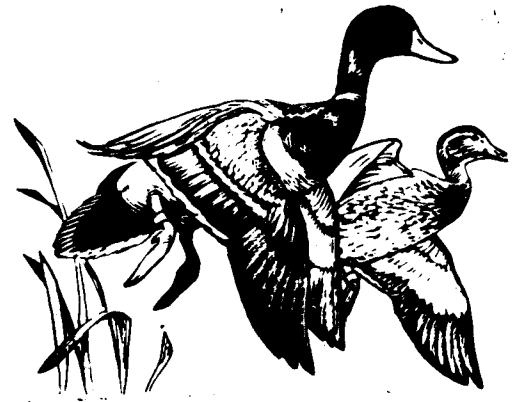


# SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

## Newsletter



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### - ANNUAL DINNER MEETING -

- JUNE 10 -

Crystal Ball Room  
Al Dowd's Steak House

Holiday Inn  
173 Sunrise Hwy..  
Rockville Centre

Cocktails - 7:00 P.M.  
Dinner - 7:30 P.M.

Menu: Sliced Top Sirloin -  
Complete dinner - no choices

Price \$7.50 / person  
Includes gratuities

PROGRAM: Stephan Kress - Bird Islands of the North Atlantic

Mr. Kress has a wide reputation and his pictures will  
be both unusual and spectacular.

Make checks payable to South Shore Audubon. Mail to Alvin Friedman.  
Please do it now. 3275 Oceanside Rd. Oceanside  
#11752

We have guaranteed 75 people. So come out and support our Annual Dinner.  
Enjoy the program, as well as good food and a good time.

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- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

As this is the last newsletter of this season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have put in extra service in making this a very successful year for South Shore Audubon.

This coming year will see a major change in the hierarchy of South Shore Audubon. Our hard-working editor for the past 4 years, Miriam Raynor, is retiring from that position. This will be the last newsletter under her able direction. I think all of us owe her a great deal of thanks for publishing an excellent newsletter for all these years AND without missing a deadline. A truly marvelous effort!!! I would also like to introduce our new editor, Mrs. Patricia Davis. Pat, as many of you already know, served as our Conservation Chairman during the past year. I'm sure we all wish her good luck with her new responsibility and if she does as good a job as she did with conservation, the Newsletter is in good hands. I'm also sure Pat would appreciate having an assistant who could help type, do layout, etc. If anyone would like to be her regular assistant, please call Pat (822-6189).

I feel a special thanks should also go to our Vice-President and Field Trip Chairman, Elliott Kutner, for giving up his Sunday mornings for the past nine months to lead us on our weekly bird walks. I'm sure his efforts have brought a new sense of nature to many people. Elliott also presented his own program at one of our monthly meetings this year.

I could go on and on, become maudlin, and use up this entire newsletter thanking all our officers, board members, and committee chairmen for their guidance during the year and for heading special projects to bring programs and activities to all our members. At the risk of leaving someone out, thanks should also go to: Jack Fischer, Treasurer, Laura Friedman, Recording Secretary, Ruth Grossman, Corresponding Secretary, and all our Board members: Al Lemke, Alvin Friedman, Linda Schlotterhausen, Asa Starkweather, Frank Bear; our committee chairmen: Dorothy Lovering, Clara Thrush, Irving Berlin. Of course, thanks go to all our members who have attended our meetings and programs throughout the year.

In a sense, this year has been a milestone for us. In just five years of existence, we have passed the 1,000 mark in membership and grown to be the second largest chapter on Long Island, third in New York State. I wish to thank all the new members who have joined us this year and, I hope, with help from the present members, and the new members, next year will be as active and exciting as this year was. So, until next September, I wish all of you a good summer.

Mike Smiles, President

## - CONSERVATION -

### NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

By 1985, according to the Federal Energy Administration, close to 200 nuclear power plants will be generating about 30% of the nation's electricity. Serious safety and technical questions have been raised by many leading scientists and legislation has been introduced in several states imposing moratoriums on further nuclear plant construction.

