



# Borealis

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## Calendar

### MAY

#### Wildflower Hike - Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

For those who have never been to the Treat Farm in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, you will have a treat (no pun intended). Even those who have gone on this hike in previous years will enjoy the spectacular displays of spring wildflowers. There is probably no more magnificent showing of wildflowers in northern Michigan than in the northern hardwood forest leading to the old farmstead. The approximately two-hour hike is easy and you will be treated to a huge display of the best that Nature has to offer.

We will meet at the Treat Farm entrance gate, which is located near the west end of Stormer Road about a mile south of the Empire Village limits on M22. If coming south from Empire, turn right on Stormer and drive about a half mile to the point where there is a sharp curve to the left. You can park your vehicles anywhere along the side of the road, but be sure to display a National Park pass in your parked vehicle. Questions, call Stan Cain at 231 938 1506 (or cell 231 492 9323 on the day of the hike.)

#### Brunch - Saturday, 14 May 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

The May brunch will be held at the MI Grille, located at 420 Munson in Traverse City. We will meet in the back dining room.

### JUNE

#### Book Club - Saturday, 4 June 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

The April Book Club selection will be *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande, presented by Jim McDermott. The group meets at BC Pizza, 3186 LaFranier Road, in Traverse City. Curious? You are welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

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## Lambing Time...

Baahh, Baahh, Baahh - Well, there was plenty of that to be heard last month at Brett Pharo's farm. A number of members were on hand to witness the birth of a lamb or two and check out the dozens of one, two and three day old lambs preceding them. Pretty interesting to this old city boy. Check out the photos below...



**Brett Pharo (in hat) talks about sheep and lambs at his farm near Kewadin. Photos by Stan Cain and Melissa Rennie.**

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## Culture quest 2016

The NMM Cherry Pickers (NMM's Culture Quest, five member team for 2016) met at the home of K.C. Mowrey on May 1st. The consensus of the group was that the question difficulty ranged from the somewhat easy:

**Who was Time Magazine's 2015 Person of the year**

To the ridiculously hard (for our team):

**What element has the lowest atomic number while having no stable isotopes (i.e. all forms are radioactive)**

We decided that we would be happy to finish in the top half of all the teams. as we did one year.

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