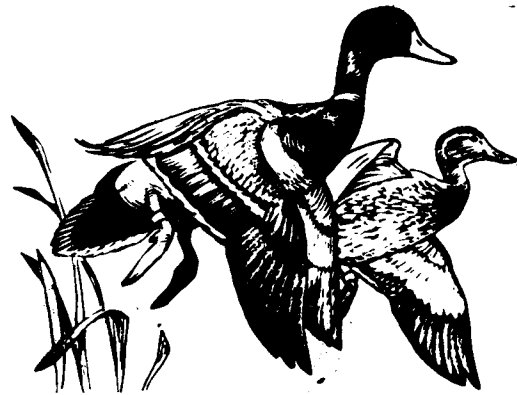


SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING -- JANUARY 8th

We will start our new year with a program by one of our members - Mr. August Oechsli, who will give his slide presentation of BIRDS AT OUR FEEDER and ELSEWHERE. This will be on January 8th.

Meeting note for February - The date for this meeting will be the 19th because of the Lincoln's Birthday holiday on the 12th, our regular meeting night, when the Library will be closed. This is the meeting at which Mike Smiles will tell us about his summer at the Audubon summer camp and show his pictures. Don't forget - February 19th.

At the Board Meeting in December, it was voted to donate \$50.00 to the Peregrine Fund at Cornell University. There will be no Board Meeting in January.

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The Wildlife Film series will resume in February. The program, entitled "Scandinavian Saga" will be narrated by John D. Bulger and will be, as the fall programs have been, at the Bayview Ave. School in Freeport. If you missed either of the first two programs, be sure not to miss this one.

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ART AND CRAFT SHOW: There is not much more to report except that plans are going ahead to hold this. Now that the holidays are over, how about giving some thought as to putting your talents to work - and let Jack Fischer know - RO 4-6529. We need many more participants and interested people. Any nature-related subject.

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Transportation
to meetings? Call ---



Alvin Friedman	-	RO.4-9069
Frank Bear	-	223-2246
Asa Starkweather	-	LY 9-5824
Jack Fischer	-	RO 4-6529
Ray Ward	-	PY 6-0115

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Sunday, December 10, my wife and I attended the Annual Meeting of the Long Island Chapter of the Nature Conservancy at its headquarters in a converted farm in Cold Spring Harbor.

The very interesting program was highlighted by a fascinating slide presentation by Miss Helen Hayes of the American Museum of Natural History on the work she has been performing to protect the nesting sites of terns on Gull Island.

But most important of all was a closer insight into the generally unheralded work of the Conservancy, America's least known but, in many respects, most effective conservation group. Its prime function is the acquisition and preservation of parcels of land of significant environmental or ecological value, such as a wildlife habitat, an oasis of wilderness in a developed area, or a vital strip in an area threatened by unwise development.

In its 20 years of operation (only the last 5 in top gear) the Conservancy has been embroiled in over 850 separate land purchase programs - involving nearly 365,000 acres - in 45 states and the Virgin Islands. The extraordinarily varied projects include barrier islands off the coast of Georgia and Virginia, tracts of virgin prairie in the Great Plains, a lush valley bought to enlarge Hawaii's Haleakala National Park, and 50,000 acres of Virginia's Great Dismal Swamp given it recently by the Union Camp Company, believed to be the largest donation ever made by a private corporation to a conservation group.

The Conservancy frequently works with state or local governmental agencies to acquire land and hold it for eventual repurchase by the public body. This is done mainly because the Conservancy can acquire land in far less time than would be involved in the cumbersome bureaucratic process, the "exceeding slow grinding" of whose wheels is axiomatic.

Although all land is owned, for property tax purposes, by national headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, each local chapter is responsible for the maintenance and protection of all areas in its domain. Over 60 parcels of land, of varying sizes, are owned on Long Island. Most of these areas are open to the public, in limited numbers. The Conservancy merely asks that interested people telephone first for a reservation.

