PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Dareen Remson

I'd like to share with all of you a letter I received from Tom Gulotta, our County Executive, in regards to our November 1st adoption of Tackapausha Museum and Preserve. During my first four months as president, as I attend different meetings and participate in community activities, I am privileged to be the receiver of many fine tributes and much praise from our neighbors and friends throughout Nassau County because of all that you, South Shore Audubon, are and do. I want to thank Carole Adams, Carolee Ryder, and Nancy Frame for initiating the adoption proposal, and give a great big special THANK YOU to all those wonderful Adoption Day volunteers (you know who you are!) who made our celebration a success in spite of the wind and the rain!

Dear Friends,

The County of Nassau is proud to recognize those outstanding organizations which have rendered significant contributions for the enhancement of our region and the betterment of our residents.

The South Shore Audubon Society has proven itself worthy of public acclaim by diligently working to improve and preserve the beauty of our environment and the quality of life we enjoy.

The members of the South Shore Audubon Society are dedicated to keeping Long Island green and environmentally sound, thereby enhancing the beauty of our local communities.

As County Executive, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the members of the South Shore Audubon Society for their participation in the Adopt-A-Park program by “adopting” Tackapausha Museum.

Both Betsy and I extend our personal gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for your continued dedicated and exemplary efforts to protect our precious natural environment.

Warmest Regards, Thomas S. Gulotta

NEXT MEETINGS
Sandy Brenner

DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 1997
TIME: 8:00 p.m. ☐
PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library
144 W. Merrick Rd. (at S. Ocean Ave.)

SPEAKERS: Joe & Dolores Grupp

TOPIC: Kenai Peninsula, Alaska

An exploration of the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska, including Kenai Fjords National Park, the Harding Icefield, the Chiswell Islands, glaciers, volcanoes, and visits to the towns of Seward and Homer as well as to the neighboring city of Anchorage. This slide presentation will include some of the flora, fauna, ecology, and geology experienced on a three week camping trip on the peninsula as well as the human influence in the cities and towns. Brief excursions into the backcountry and boat trips to outlying lands add to the beauty and understanding of the area’s natural history.

Dolores and Joe Grupp are experienced hikers and campers. They have backpacked the 210 mile John Muir Trail in the high Sierra mountains of California, hiked all the highest mountains in New York’s Catskills (qualifying them to become members of the Catskill 3500 Club), and have experienced many other adventures. They are SSAS members and have made slide presentations at past meetings. Join us!

DATE: Tuesday, January 13, 1998
TIME: 8:00 p.m. ☐
PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

TOPIC: Member Participation Night

Our annual members’ night is your chance to find out where your fellow members have been and what they’ve seen. Please bring up to ten of your slides and share them with us. Last year we were treated to slides of birds (of course), frogs, insects, moose, bobcat, flowers, sunsets, star trails, the moon, a comet, SSAS events, Jones Beach, Massapequa Preserve, Planting Fields, Target Rock,
Bermuda, Tobago, Ecuador, Arizona, Florida, Pennsylvania (Hawk Mountain), Wyoming, Manitoba (Churchill), and more.

IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE WASTE, PLEASE
BRING COFFEE MUGS TO OUR MEETINGS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, PART TWO

During this holiday season, may you all know the playful joy of chickadees as they feast at your feeders, the quiet peace of evergreens as they reach for the stars on a frosty evening, the beauty of male cardinals in the snow, and the love of all that you hold near and dear. May you and yours be blessed special in the new year and always!

THANK YOU, SSAS VOLUNTEERS

We'd like to thank Alice Blaustein for putting her connections to good use and getting our Tackapauhha adoption day program announced in several community newspapers, including a page one story. We'd also like to thank everyone else who helped on November 1st, but since we neglected to jot down your names, your editor hopes that he hasn't forgotten anyone (please let me know if I did): Pat Eagen, Nancy Frame, Betsy Guittota, Marge Jaeger, Doris Pirodsky, George Popkin, Doreen Rensmen, Jim Rensmen, Chris Schmitt, Marcia Specht, Jonathan Staller, and myself.

