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NEXT MEETING

Enid Klein

DATE: Tuesday, April 11, 2006

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Freeport Memorial Library

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

SPEAKER: Paula Valentine

TOPIC: Orientation to Fire Island National

Seashore

At our next meeting, Paula Valentine, the Chief of Interpretation at Fire Island National Seashore, will present a PowerPoint program about the natural, cultural, and recreational features of FINS, and the programs and opportunities available to the public at its visitor centers. She will discuss the habitats found across the barrier island, the environmental issues facing FINS, and how the public can participate in ongoing decisions concerning its future. (SSAS is a member of the Fire Island Wilderness Coalition, which was organized a few months ago to ensure that the scheduled revision of the Fire Island Management Plan will maintain full protection of wilderness areas.) Join us!

Pre-Meeting Program on Birds. Starting at 7 P.M. each month, Scott Oglesby and Jim Remsen discuss birds in the room beyond our coffee-break tables. Topic suggestions for future talks are welcome.

Parking Lots. In addition to the parking lot adjacent to the library, there's a lightly used, well-lit, and fairly close municipal lot on the east side of S. Ocean Ave., on the near (south) side of the Gulf station that borders Sunrise Highway. Also, SSAS has a verbal pledge from neighboring Citibank that cars will no longer be towed from their lot during our meetings, but the towing company recently goofed. If your car is towed, mention Audubon to avoid paying and please let SSAS know afterwards.

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SPRING CLEANUP AT BROOKSIDE PRESERVE



On **Saturday, April 1**, from 9 A.M. until around noon, SSAS will have its annual spring cleanup at Brookside Preserve, rain or

shine. Brookside is a 20-acre freshwater wetland, woodland, and upland area owned by Nassau County and managed (and rescued from oblivion) by SSAS. With help from a state grant, we published a trail guide, educational freshwater wetland guide, and video; we continue to add plantings for wildlife. Scanned pdf files of the guides can be downloaded from ssaudubon.org.

The Preserve 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). Please bring gloves, rakes, bags, and/or friends of all ages.

THIS BEARS REPEATING: SKETCH, EAT, AND CHAT

Therese Lucas

The evening is about camaraderie as well as fundraising. It's easy. Present your "Easy Way to Raise Dough"

coupon at Pizzeria Uno in Lynbrook on Wednesday, April 26 between 5 and 9 P.M. when paying (one per table is sufficient) or you can do takeout. SSAS gets back 15% of the total sales up to \$500 and 20% over \$500. Coupons

are available at meetings and bird walks. Once you have one, you can make copies and pass them along to family and friends. You don't have to be a member to attend. Join us anytime between 5 and 9 and spend a few minutes or a few hours, whatever suits your schedule.

Pizzeria Uno has a varied menu, ranging from pizza (of course) to pasta, chicken, beef, fish, and salads; something for every palate (see unos.com) and all at a reasonable cost. A nice assortment of desserts is available as well.

A very relaxed "poster" contest will be held. Just bring your poster with you to Pizzeria Uno. The posters will be on display that night and then brought to the next SSAS board meeting, where two winners will be chosen. The winners will be announced at our May 9 general meeting and you can pick up your poster that night. There will be two categories: SSAS membership and birding. The poster can be serious or funny, and can be an 8x10 sheet of paper or as large as an oak tag sheet. Use any writing implement, cutouts, or photos, and put your name and phone number on the back (not front). Let your imagination be your guide; it's all for the fun of it!

The only things you have to remember are to bring your "poster" (not mandatory) and to skip lunch (mandatory). The more you eat, the more we make!!

Directions. Pizzeria Uno (aka Uno Chicago Grill) is located at the west end of Phillips Plaza, 693 Sunrise Highway (opposite Lynbrook's LIRR station, west of White Castle and Broadway, and east of Peninsula Blvd.).

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FIRE ISLAND "SUNKEN FOREST" HIKE (Sat., May 20). Join naturalist Steve Finn for a hike along the boardwalk, maritime forest, dunes & beach. Cost: \$20 incl. round-trip ferry from Sayville & guide. Call Steve 631-821-2160 or Don. JAMAICA BAY SUNSET CRUISES (Sun., May 28 and Sat., June 3, 5 p.m.). Join us for a special 3-hour narrated tour of the backwater marshes aboard 96' boat "Dorothy B VIII" out of Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Learn about the bay's history & ecology and see peregrine falcon, osprey, herons, egrets, ibis, oystercatcher, etc. Cost: \$35 incl. tour, wine & cheese, fruit, snacks. Call Don. Rain dates May 29 & June 4.

