



"Bringing back Bluebirds for Future Generations!"

Bluebird News



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Exciting start with our 30th Expo by Mary Bailey

Our bluebirding season was off to an exciting start with our 30th Expo held this year at Cambridge. We had a total of 250 attendees, informative speakers and entertainment, including Al Batt, Jim Gilbert and the large birds from the Raptor Center. Especially enjoyable was the opportunity to talk and share stories and ideas with other bluebirders. One of the highlights was the announcement of the impressive numbers from last year's season 21,634 bluebirds fledged, a new record despite losses due to a late freeze in the south of the state in early May. Our organization experienced another impressive number – 73 new members for April/May. We want to welcome them and wish them success. We encourage everyone, especially new members, to call their county coordinators with any questions. Staying in touch is part of the fun of this group, and it is always nice to hear what is going on out on the trails.

Last year's impressive numbers are due mainly to the diligence of our members and trail

monitors -- and reporting. If we follow the 10 Points, we virtually guarantee success. It's a bit like a recipe: if you leave something out, you risk the whole thing. We have repeatedly experienced new bluebirders who carefully follow the 10 Points, and the bluebirds find their nestboxes. Recently, we established a new trail at the local golf course here in Chatfield; and in less than a week, there were signs of nesting.

This year seemed to be off to a late start, especially compared to last year. However, the bluebirds appear to be in earnest now that they have

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arrived. They have brought with them a great variety of other species to visit our feeders: Orioles, Rose breasted grosbeaks, Indigo buntings, and Scarlet tanagers. It would stand to reason that if the bluebirds and other songbirds had a good year last year, other species -- including predator birds -- also did so. We have had a marked number of house sparrows to be dealt with, but the bluebirds know when the neighborhood bully is gone. They nest when they think it is safe to do so.

We all have our favorite system for recording our findings as we do our weekly nest checks. It might be a good time now to get out the enclosed orange report form and review it for the kinds of information that will be expected in the fall. It is not only about the numbers. The other information tells the organization what works and what doesn't, and this moves us forward. Over the years we have seen a marvelous evolution in BBRP, and it has led to success beyond most of our imaginations. Your cooperation has led to the fine tuning of the bluebirding

process and made it easier for those who follow you to be successful. **Please submit your year end report by Oct. 15.**

In this issue you will find a copy of our Trail Guide, a publication you will want to keep handy. It gives in color a full range of what you might find in your nestboxes and many ideas to help you in your bluebirding endeavor. It is a publication that is admired and used in the Midwest and throughout the country.

We hope you have a successful bluebirding season and that you share your delight with others. It is such a positive endeavor we work at and enjoy.

All pictures in this Newsletter courtesy of Joan Schulz



Remembering Lance Krog by Keith Radel

After a year long battle fighting cancer, Lance passed away April 15, 2011.

He was a great guy along with being an excellent bluebirder. He started his bluebird trail in 2003 and fledged over 1900 bluebirds in the past 8 years!

He served on the Bluebird Recovery Program (BBRP) State Committee for the past 7 years. In addition,



he was BBRP chairman and newsletter editor for several years. Lance also raised and exhibited dwarf Nigerian purebred dairy goats. About 6 years ago, he started to try to attract purple martins. Last year his purple martin colony consisted of 33 nesting pairs.

Our prayers and sympathy are with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed!

Expo 2011 by JENean Mortenson

Happy summer to everyone, hopefully you are seeing lots of Bluebirds and are having some good results with their nesting. I don't think we've ever seen so many Orioles though as this year. I have been going through a quart of grape jelly in a little over a day but there are lots of other birds that dine on it. The catbirds, woodpeckers, rose breasted grosbeaks, and the finches have been there also and love the hummingbird and oriole feeders. It has been a glorious color at all our feeders, as we have lots of cardinals and Indigo Buntings also.

