PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The IOS is no longer a dream. It's reality. We've published two issues of *Meadowlark*, enjoyed two successful field trips, and continue to attract new membership.

A major priority now is to contact and work with the many members who have offered to volunteer their time to make a great organization even better. We appreciate your support. Until next time, enjoy.

Eric Walters

ABOUT OUR COVER ILLUSTRATOR

Leslie DeCourcey drew the pair of Gadwall, a species which occurs as a regular fall migrant in Illinois. DeCourcey began her professional art career as Staff Artist at Brookfield Zoo in 1980. She has works hanging in private and corporate collections in seven states. She is presently working with the Chicagoland Bird Observatory, Leslie displays her work at the LaGrange Art League Gallery and accepts commissions at 708/387-9265.

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