

Audubon Log

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.

Spring 2007

Annual Banquet May 9

Eagle's Nest Supper Club
3261 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay
Social Begins at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:15 pm
Tickets are \$ 15 per person,
All are welcome to attend.
Please mail or call in your
registration by May 6 to:
Terrie Howe, 2479 Vagabond
Street, Green Bay, WI 54302
or call 920 465-8263

Photographs of Eagles

By Jeff Raflick will be given as door prizes and for sale at the banquet

John James Audubon: Artist and Naturalist

Banquet speaker Vicki Medland will bring back the exciting details of the life and secret artistic methods of this famous 19th century pioneer in the fields of art and science.

Business to attend to at this annual meeting:

- Vote on board nominations
- Expand language to "purpose" in by-laws to cover all the activities that NEW Audubon does.

Director Nominations

The Board of Directors recommends the following Directors for the fiscal year 2007-08, to be voted in, at the Annual Banquet on May 9.

Brian Ewart currently serves on the board as the Vice President. He coordinates NEW Audubon's Eagle Cam project and the Berry Lake project.

Charlie Frisk has served on the board for many years and is a founding member of the Baird Creek Parkway Preservation Association.

Marty Gallagher has served on the board for the past 17 years as the Recording Secretary. She is a librarian for the Brown County Library, Main Branch.

John Jacobs is the current Board President, and coordinates the Red-shouldered Hawk research project.

Carl Scholz has been a board member for over 30 years. He is a former school

superintendent and owner of "The Farm" near Sturgeon Bay.

Jim Servais is a high school teacher with the Green Bay School District. He established a successful student environment coalition and is active in renewable energy education.

Janet Smith recently retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She served as an officer and on the Board of the Brown County Conservation Alliance.

Dorothy Summers is the current Treasurer and has held numerous positions including Vice President, President and Newsletter Editor.

Juniper Sundance is currently working on her master's degree in botany at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

Audubon Programs, Events and Field Trips

Field trips are free for Audubon members. For more information on field trips call John Jacobs at the Museum 920-448-4460 ext. 217. To register for a frog field trip at Barkhausen call 920-448-6242. The Natural History Lecture Series 2007 is presented the last Wednesday of the month, at 7 pm, at the Neville Public Museum of Brown County and is co-sponsored by Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Baird Creek Preservation Foundation, The Wild Ones, and Neville Public Museum.

Saturday April 14. Several events
Berry Lake - Fish, Frogs & Money
(see details in this newsletter)

Earth Week 2007, April 16-22 Green Bay area. A number of events are planned to celebrate Earth Week, for more information please go to the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters web site or call Jessica at (920) 429-9008 or email greenbayearthday@yahoo.com (see details in this newsletter)

Wednesday, April 25, 7 pm
Ospreys of New London.
By Pat Fisher at the Neville Museum

Wednesday, May 9, **Banquet**
at the Eagles's Nest Supper Club
Register now, see details on front pg.

May 18, 26, & June 2, 7:30 pm
Let's Go Frog Hunting!
Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve.
Randy Korb, local frog expert and author of "**Wisconsin Frogs-Places to Hear Frogs and Toads Near Our Urban Areas**", will present this family program with live frogs followed by an outdoor romp in the swamp to listen and find frogs. It will be the same program repeated each evening. Audubon member families are free, non-members- \$5 per adult, \$3 per child. Call Brown County Parks at 920-448-6242 to pre-register. Please

dress appropriately for outdoor conditions! Remember- frogs don't care if it's raining! (Randy will also be giving this frog program on April 14 - see Berry Lake article in this newsletter)

Wednesday, May 30. 7 pm
Flora & Fauna of Isle Royale.
By Matt Welter at the Neville Museum

Wednesday, June 27. 7 pm
Hine's Emerald Dragonfly. By
Cathy Carnes at the Neville Museum

Wednesday, July 25. 7 pm
What's all the Woof About Wolves ?
By Cindy Mueller at the Neville Museum

Wednesday, August 29. 7 pm
Wisconsin Naturalists. By Vicki
Medland at the Neville Museum

Wednesday, September 26. 7 pm
Anthills & the Ecosystem. By Michael
Draney at the Neville Museum

Wednesday, October 31. 7 pm
Owl in the Basket. By Pat Fisher
at the Neville Museum

Wednesday, November 28. 7pm
Ethnobotany of the Upper Midwest. By
Andrew Knapp at the Neville Museum

Details for **Berry Lake - Fish, Frogs & Money**
April 14

To Register

Call 920-321-4000 or e-mail
brianewart@newaudubon.com

Three events held at different times during the day that appeal to different ages and interests.

