. Along with the letter were two packets of 6 tickets each. We have more packets for you to sell. You can pick them up at the office during Saturday morning office hours, or you can just leave a voicemail on our office line (708-798-1850) and we'll mail additional booklets to you. Those who sell six packets (36 total tickets) will receive a \$25 gift card from Walt's. Additional gift cards will be awarded for sales of every additional increment of six packets (36 tickets).

For many, many years the enthusiasm of our membership for this fundraising effort has been gratifying and wonderful. We look forward to holding our traditional raffle, bake sale, & auction party in 2022. Thanks to you all for your continuing support for this key fundraising effort.

VOLUNTEERS ARE US !

On Sunday October 3 we held our second Volunteer Appreciation dinner at our east pavilion. Over 160 volunteers plus families were invited; attendance was in excess of 90. If you're a volunteer and we failed to invite you, please excuse us; we aim to do better next year. Our record keeping is essentially memory and memory fails from time to time.

Pizza was served from both the 5th Quarter and from Aurelios. Thanks to both of these fine establishments who have supported the Preserve over the years. In addition to pizza, long-time member Jerry Vankus arranged for an 80 lb. roasted pig provided by Double D BBQ out of Frankfort. Double D arrived with their portable spit at 8:30 AM and served some great-tasting



pork about 9 hours later. We thank Jerry very much; he picked up the BBQ bill in honor of his brother Robert Vankus who passed away late last year. Robert was also a long-time member of the Preserve.

Preserve President John Brinkman thanked those in attendance. He spoke briefly and pointed out that the joys of The Preserve are made possible primarily by the volunteers. He described their efforts as great in number including those who work with hand tools & mechanical equipment, those on the litter brigades, those who stuff envelopes, and those who offer trade & professional skills learned after years of schooling & work experience.

Special thanks goes to the following members who put the picnic together by purchasing supplies, tossing salads, decorating tables, washing dishes, and placing tables & chairs. These volunteers were Carolyn Bury, Greg Busler, Sandy Norton, Gail Straney, Shawn Straney, and Clayton Wassilak.

Many thanks to all our volunteers. We'll do this again next year. **VOLUNTEERS ARE US!**

“SEASONS OF IZAAK WALTON” CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS

The 14 winners of the third annual “Seasons of Izaak Walton” photo calendar competition have been named. The competition attracted 140 entries. One new development was an increased number of entries by out-of-state photographers who visited the Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve. Three of the 14 winners were from other states: California, Colorado and Ohio. Since the contest started in 2019, there have been 550 entries. The number this year declined from the 200 in 2020, likely because of a public works project in the Preserve as well as the COVID-19 pandemic. An independent panel of five judges selected the winners. They are:

Front Cover-”Morning Reflections” by Topher Campbell, of Ladera Ranch, CA

Back cover-”Best Friends” by Douglas Cole, of Homewood, IL

January-”In the Arms Of Sleep” by Ryan Patrick, of Homewood, IL

February-”Evening Calm” by Joe Przybylski, of Homewood, IL

March-”Twilight Bliss” by Tina Ray, of Homewood, IL

April-”Goosebumps” by Heather Marcum, of Thornton, IL

May-”Yellow Swallowtail Rising” by Paul Reis, of Oak Lawn, IL

June-”Frog Day Afternoon” by Howard Wolinsky, of Flossmoor, IL

July-”Sumer Prairie Scene” by Jim Shover, of Homewood, IL

August-”Summer Breeze” by Kirk Snyder, of Denver, CO

September-”Monarch Landscape” by Kathie Hazlett, of Galion, OH

October-”Pumpkin” by Penny Shnay, of Park Forest, IL

November-”Settling Fog” by Laura Halfman, of Flossmoor, IL

December-”Bob Elf” by Martin Tully, of Homewood, IL

A video displaying all the entries by Kathie,Hazlett, a Calendar Committee member, is available at: <https://vimeo.com/617286031>

The winners were selected based on an objective mathematical analysis of the favorites selected by five independent judges with no ties to Izaak Walton Preserve. Each judge submitted a ranking of 20 of their favorite shots to the HIWP volunteer Calendar Committee. The committee made all final decisions depending on the judge's rankings, breaking ties with the public's "likes" on Izaak Walton's Facebook site. The Calendar Committee thanks all entrants and the judges, adding that now is the time to start taking photos for the 2023 calendar.

A limited supply of calendars will be available. Calendars will be sold for \$12 and can be purchased at the cabin during normal Saturday office hours 9-noon. Calendars can also be ordered on the Izaak Walton website at Homewoodizaakwalton.com or can be requested by mail to the HIWP office at 1100 Ridge Rd, Homewood, IL 60430. Volunteers will be able to provide free delivery to Homewood and Flossmoor zip codes only; Calendars requested to be mailed to all other locations will cost \$15.

For more information, write to info@homewoodizaakwalton.com, or call (708) 798-1850.

The Calendar Committee is made up of local amateur photographers who often take photos at HIWP. They are: Kathie Hazlett, Heather Marcum, Tina Ray, James Shover, Penny Shnay, and Howard Wolinsky. Frances Fullam and Wolinsky, both of Flossmoor, proposed the photo calendar in 2019.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Dave Smith has completed annual reports for our last two fiscal years that ended on August 31, 2020 and 2021. We are reporting on fiscal 2020 somewhat later than normal but reporting on fiscal 2021 results earlier than normal. Once again we thank you, our loyal and generous members, and thank the entire Board, for its careful management of our revenue and expenses. Our finances are in good order and our reserves are strong. Also notable is the steady, significant, voluntary contributions that we've received over the past 4 years. Below is a summary of our major categories of revenue and expenses for that time frame.

		'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	'20-21
Revenue:	Dues	45%	41%	49%	43%
	Donations	19%	26%	20%	24%
	Turkey Raffle	28%	26%	23%	22%
	Events /Other	8%	7%	9%	11%
Expense:	Revenue related	19%	13%	5%	6%
	Non-discretionary	54%	61%	49%	55%
	Purchases, Projects	27%	26%	42%	30%
	Surplus as a % of Revenue	27%	29%	9%	7%

Thanks once again for your continuing financial support making these strong results possible.

Your President, *John Brinkman*



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Please refer to the article in this newsletter for more details.