

SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



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JANUARY MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8
FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
8:15 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Richard P. Meyer
"Long Island Images"

Mr. Meyer puts together an unforgettable combination of music and photographs that recreates and conveys the inner sensation of being surrounded by nature. He holds his audiences spellbound when he presents his programs at the Museum of Fine Arts in Roslyn.

This special presentation deals with the beautiful images of fall and winter on Long Island. Please join us for this most unusual performance.

Attention: The February meeting is scheduled as the Fifth Annual Audience Participation Night. All members are invited to bring 5-10 of their favorite nature slides to share with the group. The date - February 5. Further information will be in next month's Skimmer.

Paul Butkereiit

MEMBERSHIP



IS IT TIME TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON?
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
JOIN?

SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS

BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY

JANUARY 26, 1980
TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM
9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.



The final seed sale of the season will be held on Saturday, January 26, between 9:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., at the Tackapausha Museum in Seaford.

The Museum is located on Washington Avenue just north of Merrick Road and 1/4 mile south of Sunrise Highway.

All proceeds from the seed sale go to the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary. Volunteers will be needed on the sale day. If you want to help, please call 593-4554 or 623-0843.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For this sale all seed should be pre-ordered. There will be a very limited amount of extra seed available. All orders must be in by January 15. Please use the order form in this issue of the Skimmer.

The soft cover book Birds of North America will be offered at \$4.00 and, as an extra bonus, discounted Bushnell binoculars will be available for purchase on the day of the sale.

P.S. There were several complaints on the special mix sold at the last sale. If there is any doubt, we recommend the purchase of regular wild bird seed and regular sunflower seed, which can be combined for a very superior blend.

Paul Butkereiit

1980 AUDUBON ECOLOGY WORKSHOPS

by Barbara Tancredi

It's time to start making plans for your summer vacation. Why not consider an Audubon Ecology Workshop? There are four camps in various parts of the United States. Sessions run for two weeks in Maine and Wyoming, one week in Connecticut, and one or two weeks in Wisconsin. Fees include all meals, housing, field trips and instruction by the finest teachers.

Whether novice or expert, anyone can benefit from some aspect of the camp curriculum. Please make your reservations early as many sessions are limited as to number of participants.

Greenwich, Connecticut - \$220 per session

I	June 29 - July 5	V	July 27 - August 2
II	July 6 - July 12	VI	August 3 - August 9
III	July 13 - July 19	VII	August 10 - August 16
IV	July 20 - July 26	VIII	August 17 - August 23

Hog Island, Maine - \$420 per session

I	June 29 - July 11	III	July 27 - August 8
II	July 13 - July 25	IV	August 10 - August 22

Hunt Hill, Wisconsin - \$220 per one-week session
\$400 per two-week session

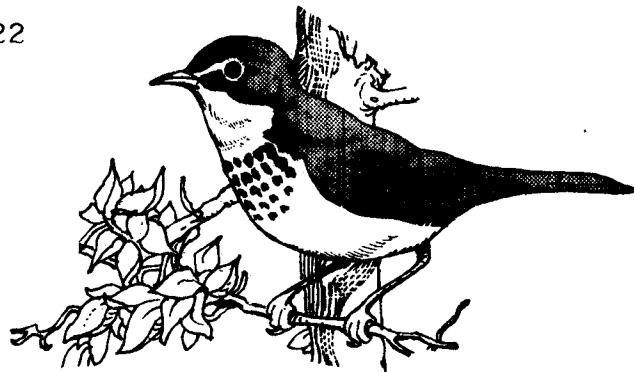
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III	July 27 - August 2	VI	August 17 - August 23

Dubois, Wyoming - \$400 per session

I	June 22 - July 4	III	July 20 - August 1
II	July 6 - July 18	IV	August 3 - August 15

For more information contact:

Audubon Camps
 National Audubon Society
 950 Third Avenue
 New York, N.Y. 10022
 (212) 832-3200





membership application

South Shore Audubon is a chartered chapter of the National Audubon Society. By using the form below, you will automatically join both organizations.

With this joint membership you will receive 6 issues of Audubon magazine and 10 issues of the South Shore Skimmer. These publications will keep you informed of all local and national activities.

Check the membership you desire.

Student 13.50

Individual 20.00

Family 25.00

Senior Citizen 13.50

Senior Citizen Family 15.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This is new membership renewal

Local Chapter: South Shore

Please make checks payable to:
National Audubon Society

Send check and form to:
South Shore Audubon Society
P.O. Box 31
Freeport, New York 11520

CONSERVATION by Thomas Torma

I recently received a letter from the Students for Environmental Quality of Bellport Senior High School. They are working to get a bottle bill passed in New York State. The chances of getting such a bill passed are improving. It is predicted that mandatory deposit legislation, if passed, will:

1. result in 80-90% of beer and soft drink sales in refillable bottles (as compared to about 10% now) without adversely affecting sales or price.
2. reduce beverage container consumption by two-thirds.
3. provide a net increase of 4,000 jobs with an increase in payroll of about \$35 million annually.
4. reduce beverage container solid waste requiring handling by almost 60%.
5. reduce beverage container-related raw materials consumption by 3/4 or 615,000 tons of steel and 10,000 tons of aluminum.
6. cut beverage container littering by 2/3.
7. save annually an energy equivalent to that required to heat 125,000 homes or run 200,000 cars.
8. result in capital investments by industry of about \$13 million beyond estimated capital expenditures over three years transition period.
9. save consumers about \$40 million annually in beverage costs, plus savings in trash collections, litter cleanup and energy reduction.

