

Hello, First Class Club friends!

We sure were spoiled with the mild winter weather, and now we're diving right into spring! We can come out of hibernation and enjoy the longer days, sunshine, visiting with friends, and all our outdoor activities and hobbies.

Maybe some of you have been busy with spring cleaning? We can help you out on May 15. Bring items you need to shred during our First Class Club Day at the bank, and enjoy a treat! This is a new quarterly event we are trying this year.

Things start picking up in May and June. House chores, lawn care, perhaps some have grandchildren in sports, and our trips are in full force! Unfortunately, we've had to cancel two trips this year, so we stress that if you are interested, put your name on the list right away. That allows us to gauge if we have enough interest. With that being said, our second canceled trip is Cowboy Way. We are also adding a trip to Door County, Wisconsin, in September. If you are interested, give us a call, and we'll add you to our list!

Enjoy the summer vibes!



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Upcoming Events

# **CALENDAR**

### MAY

- 1 May Day
- 4 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
  Hosted by the Milbank Area Chamber;
  watch their Facebook page for details.
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 12 Mother's Day
- Join us for coffee and treats 9–11 AM in Milbank. Bring your documents to shred all day.
- 18 Armed Forces Day
- 23 'Til Beth Do Us Part Dinner Theatre Trip
- 27 Memorial Day
  - · Bank location closed

## JUNE

- 3 Registration Deadline: Beautiful: The Carole King Musical Chanhassen Dinner Theater on July 10
- 14 "It Only Takes a Spark" Cancer Walk
- Nunsense Musical at The Oscar Larson
  Performing Arts Center Trip
- 16 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth
  - · Bank location closed
- 20 First Day of Summer!
- 20 Registration Deadline: Mystery Trip to
  - Wisconsin on August 15
- 21 Dairy Month Celebration: our location will be giving away ice cream bars. Stop in between 9 AM and 4 PM!

# MAKE YOUR OWN BIRDSEED

**STEP ONE:** What do you want to attract?

Different species are attracted to different foods. Here are a few examples:

**Fruit:** Orioles, Tanagers, Mockingbirds, Bluebirds, Thrashers, Cardinals, Woodpeckers, Jays, Starlings, Thrushes, Cedar, Waxwings, Yellow-breasted Chats

**Peanuts:** Cardinals, Chickadees, Grackles, House Finches, Titmice, House Sparrows, Starlings, Mourning Doves, White-Throated Sparrows, Jays, Juncos

**Corn:** Starlings, House Sparrows, Grackles, Jays, Juncos, Bobwhite, Quail, Doves, Ring-Necked Pheasants, White-Throated Sparrows

**Millet:** Doves, House Sparrows, Blackbirds, Juncos, Cowbirds, Towhees, White-Throated Sparrows, Tree Sparrows, White-Crowned Sparrows, Chipping Sparrows

Sunflower Seeds: Goldfinches, Chickadees, Woodpeckers, Nuthatches, Titmice, Redpolls, Pine Siskins, Cardinals, Jays, Crossbills, Purple Finches, White-Throated Sparrow, House Finches, White-Crowned Sparrows

**STEP TWO:** Pick a few ingredients from the following list.

I usually like to go with whatever is on sale in bulk at the store or online. All of these are safe and healthy for wild birds:

Dried fruit, Peanuts. Almonds, Pecans, Walnuts, Cracked Corn, White Millet, Sunflower seeds, and Oats.

Don't forget to choose raw, organic whole foods for your blend. Backyard birds do not want your leftover BBQ-flavored peanuts! You can opt to chop some of the seeds and nuts, but you don't have to.

STEP THREE: Mix and serve.

Mix your ingredients in a large bowl, and then spoon into your feeder. I like to make a big batch every month or so and store the surplus in a jar for refills.