MONTAUK SPRING WEEKEND (June 9–11). Explore beaches, bluffs & "Walking Dunes" during peak orchid & heather blossom time. Activities incl. birding, botanizing, seining, tidepooling, star watching. Cost: \$325 incl. 2 nights at luxurious

heather blossom time. Activities incl. birding, botanizing, seining, tidepooling, star watching. Cost: \$325 incl. 2 nights at luxurious Manor House (heated indoor/outdoor pools, jacuzzi), 5 meals, 5 guided hikes, 2 evening programs, pickup at LIRR station. CAPE ANN WHALE WATCH (Aug. 17–20). Visit beautiful Gloucester during summertime. Cost: \$345 includes lodging (3 nights), a sunset marsh river cruise, birding at Parker River refuge, Saturday lobster dinner, canoe trip on Ipswich River, and whale watch. Leaders: Mickey Cohen & Don Riepe.

For information and free field trip brochure, call/write Don Riepe, (718) 318-9344, donriepe@aol.com, 28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693; www.alsnyc.org.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT PROPOSALS GAIN APPROVAL

Michael Sperling

Last May's Skimmer described the two proposals that SSAS had submitted for the \$50 million Environmental Program Bond Act which had been approved by Nassau County's voters on Election Day in 2004. We've just received very good news—the 11-person Advisory Committee that was established to assist in identifying and prioritizing projects for funding has recommended that both of ours be funded!

Of the 86 properties proposed for open space acquisition, 15 were selected by the Committee, for which they proposed \$38,045,000 (minus \$250,000 for program administration costs in the form of property appraisals and printing). These properties total 186 acres, 4 of which are from the Brooklyn Water Works property that is immediately south of Brookside Preserve. The Committee stated that "although the appraisals of the recommended properties have not been completed at the time of this report, it is unlikely that \$37.8 million for open space acquisition will be sufficient to acquire all of the properties. The actual properties that will be acquired will depend on cost, timing regarding danger of the property being sold for development, environmental and community value, and the ability to secure additional funding from federal, state, and local government and private organizations."

Of the 50 proposed storm water improvement projects, 17 were recommended for funding totaling \$4,424,000. One of those is for Brookside Preserve, where four in-line treatment devices would be installed on streets that end at Brookside, for an estimated cost of \$442,000 from the Bond Act plus \$20,000 of in-kind services from the Village of Freeport.

The rest of the Bond Act money will be spent on brownfield remediation and park improvement projects.

The next step is that the open space recommendations will be given to the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee (OSPAC, which includes our own George Peters) and the Nassau County Planning Commission. Within 60 days of this (including a public comment period), the Planning Commission, with input from OSPAC, will send its findings to the County Executive, who in turn will "introduce the recommendations to the Legislature for approval to issue bonds to finance property acquisitions." We'll keep you up to date via our e-list, since the Skimmer should be on summer break when the Legislature receives the County Executive's request.

OUR E-LIST http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ssas_list

OUR WEB SITE (incl. online store) www.ssaudubon.org
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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 at the Freeport Library from 7:30–9:30 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month (September through May) 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 interesting program.

Whether you are a beginning birder or someone with a large life list, you will enjoy our weekly Sunday bird walks, usually led by Elliott Kutner, birder extraordinaire. Check out the special events 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.

alongside us.
Our new members since the last Skimmer are:
Baldwin Richard Carbonaro
Bellmore Michelle Bello, John Ellison &
Family, Ms. Olga L. Re
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SSAS Mission Statement — The mission of South Shore Audubon Society is to promote environmental education; conduct research pertaining to local bird populations, wildlife, and habitat; and preserve and restore our environment, through responsible activism, for the benefit of both people and wildlife.

ARTHUR C. SNOW

Certified Public Accountant

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Elliott Kutner

All walks start at 9:30 A.M.; no walk if it rains or snows or temperature is below 25°F. Any questions? Call Elliott at 486-7667. Directions and summaries may be found at ssaudubon.org.

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Jones Beach West End #2, N.E. corner
Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve
Massapequa Preserve (LIRR N.E. lot)
Hempstead Lake State Park (Exit 18, first
lot south of Southern State Parkway,
south end of lot)
Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

SSAS BIRDATHON 2006 IS COMING!

Jim Remsen

This year, SSAS will conduct its nineteenth annual Birdathon! SSAS raises funds through the Birdathon by having members get cash pledges for each species of bird identified during a 24-hour period in May, when the spring migration is at its height. Due to the decision by National Audubon to sharply decrease the amount of financial support given to chapters, the Birdathon is now one of our major sources of income. Many of you have been very generous with your time and pledges in recent years; we hope you will continue and increase your gift of either time or pledges this year.

