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Meet the Artist of New Exhibit at Dickson Mounds Feb. 24

LEWISTOWN, IL – Dickson Mounds Museum is hosting “Meet the Artist: Kevin Wright” on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Kevin Wright, an award-winning outdoor writer and wildlife photographer working out of central Illinois, is the focus of the Museum’s latest exhibit, *The Wandering Flatlanders: A Photographic Journey for Illinois Wildlife*. He will talk about his work and experiences in the field.

The exhibit features a suite of Illinois wildlife photographs, many of which were taken at The Nature Conservancy’s Emiquon Preserve, located near Dickson Mounds Museum. Photographers Dwight Eddington and Kevin Wright are Fulton County residents.

Kevin’s love for nature began at a wee age when his only goal in life was to see the ground hog at his grandparents’ home. Growing up, he also had ideas of being a wildlife biologist, hunting and fishing guide, or outdoor writer.

In 1991, with the aid of his new word processor, Kevin sold his first article to *Midwest Outdoors* magazine while living in northeast Iowa, and he soon became one of their field editors for the Iowa section of the magazine. His career as an outdoor writer had begun. He continues to have a long-running (25 years) nature column in the *Canton Daily Ledger*.

Some of Kevin’s work can be found in *Midwest Outdoors*, *Adventure Sports Outdoors*, *Fur-Fish-Game*, *Upland Almanac*, *Outdoor Guide*, *Mother Earth News*, *Fur Taker Magazine*, *American Trapper* and many others.

Kevin’s work has appeared in numerous publications, both national and regional. His work can also be found on a number of websites.

As part of this event, Lewistown’s Native Trails Winery will host a wine tasting at the Museum and have wine available for purchase by the glass. Visitors may have the opportunity to sample one of seven wines made from locally-grown grapes.

Other light refreshments will be served. Admission is free; however, donations are appreciated.

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information, call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at www.illinoisstatemuseum.org.