



ing, and life changing. I won't go into them here — much to the relief of our talented and intrepid *Skimmer* editor I'm sure [actually I'm having fun pulling out maps to see where Doreen was collecting rocks while I was a hobby-less two-year old] — instead I'll extend an invitation to each and every one of our readers to come to your *first* meeting, *first* program, *first* bird walk or trip, and meet any one of our very wonderful volunteers. They have so much to offer. I would also extend a very special invitation to our young readers to join us as South Shore begins a very exciting year. Your enthusiasm, insight, and sense of wonder are an asset and I would be honored (and excited!) if you would call or write to me. *Firsts* that are shared have a way of reaching and changing far more attitudes, people, and policies than any other experience I know.

Here's to a year of new *firsts* for all of us!

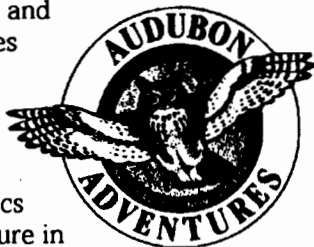


**ATTENTION TEACHERS, PARENTS,  
AND TROOP LEADERS**

*Suzanne Lancer*

Part of the mission of SSAS is to promote environmental education. To help fulfill this goal, the chapter sponsors, by paying full or partial costs, subscriptions to the *Audubon Adventures* program (chapters are charged just \$20).

The *Audubon Adventures* is the youth education program of the National Audubon Society, geared to elementary school classes and other children's groups grades 3 through 6. A subscription consists of 32 copies of a bimonthly newspaper and a Leader's Guide for each issue. This year's featured topics are wetlands, migration, nature in our neighborhoods, and amphibians. Samples of the newspaper and Leader's Guide are available.



Please call me if you want to enroll or if you have ANY questions — Suzanne Lancer, Education Chairperson, (516) 536-6574, between 7 and 9 P.M. **Enrollment Deadline** to receive the full subscription is **October 11th**.



**JAMAICA BAY TO BE DESIGNATED AN IBA**

*Doreen Remsen*

On **Friday, September 19th**, at 11 A.M., the Jamaica Bay ecosystem will be designated as a National Audubon Society Important Bird Area (IBA) in a ceremony at Fort Tilden. Jamaica Bay is the first area in New York City to receive this designation. Invitations have been sent to various state and city officials, the media, as well as other environmental organizations. South Shore Audubon members are welcome and encouraged to attend the celebration.

**THE TENTH ANNUAL SSAS BIRDATHON**

*Jim Remsen*

With the support and participation of our members, South Shore Audubon Society has logged another successful Birdathon, our tenth. This year, coupled with a sweepstakes that awarded chances in a prize drawing based on the amount of pledges brought in by our members, the Birdathon took on a new excitement beyond just finding the birds. Finding them was a bit harder than usual this year, due to unseasonably cool weather conditions and some clouds, but by the time our marathon of birding was over on May 10th at 5 P.M., our intrepid birders, in three teams, had recorded a chapter total of 149 species (compare that with last year's 177). A list of all species observed has been compiled and will be published in the *Skimmer*, I will also be glad to supply it by e-mail to anyone interested (my address: [remsen@amnh.org](mailto:remsen@amnh.org)).

Our gross in the Birdathon this year was \$3692.96 and is being used to support the National Audubon New York State Field Office and the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, in addition to South Shore Audubon itself. Thanks to all of you who helped us raise it!

Over 20 Birdathon participants brought in \$25 or more in pledges, qualifying them for our sweepstakes prize drawing held at the June dinner meeting. Approximately half of those eligible took home a prize; winners came from all three of our Birdathon teams — sharing the wealth ... just the way we like it!

For the donation of our prizes, we thank all of our members who supported our meeting raffles or donated raffle prizes, as some of the raffle profits helped to purchase prizes for the sweepstakes (and all the remainder went into the Birdathon cash pool). In addition, we thank the following generous members and businesses who made their own donations of prizes specifically for the dinner meeting drawing: Rob Alvey; Marge Bodenbug; Kevin J. Colver Productions; Pat Eagen; Grand Union; Jim Hartnett; Hyde Bird Feeder Company; King Kullen Grocery Co., Inc.; Pathmark Stores; George Popkin; and Doreen Remsen. Is there anyone I've forgotten? If so, please let me know and I'll make sure to correct the situation!