Mark the dates on your calendar — **Friday, May 12** from 5:00 P.M. until **Saturday, May 13** at 5:00 P.M. The rain dates are one week later at the same time. Full details will be in the next *Skimmer*.

SSAS'S 35TH ANNUAL DINNER

Therese Lucas

After last year's delightful experience, we are returning to the Coral House, 70 Milburn Avenue, Baldwin on **Tuesday, June 13** for our annual dinner. Tickets are \$35

each, which includes a cocktail hour with hot hors d'oeuvres, choice of entree, dessert, etc. Vegetarian meals are available upon request. The dinner registration form will be in your May *Skimmer*. There are no sales at the door; reservations must be made in advance.

This year there will be a Chinese auction (\$1 each or 6 for \$5), special raffle (\$5 each or 3 for \$10), and a 50/50 drawing for all dinner guests. There will also be a Birdathon drawing for all those who participate in that fund-raiser.

The variety of prizes grows and changes each year. Circle your calendar for 6/13 and start dreaming about engaging conversation, good food, and what you might win . . .

Belty Borowsky & Maureen Rube

Join us at the northwest corner of Sunrise Highway and Brookside Avenue, which is across from Freeport High School and near the Baldwin border, on **Saturday**, **June 3** (or, in the event of rain, Sunday, June 4) for the best flea market ever!

Bring your contributions beginning at 10 A.M. that day; the sale will run from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. We ask that you bring your items directly to the site of the sale and help us set a value on your donation. If you can stay and help us sell, please do! If you have donations which you cannot hold until then, please call one of us, and we might be able to arrange storage until June 3. Tax-exempt receipts will be available.

We plan to either discard or donate to another organization anything we fail to sell that day. So, if you only wish to donate something for SSAS's benefit, come back in the evening and pick up your item if it hasn't been sold. All proceeds will go toward SSAS programs; especially needed is money for our annual Day Camp Scholarship Program for financially disadvantaged children in our area. We hope to fund a week of day camp at the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary in Oyster Bay for 25 youngsters this summer.

What should you bring? Books, CDs, videos, cameras, toys, dishes, glasses, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, artwork, costume jewelry; basically, anything you can carry that you feel has value. If you are a baker, bring cakes, cookies, etc. If you create crafts, bring those — for example, birdhouses and pot holders. If you have extra house plants, bring those. Whatever you can contribute will be very welcome.

However, please do NOT bring old computers or parts, or

any appliances. If you are not sure, just call one of the co-chairs. Also, if you are not sure about the weather, call one of us:

Betty Borowsky 764-3596 Maureen Rube 352-4327

On the day of the sale we will need help to set up, to sell, and to clean up afterwards; we will also need some folding tables to hold our sales items. If you would like to work with us (we're fun people), give us a call; we'd love to have you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY — AND LET'S HAVE FUN!

SEE YOU ON JUNE 3!

APPLY FOR A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP!

Thanks to the continuing generosity of Evelyn Bishop, South Shore Audubon Society will be awarding two \$750

Jerry Bishop Environmental Scholarships to students who are college juniors, seniors, or graduate students and who are continuing their studies toward a degree in an area of biological or environmental science, such as wildlife management, forestry, animal

behavior, ecology, marine biology, oceanography, mammalogy, or ornithology. For information, call Betsy Gulotta at 546-8841 or e-mail gulotte@ncc.edu (yes, that's spelled correctly). Applications are due by **April 30** and we typically receive very few, so apply!

SPRING FESTIVALS GALORE!

Therese Lucas

South Shore Audubon Society will be participating in these great festivals that celebrate Spring, Earth Day, and Arbor Day. We hope to see you at one!

> April 15, Saturday, 1–3 p.m. Tackapausha Spring Festival Tackapausha Museum & Preserve, Washington Avenue, Seaford

Family nature walks, crafts, live exhibits, and environmental organizations' table displays

April 22 & 23, Saturday and Sunday, 10 а.м. to 4 р.м. Heckscher Spring Festival

Heckscher State Park, East Islip, Fields 1 & 4

Environmental organizations' displays and crafts, wildlife exhibits

April 22 & 23, Saturday and Sunday, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.
Arbor Day Festival
Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park,
Oyster Bay

Children's performances, adult lectures, plant sales, crafts, and environmental organizations' table displays

SHOP AT OUR ONLINE NATURE MALL

Our Web site, ssaudubon.org, contains a link to the Online Nature Mall, which is the much-expanded successor to Without Bricks and, similarly, automatically gives a percentage of your purchases (10%) to SSAS if you visit the site using our link.

