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"In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught." — Baba Dioum, Senegalese conservationist

CALENDAR

GIBRALTAR BAY UNIT (GBU) DETROIT RIVER INT'L WILDLIFE REFUGE

28820 E. River Rd.
Open to the Public Daily,
Dawn to Dusk

GINLC EVENTS

ISLAND WIDE CLEAN-UP

Sat, April 21 @ 9:00 am
Meet at Centennial Farm

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Sun, Apr 22, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Centennial Farm

AIRPORT NATURE AREA

Open, hosted by GINLC
Sundays, May 6 - Oct 28
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Enter through the GBU

FROG SURVEY

Fri. May 11 @ 8:30 pm, GBU

KOBILJAK PRESERVE CLEAN-UP

Sat, May 12 @ 9 am
Thorofare north of Highland

GINLC 25th ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS-ONLY CELEBRATION

Sat, May 12 @ 5 pm

NATIVE SPECIES OF GROSSE ILE

Northern Water Snake (*Nerodia sipedon sipedon*)

BY BERT URBANI

Eighteen species of snakes live in Michigan. We are lucky to have several common and rare species here on Grosse Ile. One interesting snake I have encountered is the Northern Water Snake (NWS). I happened upon one having its lunch (a mudpuppy?) under our dock on E. River Rd. on Hickory Island. It was somewhat indisposed, being in mid-gulp, so it glowered at me as it finished ingesting its meal, then swam away uncomfortably, without enjoying the luxury of basking and digesting in peace.

CHARACTERISTICS: Snakes in general have an undeserved bad reputation. Some people think all snakes are venomous and so they try to kill every snake they see. In fact, there is only one venomous snake in Michigan, the Massasauga Rattlesnake, which does not live near Grosse Ile. (According to the Michigan Natural Features Inventory, the last known sighting of a Massasauga in Wayne County was in 1858!) Snakes should never be killed, whether venomous or not. Leave snakes alone and they will leave you alone. A Northern Water Snake will defend itself – if attacked or picked up, it can leave a painful bite which contains an anticoagulant, causing minor bleeding. NWS can emit a musky secretion from glands near their tail when they feel threatened. They also defecate or vomit when they feel threatened. They do not make



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good pets! Northern Water Snakes are often confused with venomous snakes such as Cottonmouths or Copperheads, which do not live in Michigan. An interesting fact is that the pupils of venomous snakes are elliptical, like cat eyes, while non-venomous snakes have round pupils. If you are ever close enough to a snake to observe the shape of its pupils, you better hope they are round! The background color of a NWS may be tan, brown or gray, with crossbands of black, dark brown or reddish brown in a varied pattern. Older adults lose the

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*for his significant
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and to BASF for
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*Thank You
for your
contributions!*

Reflections From the President

BY PETER KANTZ

25 years ago Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy was founded by a small group of citizens dedicated to protecting the natural environment in and around Grosse Ile. Today our membership approaches 200. The land we protect through ownership, easement and stewardship is well over 200 acres. The educational programs we offer to the public run throughout the year. Our nature preserves, observation platforms, boardwalks, benches, trails and educational signs are found throughout Grosse Ile.

The conservancy has grown and prospered due to the hard work and dedication of its members, the generosity of its donors and the collaborative efforts of other civic organizations. To thank every individual and organization that has had a hand in GINLC's success would require more space than this newsletter has to offer, nevertheless on behalf of GINLC, let me offer my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has had a hand in GINLC's success over the past 25 years.

Throughout 2018 GINLC will hold its regular variety of educational programs, stewardship events, meet and greets and meetings. This year, being our 25th Anniversary, we will hold a special celebratory event for our members and our regular annual events such as Earth Day and Islandfest will have a 25th Anniversary theme. To stay abreast of all that we have planned, follow us on Facebook or visit our website, www.ginlc.org. You will want to make sure that your membership is current to ensure your participation in all the festivities.



