

*Pierce Downer's Heritage
Alliance Annual Meeting
October 19, 2017*

Ken Lerner - 2017 PDHA Summary

Who We Are

- Nonprofit volunteer group
- Mission: environmental and cultural heritage preservation and education.
- Serving Downers Grove since 1995.



PDHA Board

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Wally Brown,
emeritus

What We Do

- Support educational programs at Lyman Woods and the Park District's Arbor Day program through donations.
- Advisor and advocate on environmental and preservation issues in Downers Grove.
- Communicate through our newsletter, website, annual meeting, and other events.
- Support preservation and environmental causes directly through volunteer work.

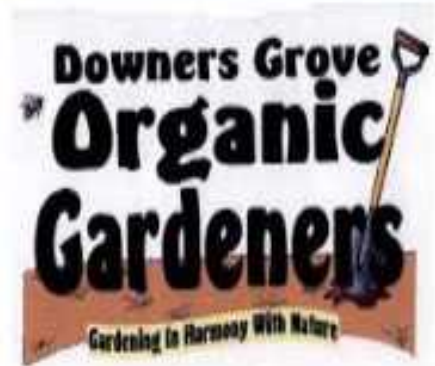
Our Connections



- Members and friends: Mailing list over 300.



Cooperative relationships with the Village, Park District, Historical Society, 1846 Blodgett House, Friends of the Edwards House, Organic Gardeners, and others



Friends of the Edwards House

Chicago
Wilderness

A regional alliance dedicated to protecting nature and enriching life

- Member organization of Chicago Wilderness and Illinois Environmental Coalition.



What We've Been Up To



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Little Sprouts



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- Volunteer Activities
 - Adopt a Highway
 - Rotary Grove Fest
 - Parkway Trees
 - Website
 - Recycling
 - Tree sales



What We've Been Up To

Historic Preservation

- >> Work with Friends of the Edwards House, Historical Society, Landmarks Illinois.
- >> Helping spread the word about landmarking, historic preservation events, and DG historic assets.



What We've Been Up To

Nature Advocacy

- >> Work with Village and Park District to encourage open space, native plantings, and nature-oriented programs.
- >> Submitted oral and written comments to Park District strategic planning process.



Belmont Prairie in July 2015

What We've Been Up To

Nature Advocacy

>> With help from many individuals and partner organizations, celebrated contributions of Betty Cheever and Wally Brown with benches in Lyman Woods



What makes it all work

We can't do it without you!

Your interest, participation, and contributions provide the resources – *and the motivation!*

Please drop by our website, www.pdha.org, for the latest information and consider –

- Come to a meeting
- Sign up for a wildflower walk
- Send in a donation
- Volunteer for an activity



Tonight's Speaker



Kim White

Mysteries of the Monarch