

SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



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President's Message

.....**Joseph Grupp**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

This is the time of year when we think of snowflakes and evergreens, friendship and good cheer. During this holiday season with all its hustle and bustle, pause a moment or two to watch a bird or perhaps an animal, take a walk on the shore or through a woodland, or glance at the stars in the winter sky. Take just a moment to appreciate the world; and most of all have a holiday season of peace and happiness.

Our Holiday Party for the Birds (December 16th) is an annual event for children sponsored by South Shore Audubon Society in conjunction with Nassau County and takes place at Tackapau-sha Preserve. Bring your son or daughter, niece or nephew, grandchild, or any child to this year's party. It is a good opportunity to introduce them to the natural world. Additional information is inside the Skimmer.

State and Conservation News

David Miller, our Regional Vice-President, has been appointed Chairperson of the Great Lakes Advisory Council by Governor Cuomo. Among other duties, the Council will provide an annual legislative agenda, report to the Governor, and review implementation of the state's Great Lakes Agenda.

New York State has spent or is committed to spend almost \$115 million on land acquisition and park development in the state. This is an expenditure that is beneficial for our environment. This, however, exhausts the \$250 million provided for by the 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act, leaving no available funds for emergency acquisitions if the need occurs. Urge your state governmental leaders to enact a program that would provide the \$200 million to \$300 million a year that will be required to preserve New York's environmentally sensitive lands.

Next Meeting

.....**Sandy Brenner**

DATE: Tuesday, December 12, 1989
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library
Merrick Road and Ocean Avenue
Freeport, New York

SPEAKER: John Brokos
TOPIC: Nature Through Our Lenses

A nationally known photographer from our own South Shore area will present some of his award winning photographs in a slide program, this month.

DATE: Tuesday, January 9, 1990

Member Participation Night - One of our most popular yearly events. Please bring up to ten of your slides and share them with us.

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°. Information? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

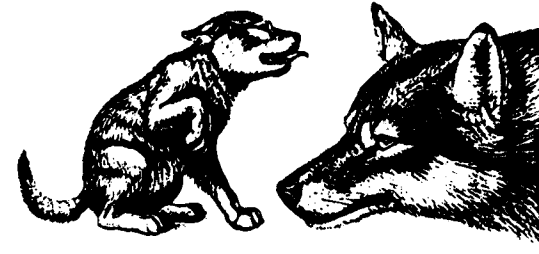
Dec. 3 Pelham Bay Park (OWLS) meet on service road after going through toll on Throgs Neck Bridge = 9:00 A.M.

Dec. 10 West End #2, N.E. corner
Dec. 17 Zachs Bay Pkg. Fld. #4, N.E. corner
Dec. 24 NO WALK - MERRY CHRISTMAS
Dec. 31 NO WALK - HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan. 7 West End #2, N.E. corner
Jan. 14 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Jan. 21 Cedar Beach
Jan. 28 Pelham Bay Park - meet on service rd. after going through toll on Throgs Neck Bridge, 9:00 A.M. (OWLS)

Welcomes New Members

.....Marion Yavarkovsky



We welcome the following new members to our chapter of the Audubon Society. It is the active members that make an organization strong. We hope that you will all become involved with our many activities.

