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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carole A. Adams

Spring finally arrived. It came in the form of a snowstorm. Hopefully Mother Nature got it all out of her system and we can really look forward to sunshine and warm breezes. The first weekend in April found four of your SSAS board members attending the Audubon Council of New York State's Spring Meeting in Ithaca. The meeting took place at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology at Sapsucker Woods. Appropriately named — we did observe an industrious Yellow-bellied Sapsucker for quite a while. The rest of the time we attended to Council business. There was a meeting of the Armchair Activist Coordinators to iron out some procedural wrinkles and workshops on fund-raising, Web pages, and conducting field trips.

A great deal of time was spent listening to committee reports and reviewing conservation resolutions. The Council discusses these resolutions each spring. The priority focus of these resolutions is state legislation and funding actions needed to protect and enhance New York's natural resources. Resolutions are written by chapter members and/or one of the four key committees (Wildlife, Forest, Wetlands, and Education). The draft resolutions that are adopted by the voting members of the Council are then reprinted and bound for distribution during Audubon Lobby Day. Your chapter submitted a resolution protesting the planned sixth golf course at Bethpage, with a little help from Assemblyman Steven Englebright. The resolution was adopted and will be included in the final package.

The Honorable Steven Englebright, New York State Assembly, was the recipient of the William Hoyt Environmental Award presented by the Audubon Council of New York. The award is named after the late Assemblyman William Hoyt, who for over two decades was a champion of the environment in the New York State Assembly, and is given each year to a legislator who has exhibited outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to conservation issues. Assemblyman Englebright was also the keynote speaker for the evening dinner program and

NEXT MEETING

Steve Goldberg

DATE: Tuesday, May 13, 1997

TIME: 8:00 P.M. (2) [Letter of the Month at 7:30]

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

144 W. Merrick Rd. (at 5. Ocean Ave.)

SPEAKER: Steven G. Goldberg
TOPIC: Birding Southeast Arizona

Steve Goldberg will give a slide show on Southeast Arizona, one of the premier birding locations in the country. From the desert environs surrounding Tucson, to the sycamore forests of the Santa Rita Mountains, to the spectacular peaks of the mighty Chiricahuas, we will be treated to an entertaining view of the birds, flora, fauna, and scenery of the west.

Steve is a member of SSAS who has accumulated a life list of 1600 species while birding and photographing numerous areas of the U.S., Central and South America, and Africa. His photographic work has won awards in local competitions and has been accepted by several national publications; his slides and stories from Trinidad & Tobago and Botswana were enjoyed at SSAS meetings in 1995 and 1996. Steve's appearance on a special bird photography episode of Cablevision's "Family Pet," hosted by Dr. Jonathan Greenfield, continues to be shown on Channel 12.

Well over 100 people attended our April meeting; we'd like to see even more. Spend two hours with SSAS!

IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE WASTE, PLEASE

BRING COFFEE MUGS TO OUR MEETINGS

it was his speech that helped provide "enhancement" to our draft Bethpage State Park Golf Course resolution.

Assemblyman Englebright is on the Assembly's Environmental Conservation Committee and is Chair of the Assembly Open Space Sub-Committee. He expressed concern over the proposed development of a sixth golf course at Bethpage State Park. Assemblyman Englebright called the undeveloped parcel of land at Bethpage State Park "a museum piece of our state's natural history heritage of inestimable value." He went on to say "we are not just talking about any patch of woods. This is a living treasure. Isn't preservation of such treasures one of the main reasons that we have a state park system?" Three cheers for Assemblyman Englebright. Now all we need is some support from a few of the local Assembly folks (Englebright's district office is in Setauket). Armchair Activists have some work to do.

All in all, it was a very productive meeting. You will be hearing more from Michael Sperling, Nancy Frame, and Porgy Smith as time goes by. Don't worry; I'll get my two cents in there too. Looking forward to seeing you on our Sunday morning bird walks, during our Birdathon and gathering afterward at Cow Meadow on May 10th, at our May meeting, and at our Annual Dinner at the Pompei on June 10th. Thanks for reading the *Skimmer*.

