



# The Breeze of Park Point

## Pontliana Woods Faces Duluth City Council Vote

Our community-wide effort to reserve and protect an important piece of public land here on Park Point will reach its peak in September. A proposed resolution drafted by Pontliana Woods team volunteers is being reviewed and vetted by Duluth City Councilor Sharla Gardner, and will be presented formally to the entire City Council shortly thereafter. Passage of the resolution will be a significant next step in the plan to convert the five-acre, state-owned wetland into a City of Duluth park. The plan has gathered steady support, as awareness and recognition of the woods and their value as public green space spreads and grows throughout Duluth. Birders, kayakers and tourism professionals continue to weigh in, which illustrates the benefits of the proposed park to the environment, to recreation, and even to the local economy.

And this! Very recent sightings of wild otters around Hearing Island and Pontliana Woods sharpen the point we make again: This *documented* Lake Superior wetland is right across the water from the Great Lakes Aquarium, which has both a wetlands exhibit and otters. Destroying the real thing within sight of an exhibit of it can only be called hypocrisy. Stand with us: speak out and be proud of a new park for Park Point!

On an even happier note, we continue our look back at the lives of Tom and Ella Pontliana and their influence on Park Point. This month, we're delighted to present the words of Ella Pontliana herself. Energetic and friendly, Ella always had a project going, and a way for others to get involved. She was a frequent contributor to the Park Point Breeze, and even twenty year later, her spirit shines out from her words. Our profound thanks to our chum Jan Olson for her archival work on Tom and Ella Pontliana. Enjoy!

Submitted by Dave Johnson

### Park Point Community Club Meeting

Thursday, September 17th,  
7 p.m. Social at 6:30  
Lafayette Community Center

### Lafayette Edible Garden

Monday, September 21st  
6 to 8 p.m. potluck dinner  
Lafayette Community Center

### Park Point Garden Club

Thursday September 24  
Contact: Harriet Meagher  
722-6762



April, 1990

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## A Growing Membership

By Ella Pontliana

Note: Ella Pontliana has compiled a history of the Eighth District Horticultural Society. She has been actively involved in the district for 26 years as secretary, vice president, president and second vice president of the state society. She is currently the executive secretary of the district. The following is an excerpt:

Way back in 1922 some Park Point women started a study group that would become the forerunner of the Garden Club. The group included Anna Jacobs, Minnie Maynard, Marie Nelson, Mabel Hudson, Mrs. Catherine Sundby, Mrs. George King, Mrs. Val Lyons, Mrs. Malfred Tronnes, Mrs. White, Mrs. Kreidler, Mrs. Roske, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. Boerner and Mrs. Cruikshank.

Mrs. Tronnes enjoys telling how thrilled she was when her lone pink gladiola won first prize at the club's first show and, according to some, the best one ever. The Tronnes garden continues to be a showplace on Park

Point. Since 1949 the Park Point Garden Club has met every month. Ann Markham has the distinguished honor of being the tiniest and oldest living member of the club. There are now about 17 members, with Harriet Meagher presiding as 1990 president. Mary Ellen Grover has just completed her two year stint as president of the Executive Board of the Duluth Garden Flower Society and she did an outstanding job.

We on Park Point have been beautifying the community with the legacy bequeathed us by Mr. John Miller. Plans to do another beautification project for Park Pointers is in the making. Soon we will see all our crab trees blooming up and down the Point. We've also had some beautiful garden shows in previous years displaying the results of the excellent flowers and vegetables grown on the Point regardless of many horticultural problems.

In 1940 Mrs. Verle Nicholson of the Duluth Heights Garden Club invited our club

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## The Breeze

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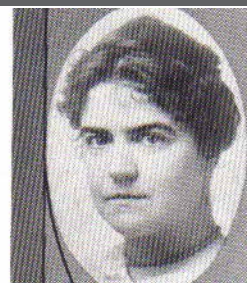
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## Interesting Correction for August Breeze

MIRA M. SOUTHWORTH, B.A.  
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Sophomore Class Adviser



A quick correction to page two of the August Breeze of this past month. It is Mira, not Myra. Thank You...

