

# FOCUS

Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club  
Hosted by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County  
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## *Highlights*

*March 7*

“Enhance Your Images”

Bailey Donnally

*March 21*

“The Nature of  
Mayslake Forest Preserve”

Carl Strang

DuPage Forest Preserve District

*April 4*

Competition

*April 18*

Banquet

*May 2*

Evidence of Hand on Stone  
Expressions in Italian Structure

Jeff Curto

*May 16*

TBA

## *Message from the President Sue Gajda*

After a great run, Dan Hollister is bowing out as Social Chairman, though he will continue his reports on Conservation. Besides making sure we have refreshments for our meetings, the Social Chairman also arranges the holiday party and the annual banquet. This is a Board position, so, in addition to making sure members are well-fed, it is also an opportunity to get involved with the management of the Club. If you are interested, please contact Sue Gajda at [segnet@aol.com](mailto:segnet@aol.com). Dan has indicated that he'll be glad to help someone “learn the ropes.”

## COMPETITION

April 4, 2011

## **OUTINGS**

Jon Snyder

There will not be an outing scheduled in March and we will resume in April for an early Spring wildflower shoot at a new location - to be announced.

## **“Enhance Your Images” By Bailey Donnally FPSA, PPSA**

A central skill in photography is the ability to identify features of an image that strengthen it, give it more impact or make the message of the picture clearer. Alternately being able to identify and eliminate faults is extremely important. The audience will analyze “before” photographs and then see if the defects identified in the discussions have been corrected in the “after” photographs and if the modified photo is successful.

### **“The Nature of Mayslake Forest Preserve”**

#### **Carl Strang DuPage Forest Preserve District**

Carl is a naturalist with the DuPage Forest Preserve District with an office in the Mayslake facility. Carl has been with the forest preserve for a number of years and has been observing the comings and goings of local animals and insects at Mayslake in his journal. Carl has a blog focused on nature that can be found at <http://natureinquiries.wordpress.com> .

Carl will provide us with an overview of the natural environment of Mayslake supplemented with photographs from the area.

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# Our BIG Event of the Year The Annual Honors Banquet



**April 18, 2011  
Monday 6 pm**

It is time to register for the big event! We will be honoring members for their photographic achievements, recognizing new officers and chair persons, enjoying a full course dinner (cash bar), socializing with your friends and hearing Kristen Westlake, a professional photographer, who will be showing some of her wonderful Wisconsin images as well as telling us the stories behind those images. This is a program and a wonderful evening you won't want to miss.

**Location:** The Holiday Inn, Hotel & Conference Center, Willowbrook, 7800 Kingery Highway, Willowbrook, IL. The Inn is located one-quarter mile north of I55 on Route 83. See the following page for detailed instructions.

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your check for \$28 per person to Dan Hollister, 848 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521 or give it to me at our next meeting. I would appreciate receiving your check along with the registration form as soon as possible so we can guarantee our reservation, make name tags and other arrangements, thank you.

## Annual Honors Banquet 2011

	<b>Chicken</b>	<b>Salmon</b>	<b>Beef</b>	<b>Vegetarian</b>
My dinner choice is:	_____	_____	_____	_____

My guest's choice is:	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Please **PRINT** your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **PRINT** your guest's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name as you want it to appear on your table name plate)

Please make your check out to: Mayslake Nature Study & Photography Club and send it to:  
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## Directions to the Holiday Inn, Willowbrook

**From the North:** Take Route 83 South. Go one-quarter mile past 75th Street and turn left at the first light onto Midway Drive. There is a Denny's on the southeast corner of the intersection. After crossing the intersection make an immediate right turn onto Frontage Road. The Holiday Inn is one block on the left. Park and come in the south front entrance.

**From the East:** Take I55 South (towards St Louis), at Exit 274 go north on to Route 83 (Kingery Hwy) one-quarter mile to the first light and turn right on Midway Drive. Make an immediate right onto Frontage Road. Go one block and the Holiday Inn will be on the left. Park and come in the south front entrance.

**From the South:** Take Route 83 north. Go one-quarter mile past I55 to the first light and turn right onto Midway Drive. Make an immediate right turn onto Frontage Road. Go one block and the Holiday Inn will be on the left. Park and come in the south front entrance.

