

MARCH FILM FEATURES EXPEDITION TO BRAZIL

A film about the first Milwaukee Public Museum Expedition to Brazil in 1941 will be shown at ASE's March 1st meeting by James Neiderhoffer, Honorary Curator of Invertebrates at the Museum.

Mr. Neiderhoffer, who received his Masters from Marquette University in 1938, was research assistant for the Museum for a number of years. He is a specialist in lepidoptera (moths and butterflies) which, along with other invertebrates, were collected during the Museum's Brazilian expedition. He will also bring us an update on what is happening to Brazil's endangered rain forests.

We hope you will join us on Tuesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center in Dreher Park.

(Charles Dennis)

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 - Corkscrew Swamp
Bus Trip. Sorry, bus is filled.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 - Morikami Park
west of Delray Beach, meet at Lake Biwa parking lot at 8 a.m. John Street and George Irvin, leaders.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 - Lignum Vitae Key,
See Page 4 for reservation coupon.
Send in now to assure your space.

COME SEE CANADA'S COASTAL HABITATS

On Wednesday, March 23, noted photographer and lecturer John Wilson will narrate the film "Wild Canada: Coast and Coast."

From jagged cliffs to gentle farmland, this film displays the spectacular beauty of Canada's Atlantic and Pacific shores. The world's highest tides surge through the Bay of Fundy, turning up food that attracts an abundance of bird and marine life. One hundred miles out to sea, Sable Island hosts seals, rare birds, wild ponies. Other highlights include views of bald eagles, sea lions and peregrine falcons.

The show begins at 8 p.m. at the Rosarian Academy Auditorium. This is the final 1983 presentation of our Audubon Wildlife Film Series.

(Edie Reiter)

BIRDATHON 1983 -- IT'S FOR THE BIRDS!

Once again the National Audubon Society is sponsoring it's annual Birdathon to help finance local conservation projects and aid NAS sanctuaries, research, education, and lobbying efforts nationwide.

The weekend of April 23-24 has been suggested for the Birdathon,

since it is close to the birthday of John James Audubon on April 26. But, you may choose any 24-hour period to observe bird species and keep a tally count.

The Spring Bird Count on Saturday, April 30, is the date for ASE's Birdathon. If anyone being sponsored as a counter wants to see more birds than they can find on their own - join one of our Spring Count parties. Call Gloria Hunter, 585-7714, and she will place you in one of the groups.

Whether you have a small or a big talent for identifying birds, please consider joining us on this project. Here's what you do:

1. Visit or call potential sponsors. Give them an estimate of how many bird species you expect to see (beginners usually spot 25-50, advanced birders as many as 150) and ask for a pledge - anywhere from 5¢ to \$5 per species.

2. Pick up tally forms at ASE's regular "first Tuesday" meeting or call 734-5748 to request one by mail.

3. On either Birdathon weekend, select a 24-hour period and carefully count the bird species you identify. Return to each sponsor and collect the amount pledged. Checks should be made out to National Audubon Society. (Contributions are tax-deductible.)

4. Mail your tally sheet and checks to: Mrs. Dale Neuenschwander, 52 Harbour Drive North, Ocean Ridge, FL. 33435.

The participant who raises the most money in nationwide competition will be awarded an outstanding tour within the lower 48 states. The tou will be inclusive of travel costs from their home. HAPPY BIRDING!!!

(Dale Neuenschwander, Birdathon Chmn.)

ASE'S FAIR EXHIBIT WINS A BLUE RIBBON

The South Florida Fair was a huge success as far as I was concerned. For any of you who happened to miss our display, we lucked into winning a "Superior Exhibit" blue ribbon.

The winners of the drawing, in which 800 participated, were picked on the closing day. They are as follows: one year Audubon membership - Janice House of Greenacres, an Audubon calendar - Helen Griffiths of Riviera Beach, an Audubon poster - Peggine Bane of Lake Worth. Congratulations to all of them.

My personal THANK YOU goes to Carl and Sylvia Dunnam, Jerry Haswell, Gloria Hunter, Dr. Joe Jackson, Minnie Lewin, Phyllis Markuson, Leah Schad, Andrea Thomas, Ruth Trumpower, and Alan Parmalee (from Royal Palm Audubon) who each helped man our Audubon Traveling Exhibit over the 11 days (rain and shine) of the Fair.

During the month of February, the exhibit is on display at the Palm Beach County Library on Summit Blvd. (Susan Korzenewski)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Last month we asked you to save April 5th for our annual meeting. Never let it be said that we aren't flexible! Our guest speaker,

Rupert Cutler, Vice President in Charge of Chapter Relations for NAS, requested a date change because of important business he must attend to on the 5th. We asked at the February membership meeting if there were any objections to the change and heard none. Therefore, our annual meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, at the Ramada Inn, Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Those wishing to attend the dinner should complete the reservation form on Page 3. If you want to attend the program/meeting only, plan to arrive about 8:15 p.m. Mr. Cutler is 99% sure he will show a brand new film on the Everglade Kite, produced by NAS.

