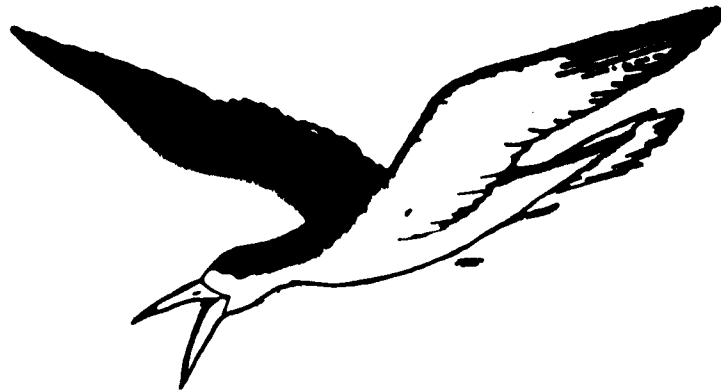


# SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



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## *President's Message*

.....**Joseph Grupp**

### A Bequest from the Estate of Jane L. Herod

During the past month, South Shore Audubon Society received a bequest from the estate of Jane L. Herod totaling \$14,089. We at South Shore Audubon deeply regret her passing, and admire and appreciate her generosity. She will be remembered by her thoughtfulness in life that will now help further the Audubon cause.

### Audubon Council of New York State

A meeting of the Audubon Council of New York State was held in Albany, N.Y. The Council is composed of all of the Audubon Chapters in New York State. This was the second meeting since our new Regional Office was established last year. In attendance were twenty-seven out of the thirty-three state Chapters.

At this meeting by-laws were adopted and officers elected. Major topics were the Wetlands Campaign being organized by National Audubon Society, water issues concerning both the Great Lakes and Long Island Sound, and the 1990 Land Acquisition Bond Act Proposal. There was also an address by our newly nominated National Audubon Society Board Member, Bill Ross, who was elected by the Chapters last fall. The Councils provide the opportunity for state wide Chapters to share information and act on common causes.



## *Next Meeting*

.....**Sandy Brenner**

DATE: Tuesday, November 14, 1989  
TIME: 8:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library  
Merrick Road & Ocean Avenue  
Freeport, New York

SPEAKER: Robert Villani  
TOPIC: Birds and Other Wildlife

Expert photographer who has published in Audubon, National Wildlife, Sierra Club and Living Bird Quarterly publications. This will be an exciting slide program.



## *Bird Walks*

.....**Elliott Kutner**

All walks start at 9:30 A.M. and no walks if it rains or snows or temperatures are below 25°. Questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

- Nov. 5 Zachs Bay, Pkg.Fld.#4,N.E.corner
- Nov. 12 West End #2, N.E. corner
- Nov. 19 Hempstead Lake State Park,  
Peninsula Blvd. parking
- Nov. 26 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

**Progress Action Update****Conservation**

.....by Anne McIntyre

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**THE SANDHILL CRANES NEED YOUR HELP

The Platte River is the primary staging area for literally millions of migrating birds each year. The Big Bend area, a stretch of the Platte in Nebraska, is visited each spring by approximately 500,000 Sandhill Cranes (80% of the world's Sandhill Crane population). It's the only stretch of suitable habitat left for them. A half a million of these creatures converging on this one small area is an amazing wildlife spectacle.

The Platte is fed by the North Platte in Wyoming, and the South Platte in Colorado. The Platte is already degraded due to damming on the North Platte. Now it's threatened by further degradation from a proposed dam on the South Platte, the Two Forks Dam. Almost half the water from the proposed dam would go to Denver lawns, while the loss of water flow would be disastrous to the critical bird habitat downriver.

EPA Director, Rielly has (with the President's support) challenged the project, and begun veto proceedings. The veto procedure has many steps, and could get hung up along the way.

