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NEXT MEETING

Enid Klein

DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2008

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

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

SPEAKER: Arthur Morris at 8 p.m.
TOPIC: Birds As Art: On The Road

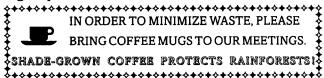
With more than 20,000 of his stunning images published in books, magazines, and calendars all over the globe, Arthur Morris is widely recognized as one of the world's premier bird photographers. Some of his earliest bird walks were with SSAS. His images are noted for both their artistic design and their technical excellence; his fitting credit line: BIRDS AS ART. His book, "The Art of Bird Photography," is the classic how-to work on the subject. The all-new followup, "The Art of Bird Photography II" (916 pages/900 images on CD only) was released in November. He is a contributing editor with Nature Photographer, a Popular Photography columnist, and has been a Canon contract photographer for the past nine years. In January 2007 he was named as a NANPA (North American Nature Photography Association) Fellow. He has conducted more than 4000 slide programs and seminars in the past 18 years. He currently travels, photographs, teaches, and speaks his way across North America and the world while leading well more than a dozen Birds As Art Instructional Photo-Tours, Photo-Cruises, and Photo Safaris each year.

This month's program will be a slide-illustrated lecture featuring about 300 of Artie's spectacular images. As we travel the world seeing it through his lenses, Artie will be telling us all about the birds and other creatures that he photographs. A selection of books and photo accessories will be available for purchase; if you would like Artie to bring something specifically for you, you can click on the photo accessories link at www.birdsasart.com.

Pre-Meeting Program on Birds. Starting at 7 P.M. each month, Scott Oglesby expands our birding horizons in the

room beyond our coffee-break tables. Topic suggestions for future talks are welcome.

Parking Lots. In addition to the parking lot adjacent to the library, there's a lightly used, well-lit, and fairly close municipal lot on the east side of S. Ocean Ave., on the near (south) side of the Crystal gas station that borders Sunrise Highway.



SPRING CLEANUP AT BROOKSIDE PRESERVE

On **Sunday, April 6**, starting at 1 P.M., SSAS will have its annual spring cleanup at Brookside Preserve, rain or shine. Brookside is a 20-acre freshwater wetland, woodland, and upland area owned by Nassau County that was rescued from oblivion and is managed by SSAS. With help from a state grant, we published a trail guide, educational freshwater wetland guide, and video; we

freshwater wetland guide, and video; we continue to add plantings for wildlife and have successfully sought Nassau County Environmental Program Bond Act support for Brookside (see below). Scanned pdf files of the guides can be downloaded from ssaudubon.org.

The Preserve is located on the Freeport-Baldwin border, along Milburn Creek; park at the main entrance on Brookside Avenue just north of Sunrise Highway (turn north at the traffic light that's just east of Freeport High School). Please bring gloves, rakes, bags, and/or friends of all ages. You can arrive and depart anytime.

Environmental Bond Act Update. As we reported two newsletters ago, the Advisory Committee for the 2006 bond act has recommended that the county spend \$60,000 of the act's parks improvement funds on Brookside Preserve, for boardwalk extension, plantings, fencing, and entry signs. Meanwhile, two years after we first reported

that \$442,000 had been recommended for Brookside from the 2004 bond act's storm-water improvement funds, there's progress to report on the four in-line treatment devices to be installed on streets that end at the preserve — \$202,000 has been budgeted, in-house surveys are expected to be completed by May, followed by designing and, by late summer, a request for project bids.

MORE ABOUT BIRDING BY EAR

Editor's note: Jim Remsen managed to find time to send a followup to his "Guide to Birding by Ear," which I snuck into the last Skimmer at the last moment without giving him a chance to verify my attempt at updating his list of websites. Here it is:

First, you are right about the Bertolini website; it's defunct but his albums are all still available cheaply as downloads from most of the major music sites (as well as amazon.com).

