

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again we approach the end of a season - time to look back at what we have accomplished and ahead to what must yet be done.

In the three brief years of our existence we have come a long way. Our membership is approaching the 600 mark. Our newsletter, which in the days of our chapter's infancy was held up as an example of how not to write one, has now become one of Long Island's finest, with outstanding art work. Incidentally, to keep our members better informed, South Shore is the only Long Island Chapter to issue a monthly newsletter.

Next year we will commence the showing of the Audubon Wildlife Film Series, becoming the only Long Island Chapter except Huntington to offer its members this outstanding as well as educational entertainment.

Our weekly bird walks are well attended and enjoyable as well as informative.

Through the medium of testifying at various hearings and considerable letter-writing, and aided by some press coverage, our name is becoming known to various governmental agencies as well as other conservation groups.

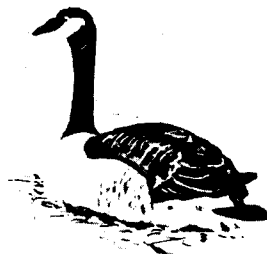
Our programs have been selected to cover a broad spectrum of informational and entertaining topics.

This progress has been made possible by the selfless efforts of a small group of people - Miriam Raynor and Dorothy Lovering's tireless work on the Newsletter, Alvin Friedman's long, and often frustrating, labor for the film series, Elliot Kutner's research and devotion to the bird walks, Mike Smile's informative, vital conservation column, Charlie and Marge Keller's outstanding arrangements for the annual dinner, as well as the advice and guidance of all the officers and directors who gave so freely of their time to make our organization a success.

In the coming years we will strive to expand our activities. In some fields, notably education, a great deal remains to be done. And there is much that all of us can do, such as efforts to save oil and electricity, cooperation with recycling programs and judicious efforts to conserve our natural resources. But most of all we must strive to acquaint our fellow Americans with the need for conservation and care for our environment, both by word of mouth and example. Our growing membership can exert considerable leverage toward making Nassau County, and all America, a cleaner and better place to live.

As a final word, I wish to welcome Linda Schlotterhausen to our board of directors, and to thank all our members for their faithful attendance at and participation in our meetings and other activities. May you all have a most delightful summer.

Al Lemke
President.



conservation news

THEODORE ROOSEVELT BIRD SANCTUARY

Four Long Island Audubon chapters - Hunting, Lyman Langdon, Moraine, and our own South Shore - have undertaken the management of the Theodore Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary in Oyster Bay. This sanctuary, about 12 acres in size and surrounding the Youngs Memorial Cemetery where the ex-President is buried, was set aside in 1923 as a memorial to the late conservation-minded President.

After a fairly busy history, the sanctuary, now closed to the public, has fallen into a general state of disrepair and was in danger of being lost to possible development. To save the sanctuary the four local Audubon chapters, therefore, have agreed to undertake its management hoping to reopen it to the public as a ~~sanctuary~~ and nature center. Before this can occur, however, much work must be done on the property. This work involves such things as landscaping, gardening, painting, woodwork, electrical work, etc. Since the Board of Management does not have much money to work with, we are hoping to use volunteers from our membership for a substantial part of the work. If you feel you can possibly offer any help, please contact me, Mike Smiles (293-7225).

So that you can visit the Sanctuary and see for yourself what work is needed, we have decided to have a visitation on the afternoon of Saturday, June 23 (rain date June 24). If you cannot make that date but would still like to visit the Sanctuary, you may call the Sanctuary Director, Mr. James Callaghan (922-3200), and he will be happy to make special arrangements with you.

The Board of Management will also be looking for a new Sanctuary Director to replace the retiring Mr. Callaghan. We are looking for someone who will live in the house on the property, has some natural history expertise, and is preferably retired himself. If anyone knows of somebody who might be interested, please contact me, Mike Smiles.

This Sanctuary is one of the last few remaining natural wooded areas of Nassau County. We need your help to retain its natural state.

Mike Smiles,
Vice-President and
Chairman, Conservation

An added note of interest: Mike will be teaching this summer in an Audubon camp in Maine.





-:FROM THE BIRDING FRONT:-

June 10 - PELAGIC BOAT TRIP - Our last field trip of the season. The NORSEMAN II, docked at the foot of Woodcleft Canal, at 540 So. Grove St., Freeport. Dock 'phone is FR.8-4838. Please be at the dock by 7:30 A.M. Bring lunch. We do not expect to return until about 3:00 P.M.

Reservations - \$10.00 per person. Call Elliott Kutner, IV.6-7667.



