



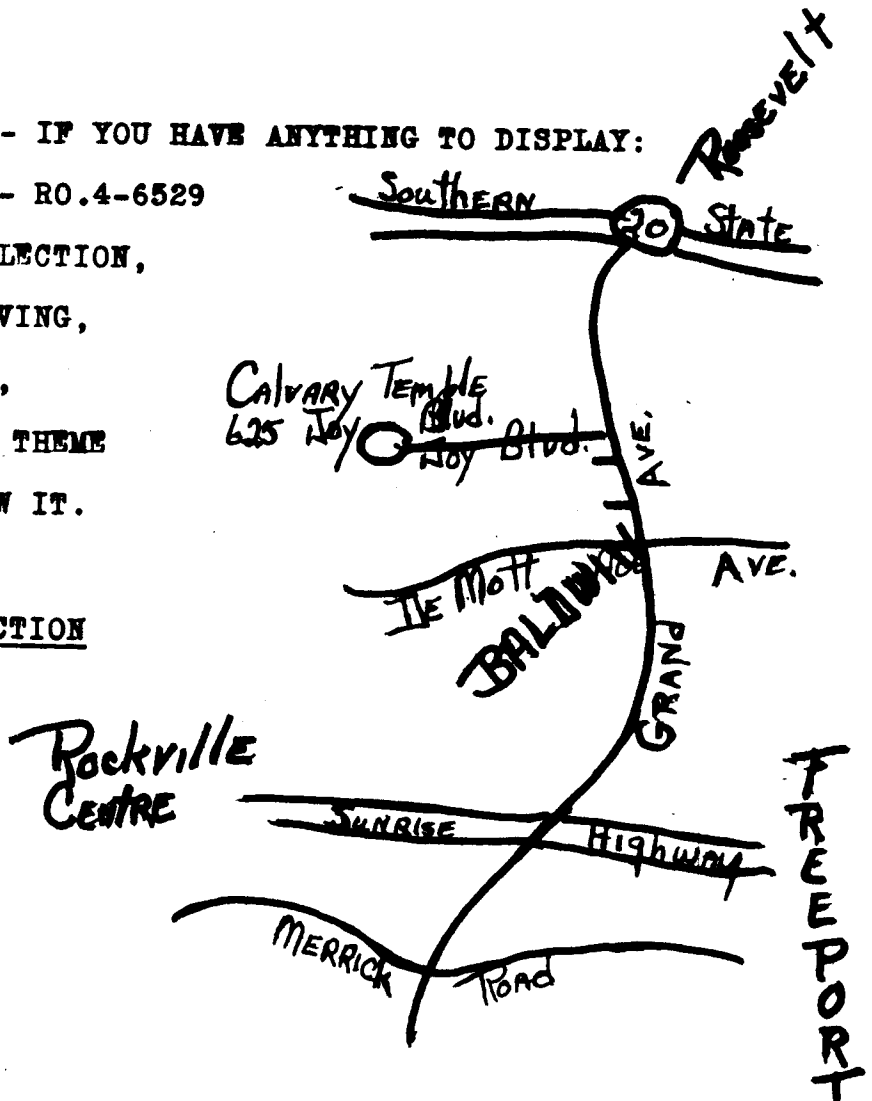
ARTS-CRAFTS-HOBBIES
SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON'S FIRST
SHOW for MEMBERS

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 19, FROM 12 noon to 5 P.M.
WHERE: CALVARY TEMPLE, ASSEMBLY OF GOD
625 JOY BOULEVARD
BALDWIN

IT'S NOT TOO LATE -- IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DISPLAY:
CALL JACK FISCHER -- RO.4-6529
PAINTING, SHELL COLLECTION,
NEEDLEWORK, WOODCARVING,
PHOTOS, BUTTERFLIES,
SCULPTURE -- IF THE THEME
IS NATURE WE'LL SHOW IT.

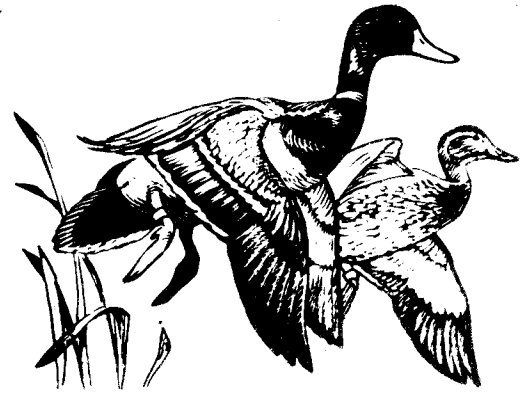
SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION
ELLIOTT KUTNER WILL
SHOW HIS FILMS.