Although the English version of the Natys site appears to be gone, most of those recordings are now available at www.sittelle.com/indexgb.html, which is in English.

Probably the biggest development since I wrote that article is that the two largest North American archives of animal sound, Cornell's Lab of Ornithology (www.birds.cornell.edu/macaulaylibrary/) and Ohio State's Borror Laboratory of Bioacoustics (http://blb.biosci.ohio-state.edu), nowhave large chunks of their collections streaming online for free (Borror recordings can also be downloaded).

At South Shore Audubon Society's general meeting on May 13, officers and directors will be elected for our next fiscal year. All members attending that meeting may nominate candidates from the floor and vote. The candidates recommended by the SSAS nominating committee, chaired by Wendy Murbach and including Joanne Del Prete and Mary Jane Russell, will be announced in the next Skimmer.

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★★ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ★★

Wendy Murbach

One of the wonderful perks that you get from an Audubon membership is the chance to be a part of your local Audubon chapter, South Shore Audubon Society.

You are automatically a valued member of this active and friendly chapter, so please come out to the next meeting at the Freeport Library from 7:30–9:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month to hear what you can do to help preserve your local environment's health and viability, to hear about local issues that you can help to solve, and to see an interesting program.

Whether you are a beginning birder or someone with a large life list, you will enjoy our weekly Sunday bird walks led by Elliott Kutner. Check out the special events that are mentioned in this *Skimmer*. Attend them yourself, and bring your family and friends too.

You are warmly invited to be an active participant in this vibrant all-volunteer organization comprised of persons who, like you, care about the earth we live on, about our local environment, and about the creatures that live alongside us.

Our new members since the last Skimmer are:

Atlantic Beach Anita Darian

Baldwin Jugnu Garfield, Stanley Gittleman,

James & Candyce Kannengieser, Alice Kentrianiakis, Eileen M.

Lamb

Bethpage Leon Katz
Elmont Joan Weintraub
Farmingdale Elizabeth Sinclair

Floral Park Leo Pagiavlas, Thomas Vanbuskirk

Levittown Janet Gates, Jessica Price,

Katherine Rietberg, Mario J.

Simicich

Long Beach Allen Horowitz

Lynbrook Dorothy Perrich, Timothy

Schlaneuss

Massapequa...... Donald Anderson, Suzanne Kelly

Massapequa Park Edward Delle

Merrick Ernie Miller, Philip Osattin

Oceanside Chitra Shenoy

Point Lookout David Goodman

Rockville Centre Robert Fresco, Linda Volkert Seaford Thomas F. Lawlor, Barbara Lyons

Stewart Manor Charlotte Delloiacono

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Valley Stream Frances Kulir, Mr. & Mrs. Harold

Zuckerman

West Hempstead H. Bogdonoff Woodmere Noah Fisch

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TIME FOR CELEBRATION!

Therese Lucas

Join with fellow members and friends for the South Shore Audubon Society's 37th Annual Dinner. On **Tuesday, June 10**, we'll be celebrating another successful year at the Coral House, 70 Milburn Avenue at Merrick Road, Baldwin, NY.

It will be an evening to recount birding adventures of the past year with friends old and new, and enjoy the music of Toby Tobias.

The ever-popular Super Raffle, Chinese Auction, and 50–50 Raffle will be ongoing during the course of the evening. There are a number of birding-related items you won't want to miss, among them some autographed books by famous naturalists! There will be a service award presentation and a raffle for Birdathon participants. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30.

It promises to be a special evening, made even more special if you are there.

There are no sales at the door; reservations must be made in advance. The cost is \$40 per adult. Please send your check and the form below to me at 983 Bellmore Road, North Bellmore, NY 11710-3714.

Elliott Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains or snows or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667. Directions and summaries may be found at ssaudubon.org.