I did jot down the names of my fellow order takers and seed shleppers at the October 26th birdsseed sale: they were Joan & Paul Butkereit, Pat Eagen, Joe Grupp, Mike Higgiston, Bill Hollweg, Marge Jaeger, Chris Schmitt, Michael Shannon, Jonathan Staller, and Barbara Wakefield (who supplied the cellular phone used to remind stragglers to pick up their seed, sparing us the usual hike to Pathmark's pay phones), and a bird (House Sparrow, I think) that flew into the trailer looking for an easy meal.

As usual, the weather forecast for our semi-annual Brookside Preserve cleanup was ominous, but the following diehards showed up and filled two dozen trash bags, removed a shack and a collection of poles and other large metal objects, pruned, and weed-whacked despite one downpour: Joan & Paul Butkereit, Pat Eagen, Judy Hoyer, Doris Pirodsky, Vince Puglisi, Laurie Raisher, Doreen Rensmen, Dolores Rogers, Chris Schmitt, Michael Speling, David & Marion Yavarkovsky, and John Zarudsky.

Thanks to all of the above for jobs well done.

NASSAU COUNTY POLLUTION HOTLINE 739-6666
RARE BIRD ALERT (212) 979-3070
WILDLIFE POISONING HOTLINE (800) 356-0560

BIRD WALKS
Elliot Kuhner

All walks start at 9:30 a.m. except for Pelham Bay; no walk if it rains or snows or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Elliot at 486-7667.

Nov. 23 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Nov. 30 Pelham Bay for Owls (pull over to street on extreme right after going through Throgs Neck Bridge toll; meet at 9 a.m.)
Dec. 7 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Dec. 14 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Dec. 21 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Dec. 28 Season's Greetings — No Walk
Jan. 4 Happy New Year — No Walk
Jan. 11 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Jan. 18 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Jan. 25 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Feb. 1 Pelham Bay for Owls (meet at 9 a.m.)
Feb. 8 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Feb. 15 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Feb. 22 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Mar. 1 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Mar. 8 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Mar. 15 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Mar. 22 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Mar. 29 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Apr. 5 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Apr. 12 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Apr. 19 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Apr. 26 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner

BIRDSEED FOR SALE
IN BETWEEN BIRDSEED SALES

In recent years, our birdseed sales have become trickier to manage, because the seed distributors no longer own the trailers and will not allow organizations to return unsold seed, but still charge less per pound if we order above certain amounts. For our October sale, we did too good a job of convincing people that preorders were essential and ended up with several tons of unclaimed seed.

Since the trucking company inadvertently took away the trailer before we could unload the surplus seed or even contact the customers who didn't pick up their preorders, we're expecting the seed to be returned to us while this Skimmer is at the printer. Once that happens, we plan to have some birdseed available at SSAS events and may have a December sale in Lynbrook. If you'd like to obtain seed before our January sale, please call Paul Butkereit at 599-0395 (late evenings if possible).

AUDUBON ACTIONLINE (800) 659-2622
TAPE-RECORDED UPDATES FROM WASHINGTON, DC
THE LONG ISLAND
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX

[The following information was provided at the recent Audubon Refuge Keepers workshop by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff. For a brochure about the Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex (including descriptions, visitor accessibility info, and directions), call them at 286-0885 on weekdays or write to Refuge Manager, Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 21, Shirley, NY 11967.]

The Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex consists of nine units totaling 6,211 acres. These include the Target Rock NWR, Oyster Bay NWR, Morton NWR, Conscience Point NWR, Wertheim NWR, Amagansett NWR, Seautuck NWR, Sayville Property, and Lido Beach Wildlife Management Area.

The first refuge established was Morton NWR in 1954. The most recent, Sayville, was established in 1992. The Long Island units were designated as a complex in 1991. Wertheim NWR acts as the main office for the complex and staffed satellite offices are at Target Rock NWR, Seautuck NWR, and, on a seasonal basis, Morton NWR.

