



Barrelhouse Chuck Fundraiser Concert and Silent Auction

Have a Barrel Full of Laughs and Help the Local Sierra Club Group

Barrelhouse Chuck, considered the most talented young blues piano player in the Chicago tradition, will appear for one night only at Byron Colby Barn. You can arrive when the doors open at 7:00 p.m. to participate in a silent auction benefiting Woods&Wetlands, or just chat with friends. Or come later to catch Barrelhouse Chuck at 8:00 p.m.

The proceeds of the silent auction will benefit the Woods & Wetlands Group.

Here are some of the items, so far:

- Autographed copy of book Natural History of the Chicago Region by Joel Greenberg
- Autographed copy of the book, The Changing Chicago River Landscape by Libby Hill
- Autographed copy of photographic essay Revealing Chicago by Terry Evans
- Pack of 10 movie passes to Landmark Theatre Renaissance Place (Highland Park and Chicago).

The cost of \$15 is payable at the door (no credit cards, please!). Make sure to tell the ticket taker that you want \$5 of your ticket cost set aside for the Sierra Club Woods and Wetlands Group!

"Barrelhouse Chuck plays great Chicago blues in the true spirit of the masters who handed their music down directly to him. They knew they were putting their music in capable hands."

There will be a table for sharing snacks, and it's BYOB. We hope to see you there!

Barrelhouse Chuck

Friday, April 14th

Silent Auction: 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment: 8:00 p.m.

Byron Colby Barn in Grayslake

R.S.V.P.: Stan Rosenberg, 847-543-1202

Jim Bland, 847-223-2548

Directions: Byron Colby Barn is located on the grounds of Prairie Crossing in Grayslake, Illinois. It is located a 1/2 mile south of Route 120 on Route 45. Enter the complex at the stoplight on Route 45 and Jones Point Road. The Barn is on the immediate left as you enter and the parking lot is just to the west of the Barn.

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 6:45pm —

Dragonflies

Author Libby Hill Quality Coordinator
Cathy White

Learn about these fragile, beautiful, delicate — and little known — insects, some of whom are threatened by I-355 highway construction.

Their scientific name is Odonates, but we see them flitting from place to place in our gardens and know them as dragonflies and damselflies. Delicate, beautiful, fragile, (and deadly to other bugs), these insects have suddenly made the headlines as the State of Illinois has accelerated plans to extend U. S. Highway 355 — Emerald through the Hines

Emerald Dragonfly habitat.

The Hines Emerald is the only federally endangered dragonfly in the United States. So far it is known to exist in only three locales: Door County, Wisconsin, the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and in a few isolated places near the Des Plaines River in northern Illinois.

With highways targeting their habitat, there is no better time to learn about these striking insects, and few understand their lives better than our Wednesday, April 19 speaker, Cathy White, Environmental Quality Coordinator for the Village of Wauconda. Before joining Wauconda's Environmental Quality Office, White received a Master's Degree in biology, worked in Naperville and Addison, and has helped to protect dragonflies in the Midwest. Come to our April meeting to appreciate the hidden lives — and dangers to — damselflies and dragonflies.

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Photo by E.D. Cashatt, Illinois State Museum



Wednesday, May 17, 6:45 p.m.

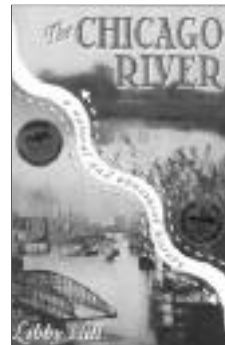
The Chicago River: A Natural and Unnatural History

by author Libby Hill

After the glaciers, the Chicago River in Lake County was primarily a series of interconnected "sloughs" that made farming and settling the land problematical. In Cook County, the "river" was more defined, but in both counties draining and ditching and reshaping the watershed created today's familiar landscape.

Libby Hill has been studying our human and geological history for many books and publications, and she will bring it to life at our May 17 meeting.

