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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 our January edition!

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Oyster Lovers Flock to LNWC Annual Fest

More than 400 people enjoyed shrimp, oysters, barbeque and burgers at Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists' sixth annual Wildlife Oyster & Shrimp Fest held this year at LangTree Lake Norman, our new wildlife partner. This new mixed-use development established wildlife-friendly planning in its design, making it a natural fit!

The fundraiser drew participants from around the lake who helped raised funds to build osprey nesting platforms, fish attractors, heron rookeries, and to help educate residents about local wildlife.

A highlight of the event was the awarding of a Certified Wildlife Habitat certificate and signage to officials of LangTree Lake Norman for their development's design. Highlights include a boardwalk that will eventually reach 3 miles, and that will feature inter-



Photo by Lisa Squicciarini,
LNWC Nature Photographer

pretive signs on local wildlife. Native plants and erosion-controlling rocks were installed along the development's lakeside frontage.

In their new partnership with LangTree Lake Norman, LNWC volunteers have installed bird nesting boxes, and plan to build and install others with the help of scout troops and other interested volunteers. And someday when its plan is

fully implemented, LangTree's waterfront will be the site of nature educational opportunities for Lake Norman residents.

A hearty "Thank You" to this year's major sponsors, headed by
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Under the "Big Top" enjoying a delicious meal of shrimp and oysters at the fest are Mooresville residents Todd and Kim Zeigler, and Heather Brown.

**Working Together
for
Wildlife
Conservation
on
Lake Norman**



**Wild Lives
Wild Places**

DID YOU KNOW?

As a chapter of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, LNWC is a non-profit organization that depends on donations. Our Tax ID is 20-8576936. Please send donations to:
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'Thank You' to my Wildlife Friends!

By Julie Higgin, Editor

This fall at my Thanksgiving table, I will give thanks for the wonderful network of wildlife enthusiasts I have the honor of calling "friend" who this year blessed me with the Jerry L. Barrows Osprey Award.

Tim Gestwicki, NCWF CEO, surprised me with this award Sept. 20th at our annual Wildlife Oyster & Shrimp Fest. I am the fifth LNWC member to receive it, following **Steve Turley, Bill Mugg, Mark Lancaster** and **Eric Peterson**. It is bestowed annually by Duke Energy and the NC Wildlife Federation.

Who is Jerry Barrows, you ask? He was a retired marketing expert who volunteered for wildlife by overseeing the Island Habitat Program on Lake Norman, which continues today under the coordination of our chapter, LNWC.

The island program has spawned numerous other wildlife projects such as



osprey nesting platforms, wood duck and owl boxes, shoreline planting, creating fish habitat reefs, turtle basking platforms, heron rookery projects, and fishing line recycling sites.

When our chapter was founded by the NCWF in 2007, I was put in charge of its newsletter and also acted as Jerry's assistant in getting chapter news out to the public via the mass media. He wrote many wonderful and informative articles about our lake and the importance of protecting its wild residents. His passing five years ago left a deep void. To this day, I try to remain true to

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Randy Marion, along with most of the marinas along Lake Norman, businesses at LangTree Lake Norman, and many other businesses around the lake which provided items for the live and silent auctions. Big Daddy's of Lake Norman served the food, Shoals served liquid refreshments and transportation, and music was provided by The Message and Little Johnny's Trailer Trash.

Participating marine businesses include Maggie Ann, Midway, Long Island, All Seasons, Stutts, Talley Pier 77, Blue

Parrot Grill, Brilliant Lighting Solutions, Lake Effects, Inland Sea, Holiday, The Boat Rack, Long Island Power Sports, North Harbor, South Harbor, Vineyard Point, Water Street Seaport, and Westport.

LNWC also wants to thank all the wonderful volunteers who came out to support the fest! You set up, tore down, cleaned up and provided guidance to guests. Volunteers are truly the backbone of our wildlife group and we appreciate every one of you!



Wildlife Page!



Great Blue Heron Photo by Lisa Squicciarini

Common Feeder Birds of Winter

Permanent NC Residents

- Northern Cardinal
- Eastern Bluebird
- Carolina Chickadee
- Mourning Dove
- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- Eastern Goldfinch
- Song Sparrow
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown-headed Nuthatch
- Tufted Titmouse
- Downey Woodpecker
- Red-Belly Woodpecker
- Carolina Wren

Winter Residents (Snow Birds)

- White-throated Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Rufus Hummingbird (new)
- Pine Siskin

Just Passing Through (Migrants)

- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Cedar Waxwing

Yard Birds (Ground Feeders)

- American Robin
- Eastern Towhee

Winter Waterfowl (in Lake Norman)

- Hooded & Common Merganser
- Belted Kingfisher
- Wood Duck
- Great Blue Heron
- Loon
- Grebe
- American Coot

What Have YOU Seen? Let Us Know!



Types of Feeder Food

- The Best**—Black-oiled Sunflower Seed
- Nyjer Seed
- Suet—Good for clinging birds
- Fruit
- Dried Meal Worms
- Peanuts
- Hummingbird Nectar—use less water

Avoid Inexpensive Seed Mixtures!
(They contain ingredients birds don't like)

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his loyalty, his focus and his dedication.

I continue Jerry's communication mission because I believe it is important that people know the impact they can have on the environment—both good and bad—and how taking small steps today can lead to big changes in our world tomorrow.

I am honored to work alongside people who, just like Jerry, unselfishly devote many hours to preserving our part of the planet for our children by using their own special gifts and talents.



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Conservationists Updates

Governor's Awards Banquet

Our chapter was proudly represented by 11 members at the annual NCWF Governor's Awards Banquet held Sept. 6 in Cary, just outside Raleigh. The banquet is held each year to recognize people and organizations whose work for wildlife conservation in North Carolina is outstanding.

Also that Saturday, our very own President **Billy Wilson** accepted an award for our chapter from NCWF for attaining the most new members in this year's first Membership Incentive Campaign, held April 1st to Aug. 31st. As the top chapter out of 13, LNWC received a \$2,500 check which will be added to our bank account for projects and education programs around the Lake Norman region.

LNWC now has over 100 active members, Billy said, adding, "I want to thank all of our new members for coming on board this year, and I look forward to seeing you at a platform-build, library program, tree-planting, or a board meeting." Welcome, new wildlife friends!

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 "Fishing on Lake Norman" at our Oct. 9th program. "Native NC Snakes" will visit the library on Nov. 13th, courtesy of Davidson College's Herpetology Dept. We take a break in December, then meet again Jan. 8th to enjoy a feathered friend from the Raptor Center.

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