



The Bedford Audubon Society Newsletter

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President's Letter

By Walter Fowler



Summer is a time of great change and growth. Dragonflies and damselfly emerge, eggs hatch, our feathered friends have fledged, and there is great promise of things to come. The same at Bedford Audubon.

I am very happy and proud to announce the arrival of our new Executive Director, Janelle Robbins! Janelle is an absolutely wonderful person to lead BAS. She is a Cornell and Virginia Tech graduate, and worked on watershed protection and habitat conservation for eight years at Waterkeeper Alliance.

Janelle has taken the many issues that a three hundred year-old house present in stride, and is planning repairs and upgrades with chair of the Facilities Committee, Carol Cioppa. Stop by and meet Janelle and see the green office renovation that she and Carol are implementing. Oh, did I mention that our new ED is a LEED accredited professional and a published author?

Janelle has also been working with Tait on MAPS banding and the renovation of Bylane's pond and wetland system. All this and much more since late June!

Bedford Audubon looks forward to our Centennial Celebration with renewed hope and anticipation that we will grow and bring more environmental education and conservation to you and other families while preserving local habitat for our wild friends. Follow and support our work on our website and Facebook.

Yes we have good reason to be proud of our new leader. Come and join us in our many planned events and learn more about the wonders that hide in our sanctuaries. Happy Fall, everyone!

Festive Inauguration of the John Bull Research Library at Bylane Farm

The Bedford Audubon Society officially inaugurated The John L. Bull Library at a private reception on Sunday, June 12. The library, housed at Bylane Farm, features the Bull Collection, 800 birding and natural science books previously owned by renowned ornithologist John Bull (1914-2006). The books were donated to Bedford Audubon in 2010 by his widow, Edith Hellman Bull.

old South Salem resident Rachel Smith, an avid birder with an eye towards a career in ornithology, who said, "It is amazing to meet Edith Bull and be part of this celebration. It's a day I'll never forget."

John Bull was a noted ornithologist, field researcher, and author. His seminal work *Birds of New York State* published in 1974 is an exhaustive survey that documents the



The enthusiastic guest of honor, lively ninety-nine-year-old Edith, traveled from her home in Far Rockaway, Queens with daughter Doris Kraus and numerous family members. A former researcher at the American Museum of Natural History, Edith is an accomplished ornithologist in her own right and co-author with her husband of several birding guides.

Board President Walter Fowler acknowledged the organization's deep gratitude to Edith Bull for her donation and noted how honored Bedford Audubon Society is to be the guardian of John Bull's personal collection of nature books and artworks. Among the guests at the library dedication was thirteen-year-

seasonal and geographic occurrence of all the bird species that have been recorded in New York State (more than 400).

The cataloging of the books has been in the hands of retired librarian Barbara Shapiro (see Summer 2011 newsletter). The Bull Collection will be posted online at www.LibraryThing.com, described as the "Facebook for books," in the near future.

In addition to the books, four original paintings grace the Bull Library at Bylane. The artworks are by artists Roger Tory Peterson, Don Eckelberry, Walter Ferguson, and Don Malick, all one-time New York State residents. The bird and wildlife paintings served to illustrate John Bull's *Birds of New York State*.

Calendar of Events (See page 5 for full description of field trips)

Unless otherwise indicated, please register with Jeanne Pollock at jpollock@bedfordaudubon.org or call Jeanne at 914-519-7801.

SEPTEMBER

9	7 - 11 am	Migrating Warblers at Greenwich Point Park, Greenwich
10	10 am - noon	"Raptors for Rookies"
14	7:30 pm	"Owls of North America" with Sam Fried
18	8 am	"Breakfast With the Hawks"
22	3 - 5 pm	Free Native Plant Exchange at Bylane
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24-25	11 am - 4 pm	"Adventures in the Outdoors" –
24	11 am - 12:30 pm	"Hawk Migration and Hawkwatching"
27	8:30 am - 1:30 pm	Jones Beach Field Trip With Tait Johansson

