

LaSalle County Natural Area Guardians

Committee of LaSalle County S.W.C.D.

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Last Meeting: Our last meeting was on Sunday, **August 8th**. We had nine members walk around this wonderful Railroad Nature Preserve called Sunbury Prairie. We enjoyed watching birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and other insects including walking sticks.

Thank you to the Maze family for supplying us with refreshing melon after our walk.

Next Meeting: The meeting will be Sunday, September 12th. We will be touring the **Spring Lake Park in western Streator**. The address is 1413 E 16th Rd. **We will meet in the parking lot at 8:00am.** From Rte 18 on the west side of Streator, turn north on E 16th Rd traveling 1.3 miles to the park. (map attached) This park was overgrown over the years and has been improved over the last few years. Since fall migration has started we should be able to find several birds. Dress accordingly and bring some water, bug spray and sun screen.

If you enjoy the outdoors, prairies, insects, birds, etc; maybe you would like to attend **Autumn On The Prairie north of Franklin Grove, IL. The TNC's next festival at Nachusa Grasslands (8772 S Lowden Rd, Franklin Grove) is September 18th from 10 am till 5 pm.**

There will be guided tours of prairie and savannas, educational exhibits, self-guided plant tours. Ride through the prairie on a horse-drawn wagon. Activities include live music, local artists at work, and a children's tent

This free event is open to the public, donations are appreciated. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase. There is no rain date.

The preserve is located 3 miles northwest of Franklin Grove, on Lowden Road. Extra directional signs will be posted. Franklin Grove is two hours west of Chicago, and is celebrating that same day with three historical attractions nearby. To contact the preserve call 815-456-2340 or visit the TNC web site at www.nature.org/illinois or nachusagrasslands.org.

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

DUES: They were due July 1, 2010 for this year. I will be updating the roster end of September. If you are unsure if you paid, contact me to confirm.

2010 Year Programs

We do not have any ideas for future programs at this time. We should have meetings in October and November to finish this year. We will set up the 2011 schedule in January.