**From the West:** Take 75 Street east to Route 83 (The Kingery Hwy), turn right and go one-quarter mile to the first light and turn left on Midway Drive. After crossing the intersection make an immediate right turn onto Frontage Road. Go one block to the Holiday Inn on the left. Park and come in the south front entrance



# COMPETITION

Sheila Newenham

Our third competition of the year was held on February 7th. We had great participation with 84 digital entries and 22 print entries. Many, many thanks to Marie Ward, Steve Baginski, Karin Grunow, Rose Janulis, Suzanne Zumstein and Dennis Walz for their help in organizing and running the competition. Also thanks to all in attendance for help and patience with our lovely computer.

Congratulations to the following who received Honors.

## Digital

### Class A Awards

Black Chinned Hummingbird  
Ray Kammer

I See You  
John Janunas

Tight Formation  
Fred Drury

Committed to Landing  
Fred Drury

Red Eye Tree Frog  
Ray Kammer

### Honorable Mentions

California Rhododendrons  
Fred Drury

Dillon Pinnacles  
Tom Richardson

Calliopie Hummingbird  
Ray Kammer

### Class B Awards

Eagle Fishing  
Bill Pehrson

I Was a Prince  
John Fan

Stalking  
John Fan

### Honorable Mentions

Eye-Catching  
Gary Saunders

Revealed by the Morning Light  
Bill Pehrson

Colorful Reflection  
Bill Pehrson

### Class C Awards

Wetland View  
Steve Baginski

Day is Done  
Harry Hitzeman

Snowy in High Alert  
Pei Tang

Pheasant Flight  
Fran Piepenbrink

Dead Horse Point at Sunrise  
Steve Ornberg

Whooping Crane, Foster Parent  
Ed Massart

This is MY Perch  
Fran Piepenbrink

## Honorable Mentions

Native California Pelican  
Pei Tang

Water Lily  
Ed Massart

Mister Ring-Necked  
Fran Piepenbrink

Tenaya Lake at Yosemite  
Dennis Walz

Sweet Aspens  
Steve Ornberg

Twin Oaks  
Dennis Walz

Quiet Reflections  
Steve Baginski

## Prints

### Class A Award

White Pocket Lines  
Fred Drury

## Honorable Mentions

Fish for Lunch  
Fred Drury

Lower Antelope Canyon  
Fred Drury

Fall Color on the Bay  
Fred Drury

### Class B Award

Illinois Canyon  
Bill Dixon

## Honorable Mention

Mrs. Duck in the Snow  
Sue Gajda

### Class C Award

The King Portia  
Noriko Buckles

Our last competition of the year will be held April 4th. ***THERE IS A NEW DEADLINE FOR DIGITAL ENTRIES.*** Images must be submitted by the end of Sunday, March 27th.

This is one week earlier than previous competitions. Please plan ahead as late images cannot be accepted. E-mail them today!

We will again use the new commentary protocol. Each maker will write just one commentary (limited to 50 words) for digital and one commentary for prints regardless of the number of images submitted. For the other images you submit, complete the top of the commentary card (name, date, location, title) and write only the name of your subject within the body of the commentary. Every image should have a commentary card with the top filled out. As always, I am available if you need help or have any questions.



Black-Chinned©Ray Kammer



Mister Ring-Necked©Fran Piepenbrink



Water Lily©Ed Massart



Dillon Pinnacles©Tom Richardson



I Was A Prince©John Fan



Eye-Catching©Gary Saunders



Colorful Reflection©Bill Pehrson



Tight Formation©Fred Drury



## EXHIBITS

Janice Henry

The Wonders of Winter event took place on Saturday, February 6th. Good crowd of people attended the event. We had 29 pieces in the show which received many good comments and had enough people voting that we ran out of ballots before the end.

I couldn't have done this without the help of the following members: Sue Gajda, Rose Janulis and Noriko Buckles for the hanging of the show. Sue Gajda and Chuck Klingsporn for helping with the show and Chuck Klingsporn, Bill Dixon and Critter for helping with the take down.

Thanks to all and congratulations to the winners.

The ballots have been tabulated and the winners are:

### Best of Show

#### **"Catch of the Day"**

Critter

1st Place

#### **"Graue Mill Bridge"**

Jeff Franklin

2nd Place

#### **"Graue Mill Pond"**

Jeff Franklin

3rd Place

#### **"Butter Fingers"**

John Janunas



Catch of the Day©Critter