



RIVER PRAIRIE GROUP

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Chatter from the Chair

Whew! The Fall was a blurrrrrr with phone banking, postcard writing and campaigning every weekend thanks to the extensive schedule set up by Political Chair, Linda Sullivan, and our effort to help elect environmental champions to represent us from DuPage County. Read on to see our successes in the article in this newsletter. [More...](#)



DuPage delivers overwhelming victories for the environment

DuPage voters overwhelmingly voted in November for candidates committed to protecting our environment, our forest preserves, our rights, and our democracy. [More...](#)



Mapping project studies DuPage pollinator habitats

In 2022, the DuPage Monarch Project and the Forest Preserve District established a Mapping Project with the goal of identifying the areas in preserves with value for pollinators. [More...](#)



Exploring Beaver Island

Traveling from around the southern tip of Lake Michigan, Sierra Club travelers met in Charlevoix, MI, early on September 1, 2022, to catch the Emerald Isle ferry for the 32-mile cruise across Lake Michigan to explore Beaver Island. Ed Max, a horticulturalist and enthusiastic part-time island resident, organized and led this exploratory trip with the assistance of Paul Saindon, Berni Kolasa, Mike Davis, and Jan Bradford. [More...](#)



Monarch butterfly documentary to screen at Bloomingdale Public Library

Plants, Pollinators & Prayers is a recent documentary about a local community's efforts to bring monarch butterflies back to Northern Illinois. [More...](#)



Sustainability in DuPage County

Sustainability is alive and well and spreading across DuPage County. The October Program for the River Prairie Group hosted leaders from both the county and forest preserve to give an overview of efforts being made to reduce the waste and carbon footprint in DuPage County. Sheila Rutledge, the Chair of the DuPage County Environment Committee, shared both her personal goals for initiatives as well as on-going programs supported by the county. [More...](#)



Local Leader Verena Owen receives national award

Congratulations to Verena Owen, recipient of Sierra Club's 2022 William Colby Volunteer Leadership Award!

Sierra Club's top award for volunteers recognizes outstanding leadership, dedication, and service to the Sierra Club. Verena was one of the principal founders of Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign. Currently, she coordinates a monthly call of volunteer co-leads for Sierra Club campaigns and national programs.

Verena also is active locally with the Woods and Wetlands Group's conservation and political committees here in Illinois.



Last word

My Quiet Space

The patch of soil
two blades of grass,
dreaming flowers,
shimmering leaves.
The quiet pond,
ducks at rest
the vigilant moon
taking my breath.
All have conspired
for a reverent state
my soul is enrapt
mindful I sit.

- Margaret Nuccio

GET OUTSIDE

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