

# SOUTH SHORE SKIMMER



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## President's Message

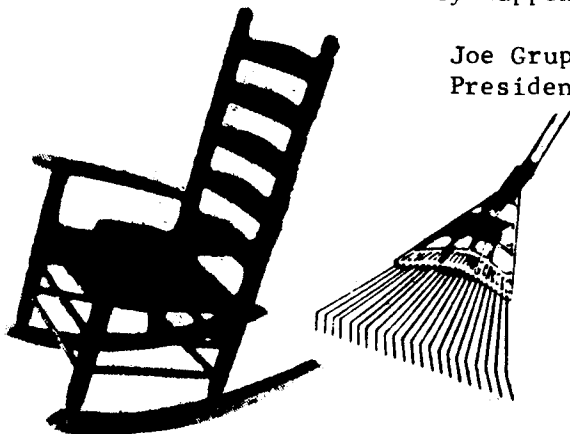
### A TIME TO SAY THANK YOU

The migration is over and the birds are settling down and tending to the business of perpetuating the species. It is a never ending cycle if a species is to survive, yet each part of the cycle has a time of its own. There is a time for migration, a time for rearing young, a time to migrate again and a time to overwinter.

South Shore Audubon Society also cycles, it goes on year to year. There is a time for planning, a time for doing, a time of culmination and a time to pause. As this is the last issue of the Skimmer until September it is not only a time to pause but a time to give recognition to those whose time and efforts make SSAS an active, viable organization.

South Shore Audubon Society and its programs exist because of the tireless efforts of its Officers, Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons, and all who have volunteered or made a donation to its programs. To all of you on behalf of the Audubon Cause it is time to say thank you for all you have done. You make South Shore Audubon Society happen.

Joe Grupp  
President



### SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER!!!!

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 1989

The South Shore Audubon Society annual dinner will take place at the Pompei Restaurant, 401 Hempstead Avenue, West Hempstead, N.Y. on Tuesday, June 13th. As usual, the June dinner is held in place of the usual June meeting.

This years' dinner speaker will be Ted Gilman, an Environmental Education Specialist, at the Audubon Center in Greenwich, Ct. His slide program entitled, "ISLANDS OF LIFE", will illustrate the natural wealth and diversity of Audubon's Sanctuaries and Centers.

The evening will begin at 6:45 PM with a cocktail hour and drinks will be purchased at an open bar. Dinner will begin at 7:45 PM.

## BIRD WALKS

ELLIOTT KUTNER

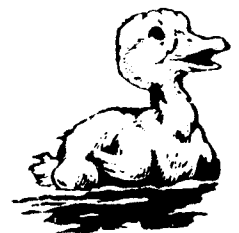
All walks start at 9:30 A.M. and no walks if it rains. Need further info? Call Elliott 486-7667.

- June 4 Cow Meadow Festival Annual Walk!!!!!!!!!!
- 11 Jamaica Bay W. Refuge
- Aug. 20 Jamaica Bay W. Refuge
- 27 Jamaica Bay W. Refuge

DO EWE WANT TO GO ON A BIRDWALK?



## family fun.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED!!

Betsy Gullotta

## Congratulations

Three South Shore Audubon Society college scholarships of \$500.00 apiece have been awarded to students at Hofstra University and Nassau Community College this year. The students were selected on the basis of their academic achievements in areas of environmental studies, and how their studies will help them pursue careers in environmental fields. The three recipients are:

Gregory Edward Kozlowski, Farmingdale, graduates from N.C.C., heading for Humboldt State University in California to major in Fisheries. He plans to study to "protect watershed systems not only for fish, but for all wildlife who make up the watershed ecological system. This includes bird life. I intend to fight against the destruction of our natural resources. The best way that I believe that I can accomplish this is to collect the raw data needed to prevent this destruction."

