

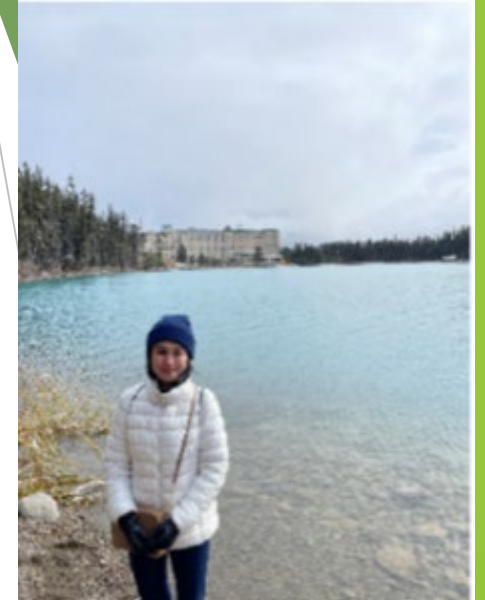
BROWN'S  
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# Citizen's Advisory Committee 2023 Events Summary

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# CAC Members

- ▶ George Vania- Co-Chair
- ▶ Anne Maule Miller- Co- Chair
- ▶ Jyneen Thatcher
- ▶ George Vania
- ▶ Yihong Gao
- ▶ Steve Merchant
- ▶ Ron and Patty Johnson
- ▶ Aimee Eberle



# Open Yard Events

- ▶ Monthly (April/May through September/October)
- ▶ Started in 2017 as a way to highlight conservation projects that residents can learn from and implement on their own
  - ▶ Raingardens, prairies, shoreline plantings, etc.
- ▶ Has transitioned into a variety of topics such as touring BCWD CIP projects and exploring other topics of interest to the district
- ▶ CAC members pick and plan the events each year



# Long Lake Birding Walk- April 29





# Wildflower Walk- May 17



# Millbrook Restoration Tour- June 21





# Fly Fishing Workshop- July 19





# Brown's Creek Tributary Tour- August 9





# Long Lake Buckthorn Brigade- September 23





# Brown's Creek Conservation Area Buckthorn Brigade- October 7





# Community Event and Bird Festival- September 16







## Lake life: Birds, bees, and compost

Lee Miller Sep 24, 2023



Photo by Lee Miller

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The Brown's Creek Watershed District and Bird City Stillwater co-sponsored a community education event at Brown's Creek Park. Other outreach organizations attended, including the University of Minnesota Extension Service and Raptor Center. It was an opportunity to learn and plan.

The BCWD's charter is to preserve and improve for future generations the quality of the district's water and natural resources. Water quality improvement projects with developers and homeowners have yielded good results in many lakes. Water quality tests for a sample of lakes in the BCWD ran the water quality gamut from an A rating for Woodpile Lake in Hugo to an F+ rating for Brewer's Pond in Stillwater. Long Lake was severely impaired in the past, but is now rated B+.

September 24<sup>th</sup> Gazette Article by Lee Miller