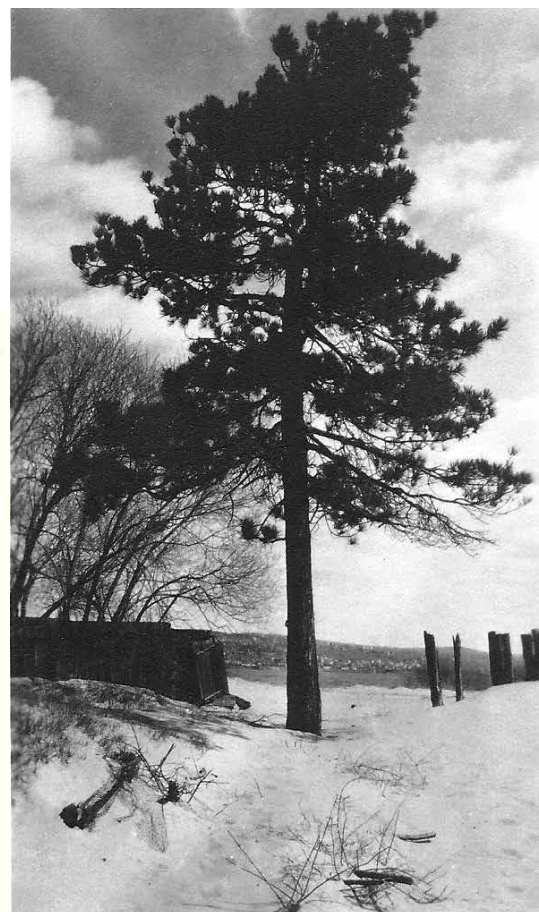
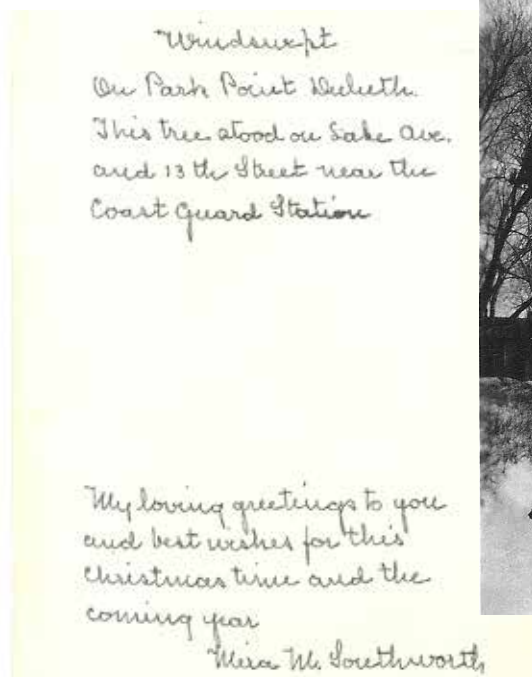
As a young lad, I was Miss Mira's (as my grandfather James M. Mackay called her) lawn and garden helper, snow shoveler, car polisher, etc etc.

The photos attached are from a Central High School yearbook, as well as the back of one of the seven wonderful photo cards she gave to my family. All have notes to my family about where and when they were taken. My brother Jim also has some, and I believe so do the Potters. Margaret Potter was my Dad's sister who lived in front of us. They were 4102 and we were 4103. I also have a photo with me and my brother sitting along side her at her place in the 4200 block of our Island.

Mira Southworth was the Ansel Adams of Duluth and our area. A side note is that my mom's maiden name was Adams.....

Treasures....

Capt. Tom Mackay (Ret.)





## **Ella Pontliana Vintage Breeze continued**

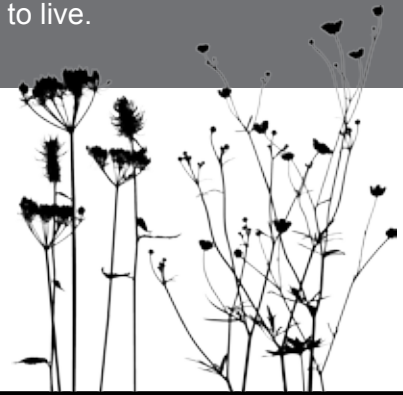
as well as others to form the Eight District of the State of Minnesota Horticultural Society. Presently there are 17 clubs both in Duluth and the Iron Range which includes International Falls and Grand Rapids. The Grand Rapids Club has a membership of 78.

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the Eight District Society. The celebration will be marked by meetings and a luncheon on April 21 at the Raddison Hotel. Guest speaker will be Leo Keskinen, former president of the Grand Rapids Garden Club, former president of the Eighth District and former president of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. "A History of the Eighth District Horticultural Society from 1940 to 1990" compiled by anniversary chairperson Ella Pontliana will be distributed.

