

*Great Blue Heron*



## SOME THINGS TO DO IN APRIL

*Carole A. Adams*

April — Audubon Month, National Wildlife Week, Earth Day, Arbor Day, John James Audubon's birthday, and time to consider *Audubon Adventures* subscription renewals. What better time than now to show your support and help promote the growth of Audubon goals through environmental education? The opportunities are plentiful and as varied as our Sunday bird walks.

**Jamaica Bay National Wildlife Refuge** is offering some very special programs, which include Spring Nature Walks on April 2nd & 17th and a Mudbat Sunset Stroll on April 24th. For information and reservations, just call (718) 318-4340.

Educators looking for something special should check out the free **Teacher Training Workshops** offered by the folks at the Theodore Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary in Oyster Bay. For more information about this program, After School Programs, and other educational opportunities, call 922-3200 [and look in this *Skimmer*].

The theme for National Wildlife Week (April 17-23) is "Let's Clean Up Our Act: Pollution Solutions." Roll up your sleeves, put on some work gloves, and join us in "cleaning up our act" at **Cow Meadow Preserve** on April 10th and **Brookside Preserve** on April 23rd. [Cow Meadow Preserve's cleanup starts at 1 P.M.; rain date is April 24th. For details see last month's *Skimmer* or call Dolores Rogers at 599-1224; the preserve is on the Freeport shore at the end of South Main Street. Brookside Preserve details are in this *Skimmer*.]

Maybe becoming an **Armchair Activist** is more your style. Support Earth Day on April 22nd by writing a letter to your

elected officials to influence favorable policy on environmental issues. More information wanted? Call our Conservation Committee's Betty Borowsky [see Betty's article] or Mary Jane Russell (766-7397).

Audubon's National Environmental Education Center has **summer employment** opportunities at some of its ecology camps and workshops, including the camp in Maine and the workshop in Connecticut. Interested natural history instructors and college age students can write to National Audubon Society, 613 Riversville Road, Greenwich, CT 06831 for additional information.

Early renewal and enrollment materials are being sent out for the 11th **Audubon Adventures** school program for 1994-95. This year it is necessary to increase the subscription fee to \$35 per class, the first price increase since 1989. In an effort to assure timely processing and delivery of the publications, we encourage you to enroll or renew this spring.

Each class receives 32 student newspapers bimonthly for one academic year (six units total) and a Leader's Guide per



issue for the teacher.

Also, each class receives a special Audubon Month poster and Leader's Guide in April. Topics for the 1994-95 school year will include bats, deciduous trees, sea turtles,

owls, amphibians, and butterflies & moths. Questions about *Audubon Adventures* should be directed to me at 731-4425.

Spring is planting time. Plant your seeds of wisdom, nurture the environment, do your part, and take advantage of some of these wonderful educational opportunities. Celebrate Audubon Month!



## 🐦 BIRD WALKS 🐦

*Elliott Kutner*

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains or snows (not again!) or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

Mar. 27	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Apr. 3	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Apr. 10	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Apr. 17	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Apr. 24	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
May 1	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
May 8	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
May 15&22	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
May 29	<i>Memorial Day Weekend — No Walk</i>
June 5&12	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Aug. 14	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge





## BROOKSIDE CLEANUP & TRAINING SESSION

Betsy Gulotta

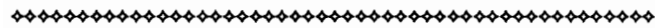
Our annual spring cleanup is scheduled for April 23rd at 9:30 A.M. and will include a training session for potential volunteer tour guides. Brookside Preserve is a 20-acre parcel of natural woodlands and freshwater wetlands owned by Nassau County and managed by South Shore Audubon Society. The preserve is located on the west side of Brookside Avenue at the Freeport-Baldwin border, just north of Sunrise Highway.



### ANOTHER WORLD

Emilie Petersen

Called Brookside  
Because it is  
On both sides   
Of the brook  
That wanders through  
A suburban block  
In a forest of old trees  
Purple violets   
Blue periwinkle   
Gray fiddler ferns  
Not yet unfurled  
Bright green skunk cabbage  
And GOLD  
Shinier than the metal   
Uncountable 8-petaled  
Yellow wildflowers  
Insisting on peeking above  
Velvety dark green leaves  
To plead their beauty  
And bounty  
A scene  
Almost more sacred   
Than prayer  
In April



### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

South Shore Audubon Society will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to someone who will be a junior, senior, or graduate student this fall. Applicants must be working on a degree in an area related to the environment, such as ecology, marine biology, forestry, ornithology, mammalogy, or animal behavior. For information, contact Betsy Gulotta very soon at 546-8841; the deadline is April 1st!



WILDLIFE POISONING HOTLINE (800) 356-0560



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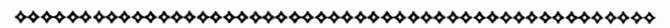
## NATIONAL AUDUBON HEADQUARTERS OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, April 30th you're all invited to travel on your own to Greenwich Village in Manhattan to spend about 1-1/2 hours at Audubon House, 700 Broadway (at East Fourth Street).

The eight-story long-vacant Schermerhorn Building was purchased in 1989. From 1990 to 1992, the exterior was completely restored to celebrate its original turn-of-the-century grandeur (its Romanesque Revival architecture was designed by the renowned George B. Post, whose other works included the Williamsburg Bank building in Brooklyn and the New York Stock Exchange), and the interior was renovated to become a model of an energy efficient, environmentally responsible workplace.