Joan Jones 1933 – 2018

We were saddened to hear of the loss of Joan Jones, long-time Grosse Ile resident and GINLC supporter, and wife of GINLC founder, the late Dr. Bruce Jones. Joan had been living in New York state near her family. GINLC board member and relative newcomer to Grosse Ile, Eric Michael, remembers Joan, "Very sad news. I remember as I would cut the grass at the [Kobiljak Preserve] lot across the street, Mrs. Jones would come outside and I would take a break. We used to have some very fun conversations. She was a very funny lady. She could crack me up. After Mrs. Jones relocated, it was never the same."

The family has generously designated donations in memory of Joan to the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and the GINLC.

**A local memorial service is
planned for May 6 at Grosse Ile
Presbyterian Church.**

Winter Ways of the Bay

BY NATALIE CYPHER

This February 18, we enjoyed the winter weather as we explored the signs that wildlife leave behind during the winter, and we discussed how these animals make it through the challenging season. We observed tracks in the snow left by several species in the area, including Raccoon, Opossum, Rabbit, Squirrel, and Coyote. Other signs of wildlife were also present, such as scat, muskrat lodges, tunnels in the snow, and even the winter homes of small insects. We also had a couple of great flyovers of an adult Bald Eagle - always a great sight to see! While Bald Eagles do nest in the area, they are more numerous in the Detroit River during the winter, because they will spend the winter where there is open water to catch their main food, fish. No matter the season, nature always provides something to see and explore! We hope you'll join us for some more exploring at one of our upcoming programs later this year!

*Natalie Cypher
explains the survival
methods of wildlife
in winter to the hardy
souls who attended
the February event*

Easy Ways to Give



KROGER CARDS

Enroll your Kroger Plus card to benefit the Grosse Ile Nature & Land Conservancy! Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards to enroll or re-enroll (you have to renew every year). Thanks!



AMAZON SMILE

Don't forget to smile — Sign up for Amazon Smile! Select Grosse Ile Nature & Land Conservancy as your charitable organization, and then 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products will be donated to GINLC.



Grosse Ile Bans Coal-Tar Sealants!

BY BERT URBANI

On Oct. 23, 2017 Grosse Ile Township passed Ordinance 17-001 Chapter 99 banning the use of COAL-TAR Sealants on driveways and parking lots. This ordinance was passed to protect human health and the natural environment, including the Detroit River.

WHAT ARE COAL-TAR SEALANTS? When you walk by a driveway or parking lot that has been recently sealed with a coal-tar based product, your nose knows. Coal-tar sealcoat is a smelly, black, viscous liquid applied to asphalt surfaces to improve their appearance and provide protection, for a while, from deterioration due to sunlight, weather and wear.

WHY ARE COAL-TAR SEALANTS BANNED? Studies by universities and government agencies identify coal-tar-based pavement seal coat as a major source of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). These PAHs enter the air and water and come in contact with our children and pets. We track the dust into our homes. Ingestion of PAH-contaminated dust and soil results in an elevated potential cancer risk. Research reveals that growing up with toxic dust from coal-tar-sealed surfaces could cause a 38-fold increase in a child's lifetime cancer risk. Dust particles also wash into drains and end up in our canal, streams and the Detroit River, where they are toxic to fish and other aquatic wildlife.

WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES? Not all asphalt sealants use coal-tar. There are alternatives. Latex-based or asphalt-based sealants are available from local hardware stores for Do-It-Yourselfers or through small local contractors.

Commercial applicators of asphalt (non-coal-tar) sealants include: S & J Asphalt Co., 39571 Michigan Ave., Canton, MI 48188, 734-721-4442, <http://www.sjasphalt.com/> (If you know of others, let us know!)

WHERE ELSE ARE COAL-TAR SEALANTS BANNED?