**WE CAN HELP!!** To help assure these proceedings will go through, that the Two Forks project will be vetoed, we need to show our support. Please send letters to President Bush, and Mr. Lee DeHihns, head of the EPA in Colorado. Simply state that you support the veto of the project. Water conservation and appropriate landscaping techniques are better alternatives to damming the South Platte, which would destroy this critical wildlife habitat. Please help.

President Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Lee DeHihns  
U.S.E.P.A.  
999 18th Street, 12th Floor  
Denver, Colorado 80202

ALASKAN REFUGE STILL IN PERIL

The Exxon Valdez has provided a break from the pressure to destroy the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge through exploration, but this pristine area is far from safe. It's during this time that we on the preservation side of the battle can apply our own pressure.

I strongly urge you to write your Senators and your Representative, and tell them you are against development. Tell them a 19% chance that the oil companies might find 7 months supply of oil is not worth destroying this globally unique ecosystem. Urge them to support bills S39 and HR39 (Senate and House respectively) which would give the Refuge wilderness status, protecting it from development.

We've gotten more time to fight this, but you can be sure that big oil has not been dormant. They have big bucks backing strong lobbying--we need, each and every one of us, to take a stand and be heard. It's the only way we can win. If you have any questions and/or comments, please feel free to call Anne F. McIntyre (379-2206)

A NOTE ABOUT WRITING CONSERVATION ISSUE LETTERS

Short and sweet. State your position - for or against. Maybe include a fact or two to support your opinion. Thank you. Sincerely. That's all. It needn't be long and elaborate. You don't need to be an expert on the issue. You do need to get it in the mail!!

SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON WELCOMES YOU

For you new members, or you old members who've never been to a meeting, or who have gone and didn't meet anyone, South Shore now has a welcoming committee. Before each meeting or during the break, we'd like you to come and introduce yourselves. We can then introduce you to South Shore Audubon, its members, and some of its activities. Our hope is that you'll get as excited about South Shore as we are. There's a lot going on - a lot to get involved in.

You're welcome to call me beforehand to let me know you're coming, and I'll know to look for you at the meeting. Hope to see you there. Anne F. McIntyre (379-2206).

DID YOU KNOW? \*we have 2004 members; \*we played a major role in saving a 20 acre parcel of freshwater wetlands from development; \*we now manage that same parcel of land, in essence we have our own preserve; \*we have a nature oriented festival at Cow Meadow Park that thousands have attended; \*we have weekly birdwalks; \*we award \$1000 a year in college scholarships; \*we award scholarships to Audubon ecology camps; \*we have an active Conservation Committee, working on local, national and global issues; \*we hold an annual birdathon, and donate monies raised to such places as the T.R.Sanctuary, Oyster Bay, and Scully Sanctuary, Islip; \*we hold monthly meetings, second Tuesday every month at the Freeport Library; \*we hold board meetings the first Tuesday every month-same location and general membership welcome. We're a vital group of people! We are growing and hope some more of you out there will come and join us.

The THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY is sponsoring its first

# Wildlife Festival WEEKEND!

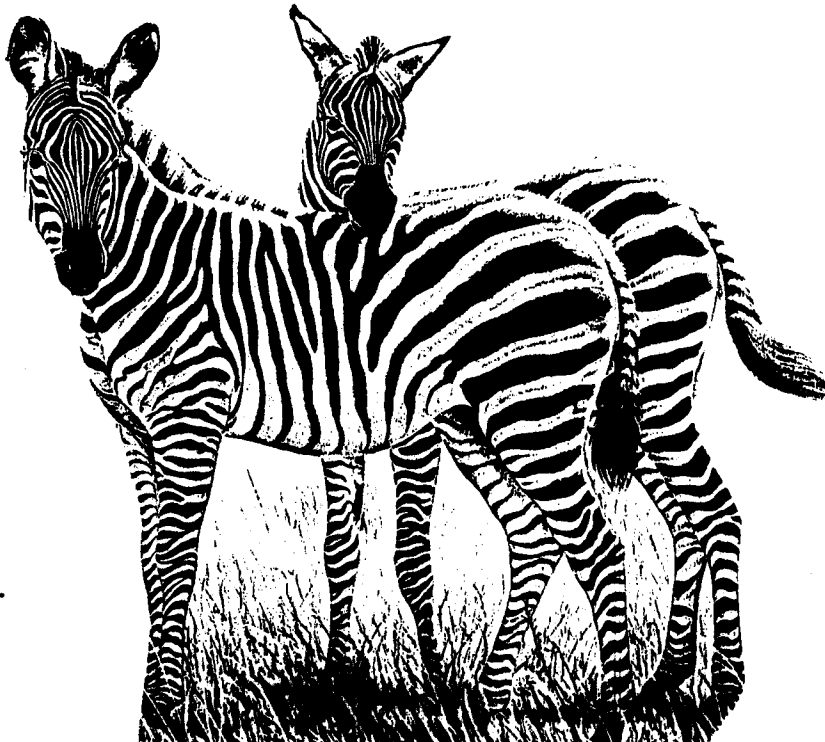
Celebrating "Wildlife - it's gifts and preservation"

