Festival of the Sugar Maples

Two Weekends!

March 7 & 8 and 14 & 15
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Coral Woods Conservation Area
7400 Somerset, Marengo

- Hear how maple syrup was made hundreds of years ago...
- Discover how maple trees produce sap each spring...
- Learn how sap is collected from maple trees...
- See how maple syrup is made at the evaporator house!

Sponsored by:

Suburban Propane

Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast
March 8 & 15
7 a.m. – Noon
Union Fire Protection Dist.
6606 Main Street, Union

$3 Child/$6 Adult

Stop by before or after the event...
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 2020

Saturday, April 18
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake

Environmental Exhibitors
Games & Crafts     Live Music
Puppet Show
Guided Nature Hikes
Habitat Restoration Project!

The event is held both indoors and out and will go on rain or shine!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Musical Guest: GEORGIA RAE FAMILY BAND
Two family-friendly performances!
12:30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.

• Guided Hikes – 11:30 a.m. & 2:45 p.m.
• Food Trucks – 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
  A.Jz Kettlecorn Company
  Perk N’ Pickle
  Or bring your own “No waste” picnic lunch!
• Stewardship Project, ongoing

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING DROP OFF: A variety of items accepted for recycling including: electronics, CDs/DVDs/cassettes, fiber/textiles/shoes, batteries, fluorescent tubes and polystyrene foam. Check www.MCCDistrict.org for the list of accepted items and any fees.
ART EXHIBIT

Hidden in Plain Sight

May 2–June 7
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park

Janet Harlow of Harvard presents paintings inspired while hiking in McHenry County Conservation District sites. For over the past 20 year she has explored and discovered the beauty of these protected lands. During rain, shine and snow she has witnessed flamboyant beauty and quiet change. Specifically at Rush Creek Conservation Area, the trails became very important to her, adding solace and beauty to her day as she enjoyed many walks there. Her experiences at Rush Creek first inspired poetry, but in the last few years, Janet has been working to capture the poetry of the landscape in oil and acrylic paint. Included in the display are plein air paintings done on location at the various Conservation District locations and studio work created from images. She and her husband enjoy exploring many Conservation District sites and the treasures of these unique places, hidden in plain sight is expressed in her paintings.

Artist Reception: Sunday, May 3, 2–5 p.m.

Come meet the artist and hear how she discovered her inspiration, and be inspired yourself to journey down the trails of a nearby Conservation District site. If weather permits Janet will have a plein air setup and share about the process.

STAR PARTY

hosted by
Northwest Suburban Astronomers

Saturday, April 17 7–10 p.m.,
Marengo Ridge Shelter #2 parking lot

Spend an evening viewing stars, nebulae, galaxies, and even a planet or two with the Northwest Suburban Astronomers and their telescopes. For those considering the purchase of a telescope, star parties are great opportunities to check out what telescopes and binoculars can really do.

Dress for a chilly evening and bring a flashlight covered with red plastic or cellophane (red light preserves your night vision). Arrive by 7:15 pm or come early and hike the trails. You are welcome to bring your own telescope or binoculars.

In the event of inclement weather the event backup date is April 18. Visit www.nsaclub.org for info.

Living History Open Houses

Powers-Walker House Historic Landmark, Glacial Park
No registration required. Drop in any time during the open hours.

Visit this 1854 Greek Revival restored house and learn more about the resident families that called this area home.

Civil War Sons
Sunday, April 19, 12–4 p.m.

April's Open House centers around the Powers family and their contribution to the Civil War since two of their sons served the union. Volunteers in historical attire are available to answer your questions.

Just Who is Samuel Walker?
Sunday, May 17, 12–4 p.m.

May’s open house features Samuel Walker, a prominent and influential man who owned the house in the late 1800s. Volunteers in historical attire are available to answer your questions.
Migratory Bird Days!
Now three days of birding fun!... May 9, 10 & 17

Bird Banding Station —
8:00–10:30 a.m.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologists will be netting birds, recording data, and placing bands on their legs. This is your chance to see our migratory songbirds up close!

Saturday, May 9
Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park
Route 31 & Harts Rd., Ringwood, IL

Sunday, May 10
Hackmatack NWR Turner tract
N541 County Hwy H, Genoa City, WI

Bird Walk with John James Audubon
Saturday, May 9 • 8:00–9:30 a.m.
Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park
Route 31 & Harts Rd., Ringwood, IL
Take a bird walk with expert interpreter and storyteller Brian Fox Ellis as John James Audubon himself!
Watch for birds while learning more about one of the nation's pioneer birdwatchers.

Activity Stations & Bird Passports —
Get your passport stamped as you participate in over 20 games and activities! More stamps = more prizes, including our ever-popular Audubon plush bird that sings its song when squeezed! Door prizes include binoculars, photo prints, and more!

Saturday, May 9 • 8:00 a.m.–Noon
Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park
Route 31 & Harts Rd., Ringwood, IL

Sunday, May 17 • Noon–4:00 p.m.
Volo Bog State Natural Area
28478 W Brandenburg Rd., Ingleside, IL

Family Fun for All Ages —
Special Guest Storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis—
Bird Tales: Stories and Songs from Many Cultures
All Ages
Saturday, May 9, 1–2 p.m.
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Savanna Room, Glacial Park, Ringwood
Fee: R $3.00/NR $5.00  Code: 6499
Join special guest storyteller Brian “Fox” Ellis for “Bird Tales: Stories and Songs from Many Cultures”. This engaging presentation takes listeners on a journey along the migratory flyways of the birds. Stories include an assortment of Native American, African, European and Asian folklore.

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