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CORAL REEF SOCIETY TO PRESENT PROGRAM

The May 3rd meeting of Audubon Society of the Everglades will feature a program about coral reefs and the efforts being made to protect them and their inhabitants.

Speakers will be Betty Metcalf Lamont, founder and president of Coral Reef Society International, and Judy Schraft, chairwoman of the local Palm Beach Chapter.

The presentation will include slides on coral reef ecosystems and information on the organization's work to make the public aware of the reef destruction threatened both locally and world wide.

Although the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., this is one time you may wish to arrive a bit early. Thanks to arrangements by Education Chairman Helen Gilmore, the Audubon award winners from the Palm Beach County School Science Fair '83 will be present and set up their prize-winning exhibits for your inspection.

In the Senior Division, the winners and their project titles are: 1st place, Jeffrey Wilcox, "The Effect of Salt Water Intrusion on Lawns;" and 2nd place, Christian Perry, "The Osprey and Man's Environment." In the Junior Division they are: 1st place; Valentin Rodriguez,

"Acid Rain;" and 2nd place, Mary Lou Watterson, "Will Different Foods Attract Different Species of Birds?"

Do hope you will join us and bring a friend on Tuesday evening, May 3rd, at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center in Dreher Park.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 - SPRING BIRD COUNT and BIRDATHON date for some participants. If you haven't sponsored an individual, how about sponsoring our chapter's total (usually about 120 species) at 5 or 10 cents per species. Your help may help our chapter to again win a national award. And all funds go to help Audubon causes. Call G. Hunter around May 1st for chapter total, make check payable to National Audubon Society and mail to Mrs. Dale Neuenschwander, Birdathon Chairman, 52 Harbour Drive North, Ocean Ridge, FL. 33435

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 8 a.m. - Palm Beach Lake Trail. Marge Eaton will be our leader. Meet at the Poinciana Chapel parking lot on Coconut Row for what always proves to be a pleasant, relaxed walk along the lakeside and into the Four Arts Gardens. We should see the last of the migrating land birds, so bring your binoculars, but we'll do as much botany as birding.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 7 a.m. - Okeehetee County Park, Forest Hill Blvd. just east of the Turnpike. John Street, leader.

STILL HAVING TROUBLE?

National Audubon has transferred its membership records to a new computer system, with great confusion ensuing. If you are not receiving your AUDUBON magazine, or if you are being billed when you've already paid, please call me and I'll endeavor to set the records straight. (Gloria Hunter, Membership, 585-7714)

1983 FILM SERIES WAS WELL ATTENDED

The biggest hit of the 1983 Wildlife Film Series was, unquestionably, the Rosarian Academy. Whatever film was presented - and we had one 'super' CANADA, COAST AND COAST, two 'great' WILD AND WONDERFUL ALASKA and SAGUARO COUNTRY, and one 'so-so' PALM SPRINGS TO LAKE LOUISE - we had them in the nicest surroundings in West Palm Beach. Audience comments were all good, and I believe word of mouth about the films being in this theatre helped increase the attendance as the series progressed.

The list of people helping is long, for the series brought many together from 'left field' who hit 'home runs.' Thanks go to the mailing helpers: Pat Orris, the Bardy sisters-Bev and Barbara, Hal Wiedemann, Joe and Helen Patton and Lou Reiter. President Leah Schad worked on the letter that went to the membership at large; and Ruth Trumpower helped with the actual mailing.

Special thanks go to Stella Rossi and her sister, Kay Stambaugh, who worked so hard when they took over the ticket department of the series after the death of Larry Horning.

The great publicity was handled by Peggy Teahan, and Education Chairman Helen Gilmore arranged to have

the films presented in four schools.

Three of the four speakers required 'private home' lodgings and Leah Schad, Hank and Irma McCall, and Al and Barbara Liberman graciously offered their hospitality.

Expenses for the series, including the free school matinees, totaled \$3,104.11. Income from ticket sales and a couple of gratefully received donations totaled \$2,749.59. The deficit of \$354.53 is underwritten as part of ASE's educational efforts, but may be counteracted in the future by several recommendations made to the Board of Directors and by donations for environmental education.

The dates are set for next year - again at Rosarian - so on with the show! (Edie Reiter)

SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

Registration is still open for two of Pine Jog's halfday, weeklong Summer Science Camps. The groups are smaller this year, so Pine Jog should be contacted immediately (686-6600) for more information or registration.

