

# SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



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## Meeting

JANUARY 12  
FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
8:15 P.M.

Our program will feature a film by Cornell University on birds of prey. T.R. Sanctuary Director Bill Kolodnicki will host the program. This is a very beautiful and informative film.

Please come and enjoy it with us.

South Shore Audubon is sponsoring a lecture series at Long Beach High School. The lectures will deal with environmental issues and natural history. They will be held on the last Thursday of each month, beginning at 8:00 P.M.

January 28; N.Y. Public Interest Research Group - "Toxic Chemicals, What We Do About Them."

February 25; Fred Hager of County Executive Purcell's office on plans for the Mitchell Field Development.

March 25; Elliot Kutner, past President of SSAS will speak on spring birds and show movies he has made.



## Bird Seed Savings

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 1982  
9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM

Tackapausha Museum is located on Washington Avenue in Seaford and lies about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Sunrise Highway, just north of Merrick Road.

Pre-ordering greatly aids us in determining the amount of seed needed. The enclosed order form is for your use. Please make all checks payable to South Shore Audubon Society (no cash through the mail, please). Mail check and order form as soon as possible to:

Paul T. Butkerei  
268 Wallace Street  
Freeport, N.Y. 11520

All proceeds from the seed sale go to the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary. Volunteers will be needed on the sale day. If you have any questions or wish to help, please call 623-0843 in the evenings.

## FIELD TRIPS

No walk if it rains, snows or temperature is 25 degrees or below. Start 9:30 A.M.

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| JAN. | 3  | Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. #4    |
|      | 10 | Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge |
|      | 17 | Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary     |
|      | 24 | West End #2, N.W. corner    |
|      | 31 | Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary     |
| FEB. | 7  | Zach's Bay, Pkg. Fld. #4    |
|      | 14 | West End #2, N.E. corner    |
|      | 21 | Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge |

## Downtown Nassau by Tom Torma

Most people moved to Nassau County to get away from the congestion of the urban environment. Unfortunately, that urban environment is about to follow us into "Downtown Nassau," an area described by various newspapers as including Roosevelt Field, Mitchel Field, Hempstead Village and the new Westbury Mall.

On November 29, in the Sunday News Grover Ryder wrote about the planned development of Mitchel Field. According to Mr. Ryder, 26 commercial buildings are to be constructed. Seventeen of these will be between 10 and 14 stories high. They will be completed in two or three years. At that time there will be 5 million square feet of office space at Mitchel Field. Also included in this area, will be a new 640 room hotel complete with specialty shops. Small manufacturing plants, headquarters of international firms and a major bus transportation center are also planned for the area.

On December 1, Newsday wrote an editorial about "Downtown Nassau," describing the proposed shopping center as follows: "The new three level mall will link the existing Ohrbach and Fortunoff stores with a third department store and 125 smaller shops. Double-decking the existing 2,000 car parking area will expand it to 5,300 cars."

Thousands of jobs will be created by the development of our new urban area. Many problems will be created as well. The roads here are already the most congested on Long Island. County Executive Fran Purcell recommends a shuttle bus system in the area. People will still have to drive there to take the bus. I find it hard to believe that workers will wait for a bus when their cars are sitting in the parking lot and they have only an hour for lunch. Newsday suggests "automated buses on elevated concrete tracks to create a central Nassau transit loop."

Commercial buildings use large amounts of water. We must question where the water is coming from. Several wells in the area are in danger of contamination, and increased usage will not help the situation. Chemicals have moved to within 1400 feet of these wells, which supply 30,000 Uniondale residents. This contamination came from a chemical storage facility near Mitchel Field.

Newsday reported that a public well in Garden City is threatened by used air conditioning water from Roosevelt Field and the Lever office complex. These facilities pump contaminated water from the ground to be used in their air conditioning systems. They then pump the used water to a drainage basin so it can re-enter the ground. The old drainage sump is inadequate and the water spills over into nearby areas. The water, which had been polluted by industrial chemicals from an unknown source before it was picked up by the air-conditioning pumps, has flowed into a county drainage basin, posing a threat to a public well serving Garden City.

Last year Roosevelt Field applied for a permit to drill a well into the Lloyd aquifer. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation denied the application. In the decision, the First Deputy Commissioner wrote, "The hearing report confirms that the unlimited availability of an uncontaminated potable water supply on Long Island is by no means certain and that efforts must be undertaken now to assure that potable water supplies continue to remain available."

Whatever happens, the plans for Mitchel Field and all of "Downtown Nassau" will have a great effect on all of us. It is my wish that the public could have more input into the decisions that will be made.



Between 1.6 and 3 million tons of crude oil are discharged into the sea every year. Floating oil is now estimated at 10 million tons!

