

## Iowa Association of Naturalists 2010 Annual Report

### **Executive Committee (ExCom)**

President: Tina Popson

Vice President: Pete Eyheralde

Treasurer: Nathan Unsworth

Secretary: Reba Reddick

Workshop Coordinator: Laura DeCook

**Membership 2010:** 134 regular, 2 student and 14 honorary members= 150 members  
44 were unrenewed from 2009

### **Meetings:**

#### Spring Workshop:

Held at Marr Park in Washington County, Washington, Iowa, March 3-5, 2010

**Pre Workshop Sessions:** Sockum ridge Field Trip; Basket Class; Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge.

**Featured:** Four general session and ten concurrent sessions including Iowa Fossils, Using Video to Share Message, Drug Task Force-Finding Drug Paraphernalia, Master Conservationist, Hawk ID, Iowa History and the Environment, Solar System Activities, Night Hike, "Under our Skin" Movie, The Iowa Core Curriculum, Lyme Disease, Native American and Pioneer Games, Crafts for Camp, Suitcases for Survival.

**Attendance:** 62

#### Summer Workshop:

Held in Bremer County, Waverly, Iowa, August 11-13, 2010

Activities included: Bat Study at Alcock Park, the Climbing Wall at Wartburg College, Canoe rescue, Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch tour, Dutch Oven breakfast, Massasuaga Rattlesnake telemetry, Kayaking, Geocache and Earthcaching in Sweet Marsh.

**Attendance:** 25

#### Fall Meeting:

Held at Water's Edge Nature Center, Kossuth County, Algona, Iowa, November 17-19, 2010

**Pre Workshop Sessions:** Nature Photography; Growing up Wild Curriculum Training

**Featured:** Three general sessions and ten concurrent sessions including Falconry, Gladys Black, REAP-CEP updates, Reptiles in Captivity, Ruby Raindrop and Susie Soil, Natural Playgrounds, Make and Take Sock Puppets, Tallgrass Prairie Exhibit, IAN Professional Standards, Planning a Bus Trip, Question Session, Partnering with ISU Extension, and Local Food Co-ops.

**Attendance:** 92

**The ExCom met four times this year:** March 3, August 9, November 17, and December 21. The December meeting was held in Ames, IA and members took materials to the ISU Archives following the meeting.

## **Committees**

Twelve standing committees were in existence in 2010. Seventeen administrative tasks were the responsibility of the ExCom during 2010.

### Promotions

Fundraising  
Junior Naturalist  
Joe Halbur Memorial Scholarship  
Web Page/new site  
IAN display/brochure

### Professional Development

Professional Development  
Scholarships  
Mentoring  
ICEC/IAN Awards  
Traveling Exhibits  
REAP Alliance  
IAN Publications

### Administrative Tasks

The following are the administrative tasks that were the responsibility of the ExCom during 2010.

IAN Listserve  
DNR Liaison- Jacklyn Gautsch  
NAI Liaison- Amy Yoakum  
ICEC Liaison- Karen Phelps  
IACCBE – Christina Groen  
IEC Liaison- Gail Barels  
REAP/CEP- Linda Zalatel  
REAP Alliance- vacant

Election Committee  
Grant Program  
Awards and Recognition  
Newsletter- “The Web”  
Membership  
Master Conservationist  
Workshops and Evaluations  
Archive/Records  
IAN new Logo

## **2010 Highlights**

### **Professional Development**

The deadline for submission was December 31. Recognition took place at the March 2010 business meeting. The following individuals were certified: Lyndsey Anderson, Ann Burns, Katie Cantu, Charlene Elyea, Anita Fisher, Sunday Ford, Cristina Groen, Jim Henning, Heather Hucka, Theresa Kruid, Jody moats, J. Dave Murcia, Marissa Nordschow, Michele Olson, Miriam Patton, Karen Phelps, Diane Pixler, Tina Popson, Reba Reddick, Missy Smith, Dawn Snyder, Jessica Steines, Emily Vant Hul, and Elizabeth Yoder.

