

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marion Yavarkovsky

Welcome to all of you who joined our chapter during the last month. The activities of SSAS are for you. Join us on a Sunday morning bird walk or at a monthly meeting.

[For information on SSAS membership, please call our Membership Chairperson, Marion Yavarkovsky, at 379-2090. The best time to call is after 4 P.M., Monday through Friday.]

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| Baldwin..... | Barbara Hoffman |
| Bellmore | Amy Gingrass, Ms. Marie Stone |
| Bethpage | Charles D'Angelone, Albert Dougherty |
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| Freeport..... | Linda Carson, Christian W. Dehmer, Dorothy Ison, Ms. E. R. Strunk |
| Garden City | Ms. Helen D. Childs, Lucile M. West |
| Hempstead | Harvey Richman, Edith New |
| Hicksville | Irene Schumann |
| Lawrence | Mr. Arnold Rosenberg |
| Levittown | The Bird Lady, Richard E. Dillman, Ann Muth |
| Long Beach | G. Grimley, Mrs. M. Sexton, Ms. Viviane Soriano, Deborah A. Walsh |
| Malverne | Sara L. Dedrick |
| Massapequa | Louis P. DeGregoria, Mrs. C. H. Jasons, Ms. Virginia Link, Ted Lucher, Nicole Mc Kenzie |
| Massapequa Park | William Haddigan III |
| Merrick | Mr. Ira Marks |
| Oceanside | Mr. John Bedell, Mrs. Barnett Frankel, Mitchel Greenspan |
| Plainview | Mario Arbore |
| Rockville Centre | James G. Geyer |
| Seaford | Marie J. Fasano |
| Uniondale | Louise P. Mammone |
| Valley Stream..... | Mrs. Joan DeLuca |
| Wantagh | Harvey Brody; David Bernstein; William Carman; Mrs. L. Gaster; Mr. W. J. Godigkeit, Jr.; Mr. Ed Monkowitz; Arlene Winters |
| West Hempstead | Isabel B. Doolittle |



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BROOKSIDE PRESERVE

The next meeting of SSAS's Brookside Preserve Committee will be (was?) held in Merrick on Tuesday night, September 24th. If you are interested in participating in any Brookside activities, please call Committee Chairperson Betsy Gulotta at 546-8841. Here's a quick history of the Preserve, taken from our official management plan:

In the latter half of the 19th century, the City of Brooklyn looked to the streams of Long Island as sources of available water to service its growing population. Milburn Creek, which runs between what is now Baldwin and Freeport, was one of several Long Island south shore streams between Rosedale and Massapequa that, along with the surrounding property, were eventually purchased in the 1880s to supply water, via a conduit, to Brooklyn. This stream, approximately two miles long, drained an area of 3.2 square miles and emptied into Milburn Pond, just south of the Long Island Rail Road.

Frank Freeman, a well-known Romanesque architect of the time, designed the Brooklyn Water Works building, which was constructed on the southern border of the existing Preserve (just north of the LIRR) in 1889-1891 by contractor John H. O'Rourke for \$163,734.70. Three engines were constructed by M. T. Davidson in 1890 for \$76,400. Each had a pumping capacity of 10,000 gallons per 24 hours. When the City of Brooklyn merged with New York City, the property came under New York's jurisdiction. This system supplied water from 1891 until the middle 1950s, when NYC looked to the reservoirs of upper New York State for its water.

In 1957, Nassau County began negotiations to buy the property involving the Brooklyn Water Works building and the Preserve. It was finally purchased by the County in 1980. In June 1985, the Village of Freeport passed a Preservation Law to secure landmark status for the historic Brooklyn Water Works building. Contractor Gary Melius purchased the building and four surrounding acres for \$1.4 million in June 1986, with the intention of preserving at least the exterior of the historic building. He subsequently sold 3.8 acres of land north of the building to a developer for \$710,000.

