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MUSICAL EVENING WILL HIGHLIGHT ENVIRONMENT

Composer/singer Jill Jarboe, who tells the environmental story through her music, will provide the program for ASE's October 2nd meeting.

Jill has done graduate work in music education, including music theory and voice at the summer home of the Juilliard School.

She is currently an instructor at the Pine Jog Environmental Sciences Center. Her cassette tapes, accompanied by a book providing related activities, are used throughout the county school system and will be a feature of the school Audubon Clubs being set up by ASE's Education Committee. She recently received the Conservation Educator Award from the Florida Wildlife Federation.

We hope to see you and your friends at the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center on Tuesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. (S, Dunnam, C. Dennis)

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 - FALL BIRD COUNT. If you have counted before, call your area leader for instructions and compilation information. Birders wishing to count for the first time should call Howard Langridge, 582-7519, for assignment to a team.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 - HOBE SOUND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Refuge Nature Center, east side of U.S. 1 eight miles north of J.D. State Park. Bring lunch for picnic at Jonathan Dickinson. Afternoon hike to Kitching Creek. Leader will be Debbie Quincey.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - JACK ISLAND STATE PARK and FORT PIERCE BEACH. Meet at Jack Island at 8 a.m. (on ALA North out of Fort Pierce). Leaders, Helen and Bill Dowling. (Sylvia Guadagnoli)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

On September 7th, the Florida Wildlife Federation honored Art Marshall with a testimonial dinner and named him "Conservationist of the Decade." From all over Florida they came to pay tribute to a man who refused to give up or give in...but instead held to what he believed to be true. His beliefs are now, in fact, a state mandate. The PALM BEACH POST summed it up very well in an editorial on September 11th when the writer said, "It took courage and an unwavering belief in the rightness of his course for Marshall to persevere for so many years in the face of merciless opposition."

Not all of us had the opportunity of being one of Art's students during his tenure at the University of

Miami, but certainly all of us who have had the privilege of knowing and working with Art Marshall have learned that you don't compromise basic principles. He never has and I doubt that he ever will.

On September 8th, the Federation's Annual Meeting centered on environmental protection through wetlands legislation, both state and federal. Some of the speakers throughout the day were Martin County Commissioner Maggy Hurchalla; Executive Director John Woodraska, South Florida Water Management District; Secretary Victoria Tschinkel, Department of Environmental Regulation; District Engineer Colonel Charles Myers, Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Mitchell, Southern District of Florida.

The Awards Dinner took place Saturday evening. One of those honored was Jill Jarboe, who will be our guest at the October membership meeting. Jill was the recipient of the Federation's Conservation Educator Award.

National Audubon Society and Turner Broadcasting System have produced a new television series entitled "World of Audubon." The series, which will air quarterly through 1985, will premiere on WTBS on October 22 at 8:05 p.m. Palm Beach Cable TV, which services the northern part of the county, does not carry WTBS. Perhaps those of you who live in that area might want to urge them to begin carrying that station. If you miss the first showing, this program will be repeated on October 28 at 5:35 p.m. and November 4th at 6:05 p.m.

Our annual report on the Francis Biedler Forest has arrived from Norman Brunswick, manager/biologist at the sanctuary. ASE has been a long-time contributor to the education programs at the Forest. We have learned that attendance at the Forest was up 11% this year. Two naturalist interns provided much needed help with the increase in visitors, especially with guided public tours, boardwalk tours for school children and the fourth grade swamp education program, not to mention the normal work schedule.

The Francis Biedler Forest, or Four Hole Swamp, as it is sometimes called, was the recipient of a \$700,000 matching grant from the Goodhill Foundation to expand the sanctuary. Almost 2,000 acres are needed to provide an all-important buffer zone around this fragile land. It is now necessary to raise the matching \$700,000. I'm sure the Forest will welcome any tax-deductible contributions for "matching" by mailing checks to Route 1, Box 114, Harleyville, South Carolina 29448. Incidentally, our February program will be about the Francis Biedler Forest.

Our friends in Tampa/St. Petersburg are gearing up again for another bout in the legislature. FL CAT (Florida Citizens Against Throwaways) will hold a one-day conference on October 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, 4500 Cypress Street, Tampa. The \$20.00 fee includes registration and buffet lunch. ASE joined the coalition last year. Registrations forms available at the October meeting.

Captain Ed Davidson, president of Biscayne-Aqua Center Inc. and operator of Reef Rover III,

a new 50-foot all-aluminum vessel able to accommodate 49 passengers, is offering a variety of recreational activities in Biscayne National Park for the non-boat-owning public. A newsletter describing various programs will be available at our October meeting. (Ed is also president of the Florida Keys Audubon Society.)

Florida Audubon Society's Field Trip Brochures will also be available at the October meeting, as will our own new brochures.

