SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER

SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1978
8:15 P.M., FREEPORT LIBRARY

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION NIGHT

This is the night for all our members to show their favorite slides. Members may show five to ten slides - anything from general scenes to closeups of birds, plants, rocks, etc. These slides may be sequential shots on one subject or completely unrelated to each other.

So, please come to our February 14 meeting, bring your slides, and make Audience Participation Night a big success. It depends on YOU!

IN MARCH:

SSAS member, Linda Schlotthausen, recently took a trip to the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea west of Alaska. She will present a color slide show on the Birds and Seals of the Pribilof Islands on Tuesday, March 14.

REMEMBER THESE DATES - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
TUESDAY, MARCH 14

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY
SUNDAY FAMILY NATURE PROGRAMS

Feb. 12 Wintering Birds - Who and where are they? Meet at Old Orchard-Sagamore Hill
Mar. 12 Marsh and Beach Investigations - Meet at Old Orchard-Sagamore Hill
Apr. 9 Annual T.R. Bird Walk at Sagamore Hill-Meet at Old Orchard-Sagamore Hill
May 11 Spring Discovery Walk-Mother's Day Special

All activities - 1:30 to 3:00.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The next meeting of the Photography Club will be held on Sunday, February 12, at Milburn Pond on Merrick Road in Baldwin. The club will meet at 10:00 a.m. Rain date - February 19. If you have any questions, please call Al Lemke, 731-3639.

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SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SCHOLARSHIPS

This year SSAS is offering two adult scholarships and two youth scholarships for the Audubon Workshop in Maine. This workshop is scheduled for the last two weeks in July. If anyone would like to be considered for a scholarship, please write explaining how this experience could help you further spread the ecological theme.

Deadline: May 1, 1978
Please write to:
Mr. Elliott Kutner
461 Dunster Court
West Hempstead, New York 11552

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The following slate is recommended:
President - Paul Butkereit
Vice President - Patricia Davis
Treasurer - Al Lemke
Secretary - Richard Bullenkamp
Director - William Hollweg
Director - Mary May
Jr. Director - Kathy Worthington
Asa Starkweather, Chmn.

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AUDUBON WILDLIFE SERIES: Greg McMillan, "Central California's Coastal Plain" - Tuesday, March 7, 1978
8:15 P.M., Hempstead Town Pavilion, Town Hall Plaza - For tickets write to the Town of Hempstead, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Recreational Office, 50 Clinton St., Hempstead, N.Y. 11550. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request.
TREASURER'S REPORT
SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY
Balance Sheet as of 12/31/77

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The following is a list of actions taken by our state government on environmental issues during the past year. This information was taken from the 1977 New York Voter's Guide, which is published by the Environmental Planning Lobby. In each case the vote sought by the EPL is called the "correct" vote.

1) State Environmental Quality Review Act Delay
This bill delays the enforcement of the Environmental Quality Review Act until Sept. 1, 1978. Impact statements, which were to be filed on all projects, will only be required on Type I projects until after this delay. The correct vote was listed as "NO". All local representatives, except Dunne, who was absent, voted "YES". This bill was passed and signed by the governor.

2) Adirondack Park Agency Abolition - The State Senate voted to abolish the park agency and to replace it with a local government commission. This bill would bring to an end the protective land use controls which are vital to the preservation and protection of this resource. There was however, no similar bill introduced in the House. The EPL called the correct vote "NO". Levy voted "YES", Dunne voted "NO".

3) Home Insulation - This bill requires utilities to offer home insulation plans to customers, aid in financing such plans, and conduct home energy audits. The EPL considered the correct vote "YES". All local representatives voted "YES", and the bill was signed by Governor Carey.

4) Lake Erie Drilling - This bill opens Lake Erie to drilling for natural gas. The bill contains numerous protective controls concerning water supply, control of spills, liability etc., to insure protection of municipalities and their environment. The correct vote was "YES". In the Senate both Levy and Dunne voted "YES". In the House, Kremer voted "YES", D'Amato, Gulotta, Harron, McGrath, and Murphy voted "NO". The bill was signed by the governor.

5) Urban Forestry Program - This bill encourages improvement of urban neighborhoods through a program of tree planting. The EPL suggested the correct vote was "YES". In the Senate, Levy and Dunne voted "YES". In the House, Gulotta and Kremer voted "YES", Harron, McGrath and D'Amato voted "NO". The bill was vetoed by the governor.

Twelve additional bills were passed by both houses, with a majority of our local representatives backing them.

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CONSERVATION NEWS CONT'D.

The following seven bills were signed into law by the Governor: Oil Spill Liability, Hot Water Heater Standards (concerning energy use), Room Air Conditioners (also concerning energy efficiency), Real Property Tax Commission, Solar Property Tax Exemption Urban Cultural Parks, and Resource Recovery.

These 5 bills were vetoed by the Governor: Energy Efficiency Construction Codes, Energy Efficiency in Public Schools, Waste Oil Re-use and Recovery, Community Gardens Office and a bill requiring the Power Authority of New York to establish the need for any electric generating facility they propose. The Environmental Planning Lobby was pushing for the passage of all these bills.

Paul Butkereit, Conservation

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SSAS member, Rita Rover, will be teaching the following courses at S.U.N.Y., Farmingdale:

Biology Laboratory Workshop $35

A new perspective in Creative Science for children will be available which will incorporate six fascinating areas for children to explore. It will include Frog Dissection, Live Animal Behavior study using planaria (flat-worm), bone investigation of human and animal structures, seedling studies, germination tests and growth reactions of plants, as well as PH studies utilizing standard laboratory equipment such as microscopes, graduated cylinders and pipets. This enrichment program will be offered to children of specific age groups in two sessions.

