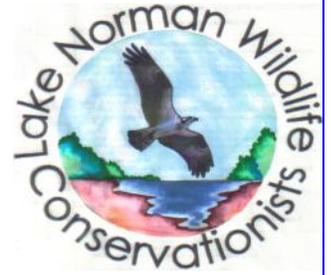


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LNWC Mission Statement

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.

Share Your Love of Wildlife in the New Year!

Please send us your wildlife observation, poem, essay or photo taken in or around Lake Norman. We'd love to include them in a future newsletter!

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Conservation Leader Gets Top Honor At LNWC Fall Fest

Eric Peterson of Mooresville, a founding member and longtime leader of LNWC, was tapped with the Jerry Barrows Osprey Award at this year's Wildlife Oyster & Shrimp Fest. "Eric typifies the work and volunteer ethic that stems from his involvement in the local NCWF chapter," said **Tim Gestwicki**, CEO of the NC Wildlife Federation.

The inscription on the award plaque received by Mr. Peterson states: "In recognition of his steadfast dedication to such environmental initiatives as the Reeds Creek Wetland, osprey and wood duck nesting projects, youth fish-



LNWC charter member and avid volunteer Eric Peterson (left) receives the annual Jerry Barrows Osprey Award from NCWF CEO Tim Gestwicki at the Wildlife Oyster & Shrimp Fest. Thank you to volunteer photographer Josh Pope for filming the event.

ing events, protecting and diligent cleaning of islands, coves and aquatic ecosystems, shoreline planting, and as a leader and founder of the Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists. The

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Steady Rain Doesn't Dampen Fest Spirit!

By Billy Wilson, President

Food, music and fun prevailed over wet weather at the fifth annual Wildlife Oyster & Shrimp Fest held at the **Long Island Marina** in Catawba on Sept. 21.

Despite steady rain throughout the evening, more than 200 guests enjoyed a night of celebrating conservation success flavored by delicious food catered

by Big Daddy's of Lake Norman, refreshing beverages provided by Shoals Grill, and entertainment by the Fourth Creek Band, a James Taylor tribute band.

Throughout the evening, excitement peaked as winning ticket numbers were announced for the raffle sponsored by Four Seasons of Lake Norman. In addition,

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Freddy Lancaster dishes out the goodies from Big Daddy's to appreciative Fest guests.

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tion to four great raffle prizes, the attendees were also offered the chance to win many live and silent auction items donated by LNWC's very generous sponsors.

If you were unable to attend this year's event, it's not too late to make a donation to the fundraising initiative. Proceeds from the Wildlife Oyster & Shrimp Fest benefit wildlife conservation projects such as Osprey-Nesting Platforms, Heron-Nesting Platforms, Turtle-Basking Platforms, Deep Fish Attractors, Artificial Fishing Reefs, Fishing Line Recycling, Island Habitat Program, Shoreline Sta-

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flora and fauna of Lake Norman, and the people that enjoy them, are the grateful recipients of Eric's unfaltering commitment, dedication, and unwavering energy."

Duke Energy and NC Wildlife Federation established the Jerry Barrows Osprey Award as a memorial to the efforts of its namesake. In recognition of those people who, like Jerry

bilization and our nationally acclaimed Wild Over LKN! Project.

To make a contribution, please visit www.lakenormanwildlife.org, email us at info@lakenormanwildlife.org, or call 704-660-8192 during business hours Monday-Friday or 704-877-4787 evenings and weekends.

LNWC would like to thank the following marinas, whose support makes the event such a great success: **Westport, North Harbor, South Harbor, WaterStreet Seaport, Vineyard Point, Davidson Landing, Stutts, Midway, Morningstar, Skippers, Peninsula Yacht Club, Long Island, Kings Point, Maggie Ann, Lake Norman, Boat Rack, Holiday, Inland Sea, and the Lake Norman Motel.**

Thanks also go to our Fest night volunteers, including **Linda Ray, Judy West, Thomas Meng, Kristen Meng, Carmella Richard, Linda Scafidi, Brian O'Day, Rick Mosley, Chase Decker, Carol Smith** and all the participating members of LNWC's leadership team!