Our Expo this year was in a new place, we didn't know how well it would be attended so it was a little scary. I always enjoy getting in the registrations each year, like I've said before it's like getting Christmas cards, it is always so nice to see who is coming. Well, when they did start coming in it was so slow at first. Then I started getting 6 or more a day and it was a very good feeling. We ended up with 249 attending and on top of that the weather got really messy too. We had a snowstorm, Keith had to leave after setting up on Friday night and go home to plow snow and come back on Saturday for the Expo. Jim Sammon drove over from Alexandria on such ice, he said when you see semi's going 30 miles an hour you know it's bad. To all who came and made our day thanks so much. It is always so nice to see all of you year after year.

I want to thank all of our speakers as they did a great job again, and also the Minnesota Raptor Center for bring-



Carol Johnson received the Dick Peterson award for his outstanding contribution to bluebird conservation.



George Brown received the MN. Bluebirder of the year award. He fledged 80 bluebirds from 11 pairs of nestboxes. (That's 7.27 bluebirds fledged per location!) This was the highest in MN. for 10 locations or more.

ing the beautiful birds for us to see. Oh that Eagle was so gorgeous, they are such magnificent birds. Also to Joan Schulz for taking pictures for us. Our Caterer Marlene Gustafson did a great job with the delicious meal, and what a clever idea to have little bird nests with an egg in each square of cake.

Thanks to all who donated money and goods for our silent auction and raffle, this is so appreciated and goes towards our education programs that are put on throughout the year. I will name all of you, but if I have forgotten anyone please let me know so I can include you in the next newsletter. They are Ralph and Nancy Diers, Peggy Boike, Pat Otten and Nancy Taylor, Mike Sandberg, Ken and Fern Vesledahl, Glen and Marlys Shirley, Gretchen and Steve Langlie, Tracy Hawthorne, Pam Sundsmo, Joe and JoAnn Adelman, Jake Langeslag, Chris Rundquist, Kim Klunen-berg and David Siekaniec, Geri Roth, Mary Kalinosli, Robert Walz, Steve Eno, Joan and Tom Nelson, Steve Malecha, Gary DeFrance, Bill and Mary Bailey, Jim and Karen Taylor, Jane Egerdal, Tom Comfort, Carl and JENean Mortenson, Joan Schulz, Gary and Barb Drentlaw, Bruce and Sheila Smisek, and Dave and Diane Morgan.

Last and not least on April 15th. we got a call from Lance Krog's mom telling us that Lance had passed that morning from pancreatic cancer. Lance was a very good friend. It was an honor to know him. He is greatly missed.

JENean Mortenson, Co/chair

New Members

Kristy WalkerExcelsior
Gerald FarmbustPrescott
Jim WernimontSpring Valley
Veronica GuzmanEdinburg
Elijak EnderLake City
Jaison HallFaribault
Brent and Renee NeirbyFaribault
Bradley BartnessFaribault
Ryan KemmerickRochester
James WeisserGeneseo IL
Joseph StanelRochester
Mike CurryRochester
Mark TimmermanLake Wilson
Matthew BashawBryon
Jerry SohroekWinona
Eillen KennedyRochester
Bill BruinsRochester
Carol MoldenhauerHanover
Fred and Ann SillowayMedina
Johathon TrudellGolden Valley
David CrawfordHugo
Martha Beery MilberyMpls
May Ann McMahonChaska

Grace SchrunckBlaine
Louise SegretoEdina
Gerald McFarlandElk River
John BairdStillwater
Ari LindquistSpicer
Liv AasenSpicer
Diane MorganStillwater
David U'RenRushford
Jeffery and Sharon GartnerMn City
Haro HohennerWinona
Doreen BengtsonMn City
Sharon ManesHouston
Donna and Jim NelsonWyoming
Dorothy PirrungLino Lakes
Don and Becky HainleChatfield
Phyllis CockerRochester
Randy and Barb KerkhoffPine Island
Ruth KinsleyRochester
Dale and Julie AndersonNorth Branch
Roger and Ann BassElko
Connie MealmanLakeville
Peter ZimmermanPlainview
Georgia SchroederNew London