OCTOBER

2	9 am	"Breakfast With the Hawks"
5	10:30 am - 12 noon	"Mushrooms and More"
12	7:30 pm	"All the News That's Fit to Blog" with Peter Applebome

OCTOBER continued

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18	7:30 - 10 am	Nature Hike at Bylane
22	7:30 – 11:15 am	"Sparrow Migration at Croton Point Park"

NOVEMBER

2	7:30 - 11:15 am	"Sparrow Migration at Croton Point Park"
9	7:30 pm	"The Most Flowery Places in the World" with Bob Gibbons
6	TBD	"Magical Mystery Tour" – a Leader's Choice Trip
15	9:00 am - 2:30 pm	"Jamaica Bay in the Fall"

DECEMBER

3	10 am - 3 pm	Field Trip to Brigantine (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge), Smithville, NJ, With Tait Johansson
7	7:30 pm	"What I Have Learned About Protecting Nature" with Scott Mori



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Please show your support for Bedford Audubon Society's conservation and education programs by becoming a member today! Whether your donation is a first-time enrollment, membership renewal, or pledge of additional support, your tax-deductible donation is truly needed and appreciated.

To donate, please fill out this form and mail with your check payable to Bedford Audubon Society to:

Bedford Audubon Society, 35 Todd Road, Katonah, NY 10536

If you wish to donate by using your Visa/MasterCard, visit our secure website at www.bedfordaudubon.org or call Bylane at (914) 232-1999.

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Bedford Audubon is ever respectful of your privacy and never shares your e-mail or other information with outside organizations.

Thank you!

From the 2011 BFG Chronicles Companion Planting and Low-or-no-Toxicity Pest Controls

By Tommy Flynn, BAS Summer Intern

It has been quite an eventful summer so far here at the Bird Friendly Vegetable Garden. With everything from asparagus to zucchini growing happily, our organic pest control methods are being put to the test.

Inherent in our planting scheme is a technique known as companion planting, which pairs plants by interplanting herbs and other companions among vegetables to repel specific pests. One such combination is sage and carrots; another is borage and cucumber. Botanists are still exploring the myriad of reasons behind these cooperative partnerships, and many of the combinations are supported by only anecdotal evidence. However, having some background in ethnobotany, I would be hesitant to dismiss the “three sisters” combination of corn, beans, and squash used by Native Americans for thousands of years, as mere hearsay. Many times our most reliable source of advice is our own experience!

Another home-grown pest control technique is a rhubarb-based aphid spray. While the stalks of rhubarb (*Rheum rhabarbarum*) are edible, rhubarb leaves contain high amounts of oxalic acid, which, in large quantities, can be toxic to human kidneys but also make the leaves distasteful to herbivores. Thus a judiciously-applied rhubarb leaf spray is a relatively harmless, yet effective, means of controlling insect pests.

Wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*) is yet another low-or-no-toxicity pest deterrent which we have applied in the garden. It is best known as the not-so-secret ingredient of the liquor absinthe. It has been used in herbalism for centuries as an anthelmintic, or treatment for intestinal worms, and it has proved to be effective at repelling insects outside the body as well.

These are just three of several organic pest control techniques we are testing in the outdoor laboratory known as the Bird Friendly Vegetable Garden, which is not just bird-friendly, but mindful of all the strands of the great web of life into which we are all interwoven.



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We welcome Bedford Audubon members and the community to visit Bylane and the John L. Bull Library, which is open only when staff or volunteers are available to assist researchers. Please call 914-232-1999 to schedule a visit.



The following people generously donated their time and products. Without them, our refurbishment efforts at Bylane Farm would not have been possible. We are truly grateful.