SSAS became concerned about the property and the surrounding wetlands when neighboring residents saw indications that several trees were to be cut down. Further study revealed that Milburn Creek was to be dammed, forming a pond, and several houses were to be built on the 3.8 acres adjacent to the pond. Concerned that these actions would violate the intention of the New York State Fresh Water Wetlands Act, SSAS negotiated with Nassau County to repurchase the 3.8 acres and place the entire wetland area of approximately 20 acres south of Seaman Avenue in perpetual preservation. In April 1989, SSAS was officially designated manager of the area, now named Brookside Preserve; an additional 3 acre parcel, Brookside Preserve North, was recently added upstream.

prefer partially rotted wood so they can make these holes; thus the nickname "high hole." Into the cavity beneath a three inch opening, the female usually lays six pure white eggs which she incubates for 16 days. It is important that enough woodland habitat be available so these birds can find nesting sites. They usually do not nest deep within forests, but near the edges, so they can fly to open meadows to hunt their favorite food.

The best time to see flickers is during the fall migration along the coast. It is fun to observe these birds, and nice to know that they are working hard to prevent the world from being taken over by ants.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT SANCTUARY

134 Cove Road
 Oyster Bay, NY 11771
 (516) 922-3200

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bird Sanctuary is owned by the National Audubon Society and operated by the Community and three local Audubon chapters, including South Shore Audubon Society. The following programs are open to the public. Space is limited and registration is required. All program fees are required at the time of registration.

October 5th, 12th, and 19th (9 A.M. to 2 P.M., adults) — *Pine Barrens Workshop*. We will teach you about Long Island's greatest natural resource, the Pine Barrens. Sessions include field trips to natural areas, various activities, and a curriculum guide. Teachers can receive one in-service credit for attending. Cost is \$10.

Saturday, October 19th (9 to 11 A.M., TRS members) — *Hawk Banding Breakfast*. Members are welcome to join us at the Fire Island Lighthouse checkpoint area to observe hawk banding. See live raptors and learn about Sanctuary research efforts and results. Cost is \$10 plus membership (individual membership is \$25, family \$35).

Saturday, October 26th (8 to 9:30 A.M., family) — *Fall Nature/Birding Walk at the New Hoffman Center*. The Sanctuary has been researching the property of the Hoffman Center on Route 25A in Muttontown for a wildlife management plan. Let us take you through the property and point out its natural history and bird life. Free.

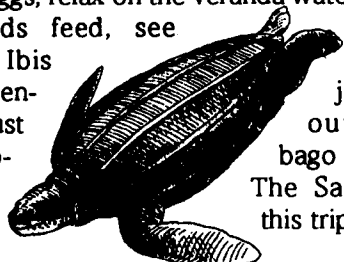
Sunday, October 27th (6 to 8 P.M., ages 5 to 12) — *Nocturnal Animal Halloween Party*. Children take a night hike, decorate pumpkins, see live nighttime animals, and play nocturnal animal games. Register early because this program fills up quickly. Educational and fun; refreshments will be served. TRS members \$4, nonmembers \$6.

Travel Abroad With the TRS. The Sanctuary is offering two international trips this year that have been popular in the past. The first trip is called *Birds, Butterflies, and the Baroque*. It is to central Mexico in conjunction with the Mexican Audubon Society from February 8–16, 1997. This trip includes airfare, meals, staying in a beautiful home in San Miguel de Allende, bird-watching in many

environments, a trip to Michoacán to see high altitude tropical birds and wintering monarch butterflies, a trip to Guanajuato to visit our sister sanctuary, local food, entertainment, culture, and an insider's view to the Mexican conservation movement.

The second is a trip to Trinidad and Tobago, *Tropical Forests and Seas*, April 19–29, 1997. This trip includes airfare, meals, and accommodations at the world famous Asa Wright Nature Center on Trinidad and the Blue Waters Inn on Tobago. We will see many tropical birds, mammals, and reptiles, observe leatherback sea turtles (pictured) laying their eggs, relax on the veranda watching tropical hummingbirds feed, see thousands of Scarlet Ibis coming in to roost, and enjoy the beautiful beach just outside our doors on Tobago with colorful coral reefs. The Sanctuary has been running this trip for years to rave reviews.

