



July 11-13th, 2014

The 2014 Missouri Bluebird Conference

at the spacious meeting facilities of the
George Washington Carver Farm, Lincoln University
3804 Bald Hill Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101
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Welcome to a Preview Tour of the 2014 Bluebird Conference !

by Steve Garr

Beth and Norm Stucky



Join me on a "tour" of the upcoming Missouri Bluebird Conference! Read about our terrific keynote speaker, see the schedule of events planned on page four, and follow me on a photo tour of "Mockingbird Hill", the beautiful property owned by **Norm and Beth Stucky**. Mockingbird Hill will be the site of our Sunday morning Field Trip, as well as the Saturday evening weenie roast...you won't want to miss either event! *I made a preview trip to Mockingbird Hill on 6/9/14... see the pics on Pages 2 and 3!*



Yellow-breasted Chat at Mockingbird Hill 6/9/14

Meet our 2014 Missouri Bluebird Conference Keynote Speaker!

July 11th and 12th, 2014 Jefferson City, MO

(Bet has graciously agreed to speak at our Friday evening Bluebird Banquet AND at the conference on Saturday morning! Two great topics- see the schedule on page four)

Bet Zimmerman Smith is a Certified Environmental Professional, with a B.S. from UCONN and an M.S. from Yale in Environmental Management. Since 1978, she has worked and volunteered in the field of environmental protection for government and non-profit research and conservation organizations, including the Peace Corps, the CT Dept. of Environmental Protection, and Battelle.

She saw her first Eastern Bluebird in 1998, after installing a nest box received as a gift. She and her husband then adopted several "abandoned" bluebird trails, which eventually expanded to a network of 100 boxes in Woodstock CT.

Bet maintains an educational website about bluebird and small cavity nester conservation at www.sialis.org. She is a NABS Life Member, and received the 2008 North American Bluebird Society award for outstanding contributions to bluebird conservation.

Note from Missouri Bluebird Society President Steve Garr:

Bluebirders across North America have long used Bet's [sialis.org](http://www.sialis.org) website to solve problems on their trails and backyard nest boxes, and to become more aware of what's available, what has been tried, and what is simply to be admired and loved about our native cavity nesters. Bet Zimmerman Smith has provided a service to bluebirders which has indeed had a direct, positive impact on Bluebirds. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from Bet in person. I know I am looking forward to it!

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Sunday Field Trip and Saturday Evening Social
Mockingbird Hill, Jefferson City, MO



Mockingbird Hill sits on 135 acres of gorgeous wildlife habitat in Mid-Missouri. Owners Norm and Beth Stucky have spent the past 21 years here tending, conserving, reclaiming, and being model stewards of this special place. THANK YOU Norm and Beth for your willingness to share with us!

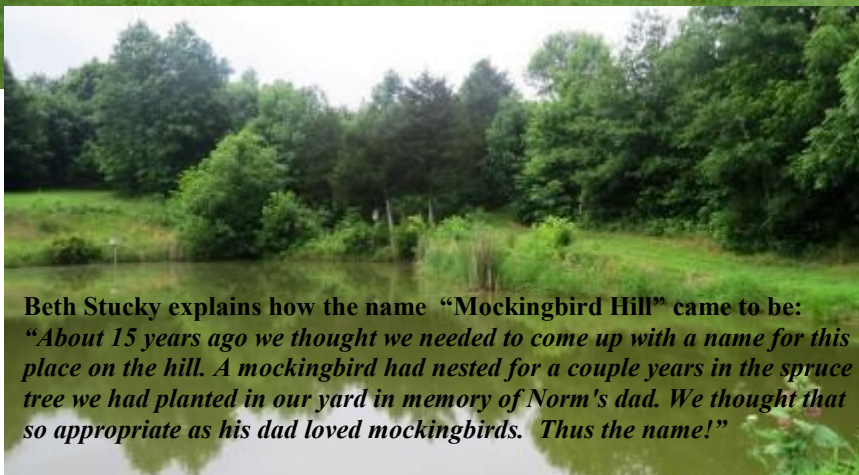


View from inside the 100+ year old Barn



Above: One of the Tree Swallows nesting on the property

Below: Norm and Beth maintain a thriving Purple Martin Colony



Beth Stucky explains how the name “Mockingbird Hill” came to be: “About 15 years ago we thought we needed to come up with a name for this place on the hill. A mockingbird had nested for a couple years in the spruce tree we had planted in our yard in memory of Norm’s dad. We thought that so appropriate as his dad loved mockingbirds. Thus the name!”



