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Upcoming BAS Membership Meetings

.....Kathie Goodblood, acting program chair

Our membership meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Jennings Environmental Education Center, 2961 Prospect Road, Slippery Rock, PA. The Education Center is located on Rt. 528 just west of its junction with Rt. 8- about five miles south of Slippery Rock. The meetings are free and open to the public.

May 11, 2009-Monday: Annual Awards Night- Please join us for our annual awards night. The Bartramian Audubon Society will be honoring individuals, organizations, or businesses that have made a significant contribution to the local Audubon cause. Scholarships will be presented and new members of the BAS Bird and Butterfly and Wildlife Sanctuary Programs will receive their sanctuary signs.



Upcoming Field Trips/Activities

May 1, 2, & 3, 2009 – 3rd Annual Oil Region Birds and Nature Festival – Register now – See accompanying information.

Saturday, May 9, 2009 The second Saturday of every May is the annual **Pennsylvania Migration Count**. Count birds within the bounds of any county in PA. Just keep track of species and numbers of each. You are out in the field on that day anyway, so keep counting. Contact Russ States pabird-er@verizon.net for more information.

Bartramian Audubon Yard Sale - June 14, 2009- Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. We are having a Yard Sale! All funds taken in will be used to benefit Bartramian Audubon Society's activities. The Birdwatcher's Store on route 108 in Slippery Rock is the location of the sale. Come look for treasures like books, bird prints, household items and small furniture. If you have items you would like to donate, or if you would like to help with the sale please call Nancy Lendyak at 724-445-3508 or Kathie Goodblood at 814-432-4496.

BAS Annual Picnic - June 28, 2009, Sunday, 5:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. at the Rotary Shelter at Slippery Rock Park Slippery Rock Park is located off Grove City Road if you are coming from Grove City. You will pass Giant Eagle Plaza and just before the Troy-Allen Auto Dealership make a right. The Shelter is at the top of the hill. Signs will be posted the day of the picnic. We will provide the grilled hot dogs and cold

drinks but please bring a dish to share. Also please bring your own place setting and a lawn chair to relax in and your binoculars as you never know what you might see. This is always a nice way to spend an early summer day.

July 11, 2009-Saturday – NABA Butterfly Count. Join us for the seventh BAS sponsored North American Butterfly Association 4th of July Butterfly Count –see more details inside.

July 25, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – Garden Tour at a BAS Wildlife Sanctuary Buttermilk Hill Nature Sanctuary is a 462-acre privately owned sanctuary in Venango County. Tour and learn more about organic vegetable and fruit gardening. After viewing the vegetable garden we will turn our attention to the bird and butterfly garden. We will spend lunch time observing the birds & butterflies in the garden (please bring a bag lunch). Jerry and Kathie will share some of their methods of growing native plants for wildlife. For directions call Kathie at 814-432-4496 or email larkwren@hughes.net.

Birding Festival

May 1-3, Friday-Sunday -Third Annual Oil Region Birds & Nature Festival. Friday outdoor events will include "The Birds and the Trees" with Kathie Goodblood and Ty Ryen and a "Program on Owls with an Owl Prowl" with Gary Edwards. Saturday morning outdoor events include a "Guided Bird Walk at Two Mile Run County Park" with Gary Edwards or a "Guided Bird Walk at Oil Creek State Park" with Kathie Goodblood. Afternoon workshops include "Developing and Improving Your Birding Skills" with Kathie Goodblood or "Bats of Pennsylvania" with Tim Hoppe; "The Wonderful World of Warblers" with Gary Edwards, or "Alien or Native Species" with Ty Ryen; "An Introduction to Pennsylvania's Amphibians and Reptiles" with Dr. Kurt Register or "Butterflies" with Chuck Tague. After a "Flock and Mingle" reception there will be a "Birder's Banquet" with special guest Don Riepe, Retired Manager of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge who will present the program, "The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, an Urban Oasis for Wildlife and People". Grand prize winners of the art contest for area students will then be announced. Sunday outdoor programs include a choice of a "Guided Bird walk at Buttermilk Hill Nature Sanctuary" with Jerry Stanley, "Birding Basics- a Guided Walk at BHNS for Beginners" with Kathie Goodblood, or a "Guided Bird Walk at Two Mile Run Park" with Gary Edwards and Don Riepe. You may register for one or all of the programs but space is limited and preference will be given to first registrants. Events/Activities range from \$15 to \$25 dollars with the total package costing \$119.00. Please visit www.oilregion.org or call the Oil Region Alliance for more information at 800 483-6264.



BAS Activities in Review

...Nancy Baker

Larry Rosche presented the program at our March 9th membership meeting. Larry, a well known Ohio birder and butterfly enthusiast is co-author of *Dragonflies and Damselflies of Northeast Ohio* and field researcher for the Conservation Out-



Larry Rosche Signing Copies of his Book for Attendees

reach Program of The Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Thirty plus members and guests enjoyed the introduction to the fascinating world of dragonflies and damselflies. Did you know that these insects have an aquatic stage that lasts from one month to five years? Or that the nymphs love to eat mosquito larvae? Or that the adults of some species migrate? Thanks to Larry for a great program, and thanks to Tom Black for providing the refreshments afterwards.