During the next year, Park Point Garden Club President Harriet Meagher plans to present topics relating to "going back to the basics" in gardening. If you are interested in joining the Club, call Harriet in the evening at 722-6762.

**The mission of the Breeze is to serve the community by:**

1. Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club.
2. Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects.
3. Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns.
4. Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live.



**Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 13th  
as Candidates for the Positions of**

***Third District City Councilor  
(Park Point and Central Hillside)***

***and***

***Councilor-at Large***

join Park Pointers and fellow Duluthians in a moderated

### **Candidates' Forum**

***Event begins promptly at 7p.m., Lafayette Community Center - 6:30 Meet-and-Greet***

Questions will be submitted to candidates in advance of the evening  
to allow for review and preparation.

*Please submit questions no later than Sept. 12th to: [dfpoulin@charter.net](mailto:dfpoulin@charter.net), cc: [nellepalnuda@yahoo.com](mailto:nellepalnuda@yahoo.com), or call Dave Poulin @ 722-1511 to record your question(s) by voice.*

Questions should be succinct, in the interest of accommodating the largest number of questions possible. Additional questions will also be taken from the floor as time allows.

**Let's see an "informed" Park Point citizenry well-represented!**

# PPCC Meeting Minutes - August 20, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Dawn Buck at 7:00 pm.

Regular agenda interrupted to hear from two Duluth City Councilor-at-Large candidates. **Kriss Osbakken's** primary message was that Duluth needs to make future decisions through a "green and justice lens. We do not live in a bubble." Ms. Osbakken is a single mother with a Master's degree in poetry, and has many years of experience working on a variety of community issues. **Jim Booth's** primary message was that he does not like the current fee and tax structure in Duluth, and that the City needs to put a higher priority on infrastructure issues. Mr. Booth has lived in many places throughout the city, including Duluth Heights, Piedmont, Lakeside, Kenwood and the Hillside districts. He has served on the Boards of Edison Schools, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, John Beargrease, and other sporting groups.

**Communications** - One welcoming note sent to new resident Jean Johnson McKeever.

**July Minutes** - Dennis Hoelscher stated there were errors in the information he shared at the July Park Point Community Club Meeting regarding the fire and emergency medical services statements he made at that meeting. The corrections are as follows, and all refer to page 5, New Business, Emergency Services of the July minutes: 1) "Dennis Hoelscher reported that in 2012 the City of Duluth did a review and study of fire services; the result was an 80+ page report, at a cost of nearly \$1000 per page" 2) Two minutes, 45 seconds is the average time it takes for paramedics to arrive after the Fire Department is on the scene, rather than average initial response time, as previously reported 3) The closure of the fire hall on Park Point allowed the Duluth Fire Department to transfer fire fighters to other jobs. Even with these transfers, there still remains a 30% shortage of fire fighters in meeting minimum OSHA regulations. July meeting minutes were accepted, allowing for the corrections noted above.

**Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Al Robbins reminded all that the Community Club keeps two separate accounts. The one specifically dedicated to the Art Fair currently has a balance of \$9979; the account for the remainder of PPCC activities holds \$40,734, for a combined total of \$50,713. This amount will decrease as bills for the Art Fair are paid. Also, by the end of August he anticipates that all bills for the Park Point Youth Programs will be paid. Al noted that income for the PPCC is generated through membership fees, rental of Lafayette Community Center, the Art Fair and tunnel passes. The report was approved unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

**Watch Committee** - all of us (This includes "things that are happening on the Point.")

a) It seems the sale of the store has fallen through; we are not sure what is happening to the property. b) Street end complaints and issues are a matter for the City Planning Department, rather than police, a resident was told. c) Several reports of auto break-ins and people sleeping on the beach. d) Syringes have been found on the beach e) Brian Mattson, Sky Harbor Airport Manager, reported that some of the paving projects have been delayed.

**Art Fair** - Carla Tamburo

Neither Carla nor Jake were present; hence, no updates during this brief hiatus, before planning for 2016 begins again.

**Environmental** - Dick Gould

Dick reported that the trees planted in the spring are doing well. Together, people at the meeting reported seeing four otters, a beaver and a weasel on the Point.

