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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Reducing Stress

Tom Torma

A recent television news story gave advice on how to reduce stress in the office. The story advised office workers to use a small fan to create a breeze and to have papers hanging on the wall that would rustle in the breeze. Information was presented about web sites from which workers could download virtual animals and pets. Also recommended was having a small goldfish bowl on your desk and having plants in your work area. In effect, the story told us about the value of the natural world and to reduce stress by creating a more natural space. It also told us of the value natural and open spaces have in our lives.

The South Shore Audubon Society is committed to preserving these natural and open spaces on Long Island. We have been working with other organizations to fulfill this commitment. We have been sending a representative who became a founding director of the new Friends of Massapequa Preserve, whose mission is to maintain the preserve. We have joined the Long Island Drinking Water Coalition, which is made up of civic associations, environmental groups, and representatives from local village governments who are concerned about development in the Jericho–Oyster Bay groundwater recharge district; they are particularly concerned about the proposed development at SUNY Old Westbury.

We need to change the mind-set for those who own or want to develop the land. Some zoning and environmental laws exist to protect the public from unwise development. Still, the fundamental philosophy remains that landowners have the right to do whatever they want to make money off their land. These moral and ethical standards must change, as we have changed our standards with other issues. In the past, it was considered acceptable to own slaves; women were beaten to keep them in line; and child abuse was considered the province of the family, no one else's business. Today these standards are not acceptable. We must also reconsider our philosophy of the land.

NEXT MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 2000

TIME: 8:00 P.M. (2)

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

144 W. Merrick Rd. (at 5. Ocean Ave.)

SPEAKER: Arthur Morris

TOPIC: The Art of Bird Photography

At the first meeting after our summer break, internationally noted bird photographer Arthur Morris will return to SSAS to present a 75 minute slide program detailing the artistic principles that guide him. His "Birds as Art" images appear regularly in countless books, calendars, and magazines, including *Natural History*, *National Geographic*, *Birder's World*, *WildBird*, and *Nature Photographer*. He is the author of several books, including "Bird Photography Pure and Simple," "Shorebirds: Beautiful Beachcombers," and his latest, "The Art of Bird Photography: The Complete Guide to Professional Field Techniques."

We will visit Point Pelee National Park, Ontario; Churchill, Manitoba; Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, New Mexico; St. Paul Island in the Pribilof Islands, Alaska; south Florida; and other favorite hot spots. Along the way, we'll learn much about the art of bird photography. Topics to be covered include composition, background, perspective, and the qualities of natural light. Artie will tell us about the Canon equipment he uses, how he approaches free and wild birds so closely, and of the joys of making a living doing what he best loves to do. Join us!

Pre-Meeting Birding ID Class: Scott Oglesby's topic for September's 7:30 P.M. birding class will be fall warblers. Please bring your favorite field guide.

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IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE WASTE, PLEASE BRING COFFEE MUGS TO OUR MEETINGS

It is no longer acceptable to have the primary requisite of land development be profits. Developers must consider their neighbors and community in their plans. The air, water, and quality of life must be protected. Planners

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should think of a whole region, not just an individual piece of property. Local governments should also work with a plan that protects the local constituency, not just the interests of wealthy developers. They must also incorporate the possibility of any future development in their planning.

If our philosophy for the land doesn't change, we will be forced to reproduce our natural world with small fans, rustling papers, and cyber-animals.



Explore the coast with the

AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY

MONTAUK FALL WEEKEND (Sept. 21–24). Spend 2 or 3 nights at the luxurious Manor House. Cost \$265 (2 nights) or \$345 (3 nights) includes meals (incl. Sat. outdoor lobster & clambake), 5 guided hikes (canoeing, seining, birding), 2 evening programs & star watch.

JAMAICA BAY SUNSET CRUISE (Sat., Oct. 14, 4–7 p.m.). Learn about history & ecology of Jamaica Bay Refuge aboard the 96' Dorothy B VIII. Peak raptor & waterfowl migration time. See Snow Geese, Oystercatcher, Peregrine Falcon, Sharp-shinned & Cooper's Hawks. Cost: \$35 includes wine, cheese, snacks. Leaders: Mickey Cohen, Don Riepe.

