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CALENDAR

ASE Activities in **BOLD** Print

APRIL

- 1 Tuesday—6 p.m.**
ASE Annual Meeting and Dinner Elections with Special Guest Speaker—Stuart Strahl, Exec. Director of NAS Everglades Restoration Campaign →
- 12 Saturday—9 to noon**
Custard Apple Trail Nature Trail Cleanup; tools and drinks provided
Details inside Kite
- 12-13 Saturday/Sunday**
Palm Beach Mall - Earth Fest
Details inside Kite
- 19 Saturday—8:00 a.m.**
Palm Beach Lakes Trail
Meet at Poinciana Chapel parking lot, just south of Flagler Museum on Coconut Row.
Leaders—Al and Barbara Liberman
- 19 Saturday**
John D. MacArthur Earth Day Event.
Details in side Kite
- 22 Tuesday - Earth Day**
- 26/27 Saturday/Sunday—depart 7:30 a.m.**
Fort DeSoto Park, St. Petersburg
Details inside Kite
- 29 Tuesday—8:00 a.m.**
Spanish River Park, Boca Raton
Meet at south side of Spanish River Blvd., just west of AIA-Leader Brian Hope



ASE Web Site
flinet.com/~audubon

ASE Field Trip Information
585-7714 / 689-1019

General Meeting...

Adventures in South America

Stuart Strahl, Ph.D.

Stuart Strahl spent most of the 1980's in South America for his Doctoral research on the strange and wonderful Hoatzin bird and then continued there to direct the Latin American Programs for the Wildlife Conservation Society (formerly the New York Zoological Society). As coordinator of the Tropical South American Region, his territories covered Venezuela, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. He has many exciting stories to tell about poachers and smugglers and tales of intrigue about his international wildlife scene.

Dr. Strahl returned to North America in 1992 to direct the Pickering Creek Environmental Center for the Chesapeake Audubon Society. In 1996, he became the Executive Director of the National Audubon Society's Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Campaign in Miami.

Dr. Strahl's articulate tales of South America and the exotic wildlife will be sure to grab your attention at our Annual meeting.

BBQ Chicken Sandwiches—

are on the menu to for our evening dinner prior to the Annual Meeting highlights. This is always a wonderful time to spend conversing casually with other members and their invited guests. ASE will cover the desserts and beverages along with mouth-watering Bar-b-que chicken sandwiches. Bring a dish of veggies, salad or fruit, or pay three dollars to enjoy the table spread of dinner and desserts.

Board member nominations will be taken from the floor this evening. Check the article inside for specific information on candidates.

See you, Tuesday, April 1 at 9 p.m.—**APRIL FOOLS**— at 6 p.m. for our dinner which will be followed at 7:30 with a presentation by guest speaker Stuart Strahl. Location and time of our meeting can always be found on the back page of every *Kite* issue.

—Claudine Laabs
Program Chair

For Reference
CENTRAL MAR 24 1997
Not to be taken from this room

From the President . . . by Susan Snyder

Have you ever wondered how Rudy Turnstones get their names? Or what kind of birds you'll find on a visit to Texas? Does bird migration mystify you? These questions and many more can be answered by consulting the Audubon Society of the Everglades ornithological collection housed at the Palm Beach County public library—Summit branch..

This collection is over 20 years old. It started because of Marge Eaton's and Gloria Hunter's enthusiastic expertise when leading seasonal nature walks. Someone was impressed! ASE was contacted by the Charles Merrill Foundation and offered a sizeable grant upon rendering of an acceptable proposal.

ASE members met to brainstorm ideas. Nature classrooms and nature centers were rejected because of ongoing maintenance costs. It was decided that an ornithological collection could benefit then whole community. ASE collaborated with the PBC library which agreed to house the books as a separate collection. Donation,

bequests, and ASE budget allocations keep the collection current.

Gloria Hunter, expert PBC birder, volunteers weekly to survey new releases and reviews, peruse catalogs and maintain the collection. She says subjects include birds in art, field guides from states and regions around the world, location birds, bird behavior, and narratives about birds. We all appreciate the service Gloria offers to our club and our community. ASE thanks those involved in the initiation and formation of the collection: Marge Easton, Cynthia Plockleman, Patrick Gleason, and Dick Myers. The late Tom McElroy, local naturalist, gave the dedication and became the first library chairman.

Stop by the county's main library on Summit Blvd. and enjoy the selection. Donations to ASE for the collection make good memorials. Books purchased in memory of someone receive special bookplates.

