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President's Column

Does anyone remember when the Minnesota River was named one of the top 10 dirtiest rivers in America? Is the "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico still expanding, and what was—or still is—its chief cause? Did you know that Lake Pepin once extended as far north as St. Paul? What has caused it to shrink?

Happy New Year! At the start of a new year, Wild River Audubon hosts a night at the movies, and at the same time, will perhaps answer the opening questions by showing, for your viewing pleasure, "Troubled Waters: A Mississippi River Story." Some of you might have seen "Minnesota: a History of the Land" on public television a few years ago. "Troubled Waters" was crafted by the same team. Beautifully shot and impeccably researched, the film will give us insight into the problems of the great Mississippi and how it might be saved from further degradation.

This was the film that was (wrongly) banned from viewing on TPT last year. That misjudgment by a university administrator gave "Troubled Waters" some good publicity and made it in environmental circles a "must-see" film. Make the scene on January 11th and see what the buzz is all about!

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Upcoming Events

January 11– Movie Night *Troubled Waters*. 7:00 p.m. Chisago Lakes Area Library Community Room

February– Mark Peterson on Sandhill Cranes or Tom Anderson on his Yukon experience 7:00 p.m. Chisago Lakes Area Library Community Room

March– Mike Link and Kate Crowley on their walk around Lake Superior. Rescheduled for the fall.

April– Don Shelby to be confirmed

May 7– Bird walk Ki Chi Saga Park Sue Leaf leader

May 10th– Chimney Swift picnic Chisago Lake Church & Cemetery Center City, MN

May 14th– Bird Walk Allemansratt Park Olinda Trail Dayle DeClercq leader

May 21st– Bird Walk Wild River State Park leader TBD

All programs are free and open to the public

Refreshments usually provided



From the Mailbag

Good morning Chimney Swift lovers,

I just wanted to wish you all the Happiest of Holidays and again extend my thanks to you for participating in the Chimney Swift Sit and/or promoting the conservation of these little wonders.

The swifts are now down in the Amazon Basin enjoying the snowless holidays (73 degrees forecast for Lima Peru today). One has to marvel at their ability to migrate to an area 4,000 miles south, and back!

Audubon Minnesota received a wonderful grant for our Chimney Swift project for this year so am looking forward to great things happening here in MN. Here is a link to the Press Release should you be interested.

<http://www.togethergreen.org/files/volunteerevent/files/Grantees/2010%20TG%20MN%20press%20release.pdf>

The Star-Trib picked up on it and did a nice article which all helps to raise awareness of the swifts!

Regards,

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p.s. Mark July 28 – August 1, and August 26-29 on your 2011 calendar for the SIT.

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