

# 2010 Program

## The Blatchley Nature Study Club, Inc.

125 Boulder Drive  
Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Founded 1922  
By Dr. Earl Brooks

[blatchleynature.org](http://blatchleynature.org)



### **In Memory:**

Blatchley members mourn the loss of two members in 2009.

Tom Fields was a past member and friend of the club.

David Shadrach was a life member and had continued to be involved with the club.

We are thankful for their past contributions and wish their families peace in this time of their loss.

**Note:** Cover art is in recognition of the White Oak tree at the corner of the Blatchley property and the Ivory Billed Woodpecker artifact in our collection

Cover art by Sarah Crosley

# **A Message From the President**

## **The 88th Year**

It has been very gratifying to witness the growth and development of the Blatchley Nature Study Club over the past few years. The membership has grown to over 65 strong and we have added several new field studies while maintaining our excellent monthly programs.

For 2010 I would like to see both of these trends continue. In particular, I would like to see a bird watching/identification class get underway. This would be an excellent way to promote the club's ideals and improve our recognition within the community. At the same time it could also promote our membership growth.

I would like to challenge all club members to get more involved with club activities and look for ways to promote the organization within the community. I believe this will bring more enjoyment to you, as a club member, and help spread this same enjoyment to others who choose to become involved.

Patrick Crimans, President

### **Officers**

President	Pat Crimans
Vice President	Rick Towle
Treasurer	Brian Crosley
Recording Secretary	Becky Heck

### **Directors**

Term expires 01/01/11

Brian Jennings  
Dave Folger

Term expires 01/01/12

Bill Murphy  
Phil Cartwright

Term expires 01/01/13

Don Miketa  
Liz Rutherford

## 88th Annual Program—2010

- January 28** Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
“Conservation Connection”  
by Amanda Smith  
*Host: Shannon Stewart*
- February 14 Valentine’s Bird count @ home
- February 25** **Board Meeting – Bethel**  
Thursday 6:30 p.m.
- February 25** Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
“Nature Journaling”  
by Terry Ballenger  
*Hosts: Sherry & Phil Cartwright*
- March 20 Interior Cleanup and Club Opening
- March 25** Thursday 6:15 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
“Potluck Supper”  
Bring food to share  
  
“Preserving the Costa Rican Food  
Heritage: A Planting, Harvesting and  
Preparation Guide from Small Farmers ”  
  
by Rebeca Hernandez  
IU Scholarship recipient  
*Hosts: Scholarship Committee*
- April 17 Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
Spring Cleanup – All Members
- April 22** **Board Meeting – Blatchley**  
Thursday 6:30 p.m.
- April 22** Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
“Boy Scouts @ Philmont”  
by Casey Rowe  
*Hosts: Dee & Fred Nelson*
- April 24 Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse/Sanctuary  
“Spring Wildflower Walk”  
*Hosts: Craig Wind, Mary Burns & Sherry Hittle*

## 88th Annual Program—2010

- May 15      *Field Studies* – Birds  
Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
*Leader:* Terry Ballenger
- May 27**      Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
“ Bird Carvings ”  
by Geoff Davis  
*Hosts:* Rita Courtney & Don Miketa
- June 12      *Field Studies* –  
Fox Prairie Stream or Insects  
Saturday 10:00 a.m.  
Blatchley Sanctuary  
*Leader:*
- June 24**      Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
“Insects: Indiana’s Diverse and  
Ever-Present Wildlife”  
by Jon Babcock Dow Agro  
*Hosts:* Deb & Ken Carrell
- July 10      *Field Trip—Blue Heron*  
Saturday 10:00 a.m.  
Heron Rookery in Cicero  
*Leader:*
- July 22**      **Board Meeting**  
Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse
- July 22**      Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
“ Butterflies ”  
by Sherry Cartwright  
*Host:* Carol & Dave Folger
- August 14      *Field Trip* – Butterfly Walk  
Saturday – 10:00 a.m.  
Koteewi Park (Strawtown)  
*Leader:* Sherry Cartwright
- August 26**      Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
“ Amazon Rainforest ”  
by Tanya Mueller & Students  
*Hosts:* Marian & Pat Crimans