James F. Remsen, Oceanside, a long time S.S.A.S. member and Youth Director, is a graduate student at Hofstra University. He plans to use his "educational skills to become a research biologist with the potential to shed light on the evolutionary history of organisms in relation to each other and in relation to the forces that have shaped them." Jim is taking a wide variety of graduate courses in biology, and is writing two research papers in ornithology. He plans to "concentrate my efforts on a more general program of molecular biology with emphasis on evolution."

Mark A. Silberman, Brooklyn, is a second year law student at Hofstra University School of Law. His interest in environmental law has led him to environmental lobbying in Washington, D.C., as well as environmental journalism. Currently he is generously donating his time and expertise to the Conservation Committee of S.S.A.S., helping with legal matters concerning land preservation. He states that his "sole interest in attending law school is to practice public interest in environmental law."

S.S.A.S. congratulates all three scholarship recipients and wishes them the best of luck in their academic pursuits.

### The National Audubon Society

In the late 1800s feathers were worth their weight in gold to the millinery trade, and wild birds, especially plumed wading birds, were slaughtered mercilessly. Forward-thinking people gathered together to protest, calling their groups Audubon societies after the famous painter and naturalist John James Audubon. In 1905 the Audubon Societies joined together to form the National Audubon Society. Now, with more than half a million members, a staff of 300, and a \$32 million budget, the National Audubon Society is a powerful force for conservation research, education, and action.

While a passion for wildlife is still the force that most often brings Audubon members together, the Society has long since become involved in the full spectrum of environmental issues, including such global concerns as air and water quality, population, energy policy, climate disruption, and management of wildlife refuges.

The Society is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization supported by membership dues, gifts, and foundation and corporate grants. Benefits of membership include a subscription to Audubon magazine, membership in a local chapter, and the satisfaction of being part of one of the world's oldest and most effective movements to conserve wildlife and wild places and to maintain a diverse and healthy environment.

### THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY'S AMERICAN BIRD PRESENTS A FIELD ORNITHOLOGY WORKSHOP AT ELK LAKE

Saturday, June 10 - Friday, June 16, 1989

A unique opportunity to experience boreal-breeding bird species at the beautiful, 12,000-acre Elk Lake Forest Preserve in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains High Peaks region, New York.

This workshop will be led by Susan Roney Drennan, Editor of AMERICAN BIRDS and author of the definitive site guide, *Where to Find Birds in New York State*. Geoff LeBaron, Christmas Bird Count Editor, and a host of other leaders and crack field assistants. This means small groups!!

Explore one of the most pristine boreal/montane forests remaining in the Adirondacks.

Observe nesting Common Loons, Black-backed Woodpeckers, Olive-sided and Alder flycatchers, Common Ravens, Boreal Chickadees, Gray-cheeked Thrushes, and Blackburnian, Blackpoll, and Mourning warblers.

Comfortable accommodations and three delicious country-style meals served daily are special features of the Elk Lake Lodge.

An incomparable opportunity for the bird photographer!! Slide presentations nightly. Mist-netting and bird banding.

Limited reservations so act now.

Complete fee for six days including meals, tax, and gratuities: \$700.

Single occupancy: \$750.

Deposit: \$150 per person.

Write for reservations: Elk Lake Lodge, North Hudson, New York 12855

or call (518) 532-7616.



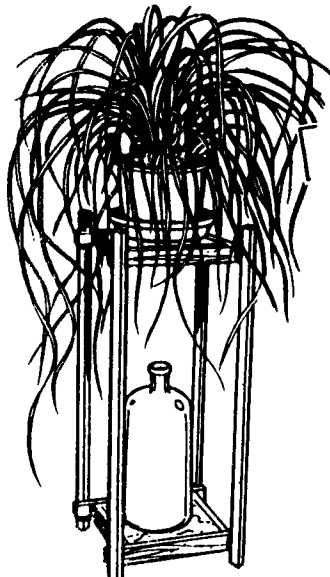
JUST 'CAUSE YOU WANNA KNOW.....

Which states have reported snow every month of the year?

Ans: Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and Colorado

Do you know what the average temperature is for a bolt of lightning?

