



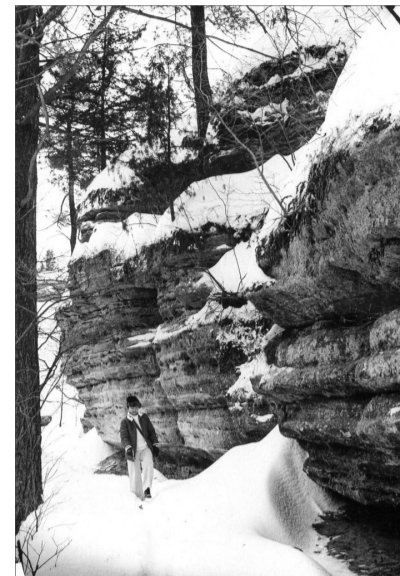
### CAFO Water Discharge Permit Comments Deadline is March 25th

Your chance to send an email for clean water concerns! The Illinois pig industry is the fourth largest hog producer in the nation. 99% of all meat, dairy, and eggs consumed in the U.S. are from Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). [Read More »](#)



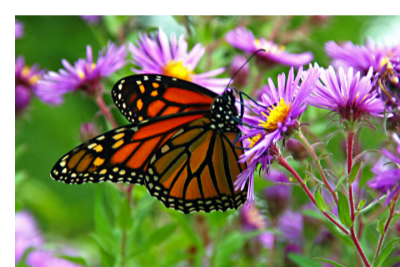
### Mary Harkrader: Humor, Wit, Passion, Perseverance, Dedication to Public Service and the Environment

Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club Honors Her Legacy and Celebrates Her Life 1935-2021. For those who had the delight of seeing Mary Harkrader auction a wild variety of items at the HOI summer picnic fund-raisers, her unique talent to turn something plain into amazing, with a load of humor added in, was a hoot and a half. If you were ever on one of the winter Starved Rock State Park hikes lead by Mary and her husband Al, her joy in the outdoors was clear from the start. [Read More »](#)



### Monarchs Need Our Help

Magnificent monarchs need our help. These creatures are one of the most beautiful visitors to gardens across much of the central United States. [Read More »](#)



### HOI Group Meetings and Events

#### FILM - Seeding Change: The Power of Conscious Commerce »



View the Film 5 pm on Friday, March 19 to 5 pm on Monday, March 22

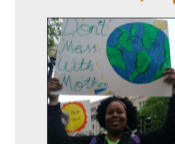
Seeding Change is about "triple bottom line" businesses that consider the social, environmental and financial impacts of their companies and address some of today's most challenging issues. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, March 11th and a computer link and password will be emailed to you several days ahead of the film access time. Individuals with the link and password can view the film from 5 p.m. on Friday, March 19th to 5 p.m. on Monday, March 22nd on their home computer or other device.

Discuss the Film Wed, Mar 24, 7pm

Join us for a virtual meet-up to discuss the film and hear how you felt about it and what you are thinking since seeing it. A virtual connection for the film discussion will be sent with your movie link.

#### Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) Presentation »

Mar 31, 6pm - VIRTUAL




Climate action can't wait! The Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) is the most comprehensive and equitable clean energy bill in Illinois and possibly the nation. Join HOI Sierra Club virtually via Zoom to learn more about CEJA, the legislation that will make our state a leader in clean energy. We will discuss the bill's main pillars and why we need to hold the line on making polluters pay. We will also have ways for you to take action and help get CEJA passed. Please RSVP by noon on March 31st and a Zoom meeting link will be sent to you via e-mail before the meeting..


Check our calendar for more events.

### PRAIRIE SONG

Sunrise, shining with new life,  
Eagle, soaring on the breath of Earth Mother,  
Compass plant, shouting its floral color to the sky,  
Bluestem, leaping slowly towards the light,  
Boundlessness, comforting as a tender embrace,  
Horizon, calming as peace and quiet,  
Sunset, warming as remembered love,  
Quiet, whispering the joy of me.

*Copyright © Dave Grebner 2019  
Dedicated to my nature-loving friends,  
Joyce Blumenshine and Abby Studnicka*





**Our mailing address is:**  
Heart of Illinois Sierra Club  
PO Box 3593  
Peoria, IL 61612

Facebook Website Email