



ALGAE PREVENTION: NATIVE PLANTS

Who knew planting native plants could help with algae prevention? Algae is caused by excess nutrients in the lake. The nutrients enter the lake by direct runoff from lakefront owners' yards and the stormwater drains of all residence yards in the watershed area. Native plants have deeper roots. Therefore, they absorb and retain more water and nutrients than turf grass and other nonnative plants. As residential areas increase, native plants are replaced by turf grass, less stormwater is absorbed in the ground. The result is more stormwater runoff and water nutrient pollution in nearby lakes. Native plants, are easy to care for, require less water, provide seasonal changes in color, filter nutrients and attract birds and butterflies. If you have an area in your yard that you think would look good with native plants, come hear Eileen Davis, biologist and environmental educator, come speak on Landscaping with Native Plants, 4/18 at 7:00 at the Antioch Township Center or zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6485167916>

ILMA CONFERENCE

LLMA had three board members attend the Illinois Lake Management Association Conference in March: Dave Tatak, Linda Musial and Leonard Dane. A shout out goes to them for volunteering their time for this 3 day conference to learn about a variety of issues that affect our lakes. In addition, they helped with fundraising and shared the Stewards of the Lakes program with our counterparts from other lakes. ILMA'S mission is "To Promote Understanding and Comprehensive Management of Lake and Watershed Ecosystems". ILMA's annual conferences provide informative sessions with panels of lake managers and specialists that give members an opportunity to learn about the latest lake management techniques. If you would like to view any of the presentations from the conference they can be found here. [2022 Presentations | ILMA-LAKES | Illinois Lakes Management Association](#)

GUEST SPEAKERS

Steward of the Lakes program is proud to present guest speakers on topics that impact our lakes. The March guest speaker, Gerard Urbanozo, Lake County Health Department Environmental Services gave an

Upcoming Events

- April 18th – Eileen Davis – Landscaping with Native Plants – Antioch Township Center 7:00pm
- May 16th – Eileen Davis – Attracting Pollinators – Antioch Township Center 7:00pm
- June 20- Gary Miller-U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary - Boat Safety- Antioch Township Center 7:00pm

excellent presentation on aquatic plant management for good fisheries. Over 40 people attended this presentation in person or via zoom. Gerard is also the water quality specialist for Lake County Health. We hope to have him back in the fall for a presentation on water quality based on testing done this past year on Loon Lake. Join us in April and May with native plant presentations.

For Guest Speaker information or zoom links please go the LLMA website at www.loonlakesmgmt.com

Online Native Plant Sales Open Now

Order native flowers, ferns, forbs, grasses, shrubs and trees through [Possibility Place Nursery](#). Choose from 100-plus plant species and several starter kits.

Prefer to shop in person? Mark your calendar for the [Native Plant Sale](#), from 9 am–3 pm on Saturday, May 20 and 10 am–12 pm on Sunday, May 21 at the [North Bay Pavilion](#) within [Independence Grove](#) in Libertyville

DID YOU KNOW?

The second house built in Antioch was near Loon Lake the Summer of 1837 by Thomas Warner

Ice Harvesting, supplying ice for ice boxes, was a major industry for many years due to the area's lake and rail service. There was a train depot near the corner of Grass Lake Road and Route 83. Esch & Rabe Ice House was on Loon Lake. According to LRHS history Russell Barthel stated "His father had to furnish the men working on filling the ice house one beer each day, a shot of whiskey on Sundays, as well as food, underclothing, shoes, socks and doctor services. Most men were brought in from skid row in box cars from Chicago. They came with newspapers wrapped around their feet with gunnie sacks to hold them in place and were marched from the depot to the Ice House bunk house where they stayed until the ice house had been filled. They were not paid until the ice house was filled, so therefore did not leave their employment."

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Have a photo you would like to showcase on the newsletter?
- Have any history or interesting facts about our lakes?
- Passionate about preserving our lakes and have an idea that you think would positively affect our lakes, or topics you would like to hear about.

Contact us at stewardofthelakes@gmail.com

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