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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 10, 2010-Monday-BAS Annual Awards Night and Annual Membership Meeting

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 cause. The Helen R. Ferguson Fund Scholarship in Environmental Sciences will be presented to a student from Westminster College, and the Mike Alan Starker Ecology Scholarship will be presented to a student from Slippery Rock University. New members of the BAS Bird and Butterfly and Wildlife Sanctuary programs will receive their sanctuary signs. Dan and Patricia Call will be receiving both Wildlife and Bird and Butterfly signs; Tom and Gail Shannon, the Moraine State Park Office, and Thomas Reynolds will be receiving Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary signs. Members will be asked to vote on the new slate of Bartramian Audubon Society Officers listed below.

President: Cathy Setzer

Vice-President: Ron Fodor

Secretary: Nancy Baker

Treasurer: Russell States



Upcoming Field Trips/Activities

May 8, 2010-Saturday-Bird Walk at Buttermilk Hill Nature Sanctuary

Join Kathie Goodblood and Jerry Stanley at 7:30 A.M. to look for spring migrants at their BAS Wildlife Sanctuary. We will be looking for warblers, thrushes, and others. Cerulean Warbler is usually seen at BHNS at this time of year. Wear sturdy shoes and as always, be prepared for rain. For directions go to our website or contact Kathie at 814-432-4496 or larkwren@hughes.net.

May 14-16, 2010-Annual Meeting of The Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology at Presque Isle in Erie County

This year's PSO meeting will be held near Presque Isle State Park, one of Pennsylvania's best birding destinations. There will be the usual Friday night social and business meeting and the silent auction of donated items that runs through most of Saturday. Registration will begin at 6:00 P.M. Friday at the Bel-Aire Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 West 8th St., Erie, PA. Because Presque Isle is such a great place to bird, there will be no Saturday afternoon speakers. There will be field trips to multiple locations on Saturday and also on Sunday morning. The social hour, compilation of species seen, and banquet on Saturday night will be followed by banquet speaker Jerry McWilliams' presentation. Jerry's name is synonymous with Erie County and should be recognized by everyone in the state. Among other things he's the co-author with Dan Brauning of *The Birds of Pennsylvania*. Jerry will tell us about the many bird projects he's involved with at Presque Isle State Park; these include teaching birding classes, the waterbird count, the International Shorebird Survey, and the new Presque Isle Hawk Watch. He will also lead one of the Sunday morning field trips. The field trips will visit various spots at Presque Isle. One of the best known is Gull Point, first established as a bird sanctuary in 1927. It's famous as a viewing area for migrant waterbirds and shorebirds and a nesting area for Piping Plovers. Other places include Lily Pond, Leo's with its view of the lagoon and cattail marsh, the Sidewalk Trail where Red-headed Woodpeckers nest, Fry's Landing, Thompson Circle, Pine Tree Trail, Sunset Point, the Coast Guard jetty, and Beach 11. On Friday evening a sign-up sheet will be available for each of the field trips. The registration deadline is April 30, 2010. If you want to stay at the Bel-Aire Clarion, the base of operations, reservations must be made by 5:00 P.M. April 14, 2010. For more information, check out the PSO website at www.pabirds.org.

May 22, 2010-Saturday-Volunteer Work at Oil Creek State Park Headquarters Building, Venango County

WANTED!! Gardeners and others. Help us install new sustainable landscaping. We will be replacing lawn with a beautiful native wildflower garden at Oil Creek State Park. This is a great way to learn more about native wildflower gardening while helping make one of our state parks more beautiful. Work will begin at 9:00 A.M. For more information contact Kathie at 814-432-4496 or larkwren@hughes.net.

May 29, 2010-Saturday-The Robert A. Macoskey Center at Slippery Rock University

From 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. we will tour this sustainable systems education and research center which is also a Bartramian Audubon Sanctuary. We will focus on sustainable landscaping. This is a great opportunity to get ideas for your own yard/property. This is a must for our sanctuary owners. Wear sturdy, water-resistant shoes; the paths may be wet this time of year. For more information contact Kathie Goodblood at 814-432-4496 or larkwren@hughes.net.

June 6, 2010-Sunday-BAS Annual Picnic-4:00-7:00 P.M.

Our hosts for this year's picnic are BAS sanctuary owners Dan and Pat Call at 117 Katie Way, Chicora/Butler. BAS will provide hot dogs and soft drinks, please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Bring a folding chair if you have one. We will eat at 5:00, but come early so you can go for a walk. Directions from 422: take the PA-68/Jefferson St. exit. Turn left onto PA-68. Turn left onto PA-38/Oneida Valley Road. Proceed to 1201 Oneida Valley Road/Ball's Beer Distributing. Right after this is Katie Way and a mail box marked 117. Look for the BAS Picnic signs. For more information contact Kathie Goodblood at 814-432-4496 or larkwren@hughes.net.

July 10, Saturday – NABA Butterfly Count



The eighth BAS sponsored North American Butterfly Association 4th of July Butterfly Count will be held on Saturday July 10th. Known as the Sandy Creek Count, the area covered by the 15 mile diameter circle includes the Troyer gardens in Mercer County on the western aspect and the Polk Wetlands in Venango County on the eastern 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 also covered. The cold wet weather of last spring and early summer contributed to the low count of 23 species which tied our previous low. The butterfly news continues to be bad as severe weather in Mexico this past winter has decimated the already low overwintering Monarch populations. The data obtained on the NABA counts provides crucial data in monitoring butterfly populations. Contact person, Suzanne Butcher, sar-bird@hotmail.com, 330-759-1945



Activities in Review

**March 8, 2010 Membership Meeting
Geology of the Galapagos Islands**



Dr. Chuck Shultz and Cathy Setzer

....Nancy Baker

Dr. Chuck Shultz, geologist and BAS Sanctuary owner, presented the program at our March membership meeting. We enjoyed his account of his trip to the Galapagos. He shared pictures of the native culture, plants, animals, birds, and of course, geologic formations. Do you know the difference between a crater and a caldera? You do if you attended this meeting! Thanks to Chuck for an entertaining and educational evening. And thanks to Gary Uber for providing refreshments.



Odds And Ends

Discovery Trunk



Don't forget about our Discovery Trunk! 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 our education chair Elizabeth Wilson at 724-924-2045 or ewtrack-er@zoominternet.net.

**Thank You for Your Response to our 2009
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

Thomas Altman
Gail Baker
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Doloras Davison
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Ruth Crawford
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Bruce Hazen
Jay and Renee Hewitt
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Charles Shultz

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Mary Ellen Walter

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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., Slippery 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, address, and e-mail** with payment to the:

Bartramian Audubon Society
PO Box 315
Slippery 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.

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