SSAS TO VISIT WERTHEIM
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge consists of 2400 acres on the south shore of Long Island, including the Carmans River, one of the largest undeveloped estuaries on Long Island. The Refuge has a wide diversity of habitats, including oak–pine woodland, fields, ponds, a river, streams, bay, and fresh, brackish, and saltwater wetlands. These habitats attract and support a remarkable diversity and abundance of wildlife. The Refuge is a haven for most species of wildlife found on Long Island, including waterfowl, deer, muskrats, fox, weasels, other small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, shorebirds, raptors, songbirds, and aquatic wildlife.

On **Saturday, May 17th,** starting at 10 A.M., rain or shine, Refuge Biologist Dr. Bob Parris (whose family's SSAS membership goes back to 1972) will lead us on a two-hour trip along the three-mile trail that is currently being built at Wertheim. Bob says that we will probably see deer, turkey, Osprey, and nesting Eastern Bluebirds.

Wertheim is not open to the public on weekends, so refuge personnel will be stationed at the gate from 9:30 until 10 in order to allow us to enter. Carpooling is encouraged; directions are as follows: Take Sunrise Highway (Route 27) east to William Floyd Parkway (Exit 58) south for one traffic light to Montauk Highway (Route 27A) west (turn right), then turn left at the second (unless they've added one in the last two years) traffic light (Smith Road in the town of Shirley). Take Smith Road south for 1/4 mile; the refuge's entrance is on the right, just past the LIRR tracks. Bob allows 1 hour and 10 minutes travel time to get from Valley Stream to Wertheim, observing speed limits. This first-ever SSAS trip to Wertheim was arranged by Sandy Brenner; join us!

PLEASE LEAVE THEM ALONE

Mary E. Richard

When you find a young defenseless fledgling, it can be very tempting to pick up the bird and help it. Remember that although wildlife lives in our midst, interference in their lives is not always the best choice. It may look as if a young baby bird or mammal is an orphan, but often the parent is hidden nearby waiting for you to leave or off getting food. Most bird species leave the nest before they can fly. A crowded nest is the site of lots of noise, feedings, and bird droppings. Bacteria and parasites build up in the nest and the young can become sick if they remain too long. A full nest with big fledglings (the same size as their parents) attracts predators. Parent birds will coax their young out of the nest to avoid illness and predation. During this fledgling phase, the birds will learn to fly and will chirp to their parents for food. Parents will feed the young and warn them with alarm calls when there is danger. Songbirds may learn to fly within a few days of leaving the nest. They will be pretty clumsy and awkward at first, but if they listen to their parents they may survive. If things do not work out, many backyard songbirds will nest again.

Many birds that people come into contact with are nonnative species. European Starlings and House Sparrows are aggressive birds introduced to North America about 100 years ago. These birds are cavity nesters and outcompete many of our local bird species. They have a large number of young and naturally experience heavy losses. This is why they may have two or three clutches each year.

When a person takes a fledgling home, raises it, and releases it, that bird does not have the advantages of being raised by a parent. A parent bird can follow the inexperienced youngster through their habitat. The parent can warn the baby of danger and the young bird can learn various feeding techniques, the proper song, and behaviors. Birds raised by humans may think they should always live with humans and should mate and raise young with people. A bird raised by people has a very poor chance of surviving.

If you find a bird that appears to be an orphan, leave the vicinity and watch from a distance to see if a parent bird visits within an hour or so. Make sure a baby animal is an orphan before you pick it up. Many animals like owls and mammals are nocturnal and the parents might not show up until dark. If you have observed a dead parent, call T.R. Sanctuary (or SSAS) and we can refer you to trained and licensed rehabilitators who can care for the babies in the correct manner. Sometimes the best way to help wildlife is to leave them alone, keep your pets away, and watch them grow. [Editor's note: Mary is the Director of TRS; this article originally appeared in the September—October 1996 issue of TRS's newsletter, *Trailside*, and is reprinted here as suggested by Dolores Rogers.]