I hope to keep you informed as this legislation develops.

AUDUBON AND HIS WORLD

An exhibition of original watercolors by John James Audubon will remain on view until February 29 at the New-York Historical Society at 170 Central Park West.

"Audubon and His World" may be viewed at the Society, Tuesday-Friday 11 A.M.-5 P.M.; Saturday 10 A.M.-5 P.M.; Sunday 1 P.M.-5 P.M. There is a discretionary admission fee for non-members, but it is recommended that adults pay \$1.50 and children 75¢.

SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST

I. Black Canyon of the Gunnison

by Al Lemke

America the Beautiful is truly a just epithet. There is beauty in all parts of our nation, although oil spills and garbage have dimmed our shining seas, development has destroyed much of our wetlands, and man's heavy hand lies on and over our major population centers. But nowhere is this beauty as evident as in the golden West.

Despite the fact that air pollution has, at least to some degree, reached every corner of America, and strip mining and clear cutting have despoiled large areas, there are still vast unspoiled stretches, beyond the amber waves of grain, where the skies are still spacious and the mountains still stand in purple (and green and brown and white) majesty above the fruited plain.

For my wife and I the Southwest, with its breathtaking canyons, fantastically eroded rock formations, endless deserts, almost always blue skies, and variegated bird life always held a particular fascination. After our initial visit in 1966 we have returned three times, and shall return again.

Thanks to the foresight of a few of our ancestors, many of the best sections of this magnificent domain were put aside in our national park system, a system unparalleled in the world. In these parks, where one can truly commune with nature and appreciate its matchless beauty, most of our time was spent. Although my feeble efforts cannot truly describe the wonders we encountered, I shall attempt to impart, in the next few issues, some impression of these storied wonderlands.

In west-central Colorado, near the small town of Montrose, is the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument. In the midst of an undulating, semi-arid plateau the Gunnison River has, over countless millennia, cut a canyon some 2,000 feet deep through hard, black metamorphic rock. Here, as so many times in the Southwest, we contemplated with almost awe-struck wonder the work of one small, rather insignificant-looking stream. While it does not compare with such world-renowned sights as Canyonlands and the Grand Canyon, the Black Canyon of the Gunnison is an excellent example of what can be accomplished by fast-running, sediment-laden water cutting through rock over eons of time. The Precambrian rock on the canyon's floor is among the oldest exposed rock on earth.

The pine-clad rim of the canyon provided a good foretaste of the varied wildlife, primarily avian and reptilian, we would see throughout our travels. We spent some time watching and photographing a beautiful collared lizard, black and green and gold, as it posed accommodatingly on a fallen tree for its admirers.

After a short stay we headed west into Utah to the next in our chain of wonders, Arches National Park.



All orders must be received by January 15. Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to:
 Paul T. Butkerei
 268 Wallace Street
 Freeport, New York 11520

Please find my order below. I have enclosed my check for \$ _____

My name is _____

My address is _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Member? Yes No

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
	50 lb. bag SUNFLOWER	13. ²⁵	
	25 lb. bag SUNFLOWER	6. ⁷⁵	
	50 lb. bag WILD BIRD FEED	8. ⁴⁰	
	25 lb. bag WILD BIRD FEED	4. ³⁰	
	40 lb. bag BSSD SPECIAL WILD BIRD FEED*	10. ²⁵	
	20 lb. bag BSSD SPECIAL WILD BIRD FEED*	5. ¹⁵	
	50 lb. bag CRACKED CORN (blend of medium & Fine)	6. ⁷⁵	
	25 lb. bag CRACKED CORN	3. ⁵⁰	
	10 lb. bag PEANUT BITS AND PIECES	6. ⁰⁰	
	10 lb. bag SUNFLOWER CHIPS	6. ⁰⁰	
	10 lb. bag NIGER SEED (Thistle)	13. ⁵⁰	

*with 1/3 Sunflower seed

TOTAL AMOUNT:



Bird Seed Savings Day®

a community fund raising activity

Sponsored by: _____

Seed may be picked up on Saturday _____

At _____

FIELD TRIPS: Starting time - 9:30 A.M.
No walk if it rains, snows or temperature is 25 degrees or below.

- JAN. 6 West End #2, N.W. corner
 13 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
 20 Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary
 27 Zach's Bay Pkg. Fld. #4 N.E. corner
- FEB. 3 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
 10 West End #2, N.E. corner

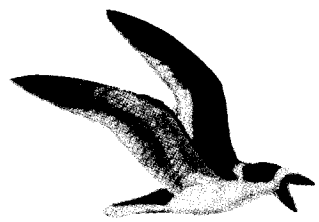
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