- **Carol A. Cioppa** AIA LEED AP, board member and architect of Cioppa Architects llc for spear-heading the concept, design and coordination of this project.
- **Board President Walter Fowler** & his company Fowler Electronic Security Inc., who has designed & installed the security system.
- **Kimberley Weaner** at Best Plumbing, Somers, and Scott Marcum of Kohler for generously donating the new lavatory's high efficiency & water-conserving toilet, sink and faucet.
- **Tandus Flooring & Josh Madden** for donating the beautiful Haiku carpet tile installed in our offices and the Bull Library Annex.
- **Peter Becker**, master carpenter, who masterfully built the new bookcases in the Bull Library Annex.
- **Joan Eckels Becker**, who spent countless hours organizing the successful library opening.
- **Curtis Ryan Lew**, photographer, who handled the matting, framing, hanging and vandal-proof installation of the original watercolors.
- **Janet Andersen**, who spent many, many hours on various tasks in connection with organizing the Bull collection and readying it for online access.
- **Sebastian Vinci** (former president of the Pound Ridge Lions Club), who donated a transformer and timer for our low-voltage outdoor path lights.

Broad-winged Hawk Call List

Depending on weather, Broad-winged Hawk movement peaks in mid-September. Don't miss a peak migration day!! Email Nannette Orr at nforr@optonline.net to join our call list, so you can be with us at our Chestnut Ridge Hawkwatch platform at Arthur Butler Sanctuary, 265 Chestnut Ridge Road, Bedford Corners.



One Bird in the Hand...

BIRD BANDING UPDATE 2011

By Tait Johansson

Summer 2011 was the third year of BAS's participation in the Institute for Bird Populations' continent-wide study of breeding bird populations called MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship). This study aims to identify the causes of long-term population declines in birds, especially those of "our" birds that winter in the tropics.

To this end, from June to early August, ten "mist nets", extremely fine, hard-to-see nets set up on a 50-acre study plot within BAS's Hunt-Parker Sanctuary, are operated roughly every ten days for six hours at a time, starting within 20 minutes of dawn, all per the exacting protocols of the MAPS study.

This year, we continued to catch good numbers of Veeries and Wood Thrushes, two neotropical migrants of conservation concern. Banding totals for the year were 110 individuals of 22 species (including 17 Veeries and 23 Wood Thrushes).



Jesse Ross with Northern Flicker

Unique recaptures from previous years this season (6 species, 18 individuals): Veery: 7 (5 banded 2009, 3 banded 2010), Wood Thrush: 4 (1 banded 2009, 1 banded 2010), Gray Catbird: 1 (banded 2009), Common Yellowthroat: 4 (banded 2010), Northern Cardinal: 1 (banded 2009) Song Sparrow: 1 (banded 2010). Total number of birds banded for three years of the project (307 individuals of 28 species).

Bedford Audubon is grateful for the participation of intern Tommy Flynn and volunteer Jesse Ross.

For a full tally of all the birds banded this year and an article about the MAPS program, go to our website: www.bedfordaudubon.org.

Intern Spotlight

This summer, Bedford Audubon welcomed two interns - Tommy Flynn and Stephen Ippolito.

Tommy is entering his senior year at Bates College, where he is a major in Environmental Health. Tommy split his summer months between planting, weeding, and watering in the Native and the Bird Friendly Vegetable gardens (see page 3), and creating up-to-date trail maps of our sanctuaries. Tommy has also been an invaluable asset assisting Tait with the MAPS program (to read more about MAPS, see opposite column).

In May, Stephen completed his freshman year at Middlebury College, but will be joining the Class of 2014 at Vanderbilt University as an Economics major this month. A Chappaqua native, Stephen joined us for the month of July to research grants for energy efficient upgrades, renewable energy demonstration projects, and pond and wetland restoration for Bylane.

Thank you, Tommy and Stephen! Best wishes for an exciting year in college!



Bedford Audubon Autumn Almanac

September 2011

September 1 – A few Mourning Doves, Cedar Waxwings, and American Goldfinches are still nesting as summer winds down.

September 7 – Warbler migration (approximate) peak: listen for their high-pitched "zeep" or "seep" calls overhead at night.

September 15 – Broad-winged hawk migration (approximate) peak: visit us at the Chestnut Ridge Hawkwatch platform! Marbled Salamanders head to "autumnal pools" after a rain to breed.