Brianna FrishLewiston
Robert MossSumter, SC
Tom and Kim ProsserMinnetrista
Harry and Harriet EdelKilkenny
Barbara PfankuchMaple Grove
Kathleen PutrahFaribault
Howard BodeFaribault
Scott HawleyFaribault
Herrmann DrugMontgomery
Pam Blixt/Dave SchmidtFaribault
Michael and Vickie DesjardinsMpls
Peter ZimmermanPlainview
Dennis And Maureen SpanoLake City
Fred and Sandy KielLanesboro
Izaak WalkerOwatonna
Vicki DeBoerRochester
Steve and JoAnn CaronFaribault
Great River Bluffs State ParkWinona
Jill BlankWinona
William and Pat StahlWinona
Izaak WaltonOwatonna
Matthew BoulayFaribault

Public Welcome



The Minnesota Purple Martin Working Group is proud to present the 9th Annual Minnesota MartinFest!

When: Saturday, June 25th; registration at 8AM; program 9AM–2:30PM.

Where: Dick Doll residence: 511 60th Ave. NE Willmar, MN 56201 Ph: (320) 235-1055



Directions:

- From Metro area: Take US-12 west out of Minneapolis to Willmar, then merge onto US-71/MN-23 North, then left onto 60th Ave NE (County Rd. 25)
- From the North: take MN-23 West out of St. Cloud Area, then right onto 60th Ave NE (County Rd. 25) or take US-71 South out of Sauk Centre to Willmar, then right onto 60th Ave NE (County Rd. 25)
- From the South: varied routes, please check a map to determine best route

Agenda

- 8:00–9:00AM Registration and enjoying the morning socializing with each other and observing Dick's colony.
- 9:00–9:15AM Welcome by our host, Dick Doll.
- 9:15–10:00AM Purple Martin basics with Kelly Applegate, Director of Minnesota Purple Martin Working Group, with Panel of Purple Martin experts from Minnesota Purple Martin Working Group
- 10:00–10:15AM Break
- 10:15–11:00AM Audubon Minnesota presents: "Chimney Swift Conservation in Minnesota" with Ron Windingstad. Learn how to help this rapidly declining species make a recovery from providing nesting towers to observing and reporting occupied chimneys in your area through the MN Audubon's "Chimney Swift Sit".
- 11:00–11:15AM Break
- 11:15–12:00PM Attracting and Managing Bluebirds and Tree Swallows" with Keith Radel, Bluebird Recovery Program of Minnesota State Coordinator
- 12:00–1:00PM Picnic lunch, (\$5.00 donation appreciated)
- 1:00–1:45PM Wood Duck Box Management, the latest ways to host this wonderful species in your backyard with Wood Duck expert Roger Strand from the Wood Duck Society.
- 1:45–2:00PM Break
- 2:00–2:30PM Door Prize Drawing! This year's items include a wide range of martin products from decoys to gourd racks! You won't want to miss this!

Register by calling Ron Seekamp at (763) 571-7824 or email him at mrseek@comcast.net
Please include number of people attending, Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Phone Number.
For more information log on to: MNMARTIN.ORG

**This year's event is sponsored by: Audubon Minnesota,
the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Non-Game Wildlife Program, and
the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Department of Natural Resources/Environment.**

6th ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN MN BLUEBIRDER'S POTLUCK PICNIC

Saturday, September 17, 2011 • 12:30 PM

PLACE: The Pavilion at Groen Park (West of stoplight at US Rt 52 and Third St) • Chatfield, MN • Watch for the bluebird signs!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Refreshments, barbecues, buns, and tableware will be provided for you.

Please bring a dessert, salad, or hot dish to share and a lawn chair and card table if you have them.

Please fill out your orange report form and bring it with you, or we can help you fill it out.

Special guests are:

KEITH RADEL and CARROL JOHNSON, Bluebird Recovery Program State Coordinators and "MURPH," the Bluebirds' Helper.

