

Meet Me
in St. Louis



The 2019 Missouri Bluebird Conference! July 12th—14th



**Annual Bluebird Banquet,
Educational Programs,
Saturday Evening Social, and
Sunday Morning Field Trip to the
Forest Park Bluebird Trail!**

Friday & Saturday Venue:

Orlando's Event Center

2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO



Programs and Presentations:

- **“Birds in my Backyard: Why our Yards are So Important to the Full Life-cycle Conservation of Native Birds”** by Margy Terpstra
- **“Bluebirds of Forest Park in St Louis”** by Amy Witt, Park Ecologist
- **“Bluebird Basics”** by MOBS members Joe and Linda Pridgeon
- **“Owls of Missouri”** by Brenda Hente
- **“Butterflies of Missouri and the Missouri Butterfly Monitoring Network”** by Tad Yankoski, Entomologist, Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in Chesterfield.



*Boasting 1300 acres (more than Central Park in New York!) and 13 Million annual visitors, St. Louis' **Forest Park** was voted the #1 City Park in the United States by USA Today readers.*

In 2017 Fodor's Travel placed Forest Park in their “Top 15

***World's Most Beautiful City Parks”!** Can Bluebirds flourish in such a Park? Come find out and learn more at the 2019 Missouri Bluebird Conference! We'll tour the Forest Park Bluebird Trail AND learn more about the special organization, Forest Park Forever, dedicated to “restoring, maintaining, and sustaining” this urban treasure.*

For more info: www.missouribluebird.org or call 573-638-2473

The Missouri Bluebird Society invites you attend the
2019 Missouri Bluebird Conference

July 12th– 14th

Orlando's Event Center, 2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Directions: call 314-453-9000

For Conference info: Contact Bob and Ann: AE23@prodigy.net or Steve and Regina: 573-638-2473

Registration for the 2019 Missouri Bluebird Society Conference

Deadline: 7/1/19

Please make Checks payable to: The Missouri Bluebird Society

And mail to: Missouri Bluebird Society/ P.O. BOX 105830 /Jefferson City, MO 65110

Name(s) _____

Street Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email : _____

Included in your Conference Registration Fee: Lunch on Saturday, July 13th, a "Bluebird Information Packet", all Saturday Presentations, as well as the Saturday evening Social and the Sunday morning Field trip to tour the Forest Park Bluebird Trail!

(Saturday's Lunch will include drink, dessert, a variety of sandwiches including vegetarian options. **PLEASE check HERE** ___ if you would prefer a vegetarian meal for lunch. No other advance reservations are required for Lunch aside from your paid Conference Registration)

Conference Registration Fees:

Number of Missouri Bluebird Society Members attending _____ X \$20.00/person = \$ _____

Number of Non-members attending: X \$25.00/person = \$ _____

Number of Children under 12 years of age attending with a paid adult X \$13.00/per child = \$ _____

An OPTIONAL Friday Evening Dinner & Social is scheduled for July 12, 2019

Number of Members attending the Friday Dinner and Social: _____ X \$30.00 /person = \$ _____

Number of Non-members attending the Friday Dinner and Social: _____ X \$35.00/person = \$ _____

Friday's Dinner will feature a special presentation by Margy Terpstra ! See her pics and blog: <https://hummerhavenunltd.com/blog>

Saturday Evening Picnic and Social: No Additional Charge (with your paid conference registration) however it is very important to register to attend.Number attending: _____

TOTAL amount enclosed for Conference Fees /Optional Friday Dinner \$ _____

Please Note that the conference registration fee does NOT include membership dues

Not yet a Missouri Bluebird Society Member??? Join now and save on your

Bluebird Conference Registration Fee! (Please enclose check for dues with this membership application)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Total \$ amount enclosed for Membership Dues: \$ _____

Membership Levels:

(Mail check to: PO Box 105830/Jefferson City, MO 65110)

___ Individual one year membership \$9.00

___ Individual two year membership \$16.00

___ Family one year membership \$15.00

___ Family two year membership \$28.00

___ DONOR (Annual) \$50.00

___ SUPPORTER (Annual) \$100.00

___ Life Membership (family) \$175.00

___ Senior (65+) Life Membership (family) \$100.00

County _____

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July 12– 14th Tentative Schedule



Friday, July 12th, 2019 Bluebird Banquet! Orlando's, Maryland Heights, MO
6:00 pm...arrive for Social Time (may also pick up conference packets/Name Tags, and drop off Auction items . * By request of Orlando's Event Center, Please do not bring desserts until Saturday morning*.
6:30 pm...."Bluebird Banquet" Dinner with "Bluebirds and Friends" slide show.
7:30 pm...Presentation by Margy Terpstra "Birds in My Backyard"



Saturday, July 13th, 2019 (Also at Orlando's Event Center, Maryland Heights)
8:00– 8:30Registration (Pick up Packets, Name Badges, drop off Auction items and desserts)