- Baldwin.....Dolores Annarella, Mr.&Mrs. Daniel Lahm, Richard Daly
- Bellmore.....Edward Casper
- Cedarhurst.....Ed Silverfine
- Elmont.....Laura Ayala
- Farmingdale.....Hugh R. Foster, Pamela R. Neumann, Daniel Campbell
- Floral Park.....R. Bendin, Joseph Castaldi, Austin Power
- Franklin Square.....Helen Kruger
- Freeport.....Angelo Angelis
- Garden City.....Ms. Nancy Schumann, Jack E. Smith, Barbara Smutny, Karen A. Sullivan,
R. Tuazon
- Glen Oaks.....Cheryl Petroff
- Hempstead.....Eugene Sternkopf, Mrs. Elizabeth Crucet
- Hewlett.....John Fitzpatrick
- Hicksville.....M. Kelly, Gladys Pascucci, M. Dunbar, Fred Kluepfel, Akn-Edmund Ocker
- Levittown.....Monica Whyte
- Long Beach.....Steven A. Reinheimer, Robert Gissen
- Lynbrook.....Mr. & Mrs. M. McLaughlin, Olga Lysy
- Malverne.....Mrs. Janet Brauns, Arthur Howell, Kenneth L. Klueg
- Massapequa.....Mark Walshin, Philip E. Morris
- Merrick.....William Hayden, M. Amendolare, Nancy Comer, Jeffrey Schwartz
- Oceanside.....Joanne Reiss, Gerald Gold, Jane Mudzinski, Stacey Zahm
- Plainview.....Mr. Emrick Sedlak, Eva Newborn-Gish
- Rockville Centre.....Catherine Maria Don Diego, Barbara Meyers, M. Gengler, Mary Hegarty,
Frederick M. Mintz
- Valley Stream.....Marvin Paul
- West Hempstead.....E. Piervincenzi
- Wantagh.....Sheila Andersen

BRONX ZOO SAFARI - MARCH 24, 1990, Saturday by Evelyn Blume

Bus will leave at 9:00 A.M. at Merrick Golf Course Parking lot and leave Bronx Zoo at 3:00 P.M. We will visit the New Zoo Center where the Elephants, Rhino and Tapir live and learn why and how endangered they are and what we can do. The Bronx Zoo is the largest urban zoo in North America. We will visit the World of Birds, Aquatic Bird House and Jungle World. Get your hiking shoes ready and plan for an adventerous day in the zoo. Bus will be \$12/person. Call Evelyn, after 7:00 P.M. at 378-7122 if interested.

SCHOLARSHIP

by Evelyn Blume
South Shore Audubon, once again, is making possible two scholarships for 1990. One to be awarded to a youth and the other scholarship to an adult.

Scholarship Requirements
Scholarship II will be awarded to a candidate who is an active member of S.S.A.S. and will serve on one or more Chapter Committees.
Scholarship IV is a youth scholarship and will be awarded to a young person recommended by an active S.S.A.S. member.

The adult scholarship will be at the Audubon Camp in Connecticut - Introductory Field Ecology. July 1 - 7 or July 8 - 14. The youth scholarship will be at Audubon Camp in Maine - Youth Ecology, Aug. 16-26. Ages 10 - 14. Please submit to Evelyn Blume, 313 Smith St., Merrick, N.Y. 11566 or call 378-7122 after 7:00 P.M.

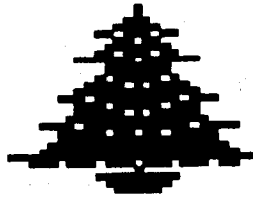


to the Rescue

Backyard Christmas Presence

Growing up we always had an artificial Christmas tree. Although my best friend's real tree was more sparse, my jealousy prevailed at each whiff of pine freshness and each stroke of hearty needles. Real vs. fake. Something just didn't seem right. Our holiday consisted of dragging a cardboard box up from the basement marked comparatively "Christmas Tree in 12 Easy Steps". Whoever put each "branch section" back in the box the previous year must have shoved it in because the next year each 'section' was all bent at right angles embarrassingly looking like swastikas. Something just didn't seem right! I vowed that when I was on my own things would be different.

For my first couple of independent years I had beautiful, cut, REAL trees. I was elated. I had made the change. Then I met my husband. During our first Christmas together he firmly stated that he would not buy a cut tree, but would buy only living, "balled" trees. He felt sorry for the trees at the Christmas lots that were leftover and not purchased. "Hundreds or thousands of trees, cut for nothing, so they could lie there and die"?! was Roy's sentiment. Roy 'trees are living and breathing and have feelings, too, you know' Schlegel. There is some satisfaction in knowing that many people, and hopefully most tree lot owners, give the used and leftover trees to the beaches to prevent dune erosion. (Newsday usually announces where to bring them.)



