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# Prosident's Mossage

# EARTH DAY - TREE PLANTING

South Shore Audubon Society has adopted a tree planting program in conjunction with the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day. Planting will take place on public and private properties and the program has received the support of Nassau County. For information on this program contact Elliott Kutner, 486-7667. Plant a Tree Today for a Breath of Fresh Air Tomorrow. Earth Day activities will take place on Sunday, April 22, at Eisenhower Park; not at Tackapausha Preserve as previously reported.

# IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

At the recently concluded meeting of the Audubon Council of New York State a priority legislative program was unanimously approved by the approximately forty chapters in attendance. The program consists of three bills crucial to the protection of the environ-

memt on Long Island and throughout New York State. On Monday, April 23, 1990, the day after Earth Day, the New York State Legislature is concentrating its efforts on environmental legislation. It is important that you take some time to write a letter to your New York State Assemblyman and Senator urging them to support the legislation described below.

The 1990 Environmental Ouality Bond Act - is a 1.9 billion dollar bond act, the proceeds will be used to purchase environmentally critical properties and easements; support recycling programs; support the improvement of municiple parks and historic preservation projects and others. This is a crucial bill as all available monies for land acquisitions either have been or are committed to being spent, and there are properties on Long Island and throughout the state in need of protection.

The Endangered Species Protection Act of 1990 - This bill would protect the habitat of endangered species.

The Citizen Suit Bill or The Environmental Enforcement Act (S.5736/A4812) - This bill would enable citizens to bring polluters to court to stop violations of the state's environmental laws and to recover the expenses incurred in doing so.

Your support of emvironmental legislation lets our lawmakers know that we care about the quality of the environment for ourselves and future generations. Please write.

REMINDER - All S.S.A.S. members are invited to the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary at 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 7, at which time the Sanctuary will honor the memory of Jane Herod and dedicate the new aviary.

BIRDATHON - Have fun! Be part of our Birdathon. Information is in the Skimmer.

Next Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, April 10, 1990

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

Merrick Road and Ocean Avenue

Freeport, New York

SPEAKER: Harold & Cathy Lindstrom TOPIC: Feathers - A slide show o

PIC: <u>Feathers</u> - A slide show on birds of North America; their

habitats and behavior.

The Lindstroms are nationally known wildlife\_photographers\_from Long\_Island.\_
An apology to Tom Torma, our presenter
at the March meeting, whose wonderful
audio-visual program entitled, A Walk on
the South Shore was unfortunately omitted
from the newsletter because of an error
on my part.
Sandy Brenner

### FESTIVAL "CHAIRS" WELCOME NEW

Educational Exhibits, Live Animals, Artists, Crafters, Film & Slide Shows, and More!

Sunday, May 20th Cow Meadow Park & Preserve. Freeport

Busy making phone calls, visiting prospective participants, recruiting volunteers, arranging & organizing are JoAnn & Stephen Lee, our 2 new Cow Meadow Festival Co-ordinators for this year!

JoAnn & Stephen are active on the Conservation Committee, and were Festival Helpers last year. We hope you will welcome them, give them your input, timewise and ideawise, as was so helpful to Anne & me for our first two years! The festival belongs to all of us, our efforts & enthusiasm pooled together is what makes it work!

Pray for Sunshine for this fun & educational day. And give JoAnn & Stephen a call (931-5436), they need your help!

Lois Bartow Schlegel

# Bird Walks

All walks start at 9:30 A.M. and no walks if it rains or snows or temperatures are below 25°. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

- April 1 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Hempstead Lake State Park, Peninsula April 8 Boulevard parking
- Zachs Bay, parking field #4 N/E corner April 15
- April 22 Earth Day Festival, Eisenhower Park
- April 29 West End, parking field #2, N/E corner

# IMPORTANT MEETING

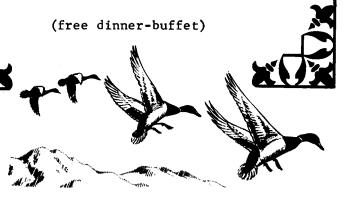
THURSDAY - APRIL 5, 1990

6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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AND DEVELOPMENT ON LONG ISLAND"



# NOMINATIONS FOR 1990 - 1991 S.S.A.S.

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Joan Butkereit

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Lennox Gordon

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WE URGE THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP TO ATTEND THE MAY MEETING, AT WHICH TIME THE ELECTIONS TO THESE OFFICES WILL BE HELD. WE WANT YOU TO MEET THE CANDIDATES AND CONVINCE YOURSELF THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT YOUR VIEWS OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BEST SERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Nominating Committee: Nora Laurenco, William Hollweg and Elliott Kutner.