ASSATEAGUE FALL WEEKEND (Nov. 8-12). Visit Chincoteague Refuge and see wild ponies, Bald Eagle, Sika deer, Tundra Swan, Snow Geese, gannets, etc. Cost: \$275 covers 3 nights at Refuge Motor Inn, guides, Saturday seafood dinner, marsh boat tour, Safari back dune tour, evening slide program & star watch.

COSTA RICA (January 16–28, 2001). Visit Monteverde Cloud Forest, Carara Coastal Rainforest, Ocotal Beach Resort, Tabacon Hot Springs & Spa (Arenal Volcano), and more. Call Don for info.

For information and free field trip brochure, call/write Don Riepe, (718) 634-6467.

28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693

BECOME A MEMBER OF SSAS

If you'd like to become a member of National Audubon and your all-volunteer local chapter (that's us), please mail the following form and your check payable to us to South Shore Audubon Society, P.O. Box 31, Freeport, NY 11520-0031. The special rate for the first year is \$20; \$15 for students and seniors.

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All walks start at 9:30 A.M. except for Pelham Bay; no walk if it rains. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667.

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Aug. 27	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sept. 3	Labor Day Weekend No Walk
Sept. 10	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Sept. 17	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sept. 24	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Oct. 1	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Oct. 8	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Oct. 15	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Oct. 22	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Oct. 29	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Nov. 5	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Nov. 12	Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Nov. 19	Pelham Bay for Owls (pull over to street
5	on extreme right after going through
	Throgs Neck Bridge toll; meet at 9 A.M.)
Nov. 26	Zach's Bay Parking Field #4, N.E. corner
Dec. 3	Hempstead Lake State Park (Exit 18, first
	lot south of Southern State Parkway,
	south end of lot)
Dec. 10	Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Dec. 17	Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)

Directions to Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge: Southern State Parkway to Belt Parkway to Exit 17 South (Cross Bay Blvd.). Drive four miles, passing through Howard Beach and over Joseph P. Addabbo Bridge (there's no toll); turn right at the Refuge entrance's traffic light and look for dozens of Auduboners in the parking lot.

SSAS JERRY BISHOP ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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Betsy Gulotta

South Shore Audubon Society would like to congratulate the two college student awardees of this year's Jerry Bishop Environmental Scholarship: Colleen Scully from Adelphi University and Kathryn Rube from the University of Virginia.

Colleen graduated from Adelphi last spring with a 4.0 average. She will apply her scholarship towards her Ph.D. program in ecology and evolution at SUNY Stony Brook. She is currently working for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Environmental Office, giving nature programs to the public.

Kathryn is majoring in environmental science/urban and environmental planning at the University of Virginia. Her dream is to start a magazine geared to educating people about local and global environmental problems.

Thanks to the generosity of Evelyn Bishop in memory of her husband, Jerry, each student received \$750 to help further her education in the area of environmental studies.

GARDENING NATURALLY

Vinnie Drzewucki, CNP

Having a beautiful lawn and garden without the use of toxic chemicals and pesticides is easy when you have nature working on your side. All it takes is a little understanding and patience to let nature take care of things. First of all, it helps to think of your lawn and garden as an ecosystem.

Like in any natural ecosystem, biodiversity plays a key role in maintaining stability; in other words, the interaction of a good variety of living organisms keeps things in balance. A garden with a high degree of ecological diversity is healthier and more productive than those with a limited number of plant and animal species. For instance, a variety and abundance of flowers provide nectar to a wide range of beneficial insects; birds help control insect



pests; and mulches prevent weeds and provide nutrient-rich organic matter that aids the growth of beneficial soil microbes, such as a fungus called *mycorrhiza*.

This means one may have to learn to tolerate the good with the bad. Living organisms in a garden, like the plants, bugs, birds, toads, slugs, and other visible creatures, along with organisms you can't necessarily see, like fungus, yeast, bacteria, and other microbes, are all needed to make your garden a healthy, well-balanced ecosystem.

It helps to think of this conglomeration of organisms in your lawn and garden as a community. The often-complex interactions within this community provide the most reliable mechanism for achieving and maintaining a balanced ecosystem, one where the good and the bad coexist to live in harmony, where toxic pesticides are seldom if ever needed. To do this as a gardener, one only needs to help the currently existing ecosystem, the one that your lawn and garden already is. Here are some tips to help put your lawn and garden's ecosystem more in balance:

① Stop Using Chemical Fertilizers and Pesticides. Instead use natural organic or nontoxic alternative solutions or remedies for problems. When spraying is necessary, limit it to the target pest and plant only, to protect natural enemies and beneficial insect populations in adjacent areas. Avoid "blanket spraying" the whole garden or property.