**Pontlana Woods** - Dave Johnson

Dave reported that the draft for a City Council resolution is currently being written. The language will be to the effect that "Parcel 9 will be rezoned as P1: a park wetlands reserve, bounded by surrounding streets 17th Street/ Harbor Point Circle, Minnesota Avenue, 16th Street and the Duluth Harbor Basin, will be set aside as a Duluth City Park." He anticipates having enough votes on the City Council to carry the resolution. If the City Council passes the resolution, Mayor Ness will also support the creation of a park, Dave believes. This is important, as the St. Louis County Board will not take action to make this parcel a park until the City Council passes such a resolution. Historic, environmental and fiscal data have been used to garner support for making this area a park. "Parcel 8," which extends from Harbor Point Circle to the apartments at 19th Street, was put up for auction in June, but failed to obtain the minimum bid set by St. Louis County.

### **Rummage Sale - Dave Lavamaki**

Dave was not present, but Dawn reported that no additional messages have been received either for or against sponsoring an annual Park Point Rummage Sale, beyond the two letters printed in the July Breeze.

### **Youth Committee - Judy Dwyer**

Committee Member Liz MacKay reported positive feedback about the program. She will write a report for the Breeze detailing the program and feedback she has received. However, Liz noted that the cost of the program has been offset in great part by the generous contributions of volunteers. She reported the PPCC approved a budget of \$13,536 for the program; income from attendance fees was \$11,481.25, with expenses totaling \$11692.22. Liz is requesting the difference of \$214.97 from the Club to clear the account, noting that in the past the PPCC has provided up to \$400 to support the Youth Program. Motion to approve paying \$214.97 for the Park Point Summer Youth Program approved and accepted; passed unanimously. [As with all expenditures in excess of \$200, and as required by PPCC bylaws, a second vote will be required at next month's meeting.]

### **Unfinished Business**

**Candidates' Forum, October 13th** - David Poulin is coordinating the forum, along with several other PPCC members. Ellen Dunlap has been asked to moderate. Should any resident wish to participate in final planning of format and prepared questions, please contact Dave. [See announcement on Page 3 of the Breeze for additional details.] The format proposed at present is for the forum to include a formal section, with candidates responding to a set of questions they have received in advance, and then a Q & A between the candidates and audience. Ellen asked that people submit suggestions for questions to her, Dave or President Dawn Buck. "Everything starts with a good question," noted Dawn. Topics identified by those in attendance included development on Park Point, access to the beach and bay, pollution, and infrastructure issues. If you would like to help with the forum, please let Dave or Dawn know.

### **By-laws Committee - No current committee chair**

The Executive Board has decided to make recommendations for changes to the by-laws individually, instead of trying to tackle the entire set of bylaws at one time. The following motion was made: "In the next issue of the Breeze, a recommendation to change the PPCC meeting to the third Tuesday of the month shall be published. This is due to the conflict with the agenda-setting meeting of the City Council, making it difficult for City Councilors to attend PPCC meetings as currently scheduled." Motion passed without dissent.

### **Hospitality - Diane Gould, Ted Buck**

Thank you once again for refreshments provided.

### **Sunshine - Pam Griggs**

Pam was not present, but reported to Dawn that two cards were sent this month.

### **New Business**

1) Motion made to **donate \$200 to St. Andrews by the Lake** to help defray the costs of National Night Out, and an amendment added to increase the donation to \$300. Chris Rauschenfels of St. Andrews spoke against the motion, indicating that the church wanted to donate this event as a gift to Park Point neighbors. Amendment withdrawn, but \$200 donation approved "to use for special projects as the church sees fit."

2) A member suggested that residents call or send emails to **Facilities Maintenance** of Duluth or to the Mayor to call attention to the "hole in the Street" caused by recent construction near 17th Street. Ellen Dunlap noted that contractors have up to one year to "restore the street to its original condition," but that the City regularly fails in following up on those repairs. It was pointed out that even the present, temporary repair is both dangerous and unacceptable.

3. Katie Humphrey, Political Director for the Duluth Better Ballot Campaign, requested to be at the September PPCC meeting to explain **rank choice voting**, as this issue will be on Duluth's November 3rd ballot. This was supported by the membership. LeAne Rutherford further suggested that she demonstrate with a mock ballot, showing how the system actually works; others asked that she be given a limited time frame for her presentation. It was noted that a recent issue of the Zenith magazine had an article about rank choice voting.

