



**September 18th Meeting -  
Environmental Futures for the Susquehanna River and Valley**

Cindy Dunn, Michael Helfrich, and Gene Wingert, each well known as a serious contributor to our collective environmental future, will present their thoughts in an unique program sponsored by the Appalachian Audubon Society, the Susquehanna River Trail Association and Wildwood Lake Sanctuary.

Their challenge is to reflect on the environment of the Susquehanna River, its valley, and the people who reside here, to look into the future for 5 or 10 years, and tell us what they think is most important for us to hear. Moderated by Professor James Terry of Harrisburg Area Community College, each of the speakers will be asked to respond to the following question: "If this were your last chance to address this group, what would you say? What do you feel we should know or do?"

As always, meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments and social time followed by announcements, with the program starting at 7:30 p.m.  
The programs are free and open to the public.

**Native Plant Sale Coming Soon – Don't Miss It!**

For more details on this September 13th event, please see page 3.

**Annual Birdseed Sale**

It's almost fall, and you know what that means! Our annual birdseed sale will be held on **Friday, October 3rd and Saturday, October 4th** at a new location – Camp Hill United Methodist Church, 417 S. 22nd Street, Camp Hill. **Deadline for ordering is September 26th – see enclosed pink order form.** Many hands are needed to make this fundraiser a success. Volunteers are needed before, during and after sale hours for such activities as setting up, greeting customers, assisting customers with seed and feeder purchases, totaling sales, loading bags of seed into cars and cleaning up after sale hours. All help is welcome. This event provides an opportunity to support your local Audubon chapter while also having fun and a getting a chance to visit with other members. Please call Susan Miller at 697-6696 or Lorrie Preston at 732-5615 or e-mail [mitandpak@aol.com](mailto:mitandpak@aol.com) and let us know how you would like to help.

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## President's Perch



As we kick off the chapter's 35<sup>th</sup> year, I would like to thank the Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs and volunteers from our membership that serve our chapter and contribute to our overall success. It truly is a team effort which allows our chapter to make a difference in our community.

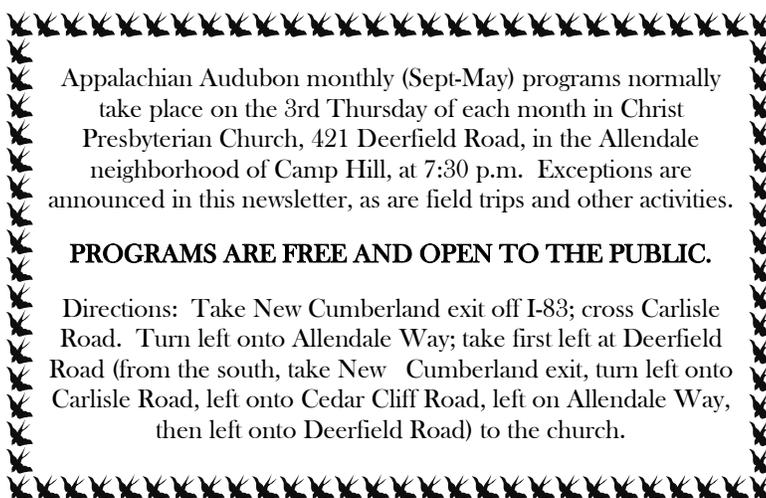
We have a terrific line-up of Programs and Field Trips set for this year. Take time to look through the enclosed brochure and mark your calendar so you don't miss anything.

Our two biggest fundraisers of the year are coming right up. The Native Plant Sale will be held on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, even before our first membership meeting, and the Bird Seed Sale will be held Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Please come out to support our chapter and let us know how you can volunteer to help us with these important events.

We have a new location for the seed sale this year, but please don't let that stop you from ordering your birdseed. The Camp Hill United Methodist Church is easy to locate in the borough of Camp Hill, and is less than 2 miles from the intersection of Market St. and Routes 11 and 15. We had a challenging time gaining permission to use a facility this year, and we thank the church for making their excellent loop driveway and parking lot available to us. I believe it will prove to be a very convenient location.

