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## HOW ENERGY WISE ARE YOU?

It'll be awhile before a lot of South Floridians thaw out and forget the energy crisis of the Winter of 1977.

One thing it made clear was that the country has a real energy problem. Fuels and energy sources that heat and cool our homes, provide us with lights and transportation, cook our foods, are in short supply. Meeting this demand is and will continue to be difficult.

What's going to ease the situation? . . . A combination of things. We have got to get busy expanding and developing sources of energy.

And while we are developing these, we shouldn't overlook another source of energy that's readily available to us - - - our conservation efforts.

With this in mind, we have as our guest speaker at our October 3rd general meeting, Barbara Benson, Energy Conservation Representative for Florida Power and Light, to talk to us about the ever controversial topic . . . Energy Conservation.

Ms. Benson will give a slide presentation on the subject prepared with the assistance of Florida Power and Light, after which she will entertain any questions we may have.

Pamphlets and brochures will be distributed for additional facts and figures.

Be sure to join us for a most interesting and educational program on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center on North Dreher Park Trail (north off Summit Blvd. at stop-light just east of the Zoo).

(Mary E. Nye)

## FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 14 - Fall Bird Count (details below).

SATURDAY, October 28 - 7:30 a.m.  
Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Marsh Trail parking lot.

SATURDAY, November 11 - 9:30 a.m.  
Singer Island, meet Phil Foster Park (details in Nov. KITE)

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, November 24-26  
If you haven't, make reservations now - Flamingo Inn (305) 358-5480 on weekdays, (813) 3101 on weekends. Details in Nov. KITE.

## FALL BIRD COUNT

If you are interested, but have never participated in a bird count, the Fall Count on October 14th is a good training session. Volunteers

may contact Gloria Hunter, 585-7714, or Howard Langridge, 582-7519, for assignment to an experienced team.

It's also a good opportunity for Christmas Count teams to become re-acquainted with their areas, so members please contact your leader.

Everyone, whether counting or not, is invited to the tally and picnic that same evening at 6 p.m. in John Prince Park (south end, west of the Maintenance Bldgs.). Come early, enjoy your picnic supper, then be ready to listen to the groans or gleeful shouts as the counters vie with one another for the rarest or the mostest.

### CRANES AND MORE CRANES

In the March 1978 issue of AUDUBON we found an interesting article about the International Crane Foundation at Baraboo, Wisc. For the last few summers we have been spending part of our vacation in Wisconsin - so this year while there we visited the foundation.

There are 15 species of cranes in the world - and they have 14. The only missing species is the Tibetan Black Neck. We saw them all, from the small Demoselle Crane of Mongolia to the large Sarus Crane whose habitat is India. As one approaches the preserve, you can hear the Unison Call started by one male, answered by a female, then repeated by other pairs. This goes on and on, causing quite a racket at times.

Since the article was written, two interesting events have taken place there. The adult cranes are pinioned and roam all over the place very freely. However, the chicks bred there are penned in with chicken wire enclosures all around and on top so they cannot fly away and can be studied and observed. In one section there are three whooping cranes (our most endangered species, as only 95 are known to exist).

During a balloon race held nearby, several of the balloons flew low

over the pens. Naturally the cranes became very agitated and flew around nervously. One flew up and got its bill caught in the chicken wire and broke its upper mandible. Now it is being force fed and they are working on a plan to attach some kind of prothesis.

The other incident concerns Siberian Cranes. The foundation was in touch with ornithologists in Siberia, with the idea of obtaining Siberian Crane eggs for Baraboo, to see if they could be bred artificially. Four eggs were flown from Siberia to Moscow. One of the Russian scientists took his sock off, placed the eggs in it and then in his pocket to keep them warm on the trip to Moscow. (The sock is now on display.) The Americans met the plane with a homemade insulated incubator for the trip back to Baraboo. The incubator was kept warm with a hot water bottle which was replenished with hot water on the plane. The results were - one egg did not hatch, one egg hatched but the chick died almost at once, and the other two are alive and happy - and the foundation is thrilled with this first great accomplishment.

The whole incident was written up in the Russian papers, which are also displayed at the foundation.

(Gert & Sy Magnus)

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED OR THERE IS MORE TO AUDUBON THAN A MONTHLY MEETING

May I take a moment to ask you if you are concerned, really concerned, about the changes taking place in Palm Beach and the surrounding counties. If you are, then I would like to ask that you attend our next ASE Conservation Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the American Lung Assoc. Office, 2701 N. Australian Avenue.

Audubon Society of the Everglades is one of the largest environmentally-oriented groups in the county and, as such, should take an active  
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## PINE JOG SCHEDULE

Night courses - day trips - mini-courses - you name it - this year Pine Jog Environmental Sciences Center of FAU offers them all. Call 686-6600 if you are interested in any of the following activities:

SUNSET AND MOONRISE ON THE BEACH, Tuesday, Oct. 17, limited to 15, deadline Oct. 10, \$2 fee.

NIGHT WALK IN THE WOODS, Monday, Nov. 13, limited to 15, deadline Nov. 6, \$2 fee.

HIGHLAND HAMMOCK STATE PARK bus trip, Friday, Nov. 17, limited to 36, deadline Nov. 6, \$15 fee.