Easter Sunday — No Walk

Mar. 23

Mar. 30	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Apr. 6	Hempstead Lake State Park*
Apr. 13	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Apr. 20	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Apr. 27	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
*In order t	to avoid the seasonal \$6 parking fee, look for
Elliott outs	side the entrance to Field #1 (take Southern
State Park	way Exit 18 south); he will direct you to alterna-
tive parkin	g in Rockville Centre. That afternoon, please
join our Br	ookside Preserve cleanup!
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	RARE BIRD ALERT (212) 979-3070

VICTORY FOR JONES BEACH AND THE PEOPLE OF LONG ISLAND!

Jim Brown

Editor's note: Back in the October issue of the Skimmer, Jim reported our opposition to the scheme to replace the previous restaurant at Jones Beach with a combined restaurant/catering hall approximately four times as large, replacing green space with pavement. Since then, he has kept our members up to date at our meetings and via our chapter's free e-mail list. Here's the e-mail he posted on March 6, just as the local media was widely reporting that the defeated developers will now sue New York State. Jim and Joe Grupp both spoke at the public hearing mentioned below.

The New York State Department of State denied Donald Trump and Steve Carl a variance for the basement of their restaurant/catering hall complex slated to be built on Jones Beach. This denial of a variance marks a resounding success for the environment and people of Long Island. Concerned residents came out in large numbers to the hearing at the Cradle of Aviation Museum on Tuesday to voice — finally — their sincere concerns for the barrier beach. The basement was deemed unsafe and a violation of state law. Importantly, we were also able to express our criticisms of the size and appropriateness of the entire project, of which this ill-advised basement was a part. If the public had been genuinely included at the beginning of this whole process, the tense March 4th confrontation between developers and public may have been avoided. Hopefully, we will now get a restaurant on Jones Beach that is in harmony with the environmental and social needs of average New Yorkers, and in conformity with Robert Moses' original vision for a people's beach.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the hearing — without such visible and vocal opposition to this huge development project, we might not have been successful in halting its construction. It was great to see so many Audubon members in the audience!

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NATURE TALES FROM A WANDERER Nature Notes for Thursday, March 6, 2008

Joe Grupp

All times are approximate, but pretty close to the time the events occurred.

7:00 A.M.: I was enjoying a breakfast mix of scrambled eggs, cheese, and bacon, and that early morning cup of eye-opening coffee, and occasionally looking out the window, halfheartedly checking the birds coming and going around the feeder. A flock of House Sparrows settled on the ground to feed and among them was a single Common Grackle (pictured). The grackle stopped me cold, because



it was one of the sleekest and colorful, if not the sleekest and colorful, Common Grackle I had ever seen. The bird's body was a

uniform somewhat shiny black. The head was an iridescent, exceptionally shiny, dark blue with a tint of green that washed over it. The intensity and hue of the green changed slightly as the bird moved its head. Intellectually I knew that the shiny green and its subtle changes in color were dependent on the angle of the light coming from the morning sun and as the bird moved its head that angle changed the color, but it was the sheer beauty of the shiny iridescent color of that particular bird that really captured my attention.

9:15 A.M.: I arrived at the Valley Stream State Park parking field. Each Thursday is what I call "Valley Stream State Park Day," because on that day of the week a group of us meet to do a survey recording all the birds we can find there and later enter their numbers into a permanent database. Jeannette Miller, Mary Jane Russell, Rick Kopitsch, Steve Schellenger, and I make up what I have come to consider the regular crew. Occasionally one of us misses a Thursday because of the rest of life, as Mary Jane had to do today and occasionally we are also joined by others. We always follow a prescribed route through the park.

9:30 A.M.: We had been in a wooded section of the park on a dirt trail for a short time and had logged only three birds when a raptor was spotted flying behind some trees. We got a good but quick look at it as it approached a branch to perch on, but then it was really difficult to find it as the branches of the tree before it and those of the tree it was perched on really hid the bird. One by one, each of us lost it. Steve was lucky enough to get the best look and confirmed that it was a Cooper's Hawk, as we had thought. We really worked at finding the bird again. Rick and Steve even walked back toward the tree, but it was gone. We were all really focused on that tree and were amazed that the bird could fly off without one of us seeing it leave.