Here's to another great AAS year!

*Lorrie Preston*



Appalachian Audubon monthly (Sept-May) programs normally take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in Christ Presbyterian Church, 421 Deerfield Road, in the Allendale neighborhood of Camp Hill, at 7:30 p.m. Exceptions are announced in this newsletter, as are field trips and other activities.

#### **PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

Directions: Take New Cumberland exit off I-83; cross Carlisle Road. Turn left onto Allendale Way; take first left at Deerfield Road (from the south, take New Cumberland exit, turn left onto Carlisle Road, left onto Cedar Cliff Road, left on Allendale Way, then left onto Deerfield Road) to the church.

# **You're Invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Native Plant Sale Hosted by the Appalachian Audubon Society**

**Saturday, September 13, 2008  
Meadowood Nursery**

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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\* See request \*  
\* for \*  
\* volunteers \*  
\* on page 4 \*  
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It's time once again for our Annual AAS Fall Native Plant Sale at Meadowood Nursery, just north of Hummelstown. The fall sale offers over 300 species of native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, vines and trees for purchase. Native plants are *the* landscaping plants of choice for people that want to attract birds and wildlife to their backyard and create a healthier environment. Native species, unlike imported species, are a part of the ecosystem and as such, support a complex web of living organisms which are interdependent and help to keep nature in balance. Early fall is an excellent time to plant, as roots have time to get established while the ground is warm and the air is cool. Meadowood Nursery is usually open by appointment only, so this is a great chance to visit the nursery without making special arrangements.

**In addition to great plants, this year we will have free refreshments for our shoppers, as well as the following special activities:**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Bird Walk around the Meadowood property with Jane Earle. We'll check out the birds in the woods, meadows, & backyard and look at the plant communities that attract and support them. Bring your binoculars.

11:00 A.M. Steve Saffier, Audubon at Home Coordinator for Audubon PA, will speak about gardening for wildlife and the new Bird Habitat Recognition program.

A list of many of the plants that will be available for sale and more information about native plants can be found on our website at [www.appalachianaudubon.org](http://www.appalachianaudubon.org). Click on the native plant sale link on our homepage. For more info about the nursery, go to [www.meadowoodnursery.com](http://www.meadowoodnursery.com).



- \* Our sale will be held RAIN OR SHINE.
- \* Appalachian Audubon accepts Cash and Check only.
- \* All proceeds from the sale benefit our Hog Island Scholarships and other educational initiatives.
- \* Questions? Please call Lorrie Preston at 732-5615.

### **DIRECTIONS TO MEADOWOOD NURSERY AT 24 MEADOWOOD DRIVE, HUMMELSTOWN:**

From the north: take Route 81 to Exit 77. Proceed south/east on Route 39 approximately 3 miles and turn right on Red Top Road. Proceed 1 mile and turn right on Long Lane Drive. Take the first left onto Meadowood Drive and at the "Y" at the end of the road, stay to the left and take the drive on the left up the hill to the nursery. Follow signs and directions for parking.

From the south: follow signs to Hershey Park. From Hershey Park Drive in front of the Giant Center, follow Route 39 north/west approximately 3 miles and turn left on Red Top Road. Proceed 1 mile and turn right on Long Lane Drive to the first left onto Meadowood Drive. Proceed as above.

*Meadowood Nursery is located in a residential neighborhood.  
Thank you for using caution while traveling through the area.*



## Calling all AAS Volunteers:



We need your help to make our Fall Native Plant Sale on September 13<sup>th</sup> a success. Join us for a couple of hours or for the whole event in a beautiful setting, while helping the chapter and the environment. Parking staff, greeters, customer service people who are knowledgeable about native plants, cashiers and check out help, and people to help folks get plants loaded in their vehicles are needed. Please call Lorrie Preston at 732-5615 or e-mail her at [mitandpak@aol.com](mailto:mitandpak@aol.com) and let us know how you would like to help. Thank you!



