



Helen & Betty Bremer pictured with Warren Dewalt, Executive Director of the Illinois Audubon Society, at the dedication ceremony, July 9, 1977. The Hickory Hills Chapter was formed on April 26, 1980.

Check out our website at
www.bremersanctuary.org

Find us on Facebook at "Hickory Hills Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society".

Illinois Audubon Society website:
www.illinoisaudubon.org

Trail maps are always available in the mail box in front of the barn.



Welcome to the Helen & Betty Bremer Wildlife Sanctuary's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

*Saturday, September 23rd
9:00-1:00.*

The Hickory Hills Chapter of the Illinois Audubon society is committed to the preservation, conservation, restoration and education of and about the native flora, fauna and environment of southern Illinois.

Program Schedule & Location

9:00—Bird banding demonstrations begin (#1), Bremer Welcome Table (#2) and all informational booths open (#3).

9:15—“Welcome to Bremer” talk by Jerry Prater outlying a brief history of the property and our current projects. (Amphitheater #4).

9:30—Henry Eilers & Ken Schaal discuss the condition of the property at the IAS acquisition in 1977 and their ongoing restoration efforts. (Amphitheater #4) with brief walk of the prairie to follow.

9:30 to 12:00—Tractor & wagon rides available through the east prairie (leaves every ½ hour) (#5 area by bat houses).

9:30 to 12:00—Trail hikes led by a Bremer Volunteer (leaves every ½ hour) (#6 area by Bremer Memorial Area).

10:30—Trees Forever Coordinator, Barb Grabner-Kerns will present a Trees & Pollinators Program (Amphitheater) (#4).

11:30—Tree House Wildlife Center presents a Live Raptor Program (Amphitheater) (#4).

The Education Barn will be open for touring where cookies & drinks will be available.

Presentations and Booths at the Open House

LLABB Bird Banding Demonstration & Booth-- Tony Rothering, a licensed bird bander with the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders (LLABB), will be capturing and banding birds during the morning hours.

Trees Forever Presentation & Booth—“Trees, Not Just for the Birds”. Trees & Pollinators: Learn about the benefits that trees and shrubs provide, not only for water quality, energy efficiency and commercial uses, but also for providing pollinator habitat.

Tree House Wildlife Center Presentation & Booth—Program featuring 4 non-releasable birds (raptors, hawks, owls) partnered with the story behind each and a bit of its natural history. Booth will feature each bird on a stand and will be available for photos.

University of Illinois Extension Office Booth—Beth Groves will host a “fun for kids” activity entitled “Circles of Earth”. Kids will make bracelets using colored beads representing different resources, while learning how our natural resources can be thought of as circles that can be interconnected with each other.

Bremer Sanctuary--- Staffed by Bremer volunteers, this booth will feature sanctuary information, volunteer opportunities and sale of handmade birdhouses.

Shoal Creek Volunteers Booth—Informational materials about the group paired with a prairie seed display board and pictorial board of the conservation area.

Montgomery County Beekeepers Association Booth—Informational materials along with a beehive display. Honey sampling and local honey may be available for sale.

Many of these booths and programs will have items for sale and donation boxes. If you like what you see, you can show them your appreciation for their efforts!!