@ Encourage Diversity. Plant a wide variety of flowering and fruiting plants. Choose plants that bloom at different times, so there'll be something in bloom all the time. Choose and use compatible plants that are known to attract beneficial insects in and around plants that are known to get certain pest problems (a system known as companion planting). Introduce and protect beneficial predatory garden wildlife, such as birds, toads, frogs, snakes, spiders, lizards, ground beetles, and other beneficial insects. Maintain bird-feeding stations, birdbaths, and nesting boxes for birds. Provide water and shelter for other wildlife.

③ Improve Soils. Use organic mulches to cover soil to prevent weeds, conserve water, add nutrients, and build microbial activity in soil. Add organic matter (compost, manure, etc.) to soils before planting. Inoculate soils with mycorrhiza, which aids the uptake of water and nutrients by the roots of many plants. Mycorrhiza also suppresses certain soilborne disease problems and helps build topsoil.

© Experiment. Every ecosystem is different. It will take some time to get to know your garden's ecosystem. Your job is to help build diversity, balance, and harmony. Don't be afraid to try new plants and discard ones that are constantly attracting pests or add new beneficial insects. If problems persist, consider a new garden design or change groupings, introduce new companion plants, or prune plants to improve air circulation and exposure to sun.

® Sit Back and Enjoy. Sit back and enjoy the interaction of living organisms and the wonder of nature in your own backyard!

For more information and advice about gardening naturally, you may contact SSAS member Vinnie Drzewucki at Hicks Nurseries Inc., 100 Jericho Tpke., Westbury, NY 11590; phone 334-0066, fax 997-2532, E-mail vdrzewucki@hicksnurseries.com.

LONG BEACH ENVIROFEST

Therese Lucas

Not ready to say goodbye to summer just yet? Why not stroll down the boardwalk on **Saturday**, **September 16**, and join us at the annual Envirofest given by the city of Long Beach from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.? There will be a myriad of environmental displays, freebies for the kids, and eateries along the way. Volunteers are needed at the SSAS display to interact with visitors. You'll have a great view of the ocean while you "work." If you have an hour or two to spare, call me at 221-8654 to volunteer. Setup time is 10–10:30 A.M. Envirofest is near Riverside Blvd. (go south to the end of Long Beach Blvd. and then west one block).

SECOND ANNUAL FALL BIRD FESTIVAL

SSAS will be holding its second annual Fall Bird Festival on **Saturday, September 23** from 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M., rain or shine, at Tackapausha Museum and Preserve in Seaford; daily museum admission is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults.

Weather permitting, there will be free bird walks at 9 A.M. at Jones Beach West End 2, Cow Meadow Preserve (a photography workshop led by Tom Torma), Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, Massapequa Preserve, Brookside Preserve, and Tackapausha Preserve.

Special programs, including arts and crafts for children, live birds of prey from Audubon's Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, and a live-falcon presentation by a falconer, will take place at Tackapausha Museum throughout the day. Festival organizer Jonathan Staller says that it's advisable to bring a bag lunch, although light refreshments will be provided.

Some Directions. Please see the birdseed order form for directions to Tackapausha. Nassau County's 20 acre Brookside Preserve is managed by SSAS and is located on the Freeport–Baldwin border, along Milburn Creek; park at the main entrance on Brookside Avenue just north of Sunrise Highway (turn north at the traffic light that's just east of Freeport High School). Nassau County's Cow Meadow Preserve is in Freeport, at the end of S. Main St. The Town of Hempstead's Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area can be reached by following the numerous signs; take Long Beach Rd., go east on Waukena Ave., turn south on Park Ave. (there's a traffic light), and follow the signs for the last few blocks (to Golf Dr. and Slice Dr.). Any questions? Call Tom Torma at 378-4723.

volunteers needed

Tom Torma

This past March I retired and decided to spend some time doing volunteer work. I volunteered at the Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center at Jones Beach State Park. I was going to be a Piping Plover steward. My volunteer effort quickly turned into a paid part-time job. Still, the time I spent helping to protect these birds was extremely satisfying. I urge fellow Auduboners to get the satisfaction of being a South Shore Audubon volunteer.