Lois Schlegel although Lois still had reservations. Yes, I forgot to mention that while I was being jealous for not having a real tree, I also wanted a big, TALL one. The living trees that can be easily maneuvered into the home and are affordable are only about 5 feet tall. I was tugged between guilt from understanding Roy's feeling and my desire to have an 8 ft. tall tree in a living room with an 8 ft. high ceiling. I wanted to experience the wonder of a child looking far up in awe at a tree so spectacular to get lost in its beauty. Roy won. I learned that the ball could add a couple of feet while in the house, though it still would not be enormous. Year one and two I secretly hoped someday we could sneak a cut one in.

Seven years have passed, with five 'living tree' survivors. Looking in the backyard makes us proud. Our first, a blue spruce, has more than doubled in size and has been christened with the birth of baby Mourning Doves and House Finches. The others are balsam firs. We enjoy observing their growth and their branches adorned with birds. Each tree signifies another year of our life. "What will happen when we run out of room in the yard"?, we ask ourselves. It is well worth the price of paying a few more dollars for a living tree that will last forever, providing habitat, nutrients and oxygen for other life. If we run out of room we'll buy a living tree to celebrate our Christmas indoors, then donate it to a person or group who can use it for their outdoors. I no longer have my previous desire. Thank you, Roy

Well, Roy's points seemed valid

Carbon dioxide is the gas chiefly responsible for the greenhouse effect, in which heat from the sun is trapped within the earth's atmosphere instead of radiating back into space. Dead trees release carbon dioxide into the air. There it joins with even more carbon dioxide produced by the burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil. The combination, many scientists believe, is making the greenhouse effect more intense, future global warming inevitable and major climatic disruptions more likely.

But growing trees absorb carbon dioxide, storing the carbon part of the gas and releasing the rest as oxygen. Foresters and environmentalists therefore see large-scale tree planting not only as one way to head off global warming but also, if carried out on a crash basis, as a possible emergency solution if warming should seem about to get out of hand.

New York Times/Michael Rothman/July 18, 1988

I'm putting together ideas for community and industrial tree plantings. Any ideas or comments please call me. *Thank you.*
Lois Schlegel 822-1546

An Appetite for Carbon



The metabolism of trees depends on the intake of the chief greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide, by chloroplasts in the leaves. They convert the carbon in the gas into sugars and starches used to make the trunk, bark, leaves, roots, etc. The remaining oxygen is released into the atmosphere.

N.Y. Times article & illus. submitted to Conservation committee by E. Kutner

His predecessor's most notable environmental pronouncement was that trees cause air pollution, but President George Bush thinks otherwise. On a swing through the West last week, the First Arborist planted maples and elms in South Dakota, Montana and Washington—calling the tree "the oldest, cheapest and most efficient air purifier." Trees breathe in carbon dioxide (CO₂), responsible for the greenhouse effect; they also absorb particulates, a major component of urban air pollution, and provide shade that can reduce the need for air conditioners, which run on gases

that destroy the ozone layer. Can trees save the planet?

■ A single forest tree absorbs 26 pounds of CO₂ per year; an acre of trees can remove 2.4 to 5 tons of CO₂. There are 728 million forested acres in the United States; they can remove more than 1.7 billion tons of CO₂ a year. The burning of fossil fuels releases 5.6 billion tons of CO₂ into the atmosphere annually.

■ Planting 100 million trees around homes and businesses in the United States would keep them cooler in summer. That would save \$4 billion in energy costs and reduce CO₂ emissions by 18 million tons per year, calcu-

lates the American Forestry Association.

■ Just three trees around a house can cut air-conditioning needs 10 to 50 percent.

■ Each year 2.3 billion seedlings are planted in the United States, covering 3.4 million acres. Even with that effort, the annual net loss of forest in the United States is about 900,000 acres.