Although much of Long Island has been intensively developed and the two western counties are boroughs of New York City, many significant wetlands and upland habitats remain. Long Island has over 750,000 acres of wetlands and over 3,000 miles of coastline. A major portion of eastern Long Island comprises the pine barrens—a unique forest type in the state. The complex’s refuges, although principally wetlands, contain many of the varied habitat types found on Long Island. The Oyster Bay Refuge is largely a marine system consisting of a sheltered bay of Long Island Sound and associated salt marshes. Amagansett NWR, bordering the Atlantic Ocean, consists of a unique double dune system. The Morton NWR consists of the Jessup’s Neck peninsula in Peconic Bay and has marine beach, salt marsh, and maritime oak forest. Conscience Point Refuge, also part of Peconic Bay, contains salt marsh and oak forest in addition to a maritime grassland—one of the rarer habitat types in New York. The Seautuck NWR consists of uplands and salt marsh and borders Great South Bay. The Sayville Property contains pine barren vegetation and has potential as a transplant site for the endangered sandplain gerardia plant. The westernmost unit, Lido Beach WMA, consists of salt marsh and is part of Hempstead Bay. The Target Rock NWR contains a high quality oak forest, representative of north shore forests, and a marine beach adjoining Long Island Sound. The Wertheim NWR contains the Carmans River, a New York State designated Wild and Scenic River, and estuary as well as uplands composed of oak and pine barren vegetation. The major influences and challenges of managing the natural resources of the complex’s refuges include ameliorating the problems of urbanization, habitat fragmentation, and small refuge sizes.

Long Island supports a diversity and abundance of wildlife. Over 300 avian species have been documented, including over 130 that breed. The Island supports over 120,000 colonial nesting waterbirds at over 300 breeding sites. Long Island also serves as critical winter habitat for a variety of waterfowl. Mid-winter surveys indicate that 60% of all waterfowl in New York State are on Long Island. Long Island also provides winter habitat for American Black Duck, a species declining in range and abundance. Coastal areas of the Northeast are the principal wintering habitat for Black Ducks. The Island also supports a variety of endangered and threatened birds and sea turtles. Approximately 200 Piping Plover pairs and 1300 Roseate Tern pairs breed on Long Island. The complex’s wildlife community is also diverse.

In most years, winter waterfowl numbers at the complex peak at over 10,000 birds, although this past winter numbers peaked at over 20,000. The most common waterfowl include Greater Scaup, Black Duck, Bufflehead, Oldsquaw, Gadwall, and Canvasback. Over 250 avian species have been documented at the complex, of which over 100 have nested. Federal and state listed threatened and endangered species documented at the complex include Roseate Tern, Piping Plover, Bald Eagle. Peregrine Falcon, sandplain gerardia, ridley turtle, loggerhead sea turtle (pictures), leatherback, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Common Tern, Least Tern, and eastern mud turtle.

Visitation to the complex is close to 400,000 people a year. Most use involves boating, hiking, wildlife viewing, and recreational angling. It is estimated that over 20 million people live within a hundred mile radius of the complex and nearly one million school children are within a two hour drive. Nature trails are available to the public at Morton, Target Rock, Amagansett, and Wertheim Refuges. The Target Rock and Morton NRWs offer both beach and upland trails. Boating is a common recreational activity at both Wertheim (canoes) and Oyster Bay Refuges. Recreational angling is permitted at five complex units.

SSAS Mission Statement — The mission of South Shore Audubon Society is to promote environmental education, and preserve and restore our environment, through responsible activism, for the benefit of both people and wildlife.

SSAS Post Office Statement — South Shore Skimmer is published monthly from September through December and February through June by South Shore Audubon Society, P.O. Box 31, Freeport, NY 11520-0031.
**DUCK SURVEY HELPERS WANTED**

Since February of 1989, SSAS Duck Survey Chairperson Joe Grupp has spent one Saturday every wintertime month counting ducks in 28 locations from Valley Stream to Massapequa Park, with Paul Butkereit doing the same at 10 locations in southwestern Nassau. The data being collected provides essential and unprecedented information about the populations of every duck species wintering on the lakes and ponds south of the Southern State Parkway.

Joe is looking for a limited number of volunteers willing to record his counts while spending a half day or full day viewing and learning about our waterfowl. If you're interested, please call him at 481-4208. The first count will be held on December 6, rain or shine.

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS**

As an all-volunteer organization, SSAS depends on its members in order to accomplish anything and we're always looking for people to offer to help us. Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay, Tackapausha Museum and Preserve in Seaford, and the Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex also seek volunteers who are interested in helping them protect our natural world and educate the public about it. If you're interested, please call the numbers below and tell 'em you're from SSAS.