Thanks to former Township board member, Walter Pociask, Associate Director of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at Wayne State University, Grosse Ile Township already prohibited the use of coal-tar sealants on the bike paths. Many communities in Michigan have bans including Van Buren Township, Ann Arbor, and Wolverine Lake. The states of Connecticut, Minnesota and Washington have banned coal-tar and a bill has been proposed in Lansing. The list is growing.



**For more info, and to read
Ordinance 17-001 Chapter 99,
visit <http://www.ginlc.org/news.html>**

TAKE IT OUTSIDE

2017/2018

Nature & Wildlife Photo Contest

We are searching for photos captured locally that inspire us to appreciate and steward our environment: air, water, land, wildlife, resources and ecosystems. All local high school students are eligible to enter.

Sponsored by the Grosse Ile Nature & Land Conservancy

Enter at www.ginlc.org Click on 'Photo Contest' for entry form.



Photo Credit: Alexandra Gesbel Riverview

Grosse Ile Nature & Land Conservancy

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Categories	Prizes	Details
Nature's Architecture Right Place @ the Right Time Nature Up Close	\$100 GRAND Prize \$50 / FIRST Place in each category \$40 / SECOND Place in each category \$25 / THIRD Place in each category	Contest is limited to one entry per category. Total 3 per student. Enter starting Oct. 1, 2017 Deadline Thurs. May 10, 2018 All Digital. Highest resolution BEST for clarity and publication

TAKE IT OUTSIDE Photo Contest

TAKE IT OUTSIDE, the 2018 GINLC Nature Photo Contest for high school students is underway. This year the deadline for entries (electronic, by phone or camera) is **Thursday, May 10, at 5:00pm.**

The categories for the entries are:

- ▶ Nature's Architecture
- ▶ Right Place @ the Right Time
- ▶ Nature Up Close

There are cash prizes totaling nearly \$500. The winning photos will be displayed at Islandfest and in various locations in the Downriver area. For all the details, visit the GINLC website, ginlc.org, and click on the PHOTO CONTEST button.

2017 Conservationist of the Year

BY PETER KANTZ

At our annual meeting in November, we awarded the 2017 GINLC Conservationist of the Year to Barbara Thayer. Barbara has been an active member of the conservancy for many years, serving on the Board of Directors for the past 5 years and participating in a number of committees. When something needed to be done, Barbara was often the one volunteering to do it, from reorganizing the office to pulling weeds at Intrepid Pond or helping to clean up Sunrise Park. Barbara's biggest contribution, however, has been her handling of the annual high school photography contest. Through Barbara's leadership the contest has grown from a few dozen entries to more than 150. High school students in the downriver area look forward to competing in the contest and seeing their winning entries on display at Islandfest and local libraries.



DAVE CHAPMAN, TRENTON TRIB



Wondering about the recent construction at Sunrise Park at the foot of Grosse Ile Parkway? Through a generous donation from one of our members, the GINLC was able to hire the Compeau Brothers to install a retaining wall north of the stairway. This is Phase 1 of continuing improvements at the park.

Celebrating 25 Years of Changing Our World!

A "small group of thoughtful, committed citizens" began meeting in 1992 to consider creating an organization to protect and preserve the natural environment of Grosse Ile. From six the group expanded to 12 who became the original board members – Mary Ann Czechowski (secretary), Ingo Hasserodt, Bill Heinrich (vice president), Dr. Bruce Jones (president), Kurt Kobiljak, Michael Perry (treasurer), Amanda and Phil Phillips, John Schweickart, and Carol and Douglas Woodring. On March 12, 1993, the GINLC was incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. In 2018 we are celebrating the accomplishments of that small group and those who followed.