September 20 – Monarch butterflies migration (approximate) to Mexico peaks: look for them nectaring on Goldenrod or flapping and gliding overhead, sometimes very high up.

October 2011

October 1 – Common Green Darners (dragonflies) migration (approximate) to the southern states peaks; they are often pursued on the wing by migrating kestrels and Merlins.

October 5 – Sharp-shinned Hawk migration (approximate) peaks.

October 15 – Sparrow migration (approximate) peaks: look for flocks of them in weedy fields and gardens and in dense shrubbery.

November 2011

November 1 – Compton Tortoiseshell butterflies are looking for places to hibernate under loose bark or clapboards.

November 20 – Only a few butterflies are still active on sunny days, often nectaring on the few remaining blooming asters.

WISH LIST

Help us get Bylane in tip top shape! If you have any of these items or can arrange for free or reduced cost items and services, please call our office for more details on our needs.

- Colored letter-sized hanging folders
- New or used but in good repair hand tools for the gardens (shovels, mattocks, etc.)
- Gutter cleaning and repair
- Property surveys
- Energy Star certified dishwasher
- Binoculars in good condition for new birders

Field Trips and Events

Each trip is assigned an approximate level of difficulty: Easy (E), Moderate (M), or Strenuous (S). Please discuss your mobility with the registrar to ensure that the trip activity is appropriate for you.

Bylane Farm directions: From Route 35, take Route 22 north. Go 1/2 mile and turn right onto Todd Road. Parking is available in the driveway on the left and the lots on the right side of the property.

Based on recommendations from our insurance company, a signed waiver is required for all BAS field trip participants. We apologize for this inconvenience, but your cooperation helps protect BAS so that we may continue to provide the kind of free, stimulating field trips that are a hallmark of our organization. Should you have any questions related to the waiver, please email or call BAS President Walter Fowler (wfowler@bedfordaudubon.org, 914-962-2177). The waiver is available for you to review on our website.

Unless otherwise indicated, please register with Jeanne Pollock at jpollock@bedfordaudubon.org or call Jeanne at 914-519-7801.

September

Migrating Warblers at Greenwich Point Park, Greenwich with Tait Johansson. Friday, September 9, 7-11 am.

Departure from Bylane at 6 am, or meet at Greenwich Point parking lot by the concession stand near the entrance at 7 am. Located on the Atlantic Flyway, Greenwich Point is a choice location for watching migrating birds, especially warblers in the fall. Bring binoculars and a snack. (E)

"Raptors for Rookies" with Saw Mill River Audubon Director Anne Swaim, at Westmoreland Sanctuary, 260 Chestnut Ridge Road, Bedford Corners. Saturday September 10, 1-3:00 pm.

Learn how to identify local birds of prey including eagles, hawks and falcons and be ready for the fall raptor migration! Jointly hosted by Bedford Audubon, Saw Mill River Audubon, and Westmoreland Sanctuary. After the one-hour workshop, we'll go across the street to Bedford Audubon's Chestnut Ridge Hawkwatch to take in the day's hawk flight. Suitable for ages 10 and up. Bring binoculars. No charge, but pre-registration is required by Thursday, September 8. Please call Adam Zorn at (914) 666-8448. (M-S)

"Breakfast with the Hawks" With BAS Director and Westmoreland Sanctuary Naturalist Adam Zorn, Bedford Audubon Hawk Counter Dave Gagne and intern Alex Keel at Chestnut Ridge Hawk Watch, Arthur Butler Sanctuary, 265 Chestnut Ridge Road, Bedford Corners. These programs are co-sponsored with Westmoreland Sanctuary.

Enjoy a complimentary light breakfast (coffee courtesy of Wild Birds Unlimited, Bedford Hills) with fellow hawk enthusiasts. (M-S)

Sunday September 18 at 8 am. Peak of the Broad-winged Hawk migration. **Sunday, October 2 at 9 am.** Peak of Sharp-shinned Hawk migration, and the period of maximum raptor species diversity.

