

## Bur-Mill Fall Festival October 10, 2015

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PBC set up its display at the annual Bur-Mil Fall Festival on October 10, 2015. Plans had been made for an outdoor festival as usual. However, with sprinkles when we arrived and a forecast for more showers as the day progressed, we elected to set up our display inside the Club Building.

We were offered a room with one other group. In the first half hour we had only seven visitors. We realized we were not in a location where many people passed by so we requested a move to the porch where there seemed to be more activity. Indeed there was. By the time we closed up shop around 3:00 p.m., we had counted 228 visitors who stopped by our display to look at the exhibit items such as bird nests and eggs, and to ask questions or share a favorite bird experience.

We had a separate table for the interactive activities that are more appealing to children. One included silhouettes of about a dozen common birds. On the back of each card was a color picture of the bird. The second activity included a set of pictures showing various bird nests and their habitat. Another set of pictures included the pictures of birds with a description of the type of nest they build and use. The bird pictures were matched with the proper nest. Many adults also had fun figuring out and learning from these activities.

We had a great group of volunteers helping staff the display, most for a two-hour shift. They included Ann Van Sant, Anne Presnell, Emily Tyler, Jim Strickland, Joyce Bartlett, Joyce Porter, Roberta Newton, Stella Ware and Jim Eldrett who stores the display which he brought and helped set up and take down at the end of the day. Many thanks to all of them.

Helping with these events is a good opportunity to get to know other club members as well as meet and greet the public as we engage with them. Our next public display will be at the KCE Library's Earth Day celebration on April 9. Come join the fun!