## Audubon Nature Calendars Make Great Gifts

Order deadline September 25



Appalachian Audubon Society is once again holding an Audubon Calendar sale, at a super price for our members. These calendars were a big hit last year and make a great gift for the upcoming holiday season in addition to buying one or more for yourself. Each calendar is available at a cost of just \$10.00. This is a savings of \$2 to \$3 plus tax, compared to what you would pay retail. Photos and descriptions of each calendar are included on page 6. To see color versions of the calendars, go to [www.audubon.org/market/licensed/calendars.html](http://www.audubon.org/market/licensed/calendars.html).

Please make your selection(s) from these colorful styles and choices, fill out the order form, then bring cash or check payable to Appalachian Audubon Society to the September 18<sup>th</sup> general meeting. If you prefer to mail in your order, please fill out the order form and send your payment of \$10 for each calendar to: Lorrie Preston, 3904 Chippenham Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. **All orders must be paid in advance and placed by September 25.** Calendars will be available for pick up at the October, November and December general meetings only.

### APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY 2009 CALENDAR ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Item #	Calendar Title	Price	# of Copies
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85365	Birding Trails Calendar	\$10.00	_____
85367	365 Songbirds Calendar	\$10.00	_____
85360	Nature Calendar	\$10.00	_____
85362	Wildflowers Calendar	\$10.00	_____
85329	Hiking America Calendar	\$10.00	_____

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **Audubon Nature Calendars Make Great Gifts**

### **Engagement Calendar**

Celebrate the vast natural world in panoramic landscapes, intimate glimpses, and moments of singular beauty. Great egrets, quaking aspens, and blue and gold fusilier fish are just some of the spectacular sights you will see with this calendar. With detailed captions and spacious weekly grids. 6 1/4" x 9 1/4"

### **Audubon Birding Trails Calendar**

Twelve fantastic birding trails from all over the country. Each spread includes a map and detailed text. 12" x 12"



### **365 Songbirds and Other Backyard Birds Calendar**

This Picture-a-Day wall calendar is packed with the world's most captivating flycatchers, redstarts, and more. In addition to the daily pictures, each month features one species in depth. 12" x 14"

### **Hiking America Calendar**

Get off the road and discover America's hidden-away hiking trails—from Alaska to Zion National park and beyond. Includes maps and commentary. 12" x 12"

### **Nature Calendar**

Panoramic vistas, drama, and astounding beauty—it's a year of North America's most spectacular natural wonders, up close and in vivid color. 12" x 12"

### **Wildflowers Calendar**

These vibrant North American wildflowers are hardy in spirit and a treasure to behold. 12" x 12"

## **Recycle Household Batteries at Monthly AAS Meetings**

Thanks to the Mechanicsburg Area Environmental Club, many more household batteries are finding their way to the recycling center instead of the landfill. Last winter Environmental Club members started placing 5 gallon buckets in strategic places around town with bright orange signs asking residents to recycle household batteries. Members then switch battery-filled buckets with empty ones and take the collected batteries to a central point for recycling. Proceeds from this project are used to improve the environment in our area.

One of those buckets has been placed at our monthly meeting place, Christ Presbyterian Church, by AAS President Lorrie Preston. So bring your used household batteries to our AAS meetings and help us take better care of our precious planet! For more battery recycling locations or info on the Mechanicsburg Environmental Club, please contact Paul Garrett at 737-2554.



## Upcoming AAS Field Trips



### Prairie Walk Near Opossum Lake – Sunday, September 14

Join Hal Gardner to view flora and fauna on his beautiful property (440 Mt. Zion Road, Carlisle), which includes over 250 native plant species and a mid-western tall grass prairie. Great birding! For more information contact Hal at 258-6932 or [hrlldgrdnr@aol.com](mailto:hrlldgrdnr@aol.com).



