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Upcoming BAS Membership Meetings

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.

September 8, 2014-Monday-Film-The Lost Bird Project

Gone and nearly forgotten in extinction, the Labrador Duck, the Great Auk, the Heath Hen, the Carolina Parakeet, and the Passenger Pigeon leave holes not just in the North American landscape but in our collective memories. Moved by their stories, sculptor Todd McGrain set out to create memorials to the lost birds—to bring their vanished forms back into the world.

The Lost Bird Project follows the road-trip that McGrain and his brother-in-law, Andy Stern, take as they search for the locations where the birds were last seen in the wild and negotiate for permission to install McGrain's large bronze sculptures there.



Upcoming Field Trips/Activities

To Be Announced



Activities in Review

May 12, 2014-Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Night

President Kathie Goodblood conducted a short business meeting before the awards ceremony in which upcoming events were announced and the proposed slate of officers for 2014-2016 was presented to the membership. The slate being, President: Jeffrey Hall, Vice-president: Russ States, Treasurer: Marianne Bleakney, Secretary: Kathie Goodblood. Becky Sheeler moved that we accept the proposed slate and Gene Wilhelm seconded. All present voted in favor.

Many thanks to Jeff Hall for taking all the photographs at the Awards Ceremony.

THE HELEN R. FERGUSON FUND SCHOLARSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE



Dr. Helen Boylan, Mara Sawdy, and Helen Ferguson

This year's recipient of the Helen R. Ferguson Scholarship is Mara Sawdy. She is the daughter of William and Mary Sawdy. She is from West Newton, PA, where she graduated from Belle Vernon Area High School. Mara is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and Model United Nations. She also volunteers with the youth group at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church and works for the Regional Trail Corporation as informational staff for the Youghiogheny River Trail. In recognition of her work on a Peace Studies minor, she has recently been awarded the Barbara Ostrowski Scholarship. After graduation, Mara hopes to work with the conservation of endangered animals or with water quality and purification.

THE MIKE ALAN STARKER ECOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AT SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY



Dr. Heike Hartmann, Mary Kate Vitale, and Kathie Goodblood

NEW SANCTUARIES

Mary Kate Vitale is the recipient of this year's Mike Alan Starker scholarship. She is a Junior majoring in Geography-Environmental Studies. Mary Kate cares deeply about the environment and seeks to protect natural landscapes. She will be interning this summer at the Succop Conservancy in Butler.

Sanctuary Chair Becky Sheeler announced the new Sanctuary owners. Wildlife Sanctuary: Wolf Creek Farm of John and Susan Biberich, Grove City, Mercer County. Bird and Butterfly Sanctuaries: Christen and Chris Yates, Grove City, Mercer County; Sara and Craig Whitman, Slippery Rock Borough, Butler County; James and Susan Bennett, Grove City, Mercer County; Barbara Brizendine, Zelenople, Butler County; and Ewing Park, Ellwood City, Lawrence County, (Domenic Vicari).

AWARD FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSERVATION



Dr. Fred Brenner, Andrew Morgan, John Relihan, Sr., John Relihan, Cathy Setzer, and Sharon Thompson

This year's Conservation Award goes to a group of people who constructed a Chimney Swift Tower. The idea for the tower began with Sharon Thompson. She loves Chimney Swifts, small, fast-flying birds that depend on open chimneys for nesting and roosting. A colony of the birds use a chimney near her home, and that chimney was slated for destruction. So Sharon came to a BAS board meeting to see what could be done. Then-President Cathy Setzer applied for a grant to construct a tower, and approached Grove City College for a location for the tower. Andrew Morgan (Project Manager) and Dr. Fred Brenner (Biology Faculty) of Grove City College became involved, and John Relihan constructed the tower as his Eagle Scout project, with the help of Scout Troop 380.



Helen and Craig Whitman



Becky Sheeler, Barbara Brizendine, Kathie Goodblood



Troop 380 Harrisville, PA

Lynn Critchlow, Todd Stephenson(Scoutmaster), Jeremiah Yard, Brian Yard(Asst Scoutmaster), Collin Griffith, John Relihan, John Relihan Sr.(Asst Scoutmaster)



Domenic Vicarri, Dr. Gene Wilhelm



Odds and Ends

Update On Previous Scholarship Winners

Dr. Heike Hartmann of Slippery Rock University shared news of previous Michael Alan Starker Scholarship winners. 2013's Caleb Sykora just finished an internship with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. 2012's Elizabeth Smith has been accepted to law school. 2011's Krystal Levstek is starting her second year in the masters program at Kent State in Geography. Thanks to Dr. Hartmann for keeping us informed.

Hog Island Audubon Camp for Educators Scholarship Awarded

Each year Bartramian Audubon awards a scholarship to a local teacher to attend "Sharing Nature: An Educator's Week" at Audubon Camp in Maine on Hog Island. Susanne Gillespie has been awarded the scholarship for 2014. Sue is a sixth grade homeroom teacher at St. Luke Lutheran School in Cabot, PA. She plans to share her Hog Island experience and knowledge with her students through integration with writing, journaling, and art, "encouraging them to be givers and caregivers to our natural habitats." She will also make a presentation to the Bartramian Audubon chapter at the December meeting. We congratulate Sue and wish her well in her travels to the Maine coast.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR 2013 LETTER OF APPEAL

Eagle

Robert and Barbara Davis
Merab Drennen
Dixie Reimold
Carolyn and Paul Rizza
Jerry Stanley and Kathie Goodblood
Gene and Joanne Wilhelm

Sandpiper

Carl and Roxanne Bleakney
Robert and Patricia Brown
John and Becky Burdick
George and Bonnie Casselberry
Ken and Nancy Harris
Jeanne McGuire-Conlon and Michael Conlon
George and Laura Mihalik
David and Sheryl Neely
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Richards
Claire Schmieler
Stephen Thompson
Patricia Zimmerman and Anne Griffiths

Chickadee

Hazel Allen
Larry and Marcia Brown
Eileen and Eleanor Bukowski
Ruth Crawford
Gary and Kay Dannels
Paula and Richard Haehnel
Renee and Jay Hewitt
Ray Hoffman
Lori Love
Becky Lubold
Mary Miller
Joyce A. Myers
John and Mary Reefer
William and Bonita Renick
Thomas and Betty Sopher
Gloria Stansberry
James Stoops
Gary Uber
Lawrence Upton
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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 are handled by the sanctuary chair in June each year. The \$15.00 or more per sanctuary checks should be made payable to BAS but mailed to Becky Sheeler, 125 Crolls Mill Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-4611. beckysheeler@gmail.com

**Bartramian Audubon Society
Associate and Newsletter Application**
Please check below

_____ \$15.00 BAS associate fee- includes newsletter
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Please send this form along with your **name, address, and e-mail** with payment to the:
Bartramian Audubon Society
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**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
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