

2015 “4th Tuesdays” Meetings

August 25: ***"An update from The Nature Conservancy on Conservation Work in the Loess Hills"*** - Graham McGaffin, Loess Hills Project Director.

July 28: ***"State of the State's Lakes and Waterways"*** - Bob Fritzmeier and Elieen Kenyon. We learned about the state of our lakes and waterways and discovered what improvement opportunities are available by working alongside such groups as ICCI, IOWATER, LWVIA, and the Iowa Chapter Sierra Club. There was a special discussion on David Osterberg's (Iowa Policy Project) "Choose Two" plan.

June 23: ***"Ethical Entrepreneurs"*** Part 3: Honeysuckle Hollow is not your ordinary florist, explained Mercedes Ivener. Her sustainable practices make the big beautiful difference!

May 26: ***"Ethical Entrepreneurs"*** Part 2 ***"Cotton of Many Colors"*** Niki Faller shared her special relationship with the Yanasha people of Peru and resulting shared business opportunity.

April 28: ***"Environmental Overview"*** Desiree McCaslen guided us through the City of Sioux City's environmental education, storm water, hazard wastes and recycling practices.

March 24: ***"Ethical Entrepreneurs"*** Part 1: Justin Engelhardt, Wild Hill Honey, shared his passion for bees!

February 24: ***"Discussion on Climate Change"*** led by Jane Hey.

January 27: ***"River, Wings and Sky"*** Norma Wilson and Nancy Losacker: exhibit of mosaics and poems.

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December 23: ***"Tossed Out: Food Waste in America"***, produced by NET Nebraska and Harvest. Movie followed by discussion.

November 25: ***"A Different Way of Thinking-The Profound Struggle to Save Ourselves"*** Presented by TR McKenzie and Jessica Garraway. Group discussion.

October 28: ***"Environmental Stewardship Through Simple Living"*** Gerald Iversen. Special guest: Elysha Iversen, Grand Canyon park ranger.

September 23: ***"Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act"*** Larry Sensenig shared his Boundary Waters Canoe Area experiences. Group discussion and story sharing followed.

August 28: ***"Sustainable energy is not only ethical, but profitable"*** says Dolf Ivener. On his farm, he installed the first solar array irrigation systems in Iowa. Discussion followed.

July 22: ***"Release Your Inner Poet"*** All guests were invited to share their nature related stories and poetry.

June 24: ***"Environment and Social Justice"*** Karen Mackey, followed by group discussion.

May 27: ***"Our Prairie Heritage"*** Dianne Blankenship shared photos and stories of Loess Hills history.

April 22: ***"All Things Bees"*** Mike Divis, Loess Hills Honey, LLC shared his passion for bees and reinforced the importance of pollinators.

March 25: ***Our very first “4th Tuesdays” meeting***: The following break-out teams were created:

- “First Step: Stop Keystone XL Pipeline”
- “Loess Hills Preservation and Missouri River Restoration”
- “Urban Families Outreach”
- “Clean Water Team”