Ans: 2,000°



PESTICIDES can kill wildlife, so when you do your gardening this spring and summer, try planting Marigolds near your vegetables to keep beetles away. Plant a few garlic plants in your garden to repel moles and mice. Daffodil bulbs will work also. Mosquitoes and flies will stay away from your outdoor entertaining area if you plant pots of basil nearby, and spearmint will keep the ants away. Of course, birds eat many, many insects, so have birdhouses, birdbaths and feeding stations in your yard. Give birds food and shelter by planting trees and berry bushes.



**Come One  
Come All!**

COCTAIL PARTY AT SAGAMORE HILL

Saturday, June 3  
5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

The sanctuary is holding a coctail party to celebrate the end of its year and the contributions of our volunteers. Good cheer, entertainment and a beautiful evening are planned. Call the sanctuary for more information at 922-3200.

ANNUAL T. ROOSEVELT WALK

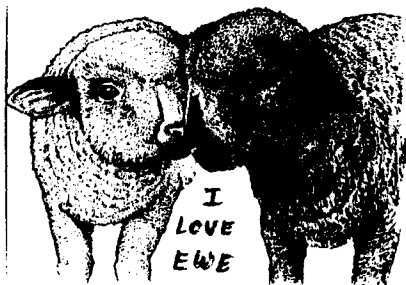
Sunday, June 18  
8:00 to 10:00 A.M.  
Regular fee

Meet at Sagamore Hill for a historic walk in the footsteps of T.R. and relive his Sagamore Hill bird walk.

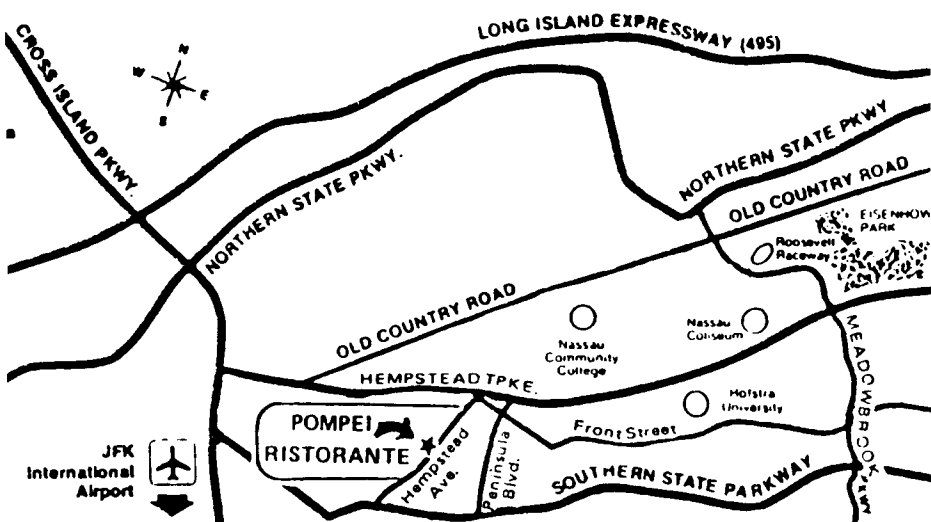
N.Y.STATE OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

August 13-16, Southampton College  
Call 922-3200 for information

The conference offers a fantastic opportunity to learn about the environment and the outdoors. There are fantastic field trips, workshops and speakers planned for this outstanding event.



**Annual Dinner**



FROM QUEENS: Long Island Expressway or Grand Central Parkway to Belt Parkway Cross Island, continue straight until road forks, bear left and you will be on Southern State Parkway - Exit 17 North - 1 Mile on Hempstead Avenue.