Morning sessions will begin at 9:00 AM by announcing the NEW Audubon and Underhill Lake grants but quickly move from money to fish. The morning sessions feature DNR presentations on basic lake ecology, fish surveys and water monitoring.

The sessions will be followed by lunch (donation requested) and a DNR demonstration of how they catch, measure, weigh and age fish. People will also have the opportunity to go out in a boat to try their hand at water monitoring.

Starting at 1:00 AM, those who would like to learn how to contribute water quality data to the State's data base can receive certification in one of the afternoon workshops. The second workshop will teach participants how to add birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals they see to the data base of the online Wisconsin Nature Mapping Program.

The day's third event (7:30 PM) will feature one of the famously popular Randy Korb frog hikes. He will talk about Wisconsin's 12 species of frogs and toads. Participants will get to know each frog by sight and sound. Children will have a chance to feed and hold the frogs. Randy will then lead the group out into the night to listen to the breeding calls of wood frogs, peepers, and others. Bring flashlights and old shoes or boots as feet might get wet. It's all free (donation requested for noon lunch) and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.newaudubon.com.

Details for **Earth Week 2007 Events**
April 16-22

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Monday April 16. 6 pm
Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living in Rural India by Durga Kar of ADIRE, at UWGB, MAC (Mary Ann Cofrin) Hall, Rm 206.

Tuesday April 17.
6 pm **Bringing Together Business, Government & Environmental Interests** by Fred Schnook at UWGB, MAC Hall, Rm 210.

Wednesday April 18.
6 pm **Sustainable Living on the Oneida Reservation** by Laura Manthe at UWGB, MAC Hall, Rm 223.

Thursday April 19.
Leave your car at home day challenge !
6-10 pm **Green Drinks at KaVarna** 112 S. Broadway St. GB
7-8 pm **Storytime at Barnes & Noble**, 2498 S. Oneida St. GB

Friday April 20.
4:30 pm **School Recycling Weigh-Off**, 2561 S. Broadway St. GB
6:30 pm, free showing of Al Gore's movie "**An Inconvenient Truth**" at Brown County Library, 515 Pine St. GB

Saturday April 21.
9-noon **River Clean Up** at two sites: Baird Creek-meet at Preble Park or Optimist boat landing at the end of Lazarre St. (need to bring canoe)
Noon to 4 pm **EcoBingo on Broadway** at Broadway St. GB,
5 pm to midnight **EcoJam Concert** featuring Augie & the Sandwich Factory, Copper Box, and Burnt Toast & Jam !

Sunday April 22.
Noon to 4 pm Izaak Walton League's **Bear Hunt in Bellevue** (kid friendly) at the League's property- **Osprey Point** on Hwy GV, one mile south of 172.

NEW Audubon Receives Major Lake Protection Grant

The State of Wisconsin's Lake Partnership Program awarded NEW Audubon a lake grant of \$10,000 to fund research and lake protection at Berry Lake in Oconto County. The Lake Partnership Program is a joint effort by the Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Extension and the Wisconsin Association of Lakes.

Board member and vice president, Brian Ewart, wrote the NEW Audubon grant to work in conjunction with a second \$10,000 lake grant he wrote and submitted on behalf of the Town of Underhill. That grant was also approved.

The two lake grants represent the state's portion of a larger project valued at over \$31,000 when matching funds and in-kind contributions are included.

The grant creates a number of new partnerships for NEW Audubon. In addition to our partnership with the DNR and the Town of Underhill, the grants create a partnership between NEW Audubon and the Menominee Nation.

The boundary between Oconto County and the Menominee Indian Reservation cuts through the western end of Berry Lake placing 6.4 acres of the 201 acre lake under Menominee jurisdiction.

To oversee the research activities, Ewart assembled and is coordinating a diverse stakeholders committee that includes representatives from the Town of Underhill board and the Menominee Tribe.