FOLLOW THE MAP:



SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

Newsletter



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NEXT MEETING -- APRIL 9th

Our April program promises to be one that should not be missed. Dr. and Mrs. George P. Werner will show slides of the "Animals of East Africa" and talk about their trips to this continent. The Werners are members of South Shore, having recently transferred from the Scarsdale chapter. Dr. Werner is senior minister of Saint Mark's United Methodist Church in Rockville Centre.

The April Board meeting will be a week before the meeting, on April 2nd.

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The fifth and last of our wildlife films will be shown on April 18 with Howard P. Boyd presenting the program, "Downstream".

As Alvin Friedman announced at the last meeting, we do not know yet whether or not "Scandinavian Saga" can be re-scheduled. Dr. Bulger has been more than cordial in saying he will come back before the end of the year if at all possible.

At its March meeting, the Board voted not to hold these films again next year, on the advice of Alvin Friedman, chairman for this year. As Alvin pointed out at the meeting, the big problem is finding a place to hold the programs. An auditorium is necessary and this is very hard to find.

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ART AND CRAFT SHOW: Don't forget our show. Although we already have a goodly number of exhibitors, we need more to fill the hall which we have. Jack Fischer announced at the meeting that members with true hobbies pertaining to nature in any form will be accepted. SO - get out your interests and get in touch with the Fischer's now.

See separate flyer

Marge and Jack Fischer,
Chairmen - RO. 4-6529.

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CAMERA BUFFS!!

See the notice of a Nature Photography Class on p.4 following the list of bird walks.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The town of Durham, New Hampshire, recently offered proof that determined citizens, fighting to preserve their environment, can triumph over seemingly insurmountable odds.

Aristotle Onassis' plan for Olympic Refineries, his Monaco-based corporation, to build a \$600 million refinery in this coastal town was defeated, to quote the New York Times, "around kitchen tables".

Early in March, in their annual town meetings, Durham voted 1,254 to 144, against the refinery, and the nearby town of Rye, voted 1,093 to 194, to rezone an island held on option by Olympic to single-family use to thwart the plans. On March 7, despite intense lobbying pressure, the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted down, 233 to 109, a measure drawn up by Olympic to override the state's home rule tradition.

The refinery was a personal project of Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr. and was strenuously backed by publisher William Loeb's Manchester Union-Leader, a strong political influence.

The Olympic officials spent \$1 million in their campaign. They hired several teams of consultants to deal with the technical aspects of the project along with New York and Connecticut public relations firms. They opened an office near the statehouse in Concord and a suite in a Durham motel to bombard the residents with the usual propaganda about progress, jobs, etc.

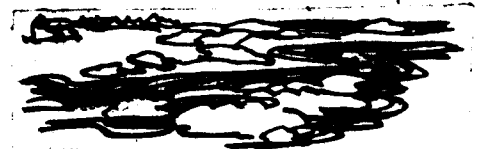
When local people called with questions they were invited to dinner and given an Olympic presentation, which included a film showing happy Arabs greeting the construction of an offshore oil terminal.

In the final week an eight-page supplement was inserted in the State's nine daily newspapers. Printed in red and black, it warned "Don't let a noisy minority stop our State", and listed the names and telephone numbers of all the State's representatives. It was not signed. A paid lobbying team, led by the former Speaker of the House, worked the corridors energetically.

The major focal point of the opposition was Nancy Sandberg's kitchen. Mrs. Sandberg is chairwoman of Save Our Shores, the most prominent of the 14 citizens' groups that sprang up around the State to oppose the refinery. Mrs. Sandberg, her husband, a high school science teacher, and their 5-year-old daughter are at the center of a constant stream of visitors bringing scraps of information, asking questions, and volunteering help. Save Our Shores made its materials and a speakers' bureau available to other groups. The organization raised \$14,000, mostly in small contributions, and hired a Boston environmental lawyer to assist their cause.