Grade completed, dates and costs are: Camp #1 - 3rd or 4th - June 13 to June 24 - \$75.00; Camp #3 - 3rd or 4th - June 20 to July 1 - \$75.00. All camps are from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Another camp for young learners who enjoy the fascinating world around them is Pine Jog's Camp Naturesong.

Grade completed, dates and costs are: Camp A - 2nd thru 6th - July 11 to 15 - \$30.00; Camp B - 2nd thru 6th - July 18 to 22 - \$30.00

TRAVELING EXHIBIT OFFERS NEW THEME

Many days of work were put into re-doing ASE's Traveling Exhibit for its appearance at the Florida Wildlife Federation's Youth Fair held at

the Corbett Area recently.

The exhibit's new theme is "South Florida Habitats" and it will be on display at the Palm Beach County Public Library on Summit Blvd. until the end of May.

The weather and turnout for the Youth Fair was disappointing, and I really want to thank Ruth Cunningham, Alan Parmalee, Peggy Teahan and Ed Wilson for helping man our booth over that soggy weekend.

A free membership drawing took place at the fair and Pat Umbaugh of West Palm Beach is our new Audubon member. Congratulations, Pat.
(Susan Korzenewski)

SEARCH FOR COLOR-MARKED SHOREBIRDS

This spring, shorebirds are being color-marked at several locations in North and South America as part of a study of migration routes. The study is included in the Pan American Shorebird Program, partially sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund, Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, and Manomet Bird Observatory. It will focus on three species: Sanderling, Red Knot, and Black-bellied Plover.

If you observe a color-marked shorebird, please try to note the following: Dye - color and location on body; Leg flag - color and which leg; Leg band - color and which leg. Even incomplete color-marking information will be very helpful.

Please send information to Dr. Marshall A. Howe, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Laurel, MD. 20708

KITE STRINGS

Congratulations to ASE's Program Chairman, Charles Dennis, on his recent induction into Phi Kappa Phi, an honorary society for those persons who are in the top third of

their class. Charlie is continuing his education toward an advanced degree.

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If you need understandable information about acid rain, individual copies of "Red Herring; Myths & Facts About Acid Rain" are available without charge from Izaak Walton League, 1701 North Fort Meyer Drive, Arlington, VA. 22209.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's hard to believe that another year as president of ASE has passed. As I said at the annual meeting, no organization can function without a network of enthusiastic people who give so generously of their time and talents. ASE is no exception.

Sincere appreciation goes to the following officers and directors who helped to make 1982-83 a great year: Al Liberman, Bylaws Revision/Parliamentarian (965-2909); Edie Reiter, Wildlife Film Series; Helen Gilmore, Education Chairman (582-6520); Charles Dennis, Programs (964-0807); Gloria Hunter, Membership (585-7714); Tom McElroy, Library (585-6195); Susan Korzenewski, Exhibits (842-2364); John Street, Field Trips (964-4420); Cissy Durando, Conservation (965-2420); Ruth Trumpower, 1st V.P. and KITE Editor (585-3968); Peggy Teahan, 2nd V.P./Publicity; Martha Wade, Secretary (588-7425, and Don Braender, Treasurer (746-4570).

Many thanks also to special committee chairpersons Sylvia and Carl Dunnam, Hospitality; Nancy and Dick Harrington, Sales (582-5108), and Ray Plockelman, Sanctuaries (585-1278).

Peggy Teahan and Edie Reiter decided to retire from the Board of Directors. Their hard work and presence will be missed. Coming aboard are Andrea Thomas, Publicity (586-5262); Stella Rossi, Wildlife Film Series (732-4786), and Sylvia and Carl Dunnam, Hospitality (683-3014).

Your assistance is always welcome and we hope you will contact the committee chairperson in the area in which you would like to participate.

We would also like to acknowledge, with appreciation, Robert Bergen, Elwood Bracey, M.D.; Attorney Edward Campbell, Dr. Dwight Goforth, Attorney Michael Dubiner, Greg Harrison, D.V.M.; Ed Irby, Major Gwynn Kelley, Representative Ray Liberti and Nathaniel P. Reed for serving on the President's Advisory Board.

At the Board of Directors meeting it was voted to join the Coral Reef Society. We will present our check to them at the May meeting.

We have received information from National Audubon about a few staff positions available this summer at some of the Audubon camps and field seminars. If anyone is interested, please see me at the meeting on May 3rd.