For the South Shore Addubon Society to be successful, we need your help. We have some projects we would like to expand. If you have a hobby or a skill you would like to share with others, please let us know. If you have knowledge of arts and crafts,

please let us know. We would like to create workshops at Tackapausha Museum with volunteers from SSAS.

We are also planning a covered dish dinner at Tackapausha. If you would like to help us plan it, again please let us know. Another project we are considering is a garage sale disguised as a recycling sale on Earth Day, again at Tackapausha. All proceeds from the sale will go to purchasing new computers and environmental programs at the museum. If you like organizing these types of sales, we need to hear from you.

Skimmer Help Needed Too. Your editor can always use some new volunteers for Monday/Friday trips to the printer in Island Park and the post office in Freeport. And Tom's suggested that we start a monthly column about local bird sightings; would someone like to coordinate that? In short, if you've got time to help SSAS, SSAS has something that you could do. Call us.

SSAS's faithful advertiser, the American Littoral Society's New York Chapter, is coordinating NY's 14th Annual Beach Cleanup, occurring at many beaches near you on **September 16**. Data on the variety of litter is sent to the Center for Marine Conservation to help regulate pollution; last year, enough beverage cans were collected in the U.S. alone to make a stack 43 times the height of the Empire State Building! For information, call ALS's Barbara Cohen at 718-471-2166 or send e-mail to alsbeach@aol.com.

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★★ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ★★

Wendy Murbach

One of the wonderful perks that you get from an Audubon membership is the chance to be a part of your local Audubon chapter, South Shore Audubon Society.

You are automatically a valued member of this active and friendly chapter, so please come out to the next meeting from 8–10 P.M. on Tuesday, September 12 at the Freeport Library to hear what you can do to help preserve your local environment's health and viability, to hear about local issues that you can help to solve, and to see an extremely interesting program given by Arthur Morris.

Whether you are a beginning birder or someone with a large life list, you will enjoy our weekly Sunday bird walks led by Elliott Kutner, birder extraordinaire. Check out the environmental festivals that are mentioned in this *Skimmer*. Attend them yourself, and bring your family and friends too.

You are warmly invited to be an active participant in this vibrant all-volunteer organization comprised of persons who, like you, care about the earth we live on, about our local environment, and about the creatures that live alongside us.

Our new members since the last Skimmer are:

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Editor's Paragraph: I'd like to welcome Wendy as our new membership chairperson. Over the summer, we thoroughly checked National Audubon's annual roster against the chapter's computer file and fixed an unusual number of discrepancies (mostly concerning renewals). If this is your first *Skimmer* ever or in many moons but you're not listed above, we hope you'll enjoy your belated or resuscitated membership in SSAS!

SSAS adopted Tackapausha Museum and Preserve a few years ago, when its staff was down to one full-timer and its very existence was threatened. Despite a vote by the Nassau County Legislature soon afterwards to renovate the building, the situation remains much the same because the County couldn't find its now-empty checkbook. Museum Curator Carole Neidich-Ryder is in need of volunteers, ages 14 and up, to help at the desk or to help with animal care any day of the week. If you're over age 17, this could turn into a part-time job. For details, call the museum at 571-7443.

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER

Mike Higgiston

I'd been birding almost every weekend for the last 12 years and the number of species I'd managed to see was beginning to become impressive. The number 700 is the target of listers and once I reached 650, I intended on continuing until I reached 700.

Please don't assume chasing rarities is my only interest. There are many ways that a birder can keep him- or herself occupied birding while contributing to science. There are the annual Christmas Bird Counts, the annual May Birdathons or Big Days, winter duck surveys (otherwise known as the Grupps; see back page), and the New York State Breeding Bird Atlas Project that is ongoing this summer. Anyone can participate in any of these activities and, be assured, all will be welcomed. But it is undeniable that seeing new birds is an exciting event.

A weekend trip to California in May brought me to the brink, but I was still one bird short of the elusive 700. As impatient as I was to accomplish this, I knew I would have to wait because the truth of the matter is that once you reach these numbers, new birds are simply not available every other weekend. I was thinking of going to California in October and taking a pelagic trip into the waters around Monterey Bay for storm-petrels or visiting Phoenix in January to look for the very regular Rufous-backed Robin (I may do that anyway; a trip to Arizona in January does sound inviting!). But luck was with me and a Fork-tailed Flycatcher was found in Ferrisburg, Vermont.