■ In America's urban forests, about four trees die or are cut down for every one planted.

■ In St. Louis, 440,000 oaks, maples and lindens remove 340 tons of dust and smoke each year—1 percent of the city's particulate pollution.

■ In tropical forests, 27 million acres are cleared for farms and other uses every year—a loss of 500,000 trees every hour of every day.

BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1990
TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM
9:30AM - 2:30PM

The museum is located on Washington Ave. in Seaford and lies about 1/2 mile south of Sunrise Highway just north of Merrick Road. Pre-ordering greatly aids us in determining the amount of seed needed, an order form is enclosed for your use. Please keep this upper portion as a reminder of the sale date. All pre-orders should be received by January 15. Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. If you prefer you can pay on the sale day when you pick up your order. **Mail check and order form to Paul T. Butkerei 268 Wallace st., Freeport, N.Y. 11520.**

Once again we are offering 3 types of sunflower seed: Black Oil Seed, Large White Stripe Seed and a blend of the two consisting of 60% Oil and 40% Stripe. We will also be offering a 10% reduction on Bird Feeders, these make great Christmas gifts. Help will be needed on the sale date to take orders and to aid in unloading seed. If you wish to volunteer, call 516-623-0843 late evenings and ask for Paul. **Our next sale will be in October 1990.**

My name is _____

My address is _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Member? Yes No

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
25 lb	BLACK OIL SUNFLOWER SEED	7.00	
25 lb	STRIPE SUNFLOWER SEED	8.00	
40 lb	BLENDED SUNFLOWER SEED	11.30	
25 lb	WILD BIRD SEED MIX	5.50	
50 lb	WILD BIRD SEED MIX	10.50	
20 lb	SPECIAL MIX 1/3 SUN NO CORN	5.50	
40 lb	SPECIAL MIX 1/3 SUN NO CORN	10.50	
50 lb	ECONOMY GENERIC MIX	9.50	
25 lb	CRACKED CORN	5.00	
10 lb	SUNFLOWER HEARTS	6.00	
10 lb	SAFFLOWER SEED	5.50	
10 lb	PEANUT BITS AND PIECES	6.50	
10 lb	WHITE PROSO MILLET	3.00	
10 lb	THISTLE SEED	9.50	
	MAINE MANNA SUET CAKES	\$3.90	

All blends and mixes are based on current research

TOTAL AMOUNT:

Animals do not "give" their lives for fur items - their lives are savagely "taken from them!"

Treasurer's Report

..... Lennox Gordon

The annual report for the period 1988/89 contains an item "Total from 88/89 Budget \$12,264." The following is a detail of this amount.

Scholarship	\$1,000.	
National Audubon Ecology Camps	<u>1,290.</u>	\$2,290.
National Audubon from Birdathon funds	\$1,789.	
Scully Sanctuary	<u>650.</u>	\$2,447.
Audubon Adventures Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, net from Bird Seed sales	\$1,789.	
Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary	\$4,118.	
	<u>1,000.</u>	\$6,907.
Miscellaneous - six items	<u>620.</u>	
Total Disbursed	\$12,264.	



Birding One To One

..... Gayle Wertz

There was an extremely important column, in a recent, local newspaper concerning abused animals. My husband and I were with a Nassau County S.P.C.A., Animal Law Enforcement Division, for eleven years. We investigated some of the most horrible animal abuses you could ever imagine! Each season has its own horrors and for winter they include, animals drinking anti-freeze which tastes good to them but is fatal; falling through ice and drowning underwater; freezing to death because of improper housing, food or water; becoming lost in snow storms because their "scent" was masked by the snow (and their owners were too lazy to walk them and just opened the door); eating poisonous plants, Christmas ornaments off the tree, chocolate, turkey bones, etc.; holiday-gift-puppies and kittens innocently named or even killed by unsupervised children who mistake them for "toys"; and just plain neglect or outright abuse. Animals have much to contend with.