Creative Science for the Younger Set $35

This session will be structured for children in grades 3 through 5. Six sessions: Saturdays 10:30-12:30 P.M., February 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18 (12 hrs.).

Creative Science for Juniors $35

This session is structured for children grades 6 through 8. Six sessions: Saturdays 1:00-3:00 P.M., February 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18 (12 hrs.).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

T. Alexinas
Kathy Anderson
Reba Bennicasa
Seymour F. Berger
J. Berger
Cecilia Caffrey
Andrea Calderone
Richard Vail
Barbara Ward
Harold & Gloria Cohen
Anne Crowley
Janice Dutcher
John F. Garde, Jr.
Gundy Gatrroz
Francis Hale
George M. Hanna
Dolores Souiero
A. E. Stevenson
Fred Hansen
Denise Hermansen
Janice Hewitt
Victoria Hingston
W. E. Horbrecht
W. Jackie
Teresa Ladd
Walter Ruzyla
Judson Smith
I. Mann
Barbara Long
Michael A. Marrone
Robert T. Ottons
Sue Penny
Gonzalo Pineiro, Jr.
Ernie Piserni
Jill Pliskin
Deb Reidlinger
Mildred Rountree
NEW ENERGY-SAVING ADDITION FOR THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY

Work has started on an addition to the Trailside Visitors' Center at the historic Theodore Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary in Oyster Bay which will greatly enhance its growing value to members of the South Shore Audubon Society.

Tucked away unobtrusively among the great trees of this sanctuary the new construction is designed to blend into the forest not only with attractive visual effect but also with minimum impact upon the surrounding trees and with minimum demand on our energy resources.

Under local management by nearby Audubon chapters and members of the community since 1974, this oldest National Audubon Society sanctuary in the country now emphasizes nature education. It is relatively small (less than 12 acres) and therefore serves primarily as a center for programs which reach out to schools and various wildlife habitats in the surrounding communities. Alan H. Ruppert is the resident-director, and with his wife, Estelle, their work has achieved national recognition ("...one of the outstanding education programs in the country..." according to John M. Anderson, Director of the National Audubon Society Sanctuaries).

The small existing Visitors' Center building has served the sanctuary since 1939, but not during the winter months. Without insulation and bathrooms, and with inadequate heating, meeting room and office space, the sanctuary now has great difficulty in providing the year-round services to the schools and community which it has undertaken.

The existing building will become the primary exhibit and interpretive wing. It will be connected to a new central core containing sanitary facilities, heating system, office, reception area, and library space, and a new large multi-purpose room for films, slide shows, meetings and classes.

With heavy emphasis on insulation, the design includes an efficient wood-burning stove which, when desired, can heat the new room without other sources of energy. The design also provides for economical heating by more conventional methods in various stages to the different parts of the building according to the usage at the time. Thus, at one extreme, if not in use in mid-winter, the plumbing may be easily drained and all heat turned off. At other times all heat may be turned off except for local heating of critical water pipes (or aquarium). The central core area alone, of course, can be heated while the large rooms at either end are not. Provision is made in the new structure for the later addition of solar panels on the south roof.

So as to minimize potential damage to the sanctuary's magnificent trees, the footing under the slab floor is interrupted and bridged as necessary to avoid the cutting of vital root systems.

The new addition preserves the rustic style of the original building and the design stresses low initial cost and minimal operating expense. Geo.B. Post & Sons, the architects, have designed an attractive structure in which the community will take great pride.
Dear Folks:

If you are wondering why we have an extra-large count this month, one of our members, Mrs. Harriet Andrews of Rockville Centre, feeds her birds 250 lbs. of seed per week so her variety and number of birds is special - Aside from placing feed in her 9 feeders, Mrs. Andrews also scatters seed on the ground since some birds do not like going to the feeders.

SSAS member, Ruth Grossman, sent an article from the Rochester, N.Y. News about the Annual Christmas Bird Count. The report said that 1,232 bald eagles were sighted in eastern Alaska near the Yukon border. That's good news since there are so few in the rest of the U.S.

WATERFOWL RESCUE

Because of recent oil spills on L.I., SSAS will be setting up a Waterfowl Rescue Group for our area. We will be learning cleaning techniques used in removing oil from waterfowl. All those interested please call Pat Davis, 822-6189.

Please keep a log of the following birds at your feeders - by the month. The Skimmer deadline is the 15th of each month. Send your computations to our editor, Pat Davis, 7 Myers Avenue, Hicksville, New York 11801.

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SPRING FESTIVAL

South Shore Audubon is preparing for a unique Spring Festival. The theme of the event will be concerned with L.I.'s unique environment. Collectors of items pertaining to L.I.'s natural history, as well as photographers, artists, and designers should consider this event as a forum for their work. All persons interested in joining us with displays relevant to the area's wildlife, plantlife, or the area's varied habitat areas should call Joan Butkereit (IX 3-4554) or Carol Ann Tymann (IV 1-5050). Members of SSAS are invited to submit an original title and/or logo designed for this event. All entries should be mailed no later than Feb. 21 to Joan Butkereit, 268 Wallace St., Freeport 11520.
FIELD TRIPS: Starting Time - 9:30 a.m.
No walk if it rains, snows, or temperature is 25 degrees or below.

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