Field trips will start again in September. The following is a list of the fall trips, which we will publish again in our first Newsletter, in September, with directions.

- September 9 - Jones Beach, West End Parking Field #2, N.W. corner.
- 16 - J. F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay Beach - off Ocean Pkway. north side, east of Jones Beach, proper.
- 23 - Jamaica Bay - off Cross Bay Blvd., east side, south of Belt Parkway.
- 30 - Jones Beach, West End Parking Field #2, N.W. corner.
- October 7 - Cedar Beach - off Ocean Parkway, Jones Beach, east of Gilgo - south side of parkway.
- 14 - J. F. Kennedy Sanctuary, Tobay Beach - off Ocean Parkway, north side, east of Jones Beach
- 21 - Jones Beach, West End Parking Field #2, N.W. corner.
- 28 - Jamaica Bay - Cross Bay Blvd., south of Belt Parkway - east side of Cross Bay

November 7 - Cedar Beach - off Ocean Parkway, Jones Beach, east of Gilgo, south side of parkway.

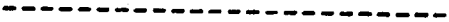
Elliott Kutner, Chairman



DID YOU KNOW? - Our Birding Chairman, Elliott Kutner, presented a program on birds and bird watching on May 8th at the Third Annual Science Institute of P.S. #115, Brooklyn.



Good News for the Mourning Dove - Our President, Al Lemke, wrote to Senator Bernard Smith, asking about the pending legislation to put the Mourning Dove on the list of game birds. The legislation is currently in Senator Smith's Committee. A prompt reply from Senator Smith said that this legislation will not be reported out of committee this year.



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WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING

BIRD CENSUS of the wetlands and migrating birds:-

Laura and Alvin Friedman and Adrian Dignan represented South Shore Audubon on a bird census trip sponsored by the Town of Hempstead Department of Conservation and Waterways.

On May 13, two boats left the Marina at Lido Beach, one to go east and one to go west. Our members were on the boat going west, covering the area of Reynolds Channel and Hewlett Harbor. The leader of this group was John Zarudsky.

The highlight of the trip for our group was a stop at Pearsall's Hassock in Reynolds Channel. A barn owl decided to build her nest in an old oil drum on the hassock. When the group was there, they were able to see two sex-week old barn owls. With some difficulties, Adrian Dignan took pictures of them which we hope will be successful.

The total count of species of both boats was 77 of which "our" boat recorded 67!

OF LOCAL INTEREST

On May 23, the Village of Rockville Centre sponsored a meeting at the Recreation Center to air the pros and cons of the Oyster Bay Bridge. Officials of the Village of Bayville, the Village most vitally interested, were asked to speak. Rockville Centre has taken a firm stand opposing the bridge. Do we know how other communities feel?

**** NEWS RELEASE ****

On May 1st, 1973, the Nassau County Department of Health in conjunction with the Bureau of Air Pollution and Control initiated a 24 hour, seven-day-a-week citizen complaint and answering service.

This new service will, according to the Commissioner of Health, expand the efforts of the department in servicing the needs of the residents, and at the same time, broaden the scope of activities in abating air pollution problems.

Residents of the County are asked to join in helping preserve and improve our environment. The special phone number to call to report an observed air pollution condition after 4:45 P.M. and before 9:00 A.M. weekdays (as well as weekends and holidays) is ED 4-4240. For reporting complaints from Monday through Friday during working hours, 9:00 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. the phone number remains 535-3232.

"A MAN is ethical only when life, as such, is sacred to him, that of plants, birds and animals, as that of his fellow men, and when he devotes himself helpfully to all life that is in need of help."

Albert Schweitzer.



The Town of Hempstead has a Marine Nature Study Area in Oceanside? Fifty-two acres of salt-marsh preserved in their natural state...rich in plants and wildlife...representative of more than 17,000 acres of wetlands preserved for future generations by the Town of Hempstead.

This is the town's Marine Nature Study Area north of Middle Bay in Oceanside. It functions as an outdoor classroom for our students and residents interested in observing nature and becoming acquainted with the many values of our wetland environment. It is free.



Trails are open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday, May through October.

(From Oceanside - Park Ave. south to Golf Drive to Slice Drive to the Marine Nature Area.)

Conservationists won a significant victory when the U. S. Forest Service announced that a scenic highway under construction in North Carolina and Tennessee will NOT go through the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest. This magnificent forest was set aside in 1936 as a living memorial to the young poet killed in World War I. The 3,800 acre watershed was selected as one of the finest of the then-remaining virgin stands of timber in the East.

Again, an alert, active citizenry, always on guard.



