



President’s Message

Recently, members from the MD-DC Bird Atlas surveyed the Chapter (see related article on p. 2) for nesting birds and identified 43 species. They noted that our Chapter’s substantial forest understory help supports a greater number of birds. You can thank our hunters for that by limiting the deer on our property. I was surprised at some of the types of birds, some of which I have never seen. I think I’ll get out and spend some time around the property and enjoy the sights and sounds. I hope you’ll get a chance to do it too. It’s probably more enjoyable than watching the news.

Susan Cassell

Waring Station Road Cleanup

Earn 2 volunteer hours working on the Waring Station Road cleanup, whether it takes 2 hours or not. Meet in the Chapter House parking lot from 1-3 pm on June 5th (Sunday). Many hands make light work. Come join us!

Candidates Wanted!

The Nominating Committee of the IWLA Rockville Chapter is tasked with finding the best qualified candidate for each of the following elected leadership positions. Unless otherwise noted, each term runs one year beginning in September.

- President
- Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary

Director - 4 openings that each run for 3 years

Elections will be held at the August General Membership Meeting on August 5, 2022. Nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting.

Please contact us if you are interested in filling one of these positions, would like to recommend someone, or even if you'd just like a little more information.

*Cindy Stevens, Tom Meyer and Susan Cassell
Your IWLA Rockville Chapter Nominating Committee*

June Speaker Focus

The Speaker for the June GMM will be Mrs. Maren Hill of the Montgomery County Planning Department. She will be speaking about “The Great Seneca Plan: Connecting Life and Science is an effort to examine the Great Seneca community, to identify strengths and needs and to create vision for the future.” Maren will describe the master plan process and how you can participate and share your ideas.

Clopper Road Car Crash

The morning of April 30th, I drove to the Chapter house for the Jr. Air Rifle practice and didn’t notice anything. Many others driving along Clopper Rd. must not have noticed either. Not long after that, Jeff Lininger and his daughter Sarah stopped along Clopper Rd. to open the Lake gate to go fishing. They noticed the car down the embankment and called the police.



The car was empty. The police sent a K9 unit to see if someone may have been injured in the woods. Luckily, no one was found. The person must have walked away, as hard as it is to believe.

Jeff and Sarah not only stayed at the scene while the police were there. They also came back the next day and cleaned up the remains. Sarah’s efforts were rewarded with a great catch later that day!

Thank you Jeff and Sarah!

Watersports Reminder: A kayak class will be held on June 4 at the Chapter and the first Watersports event will be a trip on the Monocacy on June 11.

IWLA at the Montgomery County Fair

August 12th through 20 August are the dates for the Fair this year. Rockville Chapter provides the tent, and coordinates with local Chapters and others to "make it happen". Volunteers are needed (approx. 40+) for set up, "duty" and tear down. Shifts are from 10am to 4pm and 4pm to 10pm (6 hour shifts). Tickets plus parking are provided by the Chapter, no experience necessary. Contact Bill Leaman at for questions or to volunteer.

Troop 1097 is now forming a BSA girl troop

BSA troop 1097 has been chartered by the Rockville Chapter of the IWLA for more than 50 years, and we are now forming a girl troop to share the signature leadership, adventure, and outdoors experience that is the hallmark of the BSA program. This program is open to youth currently finishing 5th grade until age 18. The girl and boy troops will meet concurrently on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM and our spring meeting location is the IWLA-R Chapter house (for further information please visit <http://troop1097.org> as we plan to transition to meeting by the lake during the summer).

As always T1097 runs a youth lead program with leadership opportunities at all ages. We maintain a highly active outdoor and adventure program with monthly overnight camping trips, week-long scout summer camps for all ages and annual high-adventure trips for high school age scouts.

The girl troop will be lead by long-time T1097 Scout master Ian Spielman and the boy troop is headed by incoming Scoutmaster Nathan Bidwell.

Interested parties should email scoutmaster@troop1097.org for further information.

The Rockville Email Group

The Rockville Chapter operates a members-only email list for announcements and discussions among members. The newsletter comes out once a month, so the email group is the only way to stay informed about important things that occur in between newsletters.

Individuals will be added to iwlar@googlegroups.com automatically when they become a member unless they request not to be added. Members can remove their address from the list anytime but we are hopeful that they will not do this because the list is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancellations.

Meeting Night Meals

Volunteers are needed to cook throughout the year. Pick a month and get your six volunteer hours in one night. For more information contact Jeri Crist.

MC Bird Atlas Coordinator on the Property

Emily Huang studied physics at Harvard and subsequently earned a PhD in neurosciences. She has worked at biomedical research institutions, including the National Institutes of Health, and has crisscrossed the country for her career. But it was a little yellow spark that initiated her birding journey six years ago; she heard the 'potato chip' call of an American Goldfinch that bounded in front of her, and hasn't looked back since. She is now one of two Montgomery County Coordinators for the Maryland and DC Breeding Bird Atlas 3.



Solomon and Emily

Emily and her husband Solomon, another expert birder, visited the Rockville Chapter property on May 15, and performed a breeding survey by using their knowledge, experience, eyes, ears (bird songs), sightings and pictures. The data they gathered will be part of the MD and DC Breeding Bird Atlas 3. One of the conclusions they reached during their surveying, that our property was a good breeding area for native birds, because deer have not totally decimated the native forest understory like many other places in the county. Learn more about the Bird Breeding Atlas by using this web address - https://ebird.org/atlasmdc/about?fbclid=IwAR0zLRK081vu2dYlzfJ5Nq4nJW9Grni212MpBl_7N4kGceWiyvqvYYQXX24

Chapter Newsletter Distribution

Going forward, electronic distribution of the IWLA-Rockville Chapter Newsletter will be the default. Chapter members may still receive a hard copy but will be required to “opt in” to do so. To receive a hard copy only, contact Judy Danish.

If you do not receive the Newsletter in your email and wish to do so, contact David Schwartzman.

How to Use the Lake Pavilion Solar System

Useful information is at <https://www.iwlar.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-Use-the-Lake-Pavilion-Solar-System.pdf>

New Members Recently Inducted

Brad Aupke & Amarillis Boesman	Germantown
Jim Bodurtha & Kelly Flaherty	Bethesda
Juen Guo	Rockville

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

For sale: Perception 10' kayak, 2 oars, 3 sm adult PFD, storage hangers, car carrier. All for \$ 700. Contact Larry McMillan.

For Sale!

1. Smith & Wesson, .45ACP, 6.5 ”Target”; Pre-Model 26 \$1,500
2. Smith & Wesson, .45ACP, 1911; 5”; Engraved; glass-cased; new \$1,350
3. Smith & Wesson, .44 Magnum, 6.5”; target; 50th Anniv.; wood case \$1,350
4. Smith & Wesson, .22lr, 4”; Kit; Model 34-1; Nickel; LNIB \$850
5. Smith & Wesson, .38S&W, 3.25”; Break-top hammerless; 1907;LNIB \$900

Terry Popkin

To Place a non-commercial ad, write to the Chapter's PO Box, or contact Todd Anderson. Ads must be submitted by third Friday of the month.