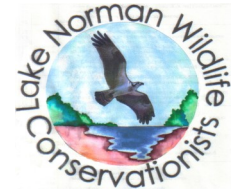


LNWC Mission Statement

The Mission of the Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists is to protect and enhance the natural resources and wildlife habitats of the Greater Lake Norman area for all to enjoy.



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LNWC Attracts Record Crowds!

LAKE NORMAN WILDLIFE Conservationists entered the fall season with two smash hits! Within one week, our organization attracted a grand total of 400-plus participants to two separate events—one at Mooresville Public Library and the other at Stutts Marina.

The first big attraction was the Sept. 9th nature program entitled “Snakes Alive: Reptiles and Amphibians of the Lake Norman Area”. Esteemed Professor **Michael Dorcus** of Davidson College drew a record 180 people to the library. Our previous highest attendance was around 90. People of all ages learned fascinating facts about “creeping critters” and even got the chance to touch them. Because of the huge crowd, Dr. Dorcas did not bring out the venomous snakes. No point in making those guys nervous!

Our second record-breaker for the week was our second annual Wildlife Surf & Turf Festival that took place Sept. 11, at Stutts Marina. Thanks to the talent and dedication of our hosts, **Don and Peggy Dimperio**, and Stutts Marina staff, 182 attendees enjoyed an evening of deliciously grilled steak and shrimp, plus music and camaraderie beside beautiful Lake Norman. Several lucky folks got to take home luxury auction items, as well, such as a golf cart and a ride on a Duffy electric boat.

This event, which raised \$12,300 for wildlife projects, also marked the debut of our Wild Over LKN! Community Wildlife Habitat Project headed by **Don West**. Some of our guests learned that their backyards already qualify as Certified Wildlife Habitats! They enjoyed a variety of educational handouts on topics ranging from planting a butterfly garden to understanding climate change. Plus, LNWC’s first Lake Norman Wildlife Calendar, created by photographer **Bill Mugg** for 2011, was on display. Visit our website for information on all our projects. And don’t forget to order one of Bill’s beautiful calendars.



Photos by Jim Ray



DID YOU KNOW?

Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists is a chapter of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, designated by the National Wildlife Federation as *National Affiliate of the Year*. We are proud to share this honor with Executive Director Tim Gestwicki, his staff and our fellow chapters across the state.

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Fall Calendar

Oct. 12—BOD Meets
 Midway Marina, 6 p.m.
 Members welcome!

Oct. 14—Free Program
 “Fly Fishing For Trout”
 By **Alen Baker**
 Mooresville Library, 7 p.m.

Nov. 9—BOD Meets
 Midway Marina, 6 p.m.
 Members welcome!

Nov. 18—Free Program
 “The Beauty of Egrets”
 By **Dr. John Brzorad**
 Mooresville Library, 7 p.m.

No Program in December

LNWC Conservation News

Midway Hosts Fish Attractors

On Sept. 15, LNWC volunteers gathered at Midway Marina with NWCF officials to assemble and deploy habitats for juvenile fish. These odd-looking devices, called “fish attractors,” are designed with hollow pipes which young fish can enter and hide from predators—usually larger fish.

Over time, the attractors also become a food source for fish when simple plants such as algae and plankton use the structures as a home. “The project is a ‘win-win’ for situation for members of the public that have a vested interest in improving lake habitat and fishing opportunities,” said **Tim Gestwicki**, NCWF executive director.

LNWC President **Mark Lancaster**, an owner of Midway Marina and Lancaster Custom Dock & Lifts, used his equipment and expertise to make the project a big success. “The project gave me and the others who helped out a real sense of involvement, a good feeling about helping the resources we all care so much about,” Mark said.

Big Sweep Makes a Big Haul

Perfect weather gave a boost to Iredell Co. Big Sweep coordinator **Jill Feldmeyer** as she led hundreds of volunteers in cleaning up Lake Norman’s shorelines Oct. 2. This year’s goal was to hit more of the islands, which often suffer from excess partying and illegal camping during the summer. That’s why the fall is a good time to clean up.

Jill’s group accomplished a lot in 3 hours. Using volunteers’ boats, they gathered trash in and around the lake and hauled it to the Pinnacle Point access area to put in Dumpsters provided by the Mooresville Sanitation Dept.

Jill and her husband **Jim** also lead LNWC’s Island Habitat Program in which volunteers



Wild Over LKN! Chairman **Don West** proudly displays his committee’s booth that is being used to publicize the Lake Norman Community Wildlife Habitat Project. Yard by yard, the entire LKN area is becoming wildlife-friendly! Don has done a wonderful job of spreading the word, including the creation of a beautiful brochure. Contact Don at 704-660-8192 or don@premiertitleservices.com and ask him to speak to your neighbors, church group or business about this surprisingly simple plan.

“adopt” islands to protect and enhance as wildlife habitats. Contact Jill at jillbf@charter.net to see how you can participate.

Leadership Opportunities

We are excited to announce that two dedicated members have accepted two-year LNWC Board of Director positions that start in November. **Steve Turley**, a charter member of our organization, will be president and **Vanda Freeman**, who currently serves as secretary, will continue that position.

Would you like to get involved? We still need someone to step forward as a director-at-large and we also welcome volunteers to help with Programming, Event Planning, Conservation Projects (osprey-platforms, bird houses, Reeds Creek Boardwalk), Island Habitat adopters and field trip planning. It’s easy to get involved. We will give you lots of help! Contact Steve at 704-309-0762 or swturley@msn.com