Most of you must have your FLORIDA NATURALIST with complete details of the Annual Membership Meeting and Convention in the Florida Keys. Hope to see many of you there. Can you believe that in my 23 years in Florida I have never been to Key West.

On September 7th I spoke about environmental protection to the Super 60s, a very large group of seniors in Jupiter. At the end of September I will be speaking to the Jupiter-Tequesta Senior Citizens.

I have learned from Helen Cruickshank that, on October 8 at 1 p.m., there will be a dedication ceremony of the Allan D. Cruickshank Nature Trail at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. This is the culmination of work begun when Nat Reed was Assistant Secretary of the Interior. It is most fitting that Nat will take part in the dedication ceremonies, as will Roger Tory Peterson, who was a great personal friend of Allan's. The program will begin at Sands Point Park in Titusville (just before the drawbridge) and then there will be a cavalcade to the Refuge. Some of you may wish to attend.

AND, on September 16th, Rita and Charles Lee became the proud parents of a baby girl, Melissa Ann, who weighed in at seven pounds, ten ounces. The family is doing well and we offer our congratulations to all of them.

(Leah Schad)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We are happy to announce the names of the three other teachers who will be working with us to develop the Audubon Club concept in our schools. By using the bimonthly AUDUBON ACTION newsletter and the tapes/book created by Jill Jarboe, we plan to stimulate and foster increased environmental awareness among the students in Palm Beach County.

Our thanks go to Sonia Bollinger, Lake Park Elementary; Marilyn Panozzo, Melaleuca Elementary, and Peggy Kovacs, Westgate Elementary, for agreeing to participate in this teacher-designed pilot program.

Doris Mager, Florida's Eagle Lady, will be in several Palm Beach County Schools during the week of December 3-7. Details next month. (Sylvia Dunnam and Dale Neuenschwander)

ASE EXHIBIT SCHEDULED FOR HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Audubon booth sitters are needed for the Heritage Festival, which runs from Wednesday, November 7th, through Sunday, November 11th,

at the South Florida Fair Grounds.

Remember, since we get passes, this is a good way to see and participate in this fun event free.

If you can donate a few hours, please contact me at 842-2364, or sign up at the October 2nd meeting. (Susan Korzenewski)

CAN YOU BELIEVE -

That there are only three Christmas shopping days left on the Audubon calendar before Christmas! Bring your shopping bags and fill them up! We'll have many gift items at the Sales Table during the October, November and December monthly meetings. (Stella Rossi)

FISHEATING CREEK

If you want to see a bit of Florida that time forgot, and experience some exciting birding, try several days at the Calusa Lodge in Lakeport. This is just north of the mouth of Fisheating Creek at Lake Okeechobee. For better birding en route, go around the lake via the north route, State Rd. 78.

There are three good habitats: the marshes near the lake, the dikes to the north and south of the creek, and the lake itself. We cover the first two by foot, but to see the lake and its mysteries, engage the excellent guide, Mr. Glenn Hunter, (813) 946-1569, to take you out in his airboat. He will show you thousands upon thousands of coots and moorhens, green-winged teal, blue-winged teal, mottled ducks, fulvous ducks, shovelers, pintails, and, if lucky, the snail kite.

The dikes are broad enough for trucks and they rise 30 feet above the prairie and marsh. Walkers are welcome, but no vehicles are permitted. We have seen bald eagles on every trip. The sheer number of white and glossy ibis, great egrets, snowy egrets, and little blues is unbelievable. Raptors seen are red-tailed hawk, red-shouldered hawk, short-tailed hawk, kestrel, caracara, both vultures, and osprey.

On one occasion, we watched a gory drama after a cow dropped her calf. The baby could not walk and lay in the grass. In a few minutes turkey vultures landed nearby and waited. The black vultures, spotting the t.v.'s, also came. They were quite aggressive, charging in on the calf until mama chased them a few feet away. Then they would sneak back from another direction. We marshed on at dusk with little doubt what the ultimate result would be.

The Calusa Lodge has excellent food and lodging. Call them at (813) 946-0544. (Hank McCall)

MANATEE DAY CELEBRATION

The Broward County Audubon Society, with the Port Everglades Authority and other co-sponsors, invite us to attend "Manatee Day," a celebration of the lives of manatees. The free event at Port Everglades (State Rd. 84

at the Intracoastal, Fort Lauderdale) takes place on Sunday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Many activities are planned, including arts and crafts, films, exhibits, etc. For more information, call (305) 792-7119.

PINE JOG OFFERINGS

The FALL 1984 programs offered at Pine Jog include the following (class size limited in all, call 686-6600 for more information):

SNAKES ALIVE - Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Oct. 9, 16, 23 and field trip on Oct. 20, fee \$10.00.

