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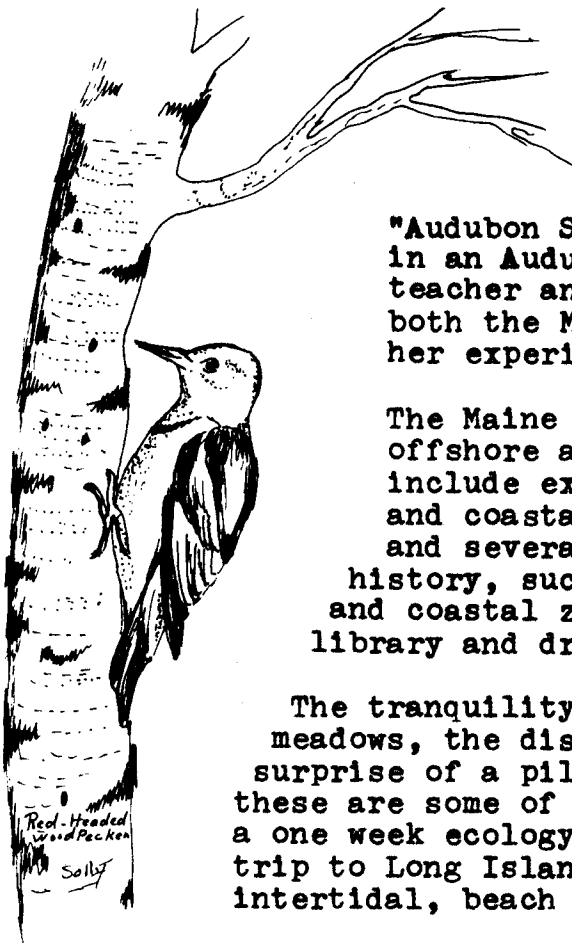
"Audubon Summer" explores the experience of participating in an Audubon Camp. Our guest speaker Alice Hall, a teacher and a member of South Shore Audubon, has visited both the Maine and Connecticut camps. She will share her experiences with us.

The Maine Camp is located on Hog Island a quarter mile offshore at the head of Muscongus Bay. Daily field trips include excursions to a spruce forest, rocky intertidal and coastal meadow habitats on Hog Island, the mainland and several offshore islands. In addition to natural history, such issues as acid rain, wetlands conservation and coastal zone management are studied. A laboratory, library and dredging equipment are available.

The tranquility of silent woodlands opening into rolling meadows, the discovery of crayfish in a meandering stream, the surprise of a pileated woodpecker drumming in a tree overhead - these are some of the experiences that await those who attend a one week ecology workshop in Greenwich, Connecticut. A field trip to Long Island Sound supplements the inland habitats with intertidal, beach and marine ecosystems.

Please join us this month when Alice Hall shares her experiences with us.

Perhaps you will decide to attend one of the Audubon camps. Scholarships are available from South Shore Audubon. See President's Page in this issue for further information.



Red-Headed
Woodpecker
Solby

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Peter Kutner Scholarship

Peter Kutner was a very special person. A Harvard graduate and a lawyer, he was one of those rare individuals who could truly make a difference in our world; a dedicated professional who often rendered his legal services without monetary consideration. While returning from one such mission, he was involved in an automobile accident that tragically took his life.

Peter had one abiding love - that was "kids." With this in mind, the Kutner family has donated a scholarship in their son's name. The scholarship is for one week at the Greenwich Audubon Camp.

The following are requirements for the scholarship:

1. The winner should be a teacher, counselor or a student preparing for a child-oriented career. The Kutner family wants the winner to use the material and the spirit of the Audubon experience directly in lessons or programs for students at any level.
2. The winner will be chosen by a committee made up of the President, Vice-president and one other person selected by the President.
3. The winner will be required to read two pieces written by Peter Kutner. These pieces will give the winner some insight into Peter's character.
4. The winner will be expected to honor the request that in his or her first presentation, he or she will introduce the program with the words, "This is part of Peter's work."
5. The choice of a winner will be made from letters written by the contestants. Letters should contain autobiographical information and include reasons for going to camp based on future use of the experience. An interview may be required by the selection committee.

The South Shore Audubon Society considers it a privilege to be able to offer the Peter Kutner Scholarship.