The mall is a division of the Thayer Birding Software company. There are over 11,000 products available in the Birds Shop (containing books, songs, CD-ROMs, feeders, houses, and food), Binocular Shop, Nature Shop, Gardening Shop, Kids Shop, Gift Shop, @Home Shop, and Ecology Shop.

THE SSAS FREEPORT LIBRARY BOOK LIST

SSAS has been holding its general and board meetings at the Freeport Memorial Library for about 30 years, and

for the purchase of nature-oriented books (for children and adults), videos, DVDs, software, etc. In the November 1998 *Skimmer*, we reported that 61 books had been bought in the

we continue to make annual donations

previous eight years, 38 of them with Dewey decimal 598 (which includes birds).

Your editor requested and received a list of over 100 items that are currently available. So, if you arrive early for our meeting, consider taking a look at the shelves in the lower level before joining us.

JERROLD AXINN, D.D.S., F.A.G.D., P.C.

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ANNUAL CENTRAL PARK WALK

On **Saturday, May 6**, SSAS will be in Central Park for our annual early May bird walk. Once again, Manhattan residents (and old-time SSAS members) Chris Cooper and Lloyd Spitalnik have been asked to lead us through the twisting maze of the Ramble and adjoining areas of the park. In previous years, we've tallied 45 to 70-plus species in under three hours.

The cost of the walk is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers; all proceeds will be used to support SSAS. Please send your check payable to South Shore Audubon Society, along with your phone number, to: Joanne Del Prete, 20 Ceil Pl., Bethpage NY 11714-4503 (phone 433-0739). Registration is required by Friday, April 28. If you meet us on the train or in the park and have not previously registered, your cost will be \$8 if you're a member and \$10 if not, so register early!

Per the SSAS Field Trip Guidelines published in the *Skimmer* two years ago, if you find that you cannot make the trip, please cancel at least 24 hours in advance to have your fee refunded. If the trip is canceled by the leaders or due to weather, all fees will be refunded.

For train schedule information, you can contact the Long Island Rail Road at (516) 822-5477 or http://lirr42.mta.info/index.asp; there are a group of members that will be in one of the front cars of the local Babylon line train that is scheduled to depart from Massapequa at 7:26 and arrive in Penn Station at 8:25. Please note that at many of the LIRR stations, including Massapequa, ticket windows are now closed on weekends. Regardless, a penalty fare of \$4.75 to \$5.50 is charged by the conductor if you do not purchase a ticket at a window or using the machines located at the stations. A \$4 MetroCard is required for the subway to and from Central Park; it too can be purchased from the LIRR's ticket agents or machines. You can save 5% if you order WebTickets at www.lirrticket.com (the tickets are sent, postage free, via the U.S. Postal Service).

We plan to depart from Penn Station's LIRR waiting room at 8:45 to meet our leaders in Central Park around 9:30. The walk usually ends around noon. You can bring lunch or buy it in the Park, or head back home after the walk if you prefer. We look forward to seeing you!

SSAS publishes eight newsletters per year, with about 1900 copies per issue. Advertising helps pay for the cost of printing and mailing the *Skimmer*. A single-issue business card ad (or anything that size) costs \$30 or you can save money by paying \$200 for eight consecutive issues. Similarly, a quarter-page ad (such as that of the American Littoral Society) costs \$75 or eight for \$550.

If you're interested in advertising, please e-mail *Skimmer* editor Michael Sperling at mssperling@optonline.net or call him after 7:30 P.M. at 221-3921. Postal regulations prohibit us from including some types of ads.

NATURE TALES FROM A WANDERER Birds in Numbers, Part I

Joe Grupp

The approach to Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is across flat terrain on rural roads edged with large farm fields, wooded lots, and plenty of sky from horizon to horizon. Blackwater is located in Maryland near the southwest end of the Delmarva Peninsula and is part of what is frequently called Chesapeake Bay Country. It was founded in 1933 as a refuge primarily for migrating ducks and geese; its purpose has been expanded to include protecting the threatened Bald Eagle and the endangered Delmarva Fox Squirrel.

Driving down the rural roads a mile or so from the refuge, I stopped the car and pulled to the shoulder when I noticed a flock of some rather large birds on the far side of a farm field backed by woodland. The field was dormant and grass covered, and the trees leafless on this cold late-February day. We scrambled for the binoculars (still on the

backseat of the car) and got them up to our eyes to confirm our naked-eye identification — Wild Turkey (pictured). I counted a full dozen birds. They were one, two, or three birds abreast with heads down pecking, their long breast

feathers, called "beards" by some and "breast tufts" by others, almost touching the ground while they walked and fed in a disorganized column.