Thursday October 13 at 9 am. Peak of Cooper's Hawk migration; many other species are possible. To register, please call Adam Zorn at 914-666-8448 or email him at azorn@bedfordaudubon.org. Bring binoculars and a bag lunch if you plan on staying later. Ages: 12 to Adult.

Free Native Plant Exchange with BAS Director and Native Garden Committee Chair, Lynn Becker. Thursday, September 22, 3-5 pm, and Friday, September 23, 3-5 pm at Bylane Farm

A chance to exchange native plants with other enthusiasts. Bring your potted plants to Bylane with ample soil, marked with your name and the name of the species. For information, email Lynn Becker at lbecker@bedfordaudubon.org.

Jones Beach Field Trip with Tait Johansson Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Departure from Bylane at 7:00 am, or meet at Jones Beach's Marina/Coast Guard Station at 8:30 am. Return to Bylane around 3:00 pm. We hope for a spectacular day for migrant landbirds, but there's always plenty to see, including shorebirds and raptors. We may stop across Jones Inlet at Point Lookout. Pack a morning snack plus lunch. (E-M)



October

"Mushrooms and More" Walk and Talk at Bedford Audubon's Hunt-Parker Sanctuary with Taro Ietaka. Wednesday, October 5, 10:30 am - 12 noon.

During this walk Mr. Ietaka, Curator of Cranberry Lake Preserve and an eminent mycologist, will talk about the lifestyle of mushrooms, mosses and lichens and their identifying characteristics. He will also make a small digression into slime molds (protists, not fungi). (E-M)

Nature Hike at Bylane with Tait Johansson Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 - 10 am

A short walk concentrating on birds. There should be later migrants present such as sparrows, kinglets and perhaps some lingering warblers. (E-M)

"Sparrow Migration at Croton Point Park", Croton-on-Hudson, with Tait Johansson. Saturday, October 22, 7:30 - 11:15 am.

Departure from Bylane at 6:45 am, or meet at the Croton Point Park entrance booth at 7:30 am. This walk will focus on the many species of migrating songbirds, including sparrows, which frequent the former landfill, now declared an Important Bird Area (IBA). (E-M)

November

"Sparrow Migration at Croton Point Park", Croton-on-Hudson, with Tait Johansson. Wednesday Nov 2, 7:30 - 11:15 am.

Departure from Bylane at 6:45 am, or meet at the Croton Point Park entrance booth at 7:30 am. This is another opportunity to watch some of the many species of migrating songbirds including sparrows that frequent the former landfill, now declared an Important Bird Area (IBA). (E-M)

"Magical Mystery Tour" – a Leader's Choice Trip with Tait Johansson and Nannette Orr, Sunday Nov. 6. Sign up on the Call List.

Based on reports of unusual birds, the leaders will choose a destination 24 hours before the trip. Participants should be prepared to travel to that destination on a day's notice—or arrange a carpool. November is the time to see rare birds blown off course from their regular migratory routes. Bring binoculars and snacks/lunch. To register, please contact Nannette Orr at norr@bedfordaudubon.org or call her at (914) 232-3334. (M).

"Jamaica Bay in the Fall" with Tait Johansson Tuesday, November 15, 9 am - 2:30 pm. Departure from Bylane Farm at 7:45 am.

Jamaica Bay is a favorite year-round birding destination. Its specific attraction at this time of year is the many species of waterfowl that will be in abundance on the West and East Ponds. Bring lunch and dress warmly. (M)

December

Field Trip to Brigantine (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge), Smithville, NJ, with Tait Johansson. Saturday December 3, 10 am - 3 pm

Departure from Bylane, 7:30 am. Return around 5:30 pm.

Large flocks of Snow Geese and Brant winter in the Refuge. Dunlins and other shorebirds will still be around. Large numbers of several species of dabbling ducks as well as a few sea ducks are possible. Dress warmly and bring lunch and hot drinks. (E)

Thank You!