Remember our First Annual Dinner! Act now! Don't delay!  
Place: Pompei Restaurant

401 Hempstead Avenue, West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 1989

Time: 6:45 PM = Coctails / 7:45 PM = Dinner

Cost: \$16.50 per person

Send: Shirley Kutner

461 Dunster Court, W. Hempstead, N.Y. 11552

Check: Payable to South Shore Audubon Society

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Check: \_\_\_\_\_ No. People: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of each choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Franzese

\_\_\_\_\_ Fish Dijon

\_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant Rollatени

Broiled on request

**Enjoy Yourself**



# BIRDING ONE TO ONE

GAYLE WERTZ

Happy June to all of you! May I first sincerely thank Evelyn Blume for transporting that severely injured Pigeon to the veterinarian, on such a windy, rainy and stormy night in May. You are a true Auduboner, Evelyn and a very dedicated lady. Thank you so much!!!!

About the "baby bird situation", I would like to comment that as an Audubon member and writer for the Skimmer, I receive numerous calls, not only from Auduboners but from other organizations, the Police and the general public, to take all forms of birds and animals that have been orphaned or injured. I am most assuredly not asking for anyone's sympathy but our three-person family is caring for 70+ animals (both domestic and wildlife) and by the time you read this article we will be deluged with many ducklings, goslings and cygnets. Baby birds require feedings every twenty minutes during daylight hours. In addition to caring for our animals, which I do by myself during the day, I must run on wildlife rescues and then to veterinarians for treatment for injured wildlife. Believe me - it is impossible for me to be available for twenty-minute-feedings and I hope you all understand this fact. There are very few organizations that will even listen to your calls of injured or orphaned wildlife (call around and discover this for yourself). If you call me, I will try to place the bird or animal and if this cannot be accomplished I tell you how you may care for it. Can I possibly do more than this?

Yes, I will take goslings, geese, cygnets, swans, ducklings, ducks and other assorted waterfowl that needs care. We can accomodate these. For baby birds, there are various recipes to feed but the one I use is: one part canned dogfood meat (use the smooth type not chunky); two parts Gerber High Protein baby cereal in the box; one part jarred baby green beans; three drops of Avitron bird vitamin liquid; 1/2 part Wheat Germ and enough Gatorade (or water if you do not have this) to form a mushy consistency. As I mentioned, there are other methods and you may look in your local library books for these. Feed either by eye-dropper or ice cream stick at 20 - 30 minute intervals from daybreak to sundown. Keep baby birds in the house and away from drafts. Keep them warm in a container just big enough for them to fit in. Remember their natural nests are tightly woven. You may use tissues or soft paper towels to line it. They will soil rapidly and can be easily discarded. Baby birds do not require additional water at this stage - there will be enough liquid in the food mixture. Have you ever seen parent birds bringing water to their young? No. Any bird that is bleeding or has a broken leg or wing must be immediately taken to a veterinarian for treatment. There are some wonderful, qualified veterinarians here on Long Island that handle injured birds and they do not charge for this service. Spend the little extra time to get help for the bird - you do care. We must all work together,

## Audubon Specials Return to PBS This Summer

PBS will be airing eight Audubon Television Specials this summer on **Sunday nights at 8:00**. Check your local listings for details.

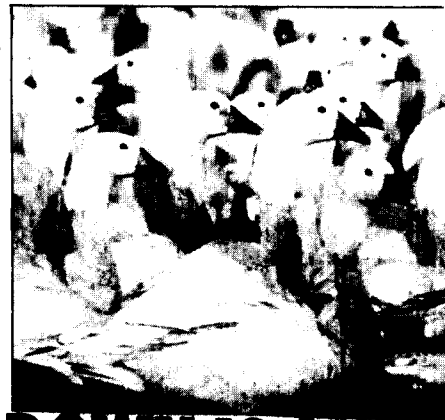
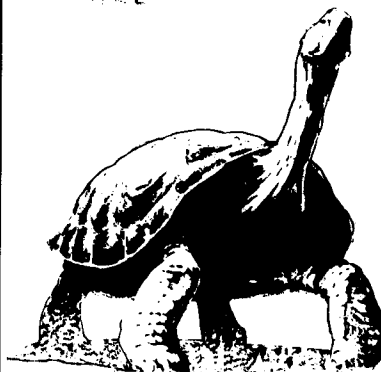
- July 9 Greed, Guns, and Wildlife
- July 16 Grizzly and Man: Uneasy Truce\*
- July 23 Whales
- July 30 Crane River
- Aug. 6 Wood Stork: Barometer of the Everglades
- Aug. 13 Messages from the Birds
- Aug. 20 Sharks
- Aug. 27 Sea Turtles

\*First place winner, 1989 North American Outdoor Film/Video Awards, Outdoor Writers Association of America.