Following the lunch, a discussion period will address any questions or comments you may have about bluebirding. Share your story!

There will be Awards, Door Prizes and a Sale on nestboxes.

**6th ANNUAL
SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA BLUEBIRDERS' PICNIC**
Saturday, September 17, 2011

_____ I am (We are) coming.

Name(s) _____

SEND RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 11, 2011
TO: MARY & BILL BAILEY
9400-150th Ave., SE, Chatfield, MN 55923-2917
OR PHONE: MARY & BILL BAILEY (507) 867-9118

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! BRING ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING BLUEBIRDS.

SOUTH CENTRAL MN BLUEBIRDER'S POTLUCK PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011 • TIME: 5:30 PM

RIVERBEND NATURE CENTER, NEW FACILITY

1000 RUSTAD RD., FARIBAULT, MN 55021 • WATCH FOR THE BLUEBIRD SIGNS!

COME JOIN THE FUN

Refreshments, Hot Beef sandwiches, buns and tableware will be provided for you.

There will be Awards, Door Prizes and a sale on Nest boxes.

Please bring a dessert, salad, or hot dish to pass.

Please fill out the enclosed report form and bring it with you or we will help you fill it out at the time of the picnic.

Following the lunch, a discussion period will address any questions or comments you may have about BlueBirding.

SOUTH CENTRAL MN BLUEBIRDER'S PICNIC
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

_____ I am (we are) coming.

Please print nametags as follows _____

SEND RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

TO: KEITH RADEL

1420 DIVISION ST. E., FARIBAULT, MN. 55021, OR PHONE: LOREN MURPHY • 507-334-7958

IF WE ARE NOT AVAILABLE, LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH THE INFORMATION NEEDED IF YOU ARE ATTENDING

Missed Directory Page

We apologize for missing these individuals reports in the directory for Goodhue & Hennepin Counties. The totals for the counties are correct.