*Tackapausha Museum & Preserve.* Tackapausha is owned by Nassau County and in recent years has had only one full-time employee. She's Carole Ryder and is looking for desk help from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., especially on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, as well as people interested in doing weekend programs. You can call Carole at 571-7443 (Tackapausha) or 938-5675 (home), or send e-mail to ryder@idt.net.

*Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary.* If you would like to become part of the Sanctuary team, please call 922-3200 and ask about volunteering opportunities. The professional naturalists need assistants to help lead trail walks for students. There will be volunteer training on November 23rd, beginning at 12:30 P.M.

*National Wildlife Refuges.* A year ago, the National Audubon Society and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service signed a Memorandum of Understanding that established the Audubon Refuge Keepers program in the hope that chapters would adopt refuges. SSAS won’t be able to meet ARK requirements unless our members let us know that they’re interested in volunteering at a refuge.

Of the nine refuge units on Long Island (Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge isn’t included, since it’s part of Gateway National Recreation Area and thus not part of the national wildlife refuge system), Lido Beach Wildlife Management Area is the closest to most of our members. It consists of 22 acres of salt marsh and shrub thickets on the bay side of Long Beach island and was obtained from the U.S. Army in 1969.

At the Audubon Refuge Keepers workshop held in Brookhaven on October 18th, your editor received job descriptions for the following volunteer positions (and refuge staff is open to other ideas): landscaper, photographer, artist, filing system organizer, receptionist/office helper (at Wertheim), slide file organizer, computer specialist, writer, editor (of reports, publications, and exhibit texts), newsletter editor, education specialist, exhibi designer, outreach assistant, refuge host (at Wertheim, Morton, and Target Rock), walk leader, carpenter, Habitat Evaluation Procedures (HEP) study volunteer (collect data and sample insects on beaches in summer), plover warden, volunteer program coordinator, beach cleaner (Morton and Target Rock), trail maintainer (Wertheim, Morton, and Target Rock), roadside litter remover (Wertheim, Morton, Target Rock, and Seatuck), invertebrate biologist (Wertheim and Seatuck), botanist, fire ecologist (Wertheim, Seatuck, and Conscience Point), wetland ecologist, herpetologist (study snakes, eastern box turtles at Wertheim, or amphibians), ichthyologist (study fish at Wertheim), lepidopterist (study butterflies), mammalogist, mycologist (study macro-fungi), ornithologist (at Wertheim), or phycologist (study plankton at Wertheim and Oyster Bay).

For information, call the Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex at 286-0485 (weekdays) or Michael Sperling at 541-0805 (after 7:45 P.M.).

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**Explore the coast with the AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY**

**HOLIDAY PARTY** (Saturday, Dec. 19). Enjoy Flamenco Dance Troupe, Ugly Auction, food & drink at VFW Hall in Broad Channel. Meet 3 P.M. at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge for bird walk, then go to party nearby (5-9 P.M.). Fundraiser donation: $35 includes beer, wine, food, entertainment. Bring ugly item for auction. Call Don Riepe, (718) 634-6467.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY BEACH WALKS** (Jan. 1). Meet 11 A.M. at West End 2 parking lot at Jones Beach or Blvdg. 1, Fort Tilden in Rockaway for brisk nature hike. Cookies & champagne afterwards! Call Don for details. Free.

**MONTAUK WINTER WEEKEND** (Feb. 6-8). Cost: $245 includes 2 nights at luxurious Montauk Manor (indoor heated pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, spacious lobby), 5 meals, 2 evening programs, 5 guided hikes during peak winter birding time. See thousands of scoters, oldsquaw, and old squaw, and visit harbor seal haulout sites. Free pickup at LIYR station. Leaders: Mickey Cohen, Don Riepe, and Rob Villani. Call/write Don for reservation and info.

For a complete listing of all local and national field trips, contact: Don Riepe 29 West 9th Road Broad Channel, NY 11932 (718) 634-6467
CAPE MAY

Mike Higgston

Paul Butkereit’s elite Birdathon team stormed Cape May on Columbus Day weekend for an autumn warmup for the next Big Day in May. We left at 6 A.M. Saturday for the Cape May hawk watch located adjacent to the light-house parking lot. We arrived about 9:30 and had already missed a huge flight of four to five hundred Sharp-shinned Hawks the previous hour. But we still saw some sharpies as well as Cooper’s and Broad-winged Hawks, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, and Turkey Vulture. There was a 10 A.M. demonstration of banded hawks as the speaker described the characteristics of the different hawks to help us correctly identify the hawks in the air.

