

Please Come to the 12 PM February 17, 2007 Meeting of the Illinois Dunesland Preservation Society

Living in Harmony with Creation

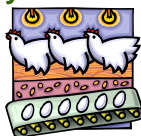
If you were to make arrangements for collecting delicious fresh eggs every day, how might your life be changed? How can you change your life to live a lifestyle that is more in harmony with all of creation? Barbara Peter, our February speaker and a member of Dunesland, will relate how her life has been influenced by "Permaculture," a 1978 Australian concept, defined as a sustainable design system that stresses the harmonious interrelationship of humans, plants, animals, and the Earth.

Observing the richness of the park's beach's biodiversity, she extended that benefit of interrelationship to her home on a smaller scale. After her new henhouse was built, she purchased four pullets and feed. Next she ordered rain barrels to harvest rain for the hens and garden. The order for a worm ranch followed, to change shredded junk-mail into compost for the garden.

No growth hormones or antibiotics or chemical fertilizers are used. Paying attention to the ways that different species live best with each other has led to an extremely productive system. Bottom line: one gets more control over one's food supply, while becoming reconnected to the natural relationships of the landscape.

Barbara met and married her husband at Purdue University, where she earned a Master's Degree in Education and Foods and Nutrition. Her role as high school educator was replaced by becoming mother to two sons. She was married for 26 years before being widowed. One of her grown sons is married and has gifted her with two darling granddaughters.

Barbara is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, ordained to parish ministry. She is also a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary, where she was awarded the Diploma in Spiritual Direction. She has been "Honorably Retired" by the Presbytery of Chicago since June 2006.



Make Your Luncheon Reservations for Illinois Beach State Park Resort at noon on February 17!

\$12 includes beautiful view of the lakefront, great speaker, superb conversation, entrée, beverage, dessert, tax, tip — a bargain today!

Please give your menu choice when you make a reservation:

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| 1. Chicken Caesar Salad | 2. Chicken Salad w/fruit | |
| 3. Beach Burger | 4. Club Sandwich | 5. Reuben |

RSVP by February 14:



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