

## Upcoming Events:

### April Meeting - Peace Trail Work Party - Wisconsin Conservation Congress

**April Presentation:** Join us Thursday, April 5 at the Beloit Public Library to hear Jerry and Connie Sveum describe their Adventures with the Wildlife of Africa. Meet at 6 pm. This presentation is free and open to the public.

**Peace Trail Work Party** - Saturday, March 31. 9 am to noon. Meet at the Wastewater plant parking lot on Tripp Road off Afton Road. We will be clearing brush and buckthorn to improve sight-lines on trail curves.

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress** - The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is a grass roots organization that advises the DNR. The spring hearings offer an opportunity to address issues with the state. The next meeting is Monday, April 9 7 pm at Craig High School in Janesville.

Two questions that will be on the questionnaire:

First #16 Should the DNR charge " A \$5.00 annual fee for users of state fishery, wildlife, natural areas and leased public hunting grounds could provide dedicated funds to directly support fish and wildlife habitat management and infrastructure such as trails, parking lots, boat landings and more on these properties." Do you want to pay a \$5 fee to hike on public trails?

Second is a citizen resolution authored by Dean Paynter regarding the diversion of Stewardship Funds (the funds that helped build the Peace Trail and for acquisition and development of many other parks, trails and public sites in Rock County). The funds are being used to purchase land from another state board. *In essence spending Stewardship money to purchase land the state already owns. This leaves less money available to projects like ours.*

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**What:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 Meeting

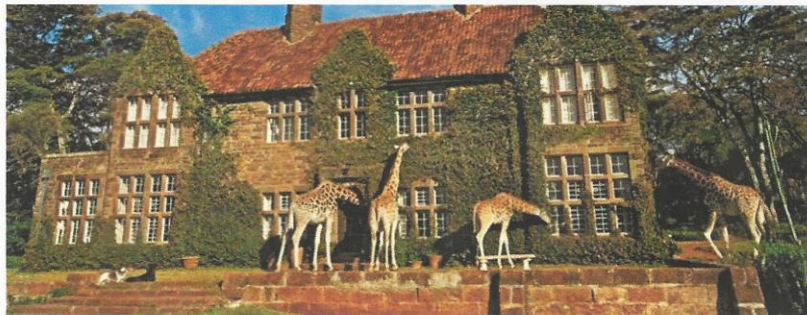
**Where:** Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd, Beloit

**Time:** 6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Program:** *Adventures with the  
Wildlife of Africa*

Presented by Jerry and Connie Sveum

Join us for some fun-filled entertainment as the Sveums present images, video and stories about their adventures with large wildlife while traveling in their favorite location – Africa. See close-up video of mountain gorillas in Uganda and watch as the Sveums are bluff-charged by the silverback! See hundreds of wildebeest migrating in Tanzania and crossing the river en masse. Laugh as the guests of the charming Giraffe Manor in Nairobi photograph the giraffe antics.



Giraffe Manor, Nairobi, Kenya



Breakfast with the Giraffes



Mountain Gorilla, Uganda

See the comfort of the safari-themed accommodations and images of the Maasai culture in Kenya and Tanzania. See a mother lion nursing multiple cubs in the Serengeti and watch as a male lion approaches within inches of the open Land Cruiser. See images of great white sharks from inside a shark cage in South Africa, and much more.

Contact Rick Barder at (608-751-2934) for more information.