4. Motion made by Diane Gould to **donate \$300 to Marcial Hales** in order to offset the expenses of refreshments offered to guests enjoying her Christmas light display. Brief discussion ensued regarding the overall pleasure this family-oriented display and warming house provide to the community. Expenditure approved, with the understanding that a second vote will be required at next month's meeting.

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There will be a parish banner that will be carried by parishioners from St. Mary Star of the Sea and **Our Lady of Mercy** when the procession reaches St. Mary's Hospital and continues on to the Damiano Center and then to the DECC for the mass. Please contact the office if you would like to participate in the walk or assist with carrying the banner.

722-3078 or [office@stmarystaroftheseaduluth.com](mailto:office@stmarystaroftheseaduluth.com)

**Mass 8:00 AM every Sunday with confessions at  
7:40**

**St Andrews by the Lake**

**2802 Minnesota Ave**

We at St Andrew's by the Lake warmly welcome Reverend Marta Maddy to our community here on Park Point. She received her Master's of Divinity from the General Theological Seminary in New York and studied at the Luther Seminary in St Paul. She also has a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Carleton College.

Marta was ordained in 2005. She served Episcopal communities and parishes in Hibbing, Eveleth and Duluth. As a layperson, she worked with The Neighborhood Partnership in the east hillside of Duluth.

Marta's family includes her husband Mike, three fabulous daughters and one amazing son-in-law.

Please welcome Marta and join us as we continue in our journey to be a community on our way to knowing, loving and serving god.

Sunday worship is at 9:45 am,  
followed by a coffee hour to  
meet, greet and develop friendships.

## **National Night Out - Thank You!**

The St. Andrew's community extends a hearty thank you to the residents of Park Point for attending our National Night Out picnic on August 4th. Approximately 170 people enjoyed food and fellowship with their neighbors and new friends. Five police officers stopped by during the evening; two of them, Officers Lindberg and Peterson from the Mounted Patrol, with their beautiful horses in tow. City Council Member Sharla Gardner also stopped by.

Coral, from the Community Edible Garden, picked a bouquet of fresh carrots for us to nibble on and I, along with many others, can attest to their sweetness. Maria, who lives on Harbor Point, brought three lovely lily and garlic scapes flower arrangements from her gardens to grace the tables. She also provided a large bowl full of individually packaged Honey Granola, sweetened with honey from her bees. Plenty of people included her "National Night Out Special Blend" granola as part of their breakfast the next morning or for their mid-morning snack. I ate mine with blueberries and milk and it was delicious. A number of other people added food to the table but I'm sorry to say, I didn't get their names.

The Park Point Community Club signed up seven new members and eight people bought Tunnel Passes in support of the Community Club and the Duluth Rowing Club.

There are many pictures posted on the St. Andrew's Facebook page for you to view.

I am looking forward to seeing many new acquaintances when I'm out walking on Park Point.

Submitted by Sandra Carlson

# Letter from the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

Update: Is Radio Tower Bay clean-up debris ending up on Park Point shores? Not likely.

Thanks to Daryl Peterson, Director of Restoration Programs for the Minnesota Land Trust, for looking at the photos of the logs and wood that had found new homes on Park Point shores.

"From the looks of those logs, I don't think they are from Radio Tower Bay. Attached is a photo of the typical wood at Radio Tower Bay. Most of it was milled into lumber dimensions before being discarded into the River. There were 15-17 sawmills active in the harbor over the years. And there is a lot of escaped wood from that time period (1870s-1920s). Some other project must have disturbed a cache. I'm curious, any of the logs have logger's marks in the end? These appear as stamped "brands" in the ends of the logs to identify the owner after the log drives. I'm noticing most of Radio Tower Bay's were a "Circle P."



Any Circle P's out there on your shores?

Program Committee Chair Dave Poulin and a small group of volunteers are working on the City Council candidates' forum that will be held at Lafayette at 7pm on October 13th. Here is the Council's charge to ponder while crafting your questions for prospective councilors:

City Council, City of Duluth, MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Duluth City Council is to develop effective public policy rooted in citizen involvement that results in excellent municipal services and creates a thriving community prepared for the challenges of the future."

The candidates will be given a list of questions in advance, plus they will take your questions from the floor via a moderator. Questions were collected at the last meeting; thank you to our neighbors for collecting and organizing the questions. Please contact Dave at 722-1511, [dfpoulin@charter.net](mailto:dfpoulin@charter.net) if you have a question for the candidates.