She is the author of *The Chicago River: A Natural and Unnatural History*, winner of the American Regional History Publishing Award, and other publications. Hill teaches with the Geography and Environmental



MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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The rocks below, the glaciers above and, more recently, bulldozers have shaped our area. Libby Hill has been studying the human and geological history for many books and publications, and she will bring it to life at this May meeting.

Studies Department at Northeastern Illinois University and works for the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC). Hill's signature history-sociology-librarian-geography-ecology bent makes her an interesting and exciting speaker who should not be missed!

General meetings are held at the Vernon Area Library

300 Olde Half Day Road in Lincolnshire.

Take Route 22 (Half Day Road) west from Milwaukee Avenue (Route 21), turn north (right) at the first stop light, then quickly left into the Library parking lot.



Positions Open for Good volunteers

Your local group is run entirely by local volunteers. Please commit some of your time and talent to help promote protection and enjoyment of our local environment. To volunteer, or find out more, contact one of the group leaders listed in the masthead on this page.

Position	Description
W&W Conservation Committee	Gain in-depth knowledge on an environmental issue and use Group resources to a lead successful campaign. Contact our Conservation Chair.
Outings Committee	Learn to lead outings through our Outing Leader Program, or just register on our participants list. Check out past and future outings at http://illinois.sierraclub.org/W&W/Outings and sign onto our Outings list. Our Outings Committee meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month. Leadership and Wilderness First Aid training are available periodically. Contact the Group Outings Chair.
Membership Committee	Welcome new members! Invite them to come on Outings, mix with others and learn about fascinating topics at our Public Meetings, join any of our event committees, or take on an issue on our Conservation Committee. Activating and organizing more of our over 2,300 members to join in our important work is essential to protecting our spectacular natural environment. We presently need a new Membership Chair. Contact the Group Chair.
Summer Party Committee	The W&W Summer Party will be on September 16th at a home on Third Lake. Help plan an activity or the logistics, invite Club members to bring friends and come, and then take part in the grand day!
Public Meeting Committee	Great Public Meeting happens when lots of people come together to learn about fascinating and relevant topics that interest them, and meet others with similar interests. Making this happen relies on members helping to coordinate the place, the speakers, publicity, and the event itself. Contact the Group Chair.
W&W Fundraising Committee	Reach out to members who would like to give more support to protection of our local environment. Contact the Fundraising Chair.
W&W News Writer	All members are welcome to contribute alerts, articles, essays, reviews, drawings, etc. Let other members know what's going on near you! Hone your writing skills by collaborating with other writers. Contact the Newsletter Editor.
Sierra Club Open Space Agent	Help organize Club actions to save open space in your area in coordination with the Group ExCom. Contact the Conservation Chair.
Local Endorsement Committees	Join at least one other member from your community to help us do local endorsements. All politics is local. Help us make a difference! Contact the Political Chair.
Sierra Club County Board Agent	Monitor the County Board, articulate Club positions at daytime meetings and report to the ExCom. Contact Group Chair.
Sierra Club Swampsquad Agent	Review Wetlands Destruction Permit Application notices sent out by the US Army Corps of Engineers, assess significance, inform Club, and promote public comment. Easier than it sounds. Contact the Conservation Chair.
Sierra Club FPD Agent	Participate in Forest Preserve District events and distribute Club literature and membership forms. Contact Outings Chair.
W&W Executive Committee Leader	Seek nomination for 2 year elected term to contribute your ideas for growing our group! Our group elections occur every fall and we are currently seeking candidates for 2007. Drop in on our monthly "ExCom" Meetings to see how much we need your help! Contact the Group Chair.
Sierra Club Sprawl Committee	Coordinate with Club campaign to highlight environmental impact of poorly planned growth and introduce change. Stop Rt. 53 and plan walkable communities. Contact the Group Chair.
Sierra Club Legal Committee	Advise the group on legal opportunities to protect the environment. Lawyers welcome.

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