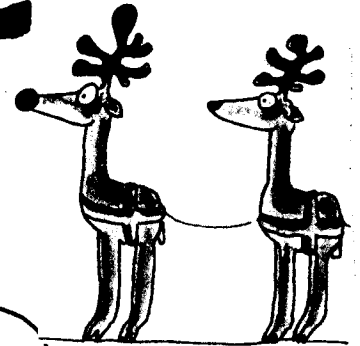
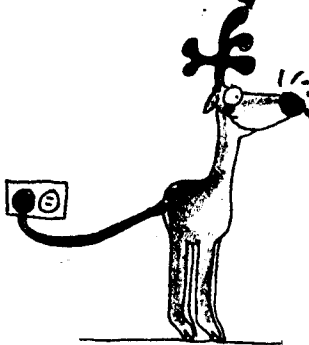
If you know of an animal that is being abused, PLEASE call the A.S.P.C.A. right now - at 212-876-7700 - and make a report of this. The article states that you do not have to give your name, but whether or not you do, ask for a case number and call them back in a day or so to determine how the situation is progressing. Keep calling them until the animal is safe. Don't make one call and let things go!! The animal cannot speak for itself and is totally helpless and at the mercy of the owner. Don't be afraid of making an enemy of your neighbor, you probably do not like him anyway. **THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!!** Make certain that your report is on record and follow thru.

Think twice about purchasing fur items for holiday gifts. Many, many animals were slaughtered for these coats. I will not write of leghold traps here as I'm sure you already know of them. They also trap waterfowl, small non-target game and pets. There are so many other wonderful gifts to give!

Remember to continue feeding the wildlife in your yard, every day and make sure they have water during those freezing winter days. We all require water for life. If you have Raccoons or Squirrels in your home you can get rid of them yourself. Squirrels make daytime noises and Raccoons night noises. Find the entry point and watch for the animals to exit (Raccoons at darkness and Squirrels in daylight) and when they are out, seal-up that opening. Make sure they are out of your chimney and buy and install a cap yourself. It is inexpensive and easy to do and the animal will not be killed.

A very HAPPY HOLIDAY to all of you and please always remember the animals, both wild and domestic. They have a right to be, also.

HOLIDAY PARTY AND WORKSHOP FOR THE ANIMALS

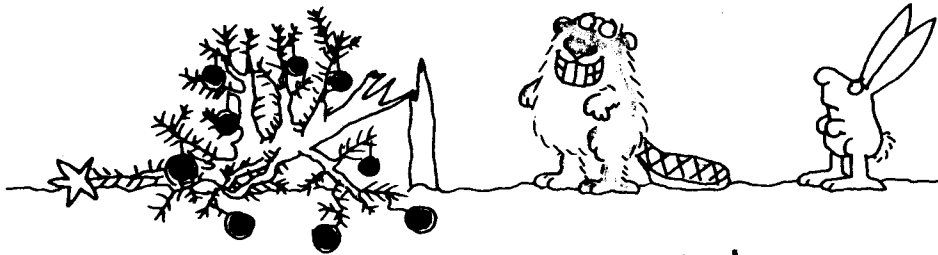
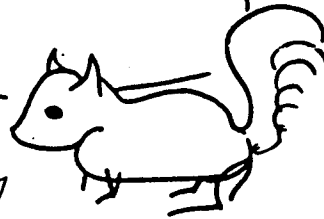


FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF ALL AGES

Saturday Dec. 13
1:00 - 4:00

Tackapausha Museum
Washington Ave.
Seaford, New York

Refreshments
Live Animal Programs
Make Gifts for the
Animals
Santa Claus
Trim the Tree



IT IS PARTY TIME AGAIN!!

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS!!!!