Our membership passed a resolution to explore moving our club's regular meeting date to facilitate the attendance of city councilors at our meetings. The agenda setting session for the Council conflicts with our monthly meeting times. This may be a question one for our candidates: "Would you consider attending our meetings?"

Two candidates seeking the at-large council seats attended the social before our last meeting and introduced themselves, describing issues of concern they would like to address if they are elected. Thank you to Jim Booth and Kriss Osbakken for taking the time to come down to Park Point and meet our neighbors. Both are returning for the forum on October 13th.

Our members also gave a big thank you to our warm and welcoming neighbors from St. Andrews-By-The-Lake, who hosted a great gathering for National Night Out in early August. What a wonderful evening!

As the summer winds down, I hope you take the time for a few paddles or hikes on the beach. On a very calm and quiet afternoon before the "windy days," I paddled to Southworth Marsh to observe the beauty of the birds and the lush woods. The shoreline was alive with birds maneuvering through a network of logs and branches created by the high water. Another memorable paddle right in our "backyard".....

Happy hiking and paddling well into the fall,  
Dawn and Klaus (canine companion)

As always, thanks for packing that extra trash bag.... 7



## Park Point Garden Club: Mum's the Word



If there is an empty spot in your perennial flower garden you may want to consider planting mums (botanical name is *Chrysanthemum*). Most established mums will be hardy in zones 3 – 9. Today you can find them at most garden stores, but you want to select those that have a good chance of coming back. If you put them in full sun they will thrive. After they bloom, deadhead them until all of the buds have bloomed. Since fall tends to be dry, make certain they get watered so their roots can become established. Since mums bloom so late in the season, spring through early summer

they will look nondescript, but attractive as a plant in a border. When they start showing growth next spring, pinch them back until around July 4th, then you will have more branches and more buds. You can also plant them next to early blooming perennials, then the mums will fill in as the other perennials stop blooming. Other late season bloomers you may like are Sedum, Goldenrod, Russian Sage, Asters, and Gailardia.

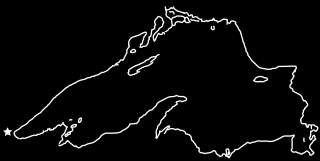
Please call President Harriet Meagher 722-6762 for the date of PP Garden Club's next meeting. We have recently welcomed some new members and guests and we would like to welcome you, too!

Submitted by Kristelle Miller

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# Lafayette Community Edible Garden News



Join us for our monthly potluck dinner on Monday, September 21st at Lafayette Square Community Center. We will celebrate our garden's harvest with a program about ways of preserving fruits and vegetables without cooking them.

This is your chance to learn how to best store root vegetables, help green tomatoes ripen once they are plucked from the vines, and how to make a quick pesto from your herbs and greens that can be frozen for deep-winter enjoyment. If you have a favorite pesto recipe, bring it along with a sample so we can taste it! If you have any questions about our monthly potluck dinners or community garden, call Coral at, 727-6455.

It's that time of year again, when we select the 2016 Duluth Vegetable of the Year. We've had a great run with potatoes, the 2015 Duluth Veggie of the Year, but it's time to honor a new veggie. On the evening of Wednesday, September 23rd, we will gather with members of the other Duluth community gardens and pitch our choices for a vegetable worthy of this annual designation. This year's event is slated to be at the Emerald Community Garden in Lincoln Park, 2001 West 4th Street. As the Breeze goes to press, we are not sure if it will be a potluck dinner or not. Watch for more details on the Duluth Community Garden Program's website: [DuluthCommunityGarden.org](http://DuluthCommunityGarden.org).

## Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 21st, 6 to 8 p.m. - monthly potluck dinner with program about bumper crop preserving.

Wednesday, September 23rd, 6 to 8 p.m. - Duluth Community Garden Program Vegetable of the Year for 2016. The Emerald Community Garden in Lincoln Park, 2001 West 4th Street.

October monthly potluck dinner, to be determined.

Sunday, November 15th, 5 to 7 p.m. - monthly potluck dinner birthday celebration for our garden's 5th year of production.

Submitted by Susan Peters



Photos by Natalija Walbridge

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Hours available are 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Contact: Missy LePage at  
218-208-9545 or by e-mail at  
ppccd1h@gmail.com



Judging from the numbers and frequency of visits to my third floor balcony last month, this was a good summer for nesting warblers. The plants I grow attract a hoard of spiders: the small birds come to eat them as a great source of protein they require for the rigorous migration to southern destinations.