### Annual Ralph Kinter Memorial Walk for Gentians and Wildflowers – Saturday, September 27

This trip takes place at State Game Lands in the Cornwall area to look for Closed, Fringed, and Bottle Gentians. Contact leader Dan Welte at 728-0421 or [dcmawelte@paonline.com](mailto:dcmawelte@paonline.com) for further details.

### Waggoner's Gap Hawk Watch – Sunday, September 28

Join expert Paul Zeph as we watch for raptors and learn about the Cliff Jones Field Station and the Kittatinny Ridge Conservation Project. *Children and their parents are highly encouraged to participate.* Contact Paul at 691-0288 or [pzeph@state.pa.us](mailto:pzeph@state.pa.us) for details.



### Carsonville Nature Walk – Sunday, October 5

Enjoy the birds, flowers, and the beautiful surroundings at the home of Dr. Walter Koerber in Upper Dauphin County. Expert Birder Terry Neumyer will be joining us on this walk. We hope to see autumn flowers such as asters and goldenrod, as well as numerous birds. Contact Dr. Koerber, trip leader, at 717-362-1233 or [wakoerber@yahoo.com](mailto:wakoerber@yahoo.com).

## Giant and Weis Gift Card Program Fundraiser



Our chapter will once again be selling Giant and Weis Gift cards at face value at our monthly meetings and club events. Members can purchase either card with cash or a check for the full face value, and our chapter gets back 5% of the value of the card, which we can then use for our education and conservation initiatives. Here's an example. You write a check to AAS for \$100 and receive a \$100 grocery gift card. At the check-out, all you have to do is swipe the card and the grocery purchase price is deducted from the value of the card. No pin numbers to remember, no names to sign, no ID required. Appalachian Audubon gets \$5 for every \$100 you spend. It adds up!

Giant gift cards can now be used for Giant gasoline, too, by pressing the "Credit Card" option and swiping the gift card at the pump. With the price of gas now, the 5% back to AAS *really* adds up fast! We all buy groceries and gasoline anyway, so wouldn't you rather have \$5.00 of every hundred you spend go to help birds and the environment? Please see Carl Juris or Lorrie Preston at our monthly meetings for more information or to buy your cards.



## Monarch Butterfly Exhibit at Cleve J. Fredericksen Library

The main display case at the Cleve J. Fredricksen Library, 100 N 19<sup>th</sup> St. in Camp Hill will be all about Monarch butterflies beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> through the end of the month. A few Appalachian Audubon members and other Monarch enthusiasts from the community will be set up in the library entrance at various times throughout the month to talk with library patrons and draw attention to the plight of the Monarchs and their need for milkweed in order to survive. Live Monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis, and maybe even butterflies will be on display when the volunteers are there. To check the schedule of volunteers, please contact Lorrie Preston at 732-5615 or [mitandpak@aol.com](mailto:mitandpak@aol.com).

## AAS Member E-Mail Addresses Requested

Do you want to be notified via e-mail when a chapter program is postponed due to inclement weather or other important Appalachian Audubon information comes up in between meetings and newsletters? If you have not already done so, please send us your e-mail address, so we can update our records. You can be assured that your e-mail address *will not* be given out and e-mails will be sent very infrequently. This e-mail contact information is for AAS chapter communication only. Please e-mail your name and e-mail address to Lorrie Preston at [mitandpak@aol.com](mailto:mitandpak@aol.com).



## Join Appalachian Audubon Society AND National Audubon Society

AT THE SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY RATE OF \$20 (\$15 FOR SENIORS AND STUDENTS)

This application is for **NEW** members joining Appalachian and National Audubon for the **FIRST** time (for members renewing, *renewal* information will come to you directly from National Audubon). This introductory offer includes membership in both National and Appalachian Audubon societies, the beautiful *Audubon* magazine, and our own *Kingfisher Courier* newsletter. Please send the form below, with check payable to **National Audubon Society**, to: Appalachian Audubon, PO Box 15123, Harrisburg, PA 17105-5123.

New Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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