# AUDUBON TOTE BAGS

# John Staropoli/Youth Representative

I would like to announce to all members, the availability of our new Audubon canvas tote bags at \$10.00 apiece. The S.S.A.S. motif, from which I designed an enlarged version, appears proudly and undauntedly on each of them, addressing to the public the worthiness of our society's efforts. They are sturdy, wide-bottomed bags suitable for the carriage of birding paraphernalia, beach items, etc. Profits will be forwarded to the Brookside Preserve Committee and subsequently to any of our efforts in need of financial aid. An indication of our monthly profits will be displayed at the general meetings.



The ANCIENT FOREST RESCUE EXPEDITION is travelling 10,000 miles across America over a ten week period, visiting 30 states, and will be here on LONG ISLAND April 8th! They'll be hauling the trunk of a giant 700 year old Douglas Fir (almost 8 ft. wide) that was recently cut from the Olympic National Forest in Washington.

Joan of Arc, Columbus' discovery, Shakespeare, Galileo, Michaelangelo, the Taj Mahal, Mozart, Beethoven, the Declaration of Independence, and John James Audubon all made history between the 13th through 20th centuries. This Douglas Fir lived througout the history of them all. Since the year Thirteen Hundred this tree has been absorbing carbon dioxide; releasing oxygen; supporting a vast array of wildlife from the top, down through the multiple canopy layers, to the forest floor. Each niche supports different life forms.

It is devasting that it's life was destroyed at a young age of 700. This tree had about 300 more years to thrive. A majestic Douglas Fir, two hundred fifty feet tall, may perish after one thousand years, yet it's purpose is far from over! Life gone, laying in a horizontal position on the forest floor, it would provide food & habitat for wildlife, and continue the Ancient Forest's unique & valuable ecosytem for up to 400 more years! Is it too late to save our last 5% of Ancient Forests from extinction?

The Expedition is making this special trip to inform us of the unique value of old growth, to celebrate this ecosystem that exudes life, and to let us know what we can do to help. LIVE MUSIC, PHOTO EXHIBIT, SLIDE SHOW and FOLK SINGING will accompany the event.

Their stay on Long Island is be brief, SO DON'T MISS IT! The same show will appear at each of the locations below.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8th

12:00 Noon

NEW COMMUNITY CINEMA 423 Park Ave. Huntington 423-7610 (located in Village Green School, call for direcions)

"In the woods I feel that nothing can befall me in life - no disgrace, no calamity which nature cannot repair"

- Exercise Nature

3:00 PM

PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM Planting Fields Rd. Oyster Bay 922-9200 (call for directions)





# NATIONAL AUDUBON BIRDATHON SPONSOR SIGN-UP SHEET



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# 1990 SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON BIRDATHON

On May 12, 1990 (Raindate May 19), the South Shore Audubon Society will take part in the world's largest competitive birdwatching event, the 1990 Audubon Birdathon, organized by the National Audubon Society. South Shore Auduboners will use their birding skills to reach a nationwide goal of one million dollars for Audubon's local programs here in Nassau as well as national environmental research, education and action programs by getting sponsors who will pledge a certain amount for each species they see on Birdathon day.

South Shore Birdathons will be held on May 12, starting at the following locations:

Team 1, Leader: Elliott Kutner (486-7667)

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Start time 8:00AM.

Team 2, Leader: Paul Butkereit (623-0843) Participants may join this group at either of two times: 6:00AM at the Massapequa Preserve pond at Merrick Road and Ocean Avenue or at 9:00AM at the parking lot near the Jones Beach Coast Guard Station.

Team 3, Leaders: James Remsen (764-5168) and Joe Grupp (481-4208). Participants may join this group at either of two times: at sunrise (5:45AM) at Mill Pond, Wantagh, or later at Muttontown Preserve (time to be announced; probably approximately 8:00AM).

People wishing to participate should notify either the leader of their chosen team or the Birdathon chairpersons in advance of the event. The teams will move, at their discretion from location to location throughout the day. Participants may leave at will. Members unable to attend on Birdathon day should feel free to seek pledges and count whatever birds they see, wherever they happen to be that day and forward their pledges and bird lists to the Birdathon chairpersons.