Call 922-3200 to register as a person interested in finding out more information about these trips. There will be informative slide shows on each. Trips include a TRS natural history guide. Both trips will cost about \$1900. Deposits will be due by November 1st.



 **BIRD WALKS** 
 Elliott Kulner

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains. Please try to carpool; Jamaica Bay's management has urged us to leave a few more parking spaces for others. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

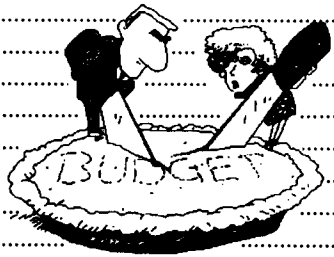
- Sept. 22 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Sept. 29 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- Oct. 6 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Oct. 13 Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
- Oct. 20 Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
- Oct. 27 Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
- Nov. 3 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

SSAS Mission Statement — *The mission of South Shore Audubon Society is to promote environmental education, and preserve and restore our environment, through responsible activism, for the benefit of both people and wildlife.*

SSAS Post Office Statement — *South Shore Skimmer is published monthly from September through December and February through June by South Shore Audubon Society, P.O. Box 31, Freeport, NY 11520-0031.*

BUDGET 1996-1997

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| Armchair Activist | 400 |
| Audubon Camp Scholarships | 2200 |
| Brookside Preserve | 2000 |
| College Scholarship | 1000 |
| Computer | 250 |
| Conferences/Council Meetings | 2000 |
| Conservation | 400 |
| Corresponding Secretary | 100 |
| Cow Meadow Preserve | 300 |
| Donations | 1000 |
| Education | 1000 |
| Festivals & Parties | 500 |
| Insurance | 1600 |
| Library Custodians | 300 |
| Library Donation | 400 |
| Library Overtime | 400 |
| Membership | 100 |
| Miscellaneous | 1000 |
| Publicity | 500 |
| Refreshments at Meetings | 300 |
| Skimmer | 6500 |
| Speakers | 800 |
| Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary | 4025 |
| Total | \$27,075 |



GARDEN CITY SANCTUARY NEEDS BIRDERS

Rob Alvey

[Rob Alvey is the Chairperson of the Garden City Environmental Advisory Board's Land Use Committee and a member of SSAS, which manages this new sanctuary; he is scheduled to be the featured speaker at our November 12th meeting.]

If you are interested in birds, nature, gardening, or environmental stewardship, or have a sense of community pride for volunteer work, you are invited to join the growing number of people supporting the Garden City Bird Sanctuary. A variety of entertaining and educational programs have been scheduled this fall for the continued development of the bird sanctuary/nature preserve at the Tanners Pond Road stormwater storage basin (at Colonial Avenue). The Summer/Autumn 1996 Newsletter has been printed and is available either at the Garden City Public Library or by contacting Rob Alvey at 326-1720.

Thanks to a few dedicated bird-watchers, a survey is being conducted of birds observed at the Garden City Bird Sanctuary. This record is needed for help in designing educational programs and planning new landscaping. If you would like to participate in this survey, your help would truly be appreciated. There is a good variety of birds at the Sanctuary and seasonal patterns are already evident. While some of the bird nest boxes were vandalized over the winter, others have been used by wrens, finches, robins, and flickers. The Killdeer (pictured), found nesting April 20th, hatched three eggs on Mother's Day.

Two of the babies survived. Over 30 species have been observed, including a Northern Mockingbird nest with three eggs and a Mallard with nine. If you walk the area, bring paper and pen and note the date, time, and any birds you see or hear. Send the reports to the Garden City Bird Sanctuary at 44 Fenimore Ave., Garden City, NY 11530.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK

Carole A. Adams

October 5-13 marks the second annual celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week. National Audubon Society will be working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure a highly visible and successful week at refuges around the country. This year's events will also begin the official countdown to the centennial anniversary of the Refuge System in 2003. Celebrate with your local National Wildlife Refuge; all it takes is one phone call to find out what activities are scheduled at Long Island's National Wildlife Refuges (286-0485). Visit Morton NWR, Target Rock NWR, or Wertheim NWR. Activities at your refuges include bird-watching, wildlife observation, and photography. Give something back to the refuge, to the wildlife, and to your community. Celebrate and recognize our natural treasures during Refuge Week.