Audubon Television now keeps you up-to-date on all its programs, videos, computer software, and myriad other educational and environmental projects with its new **Audubon TV News Bulletin**. The Spring 1989 issue is now available. To be placed on the mailing list to receive this quarterly newsletter, simply drop a note with your name and address to Audubon Television, 801 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20003.



THANK  
YOU -  
DINA  
SAGEL



## DOWN IS OUT

Most down in pillows or parkas comes from the slaughterhouse, but anyone who has plucked her eyebrows can imagine how painful it is for some geese who are raised for down to have all their feathers pulled from their necks and breasts - not once but four or five times during their short lives.

Fiberfill II, Polarguard and Thinsulate synthetics (chosen over down for Mt. Everest expeditions) are more durable and washable than down and dry faster when wet. (PETA News-June '89)

# NOTICE!

We are still agonizing over the oil disaster in Prince William Sound, Alaska. Let us see if we can make a difference in the future of our environment. You may send the enclosed forms to your Senators, or may write in your own words, your objections and feelings on this matter.

Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator D'Amato,

I understand, and am appalled at the fact that the Secretary of Commerce has proposed the allowance of gas and oil drilling within the new Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. Please notice the word "Sanctuary."

Kindly contact Secretary Mosbacher at once and have him show you a detailed account of his methods of safeguarding these marine "sanctuaries" during this oil and gas drilling operation within their areas.

I would like a response, from you, concerning your feelings on whether you believe or disbelieve his methods are adequate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Daniel P. Moynihan  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20501

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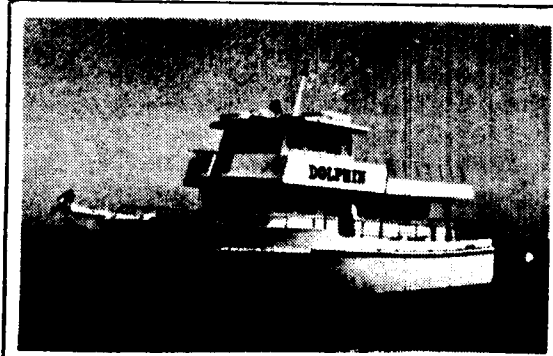
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## A GREAT DAY ON THE BAY \*\*\*\*\*

Join us to cruise and birdwatch in luxurious comfort aboard a 60foot charter boat. It is our annual BOAT AND BIRD trip. The boat has a large raised sun deck, perfect for viewing and relaxing.

Also available for your convenience are indoor booths and tables, microwave oven and men's and women's rest rooms.



To make your reservations, send a check for \$30.00 per person made out to South Shore Audubon Society.

Mail to: Alan Bromberg  
3409 Fairway Road  
Oceanside, N.Y. 11572  
(516-764-7523)

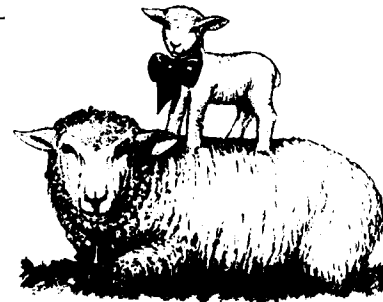
Place: The Dolphin  
Freeport Boatmen's Assoc.  
540 Guy Lombardo Avenue  
Freeport, N.Y. 11520

Date: Sunday, August 13, 1989

Time: 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Space is limited. Make your reservations early!!!!



# Good Intentions Are Not Enough

# IMPORTANT NEWS!

## PERIGRENE FALCON ALERT!! NEW YORK STATE BILLS A4082 and S2815

These bills would permit the use of the endangered Perigrene Falcon in the sport of Falconry. Strict enforcement must be enforced to preserve this species.

