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BIRD AND NATURE ALLIANCE**

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CHRISTOPHER BENDA

***BOTANICAL HUMOR: YOU NEVER KNEW
PLANTS WERE SO FUNNY***

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST 2026

Highland Community College

Student Conference Center
2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, IL

The Student Conference Center, is on the northwest corner of the Freeport campus. Parking is directly north of the building entrance; the building is fully accessible. For directions to the college, check the website: www.highland.edu or call 815-235-6121

WANTED
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS



We are glad to accept Nature-oriented books, games, artwork, a gift certificate from a local business or even a tour or trip that you want to organize or lead.

**All silent auction donations must be registered with Chris Kruger by March 26th.
call Chris at: 815-238-9259
or email: chriskruger88@gmail.com**

ITEMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN CALLED/EMAILED TO CHRIS BY MARCH 26th WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED DUE TO THE SPACE ALLOTTED FOR THE AUCTION ITEMS.

All proceeds from the Silent Auction are used in support of local Chapter activities and our two preserves – Elkhorn Creek and Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserves.

Thanks for your donation!



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PROUDLY ANNOUNCES OUR
43RD ANNUAL BANQUET AND PROGRAM



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**SILENT AUCTION 5:30 | DINNER 6:00
PROGRAM 7:30**

WELCOME ALL NATURE LOVERS – PUBLIC WELCOME

PROGRAM

Christopher Benda (a.k.a. Illinois Botanizer) has been teaching about plants for over 12 years and during that time has developed a unique teaching style that includes lots of puns, jokes and whimsical pop culture references. The program is sure to keep you entertained and equipped with fun ways to learn about plants and teach others about plants. You will enjoy learning about plants in a fun way and also set yourself up for some April Foods Day fun for the next day.

MEAL

The banquet meal includes a choice of: roasted turkey breast from Hollyhock Hill Farm or vegetable lasagna, with sweet corn from Drake's Farm, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, cole-slaw, whole-grain rolls and homemade desserts.

Beverages include fair-trade, shade-grown organic coffee and organic, fair-trade teas. Meal is catered by Beltline Cafe & Catering.

SILENT AUCTION

Includes nature-related items with all proceeds from the auction supporting local Audubon chapter activities. **See back panel for updated information on the silent auction deadline.**



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NIBNA BANQUET RESERVATION TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST 2026

To make your reservation please mail this completed form to Tim Smith with the check made out to NIBNA.

Tim Smith, 1975 Mound Hill Rd., Dixon IL 61021

**RESERVATIONS FOR THE MEAL
MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 21ST**

List all Names

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

BANQUET AND PROGRAM

Adult - Turkey (\$32.00 each)	\$
Adult - Vegetable Lasagna (\$32.00 each)	\$
Child - Turkey (12 & under - free)	
Child - Vegetable Lasagna (12 & under - free)	
Total Attending	#

PROGRAM ONLY *preregistration not necessary*

Adults (\$5.00 each)	\$
Students (<i>free</i>)	\$
Total Attending	#

DONATION

I would like to make a donation to NIBNA	\$
Total Amount Enclosed	\$

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
call Teresa Smith at 815-238-3963
or email timtreetsmith@gmail.com

*The banquet price includes the catered meal and the program.
Additional forms can be printed from: nwilbirdnaturealliance.org*