DAY OF SUPPORT FOR BETHPAGE STATE PARK

As mentioned in our President's Message, a sixth golf course has been proposed in Bethpage State Park. This would impact virtually all of the remaining woods in the park, moving or eliminating the various bridle paths and the dozens of hiking trails, including a section of the Nassau–Suffolk Greenbelt Trail. The plan includes access roads, parking lots, and a new clubhouse; the golf course would be privately built and operated by a commercial golf corporation.

Bernadette Castro, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, supports the golf course idea. If you don't, you're urged to attend a "Day of Support for Bethpage Park," sponsored by the Bethpage Trail User Coalition (which includes SSAS), on **Sunday, April 27th**, starting at noon at the Bethpage State Park picnic area (this *Skimmer* was scheduled to be mailed on April 21st, hopefully in time).

★★ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ★★

Marion Yavarkovsky

Welcome to SSAS, the home of an interesting, knowledgeable, and caring group of people. You will enjoy participating in our many activities. Take some time and find out what SSAS is all about. Join us!

[To receive an application for membership in National Audubon Society and SSAS, please call our Membership Chairperson, Marion Yavarkovsky, at 379-2090. The best time to call is after 4 P.M., Monday through Friday. Introductory membership is \$20 (\$15 for students and senior citizens).]

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AUDUBON CAMP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

SSAS wishes to congratulate this year's winners of our chapter's camp scholarships. Suzanne Lancer, our Education Chairperson, has already notified our two winners: Christine Schmitt, who will be going to the Audubon Ecology Workshop in Connecticut, and Alexis Alvey, who will spend eleven summer days at the Audubon Youth Ecology Camp in Maine.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY BIRDATHON GATHERING AT COW MEADOW Carole A. Adams

Following the Birdathon on Saturday, May 10th (rain date May 17th), there will be an informal gathering of Birdathoners and those interested in the Birdathon sightings.

Join us at 5:30 P.M. at the Cow Meadow Park and Preserve Administration Building Conference Room (at the foot of S. Main St. in Freeport). We'll eat, we'll laugh, we'll tell tall tales about our bird sightings, but most of all, we'll have fun. Join us, \$10 per adult (get your money to Carole no later than May 5th). For those last minute decision makers, pick up a bucket of chicken, a cake, or pie from your local baker, fresh fruit, some soda, and chips and stop by. Get the picture? An informal gathering of SSAS members and friends just to chat, celebrate our Tenth Anniversary Birdathon, maybe start a new tradition, but most of all, have fun.

THIS YEAR'S BIRDATHON AND LAST YEAR'S SPECIES LIST

The 1997 SSAS Birdathon is scheduled to begin on Friday, May 9th at 5 P.M. and continue until Saturday, May 10th at 5 P.M. If it rains on Friday or people wake up to rain on Saturday, the Birdathon will be started from scratch on Friday, May 16th. Birdathon details appeared in last month's Skimmer, but since we have a lot of new members this month, here's a summary: This is the tenth year that SSAS has participated in the National Audubon Society's Birdathon; participants collect pledges per species seen (or pledges for a flat amount) and the proceeds are split 50/50 with NAS. Participants can join one of SSAS's teams or do their own birding; anyone raising at least \$25 will qualify for prize drawings to be held at our annual dinner. For further info, call Doreen Remsen (472-6830) or James Remsen, Jr. (764-5168 after 8 P.M.).