We would like each member to be an active Birdathoner, a sponsor in his/her own right, and a recruiter of additional sponsors from both within and without the S.S.A.S. YOU NEED-NOT BE A SKILLED BIRDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIRDATHON. BEGINNERS WELCOME!

Sponsors will be expected to pledge the amount of their choice (suggestions 25¢, \$1, etc.) per species identified by the Birdathoner and his/her team. A pre-selected sum, pledged regardless of number of species seen, is also acceptable.

Birdathoners will be responsible for notifying sponsors after the Birdathon, collecting their checks (payable to S.S.A.S.) and forwarding them with sponsor pledge form(s) to the Birdathon Chairperson by May 31, 1990.

Additional forms/information will be available at meetings/birdwalks or call: Arthur Atlas (223-2327) Even.only or James Remsen Jr. (764-5166) Evenings only.

# Birding One To One

# TRIBUTE TO "HATHAWAY"

Hathaway was a male Pekin Duck, which some parents had purchased for their child at Easter. When the adorable little yellow-fluff-ball matured into a gangly, noisy, foul smelling white duck it was time for the family to 'set it free' in a local pond so it could be 'with its own kind'.

At this stage, most Pekin Ducks are either killed by their 'own kind' or other animals at the pond, or may not be waterproof and drown before the family's eyes! Being hand fed since birth, some cannot find their own food in this unfamiliar setting, and starve.

Hathaway was attacked by other waterfowl and a passerby rescued him and brought him to us. (we knew it was a him because of the curl at the end of his tail). He was diagnosed as having a condition known as splayed legs. The legs are out to the sides of the body and walking is difficult at best. Veterinarians tried but were unsuccessful at reversing this condition. He was a wonderful Pekin and we did all we could to give him a confortable, happy life. When he died we buried him and had a small sign made for his grave:

HATHAWAY - ON EARTH HE COULD NOT WALK. IN HEAVEN HE WILL FLY!!

I know you read or hear of this advice every Spring, but I <u>must</u> repeat it again, <u>PLEASE</u> don't buy cute baby Pekin Ducks for gifts for children! If they survive the innocent abuse of the children, they most assuredly will not survive an early release into ponds or other waterways. They cannot fly and are forced to remain where they are placed. Ponds freeze in Winter and food supplies cease. In the bays, they are run-over by boaters either accidentally or on purpose and are subject to oil spills and pollution.

Unless you are prepared to keep them at home, properly housed (all 6 sides wire fence) and have warm, weatherproof houses; give them fresh water, lettuce, pellets, corn and wheat bread daily - no matter what the weather, DO NOT BUY THEM. Buy the children stuffed animals instead.



# War in the West

The Army, Navy, Air Force and other military agencies have a plan targeting at least 7.7 million acres of fragile public land in the western U.S. for bombing ranges, artillery practice, troop training and tank maneuvers. Cattle ranchers and conservationists are up in arms!

David Albersworth, director of the Federation's Public Lands and Energy Division, says that not only is this proposal environmentally disasterous, but largely unnecessary. The military are duplicating efforts, each attempting to acquire rights to land for the same purposes. Many of the exercises could be carried out on the same land or on existing facilities.

Further, the military has a record of environmental abuse. One Utah National Guard exercise violated 35 of 81 environmental safeguard stipulations. About 9,500 acres of public land, including 3,500 acres of grazing lands and 1,790 acres of bald eagle habitat, were burned. During the military invasions, animals die from exhaustion and dehydration from harassment by low-flying aircraft, particularly helicopters.

On October 25, 1989, the Federation sent a letter to the Bureau of Land Management - the agency with jurisdiction over most of the land sought by the military - requesting it prepare a comprehensive interagency environmental impact statement for the military's land rights proposals. Examination of all the proposals in one package would help stop unnecessary land acquisitions, and in coordinating mitigation of environmental impact and allow the public to comment on the military proposals.

Federation President Jay D. Hair also contacted Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, requesting that the Defense Department push for the comprehensive environmental impact study. Hair said this move is requisite for keeping the Secretary's promise "to make the Department of Defense the federal government's leader in agency environmental compliance and protection".