Joan Becker

With understanding but deep regret the Bedford Audubon's Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Vice President Joan Becker in June. For more than the last four years Joan has been an invaluable contributor to BAS through her tireless work on the executive, development, events, and communications committees. Joan spent many hours every week, particularly last year, working to update our membership database, communicating with members, responding to inquiries, and much more. Her cheerful and welcoming attitude was well-known among participants at the monthly lectures and the field trips, most of which she attended with husband Peter, who has also contributed tremendously to BAS. We are going to miss you a great deal, Joan, and wish you well in your future endeavors. Although we realize that you need to spend more time with your family, we hope you won't be a stranger. Thank you for all you have done for Bedford Audubon, Joan!

Nannette Orr

Nannette, who retired from the Board after six years, as per our bylaws, has been an incredible asset to BAS. As Chair of the Native Garden Committee, she initiated the still ongoing transformation of the existing gardens at Bylane into a garden consisting primarily of native species, which attracts birds, butterflies and insects. Nannette's efforts and knowledge about plants is truly amazing. She has also been active organizing parties at Bylane. She has been a member of the Science Committee and an invaluable member of the Events Committee; we are grateful that she has agreed to stay on in that capacity. Thank you for everything, Nannette!



Monthly Lectures

All monthly lectures are free and open to the general public.

The lectures are held at the wheelchair accessible

Katonah Memorial House (71 Bedford Road in Katonah).

Please park alongside the meeting house side of the driveway, and do not block the Fire Department access.

"Owls of North America", Sam Fried Wednesday, September 14 at 7:30 pm

Undoubtedly the most mysterious and little seen family of birds in North America, the owls hold our fascination, as they have for thousands of years. Learn about all 19 species that inhabit our continent.

Sam Fried is a past President of Hartford Audubon Society. He is a prolific writer and photographer whose work has been published in field guides, newspapers and magazines worldwide. Sam Fried is the founder of Flights of Fancy Adventures, LLC, a birding, photography, natural history, and golf travel company.



"All the News That's Fit to Blog: Environmental Coverage in the Age of Twitter", Peter Applebome, NY Times Editor Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 pm

In the era of non-stop, high-volume, mainstream media, web and blog media and everything-in-between journalism, what's the outlook for environmental coverage? There is more environmental reporting and access to information than ever before, but much of it is coming from partisans with a point of view. Where do the journalistic conventions of "balance" in an intensely politicized world fit in?

Peter C. Applebome has been a reporter and editor at The New York Times since 1987. For the last 10 years, he has specialized as an editor, columnist and reporter on the Tri-State area - New York, New Jersey and Connecticut—outside New York City. He wrote the "Our Towns" column for seven years and this year began doing longer, more in-depth stories on the region.



"The Most Flowery Places in the World", Dr. Bob Gibbons, Wednesday November 9 at 7:30 pm

The talk will take participants on a tour of some of the most spectacular flower displays on the planet, showing some of the flowers, landscapes and animal life to be found at each location and discussing what makes some places so exceptionally flowery.

Dr. Bob Gibbons has been described as "one of Britain's best naturalists". He has written and illustrated more than 30 books on many aspects of natural history and photography, including several floras, and he has led hundreds of botanical tours all over the world. His latest book is *Wildflower Wonders of the World*.

"What I Have Learned About Protecting Nature in 45 Years of Botanical Exploration", Dr. Scott A. Mori, Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm

Based on 45 years of botanical exploration, primarily in the rainforests of South America, as a curator at The New York Botanical Garden, Dr. Mori will explain how the ecosystem—both local and global—are so valuable that their continued destruction could have a negative impact on the entire functioning of the biosphere.

Dr. Scott Mori is currently the Nathaniel Lord Britton Curator of Botany at The New York Botanical Garden, where he has worked for over 35 years. An expert on the lowland Amazonian flora, Dr. Mori has authored and co-authored numerous botanical works and received many awards and recognitions for his work.



Trip/Events Highlights

At the June 8 lecture at the Somers Public Library, Dr. Linda Burke congratulated Lauren Baader of Carmel High School on winning this year's Marty McGuire Scholarship (see Summer 2011 newsletter).