July 11, 2009-Saturday – NABA Butterfly Count. Join us for the seventh BAS sponsored North American Butterfly Association 4th of July Butterfly Count on Saturday July 11th. Known as the Sandy Creek Count, the area covered by the 15 mile diameter circle includes the Troyer gardens in Mercer County on one side and the Polk Wetlands in Venango County on the opposite side. Sandy Creek flows through the upper aspect of the circle which also contains parts of Goddard State Park and the lower aspect of Lake Wilhelm. Parts of State Game Lands 130 and 39 are



Mourning Cloak in April at Slippery Rock

also covered. Last year's count netted 39 species and 3 new county records. Contact person, Suzanne Butcher, sarbird@hotmail.com, 330-759-1945.



Discovery Trunk



The Bartramian Audubon Society is excited to announce a new service. With grant money from the National Audubon Society and Audubon PA we have developed a Discovery Trunk called Our Feathered Friend Field Kit. This trunk includes a wide variety of hands on materials that the classroom educator can use to teach students about birds and the environment in our area. This trunk is appropriate for grade levels 3 through 6, and can also be used by home school groups, 4H groups and Scouts.

For more information about this fun learning tool contact us, by email, www.bartramianaudubon.org or contact our education chair Elizabeth Wilson at 724-924-2045 or ewtracker@zoominternet.net.

BAS Announces New 2008-2009 Members of its Sanctuary Programs

.....Gene Wilhelm

The Bartramian Audubon Society is pleased to announce the 12 new members of its sanctuary program protecting 260.431 additional acres in 2008-09.

The new Bird and Butterfly Sanctuaries include: the Klinger Family Property, West Goshen Twp., Chester County – 2 acres; Beulah Land II Property– Saxonburg, Butler County - .01 acre; Dixie S. Reimold Property – Summit Twp., Butler County– 11.2 acres; Allen & Francine Dale Property – Harborcreek, Erie County – 9.4 acres; Bernie & Tom Cunningham Property– SRT, Butler County - .01 acre; Dennis & Janice McGlone Property – SRB, Butler County – 2.23 acres; Betty and Tom Antal Property – SRB, Butler County – 2.1 acres; Robert & Dorothy Walczak Property– New Wilmington, Lawrence County- .92 acre.

Total: 8 B&B Sanctuaries = 27.87 acres

The new Wildlife Sanctuaries include: the Becky & John Burdick Property– Lancaster Twp., Butler County – 92 acres; Kathy Mickle Property– Parker Twp., Butler County– 23 acres; Claire Schmieler Property– Marion Twp., Butler County – 37.561 acres; Richard and Diane Eakin Property– Guys Mills, Crawford County – 80 acres.

Total: 4 Wildlife Sanctuaries – 232.561 acres



Audubon Adventures

..... Elizabeth Wilson, BAS Education Chairperson

Audubon Adventures is an environmental education program for children in grades 3-6. Developed by professional environmental educators, Audubon Adventures presents basic, scientifically accurate facts about birds, wildlife, and their habitats. It comes to you packaged as a Classroom Kit (serving 32 students) or Individual Kit (serving 1 student). The program is used by classroom teachers, after-school program coordinators, special education instructors, language arts teachers, and homeschoolers.

Audubon Adventures introduce young people, their families, and their teachers, to the fundamental principles by which the natural world functions. Our publications for students and teachers give readers compelling examples and activities that show those principles at work.

2008-2009 School Year Edition

The title of our newest kit is "Feats of Nature". Through the four new exciting topics this year students will explore amazing topics on the natural abilities of our world's plants and animals. Learn how animals defend themselves, migrate, build and how plants rule the earth! Each issue contains fun activities, high interest content, and insightful messages. We have continued our popular feature "Heroes of the Planet," which profiles people who are working to protect wild creatures and places.

This year the Bartramian Audubon Society is pleased to announce that 75 Audubon Adventure Kits were purchased for the following schools and organizations:

Laurel Elementary School-Third Grade-Mrs. Santini (5) and Mrs. Murphy (5)

Laurel Elementary School- Fourth Grade- Mrs. Haney (3) and Mr. Musko (3)

Laurel Elementary School- Fifth Grade- Ms. Bowden (5)

Laurel Elementary School- Sixth Grade- Mrs. Wade (5)

Camp Elliott Girl Scout Camp- Joann Carr; Camp Director (1) Bartramian Audubon Society- Birds of a Feather Discovery Trunk (1)

Karns City High School- Third through Sixth Grade- Nancy Lendyak (1)

Hillview Elementary School- Third Grade- Miss Bestwick (1), Mrs. Denniston (1), Mrs. Cagno (1), Mrs. Earl (1), and Mrs. Reichard (1).