Hope to see EVERY ONE of you at the ASE Annual Meeting on April 1—**NO FOOLIN'!!!**

Field Trips . . .

by Gloria Hunter

Spring migrants are on their way! Come spend the weekend of April 26-27 with us at one of South Florida's "Hot Spots" looking for warblers and migrants at the DeSoto County Park in St. Petersburg. With a good "fall out" the birding can be fabulous; the scenery is always delightful.

The drive will take 3-4 hours across state. We will have quick stops for caracara or a pond full of shorebirds.

If you're interested, call me NOW for a packet containing motel suggestions, maps, field trip meeting information. You need to make motel or camping reservations immediately.

Join us for an unforgettable weekend. Even with a possible dearth of passerines, the shorelines will produce birds we seldom see on this coast. Beginning birders welcome. You'll love it!

See You? Gloria Hunter 585-7714



Conservation . . .

by Cissie Durando

The problem with writing a monthly article is that what is looming on the horizon as I write, could be finished by the time you read about it.

Let's start with a few broad policy statements from the top:

President Clinton: Support wholeheartedly his Family Planning Funding.

In the last analysis the well-being of us all and the health and ultimate economy of the world will depend on natural resources.

You could throw in global warming, carrying capacity of the land, etc. Your Washington Representative should be contacted and encouraged to

cosponsor HR952. Again, for the President: Tsongas Forest, located in Alaska, should be saved for a future! Don't sell our forest out only to have it shipped off-shore for deflated lumber prices!!!

As always, your Congress people

should be firm in their support for a strong Endangered Species Act reauthorization.

We will begin to see state issues get a lot of attention. I urge you to keep abreast. Broad topics: Continued support of P-2000 for land purchases. The argument that the state agencies cannot manage these lands has just enough elements of the truth to be troublesome.

Ask your Tallahassee legislators to support a 1/2% increase in funds from the Carl Trust Fund to use to manage public lands. Don't lose sight of the fact that the land is needed for species protection, water supply, and attenuation of flooding impacts. Not all development or intense land uses are good. The damage caused and future

expense to struggling tax payers can be enormous.

We do not need billions of dollars spent on high speed rail between Miami and Orlando. Disney does well enough! Palm Beach County has Rep. Addie Greene on the House Environmental Protection Committee, and Rep.

Rick Minton and Rep. Sharon Merchant on the House Water and Resource committee. Let them get to know you and your ideas.

Basically we support, if not every point, at least most of the intentions and concepts of the Governor's Commission on Sustainable South Florida. The legislators will be extensively briefed on this. They should also be encouraged to agree with the Army Corps proposed Dredge and Fill 404 requirements. And let's get started on construction of the Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA's) to restore the Everglades.

Locally, your chapter has reached a settlement (compromise) with the proposed development of 200 acres alongside the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Not earth-shattering or adequate for water resource protection, but better than approved by your County Commissioners, School Board, or SFWMD! A well-planted littoral zone and buffer will happen on their western border which is the eastern border of the Refuge. I might have earned just a little ill-will on this one, but, maybe just maybe, one more wading bird family will stick around and not depart for Georgia! (See Palm Beach Post March 10, 1997 report: **EMPTY NESTS**)

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**1997-1998
AUDUBON SOCIETY OF THE EVERGLADES, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Audubon Society of the Everglades, Inc., Article VII - Nominating Committee, and Article VI, Section 3 - Finance Committee, the following items have been accepted by the Board of Directors for submission to the membership for its consideration at the Annual meeting to be held Tuesday, April 1, 1997

EXPENSES

Bird Census	\$ 50	
Everglade Kite	5,500	
Exhibits	200	
Field Trips	50	
Hospitality	300	
Membership	350	
Nature Trail	50	
Internet	300	
Publicity	150	
Sanctuaries	<u>200</u>	
		7,150

Education		
Programs	1,500	
Youth Camp Scholarships,		
Education Workshops,		
Memberships for Schools, Etc.,		
Student Education Awards	<u>10,000</u>	
		11,500

Conservation:		
Conservation Committee	500	
Bonnie Findlay (Bambi Sanc.)	350	
Lox. Natural History Assoc.	50	
FAS Birds of Prey Center	250	
Treasure Coast Wildlife Hosp.	200	
Busch Wildlife Center	250	
Florida Audubon Society	250	
Legal	250	
Ocean Impact	250	
Miscellaneous	<u>250</u>	
		2,800