On June 18, renowned author of *Damselflies of the Northeast*, Ed Lam, talked about his work on the upcoming Peterson's Field Guide to Dragonflies of North America and then led the group on a walk in the meadows.



In the foreground Larry Weaner (l) with Pru and Clark Montgomery

The Garden Tour on July 15 met at the home of Clark and Pru Montgomery, a native garden created from a wasteland of invasives and lawn by native garden expert, Larry Weaner, who gave us a short course in "restoration ecology." After lunch the group visited Lulu Farm, where William Louis-Dreyfus and gardener Lew Sparks have created a wonderful series of formal gardens and an arboretum of rare and unusual trees. BAS member Irene Marks was our guide.

With these tours of gardens usually not open to the public, we strive for an educational format where the designers themselves give us the background behind the creation. In addition, the tour is an important fundraiser for BAS. We rely on donations from members like you to continue to provide free programs and field trips and maintain our sanctuaries. I hope you will join us in 2012!

News from the Henry Morgenthau Preserve

By Marilyn Shapiro

The Henry Morgenthau Preserve in Pound Ridge has undergone a facelift and the Morgenthau Preserve Committee enthusiastically invites you to see the changes, some of which include new signage, a new logo, an invasives initiative—an ongoing educational project involving removal of nuisance plants and replacing them with natives - and construction of two new deer exclosures. We have also resolved to enforce the ban on dogs as of August 1, 2011. The Pound Ridge Police and Animal Control Officer are lending their support to our efforts. The next invasives walk/work party is Sunday September 11 at 9 am. Rain date is Sunday September 18. The walks are free and open to the public.



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“Adventures in the Outdoors – Weekend Workshops and Events”

September 24-25, 2011 at Westmoreland Sanctuary, 260 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Bedford Corners

Join Bedford Audubon Society partner Westmoreland Sanctuary for fun and educational programs galore for all ages – bird banding, bird feeding, animals, and much more. As part of the “Adventures,” BAS will host a program: “Hawk Migration and Hawkwatching” on Saturday, September 24 at 11 am -12:30 pm. Westmoreland Naturalist and BAS Board Member Adam Zorn will give a short introduction to raptor migration followed by a visit to the Chestnut Ridge Hawkwatch – the site of BAS’s Hawk-watch. Witness and learn about the extraordinary natural phenomenon that is hawk migration with thousands of raptors passing overhead. Bring binoculars. All ages welcome. Pre-register by September 22. Walk-in registration possible, but cannot be guaranteed. (M-S). Call 914-666-8448.

Website: www.westmorelandsanctuary.org.

Bedford Audubon Society’s Annual Bird Seed Sale 2011

Help your feathered friends and Bedford Audubon Society, too — buy your winter supply of wild bird seed from us. Our seed sale is our largest fundraiser, and you are guaranteed HIGH quality seed that are certain to attract birds to your feeder. Order forms will be mailed in early September and orders must be received by Monday, October 19. If you don’t receive an order form by the first week of October, call Steve Ricker at 914-234-2934 or download a form from our website. Bedford Audubon now accepts MasterCard and Visa.

Calling All Volunteers!

Bedford Audubon Society needs a few good men and women...to volunteer! Whether your passion is gardening, trail maintenance, education, fundraising, or writing, we have an opportunity just for you. Volunteers make a wonderful contribution to our success, and we couldn’t have made it this far without the time and energy of numerous individuals. With our Centennial swiftly approaching, we need more volunteers than ever to help see us into our second century of conservation!

If you’re interested in volunteering, please call Janelle at 914-232-1999 or fill out an application online!

Special Opportunity:

Want to make a difference? Join me on the Facilities Committee. We will be working on the Bylane Farm refurbishment as we restore woodwork, find window solutions, explore period-appropriate wallpaper and research for donations. Email Carol A. Cioppa AIA LEED AP at ccioppa@bedfordaudubon.org.



The mission of the Bedford Audubon Society is to promote conservation and protection of wildlife habitats in the northern Westchester and eastern Putnam region through education, advocacy, nature study and birdwatching.

Our Mission

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