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Open to Change

By Pat Fisher, President

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the complexity of our world? By the amount of information that comes our way each day? By the ever-changing technology that is at our fingertips (if we know how to access that technology)? If you do, you're not alone. I feel that way a lot.

I was encouraged by the speakers at the Midwest Audubon Conference that was held mid-September in Galena. John Flicker, director of National Audubon, is a wonderful speaker. He is able to take complex issues and bring them back to the basics. He spent some time talking about the Mississippi River Initiative that was started by our own Pat Heidenreich from Iowa. He related a conversation that he had with Pat when she was on the national Audubon board. It was a conversation between two people expressing a concern about the river; a conversation that led to a national program to preserve one of our greatest waterways that just happens to be in our backyard!

John highlighted the efforts of NAS to impact the loss of wetlands that is occurring on the Louisiana coast and the Mississippi basin. He was just in that area meeting with Louisiana Landowners Association that resulted in an alliance with Audubon and these landowners. The ultimate goal of this alliance would be to save loss of wetlands since 80% of the yearly U. S. wetland losses occur in this area. Audubon and the landowners have different reasons for wanting to save wetlands, but our goal is the same. And it all starts with sitting down and talking. That's the kind of communication I can relate to. People talking to people ... that's where it all starts even with complex issues and technology we don't understand.



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A little closer to home was a talk by John Ivanko. He and his wife, Lisa Kivirist, run the Inn Serendipity Bed & Breakfast and Farm outside of Monroe, WI. Completely powered by the wind and sun, the award-winning B & B is among the "Top 10 eco-destinations in North America", Travel Green Wisconsin and Green Routes certified, and earned "5 Green Stars" from Eco Hotels of the World. The Inn features hearty vegetarian breakfasts prepared with ingredients mostly harvested from the Inn's organic gardens.

The innkeepers-authors' book, *Rural Renaissance*, details their journey on their 5.5 acre farmstead and contains both personal stories and practical resources. His challenge to us is to rethink our lifestyle and to use less energy. Some are simple acts like buying local, eating foods in season, line-drying laundry and replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. Other activities are much more complicated but still bear exploring: small wind turbines to produce electricity, using a solar-thermal system for heating water and heating with wood.

We all have room to grow, to learn, and to change. It can be as simple as having a conversation with someone or listening to speakers at a conference. I hope to see

everyone at our October membership meeting, another opportunity to grow, to learn, and to change!

NOTICE: MEETING PLACE CHANGE



We want to remind you that our monthly meetings will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi, Dubuque, IA. Parking is on the west side. Enter from the alley side. The change in location will be in effect while construction continues on the new addition to the E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center.



BIRD SIGHTING WEB PAGE NOW ACTIVE

By Dave Fisher

The bird sighting web page for the Dubuque Audubon Society is now up and running. Access it by clicking the icon on the DAS home page:

<http://www.dubuqueaudubon.org>.

Recently, we've had two sightings (with photo's!) by Reggie Polfer of Cuba City: Cooper's Hawk and Oven Bird. If you see any interesting birds or (even better take a photograph) please email: birdsighting@gmail.com Also provide as much information as you can about the sighting. See the DAS bird sighting web page for details.

COFFEE LOVERS IN FOR A TREAT

By Dave Fisher

Audubon Premium Shade Grown Coffee will be served at DAS monthly meetings. We'll also have bags of coffee for sale: **Breakfast Blend regular or decaf, French Roast, and Rainforest Blend. Same price as last year: \$8 a bag for regular and \$8.50 for decaf. Whole Bean or Ground. To order coffee individually, call Dave at 563-542-0864. You may also want to check out our new Audubon Coffee web page at audubondubuque.org.**

OCTOBER PROGRAM

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Thursday, October 8, 2009, 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, downstairs, 1755 Delhi St., Dubuque, Iowa. Program is Nepal: A Land of Contrasts. The local Audubon Society will be hosting David Edds, Professor of Biological Sciences at Emporia State University in Kansas. Dr. Edds, who lived in Nepal for 6 years, will be speaking about the natural and cultural diversity of Nepal.

DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October, 2009

Oct. 8 – Thurs.	Board Meeting and Regular Meeting	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi, Dubuque, IA 5:30 pm – Board Meeting 7:00 pm – Nepal: a Land of Contrasts by Dr. David Edds, Professor of Biological Sciences at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas.
Oct. 11 – Sun.	Chili Feed	11:00 am – 6:00 pm at Swiss Valley Nature Center. Friends of DCCB are hosting the second annual Chili Feed. Children 12 and under \$3, adults \$5, all proceeds will benefit Dubuque County park improvements. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Nature Center office 563.556.6745 or contacting your favorite Friends member.
Oct. 24 – Sat.	Halloween Hike	6:00 PM at the Hurstville Interpretive Center Bring your family to the Hurstville Interpretive Center for some Halloween fun with a nature twist. Activities include a craft, snack, and a trail hike full of characters with environmental messages. Wear your costumes and enter the judging contest! Space is limited so call early—pre-registration recommended to ensure a spot on a hike. Hikes every 15 minutes between 6-8 PM. Cost: \$2.00/person or \$5.00/family
Oct. 24 – Sat.	Sierra Club Turkey Dinner	First Congregational Church, 10 th and Locust, Dubuque 5:30 pm Social Time 6:15 pm Traditional Turkey Dinner 7:30 pm Program: The Superior Hiking Trail: Linking People with Nature. Enjoy adventures along the North Shore of Lake Superior with Dick Worm. Cost: \$7.00 adults, \$6.00 seniors and students, \$4:00 children under 13. For reservations, phone or e-mail Jane Worm 563.582.2580 or jworm924@msn.com
Oct. 25 – Sun.	Upper Mississippi Restoration	1:00 pm at Swiss Valley Nature Center Brad Walker with the Isaak Walton League will present an eye opening program about the Mississippi River and its management, history and restoration. Call 563.556.6745 with questions.
Oct. 25 – Sun.	The Truth about Bats	1:00 PM at the Hurstville Interpretive Center. There are so many myths about bats—come and learn the truths of these flying mammals who aren't always our favorite friends. It will be a very informative program with tips on how to keep these creatures out of your house.

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DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY
NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Do NOT use this form to renew a membership in National Audubon Society. Use the form mailed to you by the National Audubon. There are two categories of memberships in the Dubuque Audubon Society

CATEGORY A: This category includes membership in National Audubon Society and the local chapter. You will receive 6 issues of Audubon Magazine and 9 issues of the local chapter newsletter, Pileated Drummings.

Introductory Dues \$20.00
 Student/Senior Dues 15.00

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