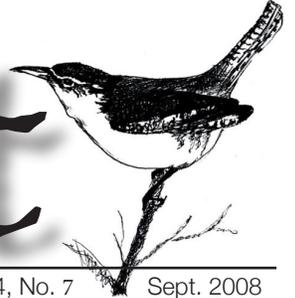


The Chat



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September 14:

Fall Picnic and Fieldtrip

It's picnic time! We will be keeping with tradition by starting our new chapter year with a picnic - but we will be breaking with tradition as well. This year our picnic will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 14, and will be combined with a very special field trip.

Loretta Heiniger, our 2007 Phyllis Yuhas Wildlife Habitat Preservation Award recipient, will be hosting a tour of her Monarch Butterfly Waystation at her home near Mounds State Park followed by a hike in the park (where Loretta has also created a butterfly garden).

For the butterfly tour, meet at Loretta's home at 4 p.m. (Directions listed below). Our picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the park picnic area. Bring your own table service and a covered dish to share. Hamburgers (including veggie burgers), hot dogs and drinks will be provided. <http://moundsstatepark.org/images/Property/GreatMound.jpg>

It's a perfect opportunity to invite a guest! Hope to see you there!

Directions to Heiniger home:

From the east, take State Rd. 32 to Chesterfield. Turn left (south) onto Mounds Road. After the road curves, you'll pass County Rd. 300 E on your left. The Heinigers' house, at 4409 Mounds Rd., is almost immediately afterwards on your left. (If you get to the Mounds State Park entrance, you've gone too far.)

From the west, get onto Mounds Road (State Rd. 232) and head toward Mounds State Park. The Heinigers' home is 5 houses past the state park entrance on your right. Look for a white, 2-story house, with white picket fence. We hope you'll carpool, as only 10 cars can be angled in the yard off the Heinigers' drive.

Directions to picnic site

Follow essentially the same directions above, but enter the state park and follow the drive around a couple curves until you see a sign pointing to the Locust Grove Picnic Shelter, to the right. For a map to the location, go to www.moundsstatepark.org and click on "Property Information," then "Trail Map," or visit our website, at www.cooperaudubon.org.



The Great Circle Mounds, Mounds State Park

courtesy of <http://moundsstatepark.org/property.htm>

Living Lightly Fair



Mark your calendars: Living Lightly – A Resource Fair for Sustainable Lifestyles – is nearly here!

The second annual Living Lightly Fair will happen on Saturday, September 20, at Minnetrista. In one very full day you'll get to explore practical ways to live more sustainably, through nearly two dozen speakers and displays by dozens of vendors and exhibitors. The fair will also have great music and special events

for kids.

Admission to the fair will be FREE, thanks to the generous support of community sponsors. The only thing you'll have to pay for will be your meals. Light breakfast foods, lunch, and dinner will all be available on-site. If you really want to be sustainable, bring your own washable plates, cups, and utensils!

See p. 3 for the schedule of events. Better yet, go to www.livinglightlyfair.org for complete information. Bring the entire family and friends!

Many thanks go to Minnetrista for accepting the baton from our chapter in making the fair happen this year. Working with a half-dozen Living Lightly veterans from last year's fair and several new volunteers, Minnetrista staff have offered their facilities, their time, and their many talents to host what we expect to be a wonderful second year for the Living Lightly Fair!

Volunteer Opportunity

Dozens of volunteers are needed for the fair. If you'd like to contribute to one of the most exciting events to come to East Central Indiana, email interngarden@minnetrista.net.

At Living Lightly you'll get:

- Speaker presentations
- Green marketplace
- Outdoor concerts
- Children's activities
- Local foods
- Practical, inspiring tips for living more sustainably!

Saturday, Sept. 20

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

At Minnetrista, in Muncie

Go to www.livinglightlyfair.org for more information

FAQ: Biriding Basics

Q. Will birds suffer if feeders go empty?

A. Natural food supplies are typically exhausted during winter, as birds consume all the seeds and fruits at one location before moving on to the next. Similarly, if backyard feeders go empty while homeowners are on vacation, birds will look elsewhere for food. If your neighbors are also providing food, birds from your feeders will likely spend more time feeding there. Since feeders only supplement natural foods, most species will not suffer if feeders go empty for days or even weeks at a time.