Explore the coast with the **AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY**

SUNKEN FOREST FIRE ISLAND (Sat. Oct. 5) Hike the boardwalk trail, dunes, and beach during peak fall hawk migration. Bring lunch. Cost: \$15 includes ferry.

BRUNCH ON THE BAY (Sat. Oct. 19, 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.) A three-hour ecology tour of Jamaica Bay on the new Dorothy B VIII. See egrets, herons, ibis, oystercatchers, and hawks. Enjoy salads, homemade muffins, bread, and buffet. Cost: \$25.

ASSATEAGUE FALL WEEKEND (Nov. 7-10) Visit Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. See wild ponies, Sika deer, Delmarva fox squirrels, Bald Eagles, and river otter. Cost: \$225 includes 3 nights motel, safari ride, "all-you-can-eat" seafood buffet, and guides.

MONTAUK WINTER WEEKEND (Jan. 31 - Feb. 2) Cost: \$245 includes 2 nights at luxurious Manor House, 5 meals, 5 field trips, 2 evening lecturers, and free pickup at LIRR. See loons, eiders, mergansers, and harbor seals.

For information and free brochure
contact: Don Riepe
28 West 9th Road
Broad Channel, NY 11693
(718) 634-6467



**BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1996
TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM
9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.**



The museum is located on Washington Avenue in Seaford and lies about 1/2 mile south of Sunrise Highway, just north of Merrick Road. Please note that some items and bag weights have changed. All 20 and 25 lb bags come with handles. **Since we can no longer return extra seed for credit, PREORDERING is ESSENTIAL;** an order form appears below for your use. Please keep this upper portion as a reminder of the sale date. All preorders should be received by OCTOBER 15th. **Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to Paul T. Butkerei, 268 Wallace St., Freeport, NY 11520.**

Help will be needed on the sale date to process orders and to aid in unloading seed. If you wish to volunteer, call (516) 623-0843 late evenings and ask for Paul. **Our next sale will be JANUARY 26, 1997.**

My name is _____

My address is _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ SSAS Member? Yes No

| QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION | PRICE | TOTAL |
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| | 25 lb Black Oil Sunflower Seed | 9.00 | |
| | 50 lb Black Oil Sunflower Seed | 17.00 | |
| | 25 lb Striped Sunflower Seed | 10.50 | |
| | 20 lb Premium Wild Bird Seed Mix | 7.00 | |
| | 40 lb Premium Wild Bird Seed Mix | 13.00 | |
| | 20 lb Special Mix (no corn, 1/3 sunflower) | 7.00 | |
| | 40 lb Special Mix (no corn, 1/3 sunflower) | 13.00 | |
| | 25 lb Cracked Corn | 6.00 | |
| | 5 lb Sunflower Chips | 4.00 | |
| | 25 lb Sunflower Chips | 20.00 | |
| | 5 lb Peanut Pieces | 3.50 | |
| | 25 lb Peanut Pieces | 18.00 | |
| | 5 lb Safflower Seed | 3.25 | |
| | 8 lb Thistle Seed (Niger) | 8.00 | |
| | 11 oz Suet Cake | 1.50 | |
| | 11 oz Peanut Suet Cake | 1.75 | |
| | 28 oz Maine Manna Suet Bell | 4.00 | |

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

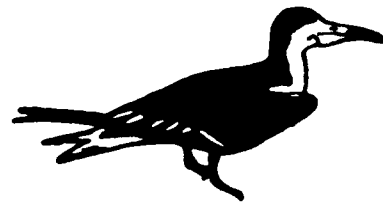
As usual, we will be selling BIRD FEEDERS on the sale date, including suet baskets.

1996-1997 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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