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**Learn from the Experts: Smithsonian Bird Friendly® Certified Coffee  
Conserving Birds, One Cup at a Time**

GENEVA, IL — Did you know you can protect migratory birds simply by making smarter beverage choices? Join us Saturday, March 21, from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Barbara Belding Lodge in St. Charles for Learn from the Experts: “Smithsonian Bird Friendly® Certified Coffee: Conserving Birds, One Cup at a Time.”

Enjoy a responsibly-sourced cup of steaming coffee while you learn about the history of coffee consumption and production, and its connection to birds.

Greg DuBois, contributing author for Illinois Audubon Magazine and bird monitor at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, will share the story of the decline of migrating birds in North America since 1970. He’ll also explain how the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center is working to mitigate this decline and reveal ways that you can help — one cup at a time.

Advance registration is required. The program fee is \$10/person. To view full program descriptions or register, visit [www.kaneforest.com/register](http://www.kaneforest.com/register). The Barbara Belding Lodge is located within Brewster Creek Forest Preserve at 6N921 IL Rte. 25, St. Charles.

Learn from the Experts (LFE) programs are classes about local ecology, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, the St. Charles Park District and the Geneva Park District. Taught by staff of these agencies or other top experts, LFEs offer insightful information about topics that impact Kane County. Ages 18 and above.

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