Thus, a group of concerned citizens brought together liberals and conservatives rallying around the home rule banner to defeat a coalition of big business, the governor, the major newspaper, and a team of lobbyists, public relations men and a \$1 million budget. They did it with dedication, hard work and contributions totalling less than 1% of the funds available to their opposition. We will soon have a fight to save our shores from offshore drilling and the accompanying refineries, terminals, and docking facilities. If Concord, N.H., can do it, so can Long Island!

Al Lemke, President



From our EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SALT MARSH FIELD TRIP - Take advantage of South Shore Audubon's first educational field trip and come to the Marine Nature Study Center in Oceanside on Saturday morning, May 18th, at 11:00 A.M. Adults and children welcome.

This trip is intended to acquaint you with the salt marsh ecosystem, life in the tidal shallows and the interrelationships in other marsh communities. We can expect to see shore birds, marsh vegetation, and the smaller inhabitants of the marsh. Our guide will be Bill Overton, an expert on marsh ecology and the Director of the Nature Study Center which is maintained by the Town of Hempstead.

We will be happy to arrange car pools to help save energy. For this and other information, contact: Linda Schlotterhausen, 47 Clarendon Drive, Valley Stream, N.Y. #11580. Telephone: 516-561-0247 (before 10:00 P.M.)

Linda Schlotterhausen,
Chairman, Education Committee

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OUR COUNTY MUSEUM --

TACKAPAUSHA AT SEAFORD: - I wonder how many of us are aware that the County Museum sponsors many good programs, among which is the Weekend Film Schedule. Designed especially for children and younger people, 4 films are shown on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. Times are 11:00 A.M.; 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 P.M. The films run about half an hour and admission is the 25¢ admission to the museum. The program for April is as follows:

- April 6-7 The Private Life of the Kingfisher
- April 13-14 The Vanishing Sea
- April 20-21 Prairie Killers
- April 27-28 Delta of the Orinoco

AND, for adults, the Friends of the Museum are sponsoring a spring lecture series on "The Natural History of Long Island". These lectures will be held on Tuesdays at Garvies Point Museum; and on Thursdays at Tackapausha. There is a series of 6, as follows:

- April 23-25 - The Geology of Long Island
- Apr.30/May 2 - Terrestrial Habitats of Long Island
- May 7 - 9 - The Indian Archeology of Coastal N.Y.
- May 14-16 - Indian Life in Coastal New York in the 17th century
- May 21-23 - Long Island Mammals
- May 28-30 - The Marine Environment

There is a fee for these lectures, all by qualified scientists, of \$15.00 for members of the Friends; and \$17.50 for Non-members. Further information: Friends of Nassau County Museum, Muttontown Rd., Syosset, N.Y. #11791: Telephone 364-1050

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-- FROM THE BIRDING FRONT --



Wood Duck

Bird Walk Schedules -

-- All walks start at 10:00 A.M. unless otherwise noted. No walk if it rains, snows, or the temperature is 25 degrees or below.

For information, call the chairman, Elliott Kutner.

For transportation from the Freeport, Baldwin areas, call Elliott Kutner - IV.6-7667; or Alvin Friedman - RO.4-9069. --

- April -- 7th - Jamaica Bay. Cross Bay Blvd. south of Belt Parkway.
- 14th - Short Beach, Jones Beach. Park near Coast Guard Station.
- *21st - West End, Jones Beach. Parking Field #2.
For important information on this trip, see below.
- 28th - Jamaica Bay. Cross Bay Blvd. south of Belt Parkway.

- May -- 5th - J.F.K. Sanctuary (Tobay Beach), Jones Beach.
- 12th - Jamaica Bay. Cross Bay Blvd., south of Belt Parkway.
- 19th - Jamaica Bay. Cross Bay Blvd., south of Belt Parkway.
- 26th - West End, Jones Beach. Parking Field #2.



*AND HERE IS THE NEWS

FOR CAMERA BUFFS:

Following the bird walk on April 21st, Adrian Dignan will conduct a Nature Photography class. (This walk is at West End, Jones Beach). All are welcome and all kinds of cameras will be discussed - from simple pocket instamatics to complex 35 mm's. Bring your camera, your questions, and your lunch; and take advantage of Adrian's experience and enjoy the session.

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We have been limited in our trips this year, but we have had good days whenever we were able to get out.