ASE was presented with a beautiful gavel and stand at the annual dinner. We wish to acknowledge, with sincere thanks and appreciation, this most useful gift from an anonymous donor. It has already been put to good use. (Leah Schad)

AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

There was a lot of fun and fellowship among those who attended the annual dinner and meeting held at Ramada Inn on April 12th.

During the course of the evening, Peggy Teahan was given ASE's Rara Avis Award. This is usually given to one of our own members for outstanding service to the chapter.

Other awards included a special Conservation Award to James Barry, Supervisory Biologist, Palm Beach County Health Dept. For the past 17 years Jim has had the responsibility of helping protect the environment of the county and the state. It was announced that Randy Schultz, a re-

porter for THE POST, was being given a special Audubon award for investigative reporting and helping to protect coastal areas of the county. Because Randy and his wife were away on vacation in April, his award will be presented at the May meeting.

Since there were no further nominations from the floor, the slate of proposed officers and new directors submitted in the April KITE was elected as nominated. The evening closed with an informative, humorous talk by M. Rupert Cutler, National Audubon's Senior Vice President for Programs and Chapter Relations.

Our president must have spent a great deal of time and effort on the following ingenious approbation.

RARA AVIS AWARD

A RARE BIRD IS HARD TO FIND,
WE USUALLY GET THE COMMON KIND,
LIKE MOCKERS, CARDINALS, JAYS
AND CROWS,
THAT'S THE VEERY WAY IT GOES.

BUT HERON TELLS THE STORY
OF AN AVIS EXTRAORDINAIRE,
SOMETHAT LIKE AUDUBON'S
CARACARA CARE.
NOT WILD LIKE THE TURKEY
OR SHOWY LIKE THE GROUSE,
THIS BIRD TOOK CHARGE OF THE
HOUSE
WREN IT EGRET OR KNOT.

WITH A FLICKER OF HER WRIST AND A
GOLDENEYE FOR ANY BOOBY,
HER TYPEWRITER WAS ALWAYS READY
FOR SWIFT DUTY.
AT EVERY LITTLE TERN
THERE WERE LETTERS AND RELEASES
AND COPIES BY THE SCORE;
NOW, LIKE THE RAVEN SHE SAYS
"NEVERMORE."
ALAS, WE TRIED WITH ALL OUR MIGHT
TO PERSUADE HER TO FLY A KITE.

GANNET BE THE SAME?
WILLET EVER DO?
PEGGY TEAHAN, WE'LL MISS YOU!

LIGNUMVITAE FIELD TRIP

The day of April 9th was perfect to visit the Lignumvitae Key State Botanical Site, a substantially undisturbed island in the chain of rocky coastal islands which make up the Keys. Exploring this remote bit of land is to take a step back into the past, since it provides an excellent example of what a typical Florida Key resembled before extensive development influenced South Florida.

The wildlife species are somewhat limited, but the majority of the island is covered by a tropical hardwood hammock, making it most unique as you walk among the mastic, strangler fig, poisonwood, pigeon plum, gumbo limbo and the beautiful lignumvitae trees.

The restored Matheson House, built in 1919, has changed very little over the years. A windmill provides power and fresh water is supplied from a cistern which is filled by rain from the roof. This is how island people lived during that period when most of their needs were met by the land and the sea around them.

Our guided tour around the grounds and through the nature trail was well presented. An intriguing wall along the trail is one of the mysteries of the island. It is about 3000 feet long and built of large, even stones, but no one knows whether it was built by the Indians, the Spaniards or some one else who may have occupied the island many, many years ago.

(Kathy Stambaugh)

CONSERVATION REPORT

Some items from our legislative letter which comes every two weeks. Support is required for the Marine Fisheries Commission bills (SB 693 and 694). As previously stated, we feel that water fisheries problems would be better administrated under an entity separate from the Game and Fresh Water Commission.

All state legislators can be reached at either the House or the

Senate Office Bldg., The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL. 32301. Or telephone (904) 488-1234 and ask for the legislator desired.

It behooves every one of us to vigorously support Florida's Water Quality Assurance Act of 1983. All Legislative Delegation members, or at least one's own legislator, should be contacted.

The act has been weakened more than it should have been on sources of funding and on septic tank limits. As it stands now, it permits 2 tanks per acre on land served by private wells, 4 tanks per acre when supplied by a public water system, but there will be a variance system. What is not addressed are those ever-present loopholes: grandfathered lots not subject to the rules, uniform size of septic tanks and drain fields, and the number of units using same.