Audubon House uses 62% less energy overall than does a conventional, code compliant office building. Conventional office buildings use 2.4 watts of electricity per square foot; Audubon House uses 0.6-0.7 by employing readily available technology. The in-house recycling system was designed to capture 80% of the office's refuse. The materials used to renovate and furnish Audubon House are to a great extent recycled, natural, and low in toxicity. The high-efficiency ventilation system greatly exceeds standards for providing fresh air in a building.

If you're interested in learning about National Audubon Society and its building, join us for a 40 minute tour plus refreshments, a talk by Audubon scientist Jan Beyea, etc. Open House will take place from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M., with tours offered as needed in the morning and early afternoon. As the *Skimmer* goes to press, your Editor, Education Chairperson, and two other members are planning on arriving at Audubon House for a 1:30 tour. National Audubon needs to know approximately how many people are coming from each chapter and at what time, so anyone planning a visit should please call Michael Sperling at 541-0805 (after 7:30 P.M.) or send a postcard with your phone number and preferred time to me at 97 N. Pine St., N. Massapequa, NY 11758-2607.



### CONSERVATION NEWS

Betty Borowsky

**Armchair Activist Program Under Way.** The *Armchair Activist* program is conducted by the National Audubon Society and participating local chapters to encourage more persons to become active in promoting conservation and environmental issues by writing to (or telephoning) appropriate legislators. Members of the program receive a mailing, about every other month, which describes an environmental or conservation issue which is currently pending in the legislature. The mailing describes the history and background of the issue and names the primary sponsors and/or opponents of the legislation. It also contains a sample letter which may be copied directly, although, of course, each person can write what they like to whom they like.



tion of cases by the judiciary. The bill would provide judges and justices with better training in provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law to ensure that they provide consistent decisions. The bill directs DEC to provide the judiciary with EnCon Law curriculum materials. A583 (DiNapoli, D-Great Neck) / S4204 (Daly, R-Lockport) passed both houses but was vetoed by the Governor.

**Pesticide Use Reduction** ♣. This legislation requires state agencies, public authorities, and school districts to establish and implement integrated pest management policies. DEC would be required to survey the progress made by each of these agencies, give a biennial report on such progress to the Governor and the Legislature, and provide the agencies with technical assistance. A4774-B (Brotsky) / S1092-B (Daly) passed the Assembly but was held on the Senate floor.

**Uranium Mining Ban** ♣. Uranium poses a serious threat to the environment as well as to populations that border the mining and mined areas. This bill permanently extends the prohibition against the mining of uranium in New York State. A8119 (Brotsky) / S5907 (Pataki, R-Peeckskill) passed both houses and was signed by the Governor.

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**🕒 SHALL WE PLAN ANOTHER TRIP? 🕒**

If there's enough interest, SSAS will plan a second visit to Costa Rica or our first ever trip to the Galápagos Islands, accompanied by the same guides who escorted us this past January. If you want to encourage us, please call Betsy Gulotta at 546-8841.

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**🚌 BRIGANTINE TRIP 🚌**

As mentioned in the last two *Skimmers*, our bus trip to catch the spring migration at southern New Jersey's Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge is on May 21st. We will be leaving from the Merrick Park Golf Course at 7 A.M. and will return at about 7 P.M. Bring a box lunch — we will provide refreshments for the ride back. The price is \$21. We must have 35 people paid up by April 21st or the trip will be canceled; more likely, we'll run out of space on the bus. Please fill out the form below and send it, along with a check payable to *South Shore Audubon Society*, to Diane Singer, 118 Kent Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580.

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

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

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**NOMINATIONS FOR 1994-1995 OFFICERS**

*Elliott Kutner*

At South Shore Audubon Society's general meeting in May, officers will be elected for our next fiscal year. All members attending that meeting may nominate candidates from the floor and vote. The SSAS Nominating Committee [Elliott Kutner (Chairman), William Hollweg, and Tom Torma] has recommended the following candidates:

- President — Carole Adams
- Vice President — Betty Borowsky
- Treasurer — George Popkin
- Recording Secretary — Louise Hillen
- Corresponding Secretary — Doris Pirodsky
- Director (to 6/97) — Lois Schlegel
- Director (to 6/97) — Jonathan Staller

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**✕ OUR ANNUAL DINNER ↵**

*Diane Singer & Shirley Kutner*

This year's annual dinner will once again be held at the Pompei Restaurant in West Hempstead; it will cost just \$20 per person and will include entertainment by a one-man band. Save June 14th on your calendar and come enjoy dinner and being serenaded by nostalgic music of the '40s, '50s, and '60s — you can even do a lindy, conga, cha-cha; be a birding jitterbug, free like the birds. Dancing partner not required; nostalgia not required either (your President and Vice President/Editor were 5 and 10 years old, respectively, when the '60s ended). Cocktail hour starts at 6:30. ¥

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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AMOUNT OF CHECK: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF EACH MENU CHOICE:

Filet of Sole Dijon \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_

Eggplant Rollatini \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_

or, if you prefer:

Broiled Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Broiled Fish \_\_\_\_\_

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**1993-1994 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

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