The Board of Directors approved the expenditure of funds budgeted for the Dreher Park Zoo Bird Rehabilitation & Release Program. Dr. Greg Harrison, a member of our Advisory Board and the Zoo's veterinarian, says this money will be used to purchase a hot water pad used during surgery to keep birds' body temperatures stable. A major fund drive is underway by the Zoo to expand and equip its facilities.

Florida Audubon Society will hold its 5th Annual Canoeathon down the Wekiva River on Saturday, April 16th. Five 1st prize awards will be given in the following categories: individual teams, school groups, public service, corporate, and chapter. A minimum of \$250 in sponsor pledges is needed to qualify for the prizes, which are hand made Wekiva canoes. If you wish to participate and don't own a canoe, you may rent one. You must be 15 years or older to be an entrant either in the 11-mile run or the 19-mile run. A barbeque is scheduled for the canoeists and there will be liv entertainment at Katie's Landing in the afternoon. Anyone interested in organizing our chapter's involvement may speak to me or call Ruth Trumpower, 585-3968. Entry blanks and sponsor sheets available at our March meeting.

From time to time it seems appropriate to mention some of our unsung heroes or heroines. We cannot thank Education Chairman Helen Gilmore enough for the excellent work she is doing for the school children. Helen recently organized the Audubon Ark appearance in Palm Beach County. The project has had her attention since last spring and the work she does deserves our applause. In order to make everything run smoothly, our programs must be worked into the time frame of school arrivals, dismissals, lunch times, recesses, etc. Helen gets the job done and we are grateful to her.

Cissy Durando, our Conservation Chairman, also falls into this category. Cissy gives unselfishly of her time and talents. In the course of a month she usually spends the better part of Tuesdays and Thursdays at County Commission meetings or workshops - or Planning & Zoning meetings - or SFWMD meetings. This is time taken away from farm chores. Cissy is quick to respond when necessary. Recently she felt she was not qualified to speak to a particular issue, but when the time came she did an exceptional job! A politician in Broward County told her he wished they had her down there. Well, thank heavens they don't and we do. We are fortunate that Cissy is not bound by a 9 to 5 job and is able to keep us informed on conservation issues and to speak in our behalf.

Many of you are aware, and some not aware, of the many problems that have resulted from the NAS changeover to a new computer company. To say that the membership records are in a state of chaos is an understatement. In order to correct the problem, an ad hoc committee has been appointed to restructure the system. One membership chairman from each of the ten regions will comprise the committee. We are pleased that ASE's Gloria Hunter will be representing the Southeast Region. She does an excellent job with our own records and will, no doubt, have some worthwhile suggestions for NAS.

The Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge has implemented an excellent series of interpretive programs. Anyone interested in being a volunteer at the Interpretive Center, or a participant in one of the many programs offered, may call Karen Clark or Charles Holbrook at the Refuge, (305) 734-8303. A new schedule of programs is available each month.

It looks like the Ocean Ridge Beach Renourishment Program will become Palm Beach County's "Cross Florida Barge Canal." Just when we thought it would be killed, County Commissioner Ken Spillias gave it new life by voting with Commissioners Bailey and Koehler to keep the offshore dredging as an option. We plan to be on the scene, for however long it takes, to see that offshore dredging does not happen. There is no doubt that our presence has already been felt and we have only begun. Several strategies are being considered, depending on the county's and Florida Dept. of Environmental Regulation's next moves. We'll keep you informed.

Once again we will be offering prizes for environmental projects in the Palm Beach County School Science Fair to be held March 17th.
(Leah Schad)

WANTED: Volunteer, 4-8 hours per week, to work with Audubon Collection in Palm Beach County Public Library, Summit Blvd. Type book orders, file cards and monthly reports, research rare books, etc. For details, call Gladys Dunkle at the Library, 686-0895.

A N N U A L M E E T I N G

This year we are again holding an annual dinner meeting for ASE members and guests. Date - Tuesday, April 12th, (the second Tuesday). Time - 6:30 p.m. Place - Ramada Inn on Golf Course, Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Those who do not want to attend the dinner, but wish to hear the speaker and attend Annual Meeting may do so by arriving about 8:15 p.m.

Reservations for dinner (note choice of entrees) must be made by Friday, April 1st. The evening's schedule is as follows:

6:30 p.m. - Social Hour, cash bar
7:00 p.m. - Dinner

8:15 p.m. - Speaker, M. Rupert Cutler
8:45 p.m. - Annual Meeting, Elections

Please clip below, mail reservation to: Ms. Leah Schad, 1628 Boardman Road, W.P.B. 33407
Questions? Call 848-9984 after 5:30 p.m.