Nuclear fission occurs when uranium is split by tiny particles called neutrons. Thousands of rods of uranium are inside a nuclear reactor in the power plant so that a controlled "chain reaction" takes place. A modern nuclear power plant contains about 100 tons of uranium fuel inside a steel reactor vessel. Water is circulated inside the reactor absorbing the heat given off by the fission process. Steam, in turn, from the heated water propels electrical turbine generators. Of course, these nuclear plants also release small amounts of radiation into the surrounding air and water, and introduce heat into the rivers that provide water for cooling. They accumulate large amounts of radioactive waste materials as uranium is used up in the fission process. Many of these wastes will remain lethal for thousands of years. It will take several hundred years for more than 99% of the nuclear waste to decay to acceptable levels, according to former Atomic Energy Commissioner William Anders. How are we going to guard something so deadly for so long? These high-level wastes originate from U-235, a rare form of uranium fuel used in the current generation of nuclear reactors. In several years, our supply of this uranium will be depleted so we'll have to bargain for it from foreign countries. Some nuclear power advocates feel that the answer is the liquid metal fast breeder reactor (LMFBR), an advanced reactor that will produce large amounts of a man-made nuclear fuel called plutonium. As you may know, AEC is planning to build a demonstration breeder in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Plutonium in a nuclear reactor would decay in about 24,000 years. Because of these and many other problems space does not permit me to explore, 90 proposed nuclear plants were postponed indefinitely 40% of the scheduled 1983 plants in the U.S. have been delayed or cancelled. For 25 years, the U.S. has devoted its energy research budget to this hazardous and risky project. Other promising sources such as solar energy are just beginning to receive serious attention. At the May Audubon meeting I will distribute some pamphlets detailing the dangers of nuclear plants even further.

Several states have bills pending that would impose nuclear moratoriums of one sort or another. Vermont now requires legislative approval for any new atomic power plant. Rhode Island also passed a similar bill including oil refineries.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Many conservationists are apprehensive about the recent nomination of Governor Stanley K. Hathaway as new Secretary of Interior. His record is poor. Hearings are being held in Washington.

EPA is planning to ban the sale and use of throwaway cans and bottles at all Federal installations to save energy and reduce litter.

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National Audubon's Nature Center Planning Division has recently published its Directory of Nature Centers and Related Environmental Education Facilities listing 550 public and private facilities nationwide and in Canada. Price: \$3.00 from the Nature Planning Division.

The League of Women Voters of Nassau County recently published an interesting pamphlet listing the salaries of our appointed and elected officials in Nassau County. It is called "They Represent You" and is free. Write: League of Women Voters of Nassau County, 2786 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, N.Y.

Have a nice summer. See you next year.

Pat Davis,  
Chairman, Conservation



NATURE PROGRAMS AT T.R.SANCTUARY:

For Your People:

- July 7 - 11 General Ecology. Grades 3 through 6.
- July 14 - 18 You and Your Environment. Ages over 12.
- July 21 - 25 Creations in Nature. Grades 3 through 6.

Above sessions, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.  
Cost: \$20 per course plus \$2.50 Lab fee.

For Teachers and Adults:

- June 23 - 27 Ecology Workshop for Teachers.
- August 25 - 29 Ecology Workshop for Teachers.

Above workshops, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$60 per person per course. Applications available by writing or calling the Sanctuary, 922-3200; address, T.R.Sanctuary, 133 Cove Road, Oyster Bay, New York #11771.



WETLANDS:

The spring issue of Wetlands carries a 3-page feature, "Active Artist", the story of Wayne Trimm, the Art Director of the N.Y.S. Conservationist Magazine. Also, Alonzo Gibbs passes on his memories of Amityville wetlands in the 1920's. Alonzo is a native Long Islander who lives down the road from the Audubon Maine Camp. Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr., Conservation Chairman of the N.Y.S.. Federation of Bird Clubs, continues his ongoing series, "Days On Paumanok"

A sample copy of the spring issue is 75¢; yearly subscription to Wetlands quarterly is \$3.00.. Wetlands, P.O. Box #252, West Islip, New York #11795. Tel. 567-0021.



- BIRDS - BIRDING - FIELD TRIPS -

FIELD TRIPS: Starting time 10:00 A.M.  
No walk if it rains

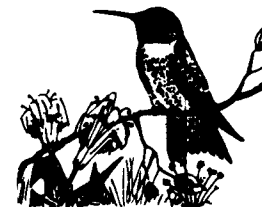
- JUNE - 8 ) Pelagic Boat Trip. Meet 7:30 A.M. at Freeport Boatmen's Association dock, 540 South Grove St. Freeport.
- 15 Jamaica Bay
- 22 Jones Beach Fishing Pier

SUMMER HOLIDAY TRIPS:

- AUGUST - 24 Jamaica Bay
- 31 No walk. Labor Day holiday weekend.

SEPTEMBER - 7 Parking Field #4, Zachs Bay.

Elliott Kutner,  
Chairman, Birding



HIGH SCHOOL ORNITHOLOGY COURSES?

Mr. Arthur P. Cooley of Bellport High School is attempting to asses the possibility of expanding the number of ornithology courses in high school curricula; and is asking what assistance our members may be able to offer. He writes:

The teaching of ornithology in colleges has had a long tradition, but its appearance in secondary schools has been a newer phenomem.