DATES: Sat. & Sun.  
Nov. 4th & 5th

PLACE: The "Hay Barn"  
Planting Fields Arboretum  
Oyster Bay

TIME: Sat 10am - 5pm  
Sun 11am - 4pm

ADMISSION: \$4.00 Adults  
\$3.00 Seniors  
\$3.00 S.S.A.S. & T.R.  
Sanctuary members  
\$2.00 Kids 7-12  
\$8.00 Parents w/kids



LIVE HAWKS, OWLS, BOBCAT  
and more!

CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING....

LIVE FOLK MUSIC....

ARTS, CRAFTS, BOOKS....

INDIAN ART, POTTERY,  
WOODCARVINGS...

and much more !!



.....to launch off this festive weekend :

- \* WINES \* BUFFET \* MUSIC \*
- \* ARTS & CRAFTS for Holiday Shopping \*

ADMISSION:

Non-Members \$50 (\$85 for two)  
Members \$40 (\$60 for two)

Please make check payable to: Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary  
(payable at door)

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
the p r e v i e w g a l a  
"WILDLIFE FANTASIA"

DATE: Friday, Nov. 3rd

TIME: 7-9:30pm

PLACE: The "Hay Barn"  
Planting Fields Arboretum  
Oyster Bay

*And  
Don't  
Miss ...*

*Come join us to celebrate the "Kickoff" of  
this festive weekend!*

*Compiled by  
Lois Schlegel*

# Birding One To One

.....Gayle Wertz

## WHERE THE WILD THINGS SHOULDN'T BE

How would you like to live in a cage  
 That was just about ten feet square,  
 With no toys to play with and nothing to do,  
 Just you and a bed and a chair.  
 Oh sure you'd be fed (the same thing each day)  
 You'd have water (unless they forgot)  
 And since you would never be going outside,  
 You wouldn't get cold, or too hot.  
 But oh, you'd be lonely, just sitting alone  
 With no one to talk to all day.  
 You'd remember the trees, & the grass & the breeze,  
 The places where you used to play.  
 You'd remember your friends, you'd remember the sky,  
 And games and strawberries and sun,  
 And you'd know you could never go skating again  
 or go swimming, or ride bikes, or run.  
 You'd get mad and scream, & throw things around;  
 You'd kick and you'd pound on the wall.  
 And your owners would scold you, & say to themselves,  
 "He isn't a nice pet at all!"  
 The more you got mad, the less they would like you,  
 The less they'd remember to care  
 About if you had water or if you got fed  
 Or if you were lonely in there.  
 And then you would know what it's like to be kept  
 As a pet when you're meant to be free,  
 And you'd listen when wild things are trying to say  
 "Please don't make a pet out of me."

by Beverly Armstrong



What once gripped a six-pack now ensnares a sea bird — one of thousands maimed or killed annually by marine debris



If you use these plastic wrappers or see them anywhere, please pick them up, take them home and cut them into pieces. Put the pieces in your trash. You will possibly be saving an animal's life!!! As they attempt to release themselves from this trap, they oftentimes become more entangled and their feet get caught also. Much suffering and starvation follow and eventually...death.  
STOP LITTER AND PROTECT THE ANIMALS

## Just a reminder,



---bring your ceramic cups to the meeting so you will not have to use the "disposable" ones.