The GINLC Origin Story

BY INGO HASSERODT, *founder*

The late 1980s and early 1990s were a critical time on Grosse Ile. For years there was little construction on the island, due to the limited sewer capacity. We all took the large open spaces somewhat for granted. With the upgraded sewer plant this changed. Two large wooded parcels were sold for development. One was between the high school and Meridian and another on the corner of Ferry and Meridian. The one on Ferry was owned by the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources and offered to the Township for \$1. Unfortunately, it was turned down by the then-Township Administration, that favored development. This alarmed the citizens, who saw a Grosse Ile legacy threatened and in quick succession, an open space millage was passed, and a woodland and a wetland ordinance followed. A core group of environmentalists felt we should help things along by creating a venue for owners of vacant wooded properties to donate them to a tax-exempt conservancy. The 25-year history of the Grosse Ile Nature & Land Conservancy is the proof that that goal has been reached beyond expectations. The abandoned NIKE site gave the new Conservancy an early start by attracting a lot of members who helped to turn the site into a Nature Area on behalf of the EPA. Over the years activities extended into education and now the Conservancy is considered to be the unofficial steward of the environment for the Island. Hopefully this function will continue for years to come.

Photos opposite page:

- 1.** Bruce Jones and students aboard the school ship 2005.
- 2.** Pam Frucci and Margarete Hasserodt plant at the Nature Area in 1997.
- 3.** High School Photo Contest.
- 4.** Ingo Hasserodt and Bruce Jones examine the water quality of Gibraltar Bay, 1998.
- 5.** Environmental Education.
- 6.** Sunrise Park access to the river and kayak launch, courtesy of GINLC.
- 7.** High School Work Party.

"I finally realized what we were doing, along with a great amount of other people. Bruce Jones D.D.S. was one of them. We would talk when I was in his dentist chair and when I got a chance, I would say, 'let's start a conservancy. You're a good teacher and I am the old land surveyor.' It took several years."
— Bill Heinrich, founder

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead

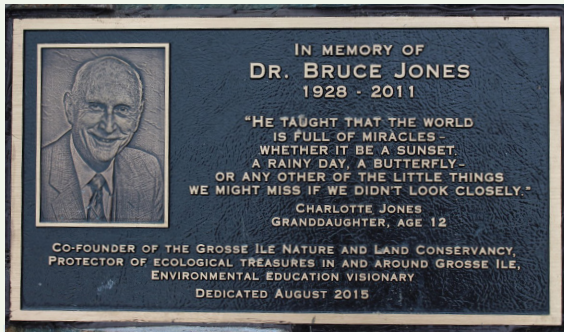


We've updated our logo just for our anniversary year! (Thanks to board member Alan Cavrell.)

Here's the history of the original:

"Mary Ginnebaugh and I worked very hard on the Conservancy logo that still represents the Conservancy today. There were many trips to Gibraltar to the engravers. Many discussions around the table at Water's Edge, where the board meetings were next held. We all wanted to get it just right and I think we did. It is a great source of pride of our early efforts, knowing that we did get the logo right! It clearly represents Grosse Ile and what we wanted to protect."

— Amanda Phillips, founder



Recipients of GINLC's Scholarship in Honor of Dr. Bruce Jones

2012	Marissa Nazareno
2013	Aaron Bickel
2014	Thomas Grady Bennett
2015	Austin Ader
2016	Ally Crowley Johnson
2017	Kara Parent



See future newsletters for more about and from the GINLC founders.

How to Move a Snake from a Building

If you encounter a snake outdoors, you should just leave it alone. But if you encounter one in your garage, or in the road where it may get run over, here are some tips taken from the Michigan DNR's "Snake Removal" Youtube video from its series, "60 Second Snakes." The tools you will need are a tall trash bin and a long-handled broom. First, lay the bin down on the ground near the snake with the opening facing the snake. Next, gently sweep the snake into the bin. Once the snake is in the bin, gently tip the bin upright, letting the snake slowly slide to the bottom. Carefully carry the bin outside and release the snake into the nearest patch of tall grass. Be sure to release these important members of Michigan's ecosystem unharmed.



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pattern and appear to be a solid black or dark brown. The belly of a NWS can be white, pale yellow or pale orange with dark reddish orange half-moon markings. Adults range in size from 24 to 55 inches, with the maximum recorded size of five feet.