NATIVE PLANTS OF SOUTH FLORIDA, Thursdays starting Oct. 19, 9-11 a.m. field trips, \$10 fee.

FLORIDA INDIANS, PAST AND PRESENT, Thursdays starting Oct. 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Pine Jog, \$10 fee.

FISHING FOR BEGINNERS, Wednesdays starting Nov. 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Pine Jog, \$10 fee.

WEEKEND WILDERNESS TRIPS, which require one preparation night at Pine Jog before the trip, include Canoe Camping at Fisheating Creek - October 14-15; Canoe/Backpack at Reed Seashore - November 11-12, and Canoe Camping at Ten Thousand Islands, December 9-10. Fee for each is \$20.

Much more is offered in 1979, so ask Pine Jog for a complete schedule or check the December Kite for next year's offerings. Just call 686-6600 or write the Center at 6301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach 33406.

Also, Pine Jog can arrange special trips - backpacking, rock climbing, whitewater canoeing, sailing in the Keys and/or Bahamas, and day or weekend guided expeditions.

### NOVICE BIRDERS ENJOY VERMONT

Anne and Herb Newman of West Palm Beach say much of the enjoyment of their summer experience was due to encouragement received here in winter.

They spent a week as Elderhostlers at Lyndon State College in northern Vermont and each morning at 7:30 a.m. started out to see and hear the birds of the Northeast Kingdom. By the end of the week they listed 41 birds they had identified by sight and sound.

They were bussed by a Killdeer distracting them from a nearby nest, were startled by the vivid yellow of the Goldfinch's summer dress, and now look forward to increasing their expertise when they return this fall.

On the advice of our auditor, the following revised budget has been approved by your Board of Directors for submission to the membership for action at the Society's regular monthly meeting on October 3rd.

## TENTATIVE REVISED BUDGET 1978 - 1979

### INCOME

Interest on Savings Account	\$ 600
Interest on Conservation Fund	4,500
Sales	100
Dues	2,200
Retained Excess Revenue	<u>6,720*</u>
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME</b>	<b>\$14,120</b>

### EXPENSES

PRESIDENT	\$ 100
SECRETARY	
Telephone	\$ 60
Supplies	<u>100</u> 160
TREASURER	75
EVERGLADE KITE	1,800**
PROGRAMS	500
CONSERVATION	
Friends of the Everglades	200
Nature Conservancy	100
Florida Conservation Foundation	200
Publications, memberships, misc.	<u>300</u> 800
SANTUARIES	50
EDUCATION	
Science Museum	200
Pine Jog	200
Junior Audubon	200
Financing 1-year publication of SAND SPUR (teaching tool)	1,200*
South Florida Environmental Education Workshop	<u>500*</u> 2,300
SCHOLARSHIPS & DONATIONS	
Bonnie Findlay (Bambi Sanctuary)	600
Memberships to Area Schools	300
West Palm Beach Garden Club	350*
Life Membership	1,000*
Contribution to Dreher Park renovation (plantings)	<u>500*</u> 2,750
PUBLICITY	35
BIRD CENSUS	150
FIELD TRIPS	50
MEMBERSHIP	50
NATURE TRAIL	200
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	25
EXHIBITS (So. Fla. Fair, etc.)	300
MERCHANDISE FOR SALES TABLE	300
CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS	300
HOSPITALITY	75*
GRANT, PAUL SYKES FOR RESEARCH PAPER	1,350*
CERTIFIED AUDIT	<u>2,250*</u>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$13,620</b>
CONTINGENCY	<u>500**</u>

**TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET** **\$14,120**

\*Added to original budget, \*\* Increase or decrease

role in the events that are going to have a real and lasting impact on our community.

Presently we have six or seven members who are trying hard to keep up with the many, many activities in the county which are a threat to the environment and relative tranquility of this area. We can use people who are interested in getting involved.  
(Walter Gworek)

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Atlantis: Mrs. Robert Springer

Jupiter: Margaret Cross, N.C. Sudduth

Lake Park: Mrs. E. L. Seabrook, R. J. Sjolander

Lake Worth: Janet B. Arnold, C. Y. Byrd III, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Redman & Family, Mrs. Robert Siemon, Alan Stagg

Lantana: Dr. Regina D. Skocik, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Spyra

North Palm Beach: H. F. Duchateau, Mr. & Mrs. Frederic W. Hoit, Mrs. P. L. Hutchinson

Palm Beach: W. Barringer, Monette Marrow, Mrs. R. A. Strasser

Palm Beach Gardens: Mrs. William Scheer

Palm Springs: C. E. Whittier

Riviera Beach: Shirley Goldwater, Mrs. Anne E. Reynolds

Tequesta: Mrs. M. P. Hine

West Palm Beach: William B. Baggett, Otis W. Francis, Lawrence Franklyn, Mrs. Constance M. Haffner, Rose M. Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Jacobs, Mrs. Edward Jubon, Marion Lundgren, Mary Neal, Gladys E. Nye, George Thomas Tanguay

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ASE's new 1978-79 Program and Field Trip Schedule is available at the monthly meetings and from most area libraries and Chambers of Commerce. Or contact Ye Ed., 582-4401 daytime, 585-3968 evenings. Contributions to the KITE are welcome, for use as space permits.

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