Victoria DeVoss received a five year pin, Bradley Freidhof, Katie Hammond, Greg Wolf, and Amy Yoakum received a 10 year plaque, and Linda Zaletel received a 15 year gift certificate.

31 total participants this year.

## **Scholarships**

Scholarships were given to:

- Ann Burns (\$100) to attend NAI Region 5 Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI
- Maria Koschmeder (\$71) to attend Fall IAN
- Emily Herring (\$87.46) to attend Fall IAN

## **Awards Program**

The Iowa Association of Naturalists and the Iowa Conservation Education Council (ICEC) will present the following 2010 Environmental Education Excellence Awards:

Aldo Leopold Environmental Education Award - *Dr. Carl W. Bollwinkel*  
*Environmental Issues Instructor at the University of Northern Iowa*

Chris Holt Youth EE Award - *Nature's Treasures—City of Davenport*

Bohumil Shimek Environmental Educator Award – *Ina Heidemann*  
*Newton 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher*

Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program 3 or more interpreters –  
*Clinton County Conservation*

Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program 2 or less interpreters-  
*Clayton County Conservation*

“Ding” Darling Environmental Education Award – *Eco Iowa City*

Outstanding Interpretative Print Media Award - *Johnson County Recreation & Conservation Areas Brochure*

Outstanding Interpretative Non-Print Media Award - *The Get Outside Video Series by Polk County Conservation*

Outstanding Volunteer – *Jim Haring, Clinton, Iowa*

## **IAN Mentoring Program**

Mentees are directed to the IAN website to get all the information about his program. There is a box to check on the workshop registration form to request a mentor. This helps identify those new naturalists needing a mentor. Several regional groups of IAN members continue to meet at mini-workshops. Veteran members can share ideas and mentor new members. A mentoring lunch was held by Heather Hucka during the Fall IAN workshop.

### **Master Conservationist**

IAN continues to sponsor the Master Conservationist Program. Cost paid out covers the IAN booklets provided to each participant. In 2010 a committee began working on updates to the booklet series.

### **Jr. Naturalists**

New Oak Leaf patches were printed this year and were made available for \$2/patch.

### **Joe Halbur Scholarship**

As of December the amount in the Joe Halbur Scholarship money market account was \$7993.21. This account was changed from a CD to a money market account during this 2010 year. The fall fundraiser raised \$1612.72. The sale of naturalist t-shirts, canvas totes, along with the silent and live auction, Extreme Naturalist Challenge and photo ID contest, were used to raise money for the fund. The scholarship amount awarded is \$500. Amy Holley, majoring in Conservation Management at Upper Iowa, was selected as this year's recipient.

### **Newsletter**

Three newsletters were produced and distributed via email. The newsletter is also available online on [www.iowanaturalists.org](http://www.iowanaturalists.org). A few newsletters are delivered by mail.

### **Grants**

A grant of \$500.00 was awarded to Lewis Major and the Polk County Conservation Board for their Jester Park Willow Sculpture Public Community Art Project for 2010.

### **IAN Web Page**

The new web page with the address [www.iowanaturalists.org](http://www.iowanaturalists.org) was up and running in January 2010. The site includes many of the same sections as the previous page. The member's only page was not included as originally planned. After distributing the Group Directory electronically, ExCom found no need for this page. Cari Burnstedt, Henry Co, continues her position as the webmaster. This year Burnstedt added a standard form for everyone to use when submitting changes for the site. A flash drive was purchased to save the originals of documents uploaded to the site for better organization and to aid in making changes at any time.

### **Fund Raising TO DO**

A total of \$1612.72 was raised during the 2010 Fall Auction.

### **Account Balances**

General Fund- \$2310.14

Exhibits- \$5892.54

Joe H Money Market- \$6721.16

Money Market- \$19,000