At Jamaica Bay, we were hard put by a very harsh, windy day. Our special sighting was a mature Saw-Whet Owl. We were able to approach him within 6 - 8 feet. Those sleepy eyes swelled with the recognition of danger in our close approach. With our withdrawal, those marvelous eyes dimmed back to a sleepy state.

On Sunday, February 24th, we met at West End Jones Beach. Our first sighting was that special Arctic treasure - Snowy Owl! He allowed us to approach to the base of the light pole where he sat. Down by the surf, we came upon a mixed flock of shore birds numbering anywhere from 1,000 - 3,000. The flock was made up of a preponderance of Dunlin, along with Black Bellied Plover and Sanderling. They were showy - wheeling and turning in a blue sky. On Short Beach, we came upon Horned Grebe, Old Squaw, Red-breasted Merganser, and a Double-crested Cormorant drying his wings in the sun. As we crossed back toward the parking lot, we came upon a large flock of Snow Bunting. It was a good day!

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From the Birding Front - continued

On March 3, we met at Short Beach. It was a raw, cloudy, windy day. In the area behind the police station, we flushed a Short-Eared Owl. We inspected the area from which he rose and found a fresh pellet. In the channel at Short Beach, we saw Horned Grebe, Red-breasted Merganser and Bonapart Gull. We turned south to the beach side. At the road margin, Dr. Silver spotted a Northern Shrike. Again, we looked for the Snowy Owl. Sure enough, in Parking Lot #1, West End, we found him at curbside. We were able to approach him so that some of our birders could take pictures of him. Other birds sighted include Black-Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Horned Lark, and Snow Bunting.

In a three-week span we were able to see three owls.

Grackles and Red-Winged Blackbirds have returned to our area along with large numbers of Robins. There is a Red-Headed Woodpecker at the northern end of Hempstead Lake State Park near Southern State Parkway. The large lake in Massapequa bordering Merrick Road has the following birds: a large raft of Canvasback Ducks, Lesser Scaup, Canada Geese, Great Blue Heron, and a Pied Billed Grebe.

Come out and add to our excitement by sharing it with us!

For all of you loners - Good Birding!

Elliott Kutner
Chairman, Birding

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And for the backyard birders, we've had only one call this month! Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodrich of Levittown have had a female Baltimore Oriole at their feeder; and a female Redpoll dropped in for a look and went on.

What about you other backyard birders - let us hear from you. And what you see does not have to be in the backyard! Larry Fisher's kingfisher was on the way to school.

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IF YOU SEE A DYE-PAINTED CANVASBACK DUCK, notify the Audubon Central Midwest Regional office, Route 1, Box 19, Mauckport, Ind., #47142, and give full particulars. These ducks have decreased alarmingly in recent years and a number of males have been marked with dye by the U.S. Bureau of Sports and Fisheries and Wildlife to learn more about their habits.

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NOTE re New Members:- We had planned and wanted to list in this issue the names of our many new members who joined in January and February, but space did not permit - there were 90 in all! - But, whether or not we were able to include the list, we do want to extend a most cordial welcome and say that we hope and look forward to seeing many of you at our meetings.

The Editor

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-- USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS --

HELP..... HELP..... HELP..... and/or advice for injured birds:

A. & A. Veterinary Hospital, 414 Franklin Ave., Franklin Square -
Tel. GE.7-2222. Free care for any wild bird.

Mrs. Arlene Thomas, author of "Bird Ambulance", at 212-HO.8-2330.

BIRD ALERT - 212-832-6523 for an up-to-the-minute taped message.

AIR POLLUTION? To report complaints, call 535-3232, Mondays through
Fridays, 9:00 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. - Nassau County Bureau of Air Pollution.

CONGRESSMEN?

Representatives: Norman Lent; Anthony Roncallo; J. Grover; John Wydler;
and L. Wolff.
Address: Honorable _____
House Office Buildings, Washington, D.C.#20515

Senators: Jacob Javits, James Buckley
Address: Senator _____
Senate Office Buildings, Washington, D.C.#20510

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TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER! Same time - meeting night, June 11th -
Same place - Coral House, Baldwin -
And the same good chairmen; Marge and Charlie Keller.
More details in the next newsletter, but plan now on the date.

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DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER ***** April 10th

SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

--APRIL MEETING--
Tuesday, April 9th
Freeport Library - 8:15 P.M.



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