Last Year's List. In May 1996, a total of 177 bird species were identified by SSAS Birdathoners; our three teams recorded 155, 147, and 119 species each in a record-shattering year. Here's what we saw, as compiled by Jim Remsen:

Common Loon, Northern Gannet, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Little Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Tricolored Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Glossy Ibis, Mute Swan, Canada Goose, Brant, Snow Goose, Mallard, American Black Duck, Gadwall, Greenwinged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Wood Duck, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser,

Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, American Kestrel, Common Bobwhite, Ring-necked Pheasant, Clapper Rail, American Coot, American Oystercatcher, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Piping Plover, Black-bellied Plover, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Willet, Spotted Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone, Short-billed Dowitcher, Red Knot, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Sanderling, Least Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Dunlin, Great Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Laughing Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Gull-billed Tern, Forster's Tern, Common Tern, Roseate Tern, Least Tern, Black Skimmer,

Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Black-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Whip-poor-will, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker,

Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Eastern Pewee, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin,

Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch,



Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, House Wren, Carolina Wren (pictured), Marsh Wren, Northern Mockingbird, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, American Robin, Wood Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Graycheeked Thrush, Veery, Eastern Bluebird,

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, European Starling, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Solitary Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Warbling Vireo,

Black-and-white Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Baybreasted Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Pine Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Palm Warbler, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Connecticut Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellowbreasted Chat, Hooded Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Canada Warbler, American Redstart,

House Sparrow, Bobolink, Red-winged Blackbird, Orchard Oriole, Northern Oriole, Boat-tailed Grackle, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Purple Finch, Indigo Bunting, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Rufoussided Towhee, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

CONSERVATION REPORT An Environmentalist in Thailand

Betty Borowsky

Thailand is a wonderful country. People are friendly to each other and to foreigners, travel is fairly easy, and the country has a rich and beautiful cultural legacy. But it's an environmentalist's worst nightmare.

My recent two-week trip there will provide me with plenty to talk about for quite a while. The first week I spent in the northwestern part of the country, in Mai Hong Son and Chiang Mai. This is the hill country; historically it is tropical rain forest with a relatively sparse population [many of the people who live there are members of about five different Hill Tribes who migrated there originally from China, then into Burma (Myanmar), and finally into northern Thailand, where they have retained their native culture, including language and dress. But that's for another article]. Anyway, I was armed with a wonderful field guide to the birds of Thailand (*Bird Guide of Thailand*, by Boonsong Lekagul and Philip Round, Saha Karn Bhaet Press, Thailand, 1991), which lists about 950 species that have been identified in the country.

My first hint that something was a little screwy was how few birds of prey I saw. The book lists about 48 raptors, including falcons, hawks, harriers, eagles, and vulture types, and, of all the birds, these are the easiest to spot — they're generally big, and either perched in clear view or hovering slowly in the air as they scan for prey. While I may not be able to identify them, I sure know when they're there. But the entire week I saw only one individual. Granted it was the dry season, but in other areas I've visited the dry season is usually the best time to spot raptors. Not this time.

The second clue that something was amiss was that I saw no kingfishers. Believe me, I went to lots of rivers and streams; we were fishing and so I

spent considerable time at several typical kingfisher habitats. This was also a big surprise, since even in New York, with our single species, it is a rare day when we don't see at least one individual near likely bodies of water. By the way, the bird guide lists 16 kingfishers in Thailand.

What's going on? The brief answer is that Thailand is a rapidly developing country with just about no organized methods for controlling the decay of its environment. Natural habitat is disappearing at a great rate (although there are now some large areas put aside into protected preserves by the government) and there appears to be no popular will or organized methods for preventing environmental pollution. This is not the only explanation, and I will explore this a bit further in the next article, but I think unregulated development is the main reason for the environmental problems in that beautiful country.

Now, I was only a tourist and can only report my personal observations, but I must tell you that these observations only more strongly reinforced my personal determination to continue to press for stronger environmental laws in the United States. We may not have had unmitigated successes in conservation efforts here, but you should see it there. For example, one day we were sitting by the side of a lovely stream in the countryside while ashes floated down and settled all over us.

