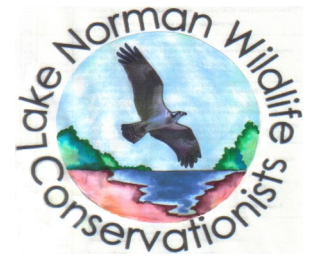


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LNWC Mission Statement

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.

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President's Report: Working Together for Our Lake

By Stephen W. Turley

It's both an honor and large responsibility to take over the Presidency of the Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists from our Past President **Mark Lancaster**. Under his leadership, we have had many successful and impacting wildlife habitat enhancement programs, and enjoyable and revenue-building fund-raisers.

Mark assumed the Presidency from his good friend **Andrew Wingo**, the charter president. Andrew was critical in the formation of our chapter of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, and has been a strong supporter and board member ever since.

As we head into a promising 2011, I have to thank our board members and committee chairs who work tirelessly month after month to make our group a model for other chapters in the state. All of our board members and most of our committee chairs have been with us from the very beginning, volunteering their time for four years or more. They are dedicated. They are committed. They have earned the gratitude and praise of the full Board of Directors of the NCWF.

Now, as we break ground on a new year, I have a request to our many members who haven't had a chance to show their desire for protecting and enhancing the habitat and well-being of our animal friends. Please go to our website, look at the different committees, and find one that best suits your talents and desires. Many committees have a chairperson only, and they need your help.

You can make a difference in your community. You can do it this year. You will be volunteering alongside some of the nicest people in our area. You will have fun! You will realize at the end of the year that you have participated in many worthwhile endeavors that have greatly benefited the creatures of God's creation.



Holiday Honors

LNWC's Charter President Andrew Wingo (right) and outgoing President Mark Lancaster (center) received celebratory plaques for outstanding service to wildlife conservation on Lake Norman at the Dec. 14 Board of Directors Christmas Party held at Big Daddy's Restaurant. Also honored were Don and Peggy Dimperio for hosting the 2010 Wildlife Surf & Turf Festival at Stutts Marina. New President Steve Turley (left) presented the plaques.

Without your help, we'll get less accomplished this year. With your help, you will make friends, get outdoors, smile more and know that you have made a difference in the future generations of the wildlife in our area.

I hope that at our next meeting in February, when we will be elaborating on creating the world's largest water-centric certified wildlife habitat based around Lake Norman, that you'll catch the enthusiasm of your committed board and committee members, and want to be part of this noble endeavor! With your help, we will establish the world's largest certified wildlife habitat around a body of water. You only get one chance at being the first at something. Be part of it. Now is the time. You are the person we need. Let's do this together!

Conservation Report: Reeds Creek

By Eric Peterson

At this writing, Reeds Creek is frozen over and is quite deep above the beaver dam, which is located on the west side of the Hwy. 21 bridge.

Until Lake Norman began rising in December, the area below the dam was mostly dry and silt-filled, which created an ideal time to collect litter and golf balls which drift down the creek from the Mooresville Public Golf Course. The area was cleaned of litter, but unknown quantities of trash are most likely trapped behind the dam under water and ice.

The salt block for the deer has been recently replaced and is being used. Activity regarding the Coverboard Project has been suspended until spring.

Now that 2011 has arrived, preparations for the transfer of ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the Reeds Creek Wetland acreage should be accelerating, since the work contract between the state and Mid-Atlantic Earthmark Mitigation LLC is coming to an end.

We will be in close contact with Mid-Atlantic as the time grows closer in order to make early contact with whichever state agency is taking responsibility for the project.



Reeds Creek Wetland in Winter

Located off Hwy. 21 between the Huntington Woods and Cypress Landing neighborhoods of Mooresville, the 15-acre wetland provides a home for native wildlife, from tree frogs and dragonflies to wood ducks and great blue heron. A great fish habitat, it is a perfect hunting ground for osprey and bald eagles. It also is a rest-stop for migrating birds. LNWC volunteers placed bird and bat nesting boxes in the wetland and enjoy monitoring wildlife populations year-round.

LNWC volunteer **Don Higgie** reported that hunters are shooting geese and ducks from a blind across the Cypress Landing gazebo adjacent to the creek. Posting of the Reeds Creek Wetland area to further protect wildlife will be a topic of discussion with the state once it takes ownership. We will also research providing a wildlife viewing area for the public.

E-mail info@lakenormanwildlife.org to join Eric in cleaning and monitoring the wetland.



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this spring?
Call 704-877-4788 or email
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Our Members are Wild Over LKN! Join the Fun!