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please sound the call for a comprehensive environmental impact study of all land rights acquisitions by the military. Write:

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney U.S. Department of Defense Room 3E-880, The Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301

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Paul Speck Conservation 90 March 6, 1990



THE GREENING OF LONG ISLAND

# by Elliott Kutner

"The Greening of Long Island" is a reality! With the support of the County, we have contacted every school in the County. They have received a cover letter and application to obtain 50 free trees from the State D.E.C.

Weyerhauser Corporation gave us 10,000 seedlings. They will be issued to the towns, Civic Associations and all Church organizations, that fill out a request form. This distribution will take place on "Earth Day - 1990" at Eisenhower Park, April 22, 1990 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. We hope you put this day aside as a special celebration day for our "Home-Earth

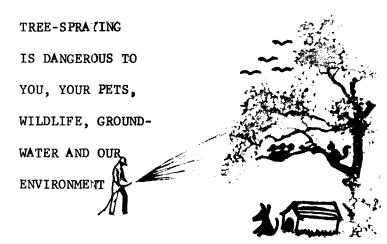
Our goal is 250,000 trees planted in the last decade of the 20th Century. Our theme - "PLANT A TREE TODAY - FOR A BREATH OF FRESH AIR TOMORROW."

We need people to attend planting ceremonies at schools that request it. Please call me? 486-7667. Thank you, Elliott.

# SURE, YOU CAN HELP OUR PLANET National Arbor Day Foundation

In keeping with our "Plant Trees" theme, of this issue, do you have room for 10 trees on your property? For a mere \$10.00 you will receive 10 sapling trees (guaranteed to grow in your area), a year's subscription to "Arbor Day" newsletter, bargains on fine fruit, a valuable free copy of "The Tree Book" (an expert guide to tree care and conservation), 33% and up savings on the purchase of trees, plants and bulbs, and your membership card. Where do you get this wonderful value?

National Arbor Day Foundation Membership Services 211 North 12th Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-1497



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# HELP WANTED

OUR SOUTH SHORE CHAPTER IS SEEKING A NEW TREASURER. APPLY IMMEDIATELY!! CAN YOU ADD AND SUBTRACT? HIRED!! OUICK, CALL LENNOX GORDON AT 223-1365......

REMEMBER EARTH DAY - APRIL 22nd, at Eisenhower Park...Volunteers needed!!!

# Who are we, what do we do, how do we help?

In addition to the numerous projects that our South Shore Chapter is involved in (come to the monthly meetings and see for yourselves), our Education Committee is involved with helping school children learn about our environment and wildlife. Rose Ermides is responsible for introducing teachers to "Audubon Adventures." If any teachers in your school district are willing to subscribe to this fascinating newsletter the cost is only \$30.00/year. If you wish to subscribe as an individual the cost is \$3.00. If your school budget will not allow for this expense, perhaps a subscription could be given, donated by you. Please call Rose Ermides at 785-6028.

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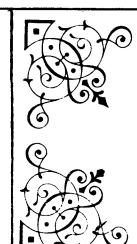
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# REOUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Via the Scully Science Center

ROSEATE TERNS are being colorbanded and/or colormarked at several colony sites in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine as part of a cooperative study of the population dynamics of this endangered species. Chicks are being given either an incoloy or stainless steel FWS band on one leg, and a colored plastic band denoting their natal colony on the other leg. In addition, chicks from some colony sites will be marked with a 3-dot color combination on their wings and neck/back region so that they can be individually recognized at a distance. Adult Roseate Terns are being given a FWS band and three colorbands (2 bands per leg) in a unique combination, for recognition of individuals over a period of several years. In addition, adults from some colony sites will be marked with a 2-dot color combination on their wings and neck/back so that they can be individually recognized at a distance for behavioral studies. Colors being used on the colorbands include: black, brown, dark (royal) blue, dark (emerald) green, light (lime) green, medium ("apple") green, orange, pink, purple (mauve), red, white and yellow. Some bands being used on birds from Great Gull Island, New York may be bi-colored or fine-striped. Colors being used to colormark feathers include: black, brown, dark blue, dark green, light green, orange, pink, purple, red and yellow. If you see any of these birds, please note the color of the upper and lower band on each leg, and, if possible, the order from front to back of any colormarkings, and report observations to Jeffrey Spendelow, USFWS, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, Md. 20708, USA (301-498-0373), and to the Bird Banding Laboratory at the same address. Thank you very much for your cooperation.







March has again brought us a lions share of new members. We look forward to you becoming

active participants in our many rewarding activities. Please join us.				
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