9:45 A.M.: We logged some of the "usual" birds as we walked, but not as many as usual. At a spot where we usually turn up Mourning Doves, we got seven. In the past few weeks we had been getting 30 or more there.

9:55 A.M.: We had left the woods and followed the paved path that edges the picnic area when we again spotted a raptor flying into some not-too-distant tree. This time it was easier to see, but I must confess when I took my glasses down for a second I lost it and was challenged to find it again, even with explicit help from the others. Eventually I got it. Birding can be frustrating at times! The bird was facing us and the rusty barred breast was visible. The nice round tail confirmed it a Cooper's Hawk. Was it the same one as before? Who knows? I only recorded one for the day, however.

10:15 A.M.: Someone remarked that we had not seen a White-breasted Nuthatch yet. They have been regulars during the season and we usually spot one or more well before now. We don't see any today.

10:40 A.M.: Some White-throated Sparrows foraged on the stream bank by the last footbridge we cross, entering the final leg of the survey. A lone male Eastern Towhee

(pictured) was spotted vigorously bathing in the stream, possibly confirming that it was a towhee that someone thought they might have heard earlier. Some White-throats bathed

10:50 A.M.: We were finishing up and as we walked I checked the pad where the species observed and their numbers are recorded. The recordings filled just two columns. Usually we fill three or more.

11:00 A.M.: As we walked towards the cars, we noticed two men flying model airplanes. One of the planes was in the air over the playing fields and circling back towards us. All of a sudden we noticed that there was a Cooper's Hawk following and closing in on the plane fast. Amazing! The hawk followed the plane as it began to loop back out over the field and then flew off.

11:02 A.M.: I walked over to talk to the two men and found out that it is not common but also not unusual to have raptors chase a model plane. As we were talking, I began to recognize one man and had not seen him in fifteen years or more. A model-plane-chasing Cooper's Hawk had reunited two old friends.

11:45 A.M.: A stop at Meroke Preserve found it not very active, but Red-winged Blackbirds were singing there, signaling the beginning of the change of season.

5:30 P.M.: The rest of the day was taken up by the rest of life, but by now I knew that today was what I was going to write about. What I needed was an appropriate ending and I thought I might "cheat a bit" and hopefully find a nice Northern Cardinal to describe by looking out the window at the feeders. I looked and got four, two males and two females. Perfect ending!

CALVERTON GRASSLANDS IN PERIL

At last autumn's meeting of the seven-chapter Long Island Audubon Council, SSAS joined its fellow chapters and Audubon New York staff in supporting the efforts of the Coalition to Save Open Space at EPCAL. The Town of Riverhead is seeking to develop the nearly 3000-acre former Grumman property now known as Enterprise Park at Calverton (EPCAL), which includes 800 acres of grasslands known to be one of the last LI breeding locations and wintering strongholds for Eastern Meadowlarks.

The Town has given its approval to a 778-acre Riverhead Resorts, which would include a 350-foot indoor ski mountain (which would be Long Island's tallest structure), 90-acre artificial lake, 2000-room hotel, 3500 time-share units, etc. (see www.riverheadresorts.com). Other portions of EPCAL are slated for business and light industrial use; some construction is underway. A posting on the New York Birding List website in early March reported sightings of four state-endangered Short-eared Owls, three Northern Harriers, three Red-tailed Hawks, about 15 Eastern Meadowlarks, and seven Horned Larks.