The bills were passed by the House and Senate. Protests resulted in their recall for consideration. Please contact your Representative and Senator, tell him the organizations you belong to, request them to prevent repassage and report the results of their efforts.

A few brought about recall. Many will put an end to these bills.

Len Gordon

### PLATTE RIVER

This subject is presented in the May 1989 Audubon Magazine. "The Platte Imperative" is on the fourth page leaf. The remainder of the are worth study. Please support E.P.A. Administrator, William Reilly in his efforts to stop this project.

Len Gordon

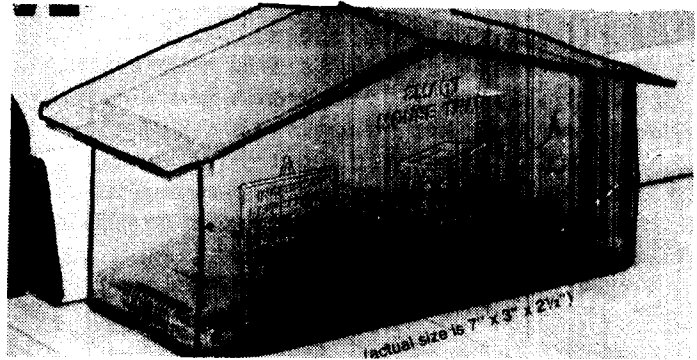
### "SHARK FINNING: GRISLY PRACTICE BUT LEGAL

A seemingly insatiable demand for shark fin soup in the Orient has led to the practice among some American fishermen of cutting fins off live sharks and throwing the animals back into the water. The sharks usually sink to the bottom and bleed to death or slowly starve and suffocate. 'Finning' violates no law and may be justified economically - dried shark fins bring \$22.00/pound and shark meat only .50. Some mutilated sharks do survive but are unable to reproduce because fins are essential for mating, say shark experts."

International Wildlife  
March-April 1989  
Gayle Wertz

### GLUE TRAPS

Please, oh please, do not resort to the use of those glue traps, sold in many stores to rid your home, etc. of mice! It is a most inhumane method of death! Mice step into the glue-strip and become hopelessly stuck. First, all four tiny feet stick, then possibly the stomach, and finally their nose. If they don't suffocate they tear their limbs from the sockets. If they manage to keep their nose and mouth off the substance they slowly die of starvation and exposure. Some 'humans' have even used this entrapment to do horrendous things to the animals but we will not go into that. We have received birds caught in these glue traps and if their legs were not disjointed or broken, we did manage to free them but it was a tedious and very stressful process for the poor bird. Following is a much preferred method:



This see-through house is the humane answer to ridding your house of mice without resorting to poisons, glue traps & snap-shut devices. The trap allows you to see when a mouse has been caught & it can be transported to the woods where it can be released unharmed. The trap even has a "freedom door" which can be lifted, allowing the mouse to gnaw through a cracker restraining barrier to make a time-delayed escape if you desire. The humane mouse trap is \$10.

Total cost is \$10.00,+\$2.75 shipping = \$12.75  
Mail to: Associated Humane Societies  
124 Evergreen Avenue, Newark, N.J. 07114

I have used this numerous times and have transported the mice to the wooded areas nearby. They, too, have a 'right to be' don't you think?

Gayle Wertz

### BUYING CRUELTY FREE PRODUCTS

You may not even realize that many of the everyday products you use are tested on live animals or are made from animal by-products. If you would like a FREE copy of the list of companies which do not test their products on animals, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: International Society for Animal Rights, Inc., 421 South State Street, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, 18411.

You will be quite surprised at the amount of items that you use on a daily basis, that have caused suffering to innocent animals.

Gayle Wertz

COMMUNITY

== Caring and Sharing ==

Family  
Togetherness

Com'on Down!