Please add this page to your 2010 directory - Thanks

Goodhue	Lois	Johnson	13639 315 St	Cannon Falls	55009	3	3	2	10	10	10
Goodhue	John	Kouler	33080 209 Ave	Red Wing	55066	10	5	2	8	8	8
Goodhue	Cheri	Kramer	34789 Rainwater Ct	Frontenac	55026	2	1	0	11	0	0
Goodhue	Steve	Malecha	215 Spring Garden Rd	Cannon Falls	55009	48	25	42	211	183	165
Goodhue	Jimmilee	Miller	1661 385 St	Dennison	55018	4	4	6	21	21	21
Goodhue	Rochelle	Nygaard	12110 355 St	Goodhue	55027	2	1	2	9	9	8
Goodhue	Frontenac SP	Rich, Farrel	320 N Oak St	Lake City	55041	23	12	8	56	32	29
Goodhue	Erwin	Scheffler	11252 390 St	Cannon Falls	55009	8	8	3	12	12	12
Goodhue	Frontenac SP	Schneider, Ruth	213 N Park	Lake City	55041	17	9	12	61	59	48
Goodhue	Frontenac SP	Wendland, L	28535 Lake Ave	Frontenac	55026	28	14	9	64	51	39
Goodhue	Norman	Wille	3546 Old Tyler Rd	Red Wing	55066	4	4	3	18	13	13
Goodhue	Frontenac SP	Wille, Norman	3546 Old Tyler Rd	Red Wing	55066	28	16	8	69	46	36
Hennepin	Lisa	Schmitt	4233 Chown Ave S	Minneapolis	55410	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hennepin	Thomas	Blyth	17195 2 Ave N	Plymouth	55447	8	4	0	0	0	0
Hennepin	Derek	Burns	9831 34 Ave N	Plymouth	55441	4	2	2	8	8	8
Hennepin	Eagle Lake GC	Bushyager, D	350 W Eagle Lake Dr	Maple Grove	55369	4	2	2	10	10	10
Hennepin	French Lake RP	Bushyager, D	350 W Eagle Lake Dr	Maple Grove	55369	8	4	3	14	13	13
Hennepin	Susan	Cogger	473 Newton Ave S	Minneapolis	55405	2	1	2	10	7	5
Hennepin	Roberta	Cvetic	6955 Mariann Dr	Eden Prairie	55346	53	27	22	180	108	92
Hennepin	Diana	Doyle	670 W 92 St	Bloomington	55420	8	4	3	15	11	11
Hennepin	Wirth GC	Dupre, Judy	4605 Chatelain Ter	Golden Valley	55422	18	9	8	42	28	25
Hennepin	Sue	Fehn	20375 109 Ave N	Rogers	55374	4	2	2	14	13	9
Hennepin	Minikahda Club	Folk, Nick	3520 Zenith Ave S	Minneapolis	55416	20	10	18	78	68	56
Hennepin	Dick	Forsline	9500 Collegeview Rd #103	Bloomington	55437	14	8	3	14	13	13
Hennepin	Craig	Fourre	11821 Stoneridge Rd	Dayton	55327	16	12	9	83	80	75
Hennepin	Gail	Freedman	28 S Thomas Ave	Minneapolis	55405	2	1	3	8	8	7
Hennepin	Edina CC	Gruber, Kevin	5301 Willson Rd	Edina	55424	16	9	5	38	34	24
Hennepin	John	Hauser	9608 Toledo Rd	Bloomington	55437	19	12	16	68	62	49
Hennepin	Hyland Greens GC	Hauser, John	9608 Toledo Rd	Bloomington	55437	12	7	8	37	22	16
Hennepin	Windsong Farm GC	Himan, Janet	123 Minnetonka Ave S	Wayzata	55391	13	8	3	20	20	15
Hennepin	Anderson Lakes	Hulbert, Sue	8524 Park Knoll	Bloomington	55438	42	21	7	53	36	28
Hennepin	Hyland Park	Hulbert, Sue	8524 Park Knoll	Bloomington	55438	70	52	17	114	91	86
Hennepin	Braemar GC	Hursh, Bob	4821 Dunberry Lane	Edina	55435	58	31	19	108	97	75
Hennepin	Gross GC	Magnon, Tickner	1020 26 Ave SE	Minneapolis	55414	9	5	6	51	36	29
Hennepin	Golden Valley CC	McIntyre, Lisa	2006 W 89 St	Bloomington	55431	17	13	12	50	43	43
Hennepin	Peter	Meyer	5748 Sunset Rd	Mound	55364	78	45	43	257	192	176
Hennepin	French RP	Mortenson, J	4152 Kentucky Ave N	Crystal	55427	9	5	4	19	19	19
Hennepin	Carol	Nulsen	4107 Forest Rd	St Louis Park	55416	4	2	4	19	15	14

BBRP keeps track of Bluebird Production each year by totaling all individual reports. Members that report your results receive our colored statewide directory free of charge. Please mail the enclosed orange year end report form or file your trail results on line by Oct. 15, 2011. Thank You



Need help or have suggestions? Call your County Coordinator!

If you are an active bluebirder, and would like to donate some of your time to help others help the bluebirds, the BBRP is looking for more county coordinators. If Interested, contact Carrol Johnson or Keith Radel for more information.