If the small volume of nuclear wastes now being stored by the AEC at its Hanford installation were to spill into the Columbia River, all the oceans of the earth would be contaminated to near lethal levels.

The problem is clearly desperate.... it is doubly desperate because it is irreversible.

FARTHER AFIELD

Another oil tragedy - this time migrating shore birds. An undetected leak pouring oil into a lake from a pipeline near Casper, Wyoming, has killed upwards of 5,000 migrating shore birds and waterfowl. The pipeline serves an American Oil Co. refinery in Casper. Ironically, Amoco also developed the lake, working 15 years ago with state wildlife experts to turn an old refinery waste area, or oil sump, into what has become a paradise for birds and hunters alike. The Murie Audubon Society, on a spring birding trip to the lake, found the oil and oil-coated birds on April 29th.

It is estimated that the leak had gone undetected for as long as two weeks. The lake is on the eastern boundary of a flyway to Canada. Simultaneously, an 18" blizzard which hit the area, added to the toll. With better monitoring, the accident could have been avoided. It tragically points up the implications of environmentalists' pressures for elaborate pipeline safeguards, continuous monitoring, and siting precautions.



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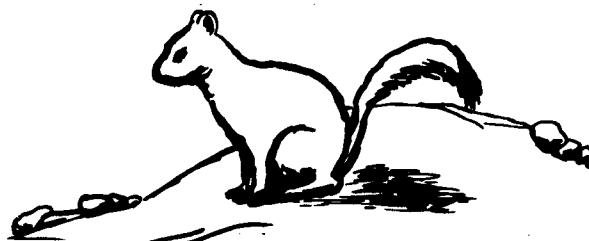
Send check or money order made out to South Shore Audubon Society, Inc.

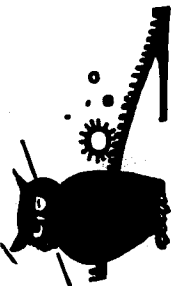
TO: Alvin Friedman
3275 Oceanside Road
Oceanside, New York #11572
Telephone: RO.4-9069

Tickets are now available to the general public -- why not contact friends and neighbors -- if you've never seen an Audubon Film you don't know what you're missing.

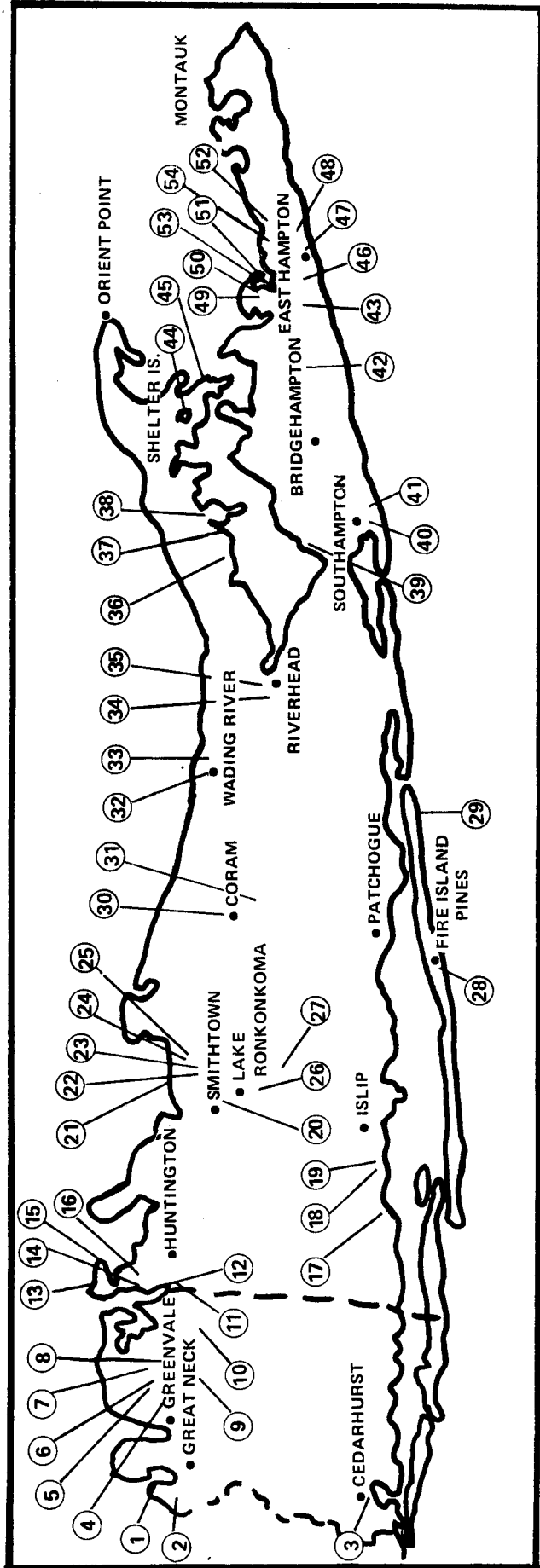
We have limited seating, so purchase your tickets early - don't be disappointed.

