



**May 8th Friends with Feathers “The Season Turns, with Migration of Birds” 8:30 - 10:30am • Tennis Courts**  
Join local birding advocates & [Friends of Grant Park](#) members [Rita Flores Wiskowski](#) & [Betsy Abert](#) in observing spring migration after arduous all-night flights. These often colorful small songbirds use our lakefront woods as a critical stopover feeding zone, an important “refueling station” for neotropical migrants pushing north. Bring your binoculars for the best experience.

**May 22nd Among the Wildflowers “Blossom Your Soul, with the Colors of Nature” 10am - Noon • Area 5**  
[Schlitz Audubon Nature Center’s](#) Senior Naturalist, [Don Quintenz](#), will lead us through the habitats of Grant Park, witnessing the many flowers blooming in May, when spring ephemerals are at their best. Learn why this botanical behavior has strategic advantages for these plants.

**June 5th Hangin’ with the Homies “Life’s Better, when you’re Batty about Bats” Evening 8:30 - 10pm • Wil-o-Way Area 7**  
Discover the fiction, folklore, and facts about our neighborhood bats. Join [Wehr Nature Center](#) naturalist [Howard April](#) to discover how bats, with amazing and downright jaw-dropping adaptations, make life better.

**June 19th Outstanding Odonata “Dare to Discover, Dragonflies & Damselflies” 10am - Noon • Mill Rd. & Milw. • Mill Hill**  
Let’s learn about the different families of dragonflies and damselflies, as well as their unique habitat, physiology, and lifestyles as [Jamie Schiesel](#), educator at [Mequon Nature Preserve](#), teaches us the ways of these prehistoric flying insects.

**July 3rd Bloom Where You Are Planted “Reveal Stability, when Native Plants Prosper” 10am - Noon • Area 5**  
Join [MATC Horticulture Instructor, Delisa White](#), as we identify native and non-native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants, exploring Grant Park’s woods and ravines to discover the ecological diversity of the area. We will answer questions like, “can the natives and the non-natives coexist?” and “how might the changing climate influence the native plants of the park?”

**July 17th Mothing in Da Moonlight “In the Night, interesting Insects Appear” Evening 8 - 9:30pm • Wil-o-Way Wulff Lodge**  
July 23-31 is National Moth Week, and this family-friendly program celebrates these amazing creatures. [Wehr Nature Center’s](#) naturalist, [Brooke Gilley](#), will bring her special mothing equipment and secret recipe for finding moths in Grant Park, as we participate in this citizen science survey. *Join us around a fire, at the Wulff lodge, before and after the event for s’more fun!*

**July 31st Footprints on the Trail “Embark on a Journey, through Time Itself” 10am - Noon • Area 5**  
[UW-Milw. Archaeological Research Laboratory Center’s](#) Archaeologist, [Seth Schneider](#) leads us on a tour that connects the present to the past, covering over 10,000 years. He will describe the pre-European landscape and provide what archaeologists know about Native American cultures over these past ten millennia. We will explore how climate affected early Native American cultures and how they modified the landscape by building burial mounds overlooking wetlands, waterways, and lakes.

**August 14th Woodn’t You Like to Know “Photosynthesize Connections, with Leaves & Trees” 10am - Noon • Wil-o-Way Area 7**  
[Mike Wendt](#), Retired [Arboriculture Instructor at MATC](#) will answer our questions about trees, what’s bothering them and how to identify what’s in YOUR yard. Bring a twig sample to the talk. Mike guarantees a minimum of 100 tree trivia facts and warns that tree enthusiasm can be contagious!

**August 28th Let’s Work Together “Enlighten Your Mood, with the Ecology Between Us All” 10am - Noon • Area 5**  
[Joanna Demas](#), Stewardship Director at the [River Revitalization Foundation](#), leads this ecologically focused hike through Seven Bridges, exploring the dynamics of a beech-maple hardwood forest, associated native plant species, the wildlife that depends on this habitat and the pressures it endures.

**September 11th The Fungus Among Us “Find Functionality, with Formidable Fungi” 10am - Noon • Area 5**  
[Alan Bunde](#), former [President of the Wisconsin Mycological Society](#), explains the four general types of fungi, basic physical characteristics, and the difference between underground fungi, the mushrooming form on the forest floor, and others growing on trees, stumps or downfalls.

**September 25th The Space Above Our Heads “Peer Upon the Origins of Distant Stars” Evening 7 - 9pm • Area 5**  
This unique event will turn your attention to the heavens, encouraging you to ponder the matter of the universe. Join [Wehr Astronomical Society](#) member and amateur astronomer since 1971, [Dave Beine](#), as we learn about the night sky, discovering what is exactly above our heads? What is our Solar system? How can we find recognizable structures such as Saturn or Jupiter, and where should we look?

**Events held rain or shine.**

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