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AITKIN Steve Gilbertson Aitkin 218-927-1953 (N. AITKIN) Joan & Tom Nelson Hill City 612-414-0152 ANOKA Jeanne Wilkinson Anoka 763-427-2779 BELTRAMI Jim Humeniuk Bemidji 218-766-1390 BENTON Gene & Betty Punsack Foley 320-963-6595 Bob & Sandy Rajkowski Rice 320-393-2909 BROWN Dominic Sellner Sleepy Eye 507-375-8737 CARLTON Steve Gilbertson Aitkin 218-927-1953 CARVER Jeff Smith Excelsior 952-474-777 CASS Al & Alice Lauer St. Cloud 320-240-9431 Ron Craven Pine River 218-587-5074 CROW WING Mary Kalinoski Baxter 218-829-7552	Darrell Stave Baxter 218-829-6939 DAKOTA Marlys Shirley Farmington 952-469-351 DOUGLAS Elizabeth Murray Alexandria 507-530-2293 FILLMORE Mary Bailey Chatfield 507-867-9118 Carrol Johnson Northfield 507-664-9433 Mike Jeresek Rushford 507-864-2573 GOODHUE Steve Malecha Cannon Falls 507-298-0384 HENNEPIN John Hauser Bloomington 952-831-8132 Bob Hursh Edina 952-922-6527 Pete Meyer Mound 952-472-7449 HOUSTON Mike Jeresek Rushford 507-864-2573 HUBBARD Ron Jensen Park Rapids 218-732-4205 ISANTI Russ Krause Maple Grove 763-420-4428	ITASCA Noreene Vidal Wirt 218-659-2741 Rick Blake Grand Rapids 218-327-3303 (S. ITASCA) Joan & Tom Nelson Hill City 612-414-0152 KANABEC Steve Gilbertson Aitkin 218-927-1953 KANDIYOHI Ronald A. Erpelding Willmar 320-235-0788 LAKE Beth Urban Ely 218-365-5047 LE SUEUR Bruce Smisek Montgomery 507-364-8966 Ben Bartusek New Prague 952-758-3398 LYON (S. Lyon) Paul Rasmussen Russell 507-823-4731 Rita & Dennis Engels Ghent 507-428-3554 MARSHALL Linda & Larry Johnson Warren 218-745-6622 MCLEOD Kevin Schram Plato 320-238-2467	MILLE LACS Darlene Bemis Milaca 320-938-3838 Jeremy Nyquist Isle 320-676-3121 MORRISON Dave & Carol Fiedler Buffalo 763-682-4221 OLMSTED Mary Bailey Chatfield 507-867-9118 Lisa Storey Rochester 507-529-8082 PENNINGTON Dave & Diane Peterson Thief River Falls 218-681-7614 Arlene Thune Thief River Falls 218-681-1740 POPE Bruce & Barb Mulvaney Glenwood 320-278-3763 RAMSEY Ken Yeager Arden Hills 651-484-5496 RICE Carrol Johnson Northfield 507-664-9433 Keith Radel Faribault 507-334-2491 ROCK Roger & Ruth Mary Jackson Hills 507-962-3303	SCOTT Marilyn Suter Farmington 651-4604236 Evelyn Graber Prior Lake 952-440-7073 SHERBURNE Wade Lovelette Elk River 763-441-2380 Jan Wallin Zimmerman 763-856-2950 SIBLEY Harold Caster Belle Plaine 952-873-6366 ST. LOUIS (N. ST. LOUIS) Beth Urban Ely 218-365-5047 Dick Forsline Bloomington 952-835-6769 STEARNS Bernard Meyer St. Cloud 320-252-4791 STEELE John Beal Faribault 507-451-2697 Keith Radel Faribault 507-334-2491 SWIFT Bill Hoberg Benson 320-843-3988 TODD Elizabeth Murray Alexandria 507-530-2293	WABASHA Carol & Dale Nibbe Lake City 651-345-2410 WADENA Paul Sailer Wadena 218-631-4401 Ester Vasey Sebek 218-837-5259 WASECA Wally Swanson Waterville 507-362-8760 WASHINGTON Paul Diegnau Maplewood 651-766-4174 WINONA Mike Jeresek Rushford 507-864-2573 Bill Nepper Winona 507-454-3263 WRIGHT Dorene Scriven Minneapolis 612-922-4586 Mary Swenson Monticello 763-878-2702
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Welcome New County Coordinators

ANOKA

Jeanne Wilkinson

BELTRAMI

Jim Humeniuk

WINONA

Mike Jeresek

DOUGLAS & TODD

Elizabeth Murray

Photos by Joan Schulz**BLUEBIRD RECOVERY PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT & RENEWAL**

Enrollment in the Bluebird Recovery Program includes: initial Information Packet containing a full color Trail Guide, Top Ten Tips including colored Nest Guide, Record Keeping booklet, Pole Assembly instruction sheet, yearly Report Form & quarterly Newsletter. There are also annual informational meetings and a yearly Bluebird Expo. Consultation and advice are available by phone, e-mail, correspondence or in the field.

