

The Nature Foundation of Will County 2022 Summer Blooms Raffle

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Summer Blooms Online Raffle runs from noon on Friday, June 17 until 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, 2022. Chances are \$5/ticket and are available for purchase in the Summer Blooms Native Plant Sale online store. All purchases must be made by credit card. A ticket purchase automatically enters the purchaser into the drawing for that specific item. Multiple ticket purchases for the same raffle item increase the chances of winning. All raffle proceeds support conservation, education and recreation initiatives that protect nature, inspire discovery, and bring people and nature together.

RAFFLE DRAWING

The online raffle closes Sunday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m. Winners will be drawn immediately after the online plant sale and raffle closes. A list of raffle prizes and winners (first name, last name initial, city) will be posted on the Foundation's website: willcountynature.org. Winners will be contacted by email within 72 hours of the drawing, which is held Sunday, July 10. Winning tickets are drawn using an online random number generator.

COLLECTING PRIZES

Raffle winners will be contacted by email to arrange pick up. Winners do have the option to pick up their prize on Saturday, July 23 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. or Sunday, July 24 between 9 a.m. and noon at the Summer Blooms Pop-Up Pollinator Native Plant Sale at Isle a la Cache Museum, 501 E. Romeo Road. (135th Street) in Romeoville. Prizes cannot be shipped or delivered. Prizes will not be held for more than 30 days. Winners may have someone else pick up their prize.

PRIZE LIST AND DESCRIPTIONS – 6/13/2022

PIZZO POLLINATOR PALOOZA COLLECTION

Value - \$145

Generously Donated by Pizzo Native Plant Nursery & The Pizzo Group

**Two winners will be drawn.

This collection features 10 different species in a full flat of 50 plants. The plants in this kit will provide blooms throughout the growing season and will supply nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds as well as food for caterpillars. This is a special collection straight from our grower, Pizzo Native Plant Nursery. We first sold this new collection this spring and we heard from a few of our customers that this was a great collection to order and split with a friend!

WINNER 1 _____

WINNER 2 _____

BUMBLE BEE BANQUET COLLECTION

Value - \$40

Generously Donated by Ann Dralle, Donna Theimer, The Roth Family & Ardan Autobody

**Two winners will be drawn.

Full Sun to Part Sun with Medium to Dry Soil Moisture. This collection is inspired by Heather Holm, pollinator conservationist, award-winning author, and one of our favorite Learn & Grow seminar presenters. Bumble Bee Banquet pulls together five nectar-rich and power-packed native species that will provide blooms in August and September, when bumble bees need it most! You can spread them throughout your other plantings or use them together as they have similar light and moisture requirements. The plants in this collection do well with full or part-sun and medium to dry soil conditions.

WINNER 1 _____

WINNER 2 _____

HUMMINGBIRD HAVEN GARDEN COLLECTION

Value - \$40

Generously donated by Ann Dralle, Donna Theimer, The Roth Family & Ardan Autobody

**Two winners will be drawn.

Full Sun to Part Sun with Medium Soil Moisture. Hummingbird Haven pulls together some of the best natives for attracting and supporting hummingbirds and includes a few selections that bloom later in the summer as a way to support these tiny birds as they fuel up before migration. Hummingbirds appear to use flower color as a signal for high-quality sources of nectar and prefer red, tubular flowers like the cardinal flower as well as purple, pink and blueish flowers.

WINNER 1 _____

WINNER 2 _____

OCTOBER BLOOMS GARDEN COLLECTION

Value - \$40

Generously Donated by Ann Dralle, Donna Theimer, The Roth Family & Ardan Autobody

**Two winners will be drawn.

Full Sun to Part Sun with Medium Soil Moisture. This collection features a selection of late-blooming native plants that will provide amazing fall color! The plants in this collection prefer full sun and will do well in average, well-drained garden soil that tends towards being dry. You'll find a wide variety of bees and butterflies visiting the blooms as they provide critical sources of nectar for insects that migrate to warmer climates and serve as homes for those that overwinter here in Illinois.

WINNER 1 _____

WINNER 2 _____

#1 PRESERVES OF WILL COUNTY

Homemade and Donated by Phyllis Schulte, Volunteer Steward & Master Gardener
Value - \$125



WINNER

Each one of the preserves included in this gift basket is unique. Phyllis makes them in small batches no more than 7 - ½ pint jars at a time. Some preserves can only be made once a year when certain fruits are available. For example, Phyllis makes the grape preserves in the fall when her concord grapes are ripe and she can get fresh concords in the grocery store. Her peach creations are from a fellow Master Gardener's peach trees in her yard in Mokena and those are only available once a year. Fresh cranberries are only available in the fall. So, many of the preserves are very seasonal.

Phyllis has been canning and preserving since she was a kid. At around the age of 7, she started helping her mom with fall canning and has been canning her whole life. Now, at 70 years, she has the experience and wisdom one needs to create such delicious preserves that truly are works of art!