Summer

DON'T MISS IT

OUR 2nd

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**COW MEADOW  
FAMILY NATURE  
FESTIVAL!**

Date: Sunday, June 4th

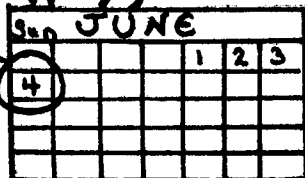
Time: 11am to 5pm

Place: Cow Meadow Park & Preserve  
foot of South Main St., Freeport

ARTISTS                      REFRESHMENTS  
CRAFTERS                    NATURE TRAIL  
BALLOONS                    INDOOR & OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

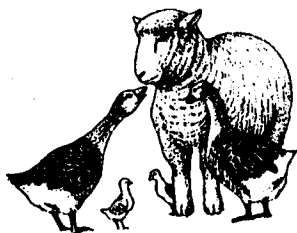
EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS  
HANDS-ON CRAFTS for CHILDREN  
LIVE ANIMALS  
PHOTO CONTEST

Check It Out



Don't Miss It!

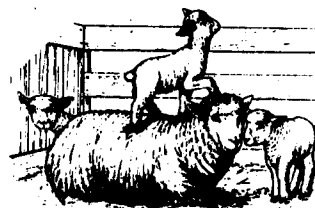
Come bring your family



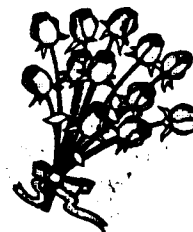
**WELCOME -  
NEW MEMBERS**

**M. YAVARKOVSKY**

Welcome to the following new members of our Chapter. It is our hope that you will join us at our monthly meetings, weekly bird-walks and special events.



- Baldwin.....John W. Hulse, Andrew J. Clarke
- Bellmore.....Mrs. Kathleen J. Casale, Debbie Dickerson
- Bethpage.....Mrs. Robert Reynolds, Eugne O'Rourke, Mr. Thomas N. Styne
- East Meadow.....Mrs. J. Warman
- Farmingdale.....Jan Hubar, Mrs. Adelaide Lynch
- Franklin Square....Jeffrey K. Breger
- Freeport.....Mr. V. Baptiste
- Garden City.....I. Nova, Selim Samaan, Sarah W. Hoge, John Viteritti
- Hempstead.....Deirdre McGuire
- Hewlett.....Salvatore Vallario
- Hicksville.....Robert Blyman, Ms Joanne Tow, R. F. Borgia
- Huntington Station.Caroline Murray
- Levittown.....Mr. John H. Buck, Mr-Mrs T. Martin, Guntram Richter, Catherine Santoro
- Long Beach.....Mrs. Gus Chiarello, Sheldon Hechtman, Mrs. E.A. Mosca, M. Peters, J.A. Dixon
- Massapequa.....Richard C. Bauman, Doreen Blumenthal, Angela Delaney, C.F. Fat, T. B. Mulle,  
Mr. Richard J. Indrieri, Peter Wenham, Caroline Murray
- Merrick.....Mr. John S. Borkos, Mr. Harold N. Kuhl
- Oceanside.....Harry Lutzky, John A. Sheahan
- Plainview.....Phyllis Krebs
- Point Lookout.....Miss Nancie Hemminger
- Rockville Centre...Alvin Abelack, Sr. Agnes T. CJJ, Eleanor A. Selner, Mr. Robert M. Anisansel,  
Mr. Kevin G. Holmes, Millicent Magaliff
- Roosevelt.....Keenan
- Seaford.....Ms Mary D. Andrea, Tim Veselitz
- Valley Stream.....Felicia S. Fiedorowicz, Thomas J. Lally, Robert Carlson
- Wantagh.....Ms Sheryl Trainer



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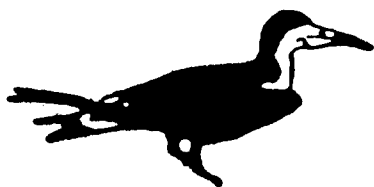


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 RARE BIRD ALERT  AUDUBON HOTLINE  
 212-832-6523 202-547-9017  
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Wildlife Poisoning Hotline (1-800-356-0560)

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