In an attempt to assess the possibility of expanding the number of ornithology courses in high school curricula, I am seeking through your Newsletter, responses to these statements:

1. The name and address of any high school which offers an ornithology course.
2. The length of the course ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , or full year).
3. The name of the Instructor.
4. The name of any Audubon member who would be interested in seeking the adoption of an ornithology course in his school district.
5. The name of any Audubon member who is also a teacher who would be interested in starting an ornithology course.

Please forward responses to : Mr. Arthur P. Cooley, Bellport High School, Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, New York #11719.

REMINISCENCES from the EDITOR

As most of you know by this time, this will be my last Newsletter; and that Pat Davis will be taking over in September. It is with both relief and nostalgia that I am giving up a job which has become so much a part of my life. It has been time consuming and seemed full of continuous deadlines, but nevertheless I have found it rewarding and have enjoyed doing it. The satisfaction continuously expressed by both the officers and members over the past three to four years has not only been more than appreciated, but encouraging as well.

However, lest too much credit go where it is not due, there were others who also had their part in our Newsletter. Were it not for Asa Starkweather - who knows? When South Shore was first organized, Asa took on the responsibility for the Newsletter. As soon as I joined (which was soon) Asa learned that I probably had space in my home for a mimeograph machine! At that point my "career" was launched. Asa continued to be the Editor until 1972 when I officially took over; although I had been doing much of it for a year or year and a half, because I had more time than Asa. But Asa was responsible for getting it launched. We soon changed from mimeograph to our present off-set. We still did our own addressing, stamping, and mailing by hand! Then Asa recruited the help of Larry and Linda Wolitz. Linda had drawing ability and had also had experience with newsletters for other organizations. It was with her invaluable help that we got the mechanics and layout procedures going. The rest was experience. In 1973 Dorothy Lovering joined South Shore and quickly offered to help with the Newsletter. It was due to Dorothy's efforts that we had so many pictures that year. She used to "sit up nights" cutting up newspapers and magazines for pictures. You will note that our pictures have diminished since Dorothy gave up! But the membership was growing by leaps and bounds and it was becoming increasingly impossible for this all to be handled by one person. So now Dorothy is our efficient and hardworking Membership Chairman. We still continue to work together even though the two jobs are now separated.

So my thanks go to Asa, Linda, and Dorothy for helping to make our Newsletter what it now is. ----- But it is time for a new face, as it is with all jobs; and it is with great confidence that I turn over the Newsletter to Pat Davis. I can only wish her much success and as much pleasure from doing it as I had.

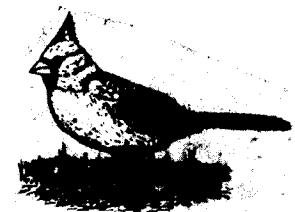
Miriam E. Raynor  
Editor

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS - (Repeat)

For Injured Birds:

A. & A. Veterinary Hospital, 414 Franklin Ave., Franklin Square  
Telephone: GE. 7-2222 - Free care for any wild bird.  
Mrs. Arlene Thomas, Author of "Bird Ambulance" - Tel. 212-HO. 8-2330  
Huntington First Aid Station, Mrs. Sallie Ruppert, Director  
Telephone: 516-427-2639



Rare Bird Alert: 212-832-6523 - This is the number for the New York Area Bird Alert. You will be told where these birds are, how to get to where they are; and, of course, only birds known to be around when you call.



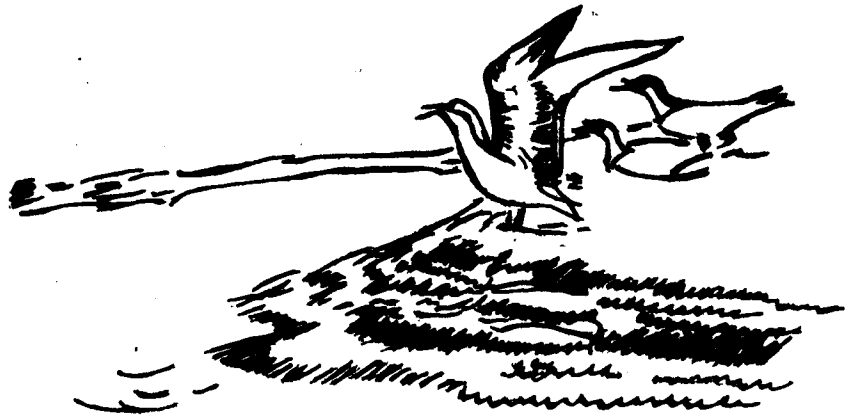
HAPPY

VACATIONING --

And bring back some  
interesting articles for our  
Newsletter



- ANNUAL DINNER MEETING -
- Tuesday, June 10th -
- Al Dowd's Steak House -
- 7:00 and 7:30 P.M. -



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