Phyllis follows the strict guidelines for food safety as set forth by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Her recipes have come from the many jam and preserve books in her library. In fact, some of the canning recipe books go back to WW2. These preserves will keep for years if stored unopened and in a cool, dark place. A couple months ago she opened a jar of tart cherry preserves that she made in 2018 and it was still as good as the day she made them. She stores her canned goods in her basement where it is always cool and there is no direct sun.

20 preserves are included. Varieties are Tart Cherry Preserves, Concord Grape Preserves, Cranberry-Orange Preserves, Cranberry-Raspberry Preserves, Pina Colada Jelly, Peach Preserves, Peach Margarita Jam, Citrus Marmalade (2), Blackberry Preserves, Strawberry Daiquiri Jam, Strawberry Margarita Jam, Mango-Pineapple Strawberry Preserves, Spiced Cranberry Spread, Seville Bitter Orange Marmalade, Apricot Preserves, Low Sugar Peach Blueberry Jam. Peach Marmalade, Mango-Strawberry Preserves, and Blueberry Mojito Jam.

#2 PRESERVES OF WILL COUNTY

Homemade and Donated by Phyllis Schulte, Volunteer Steward & Master Gardener
Value - \$125



WINNER

This gift basket includes 14 preserves. Varieties are Peach Marmalade, Mango-Strawberry Preserves, Concord Grape Jam, Pink Grapefruit Marmalade, Strawberry Margarita Jam, Blueberry Mojito Jam, Cranberry-Orange Preserves, Mango-Pineapple Preserves, Spiced Cranberry Spread, Tart Cherry Preserves, Blackberry Preserves, Citrus Marmalade, Cranberry-Raspberry Preserves, and Low Sugar Peach-Blueberry Jam.

SUMMER CONCERT CELEBRATION AT WHALON LAKE PRESERVE

Generously Donated by The Nature Foundation of Will County & Cynthia Harn
Value - \$225



WINNER

Join us for what is sure to be a beautiful and enjoyable summer evening lakeside at Whalon Lake complete with food, live music, and more! This is our first-ever Summer Benefit Concert featuring the Big Lagniappe delivering their New Orleans influenced funk, R&B, and jazz. This prize includes four tickets to the Nature Foundation's Summer Benefit Concert on Saturday, August 20 FROM 6:30 TO 9:30 P.M. at Whalon Lake Preserve, a deluxe picnic backpack for group of 4 and 2 complimentary bottles of wine.

GARDEN & GRAPES – GARDEN DESIGN DISCUSSION

Value - \$400

Generously Donated by Donna Theimer and Ralph Schultz



WINNER

Make your garden come alive! With wine in hand, these two garden gurus will stroll through your garden with you and help you find the focus and inspiration you need to transform your yard into an oasis for wildlife! Donna is a professional photographer well-versed in landscape and floral design. She is retired from Joliet Junior College where she serves as Department Chair for Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences. Ralph Schultz, currently the Executive Director for the Forest Preserve District of Will County, is a professional landscape architect with extensive experience in landscape design and native plant gardening. Combined, these two garden gurus have over 60 years of wisdom and experience to share!

GIFT MEMBERSHIP TO THE WILL COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

Donated by Cynthia Harn

Value - \$50



WINNER

This prize includes a 1-Year Gift Membership at the Steward Level for Will County Audubon. In the mid 1940's, a group of birders got together and formed a local Audubon Club. The group officially became the Will County Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society (IAS) in 1971. The IAS is a not-for-profit conservation organization chartered by the State of Illinois in 1897. Both organizations are dedicated to conserving wildlife and habitat in Will County. Many Will County Audubon members volunteer and serve as interpreters at the Lake Renwick Heron Rookery and Nature Preserve in Plainfield, IL.

HUMMINGBIRD BANDING EXPERIENCE

Courtesy of the Forest Preserve District of Will County & The Nature Foundation of Will County
Value – Priceless!

**Five winners will be drawn.



WINNER 1 _____
WINNER 2 _____
WINNER 3 _____
WINNER 4 _____
WINNER 5 _____

This experience is only for Saturday, August 20 at 2:00 p.m. This is a ticketed entry so please arrive on time. The experience is held at Plum Creek Nature Center, 27064 Dutton Road, Beecher, Illinois 60401 and is part of a larger Hummingbird Fest.

This prize gets you and a guest front row seats at one of the most amazing experiences as hummingbirds are banded and released back into the wild. Not only will you get to view the hummingbirds up close, but you'll also learn about hummingbirds and why banding is so important. You may even get to hold and release a newly banded hummingbird! Banding is conducted by a licensed bird bander with the Lincoln Land Bird Association and Thorn Creek Audubon.

BREAKFAST, BELLINIS AND BIRDS – HUMMINGBIRD HANGOUT

Courtesy of the Forest Preserve District of Will County & The Nature Foundation of Will County
Value – Priceless!



