



*"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree". --- Emily Bronte*



**MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!!**



### **WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?!?**

Tuesday, September 4, 7PM  
Mathews Community Center

The Insects Around US: Lenny Lampel, a Natural Resources Coordinator with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation and Insect

Enthusiast, will provide an overview of the incredible world of insect species that can be found around our homes, our neighborhoods and throughout the greater Charlotte region.

Nobody loves bugs more than Lenny, and while a few insects can negatively impact us and our natural areas, most are beneficial and play important roles in the environment. And he will make you a fan, too! Lenny will take you into the fascinating diversity of insect life and introduce you to the good, the bad, the ugly, as well as the beautiful.

Lenny will also discuss recent studies and projects that are focused on insects in Mecklenburg County. This is a great opportunity to learn about the impacts that insects have on our lives and the world we live in.

This meeting is free and open to everyone. For more information, [HAWKNCWF@gmail.com](mailto:HAWKNCWF@gmail.com) or 704-236-0929.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

### **AUG 31-SEPT 3**

2018 Matthews Alive Labor Day Weekend Street Festival

Join the fun and help raise \$\$\$ for HAWK projects!

HAWK will once again manage the information booth for the Matthews Alive Labor Day weekend festival.



Proceeds from the festival are distributed to the volunteering groups. This is THE major fundraiser for HAWK to support conservation projects, meetings and nature-focused events throughout the year.

**[Click here to sign up for a shift and help fund HAWK projects around Matthews](#)**



### **Oh, Deer!**

Tuesday, October 2, 7PM  
Matthews Community Center

Displaced deer populations due to land development are a frequent challenge to local gardeners. Vegetables and ornamental plants are a virtual buffet for roving herds. Some misguided souls even lure deer with offerings of corn. Jeff will provide insights and advice on sharing our landscapes successfully.

Plant choices, fencing, deterrents will all be discussed; share your own tricks that have worked.

Jeff Rieves brings over 30 years of experience as a farmer, landscaper, NC Extension Agent, and educator to help people enjoy their yards and gardens. He offers private consults as well as teaching classes locally and brings a thoughtful, natural approach to gardening concerns.



Join us for *Kids in Nature Day* on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Squirrel Lake Park from 10:00-1:00pm. You won't want to miss this day of free family fun in the park presented by HAWK (Habitat and Wildlife Keepers), the Town of Matthews, and NCWF's Great Outdoors University! Invite your family and friends to join us for a beautiful fall day of fishing, hands-on STEM Activities, a scavenger hunt, nature walks, animal explorations, nature crafts, and much more!

Getting outside and enjoying the natural world has so many benefits to offer everyone. So make plans to take advantage of this free opportunity to step outside and enjoy a wonderfully beneficial day of fun and laughter together!

We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Squirrel Lake Park, 1631 Pleasant Plains Road, Matthews, N.C.!



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING A KID HAVE A GREAT DAY IN NATURE, [CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER!!!!](#)**

**Native American Legends:  
Approach to the Natural World  
Through Storytelling**  
Tuesday, November 6, 7PM  
Matthews Community Center

*"All of life is a Story. Your life is a Story and YOU are the Storyteller. Everyday is another word, another sentence, another paragraph, another page, or another chapter of your Story. In my culture - the American Indian culture, we know that Story is alive. Story breathes from the life of the earth, the 2 legged ones - people, the 4 legged ones - animals, the no footed ones - fish, snakes, worms, etc, the winged ones - birds and everything we see in nature and life. Most importantly is the fact that all of us are created by the Creator - God. In the Jewish tradition, it is said that God loved Stories so much that He created man. The Oral Tradition of Storytelling was the very first art expression. The Creator God created everything by speaking - Storytelling - and it was so. Creator God - The Master Storyteller. We are all part of His Story." - Ramona Moore Big Eagle*



Ramona Moore Big Eagle, M.Ed. (Tuscarora/Cherokee) is an Oral Historian and Legend Keeper of the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina. An enrolled member of the Nation, Ramona has served on the Tribal Council and in various other capacities for the Tuscarora. She earned a Master of Education Degree from East Tennessee State University in Reading and Storytelling and a Bachelor of Art Degree in Psychology from Catawba College. Ramona travels throughout the United States and Canada as a Motivational Speaker, Cultural Educator, Consultant, Workshop Facilitator and Storyteller. Her workshops and programs of American Indian culture and history delivered through the art of Storytelling, authentic artifacts, music, drumming, dance, and crafts have been educating and empowering audiences of all ages since 1978.

## Who is HAWK?

**The Mission of Habitat and Wildlife Keepers (HAWK) is to:**

- Create a network of like-minded individuals to share resources and local conservation news,
- Raise awareness of the need, importance and ease of acting locally to impact the environment globally,
- Create a local presence and unified voice for representation on conservation issues,
- Offer educational opportunities to learn how to become effective stewards of the environment, and
- Practice stewardship by performing local conservation projects.

**All HAWK meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from September through May at 7PM. They are FREE, open to the public and usually appropriate for all ages.**

Unless stated otherwise, meetings are held at the [Matthews Community Center](#).

For more information on our meetings, go to [www.hawknwf.org](http://www.hawknwf.org) or call 704-236-0929.

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF HAWK?

If you are not already a member of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation (NCWF), please consider joining. Go to [NCWF.org](http://NCWF.org) or pick up an application at any HAWK meeting.

Members of NCWF in the Matthews and Southeast Charlotte area are members of HAWK

The North Carolina Wildlife Federation and HAWK are 501(c)3 organizations; therefore, all donations to us are completely tax deductible.

We are working hard for the wild lives and wild places of Matthews and North Carolina!!

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