Maine Camp Scholarship

South Shore Audubon will offer a scholarship for two weeks at the Maine Audubon Camp. The following rules apply:

1. The winner should be someone who will take advantage of an Audubon experience in pursuit of a career or avocation.
2. The winner will be chosen by a committee made up of the President, Vice-president and one other person chosen by the President.
3. The winner will be chosen from letters written by contestants. Letters should be autobiographical and include reasons for going to camp based on future use of the experience. An interview may be required.
4. The winner will be expected either to present a program to the South Shore Audubon Society or to write an article for the South Shore Skimmer based on his or her experiences at camp.

Scholarship Fund

The South Shore Audubon Society annually offers a scholarship to an Audubon Camp in the hope that the winners will share their knowledge of the environment and spread the conservation message so essential to our survival on this planet.

Unfortunately, the cost of sending someone to camp is constantly rising. This year, two weeks at the Maine Audubon Camp will cost \$640.00 and we are asking for your help. We have set up a scholarship fund. If you would like to contribute, please send your gift to the South Shore Audubon Society, P.O. Box 31, Freeport, N.Y. 11520. For further information, contact Tom Torma.

TOM TORMA

Who's Who in SSAS

PAUL T. BUTKEREIT



Paul T. was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, then moved to Merrick and finally to Freeport - to a house built by his father Paul A. Incidentally, if you hear his family call him "Tommy," don't be confused. It's his middle name and, of course, differentiates him from his Dad.

Paul remembers throwing stones in the Reservoir near Babylon Turnpike when he was about nine. He accidentally(?) hit a swan which chased him hissing and honking for three blocks. Paul won that race, but boasts that upstate he has also been chased by a pig and a cow -- why, I don't know.

Paul spent weekends with his grandparents at their tree farm in Cherry Valley, N.Y. (near Cooperstown). He worked with his grandfather cutting trees, some of which were sold at Christmas, and others (red pines) which were used to make paper pulp.

At college Paul did a paper on the campus birds at the New York Institute of Technology at Old Westbury.

He joined Audubon in 1972 and went on his first bird walk with Alvin Friedman, our first President, and continued every week after that. Paul has been an Assistant Leader on the Sunday walks for six years.

Since 1979 Paul has given an adult education course through Baldwin High School on "Plant and Bird Identification" on Saturday mornings. These walks to various sanctuaries have been very popular. We were lucky enough to have seen tiny red fox cubs and blue birds at Caumsett.

Paul was President of SSAS for two years and has been in charge of Bird Seed Sales which he has handled conscientiously and very successfully. Last fall, 45,000 pounds were sold, which is a lot of seeds!

Paul is married to Joan whom he met at Freeport High School. She and her mother, Terry Stoltz, run "Poodles in Blue," a dog grooming shop. They have four dogs at home - two Poodles, a Yorkshire Terrier and a new addition, a Pom called "Ziggy." When I asked Paul if they bothered the birds in the backyard, he said they kept all the neighborhood cats away.

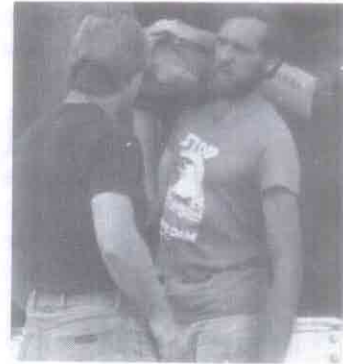
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BIRD WALKS

No walk if it rains, snows or temperature is 25 degrees or below.

Starting time - 9:30 A.M.

- JAN. 9 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- 16 Hempstead Lake State Park (Pkg. Lot #1 south of exit 18 of Southern State Parkway)
- 23 West End #2, N.W. corner
- FEB. 30 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary
- 6 West End #2, N.E. corner
- 13 Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. #4, N.E.
- 20 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- 27 Cedar Beach (East on Ocean Pkwy. to pkg. lot on right-beach side)
- MAR. 6 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary
- 13 Hempstead Lake State Park (Pkg. lot on Penninsula Blvd.)
- 20 West End #2, N.E. corner
- 27 Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. #4, N.E.
- APR. 3 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

If you can bring a cake to the meeting please call Rose Ermidis at 785-6028

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