

LaSalle County Natural Area Guardians

Committee of LaSalle County SWCD

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Last Meeting: Our last meeting was on **Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 2:00 pm** at the Rasmusen Natural Area. Six members (Harold Carter, Bruce & LaVerle Carter, Mary Cwikla, and Gene & Diana Rod) enjoyed the tour of the woods and prairie paths. We later enjoyed our time around the fire cooking hot dogs and brats. It was a great fall afternoon to enjoy the conversation and the various food items we shared.

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 13th our meeting will be at the **University of Illinois Extension Office basement. We will meet at 2:00 pm and watch the DVD titled "Winged Migration"**. This is a documentary of many birds and their migrations through 40 countries and all 7 continents. The address of the office is 1689 N 31st Rd which is North Rte 23 and Dayton Roads. This will be our last meeting for 2011.

The new bridge has been designed and built at the Rasmusen Natural Area over the creek by an Eagle Scout and his troupe. Our organization provided the funding to pay for the supplies of \$1274.14. It is a wonderful addition to the area.

The Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation will be releasing 2 juvenile Bald Eagles at Starved Rock State Park on November 12th. The event is open to the public and is scheduled between 11 am and 1 pm. It will start at the Visitor's Center. They will also have other educational birds of prey present. An audio visual presentation of the Eagles' recovery, nest rebuilding attempt and rehabilitation will be given. These eagles were recovered after their nest fell 85' after heavy rains at Mooseheart Child City and School. You may find a flyer at www.flintcreekwildlife.org. There will be a minimum \$10/person donation from those attending the release to help defray costs of raising the eagles and building their flight chamber since fund raising for the chamber fell short of covering costs of about \$10,000.

Hope to see you at the meeting and bring a friend. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Rod at 815-539-7237 or prairie_nag@yahoo.com. If you are running late or are lost you may call my cell at 815-343-3544.

Diana Rod
Chairperson

Upcoming Meetings:

Jan. 8, 2012 – Should be a planning meeting for 2012

Mar 11, 2012