Species List from my visit to Mockingbird Hill June 9, 2014

(approx. 1.5 hour bird walk.....35 species)



Above: an immature Brown Thrasher



Above: a Cedar Waxwing can't resist the fruit in this Mulberry tree

Below: a Red-winged Blackbird nest woven among the cattails



Wood Duck hen with seven ducklings in tow!



- Eastern Bluebirds (of course!)
- Northern Mockingbird (of course!)
- Downy Woodpecker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Summer Tanager
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Orchard Oriole
- Indigo Bunting
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Cedar Waxwing
- Mourning Dove
- Blue Jay
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Common Grackle
- Eastern Kingbird
- American Crow
- Brown Thrasher
- Bob White
- Kentucky Warbler
- Chipping sparrow
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Killdeer
- Purple Martin
- Canada Goose
- Barn Swallow
- Turkey Vulture
- House Finch
- Great Blue Heron
- Northern Cardinal
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Wood Duck
- Tree Swallow
- Eastern Towhee
- Green Heron

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Tentative Schedule

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Friday, July 11, 2014 Bluebird Banquet! Lincoln University, Carver Farm bldg

6:00 pm...arrive for Social Time (may also pick up conference packets/Name Tags)

6:30 pm....“Bluebird Banquet” Dinner, Presentation by Bet Zimmerman Smith: “Bluebird Oddities”!

Saturday, July 12, 2014 LU Carver Farm, Bald Hill Road, Jefferson City, MO



8:15-9:00 am....Pick up conference Packets & Name Tags! (drop off any desserts/snacks you may have made for the conference)

9:00 am.....Welcome by MOBS President, Steve Garr and Missouri Bluebird Society Annual Meeting and Elections

9:30-10:45 am.....Bet Zimmerman Smith

We've all enjoyed Bet's wonderful website: www.sialis.org . We look forward to her sharing methods for dealing with problems (like wasps, predators, wrens, etc) on the Bluebird Trail!

10:45-11:15 am....Break & Auction/Raffle & “MOBS Booth” Open

11:15 am-12:00 pm.. “Inventions for Better Bluebirding”
by Russ Heindselman

12:00– 1:15 pm...LUNCH! (and Auction/Raffle)

1:15-2:00 pm... “Feeding Bluebirds” Workshop
(we'll make Bluebird Food!)

2:00-2:30 pm....Break & Auction/Raffle/

MOBS Booth

2:30 –3:45 pmNest Box building Workshop
(We'll build a nest box!)

3:45 –4:00 pm....Break (place final bids on Auction)

4:00 –5:00 pm...Baffle–building and Predator Control Workshop
(We'll BUILD nest box Baffles!)

5:00-5:45 pm.....Pick up and Pay for Auction/Raffle items

5:45 pm.....break down and exit conference site

7:00 pm....Saturday evening social: Weenie Roast at the beautiful farm of Norm and Beth Stucky!! (included in conf. registration fee)



Sunday, July 13th Mockingbird Hill, Jefferson City, MO

8:00– 10:30 am ...Field Trip to the spectacular Wildlife habitats on the properties of Norm and Beth Stucky. The Stuckys are super examples of what can be accomplished by conservation-minded property-owners. **From Bluebirds and Purple Martins to Hummingbirds, native backyard birds, Woodpeckers, Eagles and other Raptors, Waterfowl, and more...the Stuckys host a myriad of native Wildlife!** More details TBA

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