The abilities of wildlife to adjust to the whims of our weather never cease to amaze me. On the morning of August 7th the fog bank was, as we used to say, “thick enough to be cut with a knife.” No gulls were in the air—or if they were, I couldn’t see them. In fact, I could barely see across the parking lot.

That condition didn’t deter a neighborhood ruby-throated female hummingbird from arriving for her morning drink of nectar from my flowers. She drained every one of the blossoms and melted away in the gray haze. I especially enjoy her stopover to tend to my favorite bloom: the deep purple morning glories now at their dazzling peak of color.

The annual exodus of south-bound hawks heading for wintering sites far to the south is now underway and always a natural event worth viewing by simply driving to Hawk Ridge. A large percentage of the birds come down from Canada. It would seem logical that the ones that spent their summer directly across Lake Superior from us would want to make a straight-line flight across the big lake...

But the large raptors do not have webbed feet. They know instinctively that it would probably be fatal to make an emergency landing on water. They hug the shoreline of Minnesota and that is what brings them to our city. They are more than welcome to do so!

After leaving us, they head, at high speed, for the Gulf of Mexico, which they will cross while navigating only a few feet above the water. It’s believed the high humidity at that low elevation slows dehydration. It’s a rigorous non-stop flight and reduces their weight by one gram.

Like many of you Park Pointers, I’m an inveterate bird watcher---not to record the species in a “life list”---but rather, I am fascinated far more with their behavior, especially while they are airborne.

That tendency accelerated this summer with the reading of fabulous author David McCullough’s *The Wright Brothers*. (A book I can’t recommend enough.) I had always been aware of the importance they placed on applying what they observed in the study of birds in flight to development of the form and function of their experimental aircraft. At their remote camp at Kitty Hawk’s Outer Banks they spent days concentrating on the movement of the wings, as well as on the configuration of all parts of birds in flight.

The brothers struggled particularly with imitating the position of the wings of seagulls when going into a stiff headwind. They realized early on that their efforts would fail if they could not replicate this fundamental maneuver essential for steering.



Gulls accomplish the art instinctively. The Wrights managed it only after years of repeated adjusting and then readjusting over and over the struts between the double wings of their bi-plane. Their genius and tenacity finally paid off with the actual bending of the wing tips with cables attached to the steering column. They patented this vital solution and named it “wing-warping.” Thus, they became the world’s first humans to achieve engine-powered flight!



# Lafayette Summer Youth Program

Wow, where has the summer gone? It seems like only yesterday we were suncreening, getting ready for a beach day, and today I'm wondering where my winter coat is.....

It was a wonderful whirl wind of fun, traveling to Incline Station for Bowling, Minnesota Power Credit Union (did you know there are 293 ways to make \$1.00 ?), Dairy Queen, Paddle Boarding, Trolley Ride, Duluth Depot, Duluth 10 Cinema, Duluth Public Library, The Vista, Play Front, KBJR, DTA Bus Barn, Great Lakes Aquarium (did you know that alligators have hollow teeth?), City Wide Sand Modeling Contest, Tubing on the Lake, Boating and Anchor Burger Delivery, The Lakewalk, picnics thru-out the city.....the list is endless. A BIG THANK YOU to all for accommodating our needs and being so great with the kids.

We had many guests who shared their knowledge: Bob Pokorney - Director of Park Point Volunteer Surf Rescue: Gold Cross Ambulance: Duluth Police Dept., K-9 Unit; Mounted Horse Patrol, and Bike Patrol; Duluth Fire Dept.: City of Duluth Park Rangers; Park Point Kids Garden Club, including Coral McDonnell, Beth Hall, Charlene Shimmin, Don Lemmerman, Cornelia Dacey, Janine Bjerklie, Ann Miller, Lynn Clark Pegg, Anna White, Dave Poulin, and Carol Kondrath - not only for their gardening knowledge but for arranging BeeKeepers Catherine & Ray and Butterfly Experts Mary & Kent Giese to come and share their time with the kids.

Sue Johnson also came down, sharing her time and supplies, teaching us book mark making and paper stamping. Park Point photographer Carole Lent came and took our annual group picture, which proudly hung on our display board. We also had many adults join us for our fieldtrip fun: Liz Mackay, Al Robins, Dan O'Neill, Bill Long, and Audra Erkelenz. Bob Swanson treated us to a boat excursion thru the Harbor and Lake Superior, docking at the Aquarium to dine on Anchor Burgers and Fries that were hand delivered by Howard Watts. Geoff Witrak took us tubing and boat riding on the Lake, stopping mid-day for lunch and a popsicle break donated and delivered by Mary Lee-Nichols.