2 winners will be drawn for each day. Each winner may bring a guest. Children 12 and under do not count as guests. Hummingbird Hangout is held at Plum Creek Nature Center, 27064 Dutton Road, Beecher, Illinois 60401.

You and a guest (2 people total) are invited to join us for unique hangout experience in the Hummingbird courtyard at Plum Creek Nature Center. Hummingbird migration will be well under way by this time and the birds will be frantically visiting the feeders to help fuel up for their journey

A roving naturalist will be on hand to share hummingbird facts and answer questions about these tiny, winged jewels. Bring your own folding chairs and let us take care of the rest. Take it all in as you enjoy a light breakfast of fresh fruit and pastries while hummingbirds fly all about. For beverage selections, we will be featuring Bellinis, a refreshing cocktail of Prosecco and peach nectar. You may request a non-alcoholic version of the cocktail. Other non-alcoholic beverages will be available, as well. The program runs from 9am to noon. You are welcome to come for an hour or stay the entire time. This experience is offered rain or

shine. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be moved to inside the nature center. Because things come up and schedules change, this prize is transferrable to another person should the winner no longer be able to attend. No refunds. There are three dates to select from:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 FROM 9A TO NOON

WINNER 1 _____ **WINNER 2** _____

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 FROM 9A TO NOON

WINNER 1 _____ **WINNER 2** _____

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 FROM 9A TO NOON

WINNER 1 _____ **WINNER 2** _____

BUTTERFLIES, BATS AND BEES! THE BUTTERFLY BUNGALOW

Donated by Ann Dralle, Cynthia Harn, and The Nature Foundation of Will County

Value - \$125

*Two winners will be drawn



WINNER 1 _____

WINNER 2 _____

Add a touch of charm to your outdoor décor with this butterfly house. Butterflies are some of nature’s most active pollinators – right behind bees. Providing a butterfly habitat filled with native blooms, a water source and ready spaces for butterflies to seek shelter will help attract more of them to your yard and support a healthy ecosystem. The long, narrow entrances to the house are designed to mimic the natural crevices of a tree to allow butterflies in, while keeping birds and other predators out. A hinged roof allows for easy cleaning. Dimensions: 12” high, 7.9” wide, 4” deep.

No afternoon butterfly watching would be complete without a delicious glass of wine. This gift includes a Lolita "Organica Biologica" hand painted, butterfly-themed wine glass and two bottles of wine. The Waxed Bat is a Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Malbec Blend 2020 from Argentina that is spicy and rich with blackberry and pepper flavors balanced by ripe, rounded tannins that give structure to this full-bodied red. Serve with grilled steaks, casseroles, and fine cheeses. Our other selection, the Bees Knees is a Chenin Blanc, Voignier 2020 blend from the Western Cape of South Africa. With its whimsical label, intense aromatics, and super-ripe fruit character, their Chenin Blanc-Viognier truly is “the bee’s knees.” You’ll taste why it’s a regular customer favorite and, thanks to the warm 2017 vintage, you’ll enjoy even more rich, juicy fruit notes.

BUTTERFLIES, BATS AND BEES! THE BUTTERFLY TOWER HOUSE

Donated by Ann Dralle, Cynthia Harn, and The Nature Foundation of Will County

Value - \$125

*Two winners will be drawn



WINNER 1 _____

WINNER 2 _____

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No afternoon butterfly watching would be complete without a delicious glass of wine. This gift includes a Lolita "Organica Biologica" hand painted, butterfly-themed wine glass and two bottles of wine. The Waxed Bat is a Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Malbec Blend 2020 from Argentina that is spicy and rich with blackberry and pepper flavors balanced by ripe, rounded tannins that give structure to this full-bodied red. Serve with grilled steaks, casseroles, and fine cheeses. Our other selection, the Bees Knees is a Chenin Blanc, Voignier 2020 blend from the Western Cape of South Africa. With its whimsical label, intense aromatics, and super-ripe fruit character, their Chenin Blanc-Viognier truly is “the bee’s knees.” You’ll taste why it’s a regular customer favorite and, thanks to the warm 2017 vintage, you’ll enjoy even more rich, juicy fruit notes.

MORTON ARBORETUM GIFT MEMBERSHIP

Donated by Cynthia Harn

Value - \$110.00



WINNER _____

Explore an oasis of magnificent trees and beautiful landscapes. Conveniently located approximately 25 miles from Chicago, the Arboretum features an award-winning Children’s Garden, Maze Garden, and 16 miles of hiking trails. Whether you seek a quiet stroll or an active family adventure, the Arboretum offers a variety of exhibitions, activities, events, and classes for all ages to enjoy. This prize includes a 1-year gift membership for 2 at the Morton Arboretum. Unlimited visits for two individuals. Membership comes with some amazing perks like: free general admission, free parking, members may bring two additional guests for \$5 each, children under 2 get in free, free admission to the children’s garden, free subscription to ArbConnect and More Than A Walk In The Woods e-newsletters, a 10% discount at The Arboretum Store, a 15% discount on education programs, and more!