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International Migratory Bird Day Program

“Painting Missouri”

Presented At Squaw Creek Refuge

Mound City, Missouri -- Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge will host a program “Painting Missouri,” presented by guest speakers, Billyo O’Donnell who is a Missouri artist, and Karen Glines a writer from the state. The program is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 at 10:30 A.M. O’Donnell and Glines have traveled for the past seven years painting and writing about their home state. O’Donnell has captured the state by creating a painting for each county and the city of St. Louis. These wonderful paintings are accompanied by brief informative essays written for each locale by Glines. The combination of art and words provide a wonderful experience for the viewer. Both have documented Holt County by capturing the unique Loess Bluff Hills as observed at the Squaw Creek Refuge. Both guest speakers will highlight their gifted work through showcasing and promoting the sale of their book “Painting Missouri” during the program. Billyo O’Donnell and Karen Glines are presenting their program to refuge visitors as part of the scheduled events for International Migratory Bird Day. International Migratory Bird Day is held annually on the second Saturday in May to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation. This program provided by the scheduled two guest speakers is a must to see depicting the splendor of the wonderful Show-Me State.

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The program "Painting Missouri" is free to the public and will be held in the auditorium of the Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge headquarters. Participants are invited to a special Friday 6:30 P.M. afternoon session of "Painting with the Artist" in a demonstration given on Friday, May 8 on the refuge. This is an opportunity for young students and adults to meet the artist and writer. Join in on the fun by bringing your own painting supplies for practicing outdoor painting skills.

All other International Migratory Bird Day programs scheduled for May 9 on the refuge are free to the public. Additional program information can be obtained by calling (660) 442-3187 or email, charlie_marshall@fws.gov. Squaw Creek Refuge is located 5 miles south of Mound City and 30 miles north of St. Joseph, Missouri. Visitors may take I-29 to Exit 79, then travel two and ½ miles west on Highway 159 to the refuge entrance.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 150-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System which encompasses more than 550 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 63 fishery resource offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitats such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

For further information about refuge programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region, please visit our website at www.fws.gov/midwest/squawcreek.

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