November 8, 7pm@FPNC
Joe Allen, Caterpillar Sustainability Manager: Caterpillar’s Contribution to Sustainability

December 13, 7pm@FPNC
Swallard Arctic Cruise - Jim Miller will share his remarkable wildlife photos from their eco-trip to Swallard, an archipelago north of Norwich - home to polar bear, walrus, reindeer, arctic fox & birds.

January 10, 6:30*pm@FPNC
Potluck & slide/digital-photo show Bring your CD of Jg’s videos or slide carousel, table service, and a covered dish to share. Note the time change.

Avian flu and birding: It is safe to watch and feed wild birds, especially in North America, where the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus has not been detected.

Here’s 6 facts, courtesy of Cornell Lab of Ornithology: www.birds.cornell.edu/birdflu

1. Avian flu viruses have circulated in birds worldwide for thousands of years, and most pose no threat to birds or humans.
2. Avian flu causes fewer deaths by far than other types of flu. In the United States alone, about 36,000 people die each year from complications of seasonal flu. By contrast, in the past three years, 139 people worldwide have died from the highly pathogenic H5N1 avian flu virus, and none in the United States.
3. Nearly all cases of human illness from the H5N1 virus have been associated with close contact with diseased poultry or poultry products.
4. The H5N1 virus is not easily transmitted from person to person. It is remotely possible that the virus could mutate to more dangerous forms but no one knows when, if at all, this might occur.
5. The H5N1 virus has been detected in only about 45 (out of millions) wild bird species. Most noted outbreaks have been among waterfowl.
6. Wild birds are capable of carrying the H5N1 virus with them when they migrate, but in most cases so far the virus appears to have spread to new locations through the transportation of infected poultry or poultry products.
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- Sharpen your bird identification skills through field trips and networking with other local bird enthusiasts.
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- Voice your concern for birds and control Illinois' wild places by participating in conservation efforts.
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