CALL: FRIEDA G. MALAMENT
795-5842

Sponsored by
South Shore Audubon Society
Tackapausha Museum

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OUR AUDUBON FAMILY HERE ON LONG ISLAND

The Audubon Family on Long Island consists of seven chapters, including the South Shore Audubon Society, and the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary. Each of these organizations present programs which are of interest to Audubon members and all are welcome to participate in their activities. The list of Audubon Chapters and the persons to contact are:

- Four Harbors.....Sophie Morris, President
142 St. Marks Place
Massapequa, N.Y. 11758
- Lyman Langdon.....Jerry Bernstein
1958 Lowell Lane
Merrick, N.Y. 11566
- Great South Bay...Kenneth Ward, President
178 Oakwood Avenue
Bayport, N.Y. 11705
- Huntington.....Travis MacClendon, President
5 Blanchard Drive
Northport, N.Y. 11768
- Moriches Bay.....Diane Matthews, President
19 Setalcott
Setauket, N.Y. 11733
- North Fork.....Harvey Donenfeld, President
Post Office Box 503
Laurel, N.Y. 11948
- South Shore.....Joseph Grupp, President
660 Edgemere Avenue
Uniondale, N.Y. 11553
- T.Roosevelt Sanct.Bill Kolodnicki, Director
134 Cove Road
Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771

Compiled by Lois Schlegel.....

There was an interesting article in Newsday, November 2, 1989, 'Letters To The Editor' column. Janet Zink told of the waterfall dilemma at Mill Pond, Wantagh/Bellmore borderline, Merrick Road.

Many, many Geese, Wild Ducks, Swans and Pekin Ducks and ducklings from all of the above, wash over this waterfall all year long.

Several people have been rescuing these birds for years. Of course, they cannot be at the lake all the time and some birds die. The adult Mallards and Geese can fly out of the falls to the safety of the lake, but the Swans require a lengthy take-off span, the Pekin Ducks do not fly, and all baby waterfowl cannot fly out of this trap.

The current is constant and is sometimes severe. The birds must paddle non-stop or be swept under the lengthy expanse of roadway, business property, another road and more land. Finally they reach a canal (if they have not drowned) and from there go to the open bay. This is not bad for adult birds but babies without parents cannot survive.

People and animal organizations have requested that the Town install a gate apparatus at the top of the falls and have it span from end to end so waterfowl will be spared this agony. No luck as of yet. Do any of you have ideas of how to go about obtaining this? If it is "V-shaped" any debris that strikes it (and the birds) will be gently swept to the land portion and removed. The birds can walk to safety and the debris picked up. Suggestions?

THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY, INC. - 134 Cove Road - Oyster Bay, New York 11771

William J. Kolodnicki, Executive Director (for information call 516-922-3200)

Friday, December 1 - Family Program - 7:30 P.M. (regular fee)

A seasonal owl prowls along the Sanctuary trails. Please bring a flashlight. Children and adults who cannot keep quiet should stay home by the fire. Registration limited to 15.

Saturday, December 2 - Family Video - 2:00 P.M. (regular fee)

This 30-minute video tape, narrated by Roger Tory Peterson, provides an introduction to the joys of birdwatching. It features the spectacular sights and sounds of 52 common/backyard birds.

Sunday, December 3 - Family Program - 1:30 to 2:30 P.M. (regular fee)

This program will review the characteristics and natural history of amphibians and reptiles and introduce you to some of our resident snakes, turtles, frogs and toads.

Saturday, December 9 - Family Program - 1:00 P.M. (regular fee)

Join us in this festive outdoor tree decoration party. Volunteers and staff will decorate our tree with hand made ornaments and create a tree with a wildlife theme. Cider and wild animal guests will be on hand.

Sunday - December 10 - Family Program - 1:30 to 2:30 P.M. (regular fee)

This informal session will introduce you to the various conifers - firs, pines, larches, yews, spruces, cedars, junipers and hemlock - and the characteristics of each.

Saturday - December 16 - Family Program - 1:30 to 2:30 P.M. (regular fee)

Meet common birds that visit your feeder in winter and the treats they like. Beginners welcome.

