

Elkhart Illinois

Even though the weather has been whimsical this year, the Elkhart Historical Society WILL be hosting Wildflower Walks each Saturday, starting on the 14th of April. You can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity by reservation only. The tours will be guided by Dr. Pam Moriearty*, Master Naturalist and Gillette Ransom who has also done extensive research on the fauna and folklore/medicinal use in the past. They will share the beauty and variety of the ephemeral spring wild flowers on Elkhart Hill. The wildflower walks will be April 14th, 21st and 28th at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

* Dr. Moriearty will be with us on the 2 o'clock walk on the 14th and the 10 o'clock walk on the 28th.

The finale on April 28th, includes a 6:00am or 4:00pm bird walk, with Ornithologists Rhetta Jack, Lara Borgerson, and Joe Funk all superior birders with fascinating knowledge of the birds, not only of Elkhart Hill but in many places around the world. Come sharpen your skills or learn for the first time. A walk will be given at 10 a.m. which will combine birds and wildflowers, followed by an optional lunch at the Wild Hare Cafe. See the Elkhart Historical website for a reservation form at www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org. Once you are ready to make your reservations, please call (217) 947-2238 and leave a message. You will receive a confirming call.

The cost for all walks is \$40. There is an additional cost for lunch if you choose that option.

Don't forget, we will be hosting a dinner/lecture with Bill Furry (Illinois Historical Society) on the life of Jonathan Chapman aka Johnny Appleseed on April 13th at 6 p.m. at the Wild Hare Café. Reservation forms are available at www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org and the process begins by calling (217) 947-2238. Cost will be \$40 which includes a \$10 donation to the society.