Editor's note: Three issues ago, we mentioned that Nassau County and the Town of Oyster Bay were discussing the possible transfer of Massapequa Preserve. Since then, County Executive Thomas Suozzi and Tobay Supervisor John Venditto have publicly expressed support for this idea, pending the results of a study by consultants, while several Nassau County Legislators from both parties have voiced their opposition. In addition to Massapequa Preserve, Stillwell Woods Park and Preserve in Syosset is also slated to be given to Tobay. SSAS's position was expressed in a letter that was sent to Mr. Suozzi, with copies to Mr. Venditto, the supervisors of the Towns of Hempstead and North Hempstead (the latter has already taken over nine parks), County Legislator David Denenberg (who chairs the Planning, Development and the Environment Committee), and via a press release. Here it is:

The members of the South Shore Audubon Society, comprising 1500 households from Nassau County communities stretching from the Queens County line to the Suffolk County line, wish to voice their opposition to the giveaway of our Nassau County parks to local townships. We believe this course of action to be a very costly and irrevocable mistake.

Our parks and preserves are the pride of our county, the reason that Nassau County is an attractive place to live and bring up families. We have paid taxes to purchase and maintain these properties, have enjoyed their beauty, and wish to continue to do so.

Giving these parks and preserves to the townships will in the long run not save one penny for an individual taxpayer. We all understand that maintenance must be paid for and will be taxed for by any governmental owner of the property. In addition, we as an environmentally aware organization are concerned that the lands which have been preserved in a "forever wild" status will be given to townships which do not have "forever wild" clauses in their legal systems. These preserves are in danger, then, of being developed, of being sold commercially, or of being used in ways that are not consistent with conservation and preservation.

There is a further concern. Money has been granted for massive restoration efforts for some of the areas being considered for transfer. Will Nassau County restore the areas only to then give them away? That seems unfair, outrageous, and a wanton disregard for public monies.

A prestigious county, Nassau County, should have glorious parkland, woodland, places for its citizens to renew themselves in an outdoor environment. It is shameful to hand these wonderful resources, which belong to the people of Nassau County, over to the townships. These lands are our investment in the future of this county. They are important for our welfare and recreation. And they are an important asset which must not be squandered.

South Shore Audubon Society requests that the handover of our Nassau County parks and preserves to townships be stopped.

HECKSCHER SPRING FESTIVAL

The annual Spring Festival at Heckscher State Park is scheduled for **April 26 & 27**, from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M., weather permitting. SSAS, other environmental organizations, and various agencies will provide information, displays, crafts, wildlife exhibits, etc.



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OUR ANNUAL CENTRAL PARK WALK

On **Saturday, May 3**, SSAS is planning to be in Central Park for our annual (weather permitting) early May morning bird walk. Once again, Manhattan residents (and old-time SSAS members) Chris Cooper and Lloyd Spitalnik are being asked to lead us through the twisting maze of the Ramble and adjoining areas of the park. In previous years, we've recorded 45 to 70-plus species in under three hours (49 last year, including 15 warblers).

The cost of the walk is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers; all proceeds will be used to support SSAS. Please look for details in the next *Skimmer*.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

South Shore Audubon Society is offering two \$750 environmental scholarships this spring to college juniors, seniors, or graduate students who are continuing their studies toward a degree in an area of biological or environmental science, such as wildlife management, forestry, animal behavior, ecology, marine biology, oceanography, mammalogy, or ornithology. For information, call Betsy Gulotta at 546-8841 or e-mail gulotte@ncc.edu. Applications are due by April 30 and we typically receive only a few, so apply!



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NEW YORK AQUARIUM "BEHIND-THE-SCENES" TOUR (Sat., April 5). Meet 10 A.M. at aquarium entrance in Coney Island for 2-1/2 hr special guided tour. See walrus, sea otter, seals, sharks, stingrays, sea turtles, and, of course, "Squirt, the Wonder Clam." Cost: \$25 (kids \$15). Contact Don to reserve. SUNKEN FOREST, FIRE ISLAND (Sat., May 17). Call Don for info and reservation.

HORSESHOE CRAB WALK (Sun., May 18). Meet 7 р.м. at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Call Don for info.