Turning into the entrance road at the Visitors Center (which passes between two fields, one filled with standing old corn stalks, the other covered with grasses), bird activity had me stop again. Standing at the side of the road, it was easy to hear the familiar late-winter/early-spring call of Red-winged Blackbirds while occasionally spotting one among the corn stubble. Associated with the Redwinged Blackbird flock were other harder-to-observe birds feeding in the grass at the edge of the field. Something, maybe us, caused all the birds to rise and fly across the road to the grass.

There were about twenty male Red-winged Blackbirds that flew, followed by smaller stubby birds with rapid wing beats. The species did not really mix with each other, even as they landed as one flock. The stubby birds gave away

their identity as they spread their tails while landing and the white sawtooth pattern of their outer tail feathers all but announced them as Eastern Meadowlarks (pictured). The eight or ten Meadowlarks blended in perfectly with the matted grasses of the field and I really

had to work to find them. Occasionally, one stood upright and alert, and the bright yellow breast with the broad-back V was beautifully evident.

On our way to Wildlife Drive, the six-and-a-half mile road through the 27,000 acre refuge, an Eastern Bluebird

perched on an electric wire and I stopped once again. Then I realized there was a second and then a third Bluebird there. Closer observation revealed the small flock to be made up of two bright blue males and one duller female.

Part of Wildlife Drive is along the edge of a fairly expansive body of water, whose surface was covered with ice that scattered gulls were standing on. Scanning the gulls with naked eye, I spotted a much larger, dark, upright bird standing near two gulls and immediately thought Bald Eagle. Using binoculars I confirmed the identification. Then I continued to scan the expanse of ice and found a total of ten, some with majestic white head and tail. At times they challenged one another, the loser flying a distance away before settling back down onto the ice.

At a turn in Wildlife Drive, I found eight Turkey Vultures that one-by-one were climbing up the road's embankment from a mudflat and using the road as a runway to take off. They were probably scared by our approach. One bird remained on the mudflat and was standing over what once was a pretty large snake and was now mostly backbone with reddish curved ribs pointing toward the sky. There was very little meat left on those bones, but the remaining bird found small morsels and dined where the other birds probably dined before.

The day passed quickly and just before leaving we stopped at a new trail through woodland. I got out of the car to explore its very beginnings. In doing so, I heard the distant call of geese getting louder and louder, and realized they were Snow Geese and they were coming my way. Then, through the leafless trees, I spotted them as line after line began to fly over and they kept coming and coming. The sky filled with lines of Snow Geese. The lines were straight and angled, curved, or in the traditional V form. Some lines of birds were flying higher than others, so the lines appeared to cross, creating an ever-changing pattern in the sky. Hundreds, maybe thousands, of birds flew over as I stood, looked, listened, and marveled at the scene.

Even as we also had some good observations of individual birds, the memories of the day are of the birds we saw in numbers.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2006-2007 SSAS BOARD

At South Shore Audubon Society's general meeting on May 9, officers and directors will be elected for our next fiscal year. All members attending that meeting may nominate candidates from the floor and vote. The candidates recommended by the SSAS nominating committee, chaired by Wendy Murbach, will be announced in the next Skimmer.

SSAS BACKYARD BIRD SURVEY

The Research Committee is conducting a study to document the bird species found in the SSAS geographical area and to make some estimates as to their numbers. We request input from anyone that feeds and/or observes birds in their yard or neighborhood. If you would like to participate in this program, we would greatly appreciate it.

To participate, simply record the birds that you see in your yard, neighborhood, or at your feeder; the date, time, and the number or approximate number of each species; and fill in the table provided below. If you have more recordings than lines in the table, please attach an additional piece of paper to the table and submit the additional recordings in the same manner. At the end of each month, please mail or e-mail your record to me at the appropriate address listed below, or hand it to me at our monthly meeting. Additional survey sheets are available at SSAS events.

Please do not hesitate to submit your observations, even if you have been able to make only very few. WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

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Option 2. To join NAS and your all-volunteer local chapter, you can help SSAS survive NAS's major dues-share cutbacks by joining Audubon through us for the same price that it costs if you join through NAS (we get \$0 unless you join through us). Mail the form below and your check payable to **National Audubon Society** to SSAS at the address above. The special rate for the first year is \$20 per household; \$15 for students and seniors.

Renewing? Please send NAS renewals directly to NAS (we now get \$0 for all NAS renewals).

Donations to SSAS are always welcome!

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