BROOKSIDE PRESERVE

by Betsy Gulotta

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There are manmade trails for you to walk through. There is a fresh water stream that goes through it. There are many different types of trees, plants, birds, and animals. It is a very pleasant place to be even though we were working. We helped pick up many, many bags of trash. We helped fill in holes with bricks, limbs of trees, and woodchips, we were glad we had volunteered our time.

On October 14th, we were invited back with the public to take a nature walk. On the fresh water banks we saw trackings of a muskrat and a racoon. Some of the trees and plants we saw were a butternut tree, mushrooms, beautiful flowers, and a touch me not plant that when touched the little pockets bust open and out pops seeds. We also learned that if you touch a poison ivy plant you can rub the touch me not on it and chances are you will not get poison ivy.

We also learned the importance of having wooded areas for our wildlife. One example is when a tree rots on our property we remove it, but in a preserve it is left alone. Woodpeckers need dead trees to live in. If they pecked their home in a live tree, the tree would eventually mend itself where in a rotted tree it does not and the woodpecker lives happy ever after.

We had a wonderful walk and learned a little about nature. We also learned that the property was originally owned by the Brooklyn Water Works who in the 1800's was going to use Long Island streams as a source of water to them.

The property was not classified as wet water lands and was sold to a builder. Mr. & Mrs. Paul Butkereiit saw the trees marked for cutting and found out it was going to be built on.

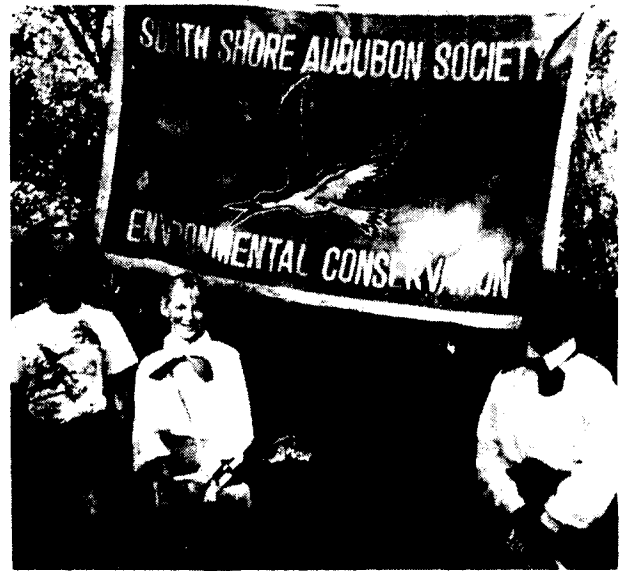
Mr. and Mrs. Butkereiit went to the County of Nassau and the Town of Hempstead, who does the classifying of step 2 wetlands, and working together they had it surveyed and classified as #2 wetlands. This means all the property plus 100' after are protected as natufal lands.

The County of Nassau purchased this wonderful land and the South Shore Aufubon Society worked on turning it into a preserve for the public to use. The South Shore Audubon Society is now the manager of this property.

June Riley gave us the very educational tour and Joan Simmons, also a Girl Scout, helped to get our Girl Scout Troop involved and we thank them. We also appreciate the County of Nassau, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Butkereiit for caring enough to preserve this beautiful parcel of land.

The preserve is open to the public. This preserve is a great educational environment. Mrs. Betsy Gulotta, of the South Shore Audubon Society, said any student who would like to do a project for Science on the environment should contact them at P.O. Box 31 Freeport, NY 11520. They would be very happy to work with students.

Story submitted by Cadette Girl Scouts, Heather Annarella & Carrie Kamerer.