West Palm Beach Garden Club Ctr		1,020
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Supplementary Services:		
Convention, Travel	900	
President	200	
Secretary	200	
Treasurer	100	
Audit/Review	1,850	
Property Maintenance	100	
Insurance	500	
Stationery & Supplies	350	
Audubon Telephone	400	
Storage	275	
Fees	<u>250</u>	
		5,125

Equipment	<u>1,250</u>	
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<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>		<u>28,845</u>
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INCOME

Interest on Savings	2,000
Interest/Conservation Fund	7,000
Dues	3,000
Sales	1,000
Grants	8,000
Fund Raising	250
Endowment Fund	2,000
Miscellaneous Contributions	1,000
Retained Excess Revenue	<u>4,595</u>

<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>28,845</u>
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***Issues To Act On . . .
ASE Elections***

The following seats need to be filled on the ASE Board. Terms are noted.

Offices (Term to 1998)
President-Elect Open

Directors (Terms to 2000)
Geraldine Stephens
Ray Buchholz
Phyllis Cafarelli
Noel Pettingell
One open position

Nominations may be made from the floor with the approval of the nominee.

A Thank you to Committee Members

A special thanks to the following names for donating their time to handle committee responsibilities —

Finance Committee: Phil Wagner, Susan Snyder, Ruth Trumpower;

Nominating Committee: Tomi Freese, Peggy Teahan, Barbara Liberman

Your volunteered time and effort does not go unnoticed.

Earth Day 1997

On April 22, 1970 demonstrators carrying 20 pounds of dead fish and a long-expired octopus paraded in front of a power company in Coral Gables, Florida. The plant, they charged, was releasing water heated to nearly 100 degrees into Biscayne Bay, causing heavy fish kills. That day demonstrations of similar instances took place around the country in towns like Omaha, Nebraska, San Jose, California and Centralia Washington. April 22, 1970 became the first Earth Day.

More than 20 million people took part that day making it the largest organized demonstration in history.

Earth Day was the brainchild of Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson who came up with the idea in the wake of the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill. He thought, if so many students across the country could mobilize against the Vietnam War why couldn't they organize a national teach-in about the environment.

This Earth Day get involved with the future of your planet—volunteered time is a valuable gift.

Events to Watch For . . .

Nature Trail Clean-up

Saturday, April 12 from 9-noon is our Spring Cleanup on the Custard Apple Trail located in John Prince Park at the south end by the campground entrance. Gloves, tools, and drinks are provided. Call Ruth Trumpower at 585-3968 or Barbara Liberman at 965-2909 for details.

FGFWFC Project Eagle '97

Volunteers are needed for the clean-up of public lands and waters scheduled for Saturday, April 26.

The event, known as *Project Eagle* is in its 4th year. The acronym stand for "Enhancing A Great Living Environment". In 1996 2,844 volunteers collected 178 tons of trash including tires and discarded appliances.

For information on participating contact the nearest FGFWFC office at 561-640-6187.

Nature Photography Contest

Orange Audubon Society is holding their 9th Annual Chertok Photo Contest open to ALL photographers. Deadline is May 19. The theme is Native Nature of Florida. 2x2 35mm slides are acceptable.

For more information, or to receive an application, contact Loretta Satterthwaite of the Orange County Audubon Society at 407/886-2925.

Boothsitters for Earth Day Events

April 12 and 13 the Palm Beach Mall is holding the 1997 *Earthfest* hosted by the Palm Beach County Environmental Education Network. The event runs from from 10 am to 4:00 p.m. Call Gerry at 791-2349 for a good time to man the Audubon booth. To volunteer a little time is better than none at all.

April 19 John D. MacArthur Park is hosting *Earth Day '97* from 10-3. Booth sitters will have entrance fee waived. Another opportunity to volunteer a short while and still have plenty of time to stroll around the event. Call Gerry at 791-2349 for a good booth time.

NAS Forest Campaign On-line

Three new electronic list-serves were launched to advance the campaign's goal of conserving and restoring forest ecosystems.

Audubon Forum, *Audubon-Forest Network*, and *Audubon-Forest-News* are subscribed services available through National Audubon.

For information, contact Mike Leahy, Forest Campaign Coordinator, NAS-DC 202/861-2242

The Audubon Society of the Everglades General Meetings are held the **first Tuesday** of every month, **7:30 pm.**, at the **West Palm Beach Garden Club Center** - Dreher Park Trail, West Palm Beach. (opposite the Science Museum) The public is welcome.

Deadline for Articles in May Issue is April 15.

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