

**Len Messineo, Award Winning Nature Photographer  
Presents "Creating Clarity Out of Chaos"  
Luncheon Meeting on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at Noon  
Illinois Beach State Park Resort**

Len is a dedicated nature and wildlife photographer whose expertise and knowledge developed after his retirement from his manufacturing business in 1992. He has won numerous awards and citations in the Chicago area and was awarded Photographer of the Year honors in the highly respected Riverwoods Nature Photographic Society, where he has also served as President. The Chicago Area Camera Clubs Association has recognized Len's accomplishments with many awards, including First Place in the Nature Photography competition several times and a special achievement citation TOPS. He received the 2003 Kohout Nature Award, one of the most prestigious awards of the Association.

Combining stunning images of nature with the art and technique of photography, Len explores the natural relationship between the eye and lens. What we see is not what the camera records...nature's offerings are often cluttered and disorganized. Len seeks to "Create Clarity Out of Chaos" with examples and explanations of nuances and skills required to capture impressive images. Intriguing facts and stories of wildflowers, scenery, and wildlife complement the program.

Len's goal is to convey an understanding and appreciation of the techniques and art of the nature and wildlife photographer. He also aspires to instill in each audience a desire to respect and protect our dwindling natural resources. He has skillfully blended nature stories, photographic imagery, and the environment in an entertaining, yet subtle educational experience. You will enjoy the beautiful images of plants, birds and animals. His work exudes a deep reverence for nature.

Dunesland is very pleased to welcome Len back for another exciting presentation which will take your breath away with the beautiful photographic images he so intricately weaves together.

## **RSVP by September 17:**

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**\$15 includes beautiful view of the lakefront, great speakers, superb conversation, entrée, beverage, dessert, tax, tip — a bargain today!**

**Call or email to make a reservation by September 17.**

**You may pay at the door, but we must have your reservation.**

**Please give your menu choice when you make a reservation for our September 20 luncheon:**

- 1. Chicken Caesar Salad**
- 2. Chicken Salad/Fruit**
- 3. Beach Burger/Fries**
- 4. Cheeseburger/Fries**
- 5. Turkey Club/Fries**

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**Directions to the park are on our web site at: [http://illinoisdunesland.org/Contact Us.html](http://illinoisdunesland.org/Contact_Us.html)**

**Additional questions or last minute reservation issue: Dunesland's President Paul Kakuris at 312 332-3377**

**Volunteers Are Always Needed!**



**Tree Swallows at Illinois Beach State Park**

**By Len Messineo**