By Don West, WOL Chair

Last year, our chapter decided to further the cause of wildlife conservation in our area by creating a community wildlife habitat project called **Wild Over LKN!** Using goals established by the National Wildlife Federation, we established a dedicated committee of members to work with residents in all the zip codes around the lake. So far, real progress has been made!

I'm proud to say that Wild Over LKN! is over halfway to meeting our goals. Our focus for this spring will be to hit our numbers for homes, schools, places of worship and businesses. We are currently completing a power point program we can present to any interested garden club, civic organization, church or school group. If your group is interested in learning about this project, please contact me at 704-660-8192 or don@premiertitleservices.com I'll be happy to send out a speaker.

Now here's some really BIG news! Wild Over LKN! has planned a fun and exciting **Backyard Wildlife Fair** planned for Saturday, April 16, at Duke Energy's McGuire Station in Huntersville. **Hailey Wilson**, Duke's communications representative, is coordinating the event for us and has pledged



Duke's full support.

We will invite individuals/businesses to set up a booth on anything involving nature or "green" interests. These include nurseries selling native plants; bird-oriented stores that sell feeders and baths; solar energy vendors; and landscapers interested in wildlife-friendly gardening methods.

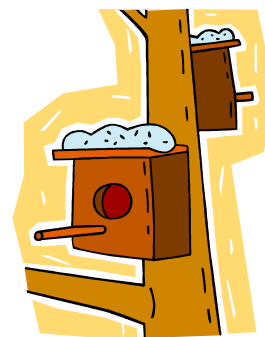
Short talks will be given on such topics as use of native plants, sustainable landscaping, organic gardening, attracting birds and butterflies; and composting methods. For the kids, we will have a pinecone birdfeeder station, face-painting and a live animal show.

Are you a business owner or nature lover who would like to participate? Contact me for details at the above-listed numbers. Duke will provide advertising and LNWC will distribute publicity through its media contacts, fliers and mailings. Check our website at www.lakenormanwildlife.org for updates on this exciting event.

Also, if you are a Facebook fan, don't forget to look up Wild Over LKN!'s profile page—created by committee member **Christine Lisiewski** of Dearness Gardens—and become our friend! We will be providing tips for Wildlife Habitat Certification as well as fair updates. Stay tuned!

Wildlife Habitat Components

1. **Food**—Berry or seed-bearing trees & shrubs; feeders; native flowering plants.
2. **Water**—Anything from a simple bird bath to a water garden. You can even create a low-lying area for butterflies and amphibians.
3. **Cover**—Also known as shelter, this includes mature trees, a hedge, ground cover or a rock garden. Bird houses are great for sheltering birds in the winter.
4. **Places to Raise Young**—Bird houses, mature trees, dead trees, native shrubs.
5. **Sustainable Gardening**—Avoid artificial chemicals.



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Conservationist News

Free Nature Programs

LNWC sponsors eight free nature programs each year for members and friends at Mooresville Public Library. These programs, held at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, September through May (except December), support our goal of educating the public on conservation issues affecting the Lake Norman area. Our Feb. 10th program will be very exciting! Education committee head **Debbie Osborne** has asked our Wild Over LKN! Committee to present a program entitled **Got Wildlife Habitat?** explaining the simplicity of certifying your property in five easy steps. Visit our website for updates on future programs or request to be put on our e-mailing contact list by sending your request to info@lakenormanwildlife.org

Friendly Developments, etc

Have you heard about the NC Wildlife Federation's newest program? The **Wildlife Friendly Development Certification Program**, in cooperation with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and the American Society of Landscape Architects, is designed to recognize residential developments that promote conservation of wildlife habitats by providing food, water, cover and places to raise young, as well as sustained maintenance of contiguous natural areas.

Other initiatives receiving attention from NCWF in 2010 include:

- ◆ The battle to regain control of the Yadkin River flow being championed by the Stanly County Commissioners and other local leaders.
- ◆ Duke Energy's request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to obtain a new license to operate its 13 hydroelectric stations and 11 reservoirs on the Catawba River.
- ◆ Working with Land For Tomorrow to conserve NC's parks, game lands, and working farms for the future.
- ◆ Working successfully in several key mountain locations to protect stream buffers for quality resources and trout fishing.
- ◆ Helped secure 88 acres to be transferred to the U.S. Forest Service, allowing access to the lower Catawba 100-foot falls and the 70-foot upper falls in the Pisgah National Forest.

Find out more by visiting www.ncwf.org

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