The committee will benefit from DNR and UW Extension participation. Stakeholder representatives will include highly skilled environmental professionals from the

Tribe's Environmental Services, Menominee County and Menominee Tribal Enterprises. Ewart said, "We are very fortunate that Berry Lake is shared with a Tribe that holds the environment in high esteem and is willing to contribute its considerable resources to the partnership."

The Menominee Tribe is currently conducting a fyke net survey (fish census) on Berry Lake. They are contributing the \$5,000 - \$7,000 effort at their own expense to help satisfy the grant's required in-kind match.

Berry Lake is one of the 29 Wisconsin lakes to be included in the EPA National Survey of Lakes to be conducted this summer. Ewart previously convinced the DNR to conduct further studies on Berry Lake with the EPA funding.

The EPA study, the additional DNR research and NEW Audubon/Underhill grant will help stakeholders determine Berry Lake's current condition and help them maintain or improve the lake's quality.

NEW Audubon will again sponsor The Red-shouldered Hawk Nesting Research Project in 2007.

This is the 37th year of an ongoing long term raptor breeding study. NEW Audubon Society has sponsored this project since 1993. John Jacobs, project director, has acquired two major grants to support this year's research from the *U.S.D.A. Forest Service Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest* and *Audubon's Land Fund for Wisconsin*. Over one hundred nesting sites of these hawks will be monitored in northeastern Wisconsin this spring.

Eagle Cam Update: Eagle Patrol Project Underway

Appleton eagle watchers reported a number of eagles checking out the eagle nest in Telulah Park during this year's breeding season. The brief visits and lengthy stays by single eagles and pairs of eagles convinced observers that the eagle camera installed in the tree is not the primary deterrent to eagles selecting the site for nesting.

One of Wisconsin's most highly regarded eagle experts, Ron Eckstein (DNR) agreed that the camera is not causing the eagles to stay away. "It's the people in the park that are keeping the eagles away," Eckstein said. Eckstein said people should keep their distance and avoid looking directly at the eagles.

Telulah Park eagle watchers tested Eckstein's advice by approaching the eagles and looking at the eagles in different ways. The eagles' responses confirmed Eckstein's recommendations.

Telulah Park Eagle Patrol Project was designed to make Telulah Park more eagle-friendly so a pair of eagles is more likely to reoccupy the nest.

The project will have opportunities for NEW Audubon members to participate. For updates, please visit www.newaudubon.com

Framed Telulah Park Eagle Photographs \$10 Each at Annual Banquet

Wildlife photographer Jeff Raflick will bring his outstanding Telulah Park Bald Eagle photographs to the Annual Banquet. He is selling these professional photographs nicely framed for \$10 each. They make great gifts.

NEW Audubon Board Members Lobby for Conservation Funding

In January, Brian Ewart spent four days in Washington DC learning about the National Audubon Society's federal legislative agenda and lobbying legislators on The Hill.

National Audubon Society is seeking three appropriations at the federal level: \$320 million for the Land and Water Conservation fund, \$451.5 million for the National Wildlife Refuge System and \$283 million for Everglades Restoration. In each case, the requested funding represents an increase over the serious under funding of recent years but is well below the authorized or required levels.

In February, Dorothy Summers and Carl Scholz participated in the Conservation Lobby Day in Madison. They joined other environmentalists to lobby for the renewal and strengthening of the Stewardship Fund and other conservation goals.

Website Update

Over the past year our website has been down several times as we have attempted to correct problems. The way the website was originally hosted and developed created challenges that now make it difficult to administer. We apologize for any inconvenience to our users and ask for patience in the future.

We are currently using www.newaudubon.com as we attempt to get our original .org URL. We are also preparing to completely redo the website.

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Audubon Membership

National

To renew or become a new member of National Audubon Society and receive *Audubon Magazine* and other publications from National please use the renewal card in the latest *Magazine* or send your name, address and zip code with your check for one of these amounts:

\$20 for 1 year, or \$35 for 2 years, or \$45 for 3 years,

to: Audubon Membership Data Center
PO Box 52504
Boulder, CO 80323-2504

Members of National Audubon Society are also members of the Local Chapter, so for one price you get the benefits of membership in both organizations, but very little money returns back to support the local chapter.

Local

To be a local member of Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, please mail your check for \$25 along with your name, address and zip code to our local address:

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society
PO Box 22365
Green Bay, WI 54305

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