Finally, let me say that I was most encouraged by the enthusiastic reception our sweepstakes idea received. However, raising money, purchasing, and soliciting donations of prizes takes a lot of time and effort. (I must thank our new President for all the effort she put into this over the past year.) Would members like to see something like this again next year, maybe on a smaller scale? Do you have ideas for other "incentives" that we might offer to encourage Birdathon participation? If so, I'd like to hear them. The Birdathon seemed enhanced by the sweepstakes (in more ways than one; we increased our gross profit by several hundred dollars over last year). It might be fun to see something similar next year.

Thanks again to you all!

**JOIN US AT CONNETQUOT**

SSAS will be visiting 3473-acre Connetquot River State Park Preserve in Oakdale on Saturday morning, **September 27th**, beginning at 9:30. Our own Annie McIntyre, a former Connetquot employee, will be leading a nature walk arranged by Dolores Rogers. We hope to see wild turkey, deer, and migrating birds.

*Directions.* Take the Southern State Parkway to Exit 44 (Sunrise Highway, Route 27) east for about two miles. Make a U-turn at the first traffic light (↩ at Pond Road) and slowly head back west on Sunrise Highway. The ongoing highway widening project may have changed the following, but look for an unmarked deceleration lane just before the entrance to Connetquot; a big sign should come into view as you turn into the entrance. Admission to Connetquot is by permit only (indicate that you're part of SSAS's group) and costs \$3 per vehicle (free if you have an Empire Pass); we'll meet in the parking lot.

**WILDLIFE ART EXHIBIT FOR GARDEN CITY BIRD SANCTUARY**

*Suzie Alvey*

Artists are invited to participate for free in an exhibit of 65 works of wildlife art at the Garden City Public Library (at 60 Seventh Street) in October. The theme of the exhibit is the variety of Long Island birds and wildlife found in our suburban backyards, parks, and shores. Botanical and historical scenes showing native species of plants and birds are particularly welcome.

Size limit is 24 x 36 inches; entries (one or two) must be properly framed and suitable for wall hanging, and may be oils, acrylics, watercolors, pen & ink, pastels, colored pencil, or photography. All exhibited pieces must be available for sale, with a donation of 20% of the sales price to South Shore Audubon Society. A brochure will be prepared listing artists, entries, and prices. Participating artists must sign a damage liability waiver.

This exhibit is sponsored by the Garden City Bird Sanctuary in association with SSAS. The sanctuary is located along Tanners Pond Road north of Stewart Avenue. This five-acre site is a Nassau County stormwater basin being developed as the pilot program to establish a community greenspace for use as an environmental stewardship and educational resource. Artists are invited to visit the sanctuary for inspiration. The voluntary program is funded by donations through SSAS.

For further information, contact Suzie Alvey, 44 Fenimore Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530; phone 326-1720.

RARE BIRD ALERT (212) 979-3070

WILDLIFE POISONING HOTLINE (800) 356-0560

**BIRD WALKS**

*Elliott Kutner*

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

- Aug. 24 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Aug. 31 Labor Day Weekend — No Walk
- Sept. 7 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- Sept. 14 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Sept. 21 Hempstead Lake State Park (Exit 18, first lot south of Southern State Parkway)
- Sept. 28 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Oct. 5 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
- Oct. 12 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Oct. 19 & 26 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)

*Note:* Our perpetually enthusiastic and charismatic Elliott Kutner is currently on the SSAS disabled list (get well soon!), so bird walk leadership will be left in the capable hands of Jim Remsen and some of our "mad birders" (we once awarded "mad birder" certificates to people who showed up at winter bird walks in weather conditions that obviously called for their cancellation).