After some time at the hawk watch, we left to walk the boardwalk trail at the point. It leads through different habitats (a lake, a pond, uplands, and a marshy area) and there was always a chance of a hawk flying overhead. Some of the birds encountered were Belted Kingfisher, Carolina Chickadee (Black-capped Chickadees don’t usually reach Cape May), Green Heron, Palm Warbler, immature Little Blue Heron, Spotted Sandpiper, Common Snipe (pictured), and an injured Least Sandpiper. The trail brought us back to the parking lot, which we left for the Cape May Meadows, a Nature Conservancy tract. On the way we stopped at Lily Lake, in front of the Bird Observatory, and found Blue-winged Teal. The Meadows presented us with Green-winged Teal, Common Yellowthroat, and Northern Shoveler. After finishing the trail at the Meadows, we headed for Higbee Beach. The birding hot spots in Cape May are located very close together, which cuts down the time spent driving and increases the time spent birding markedly different habitats. Higbee Beach Wildlife Management Area is composed mostly of upland deciduous woods and weedy fields, and hosts a spectacular amount of passerines (perching songbirds) when the winds dictate. We weren’t so fortunate. The only new passerine encountered was an Eastern Towhee, but overhead we spotted Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, and Merlin.

We left Higbee and rode to Sunset Beach to take part in the sunset ceremony and found a flock of Black Scoters skimming the ocean on a flyby with some Common Terns.

After a relaxing night at a nearby campground, we woke early to resume our assault on Cape May. Carolina Wren called to us as we dressed and Higbee Beach was much more accommodating that morning. Red-bellied Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, Cape May Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Northern Parula, Purple Finch, a calling Brown Thrasher, and an elite Midwest visitor, Dickcissel, were seen. After a makeshift breakfast, we returned to the hawk watch and found a Short-billed Dowitcher and a Golden Eagle. The eagle was quite far away and it certainly wasn’t a satisfying look. We left to do some shopping at the Bird Observatory and check Lily Lake once more, and got lucky with a Eurasian Wigeon. We also agonized over a Snow Goose which we tried to turn into a Ross’ Goose. Our next stop was the Avalon sea watch about 12 miles north. We saw a flock of Sanderling, Northern Gannets (pictured), and many hundreds of Black Scoters, their long skeins extending across the horizon.

Our last stop was further north at Brigantine. Along with the thousands of Snow Geese already present for the winter, we found Northern Pintail, Savannah Sparrow, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Dunlin, early Brant, and a Bald Eagle flying by as we drove to the parkway. Our two days’ total for our annual trip was 90, blasting our previous high of 74 set in 1989.

HOLIDAY PARTY FOR WILDLIFE

Doreen Remsen

Join the members of South Shore Audubon as we host our annual holiday party for wildlife on Saturday, December 13, 1997, at the Tackapausha Museum and Preserve on Washington Avenue in Seaford, from 1 P.M. till 3 P.M. There will be cone feeders to make, and popcorn and cranberries to string, for our feathered and furry friends. Don’t worry, there will be refreshments for us too and a visit from Saint Nick and his very charming helper. So mark your calendars, and round up your children, grandchildren, and all those children at heart! See you there!

ANYONE HAVE A CHAIN SAW?

South Shore Audubon’s Trail Guide to Brookside Preserve mentions that the two westernmost Atlantic White-Cedar trees on Long Island are found there, remnants of what was once a white-cedar swamp. Because one of the trees was the victim of a hatchet attack recently, we’d like to borrow a self-powered chain saw in order to display the tree rings to individuals and groups visiting our 20-acre county-owned preserve on the Freeport-Baldwin border. If you have a suitable chain saw (a small sharp one will do the trick), please call Paul Butkereit at 599-0395.

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Oyster Bay, NY 11771
(516) 922-3200

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.

Saturday, November 22nd (10 A.M. to noon, adults) — Songbird Banding. An expert bird bander will demonstrate our songbird banding program. Participants will get to see wild birds up close in the hand and will find out why we study birds in this way. TRS members $5, nonmembers $7.