Hazardous wastes siting is also addressed in this act. The originally proposed 5% tax on the wholesale value of chemicals brought into the state has been cut to 1.5% and should not be cut further.

You may be aware that Jack Maloy, Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District, is publicly on the mat for policy interpretation concerning a SFWMD employee. But of much more importance he has been actively engaged in lobbying to reorganize DER and SFWMD. The proposal would ultimately result in splitting the Kissimmee Valley into three districts.

We will never avert potential too-wet or too-dry crises without increasing the water storage capacity north of Lake Okeechobee. Do write SFWMD Chairman Robert Clarke, with perhaps copies to other District board members (SFWMD, 3301 Gun Club Road, W.P.B. 33406) and to Governor Graham. Ask them to oppose any plan which would prevent the restoration of the Kissimmee River watershed.

We had a most informative session on the proposed ocean outfall system at our last Conservation Committee

meeting held in Boynton in conjunction with Royal Palm Audubon. The panel consisted of Robert Pontek, Delray's Utility Director; Perry Cessna, Boynton's Utility Director; Mayor Warnke of Boynton, Roy Duke of DER, Jim Barry of the Health Dept. and Ed Irby of DNR.

Without taking up too much space, I would say I was impressed by the apparent safeguards that will necessitate a minimum of two years before any more serious consideration can be given the proposal. A not-so-comforting statement by Roy Duke - he said he would be more worried about the non-point-source pollution in Palm Beach County - the proliferating, legally-permitted septic tanks and the urban wastes that will be reaching our ground water.

Pertaining to this subject, the Florida Public Interest Research Group, a student group at FAU, conducted a most interesting seminar on Hazardous Wastes and Groundwater Contamination. William Sadowski, chairman of a Governor's task force on the subject, was the opening speaker. Experts from USGS and HRS, etc. followed. It was stressed that Florida is in a crisis situation now. More than cleanups are necessary. We must have protective legislation to stop perpetuating the problems. If it will not occur at the federal or state level, it should occur at the local level with ordinances. This was the solution proposed by John Hieber, an environmental health consultant with Florida's Dept. of Health & Rehabilitative Services.

We are urgently asked by Marjorie Carr to contact our U.S. representatives and Senator Hawkins (we know where Senator Chiles stands) and ask them to co-sponsor the Cross Florida Barge Canal desauthorization bill. It is long past due.

It was decided at the last ASE Board meeting that we could not support the Board of County Commissioners using the Council of 100 as a body that would address our zoning code problems. Reasons are legion, but uppermost - this is a regulatory

matter that should be conducted by our county staff.

. To quote from an editorial in the 4/10/83 POST, "How would the Council of 100 react of the county turned the zoning study over to the Audubon Society?" As for the economic argument put forth, aren't there some among you who would join me in volunteering for the job?
(Cissy Durando)

FLORIDA'S EAGLE LADY VISITS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Doris Mager, known throughout much of the U.S. as Florida's Eagle Lady, has again visited local schools to talk to the students about endangered species and conservation.

As before, she brought with her some of the birds (bald and golden eagles, great-horned and burrowing owls) under her car in the Raptor Research and Education Program sponsored by the Florida Conservation Foundation, Inc.

With her visits sponsored by ASE and arranged by Education Chairman Helen Gilmore, she spoke at three schools each day during the week of April 25.

While she was here, she was also invited to speak at the April 26th evening meeting of the Lake Worth Civitan Club.

NATURE TRAIL NEWS

With all the rain, the weeds are growing like mad on the Custard Apple Nature Trail in John Prince Park. But then, everything else is too, and the native plant area looks very good. Things are blossoming, birds are singing, and it's a lovely place to be on a nice morning.

