

The Northwest Illinois Audubon Society
proudly announces its 37th Annual Banquet and Program

TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2018

Silent Auction 5:30 | Dinner 6:00 | Program 7:30

Location: Highland Community College
Student Conference Center, Building H, The Newell Room, Rm. 201
2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, IL

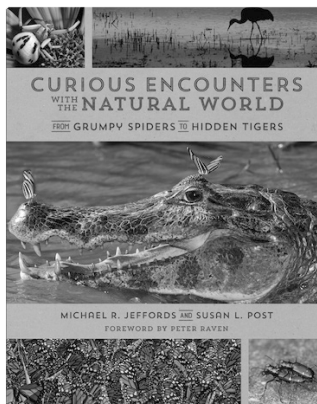
The Student Conference Center, Building H, is on the northwest corner of the Freeport campus. Parking is directly north of the building entrance; the building is fully accessible. For directions to the college, check the website: www.highland.edu or call 815.235.6121

Our Program:

*Curious Encounters with the Natural World:
From Grumpy Spiders to Hidden Tigers.*

Michael R. Jeffords and Susan L. Post have circled the globe and explored their neighborhood collecting images of the natural world.

Our program this year will include an eclectic collection of stories with breathtaking pictures of the pair's most unusual encounters. From the "necking" battles of mate-hungry giraffes to the breathtaking beauty of millions of monarch butterflies at rest, Jeffords and Post will share stunning photographs and their own insightful stories of their spectacular encounters in nature. Their training as entomologists offers unique perspectives on surprise stag beetle swarms and spider hunting habits. Their photographic eye, honed by decades of observation, finds expression in once-in-a-lifetime images. The result is an eyewitness collection of startling and unusual phenomena that illuminates the diverse life inhabiting our planet.



The program will be a glimpse into their most recent book entitled *Curious Encounters with the Natural World: From Grumpy Spiders to Hidden Tigers*. Books will be available for sale at the banquet.

Our Meal:

You will enjoy pasture-raised turkey from Arnold's Farm with all the trimmings: sweet corn from Drake's Farm, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry salad, whole grain rolls and a selection of delectable pies, cakes and other desserts home-baked by Audubon members.

Beverages will include fair-trade, shade-grown organic coffee and organic, fair-trade teas. The meal will be catered by H& H Port-A-Cafe. We will continue to offer vegetable lasagna as a menu option this year.

Also Featured:

A Silent Auction of nature-oriented books, photos, games, food-stuffs, 'expert-guided nature activities,' gift certificates and more. All auction proceeds support local Chapter activities.

A 25% discount for NEW members on national Audubon memberships.

Reservation Information:

To Make Your Reservation: Fill out, clip and mail this form with your check to Tim Smith, 1975 Mound Hill Rd., Dixon IL 61021. Checks should be made out to NIAS.

Reservations for the meal are due by March 30th.
The banquet price includes the catered meal and the program.

For further information, call Tim at 815.835.5109 or email him at timtreetsmith@gmail.com

Additional forms can be printed from www.nwilaudubon.org.

NIAS Spring Banquet - April 10th, 2018

REGISTRATION FOR THE MEAL
MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 30TH.

List all Names

Address

Phone

Email

BANQUET AND PROGRAM	
Adult - Turkey (\$22.00 each)	
Adult - Vegetable Lasagna (\$22.00 each)	
Child - Turkey (12 & under - free)	
Child - Vegetable Lasagna (12 & under - free)	
Total Attending	#

PROGRAM ONLY	
Adults (\$3.00 each)	
Students (free)	
Total Attending	#

Total Amount Enclosed \$

Those wishing to attend the program only may mail in the form or pay at the door on April 10th.

**Northwest Illinois
Audubon Society**

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Michael R. Jeffords and Susan L. Post

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Thanks for your donation!

If you are willing to donate a Homemade Dessert for the meal: a pie, cake or something else delicious, please contact **Kara Gallup at 815.871.8014** before March 28th.

Please give us some advanced warning so we can prepare the bid sheet and save some auction table space. Bring your item on April 4th by 5:30, or let us know and we will pick it up. All proceeds from the Silent Auction are used in support of local Chapter activities and our two preserves – Elkhorn Creek and Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserves.

If you would like to donate something for the silent auction – Nature-oriented books, games, artwork, a gift certificate from a local business – or even a tour or trip that you are willing to organize or lead, please contact **Chris Kruger at 815.238.9259**

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS AND HOMEMADE DESSERTS

WANTED