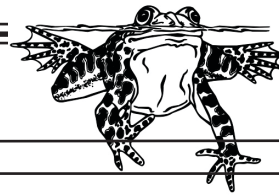


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Dear GLC Friends.

For all of nature, including we humans, Spring is a time of renewal and refreshment. Outdoor time -for walking, hiking, birding, gathering, gardening, or just sitting and soaking up the sunshine - expands before us full of happy opportunity. GLC would normally be sending out info on upcoming in-person workshops and events. However, pandemic restrictions still apply. So, we have exciting locally focused virtual programs planned. Tune in to the webinars presented by Daniel Lizzadro-McPherson, Zachary Merrill, and John Yunger to get a taste of what that research at Gratiot Lake is about and to ask questions of the researchers. The GLC Book Club revisits two classic books by conservation icons and one new one about bird cognition and behavior. Learn more about native plant gardening in an August webinar led by our Program Director, Gina Marie Jarvi.

For information about these programs please see the calendar on the reverse of this sheet. All virtual programs are free of charge. Email GLC to register to receive the Zoom link for each program. Check for program updates at www.gratiotlakeconservancy.org. Note that I will be the programs contact while Gina Marie is on maternity leave from May 4th to June 25th.

Although in-person group events remain on hold at GLC, we hope you will visit GLC shoreline and trails with friends and family when conditions for boating on Gratiot Lake or driving on Iron Gate RD, Conservancy RD, and Noblet Lane permit. This is usually sometime in June. High carriage, all-wheel or 4-wheel drive vehicles are recommended if you decide to use those logging roads. As always, be aware that logging trucks may be using those roads, too.

I hope you and your families are well and enjoying the glimmerings of Spring. See you at the lake or on Zoom before long!

Bonnie Hay
Board President

We miss Steve Albee who passed away last fall. His work in development included a vital role in the creation of the Keweenaw National Historical Park. He supported many area conservation organizations. Along with his wife, Judy, he was a GLC member and supporter from GLC's early days. Steve was an enthusiastic "student" in many *Reading the Landscape* fieldtrips and at GLC workshops from birding to botany to mussels.

Birder Reminder: Zach Gayk has posted lists of his bird tally at Gratiot Lake on *Cornell Lab of Ornithology's* ebird.org. If you use the ebird app, add your Gratiot bird observations to the "Gratiot Lake Conservancy Preserve" hotspot at <https://ebird.org/hotspot>
p.s. Eagles are on the Gratiot Lake nest again!

Cabin cleaner needed: Noblet Field Station needs a cleaning after it is opened for the season in late June or early July. If you or someone you would like some cleaning work, and is not put off by lack of running water, please have them email their interest and contact info to director@gratiotlakeconservancy.org

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We hope you will enjoy these upcoming GLC programs...

Program	Date	Description
GLC Book Club: <i>Silent Spring</i>	Sat., April 24, 2021 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Online discussion of Rachel Carson’s classic that sounded the alarm about the dangers of pesticides. RSVP: gmjarviglc@gmail.com <i>Virtual Only</i>
Part I GLC Research Web Series: <i>Dendrochronology of Gratiot Lake Conservancy</i>	Sat., May 1, 2021 2:00 PM – 2:40 PM	PhD Candidate Zach Merrill discusses tree ring science around Gratiot Lake. RSVP: director@gratiotlakeconservancy.org <i>Virtual Webinar Only</i>
Part 2 GLC Research Web Series: <i>Remapping the Keweenaw Fault and the Bedrock Geology of Gratiot Lake</i>	Fri., May 14, 2021 7:00 PM – 7:40 PM	Part II of the GLC Research Webinar Series. Geospatial Research Scientist Daniel Lizzadro-McPherson presents his research on the Keweenaw Fault near Gratiot Lake. RSVP: director@gratiotlakeconservancy.org <i>Virtual Webinar Only</i>
Part 3 GLC Research Web Series: <i>Mammalian predator-prey dynamics: temporal trends and a predator free island</i>	Thurs., May 20, 2021 7:00 PM – 7:40 PM	Dr. John Younger discusses his comparative research of mammals of Gratiot Lake Conservancy land and Rabbit Island. RSVP: director@gratiotlakeconservancy.org <i>Virtual Webinar Only</i>
GLC Book Club: <i>The Thing with Feathers: The Surprising Lives of Birds and What They Reveal about Being Human.</i>	Sat., July 24, 2021 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Online discussion of biologist Noah Stryker’s book which highlights bird behaviors revealing their cognition, emotion, and artistic abilities. RSVP: gmjarviglc@gmail.com <i>Virtual Only</i>
Webinar: <i>Gardening with Native Flora for Native Fauna</i>	Wed., August 18, 2021 2:00 PM to 2:40 PM	Online presentation on the importance of using native plants in landscaping and gardening. RSVP: gmjarviglc@gmail.com <i>Virtual Webinar Only</i>
Gratiot Lake Adopt-A-Beach Shoreline Clean Up	September, TBD	Join GLC in cleaning up trash from the Gratiot Lake Shoreline. Partnership with Alliance for the Great Lakes. Materials provided. RSVP: gmjarviglc@gmail.com <i>COVID-19 restrictions apply.</i>
GLC Book Club: <i>A Sand County Almanac: And Sketches Here and There</i>	Sat., October 30, 2021 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Online discussion of Aldo Leopold’s classic that launched the modern conservation movement. RSVP: gmjarviglc@gmail.com <i>Virtual Only</i>

Program Director, Gina Marie Jarvi will be on maternity leave for the birth of her daughter from May 4th to June 25th, 2021. If you have any questions or comments during that time, please send them to Director@GratiotLakeConservancy.org. Your message will be received by Bonnie Hay.

You may also like April *Keweenaw Native Plant Symposium* virtual series focusing on native plant gardening offered by a collaboration of the Keweenaw Garden Club, Keweenaw Land Trust, Wild Ones Keweenaw Chapter, and Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. For more information and for Zoom registration go to keweenaw.wildones.org.