Fork-tailed Flycatchers are a South American species with a tendency to roam. Earlier this summer, one appeared in Queens, but stayed only one day. That is the usual habit of the bird; here today, gone tomorrow. A Fork-tailed Flycatcher stayed on the Massachusetts coast some years ago, but one shouldn't expect this bird to linger if you wish to see it.

Because of prior commitments, I was unable to make a run at the bird until the weekend of July 14. The bird had been seen the night before, so I left the next morning with all fingers crossed.

It is a good 6 hour trip to beautiful downtown Ferrisburg, but there was no rush as the bird had been seen only in the evening for the prior few days. I started my stakeout at

3:30 P.M. and was joined soon after by birders from Montreal. And soon after, we were all joined by a rain shower. We resumed our quest in about an hour and stayed in the same spot for the next couple of hours. There was an American Bittern flying into the wetlands in front of us, Bobolink and East-

ern Meadowlark singing in the field across the road, Barn and Tree Swallows doing their imitations of F-15s, and an Osprey being chased by a Great Blue Heron. Every time we saw the few Eastern Kingbirds (pictured) present in the marsh, we thought we had our bird. Our little group was augmented by a couple from Waterbury, Vermont and three carloads of Montrealers. The last couple to join us was from Ontario and they had missed the bird by minutes earlier in the week. Finally, about 7:30 in the evening, the Fork-tailed Flycatcher also decided to join us. He perched on short bushes as he surveyed the marshy field around him. He flew from one low perch to another and it was grand to see him display his two long tails in flight. He put on a show for all of us for about a half hour, evoking oohs and aahs, when suddenly he was no longer there. He disappeared as quickly as he appeared. But we had been thrilled and everyone left with smiles on their faces.

SPEND OCTOBER 14 & 15 AT FAHNESTOCK

Last spring, SSAS's *Armchair Activist* coordinator, Mary Jane Russell, made arrangements for our second fun-filled weekend at 11,000 acre Fahnestock State Park. We need 20 more people to RSVP ASAP (by September 15 at latest) in order to reach the required minimum.

Fahnestock is about two hours away, just off the Taconic State Parkway in Putnam County, and contains the Taconic



Outdoor Environmental Center; oak, hickory, and hemlock forests; lakes; and ten miles of trails. The official bird checklist says the following species and more are abundant or common in fall: Ring-necked

Duck, Bufflehead, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Swainson's Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Prairie Warbler, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, and American Goldfinch.

A \$65 check payable to South Shore Audubon Society will get you a bed in one of the rustic heated and lighted cabins (up to 12 Auduboners per three-bedroom cabin), and five meals cooked by a Culinary Institute chef. Bring a sleeping bag if you have one, linens (or rent them), soap, etc., and a flashlight for nighttime excursions to the nearby plumbing facilities.

Call Mary Jane in the evening at 766-7397 if you have any questions or are interested in carpooling. Please make your check payable to South Shore Audubon Society and mail it along with your name, phone number, and, at the request of Fahnestock, your home address and the number of children coming with you (if any), to Mary Jane Russell, 2470 Foxdale Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572-1727.



WILD BIRD FEED SAVINGS DAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2000 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. Since we can no longer return extra seed for credit, preordering is greatly appreciated; 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 11th. Please make checks payable to the South Shore Audubon Society. Mail check and order form to Paul T. Butkereit, 268 Wallace St., Freeport, NY 11520.

The Premium Mix is 33% white proso millet, 33% fine cracked corn, 27% black oil sunflower, 4% safflower, 2% striped sunflower, and 1% peanuts. The Special Mix is 47% white proso millet, 33% black oil sunflower, 12% wheat, 5% striped sunflower, 2% canary seed, and 1% peanuts.

Help will be needed on the sale date to process orders and to aid in unloading seed. If you wish to volunteer, call (516) 599-0395 late evenings and ask for Paul. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE A JANUARY SALE!**

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	25 lb Sunflower Chips	18.00	
	5 lb Peanut Hearts	4.50	
	25 lb Peanut Hearts	20.50	
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