Towards the end of the trip I heard from a Thai biologist that if you want to see the birds of Thailand today, you'll have to go to India.

Carole A. Adams

The U.S. Government Printing Office has an informative booklet, "Healthy Lawn, Healthy Environment: Caring for Your Lawn in an Environmentally Friendly Way." This 19-page 50¢ booklet has tips on soil preparation, grasses, watering, mowing, pesticides, and more. SSAS has a number of Spring 1997 Consumer Information Catalogs from the Printing Office. Be sure to get a copy. The Catalog is chock full of very interesting topics, some free, some requiring a small fee.

TERNS & PLOVERS NEED VOLUNTEERS

John Zarudsky

Volunteers are once again requested to assist the Town of Hempstead Department of Conservation and Waterways in monitoring and protecting Least Tern colonies and Piping Plover nests in the Lido Town Park/Nassau Beach area and at Silver Point in Atlantic Beach. Help is particularly needed on evenings, weekends, and holidays from May through August. If interested, please contact John Zarudsky, Conservation Biologist (and active SSAS member), at 897-4126 (work) or 486-5272 (home). The federal government and New York State have listed the beach-dwelling Piping Plover and Least Tern (pictured) as endangered species.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY

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Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bird Sanctuary is owned by the National Audubon Society and operated by the Community and three local Audubon chapters, including South Shore Audubon Society. The following programs are open to the public. Space is limited and registration is required. All program fees are required at the time of registration.

Sunday, May 4th (10 A.M. to 4 P.M., family) — Pelagic Bird & Whale Watch. We will meet at the Viking Dock in Montauk to take a sea cruise. Expert naturalists will be on hand to help you search for animals that may never be seen from land. TRS members \$50, nonmembers \$60.

Saturday, May 10th (7 A.M., 9 A.M. to 2 P.M., family) — International Migratory Bird Day. At 7 A.M. we will have an early morning bird walk to help kick off the day. Staff will be throughout the Sanctuary conducting migratory bird banding studies, leading bird walks, and presenting children's programs for this national event. Free.

Sunday, May 11th (8 to 10 A.M., family) — Mother's Day Nature Hike. We will meet at the Hoffman Center on Route 25A (first driveway west of Martin Viette Nurseries). Bring the whole family for a morning of birds, buds, and butterflies. TRS members free, nonmembers \$3.

Saturday, May 17th (7:30 to 9:30 P.M., adults) — Owl Prowl. In the evening we will search the Sanctuary for our nocturnal birds of prey. Our captive examples will guarantee the participant a sighting of a live owl. TRS members \$5, nonmembers \$7.

Sunday, May 18th (9 A.M. to 1 P.M., family) — Nissequogue River Canoe Trip. A morning excursion onto a tidal section of one of Long Island's four rivers. Canoes will be provided. TRS members \$25, nonmembers \$35.

Thursday, May 22nd (7:30 to 9:30 P.M., adults) — Night Moves. Frogs, flying squirrels, bats, insects, and other creatures will send us searching through the Sanctuary. Learn to identify them by using your ears. TRS members \$5, nonmembers \$7.

Saturday, May 24th (7 A.M., adults) — Morning Bird Walk. Join our naturalist for a guided bird walk at the Hoffman Center. We will point out bird songs and a variety of avian life. TRS members free, nonmembers \$3.

Sunday, May 25th (2:30 to 4 P.M., ages 6 to 12) — Nocturnal Animals. Meet our live resident night creatures and learn about how they may use their senses of smell, touch, and taste to live in darkness. TRS members \$3, nonmembers \$5.

Thursday, May 29th (7 to 9 P.M., adults) — T.R. Sanctuary — The Nation's First Songbird Sanctuary. As we approach our 75th year, we will present a slide show on our history as a preserve and as a conservation organization. Learn how environmental views and opinions have changed over the years. Free.