## Thank you



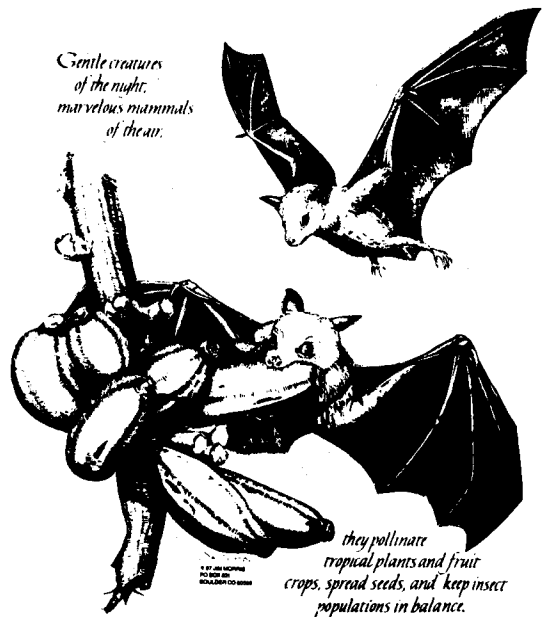
# Welcomes New Members

.....Marion Yavarkovsky



It is our pleasure to welcome many new members this month. With monthly meetings, weekly bird walks, holiday parties, conservation activities - there is something for everyone. JOIN US !!!

- Baldwin.....James Ely, Shellie Kalmore, Harvey Roth
- Bellmore.....James Boyd, Carol A. Skuza
- Bethpage.....Janet L. Barrere, Joann K. Walsh
- Elmont.....R. Distasio
- Farmingdale.....Bea Hackenberg, Alfred Harmon, John J. Sullivan
- Flushing.....Lee W. Schieler
- Freeport.....Jack-Jane Anitila, Kenneth A. Antonik, J. Zabinski, Ken Lederer
- Garden City.....Barbara Smutny, James DiGregorio, Mr. John Miller, James Larocca, C. Orrongielli
- Hempstead.....Victor A. Chambers, Gina M. Torre, Kentleigh D. King, Alan Ropke,  
Dr. A. Timmer
- Hewlett.....Eric Young
- Hicksville.....David Kean, James-Barbara Teer, William J. Young, Karen Jensen
- Levittown.....Kevin Higgins
- Long Beach.....Rickie K. Teich, Elizabeth J. McCarthy
- Lynbrook.....T. Brennan, John Geddes
- Malverne.....John F. Sullivan, Ken Walsh
- Massapequa.....Larry Maggiotto, Sheldon J. Abbott, Amy Blackwell, Karen A. Grossman,  
Eileen J. Mascis
- Massapequa Park.....Mrs. Jane Prescott
- Merrick.....Dolores Pappas
- North Merrick.....A. Jeffrey Olmer
- Oceanside.....Neil Huttner, Harold A. Caine, Ellen R. Sabin
- Plainview.....Henry Henderson
- Rockville Centre.....Mr. Kevin McLaughlin, Kevin McLaughlin, Debbie Cooleen, Robert Winston
- Seaford.....D. Bergmann
- Uniondale.....Janet Jerhada, Raymond Kurkowski, Mr. Joseph Ryan
- Valley Stream.....B. Hiberma, Charles Rattoballi, Barbara Wakefield
- West Hempstead.....Eleanor Wolhandler
- Wantagh.....Paul Schmaeling
- Woodmere.....Ron Demeter



*Gentle creatures  
of the night,  
marvelous mammals  
of their.*

*they pollinate  
tropical plants and fruit  
crops, spread seeds, and keep insect  
populations in balance.*

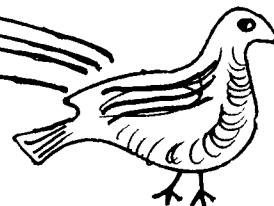
## BIRDATHON UPDATE GREAT NEWS!!



by Arthur Atlas

An additional prize of \$500.00 was received by us from the Heublein, Inc. Wine Importers. This was a third place prize called, the Porresella Challenge, awarded by Heublein Inc., for having raised the most funds in the following states of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia and Maryland. This is in addition to the case of wine, previously won but not as yet received.