JAMAICA BAY SUNSET CRUISES (Sun., June 1 & Sat., June 14, 5–8 p.m.). Join us for a special 3-hour narrated tour of the backwater marshes of Jamaica Bay. Learn about the history, ecology & wildlife of this 13,000-acre preserve. See nesting peregrine falcon, osprey, terns, oystercatchers, as well as egrets, herons, and migrating shorebirds. Cost: \$45 includes wine & cheese, fruit, drinks, snacks.

MONTAUK SPRING WEEKEND (June 6–8). Spend a weekend of natural history at the end of L.I. during peak heather & orchid blossom time. Activities incl. birding, botanizing, seining for sea critters, tidepooling. Cost: \$345 incl. 2 nights at luxurious Manor House, 5 meals, 5 guided hikes, 2 evening programs.

For information and free field trip brochure, call/write Don Riepe, (718) 318-9344, driepe@nyc.rr.com, 28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693; www.alsnyc.org.

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE YOUR JUNK!

Maureen Rube

The South Shore Audubon Society will be holding a **Flea Market** on **Saturday, May 31** or, in the event of rain, on Sunday, June 1. It will be held at the same place as last year, the Youngferts' home in Franklin Square. The money raised will be used to provide scholarships for disadvantaged children in our area to attend the Environmental Day Camp at Audubon's Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary for one week this summer.

Please help us in raising funds for this good cause by donating your unwanted items, such as: dishware, books, toys, jewelry, bric-a-brac, accessories, tools, small pieces of furniture, etc. You may bring your things to the Youngferts' home the week before or on the day of the flea market. We will also be providing pickups for those who are unable to drop off their things; you can call me at 352-4327.

We also are asking for volunteers in helping us the week before to pick up items at members' homes and drop them off at the Youngferts' home.

Plan to join us, chat with members, and find some great buys!

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

SSAS BIRDATHON 2008 IS COMING!

This year, SSAS will conduct its 21st annual Birdathon! SSAS raises funds through the Birdathon by having members get cash pledges for each species of bird identified during a 24-hour period in May, when the spring migration is at its height. Due to the decision by National Audubon to sharply decrease the amount of financial support given to chapters, the Birdathon has become one of our major sources of income. Many of you have been very generous with your time and pledges in previous years; we hope you will continue and increase your gift of either time or pledges this year. Birding expertise and big pledges are not necessary; anyone can join one of SSAS's teams locally for all or part of the time, sponsor themselves, and help us find species, or you can do your own Birdathon anywhere.

Mark the dates on your calendar — **Friday, May 9** from 5:00 P.M. until **Saturday, May 10** at 5:00 P.M. The rain dates are one week later at the same time. Team details will be in the next *Skimmer*.

SSAS BACKYARD BIRD SURVEY

For several years, SSAS's Research Committee has been conducting a study to document the bird species found in the SSAS area and to estimate their numbers. We greatly appreciate input from anyone that feeds and/or observes birds in their yard or neighborhood.

To participate, simply record the birds that you see in your yard, neighborhood, or at your feeder; the date, time, and the number or approximate number of each species; and fill in the table provided below. If you have more recordings than lines in the table, please attach an additional piece of paper to the table and submit the additional recordings in the same manner. At the end of each month, please mail or e-mail your record to me at the appropriate address listed below, or hand it to me at our monthly meeting. Additional survey sheets are available at SSAS events.

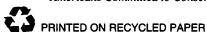
Please do not hesitate to submit your observations, even if you have been able to make only very few. WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

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Option 2. To join NAS and your all-volunteer local chapter, you can help SSAS survive NAS's major dues-share cutbacks by joining Audubon through us for the same price that it costs if you join through NAS (we get \$0 unless you join through us). Mail the form below and your check payable to **National Audubon Society** to SSAS at the address above. The special rate for the first year is \$20 per household; \$15 for students and seniors.

Renewing? Please send NAS renewals directly to NAS (we now get \$0 for all NAS renewals).

Donations to SSAS are always welcome!

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