Bluebird Nest Locations Wanted. If you know of and have access to a bluebird nest, please call us and ask for Research Coordinator Steve Gomez. We will be mapping existing populations and measuring their productivity in different habitats this summer, under a grant from the Krusos Foundation. We will be initiating the Cornell Nest Box Network on Long Island next year after we begin our monitoring this year; CNBN is part of the collaborative Citizen Science project of the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1997—1998 OFFICERS

At South Shore Audubon Society's general meeting on May 13th, officers will be elected for our next fiscal year. All members attending that meeting may nominate candidates from the floor and vote. The SSAS Nominating Committee, chaired by Dolores Rogers, has recommended the following candidates:

President — Doreen Remsen
Vice President — Michael Sperling
Treasurer — Nancy Frame
Recording Secretary — Christine Schmitt
Corresponding Secretary — Doris Pirodsky
Director (to 6/00) — Michael Higgiston
Director (to 6/00) — Judy Hoyer



BREAKFAST ON THE BAY (Saturday, May 31)
Three-hour ecology tour of Jamaica Bay aboard the 96-foot vessel Dorothy B VIII. Cost: \$25 includes homemade buffet. Call Don.

MONTAUK WEEKEND (June 6-8) Extended weekend of natural history exploration. Cost: \$245 covers two nights at Montauk Manor, five meals, five field trips, and two evening programs; optional whale watch. Call Don.

INTERNATIONAL BEACH CLEANUP WEEKEND (September 20 & 21) For information on how to get involved at a beach near you, call Barbara Cohen at (718) 471-2166.

For a complete listing of all local and national field trips, contact: Don Riepe 28 West 9th Road Broad Channel, NY 11693 (718) 634-6467



All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains. SSAS bird walks are free and end around noon. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

Directions to Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. While the sunbathers are at Jones Beach, most of our outings will be at JBWR, which is part of the Gateway National Recreation Area. Take the Southern State Parkway to the Belt Parkway to Exit 17 South (Cross Bay Boulevard). Drive four miles, passing through Howard Beach and over Congressman Joseph P. Addabbo Bridge; turn right at the Refuge entrance's traffic light and look for dozens of Auduboners in the parking lot. The Refuge's management urges us to carpool.

April 27	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
May 4	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
May 11	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
May 18	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
May 25	Memorial Day Weekend — No Walk
June 1	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
June 8	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
000	Summer Vacation
Aug. 10	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Aug. 17	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Aug. 24	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

In late April, your all-volunteer SSAS board will be having a long-range planning meeting. We would like to

know where you think we should be headed. To quote Porgy Smith (who suggested that your editor put this blurb in the *Skimmer*), we'd like our members to "let us know what they would like to see more of, less of, or new." Send us a note, talk to us, or give us a call. If you are

interested in donating some of your time and energy to SSAS, let us know!

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GARDEN CITY BIRD SANCTUARY
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Rob Alvey

Last spring, Stormwater Storage Basin #232 was officially dedicated as the Garden City Bird Sanctuary by Nassau County. In celebration of the first anniversary of this five acre community environmental stewardship and educational resource (which is now managed by SSAS and was the topic of last November's general meeting), a special event has been scheduled for **May 17th** from noon until 5 P.M. Reserve this date for a strawberry festival, nature trail tours, and wildlife programs. For further information, write to Rob Alvey, 44 Fenimore Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530. The Sanctuary's entrance is on Tanners Pond Road at Colonial Avenue.

Diane Singer and Shirley Kutner have once again reserved the Banquet Room at Pompei Restaurant and Catering in West Hempstead for SSAS's annual dinner, to be held on **Tuesday**, **June 10th**. The price remains \$20 per person, which includes a cocktail hour with hot hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. Pompei's address is 401 Hempstead Avenue (take Southern State Parkway Exit 17 north).

Advance registration is **required**; please enclose the following form with your check payable to *South Shore Audubon Society* and mail them to Diane Singer, 118 Kent Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580.

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