RANGE & HABITAT: NWS are found throughout the eastern United States, except in the deep south, and also in southern Ontario and southwest Quebec in Canada. They live near permanent water bodies, including rivers, lakes, wetlands and marshes. They prefer open sunny areas with available cover and basking sites. They hibernate in winter, between October and April, using rock crevices, dry wells, muskrat houses or even beaver lodges as dens, or hibernacula.

LIFESTYLE: NWS often climb trees and rest on branches above the water, where they can drop down into the water if necessary. NWS swim with their body underwater with only their head above the water. Venomous snakes such as the Cottonmouth swim on top of the water.

REPRODUCTION: NWS mate in spring and give birth in late summer. While many snakes lay eggs, Northern Water Snakes' eggs hatch inside the mother, who gives birth to live young. Female NWS are larger than males, and the number of babies they give birth to relates to their size; bigger moms = more babies, as many as 30 for large mothers. The baby snakes are the size of pencils, and they are on their own immediately after birth.

DIET: Water snakes primarily eat aquatic prey such as small fishes and amphibians such as frogs and salamanders. Occasionally they will eat worms and leeches and even small mammals such as voles and shrews. Recent studies have shown that water snakes may be consuming some of the peskiest invasive species, such as the round goby. NWS can become prey as well as predators, with young snakes falling victim to birds, raccoons, opossums, snapping turtles and other snakes.

VIEWING OPPORTUNITIES ON GROSSE ILE: Northern Water Snakes can be observed along the shorelines of Grosse Ile, including the outlying islands such as Sugar Island and Celeron. We frequently have NWS basking on our dock as well.



Stewardship

BY PETER KANTZ

When I started writing this article it was February, snow covered the ground and it was 10 degrees outside, but the sky was blue and spring was just around the corner. Stewardship is a year-round activity for GINLC. During winter, a small, hardy group continues to work at the wildlife refuge on Monday mornings. Spring, however, is when stewardship kicks into high gear. We have cleanup events, planting events and construction events planned for this spring.

The areas we steward extend from Hennepin Marsh on the north end of Grosse Ile to Gibraltar Bay on the south end of Grosse Ile, our activities range from picking up trash, cutting grass and pulling weeds to erecting signs, installing benches, maintaining trails, refurbishing observation platforms and planting grass and trees. These activities start in the spring and continue through summer and fall. Most activities require little skill, only the desire to work outside and enjoy the fresh air, sunshine and exercise. Everyone, member and non-member, is invited to help with stewardship. Groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, student groups, church groups and civic organizations are welcome. Special stewardship activities can be set up to accommodate these groups. If you'd like to help, contact us via our website at www.ginlc.org. Follow us on Facebook to be informed of upcoming stewardship events or consult the calendar on our website.



Many hands make light work at Sunrise Park, Left to Right, Betsy and Peter Kantz, Ron Schmaeman, Madeleine Jones, Ken Tilp, Paul Gloor, Jane and Richard Fijal, and Guido Colarossi.

Spring Reminder: PRACTICE HEALTHY LAWN CARE!

Yes, you can have a lush green lawn that is safe for your family, pets and nature. Follow these steps:

1. Test your soil to find out if you need fertilizer. Get a test mailer from the MSU Extension, www.msusoiltest.com
2. If your test comes back that you don't need fertilizer, DON'T USE IT!
3. If the test comes back that you need fertilizer, use the right kind – NO or LOW PHOSPHORUS, only SLOW RELEASE, NO WEED & FEED, and STAY AWAY FROM THE RIVER! (15-25 feet)
4. Mowing – CUT IT HIGH (3") & LET IT LIE (leave the clippings on the lawn).
5. Water between 10am and 2pm, max of $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1" per week, and do not overwater.
6. CORE AERATION is the best thing you can do for your lawn. (Not with golf shoes)
7. NO DE-THATCHING TOOLS –they cut through the connections between parent grass plants and new grass plants.