There are adequate facilities for parking in the rear of the school.





NATURE CONSERVANCY PROPERTIES ON LONG ISLAND



The Long Island Chapter of The Nature Conservancy has been credited with the establishment of 53 natural area preserves situated in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. 46 of these properties remain in the custody of the Chapter. They are carefully maintained in a natural state. Picnicking, camping and hunting are not allowed. Individuals and organized groups who obtain advance permission are welcome to visit the sanctuaries. Nature walks and regular educational programs are conducted for the benefit of school and college students. Information or permission to visit may be obtained by writing to The Nature Conservancy, Box 72, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. 11724 or calling (516) 367-3225.

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| 1. KINGS POINT POND - Great Neck | 17. THORNE SANCTUARY - Bay Shore | 36. HUSING POND - Mattituck |
| 2. HARBOR HILL - Lake Success | 18. ORR PRESERVE - Islip | 37. MEADOW BEACH - Southold |
| 3. TURKEY POINT PRESERVE - Cedarhurst | 19. HOLLINS PRESERVE - Islip | 38. HOWELLS MARSH - Southold |
| 4. LOUIS C. CLARK SANCTUARY - Brookville | *20. HOYT FARM - Smithtown | 39. WOLF SWAMP - Southampton |
| * 5. COFFIN WOODS - Locust Valley | 21. WELD SANCTUARY - St. James | 40. DU PONT SANCTUARY - Southampton |
| 6. HOPE GODDARD ISELIN - Upper Brookville | 22. VAIL - BLYDENBURGH | 41. FRANCES MILLER PRESERVE - Mecox |
| * 7. CHARLES T. CHURCH RESERVE - Mill Neck | SANCTUARY - Smithtown | 42. SAGG SWAMP - Bridgehampton |
| 8. BERTHA & REGINALD ROSE | 23. DELAFIELD WOODS - Smithtown | 43. WILSON WOODS - East Hampton |
| 9. OACES SANCTUARY - Brookville | 24. EAST FARM PRESERVE - St. James | 44. FOX POINT PRESERVE - Shelter Island |
| 10. DAVENPORT SANCTUARY - East Norwich | 25. BUTLER HUNTINGTON WOODS - St. James | 45. TURTLE COVE RESERVE - Shelter Island |
| 11. ST. JOHN'S POND - Cold Spring Harbor | *26. LAKE RONKONKOMA - Ronkonkoma | 46. DOUBLE DUNES - East Hampton |
| 12. FOX HOLLOW PRESERVE - Laurel Hollow | 27. FINLAY-WOLF POND - Ronkonkoma | 47. HOOK POND - East Hampton |
| 13. MATHESON MEADOWS - Lloyd Neck | *28. SMOKY HOLLOW BOG - Fire Island | 48. SHEPPARD DUNES - Amagansett |
| 14. JULIET L. NOURSE - Cold Spring Harbor | *29. SUNKEN FOREST - Fire Island | 49. HEMPSTEAD MARSH - East Hampton |
| 15. MILL COVE WATERFOWL | 30. DANIEL R. DAVIS SANCTUARY - Coram | 50. THE CRANBERRY MARSH |
| 16. UPLANDS FARM | *31. PROSSER PINES - Middle Island | (SOUTHGATE) - East Hampton |
| SANCTUARY - Cold Spring Harbor | 32. KEMPF PRESERVE - Wading River | 51. MERRILL LAKE - East Hampton |
| | 33. HENRY REPPA POND - Wading River | 52. LOUSE POINT - East Hampton |
| | 34. GRANTHAM SANCTUARY - Riverhead | 53. KAPLAN MEADOWS - East Hampton |
| | 35. VAIL SANCTUARY - Riverhead | 54. EDWARDS ISLAND - East Hampton |

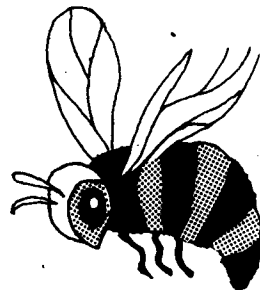
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NEXT MEETING

-- ANNUAL DINNER --

Tuesday, June 12th

CORAL HOUSE, BALDWIN

7:00 P.M.

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