Living Lightly 2008 Schedule of Events

For full details, visit www.livinglightlyfair.org

Throughout the day:

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.: GREEN MARKETPLACE
Dozens of vendors and exhibitors of goods and services supporting a sustainable lifestyle.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - games and activities at 5 stations, to help kids explore energy and the environment.

9:00-10:30 - LOCAL LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

Local government leaders discuss their accomplishments and visions for creating more sustainable lifestyles in East Central Indiana.

9:30-10:30 CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS:

- **Every Drop Counts** - rain barrel workshop with Shareen Wagley, Muncie Sanitary District
- **Green Investing** - Jamie Wright & Terry Blaker, First Merchants Bank
- **Advancing a Sustainable Vision for Indiana** - Jesse Kharbanda, Hoosier Environmental Council

10:45 -11:45 KEYNOTE TALK:

The Apollo Alliance and the Green Economy

Jerome Ringo is president of the Apollo Alliance, a coalition of labor, environmental, national security, civil rights and business leaders fighting to make America independent from foreign energy in 10 years. He is a champion of environmental justice and vocal advocate of clean energy who has worked to diversify the environmental movement and find real solutions to our energy crisis.



11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

LUNCH & MALCOLM DALGLISH CONCERT

Sit and relax over lunch to the music of Malcolm Dalglish. This Indiana musician is known for his work with folk choirs, dulcimers, and more.

1:15-2:15 CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS:

- **The Giant** (off-the-grid living in a Pendleton eco-house) - Sue Blakely and Vic Cook
- **Mass Transit in Indiana** - Ehren Bingaman, CIRTA
- **Tips for a Green Garden & Backyard** - Lynn Jenkins, *Indiana Living Green Magazine*
- **Using and Reusing Glass Canning Jars** - Lauren Devine, Jarden Home Brands

2:30-3:30 CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS:

- **Living off-grid with alternative energy** - Eric Cotton, ECI Wind and Solar
- **Active Transit for Public Health** - Kim Irwin, Health by Design
- **A Food Alliance Worth Building** - Susan Haller, Indiana Foodways Alliance

3:45-4:45 CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS:

- **Artist Talk: Steven Siegel** will share images of his large-scale sited works, made of both pre- and post-consumer materials, and will speak about his inspirations and beliefs, and how they influence his art. See stevensiegel.net for a preview of his work.
- **Smart Growth and Fall Creek Place** - Sanford Garner, A2SO4 design firm
- **Community Supported Agriculture: Your Local Food Source** - Dan Perkins, Victory Acres Farm



5:00-6:00 CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS:

- **Green Remodeling** - Phil Seybold, Cope Environmental Center
- **Greening Your Business** - Clint Childress, Draper, Inc.
- **Growing Local, Growing Organic** - Dave Ring, organic farmer and owner/manager of the Downtown Farm Stand

6:00-7:00 - DINNER AND THE GREAT DIVIDE CONCERT
Dine on Afghan fare and listen to the three-part harmony of The Great Divide, local favorites known for their eclectic mix of rock, jazz, bluegrass, country, swing, folk, old-timey, and gospel.

7:00 - FEATURED CONCERT: CARRIE NEWCOMER



Carrie Newcomer is a nationally known singer/songwriter who still lives in Indiana.

Once part of the group Stone Soup, she has recorded 11 albums as a solo artist, singing jazz, blues, folk, and rock.

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Dates for Your Calendar

Sept. 14: Chapter picnic and field trip
Sept. 19: Articles due to Beth Simmons for the Oct. Chat at basimmons@gmail.com

Chapter Website: www.cooperaudubon.org
Email: cooperaudubon@gmail.com

Meetings

Program meetings are held on the **second Monday** of each month (except July & August) at Minnetrista Cultural Center
1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway
Muncie, IN

7:00 p.m.: Coffee & Gathering

7:15 p.m.: Chapter Business

7:30 p.m.: Scheduled Program



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