Check choice of full course dinner, note how many of each (price includes tax and gratuity).

Chicken Kiev - \$13.00 _____

Broiled Fillet of Sole - \$10.50 _____

My check for _____ dinners is enclosed. (Make check payable to Audubon Society of the Everglades)

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____

CONSERVATION REPORT

The SFWMD giveth and the SFWMD taketh away! I'm talking water. After three public meetings in two weeks, one can only conclude the District is gearing itself for: 1. the protection of, not property, but financial investments, often not only originating out-of-state but out-of-country, and 2. future financial investments, not property, to accomplish more drainage through central Palm Beach County. This policy of splitting drainage in the east central county into two basins would create crises not only to the existence of the beauty and diversity of Florida habitat, but to the comfort of those who call Palm Beach County home and to the disappointment of future residents.

At this point it is imperative to impress on Governor Graham, Dan Mica and Tom Lewis that we will not tolerate the continuous destruction of vital watershed areas. The Corps also responds to pressure and, if we don't turn it on, be assured we will be joining Everglades National Park, the estuaries and the deer in a roller coaster existence alternating from drought to flood. It is obvious there will be no leadership to a sensible long range policy coming from the SFWMD, as it seems that politics dictates the direction of its plans. Keep in mind that the controversial back-pumping issue is but one segment of this broad topic.

Alaska's national parks are desperately in need of a little help now. A bill, S.49, has been introduced in the Senate that would open up parks and wilderness areas for commercial hunting. This would be disastrous to the Dall sheep and grizzly populations, as well as another blow to Alaska's native Americans. Write Senators Paula Hawkins (1327 Dirksen Bldg.) and Lawton Chiles (437 Russell Bldg.), Washington, D.C. 20510, and urge them to oppose this bill.

ATTENTION W.P.B. VOTERS: Save your parklands. Vote for the park bond issue on March 8th.

NEXT CONSERVATION MEETING - Wednesday, March 9th, at the home of Ruth Trumpower, 165 Auburn Drive, Lake Worth (585-3968).
(Cissy Durando)

LIGNUM VITAE KEY FIELD TRIP

The Lignum Vitae trip will be held Saturday, April 9. We meet at the Lignum Vitae Marina at Islamorada (past Mile Marker 77) at 8:00 a.m. Bring picnic lunch and liquids, as we won't return to Marina until mid-afternoon. To make arrangements for Friday evening accommodations, we suggest checking the Keys telephone directory at your local Chamber of Commerce.

Limit is 21 people and your check confirms your reservation. If trip is filled when check is received, we will return same. Do not arrive at the Lignum Vitae Marina without prior reservation.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Number of reservations _____ at \$7.00 each. Amount enclosed _____

Make check payable to: Audubon Society of the Everglades

Mail to: John Street, c/o Parks & Recreation Dept., 2700 6th Avenue South, Lake Worth, FL 33461

AUDUBON ARK

A highly successful visit of the Audubon Ark, the NAS traveling mini-museum about our endangered birds and animals, resulted in much publicity and the enlisting of 15 new members to the Audubon cause.

Each day from 200 to 400 persons inspected the display at the Cross Country Mall. Tom Troy, Edward McCain and Michael Starker (two biologist/naturalists and a public relations expert) took turns manning the Ark and making public appearances. They toured eight elementary schools and spoke to approximately 3,000 students. Two radio talk shows and two TV appearances, plus newspaper publicity, helped to emphasize their message about our endangered species and the need for action.

Many thanks to the local volunteers - Carl and Sylvia Dunnam, Phyllis Markuson, Susan Korzenewski, Ed Wilson, Helen Gilmore, Ruth Trumpower, Harold Schwinger, Leah Schad, Dr.

Joe Jackson and Kathryn and Bonnie Johnson - who helped man the Ark during its 5-day stay. (Helen Gilmore)

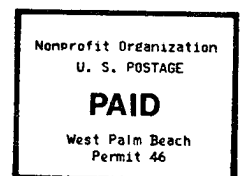
LIBRARY NOTES

Once again we want to express our appreciation to Alice Stearns for her recent gift of ornithological books. Most titles have been added to our Audubon Ornithological Collection at the County Library. The remaining titles will be offered to our membership at our regular monthly meetings.

Books received in January include "Owls" by Tony Angell, "Gulls: An Ecological History" by Frank Graham, and "Handbook of Macaws" by A. E. Decoteau.

New titles ordered in January - 24, titles reordered - 19, records ordered - 24, cassettes ordered - 3. Unencumbered balance in budget - \$2,149.57. (Tom McElroy)

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