## 88th Annual Program—2010

- Sept 11 White River & Blatchley Sanctuary  
Cleanup
- Sept. 23** Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
“Rain Gardens and Water-Worthy  
Natives”  
By Shaena Reinhart HCSWCD  
*Hosts:* Leanna & Joe Roberts
- October 16 *Field Studies* – Fall Hike  
Saturday 10:00 a.m.  
Blatchley Sanctuary  
Hike Leader:
- October 28** **Board Meeting**  
Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse
- October 28** Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
“The Great Bend in the River -  
Amazing Archaeology in  
Strawtown”  
by Karin Anderson &  
Christy Brocken  
*Hosts:* Becky Heck &  
Marc Reynolds
- November 13 Field Trip –  
Location  
Time and Details TBD
- November 18** Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Clubhouse  
“Wildlife Rehabilitation “  
by Michelle Manker of A Critters  
Chance  
*Hosts:* David Hinshaw
- December Christmas Bird Count  
[www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)
- December 9** Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
“Potluck Dinner Christmas Party  
with Nature Gift Exchange”  
*Bethel Lutheran Church*  
(Meat, Beverage, and Table  
service provided)

## 2010 Committees

<b>Club History</b>	Carol Folger Brian Jennings Joe Roberts
<b>Club House Clean &amp; Maintenance</b>	Don Miketa Rita Courtney Shannon Stewart
<b>Sanctuary Cleanup &amp; Maintenance</b>	Don Miketa Phil Cartwright Shannon Stewart
<b>Finance</b>	Fred Nelson Brian Crosley
<b>Library</b>	Mary Burns Leanna Roberts
<b>Museum &amp; Specimens</b>	Terry Ballenger Brian Jennings
<b>Nominating</b>	Dave Folger John & Liz Rutherford Joe Roberts
<b>Programs</b>	Becky Heck Brian Crosley Rick Towle John & Liz Rutherford
<b>Scholarship</b>	Rick Towle Dee Nelson Deb Carrell
<b>Telephone</b>	Liz Rutherford
<b>Publicity &amp; Web Site</b>	Bill Murphy Brian Crosley Ken Carrell

## Regular Members

Ballenger, Terry  
Burns, Mary  
Carrell, Ken, Deb and Megan  
Cartwright, Phil & Sherry  
Crimans, Marian  
Crimans, Patrick  
Crosley, Brian  
Crosley, Katie  
Crosley, Kim  
Crosley, Stanley  
Dankert, Ruth and Jim  
Davis, Marjorie  
Dickerson, Michael  
Duncan, Romel & John  
Folger, Carol & Dave  
Gaunt, Denise  
Gollner, Teri & Michael  
Haskin, Marjorie  
Hinshaw, David  
Hittle, Sherry  
Ingram, Steve  
Irwin, Bob  
Keene, Jim & Patti  
Lester, Brenda & Tom  
Miketa, Don & Courtney, Rita  
Murphy, Bill  
Nelson, Dee & Fred  
Pickrell, June  
Reynolds, Marc & Heck, Becky  
Roberts, Mark  
Robinson, Carla & George  
Rutherford, Liz & John  
Snider, Alice & Victor  
St. Dennis, Emma & Bill  
Stevenson, Martha & Frank  
Stewart, Shannon  
Towle, Pat & Phyllis  
Towle, Rick  
Watson, Charles  
Wind, Craig & Pam

## **Life Members**

Demaree, Herald Jr.	Sandi Elliot
Irwin, Martha Jo	Jennings, Brian
Maddy, Gina	Richert, Rick
Roberts, Joseph	Roberts, Tom J.
Roberts, Leanna	

## **Junior Members**

Crosley, Abbey  
Crosley, Jacob  
Crosley, Rachel  
Belsley, Ella  
Belsley, Emma

## **Associate Members**

Brooks, Evelyn L.

