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## An American Icon: Utah's Red Rock Canyonlands

The River Prairie Group will co-host a program entitled “Wild Utah: America’s Red Rock Wilderness” on **Thursday, October 3, at 7:00pm, at the Glen Ellyn History Center**. The speaker will be Clayton Daughenbaugh, conservation organizer with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and Chair of the Sierra Club’s Wildlands and Wilderness Team.

The program includes a short film, “Wild Utah”. This award-winning 15-minute journey through red rock splendor motivates viewers to participate in the movement to protect these unique and threatened public lands. [More...](#)



## A Walk Through Willowbrook Wildlife Center

*By Connie Schmidt*

Ruth Najacht was an avid Sierran, birdwatcher, government observer, and a nature enthusiast. She was active with the RPG for many years. When Ruth passed last December, her friends from RPG decided to remember her with a tour of the Willowbrook Wildlife Center during the summer months. This special facility cares for and rehabs wounded wildlife. [More...](#)

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## Ferry Forest Garden Experience!

*By Jodi Trendler*

Join us for a guided tour of The Resiliency Institute's Ferry Forest Garden and learn how to take your sustainable landscaping to the next level. If you already garden for the pollinators and other wildlife, you can learn how to use permaculture by including plants and strategies for your human needs, as well.

**Thursday September 26 at 6:30 pm. The garden is located at 30w060 Ferry Rd., Naperville. [More...](#)**



## Water Sentinel Program Expands to Forest Preserves

*By Shannon Burns*

This summer brought a new partnership for the River Prairie Group's Water Sentinel Program. For over a decade, volunteers for the River Prairie Group (RPG) have been monitoring water quality in three rivers within DuPage County: Salt Creek and the east/west branches of the DuPage River. [More...](#)



*Jan Dugan (sitting) and Bonnie Gahr*

## Jeff's Joys

*By Jeff Gahr, Chair  
River Prairie Group*

Our recent Green Trivia Night held in conjunction with the Prairie Food Co-op was an ultimate joy. We completely filled the Dry City Brewery in Wheaton with a delightful mix of guests from two different organizations, and we had good old-fashioned fun in abundance. Oh, yes, this was a smart crowd also, making it hard to stump with trivia questions. What made all of this possible? [More...](#)

## Sierra Club Elections

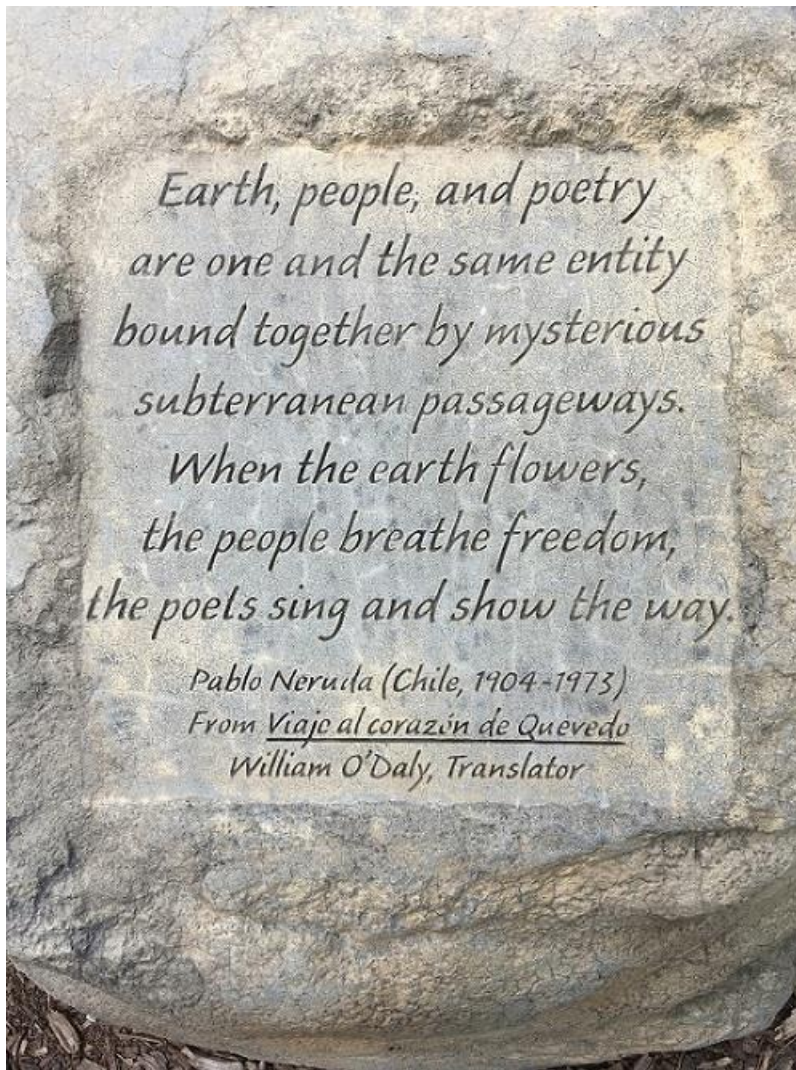
Are you a Sierra Club member who is interested in environmental leadership? Soon we will receive an Illinois Chapter newsletter, the *Prairie State Protector*, which will have elections ballots for various positions. Our ExCom elections are for 4-year terms beginning January 1, 2020. If you think you want to take a shot at this, please contact Joe Pokorny, [rpgsierra@comcast.net](mailto:rpgsierra@comcast.net) **immediately** and he will be happy to assist you with getting your name on the ballot for the River Prairie Group. The deadline is September 7!

Also, watch your snail mail for a mailer regarding IL Chapter elections and local Sierra Club Group elections. Instructions for electronic voting and snail mail voting will be included. Be sure to vote for your RPG Executive Committee as well as the state wide Ex-Com.

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# Last Words, by Pablo Neruda

Inscription found at Brookfield Zoo  
*photo by Connie Schmidt*



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