**NOTICE**



ARE YOU DYING TO WEAR AN AUDUBON SHIRT?

Sweatshirts = \$15.00 (S-M-L-XL run small)  
 Teeshirts = \$ 5.00 (Young teen size)

Call Josephine Rosato at 541-5614

*Treasurer's Report*  
 ..... Lennox Gordon

Balance Sheet Assets - June 30, 1989

Cash	\$21,263.
Due from National Audubon	2,066.
Bequest, Estate of Jane L. Harod	12,528.
Postmaster	44.
Inventory	
"T" Shirts \$1,209.	
Opticals 1,506.	2,715.
Property, 15 items @\$1.00	15.
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$38,631.</u>

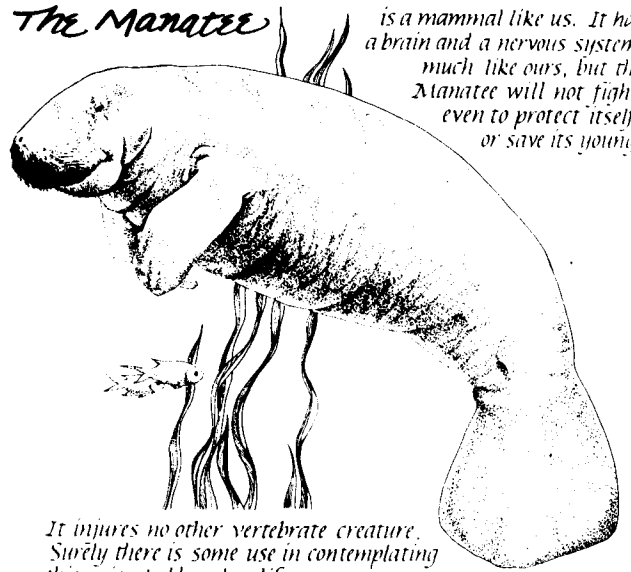
Liabilities - None known

Members who do not subscribe to the Audubon Activist may call me for details concerning current Audubon issues. Tongass Forest, SHRIMP BOYCOTT, Clean Air, EPA's new improved plan, etc., Auto efficiency laws, Grand Canyon mining and hydro dam, Global warming, Everglades, Mono Lake, Sea Turtles, Wolves, Wetlands, Tropical forests, Oxbow on Miami and Ohio rivers, Immigration, Mt. Graham red squirrel, Prairie ducks.

Len Gordon (516-223-1365) 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

*The Manatee*

is a mammal like us. It has a brain and a nervous system, much like ours, but the Manatee will not fight, even to protect itself, or save its young.



It injures no other vertebrate creature. Surely there is some use in contemplating this uniquely blameless life.

Protect these peace loving mermaids from speeding motorboat propellers, automatic canal locks, pollution, and dredging and filling of their habitat.

**ADOPT A MANATEE**

■ They may have a face only a mother could love, but West Indian Manatees are endangered aquatic mammals. The nonprofit Save the Manatee Club, in conjunction with Blue Spring State Park in Florida, sponsors an "Adopt-a-Manatee" program, with funds earmarked for manatee conservation programs. For a yearly \$15 fee, new parents receive an adoption certificate, underwater pictures and life history of their manatee and five newsletters. For more information, write to the Save the Manatee Club, 500 N. Maitland Ave., Suite #210, Maitland, Florida 32751, or call 1-800-432-JOIN.