Not considering accidental spills, tankers are allowed to discharge oil as a part of doing business. Two basic sources of oil discharge are ballast and bilgewater. Seventy-five percent of oil transportation uses the "Load on Top" system, which works as follows:

- (1) Ballast sea water is pumped into some oil cargo tanks after unloading-
- (2) Other tanks are cleaned; washings are held in a slop tank-
- (3) Dirty ballast from (1) and slop in (2) separate into oil and water fractions-
- (4) Water fractions from 50 to 200 ppm are pumped overboard before making port (say at Venezuela)-
- (5) The oily residue is retained on board in cargo tanks. New oil is merely loaded on top-

Bilgewater, which may contain fuel oil, spills and lubricating oils is pumped overboard.

Present limits set by the United Nations Intergovernmental Consultative Organization (IMCO) are:

- 60 liters per nautical mile for bilgewater
- 100 parts oil per million parts water (100 ppm) beyond 12 mile limit
- 15 ppm within 12 miles of land

The U.S. Coast Guard implements the IMCO Convention for the United States. Who enforces these rules in other parts of the world is anybody's guess. From the appearance of beaches in the Caribbean, little control is exercised.

The massive oil spills add to this permissible and overlooked continual burden on the environment.

Paul Butkerei, Sr.



The Town of Hempstead is forming an Environmental Advisory Committee. Anyone who wishes to be on the committee should send a written request to:

Thomas Gulotta  
Presiding Supervisor, Town of Hempstead  
Town Hall Plaza  
Hempstead, N.Y. 11550

This is an opportunity to have the town government hear our input on environmental issues.



On Wednesday, January 27, a meeting to discuss plans for a New York State Bottle Bill will be held at "The Nineteenth Hole" at the Salisbury Inn, Eisenhower Park at 8 P.M.

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

For further information call Tom Torma at 223-7947.



Coast Watch thanks the members of South Shore Audubon for their generous donations so far.

Volunteers can still sign up by contacting:

Dr. Eileen Hathaway  
A & A Veterinary Hospital  
414 Franklin Avenue  
Franklin Square, N.Y. 11010

Among items still needed are:

chairs, plastic tarps or similar material (Tyvar is best), extension cords, galvanized tubs, clip boards, clock, buckets, brooms, wooden horses, garden hoses, rags, paper cups, canned infant formula, electrical and masking tape, plastic dish pans, scissors, paper towels.



The "Holiday Party" co-sponsored by So and the Long Beach Voters, was a tremendous party was held at District's Environmental Center in Lido Beach.

The youngsters played with cookies and cider and made holiday treats. The adults had a good time.

Top row: Tom Torre, "Otus," the T.R. Screech Owl.



Tom explains fine points of animal identification game to young guest.



Santa dropped in with...



Can you find Uncle Bill?





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 South Shore Audubon  
 League of Women  
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Hard at work making gifts for the birds.



Kids and volunteers hang  
 popcorn and cranberry  
 garlands and peanut butter  
 pinecones for the birds.

Environmental Center dir-  
 ector Addi Quinn is in dark  
 jacket in near left photo.



The "Holiday Party for the Birds," co-sponsored by South Shore Audubon and the Long Beach League of Women Voters, was a tremendous success. The party was held at the Long Beach School District's Environmental Education Center in Lido Beach.

The youngsters played games, snacked on cookies and cider and, most of all, made holiday treats for the birds. The adults had a great time, too!

Top row: Tom Torma introduces kids to "Otus," the T.R. Sanctuary's resident Screech Owl.



Santa dropped in with gifts for everyone.



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## THE BEGINNING



In the beginning.....

There was us - Marge and Jack Fischer and Al Friedman with his son Harlan - shopping at Waldbaum's. I knew Harlan from Cub Scouts and school, and, when I stopped to talk to him, he introduced us to his father. Al was buying bird seed and we were buying bird seed. "How'd you like to start an Audubon chapter?" Al asked, and, just like that, South Shore Audubon was born!

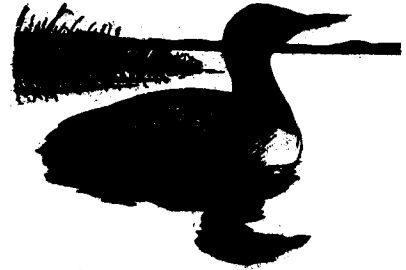
We started meeting in Al's living room. Al was indomitable. He rounded up neighbors, friends, relatives, business acquaintances. Many were just names on a list, but we needed those names to make the required thirty five members for a charter. Dick and Audrey Roberts and Jerry Gold, both with the N.Y. Times, helped us immensely in those early months. Neither could join our chapter, as they belonged to another Long Island chapter, but their help in organizing and ferreting out new members was invaluable.