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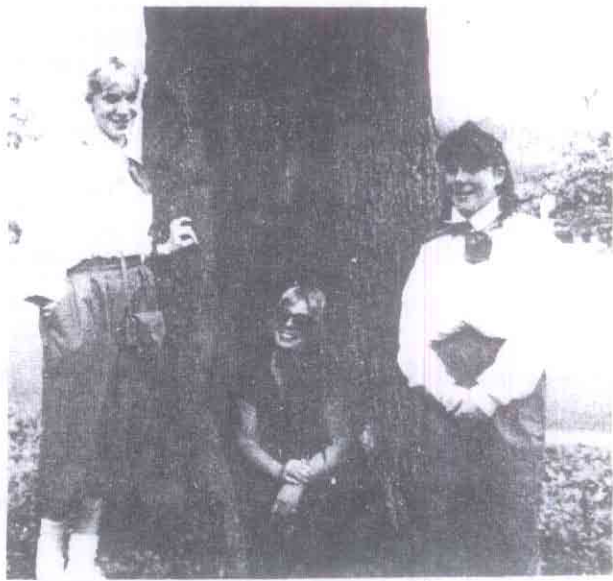
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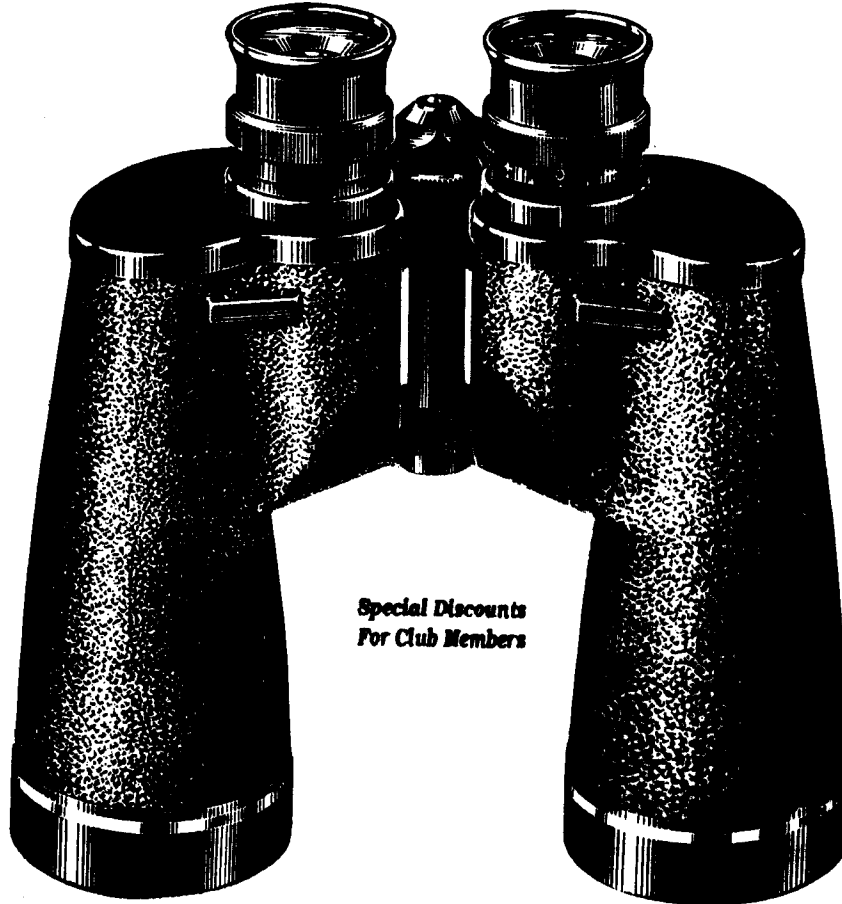
June Riley gave us the very educational tour and Joan Simmons, also a Girl Scout, helped to get our Girl Scout Troop involved and we thank them. We also appreciate the County of Nassau, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Butkereiit for caring enough to preserve this beautiful parcel of land.

The preserve is open to the public. This preserve is a great educational environment. Mrs. Betsy Gulotta, of the South Shore Audubon Society, said any student who would like to do a project for Science on the environment should contact them at P.O. Box 31 Freeport, NY 11520. They would be very happy to work with students.

Story submitted by Cadette Girl Scouts, Heather Annarella & Carrie Kamerer.



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