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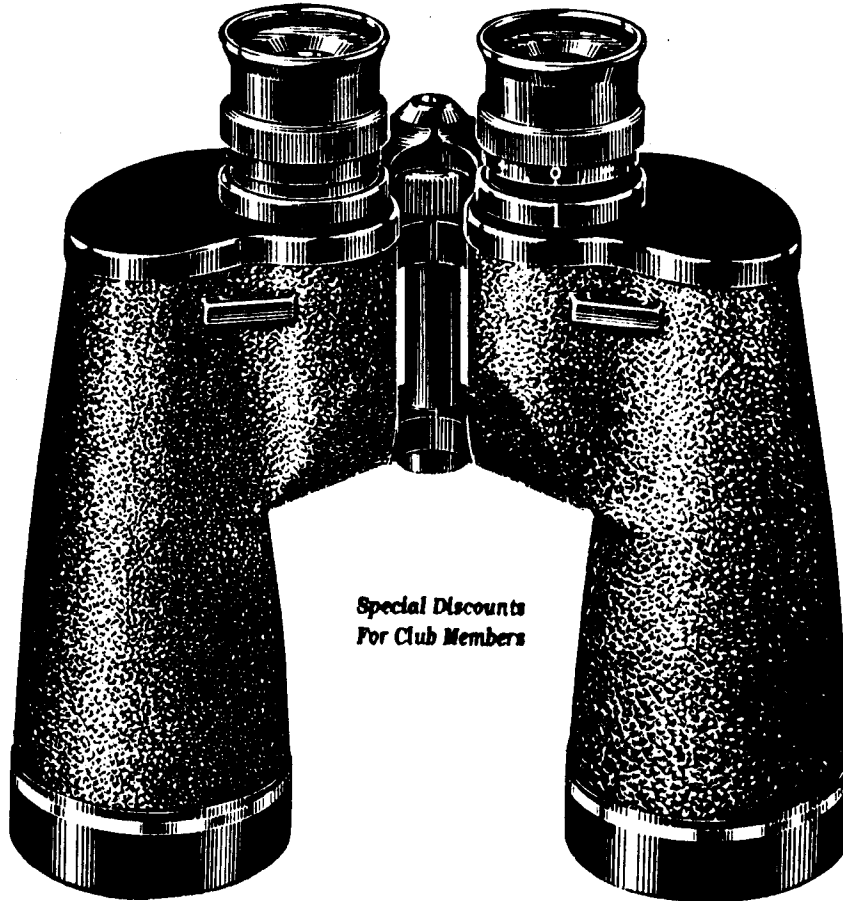
- November Nature Programs**
- Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10:AM - 5:PM.....This program, sponsored by the T. R. S. will be in the "Hay Barn" at Planting Fields. See live Hawks, Owls, Bobcat & more. Children's storytelling & educational program, live folk music, Indian art, pottery, woodcarving, photography, etc.
  - Saturday, Nov. 11.....Join us for an informal visit with our Red-tailed Hawk. Visitors will be able to photograph the hawk, learn of its natural history & observe feeding demonstration.
  - Sunday, Nov. 12.....This program will be presented on two consecutive Sundays. Discover how the Algonquin Indians lived. Sit around an Indian fire for open-fire cooking.
  - Saturday, Nov. 18.....Come & learn about the game Indian children played. Then have fun playing some of these games. Hope to see you. Wear play clothes appropriate for the outdoors.
  - Sunday, Nov. 26.....As winter approaches, plants & animals use a variety of strategies to insure their winter survival. Come learn their secrets of coping with winter's cold.
  - Thursday, Nov. 30.....A look at the night sky. Tom Curry of the Vanderbilt Planetarium will assist us in identifying winter constellations. Come & enjoy the beauty of the night.
- Family Program  
 1:30 - 2:30 PM  
 Regular Fee
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 Regular Fee
- Family Program  
 7: - 9: PM  
 Meet at Sagamore Hill Parking Lot



WILD BIRD  
 JULY-1989

"Guess who you forgot to feed."

# BETTER LOOKING.



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