Even better, reduce the amount of lawn you have to only what your family needs to play on, and replace with native plants. Monarch butterflies need you to plant milkweed plants!

GINLC WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS



GUIDO COLAROSSİ was born in Italy in 1948. In 1956 his family immigrated to North America where they settled in Windsor, Ontario. His interest in nature conservancy began in high school where he was involved in conservation along the Detroit River shoreline and at Point Pelle. He received a Science degree from the University of British Columbia and a communications diploma from Humber College. Guido retired from Chrysler after 38 years where he worked at various locations in Mexico, Brazil, Canada and the United States.

Guido moved to Grosse Ile in 2013. His hobbies include gardening and landscaping and volunteers at the Colony Condominiums, where he lives, helping the elderly maintain their patio areas. Guido appreciates the open space, clean environment and wildlife on Grosse Ile. As a Board member, he would like to work more closely with high school students to get them engaged in protecting the environment.



RIKA ERICKSON was born and raised in Yokohama, Japan but she has been a resident of the downriver community most of her adult life. After growing up in the second largest city in Japan, Rika's appreciation of the beauty and nature of our community has given her keen insight into the importance of active participation in the protection and preservation of our environment.

Rika moved to Grosse Ile in the early 90s, where she raised her two daughters, Julia and Alisa, both members of GINLC. Julia, a recent UM Engineering grad, is focused on environmental issues. Alisa is an honor student at GIHS. Besides her many high school activities, Alisa finds time to volunteer as host at the GBU during our Sunday open houses.

As an active member of the GINLC Membership Committee, assisting with updates to the membership database, Rika will be a valued member of our 2018 board of directors.



JORDAN THOMPSON grew up in the Imlay City area in the Michigan Thumb and graduated from Oakland University with a BS degree in Environmental Health. He has worked in the environmental field for several manufacturers and chemical companies - GM, American Tape, Acheson Colloids, Dow Chemical and for the last 8 years with BASF. He and his wife Linda have two grown children and a grandson. After joining BASF, it didn't take long for the commute from the Port Huron area to Wyandotte to get old. They also wanted to return to a more rural setting. They recognized Grosse Ile as the best option nearest to work and moved here in 2016. Grosse Ile's mix of open space, proximity to water, and rural character provided the quality of life they were seeking. He is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, biking, and, having grown up in a rural farming community, he also likes to garden and spend time outdoors.

THANK YOU TO RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

Current Board Members Pam Frucci, Paul Gloor, Eric Michael and Greg Roginski were elected to new three-year terms.

AND THANK YOU TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Victoria Murphy, Phil Pellet, Barbara Thayer, and Doug Thiel retired from the board with much appreciation for their work with the GINLC. Doug completed his second third three-year term (translation, Doug has served a total of 18 years on the board, many as president!). Ingo stays on as Vice President of Land Acquisitions (thank you, Ingo!).

Annual Meeting

BY BERT URBANI

The 2017 GINLC meeting was well attended by members eager to hear about the year's accomplishments and plans for the future. President Peter Kantz led the 2017 discussion which included the following: started the construction of the Nature Study Area at the high school, funded the high school Salmon in the Classroom Program, installed the Kayak Slide at Sunrise Park, presented the Earth Day program at Centennial Farm while other GINLC members participated in the March For Science in Washington DC, led the Monday Morning Stewardship projects at the Gibraltar Bay Unit of the Refuge and hosted the public there on Sundays, conducted the High School Photography Contest, participated in the Islandfest Parade and Exhibition, sponsored 9 Eagle Scout Projects, conducted numerous educational programs



at the GBU and Centennial Farm, and championed the Township's ordinance banning coal tar sealants on Grosse Ile.

Projects for 2018 include completing Phase I of the high school Nature Study Area, constructing a retaining wall at Sunrise Park to facilitate the building of an accessible ramp to an outlook, additional Eagle Scout projects, plantings, and educational programs.