8:30–9:00....WELCOME by MOBS President Steve Garr. Annual Meeting/News.
9:00– 9:15... Break (Silent Auction/Raffle)
9:15-10:15... "Bluebirds in Forest Park" by Amy Witt
10:15– 11:00...Break (Silent Auction bidding, Snacking, visiting!)
11:00– 12:00... "Bluebird Basics" by Joe and Linda Pridgeon
12:00– 1:15...LUNCH! (Don't forget to visit the Silent Auction/Raffle!)
1:15– 2:15... "Owls of Missouri" by Brenda Hente
2:15– 2:30...Break (bid, snack, visit!)
2:30-3:30.... "Butterflies of Missouri" by Tad Yankowski
3:30– 4:00... Break (Final Auction Bids!)
4:00– 5:00....Closing Remarks and Pick up Auction Items (exit event center by 5 pm)
6:30– 8:30....Saturday Evening Social!! (Cook out location/directions provided at Conference)



Sunday July 14th, 2019 9:00 am Forest Park Bluebird Trail Tour! Let's visit a thriving URBAN Bluebird Trail! *Travel + Leisure* magazine calls Forest Park "One of America's coolest city parks...and one of the world's most beautiful city parks". What a great endorsement!

MOBS Members: How can you help make a Successful & Fun conference?

Contact our **Raffle/Silent Auction Chair Greg Samuel**, about bringing items for the **Raffle/ Auction**. This is our organization's largest source of income for the year, so contributions are appreciated! This helps to fund the next Bluebird Conference. **Contact Greg at 417-767-2241 or pls@arczip.com**. If you need to send Raffle/Auction items ahead of time for the conference please make arrangements with Greg. Please take time to fill out this form and send it Greg, or email him the information about your Contributions to the Silent Auction.
Greg Samuel / 4749 State HWY Z/ Fordland, MO 65652

NAME _____ Phone: _____

Complete address : _____

Raffle/Auction item descriptions AND approx. value of each item: _____



2019 Missouri Bluebird Conference Hotel Options:

While there is no official “Host Hotel” this year, many lodging options are available. Our suggested hotel is:

Drury Inn & Suites St. Louis Creve Coeur

11980 OLIVE BLVD I-270 EXIT 14

ST LOUIS, MO 63141

www.druryhotels.com

Local Telephone: (314) 989-1100 **Reservations Number: 1-800-325-0720**

Numerous other lodging options are available in the Maryland Heights/Creve Coeur area of St. Louis County.



The Saturday evening picnic and social will be held at Creve Coeur Park, a St. Louis County park a short distance from the conference site.

Directions will be provided at the conference.

Meet Our Presenters:



Margy Terpstra Our speaker for Friday evening will be Margy Terpstra, who lives in Kirkwood and is an active member of Missouri Nature & Environmental Photographers. Margy and her husband Dan have achieved **Platinum Level status** in St. Louis Audubon’s “**Bring Conservation Home Habitat Restoration Program**”. To date, 149 different species of birds have visited their yard! Check out her blog and photography here <https://hummerhavenunltd.com/blog>

Amy Witt Amy is the **Park Ecologist for Forest Park Forever**. In one of the largest urban Parks in America, St. Louis, Missouri’s Forest Park, she leads a progressive natural resources team and effort including the conservation and restoration of ~13% of the Park as natural habitats. Bringing her 10+ years of professional experience with wildlife and habitat restoration, Amy is passionate about the creation, stewardship, and education of exemplar natural habitats and wildlife accessible to all.



Joe and Linda Pridgeon The Pridgeons are veteran Bluebirders and Trail Monitors AND active, supportive MOBS members from Frankford, Missouri. They have attended (and contributed to!) nearly every Bluebird Conference since MOBS’ inception and never miss an opportunity to help others learn how to be better Bluebird landlords. They are well known in Northeast Missouri for their practical, helpful presentations on native cavity-nesting birds and we know we will learn much from them at the 2019 Bluebird Conference as they present “Bluebird Basics”.

Brenda Hente Brenda is an educator by day, teaching middle school science and history and was recently awarded the *2018 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award*. She is also a contracted Instructor for the Missouri Botanical Garden and Shaw Nature Reserve, giving classes on owls, raptors and other native birds and leading bird walks for them and the St. Louis Audubon Society. She researches raptors of all kinds and has studied under world-renowned ornithologists such as Scott Weidensaul and Dr. Stephen Kress, at Maine’s Audubon camp on Hog Island, off the coast of Bremen, Maine for three summers.



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Tad Yankowski is an Entomologist, Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in Chesterfield, a division of the Missouri Botanical Garden. Learn about the 25 most frequently encountered butterfly species in the St. Louis region, how to identify them and distinguish them from similar species. Find out about identifying native butterfly species for the Missouri Butterfly Monitoring Network, a citizen science program created to track butterfly populations in habitats such as prairies, wetlands, and glades. Hear about how this program helps scientists track native butterfly populations and why monitoring these populations each summer is so important.



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