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Native Plant Sale a Success



The forecast called for rain, but the weather held for a successful 3rd annual Native Plant Sale at Meadowood Nursery on September 13th. Thank you to all of the customers that came and supported the sale. Your property is being improved for the use of birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects.

Attendees enjoyed a bird walk around the Meadowood property with Jane Earle. Steve Saffier of Audubon PA spoke with the group about gardening with nature and the new Bird Habitat Recognition Program. We will be hearing more about this in the coming months (check out http://pa.audubon.org/Audubon_at_home.html).

Thank you to all of the volunteers that made the day a success, and a big thank you to Jan and Ernie at Meadowood Nursery for the wonderful plants and for allowing us to host this annual event. Thanks also to Isaacs Deli in Hershey for providing lunch for our volunteers.



Appalachian Audubon monthly (Sept-May) programs normally take place on the 3rd 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.

Upcoming AAS Field Trips



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.



Eagles at Conowingo Dam – Saturday, November 15

Join birding expert Pete Fox to watch for Bald eagles, gulls, and waterfowl at the Conowingo Dam and lower Susquehanna River in MD. For more details contact Pete at 583-2639 (*before 9 pm, please*) or at pfox@raiderweb.org.

Ned Smith Center and Berry Mountain Hike – Tuesday, November 18

(Raindate: Wednesday, November 19)

We'll travel to the Ned Smith Center for Nature and the Arts in Millersburg to view "Ned Smith: Hidden Stories" - Ned's never-before exhibited artwork.

The outing includes a 4-5 mile hike on nearby trails. Bring money for admission and holiday gifts for nature lovers. Optional lunch at the Wooden Nickel in Millersburg after. This is a joint trip with the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club. Contact Lorrie Preston at 732-5615 or mitandpak@aol.com for more information.



"Forever Wild" Benefit Concert for Appalachian Trail Museum – November 8th

Remember the Forever Wild concert with Walkin' Jim Stoltz that our chapter hosted in the fall of 2006? Walkin' Jim will be back at the Carlisle Theatre, 40 West High St, Carlisle, PA, on Saturday, November 8, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. for a fundraising concert to help establish the Appalachian Trail Museum, proposed for Pine Grove Furnace State Park.

Walkin' Jim lives in the mountains of Montana and has hiked over 27,000 miles through America's wildest places. The mix of stunning photography, stories, and music make this one-of-a-kind concert an inspiring journey into our nation's last wilderness areas. His deep baritone voice and passion for the wild make this a concert to remember. You do not want to miss it!



The event is being sponsored by the Appalachian Trail Museum Society.

Tickets are available at the Carlisle Theatre Box Office (717-258-0666) for \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more info, call Larry Luxenberg at 845-708-5306.



Don't Forget: Your pre-ordered Audubon calendars are available for pick-up at the October, November, or December program meetings.

AAS Scholarship Programs

As part of the Appalachian Audubon Society Education Program, we offer adult and youth scholarships to the Audubon Camp in Maine, as well as youth scholarships to the nature camps at Wildwood Lake Sanctuary. The scholarship program is supported through the annual native plant sale in September, the annual bird seed sale in October, and the silent auction held at the May banquet. This summer we sent four youth (*see photos*) and one educator to the Audubon Hog Island camps in Maine, and sent two youth to the Wildwood Lake Sanctuary nature camps.

Here is what one of the 2008 campers had to say about his experience on Hog Island:

Ms. Mowery,

Hog Island is going to be an experience to remember. The best part I thought was the sea kayaking which we did on our fourth day. Near the end we brought our boats side to side and each of us took turns walking from one end of the line of boats to the other. Unfortunately nobody fell in. I guess nobody would want to anyway because the water was only about 65 degrees (and that was warm). Well, we went into the bay on our third day at camp.

It was a blustering, cold, windy day. I stood on the bow of the boat at the beginning for about five minutes and then headed back inside the cabin. It felt so warm we called it the Puffin X Hawaii. When we went swimming the next day it was, um, I don't know how cold the water was but I would say about 40 degrees F. Well, the weather was not to stop us at all and everything went smoothly and freezingly.

In the daily morning birds hikes, we saw many birds such as loons, cormorants, a black and white warbler, a butterbutt, an Osprey, and a goldfinch. The warbler was the most spectacular because it was not native to the area, and was probably migrating; so it was a rare sighting. You can identify loons and cormorants due to their beak angle in relation to the water. The loon's beak is exactly parallel to the water and the cormorant's beak angles towards the sky.

If I had the chance to go back to Audubon camp I would, and I will encourage my friends to do the same.

Sincerely, Graham



Graham



Cameron



McKenzie



Ryan

In 2009, the Education Committee is exploring the possibility of organizing a local youth camp for teens ages 13-15. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, or would like to be added to the mailing list to receive information about that camp, or if you are interested in a 2009 scholarship application for the Maine camp, email Marci Mowery, Education Chair, at mmowery-ppff@pa.net.

Global Warming Legislation a Priority



Global warming legislation is one of National Audubon's highest priorities in 2009. The scientific evidence indicates that global warming is one of the biggest threats to the survival of birds and their habitat. The good news is that the experts tell us that by reducing our CO₂ emissions we can solve this problem. Audubon is bringing its professional expertise and collective experience as citizen scientists to the national dialogue on solutions for clean and affordable energy.

Our Members in the House of Representatives in Washington, as well as Senators Specter and Casey, must hear from us that we need strong climate change legislation to be among the top priorities in the 111th Congress in January 2009. Many different opinions are being voiced about how to address our energy needs. As Audubon members we must advocate for birds and their habitat so that new energy policies and laws protect them.



National Audubon recently hired Anne Crowley to lead the effort here in the Commonwealth to educate and activate members about global warming and related energy/conservation legislation. She will be a resource to our chapter and would like to recruit one person in each chapter to be a global warming contact (see back page).

Anne welcomes invitations for her to speak about global warming to groups you know; community, agriculture, education, labor and faith. She can be reached at acrowley@audubon.org or by phone at 610-640-3303. In the meantime, you can log onto the Audubon website for more global warming information - <http://audubonaction.org/campaign/globalwarmingprinciples>.

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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GLOBAL WARMING LIAISON WANTED

Do you have more than an average interest in the issue of climate change and global warming? National Audubon Society has recently appointed Anne Crowley as Global Warming Outreach Coordinator (see article on page 5). Anne is looking for an AAS member that can be her contact person for our chapter. If you have interest in this volunteer position, please contact Anne at 610-640-3303 or Lorrie Preston at 732-5615.