Jerry would collar fellow commuters on the L.I.R.R. and ask, "Are you for the birds?" They took our first newsletters in to the Times to be printed FREE! We got a printout from National Audubon of the subscribers on the Island. We sat around Laura Friedman's kitchen table - Jack and I, Al and Laura, Jerry, Dick, and I can't remember who else - painstakingly picking out the names of National Audubon members from Queens to the Suffolk border, from the ocean to mid-island. We put a response form (again courtesy of the Times) in our newsletter asking the readers to come to our next meeting or respond by mail if they were interested in joining a local chapter. The response was so overwhelming we had to move out of Al's living room.

For a year we skipped around, trying different places and different nights. We had meetings at the Ocean-side, Long Beach and Freeport libraries. Our greatest response was on Tuesday nights at the Freeport library, so that became our permanent meeting time and place.

In my mind's eye I see the faces of many of our early members who have dropped out or gone to different groups. I think Jack and I are the only original charter members left, but South Shore Audubon keeps getting bigger and better.

Marge Fischer



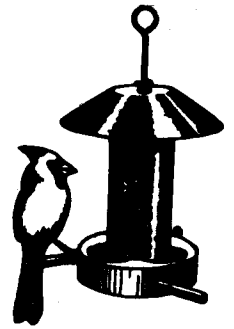
South Shore Audubon welcomes the following new members this month:

BALDWIN: Elizabeth Puglici,  
BELLMORE: Corine Gunther; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gunther,  
CEDARHURST: Ms. Bernice Gretsches,  
EAST MEADOW: Mrs. Mary Kuvach,  
EAST ROCKAWAY: Anne Delaney,  
ELMONT: Helen Deutsch, Robert Gartner, Marge Jirak, S. Pesak,  
FARMINGDALE: Doris Ferraro, William Grady, Mrs. Amy Sanford, Irma Yehuda,  
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HICKSVILLE: Mrs. Steph Crawford, D. English, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Morrison,  
LEVITOWN: Edith Rogers & Family, William Vorstadt,  
LONG BEACH: Gladys Foster  
LYNBROOK: Marion Pederson, B.A. Soman, Simon Wasserman,  
MALVERNE: O. Olson,  
MASSAPEQUA: Mrs. E. Armbruster, Bernadette Eagle, Fred & Grace Frey, Phillip Healey, Jean Rubly,  
NORTH MERRICK: Chris Jackson,  
OCEANSIDE: William & Ann Conn, P. Gelber, Brian Nazinitsky,  
PLAINVIEW: Laura Enteen,  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE: Dr. Clifford Bogin, Mrs. Mary Murray, Dr. Herbert Perr, Mr. & Mrs. L. Schloss,  
SELDEN: Mr. & Mrs. J. Gall,  
VALLEY STREAM: Charles Rattoballi, John Sullivan,  
WANTAGH: Rosetta Ermidis

Membership Chairman Doris Pirodsky



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| QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION                          | PRICE | TOTAL |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 25 lb    | Sunflower Seed                       | 8.40  |       |
| 50 lb    | Sunflower Seed                       | 16.25 |       |
| 25 lb    | Wild Bird Seed                       | 5.40  |       |
| 50 lb    | Wild Bird Seed                       | 10.20 |       |
| 20 lb    | Special Mix (1/3 Sunflower, no corn) | 5.40  |       |
| 40 lb    | Special Mix (1/3 Sunflower, no corn) | 10.25 |       |
| 25 lb    | Economy Wild Bird Seed               | 4.75  |       |
| 50 lb    | Economy Wild Bird Seed               | 9.00  |       |
| 25 lb    | Cracked Corn                         | 4.30  |       |
| 50 lb    | Cracked Corn                         | 8.25  |       |
| 10 lb    | Peanut Bits                          | 6.50  |       |
| 10 lb    | Sunflower Hearts                     | 7.00  |       |
| 10 lb    | Safflower Seed                       | 7.00  |       |
| 10 lb    | Thistle Seed                         | 13.50 |       |
|          | Maine Manna Seed Cakes               | 3.00  |       |
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## Bird Seed Savings Day®



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Bill Herzog 7 P.M.-9 P.M. 791-7886  
Asa Starkweather 599-5824  
Joan Butkerei 593-4554



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JANUARY 20

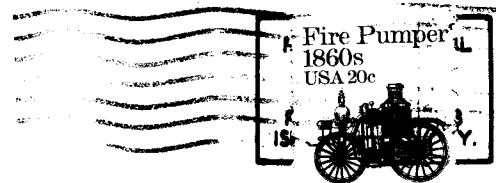
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Please remember to bring your cups.

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