Enrollment contributions are tax deductible.

_____ New Member Renewal _____

Membership periods are:

_____ 1 year \$12.00	_____ 2 years \$23.00
_____ 5 years \$55.00	_____ Lifetime \$150.00
_____ * Gift Membership * - indicate amount & period of gift _____	



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for Future Generations!*

Member Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

* If giving a Gift Membership, please provide your name so that the recipient can be informed of your generosity. _____

Send to:

Bluebird Recovery Program, c/o Sheila Smisek
705 W. Welco Dr. • Montgomery, MN 56069

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Check Your Expiration Dates

Just a little reminder to check the expiration date of your membership. The date is printed on your newsletter label. The 4 numbers above your name indicate the Month and Year that your membership will expire. For example: 06 09 would indicate an expiration of June, 2009. If the last 2 numbers are 99, this indicates a Life-time membership. If your membership is nearing expiration (or has already expired), please renew so that your subscription to Bluebird News is not interrupted.

Upcoming Bluebird Events & Announcements

Saturday, June 25th, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 9th Annual MN Martin Fest, BB Info Booth & Program at 11:15 a.m., Dick Doll Residence, 511 -60th Ave., NE, Willmar, MN 56201, (320) 235-1055 (Learn how to attract Purple Martins, Eastern Bluebirds, Chimney Swifts, & Wood Ducks.

Sunday, June 26th, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - BB Info Booth, Old Tyme Days, Mantorville, MN. Questions? Marlyn Schroeder (507) 635-5022.

Saturday, Sept. 17th 12:30 p.m., - 6th Annual SE MN Bluebirders potluck picnic, Groen Park, Chatfield, MN., Door Prizes! Awards! Come join the fun and share your bluebird stories! RSVP: Mary and Bill Bailey (507) 867-9118. RSVP Form to mail enclosed in this newsletter.

Saturday, Sept. 24th, 5:30 p.m. -South Central MN Bluebirders potluck picnic, Riverbend Nature Center, Faribault, MN., Door Prizes! Awards! Come join the fun and share your bluebird stories! RSVP: Loren "Murph" Murphy (507) 334-7858 or Keith Radel (507) 334-2491. RSVP Form to mail enclosed in this newsletter.

Saturday, April 14th 2012 - Bluebird Expo.

We want to thank the BBRP members for all the cards, support, and memorials for our son, brother, and uncle Lance Krog. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's love and generosity during Lance's illness and death. The bluebird program was a big part of his life and we know his legacy will be carried on by all of you. Thank you to Keith Radel and JeNean Mortenson for speaking at his service and to Keith, Marilyn Suter, & David Lee for taking care of his trails this year. You are all very much appreciated and we will not forget your kindness.

Dale and Karen Krog, Carla and Steve Thein, Madelyn and Mason

Special Thanks to David Lee for doing the weekly nest checks on Lance Krog's Purple Martin Colony!

BBRP is looking for volunteers to watch Lance Krog's 4 Bluebird Trails in the Lakeville Ritter Farm Park Area. If you can help: Contact Keith Radel (507) 334-2491 or Marilyn Suter (651) 460-4236.

Our Mission:
"To encourage, inspire, educate and assist individuals and organizations to become actively involved in the restoration and preservation efforts to sustain a healthy and expanding population of bluebirds and other native cavity nesters."



Only current BBRP paid members continue to receive the newsletter. Please check the expiration date of your current membership on the address label.

