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QUEEN'S
LANDING

Cruise Fundraiser meets chapter goals



LNWC event planners (above) are all smiles following the Lake Norman Wildlife Cruise attended by 120 pleased participants (below).



Thanks to Queen's Landing, its dedicated staff and our own Mark Lancaster along with numerous donors, Lake Norman wildlife habitats face a brighter future.

The Lake Norman Wildlife Cruise held Sept. 6 raised an attractive \$5,500 and a lot of good will from participants. "It was a GREAT event you all pulled off!" stated Tim Gestwicki, deputy director of conservation programs for the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. "NCWF Board folks who attended were extremely pleased with the chapter's efforts," Tim said.

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Looking for Leaders: It's time for Fall Elections

We're looking for a few good people to help us fill critical spots on our leadership team. Elections will take place at our Oct. 9 program at

Mooresville Public Library. At that time, members have the chance to be voted to an officer position, which

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LNWC Vision Statement

The Vision 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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proudly participate in two major efforts. One is the **Shoreline Restoration Project**, a collaborative effort by the NC Wildlife Federation, Duke Energy and LNWC. This aquatic habitat enhancement project is part of the Island Habitat Program. A group of 20-plus volunteers met Aug. 21 to plant 1,100 water willows, 100 black willows and 60 maidencane. This year, they focused on Islands N-1, N-26 and N-27.

"The weather was nice and the water levels perfect," according to **Hugh Barwick** of Duke.

The **Reeds Creek Wetland Project** also is ongoing. According to leader **Eric Peterson**, plans are being formed to work with surrounding residents and a neighboring church to "expand the area of protection for wildlife." While this 15-acre site is protected by the state from development, it has not been designated a wildlife refuge so intruders can pose a problem for wildlife.



CHAPTER NOTES

NATURE EDUCATION—Our next 2 free public programs are slated for 7 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 9 and Nov 13 at Mooresville Public Library, 304 S. Main St. Our October speaker is **Mark Oliver**, natural resources specialist for Mecklenburg County, who will discuss waterfowl. He also promised to answer questions about the large number of coyotes and black bears increasingly found in Iredell and Mecklenburg counties. In November, Environmental Educator **Gail Lemiec** will stress the importance of bats and how to protect them.

ACTIVITIES—Our chapter will participate in **Operation Big Sweep** set for Oct. 4. **Steve Turley** is leading this effort. Habitat Steward **Theresa Morr** proudly reports that the **Habitat Steward Training** filled up fast! Another will be scheduled for March. Because there is a waiting list of 10 for the fall session, you'd better get your name to Theresa quickly for the spring session. Contact her at tfmorr@earthlink.net. Our second **Bird House Bonanza** led by **Bill Mugg** is set for Nov. 15. This year's event is targeted toward Scouts. NCWF's **Clean Cast** event for youth will take place Oct. 18. See our website for further details on all events or call 704-332-5696. Member participation welcomed!

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includes President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and At-Large Delegate (two positions). These positions all have voting privileges as board members. Open positions on the Standing Committees, which

are appointed by the Board, include Fundraising, Outings and Membership.

If you would like to serve or suggest someone for nomination, please email **Bill Mugg** at billmugg@roadrunner.com by Sept. 29. Help us protect Lake Norman!

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Led by Captain Alan Stopko on the enchanting yacht *Lady of the Lake*, the wildlife cruise featured relatively calm waters and gorgeous views, thanks to a fortunate turn to the East by Tropical Storm Hannah. This allowed our knowledgeable narrator, Duke scientist **Gene Vaughan**, a great chance to reveal the scenic wildlife wonders of Lake Norman to the passengers.

Guests enjoyed fantastic views of Island Habitats, osprey nests and Heron Island, and

learned wildlife facts about the area, as well. Plus, they heard about our chapter's support of Duke Energy's Shoreline Restoration Project and other North Carolina Wildlife Federation activities.

"I think the cruise was a tremendous success—great setting, great food, great speaker, tremendously entertaining auction, all for a great cause," commented **Bill Mugg**, LNWC vice president. "We should plan on making it an annual event. We're very grateful to all of our sponsors for helping us pull this off in grand style."