Although everyone pulls weeds in not otherwise occupied, most of the trail volunteers have their individual areas of concern. Winona
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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Boynton Beach: James B. Warnke

Delray Beach: Mrs. John D. Rowland

Greenacres City: Janice House

Juno Beach: Lynn Kagnn Price

Jupiter: Rexalyn D. Bignall, Sandy Brooker, Patricia J. Kinney, Adam Leighton, Kenneth W. Prentice Jr., Mrs. Dolores A. Solomon, Jeffrey Wilcox

Lake Park: B. W. Engle, Helena M. Howe, Mr. & Mrs. John J. Tori

Lake Worth: Gloria Berkowitz, Mrs. I. June Boutwell, Frank & Dorothy Boyle, Sherry Brooke, Jessica Brown, Lou Candella, Mrs. Adrian Eagen, R. M. Finch Jr., Boet Gilde, Mrs. Clyde Hall, Paul Healy, Laurie Howe, Jeff & Sue Hughes, C. Katz, Mrs. Terne Kelly, George McConnel, Mrs. Dale Meredith, D. E. Murphys, Candace Orth, Willard & Florence Pierce, William T. Pitt, Marcia Roukema, Mrs. I.V. Sollins, Rosalie Solomon, Patricia A. Stamey, Andy Van Cour, James B. Warman, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Washburn

Lantana: Mrs. William T. Banning, Wendy Danforth, Mrs. Kent Hager, Katherine Keller, Donald Lenahan, Geladine Rodgers, Bernard Scott, Mrs. T. N. Singleton

Loxahatchee: Linda Bailey

North Palm Beach: Mrs. Bradford Alcorn, Dr. John E. Balfour, T. Leslie Carpenter, Bernard & Rhoda Kaplan, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Knauss, Christian Perry, Frances Rauch, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Reicheld, W. Samuel Tucher

Ocean Ridge: Allen C. Friedman

Palm Beach: Agnes Ash, Donald W. Carson, Victor J. Hammer, Marcia V. Hiscock, Robert A. Holley, Nelson Howe, Mrs. Alan Keiser, Debi Mason, Janet W. Rassmussen, Richard Schecter, Mrs. George R. Schrafft, V. T. Shiver (The Prep Shop), Mrs. T. A. Sperry Sr., Mitch D. Susnar, Richard S. Weinstein

Palm Beach Gardens: Jane Brown, Jeanne S. Couillard, Danna Traina

Riviera Beach: Mel Drake, Nancy H. Garland, Mrs. J. Kahn, Arthur H. Patrick

Stuart: Judith Ann Wishen

Tequesta: Mrs. George H. Dovenmuehle, Mrs. R. Joslin

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WASTE NOT! HELP FAS
BIRD REHABILITATION

Many thanks to all the members who have contributed cancelled foreign and U.S. commemorative postage stamps this past year. Some of your contributions have been impressive in number and assortment. Well done!

Now, how about the remaining eleven hundred of you out there? Where are your old stamps? Into the waste basket? for shame! Florida Audubon sells the accumulation of stamps from all the Florida chapters to a stamp dealer, the proceeds going to buy

food for the birds at the Birds of Prey Center at FAS headquarters in Maitland.

Start saving stamps from your letters NOW! Tear or clip the stamps from envelopes, taking care not to damage the edges (do not remove stamp from the piece of paper). Bring them to an Audubon meeting, or mail them to me - 1716 13th Avenue North, Lake Worth 33460, or drop them on my doorstep, or hand your collection to any nearby Board member.

Can't tell a commemorative stamp from a regular issue? Send them all - we'll sort them. Too busy to clip the stamps? Just bring the whole envelope. Ask your doctor or lawyer or anyone who receives lots of mail to throw envelopes in a box or bag for you.

By October I expect every member to come staggering into a first-Tuesday-of-the-month meeting bowed down with bags of stamps.

Start collecting them NOW! Any questions? Call 585-7714.
(Gloria Hunter)

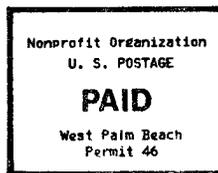
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NATURE TRAIL (cont'd.)

Stearns is in charge of Weed Control and badly needs others to help, as she will be moving to Jupiter soon. She won't forsake us but may not be able to make the trip as often.

Path Maintenance falls into Ed Mikat's bailiwick. Dorothy Brindle, with Louise Morgan's help, has undertaken the Tree/Shrub Tagging. It looks like we will need someone just for Pruning - and we have a nice pair of newly-sharpened loppers for anyone who will undertake this responsibility. And we definitely need someone who is interested in wildflowers to help with their identification and listing.

Although trail volunteers work there almost every Thursday (starting about 8:30-9 a.m., I would be happy to meet with volunteers for any job on any other day. Please call me (585-3968) if you can spare any time, even if only during part of the year, for the Nature Trail. You can work a little and enjoy your surroundings a lot.
(Ruth Trumpower)



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