Hillview Elementary School- Fourth Grade- Mrs. Hostetler (1), Mrs. Masson (1), Mrs. Cooper (1), Mrs. Eller (1), Mr. Nichols (1), Mrs. Sonntag (1) and Mrs. Stembal (1).

Hillview Elementary School- Fifth Grade- Mrs. Delorenzo (1), Mrs. Fabiano (1), Mr. Johnston (1), Mrs. Latkey (1), Mrs. Lowers (1), Mrs. Morgante (1), and Mr. Snyder (1).

Hillview Elementary School- Sixth Grade- Ms. Christie (1), Mrs. Isenberg (1), Mrs. Deyarmin (1), Mrs. Falbo (1), Mrs. Gilliland (1), Mr. Green (1) and Mr. Sowers (1).

Riverside Primary Center- Third Grade- Mrs. Alicia Dwyer (5)

Riverside Intermediate- Fourth through Sixth Grade- Mrs. Alicia Dwyer (19)

Thank you for Your Response to our

2008 Letter of Appeal

I would like to thank the Bartramian Audubon Society's members and friends who so generously gave during our annual appeal. It takes many volunteer hours and funds to help BAS provide the scholarships and services we offer to the community. Without your help we would not exist.

Kathie Goodblood, President

Chickadee

Carl and Roxanne Bleakney

The Casselberry Family

Ruth Crawford

George and Barb Dean

Ken and Nancy Harris

James Hathaway and Laura Quinn

Jay Hewitt (*In Memory of Dr. Patricia Annabelle, SRU*)

Dr. Martha Joseph

Glenda Kemm (*Scholarship Program*)

H. Maxine Korb

Mary Osborne

Jaqueline Quast (*Sanctuary Program*)

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Richards, Jr.

William and Marie Schall

Mary Ellen Walter

Joan Wilver

Terri Wittreich (*Scholarship Program*)

Sandpiper

Elizabeth Bukowski

Charles and Mary Ann Campbell

Claire Schmieler

Kestrel

Thomas and Janet Kuehl (*AA Classrooms*)

Pat and Sherron Lynch (*AA Classrooms*)

Mary E. Williams (*AA Classrooms*)

Ralph Nicholas

David and Cindy Suber (*AA Classrooms*)

Eagle

Central Electric Cooperative

Nancy Baker

Thomas Black (*AA Classroom*)

Gene and Suzanne Butcher

Scrubgrass Generating Plant

Slippery Rock University

Jerry Stanley and Kathie Goodblood

Terry and Mary Shaffer

Gary Uber

Gene and Joanne Wilhelm (*Sanctuary Program*)

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Bartramian Audubon Society would like to encourage its members to begin to receive the Upland Informer online. As each newsletter is published, members who have elected to do this will receive an email informing them that the next issue is now available online, and they can then view it at their leisure. For the Bartramian Audubon Society, this will mean a savings both in paper costs and postage costs. For our environment it will mean less paper and less fuel usage in delivery.

To enroll in this program, please email our Membership Chair, Russ States at pabirder@verizon.net.



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Membership Reminder

.....Russ States, Membership Chair

We welcome the many of you who have recently joined Bartramian Audubon Society.

As a reminder, the expiration date of your membership with the BAS should be on your address label. Please renew in a timely fashion as to not miss future newsletters. If you have any questions about your membership status, feel free to contact the membership chair, Russ States - pabirder@verizon.net.

B&B and Wildlife Sanctuary renewals should be handled through the sanctuary chair in June or July each year. The \$15.00 dollar checks should be made payable to BAS and mailed to Gene Wilhelm, 513 Kelly Blvd., Slippy Rock, PA 16057-1145.

Bartramian Audubon Society Associate and Newsletter Application

Please check below

_____ \$15.00 BAS associate fee- includes newsletter

_____ \$5.00 newsletter only

Please send this form along with your **name and address** with payment to the:

**Bartramian Audubon Society
PO Box 315
Slippy Rock, PA 16057**

FYI- Subscribers to National Audubon Magazine will note some changes: The magazine will be published bimonthly starting in 2005 - Jan./Feb. March/April etc. There is also a new format in which the expiration date will be given as the last bimonthly issue and use J/F or M/A 200_. All membership expiration dates have been adjusted to insure that you get your full subscription. THIS DOES NOT affect those who only have Sanctuary, BAS Associate, AA School or Upland Informer subscriptions.

National Audubon Society Membership Application

Please enroll me as a NEW member in the National Audubon Society. This membership will include membership in the National Audubon Society and *Audubon* magazine and the local Bartramian Audubon Society and the local chapter newsletter, the *Upland Informer*, but excludes the BAS Sanctuary Program.

Current introductory membership offer \$20.00
Student/Senior (62 and above) membership \$15.00

Name

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