Barrows, exemplify what it means to be a champion of the environment, are tireless in their volunteering efforts, and are people whose love of the Catawba River and making a difference is evident to all.

Past winners are **Steve Turley, Bill Mugg** and **Mark Lancaster.**

Congratulations to Eric from all your LNWC friends!

Volunteers Preserve Lake Habitat With Dogwoods

By Ken Teeter, Projects Director

LNWC volunteers came together Oct. 5 to plant Silky Dogwoods at the water's edge on several islands and along the shorelines of Lake Norman. This project provides additional and complimentary shoreline habitat enhancement for the Island Habitat Program.

We had approximately 40 volunteers divided among six different crews and planting areas, and we installed 400 1-gallon and 3-gallon plants.

The Silky Dogwood (*Cornus amomum*) is highly recommended for shoreline enhancement work in Duke Energy's Shoreline Stabilization and Wetland Horticulture Guide. This species is currently found on all of the Catawba River reservoirs and associated wetlands, but Duke Energy scientists have noticed a decrease in the dogwoods on Lake Norman in the last few years, especially on islands.

This drought-tolerant deciduous shrub has a fast growth rate of about 2 feet per year. Its appealing yellowish-white flowers benefit hummingbirds, butterflies and honeybees. The blue-colored fruit is a preferred food to the wood duck, bobwhite, several species of woodpeckers, thrushes and flycatchers, cedar waxwing, white-tailed deer, beaver, cottontail rabbit and raccoon.

It also provides excellent cover for several species of fish, reptiles and amphibians.

A huge thank-you to all the volunteers that came out to participate, but I would like to provide special recognition to our crew leaders: **Allan Bendel, Roy Bergquist, Mark Lancaster, Volkmar Dirksen, Billy Wilson, and Jim and Cindy Haskins.**



LNWC volunteers put their backs into the job of protecting wildlife habitat and Lake Norman's eroding shorelines.

LNWC Helps NCWF Connect Kids to Nature!

By Billy Wilson, President

On Saturday, Oct. 26, LNWC joined with the NC Wildlife Federation to participate in the second annual Duke Energy "Explore the Outdoors" event. More than 400 people visited the EnergyExplorium to experience the benefits of being connected to nature and the outdoors.

During this free event, more than 20 organizations hosted booths offering fun, educational and interactive activities aimed at connecting children of all ages to the wonders of nature. These activities included fishing, nature walks, rock-wall climbing, animal races, geocaching and more.

Mary Bures, NCWF Great Outdoors University manager, joined LNWC volunteers to offer kids and adults a chance to study tree growth cycles as they assembled tree-ring puzzles made from real tree stumps. They also studied tree log decomposition. People gathered around the NCWF/LNWC booth to look through magnifying glasses in search of living organisms in logs and other organic material. In another activity, adults and children learned how to use a fishing rod by aiming their casts at hula-hoops and buckets. It was all great fun!

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Conservationists Updates

LNWC Library Programs

LNWC holds free nature programs the second Thursday of each month, eight months out of the year, starting at 7 p.m. at Mooresville Public Library. No reservations are required.

Capt. **Craig Price** will discuss "Winter Fishing on Lake Norman" at our Nov. 14 program. We take a break in December, then meet again Jan. 9 to hear **Bonnie Miles** address "The Magic of Bats." Our New Year speakers will also include Dr. **Mark Stanback** (Bird Competition) and **Christine Lisiewski** (Butterflies and Wildflowers).

Conservation Projects

LNWC has joined with the Cornelius Park and Recreation Department (PARC) to help develop the nature preserve at Robbins Park. We have identified Earth Day as a target date for mass plantings. Therefore, this winter, volunteers will be sought to help prepare the site. Keep an eye out for your email asking for park volunteers! Postings will also be placed on our website.

Join Our Leadership Team!

LNWC is seeking leaders to help us protect and enhance wildlife habitat in the Lake Norman region. There are a wide variety of opportunities available, ranging from leading a Bird House Build to building community support! Want to help?

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