Finally, all the behind-the-scenes people who have generously donated endless amounts of time and supplies (board games, card games, bread and jelly, art supplies, sunscreen, inner tubes, towels, swim suits, office supplies, gardening seeds, muffins, origami paper, freeze pops, calendars, magazines for art projects, and planted a shade tree by the playground): Tim and Sally Buck, Rhonda Strum, Michelle and Dan Wallerstein, Patti Peters, Maria Fierek, Renee Beaumer, Jen Baumann, Michelle De Noble, Dick and Diane Gould, Dennis Hoelscher, Dave Poulin, Mariah McKechnie, Kremena Popov, Natalija Walbridge, Tom Rauschenfels, Ann Price, Michelle Lanz, Denny Johnson, Sheryl Robins, Heather/Garrett and Brekken. "Hat's off," too, to the Park Point Summer Youth Committee Members, Park Point Community Club, Walgreen's Drug Store, The UPS Store, Cub Foods, Walmart, Michaud Distributing, and all the people who have left treasures for us in our secret hiding place located in the bushes by the front door. (If I've left anyone out I apologize).

Thank you everyone .....

Joy Fouts



## Letter to the Editor

### School Board Recommendation

Dear Editor:

I am writing you in support of Nora Sandstad, one of the two candidates for the Duluth School Board 3rd District seat. The 3rd District includes Park Point. Nora is running for the seat being vacated by Bill Westholm, who has decided not to run for reelection.

Nora is a mother of two young boys, a community leader and is committed to celebrating and improving the public schools for all our children. She is an Assistant County Attorney and has a Master of Education from the University of Minnesota, as well as her law degree. Nora also serves as a volunteer in local and statewide organizations.

I have known and worked with Nora for a number of years and know that she will bring energy, enthusiasm, civility and straight thinking to our school board. Her desire to see all children in Duluth have access to excellent neighborhood public schools is deep and she will carry the torch appropriately for this vision.

Knowing Nora both personally and professionally, I can attest to her integrity, intelligence and willingness to work and am very optimistic about having her serve us as a member of our school board.

William M. Burns

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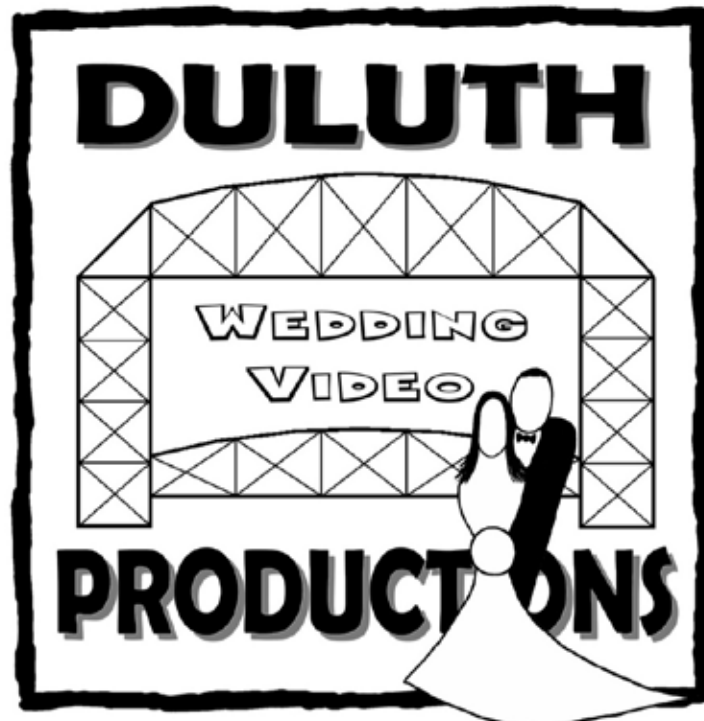
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Community Police Officer: Craig Lindberg 730-5727 [clindberg@duluthmn.gov](mailto:clindberg@duluthmn.gov)

Parks Maintenance Division: 730-4491 (after hours 730-4150)

Dog issues: [clane@duluthmn.gov](mailto:clane@duluthmn.gov)

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