Friday, November 28th (1 to 3 P.M., children in grades K to 3) — Native Americans. Children can come to the Sanctuary this day and discover how the first Long Islanders lived. Separated into age groups, participants can take a nature hike, visit a wigwam, play a game, cook some corn cake, or dye some cloth. TRS members $5, nonmembers $5.

Thursday, December 18th (7:30 P.M., adults) — The Rainforests and Grasslands of Venezuela. Discover information about the natural wonders Sanctuary naturalists and members have explored on their trips there. Also find out about how you can join us on our return trip this May 2-10. Free.

Venezuela Eco-Tour. Ten people will join TRS Director Mary Richard and other naturalists on a trip to Mary’s favorite tropical locale. This trip from May 2-10, 1998 features diverse environments, including pristine rainforest with hundreds of species of exotic birds, plants, mammals, and more, and a stay in the famous Llanos. The Llanos are the wet savannas of central Venezuela and have incredible wildlife; you watch herds of capybaras, huge Jabiru Storks, ungainly Hoatzin along the rivers, King Vultures (pictured) on carcasses, Scarlet Macaws traveling past our hotel at dusk, and Fish-eating Bats hunting the waters. For more info, attend the program listed above; reservations are due January 1st.

Winter Camp. The kids are home for winter break and you are looking for something fun and educational for them to do? Try the exciting and informative Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary Nature Camp. From December 29-31 and January 2, we will provide children with a different nature experience each day. Sign up for one day or all four. Ages range from pre-K to 6th grade. Each day from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., a different topic will be explored. Whether it be winter bird study with banding and identification skills or learning the skills of tracking and how animals survive the winter, participants will have a great time and an experience they'll never forget. Cost per week is $100 for TRS members and $120 for nonmembers; cost per day is $30 for TRS members and $35 for nonmembers.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marion Yavarkovsky

As you can see from this Skimmer, you are joining an active group of dedicated people. All activities are open to new members and participation is strongly encouraged. Please join us.

[To receive an application for membership in National Audubon Society and SSAS, please call our Membership Chairperson, Marion Yavarkovsky, at 370-2090. The best time to call is after 4 P.M., Monday through Friday. Introductory membership is $20; $15 for students and senior citizens.]

Baldwin................ Jayne Paskoff
Bellmore............... Barbara Jordan, Joe Senzatimore
Elmont................ Victoria Sferlazza
Floral Park............ Alan Levy, Thomas Merle
Freeport............... Wendy Jankoski
Garden City .......... Mrs. Helen A. Kollar,
                    Mrs. Dorothy A. Peluso,
                    George Reamer
Hicksville............ Mr. Bobby Baker, Mr. & Mrs.
                    Joseph Blaha, Helen A. Pensivy
Island Park.......... Lorraine Krueger
Lido Beach........... Mr. Oscar Perez
Lynbrook.............. Susan Buffone, William Froman,
                    Michael & Donna Laura
Malverne................ Ms. Patricia Zoitl
Massapequa........... Mrs. Thomas Blackler
Merrick................ Susan A. Coppola
Oceanside............. Mrs. Dolores Hennessy,
                    Christopher Jager
Orient Point.......... Mr. & Mrs. William J. Latham
Plainview............... Meryle Barreres, Jessica Smith
Rockville Centre...... Nancy M. Benvenega, Puffin Party
                    Tent Rental, Alvin Wollin
Seaford............... Brent Hertz, George Lyons,
                    Margaret Rogers
Valley Stream......... Maria Kramer, Sarah Rauch,
                    Colleen Richards
Wantagh............... Edward H. Parker
West Hempstead....... Ms. Rena Maryles,
                    Ms. Roberta Ziolkowski
Woodmere............. A. Zabin

AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP STATUS (800) 274-4201
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. Premium Mix contains sunflower, white proso millet, cracked corn, safflower, and peanut bits; Special Mix contains white proso millet, black oil sunflower, wheat, small bird striped sunflower, canary seed, and peanut hearts. Preordering is greatly appreciated; 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 JANUARY 13th. Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to Paul T. Burkereit, 288 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 in OCTOBER 1998.

My name is ____________________________________________

My address is ____________________________________________

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Telephone ________________________ SSAS Member? ______ Yes _____ No ______

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