ECOLOGY OF SOUTH FLORIDA FIELD TRIPS - Wednesdays, 9-11 a.m., Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7. First trip at Pine Jog, others to varied habitats, fee \$15.00.

BEGINNING NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY - WEDNESDAYS, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7. Field trips to be announced, bring your 35mm single lens reflex camera, fee \$20.00.

ADVANCED NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY - Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5. Field trips to be announced, fee \$35.00

New this year is "Bicycle The Other Florida," scheduled for October 26-28. Fee of \$150.00 includes lodging, meals, support van, etc. Contact Leni Bane, 686-6600 or 845-0240, immediately if interested. Another new idea is Pine Jog's "Vagabond Van" natural history expeditions, with three weekend trips, which start in December. Call for folder on this.

KITE STRINGS

The Canadian Wildlife Service is continuing its program of color-marking Common Terns. In 1981 adults were marked with orange wing-tags, chicks with pink tags, all having a combination of letters and numbers. In 1982, bright blue tags were put on adults, black tags on chicks. In 1983, adults were tagged with red, chicks with green, and in 1984 adults have white tags with red trim and lettering, chicks have yellow tags. If you observe a tagged Common Tern, please report date, location, color of tag and, if possible, the number/letter combination to Banding Office, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0E7.

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Effective October 1, 1984, you may voluntarily contribute \$1 to Florida wildlife conservation when you pay your vehicle registration fees. Contributions will be deposited in the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund and used exclusively for research, conservation, etc. of native birds and nongame wildlife. The fund is administered by the Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission, assisted by the Governor's Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council.

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On October 27 and 28, the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge will hold an open house for hunters in the Interpretive Center. Featured will be special exhibits, a wood carving display, and a film, "Wildlife, Wetlands, and You," to be shown on the hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 734-8303 for further information.

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CONSERVATION REPORT

Broward County passed a Wellfield Protection Ordinance on August 28th that went into effect immediately. As in the Wetlands Protection Act and the Water Quality Assurance Act, the final form of the ordinance was also weakened from the original, but one important point does get established - INTENT. A good lawyer can make use of that.

Along with a copy of the ordinance, a Broward County Commissioner sent me a letter that closed with an admonition I am taking the liberty of quoting, "Vigorous and active advocacy could save Palm Beach County from many of the mistakes made in Broward County. Good luck!" Judging from some recent activities, we sure will need it.

The Water Management Board was told by staff some things we knew all along: without storage areas we will suffer cyclical water shortages; flooded areas will destroy Everglades habitat; heaviest withdrawals are from coastal wells that eventually will suffer from salt water intrusion if not replenished from inland water storage areas - namely our wetlands.

I attended a Groundwater Contamination Technical Conference in Ft. Lauderdale recently. Dr. R.S. DeHand, Groundwater Section Administrator of DER, had the honesty to declare that "unbridled growth is the root of our problem."

Stella Rossi and I attended a full day's workshop of the Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission. We witnessed a body of men stick skinny fingers in large holes in the dike. While they argued with laymen on topics from the deer hunt at the Loxahatchee Refuge, to the monkeys of Silver Springs, and a major alligator nest robbery thrown in, they not

once addressed the real wildlife problem - the safeguarding of habitat. I charged them with that and also chided them for not appearing at the significant hearings that will put the curfew on the refuge by flooding, cut off the Corbitt wildlife area by roads, canals and dense suburban settlement, and allow the continued loss of quality of the estuaries and inland fishing areas.

Next Conservation Meeting - Wednesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., home of Peggy Teahan, 1119 North "M" Street, Lake Worth.
(Cissy Durando)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Jupiter: Ms. Irene Chianese, Lanny Fink, James J. Joseph, Enid Kaufman, S. Kolar Family

Lake Park: Blanche E. Mayes

Lake Worth: Paula Long, John Tothfuss, William Van Meyer

Lantana: Cathi J. McKeral, Shirley Russum, Paulette Torcivia

Loxahatchee: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Roberts

North Palm Beach: Shirley Greenamy, John Knox

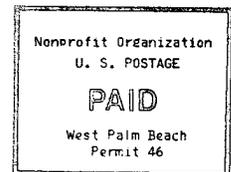
Palm Beach Gardens: Patrice Pluschau

Singer Island: The Kiner Family

West Palm Beach: Ms. Josie Bacallao, Mark B. Beaty, Ralph Bland, Dave W. Brecheisen, Cecilia Conrad, Lori Cortese, J. Devanigan, Judy Hawley, Charles Henning, Marie M. Lang, John Lower, Mrs. A.G. Olsen, Ms. Marietta R. Portzer, Vicki Schram, Diana M. Shepherd, Morris Sherman, Stuart Taylor, Colleen F. Vogon



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