## **Honorary Members**

Willis Blatchley	Riverdale, GA
Miss Virginia Esten	Indianapolis, IN
Mrs. Madge Minton	Indianapolis, IN
Dr. Russell Mumford	Lafayette, IN





## **Education Scholarship Recipients**

Annually the Biology Department of Indiana University awards a Blatchley Nature Scholarship to a deserving student who meets our criteria. Recipients have been:

- 1989 Timothy Horan
- 1990 Kelly Sullivan
- 1991 Christopher Grimes
- 1992 Patricia Clark
- 1993 Katherine Preston
- 1884 Deborah Marr
- 1995 Michael Simonich
- 1996 Sandra David
- 1997 Wendy H. Wentz
- 1998 Martha Bowman
- 1999 Charles R. Richardson
- 2000 David A. Hubert
- 2001 Maia Bailey
- 2002 Jennifer Koslow
- 2003 S. Luke Flory
- 2004 Yinan Lan
- 2005 Elizabeth Porter Middleton
- 2006 Sam Scarpino
- 2007 Kristen Trotten
- 2008 Daniel Johnson
- 2009 Rebeca Hernandez

## **Blatchley Nature Study Club History**

The Hamilton County Nature Study Club was organized on April 28, 1922. In "Some Highlights of My Life" Dr. Earl Brooks wrote how the club came to be formed:

"During my term as President of the Kiwanis Club, we arranged for a public-invited meeting on birds. For this meeting, I invited Dean Fisher of Purdue University and then President of the State Audubon Society, to be speaker. I got in touch with John O. Clark and Perry Bray and suggested a plan to organize a local Nature Study Club. As pre-arranged I immediately moved that Perry Bray be authorized to call a meeting of all interested to meet at the Public Library in the near future to organize such a club. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it carried. In a few days Perry Bray called such a meeting. Thus was born The Hamilton County Nature Study Club."

On March 23, 1934, the Club changed its name to "The W. S. Blatchley Club" in order to honor Indiana's greatest naturalist and to perpetuate his name and works. Dr. W. S. Blatchley was informed of this change of name by letter dated March 24, 1934, and written to him by Dr. Earl Brooks. Dr. Blatchley replied on March 30, 1934, and stated: " I appreciate very much the high honor which your Nature Club has conferred upon me by giving it my name."

On November 12, 1941, the Club was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation with the name "The Blatchley Nature Study Club, Inc." Its incorporators were Messrs. Malcolm Bundy, Roger S. Roberts, Walter A. Sharpe, Lynn Roberts, Paul T. Ulman, and Dr. Earl Brooks.

A review of the Club scrapbooks shows the club laid out nature trails at Forest Park, which were the first ever established in the State of Indiana. They planted trees there and labeled some nine hundred objects of interest to nature students. Trees were also planted in the court house yard and the lawn of the Public Library.

The club sponsored the historical sites in the County, where they located and honored outstanding trees. They also took positions on public works that might affect the ecology .

## Club History (Continued)

In the years 1930 through 1932, three outstanding testimonial dinners were held for living, distinguished Indiana naturalists. The first dinner was held for Dr. W. S. Blatchley on June 2, 1930. The second one for Dr. Stanley Coulter was on June 22, 1931, and the one for Dr. Amos Butler was on June 24 1932. From the first down through the years, Club meetings for the most part were held in the private homes of members. As early as 1935, it was said in a program "Our membership will of necessity be limited until we can realize our club home with ample auditorium facilities so that we can accept for membership the waiting list."

Finally, two things occurred which brought the long-cherished dream of a clubhouse into reality. First, on March 8, 1963, Dr. Earl Brooks conveyed by warranty deed to the Blatchley Nature Study Club, Inc., 15 acres of land, more or less, on which to build a clubhouse and establish a sanctuary for wild flowers, plants, and wildlife. Second, Mr. Eli Lilly made a generous gift of money to the Club which was to be used for the same purpose.