*Directions to Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.* 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 car pool. 🚗

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## INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

The 10th Annual Beach Cleanup Day in New York will take place on **September 20th**. Thousands of volunteers from 80 countries will be out cleaning beaches and documenting what they find. The U.S. data is compiled and analyzed by the Center for Marine Conservation, which assesses what's polluting our shorelines and attempts to determine the sources of floatable debris.

To find out about cleanups in our area or to organize one, call the American Littoral Society's Barbara Cohen at (718) 471-2166.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marion Yavarkovsky

This summer brought us a large flock of new members. You have joined us just in time to participate in the new season of events. Remember — all the activities you read about in these newsletters are for you. Join us as soon as possible.

[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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**BOARDWALK ENVIROFEST CELEBRATION**  
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SSAS plans to have a table set up (volunteers needed) at the sixth annual Envirofest on the Long Beach boardwalk at Riverside Boulevard on **Saturday, September 6th** from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. This event is likely to be canceled if there's any sign of rain in the morning and, based on the City of Long Beach's checkered history for scheduling Envirofest, your editor predicts rain!

The purpose of the Envirofest celebration is to educate the public on such environmental concerns as recycling, beach erosion, wetlands, sludge, drinking and ocean water quality, and water and energy conservation. Various companies and environmental groups will be represented.  
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**SUNKEN FOREST FIRE ISLAND HIKE** (Saturday, Oct. 18) Hike the mile-long boardwalk through the holly forest during peak fall raptor migration. Enjoy pristine beach and dunes. Bring lunch & binoculars. Cost: \$15 includes round-trip ferry and guided hike.

**ASSATEAGUE FALL WEEKEND** (Nov. 6-9) Explore beaches and wetlands of Assateague National Seashore and Chincoteague Wildlife Refuge. See falcons, waterfowl, eagles, sika elk, river otter, red fox, Delmarva fox squirrels, and wild ponies. Cost: \$235 includes three nights at Refuge Motor Inn, safari bus tour, guides, and an "All-you-can-eat" seafood buffet on Saturday night.

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

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**WILD BIRD FEED SAVINGS DAY**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1997**  
**TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM**  
**9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.**



The museum is located on Washington Avenue in Seaford and lies about 1/2 mile south of Sunrise Highway, just north of Merrick Road. All 20 and 25 lb bags come with handles. **Since we can no longer return extra seed for credit, PREORDERING is ESSENTIAL;** an order form appears below for your use. Please keep this upper portion as a reminder of the sale date. All preorders should be received by OCTOBER 14th. **Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to Paul T. Butkerei, 268 Wallace St., Freeport, NY 11520.**

Help will be needed on the sale date to process orders and to aid in unloading seed. If you wish to volunteer, call (516) 599-0395 late evenings and ask for Paul. **Our next sale will be JANUARY 25, 1998.**

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	25 lb Striped Sunflower Seed	9.25	
	20 lb Premium Wild Bird Seed Mix	6.50	
	40 lb Premium Wild Bird Seed Mix	12.25	
	20 lb Special Mix (no corn, 1/3 sunflower)	6.75	
	40 lb Special Mix (no corn, 1/3 sunflower)	12.75	
	25 lb Cracked Corn	5.50	
	5 lb Sunflower Chips	4.00	
	25 lb Sunflower Chips	19.00	
	5 lb Peanut Nibs (chopped peanuts)	3.75	
	25 lb Peanut Nibs (chopped peanuts)	18.00	
	5 lb Safflower Seed	3.00	
	8 lb Thistle Seed (Niger)	7.00	
	12 oz Maine Manna Seed Cake (suet)	2.25	
	12 oz Maine Manna Peanut Cake (suet)	2.25	
	28 oz Maine Manna Seed Bell (suet)	4.25	

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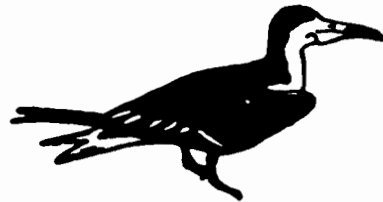
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