All these programs cost money, and new members are sorely needed. Anyone interested in aiding this unique and very effective organization in its vital work should write to The Nature Conservancy, Long Island Chapter, P.O. Box #72, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. #11724 - or Tel. 367-3225.

Incidentally, Herb Johnson, well known to most Auduboners as the man who made Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge what it is today, was elected at the meeting to a 4-year term as trustee of the Long Island Chapter. Herb is typical of the dedicated, knowledgeable and capable men and women working for the continuing success of the Nature Conservancy.

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---FROM THE BIRDING FRONT---

Bird Walk Schedule

-- All walks start at 10:00 A.M. unless otherwise noted. No walk if it rains, snows, or the temperature is 25 degrees or below.--

JANUARY:

- 6th - Jones Beach - West End Parking Field #2
- 13th - Gilgo Beach - Channel side parking
- *20th - J.F. Kennedy Sanctuary - Tobay Beach - east of Jones Beach and Gilgo, north side of Ocean Blvd.
- 27th - Short Beach, Jones Beach - park near Coast Guard Station

* Note change in place.

FEBRUARY:

- 3rd - Pelham Bay - Meet 9:00 A.M. - extreme right lane after going through toll booth of Throggs Neck Bridge
- 10th - J. F. Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay Beach) - east of Jones Beach - north side of Ocean Blvd.
- 17th - Jamaica Bay - south of Belt Parkway off Cross Bay Blvd.
- 24th - Jones Beach - West End Parking Field #2

Elliott Kutner,
Chairman, Birding

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Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary

The second T. R. Sanctuary winter walk of the season will be held on Sunday, January 6. This walk will be led by the noted naturalist, Arthur McManus.

Remember future winter walks will be held on the first Sunday of the months of February and March. All walks will begin at 1:30 P.M. and are held on the grounds of the Sanctuary.

Mike Smiles, Chairman

Some members have requested names and addresses of congressmen. Therefore, WRITE: Honorable Representatives in our area:
House Office Buildings N. Lent, A. Rencalle, J. Grever,
Washington, D.C. #20515 J. Wydler, and L. Wolff

Senator
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Senators are J. Javits, J. Buckley

Mike Smiles, Vice-President
and Chairman, Legislation

— Hempstead Town Presiding Supervisor Francis T. Purcell is urging The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to reject applications from three builders to dump up to 1,300,000 yards of fill on the wetlands portion of 104 acres along Reynolds Channel in Lido Beach. Since all but about 46 acres of the property is below the mean high water mark the bulk of the land qualifies for protection under the Tidal Wetlands Act of 1973. This will be the first test of the statewide moratorium on wetlands preservation. —

Membership Reminder: - If you have given or received a gift membership and you wish to be on our mailing list, please write National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, N. Y. #10022, and let them know. These chapter assignments for members do not get through to us for gift memberships quickly and we may not get the name for several months.

Also: If you move to another area and wish to be transferred to another chapter, you must let National know. Otherwise, you will remain on our mailing list. Likewise, if you wish to remain in our Chapter, even though you have moved outside of our limits, let them know this.

In any case, let the Editor know. You will get action from us while you wait for National.

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-- USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS --

HELP..... HELP..... HELP..... and/or advice, for injured birds:

A. and A. Veterinary Hospital, 414 Franklin Ave., Franklin Square
Tel. GE. 7-2222. Free care for any wild bird.
Mrs. Arlene Thomas, author of "Bird Ambulance", at 212-HO.8-2330

BIRD ALERT - 212-832-6523 for an up-to-the-minute taped message.

AIR POLLUTION? To report complaints, call 535-3232, Mondays through Fridays, 9:00.A.M. to 4:45 P.M. - Nassau County Bureau of Air Pollution Control.

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-- JANUARY MEETING --
Tuesday, January 8th
Freeport Library - 8:15 P.M.

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