With these gifts it was possible to build a clubhouse and to lay out the desired sanctuary. By Sunday, July 18, 1965, the Club could dedicate its clubhouse, museum, and wildlife sanctuary. At the dedication, Dr. Earl Brooks, the Founder, gave the History of the Club. The Dedication Address was given by Dr. Charles M. Kirkpatrick.

The library in the clubhouse contains numerous volumes of materials of interest to students of nature. The museum contains many interesting specimens mounted and appropriately displayed. The auditorium can accommodate more than seventy five people with ease. All in all, the clubhouse is ideal for the purpose for which it was constructed. The sanctuary has brought much pleasure, a peaceful oasis for members as well as animals, particularly as the city has grown.

A review of the programs reveals that the Club over the years has studied and examined in depth many facets of nature. The Club has lived up to its purposes admirably and strives to continue to meet the objectives. So long as the Club attracts members of the caliber of those who have guided its destinies through the years, its future is assured.

## **Who We Are**

Blatchley Nature Study Club is a group of individuals who share a love of nature. They enjoy extending their awareness of and understanding of nature through the extensive variety of member's personal experiences that they bring to the club. The club has a deep history and strong traditions from 1922 when the club was established to today.

## **What We Do**

*Monthly Meetings* - Club members learn about all aspects of nature through presentations by members or guests at the club's monthly meetings. Meetings are typically the 4th Thursday of the month at the Blatchley Clubhouse. Meetings can include club business as well as nature observations as shared by members and their guests.

*Field Studies* - Typically led by a club member, the field studies provide an opportunity for hands on study of a selected nature topic. We utilize the Blatchley Sanctuary as our field of study for these investigations.

*Field Trips* - During the year, club members organize trips to other locations locally or within a few hours drive. We have experienced the flight of Whooping Cranes and observed herds of Elk as examples of these trips.

*Service* - Club members have participated the past several years in the White River Cleanup which occurs annually in September. With the Blatchley sanctuary located along the White river this has become a natural extension of the club's activities.

## **Where We Are Located**

Blatchley Nature Study Club has a club house located in a 15 acre nature sanctuary in Noblesville Indiana. The sanctuary includes natural trails which wind throughout the property to allow a close commune with nature. The trails include overlooks of the White River as well as several ravines and the Fox Prairie Creek which snakes through the sanctuary. The sanctuary also includes some of the most diverse specimens of wildflowers and plants in the state of Indiana. Guests of members are welcome and encouraged to join our club.

# The Blatchley Nature Study Club, Inc.

## Objectives

1. To provide and encourage the preservation, appreciation, and protection of Wildlife.
2. To promote educational study and scientific research of the Natural Sciences.
3. To honor and perpetuate the name and works of Dr. W. S. Blatchley.
4. To further the endeavors of the Club the acquiring of collections and property may be required.

## Membership Eligibility

Any person who is in harmony with the above objectives of the Club shall be eligible to active membership.

## Membership

Any member of the Club wishing to propose a new member shall submit such person's written application for a membership to the President of the Club at a regular meeting and the President shall then, or as soon as convenient, read such application to the Club. The President shall then submit the person's name for a vote at its next regular business meeting. An oral or written ballot, which may be secret, shall then be taken on the proposed new member. An affirmative vote of 3/4 of the members present shall be required to elect such new member.

Any proposed new member shall submit to the Club with their application for membership an individual initiation fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) plus the proper proportion of the current annual dues that will be due for the remainder of the year.

Annual dues ( July 1 to June 30 )

Jr. Membership (18 & Under)	\$ 5
Sr. Individual Member (65 +)	\$ 25
Individual Membership	\$ 35
Sr. Family Membership	\$ 50
Family Membership	\$ 60
Individual Life Membership	\$500

"What are we waiting for? Let's get busy!"

Dr. Earl Brooks

**Notes:**

