

*Pierce Downer's Heritage  
Alliance Annual Meeting  
March 26, 2019*

Ken Lerner, PDHA Chair

# *Who We Are*

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



# *PDHA Board*

Mark Bragen

Rich Kulovany

Marge Earl

Ken Lerner

Gordon Goodman

Chris Saricks

Irene Hogstrom

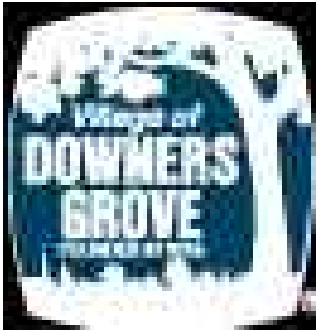
John Schofield

Mark Thoman

Wally Brown,  
*emeritus*

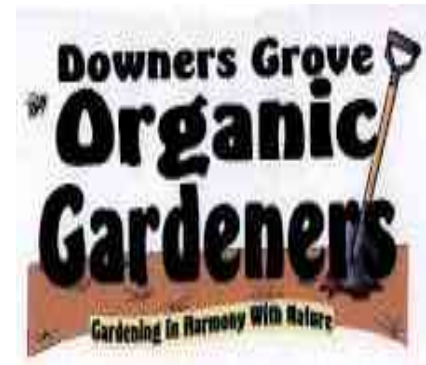
# *What We Do*

- 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
- Member organization of Chicago Wilderness and Illinois Environmental Coalition.



Friends of the Edwards House

Chicago  
Wilderness

A regional alliance dedicated to  
protecting nature and enriching life

# *What We've Been Up To*



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## **Wildflower Walks**



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## **Little Sprouts**





# *What We've Been Up To*

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



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## **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.



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## **Nature Advocacy**

>> Work with Village, Park District and Forest Preserve District to encourage open space, native plantings, nature-oriented programs, and sound management of our natural resources.



*Belmont Prairie in July 2015*

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## **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](http://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*



Ryan Maywin

*Landscaping for Wildlife*