There are many opportunities to get involved in the work of the GINLC. Sign up for a committee that fits your interests!

Kay McGowan, PhD, was our 2017 guest speaker. Dr. McGowan is a long-time resident of Grosse Ile, an Eastern Michigan Adjunct Professor of Anthropology and Sociology, and a 2009 Inductee in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. She and her twin, Fay Givens, are of Choctaw and Cherokee heritage from Mississippi, but they are both knowledgeable about the history of Native Americans on Grosse Ile and in the Downriver area. Dr. McGowan presented many examples of the influence of Native Americans on the names of towns and cities throughout Michigan, such as Pontiac (after Chief Pontiac, the Odawa war chief known for leading Native Americans in a struggle against the British military occupation of the Great Lakes region). She also referred to the history of Wyandotte, Michigan, which was originally called "Maquaqua" by its inhabitants, the Wyandott or Wendat tribe who came from the Huron nation near the Georgian Bay. For more on Dr. McGowan and Ms. Givens, watch their Oct 2017 interview with Amyre Makupson on <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/video/3754139-street-beat-diversity-day-the-native-american-story/>.

GINLC EVENTS Cont'd

INTREPID POND CLEAN-UP

Sat, May 26 @ 9:00 am
Meridan & Intrepid

ISLANDFEST

Parade June 2 @ 9:00 am
GI High School parking lot
Booth support
June 1, 2, 3 Airport Hangar

SUNRISE PARK CLEAN-UP

Sat, June 9 @ 9:00 am
Grosse Ile Pkwy & E. River Rd

MERIDIAN TRAILHEAD CLEAN-UP

Sat, June 23 @ 9:00 am
Meridian across from school

SUNRISE PARK CLEAN-UP

Sat, July 14 @ 9:00 am
Grosse Ile Pkwy & E. River Rd

EVENING EXPLORATION

Sat, July 14 @ 7:00pm at the GBU

WALK TO THE LOVELY LOTUSES

Sun, Aug 19 @ 1 pm at the GBU

INTREPID POND CLEAN-UP

Sat, Sept 8 @ 9:00 am
Meridan & Intrepid

ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER DAY

Sat, Sept 15 @ 1pm
Centennial Farm

HENNEPIN MARSH GATEWAY CLEAN-UP

Sat, Sept 22 @ 9:00 am
Meridan between Paulina & Annette

KOBILJAK PRESERVE CLEAN-UP

Sat, Oct 6 @ 9 am
Thorofare north of Highland

SUNRISE PARK CLEAN-UP

Sat, Oct 27 @ 9:00 am
Grosse Ile Pkwy & E. River Rd

OWL PROWL

Fri, Nov 9 @ 7pm
Centennial Farm

GINLC ANNUAL MEETING

Sat, Nov 10 @ 10 am
GIGCC

Don't miss these Spring events !

Earth Day on Grosse Ile Sunday, April 22, 1-4 pm Centennial Farm

**Family Fun & Learning
for Kids & Adults !**



SPEAKERS:

- **John Demerjian** from Wayne County Dept of Public Services, on Statewide Recycling
- **State Rep Darrin Camilleri** on environmental legislation in Lansing and the bottle bill
- **Jennifer Thomas** from Cresit Energy on solar panel installation

*Live animals from Lake Erie Metro Park!
Kids' activities including a pond study, how bees pollinate, prey and predator games, and more !*

Current members in good standing are invited to our 25th anniversary celebration on Saturday May 12 at the Chateau on the River in Elizabeth Park, Trenton. Please, you must RSVP by April 27 with attendees' names to 734-671-0771 OR email to gala.ginlc.gi@gmail.com OR by mail to GINLC, P.O. Box 12, Grosse Ile, 48138. A maximum of two tickets per membership will be mailed AFTER your RSVP is received.

You're invited to our...



25th Anniversary Celebration

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