

QUITTAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2013

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Upcoming QAS Events

Join Us! Everyone Is Welcome!

Upcoming Programs . . .

The Quittapahilla Audubon Society holds its programs in the Chapel of the Lebanon Valley Home at 7:30pm every fourth Wednesday of the month from September through April (with the exception of November and December). Due to the holidays, the programs are held another week in these two months. Programs are free and open to the public. They are designed for a general audience and children are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Lebanon Valley Home is located one half mile east of the intersection of Routes 422 and 934 at 550 East Main Street, Annville, PA. There is limited parking in front of the Home with additional parking available on the adjacent streets. Please use the main entrance at the end of the covered walkway in the front of the Home. The Chapel is handicap accessible.

April 24, 2013, 7:30 pm Common Bees and Wasps in the Northeastern U.S.

The economic value of the roles bees and wasps play solely in the U.S. food production system is estimated in billions of dollars. More importantly though, bees and wasps are irreplaceable pollinator and biocontrol agents, promoting and maintaining equilibrium among diverse species of plants and animals within the various ecosystems surrounding us. Therefore, it is an understatement to say that life, as we know it, would be different without bees and wasps. Despite this, many homeowners see the presence of bees and wasps as a nuisance, at best.

In this presentation, Alex Surcicã will make the case for bees and wasps and stir your natural curiosity while shedding light on some of the intricacies of the lives and roles these insects have in your own backyard.

Complemented with excellent photography and personal in-field observations, this presentation will describe the most common bee and wasp species and what you can do to conserve their habitats and, ultimately, stop their ongoing population decline.

Alex has been a steering committee member of the Penn State's Center for Pollinator Research since its inception and the founder of the Northeastern IPM Pollinator Working Group. Currently, he is working on developing a bee and wasp field guide for the Northeast United States and maintains a web page with pictures and information related to this project at www.facebook.com/4wasps (photo by Gary Kinkley).



Annual Banquet (Reservations Required)

May 22, 2013, 6:30 pm

**Coal, Coffee, and Cooperation: Saving a
Vanishing Songbird**

This talk will explore the relationship between the Cerulean Warbler, a tiny migratory songbird, and the threats to its survival due to mountaintop removal coal mining, deforestation, and climate change. Katie Fallon, author of the new book *Cerulean Blues: A Personal Search for a Vanishing Songbird*, will highlight the connections between a morning cup of coffee and an ecologically devastating mining practice. She will show how the fate of a creature weighing less than an ounce is vitally linked to our own.

Katie has taught creative writing at Virginia Tech and West Virginia University. Katie is also one of the founders of the Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving wild birds through scientific research; outreach and public education; and rescue and rehabilitation. The ACCA is based near Morgantown, WV. In addition to her book, she has had several of her essays published in literary journals.

The banquet location is the Friendship Firehall, 610 S. Second Street, Lebanon – **more details on page 8!**

And Our Field Trips at a Glance . . .

Please join us for as many of our field trips as your calendar will allow.

May 11, 2013

Pennsylvania Migration Count

The 22nd annual PAMC, a count of migrating birds in Lebanon County. Details in the spring newsletter.

May 2013

Birdathon

QAS annual fundraiser involves competition between teams of birders who try to see (or hear) as many bird species as possible in a 24 hour period. Contact Fritz Heilman, 273-0487 (see page 6).

June 1, 2013

Roundtop Mountain (SGL 246)

Observation of flora and fauna via an easy walk up and down a dirt road. Joint field trip with Appalachian Audubon Society. Meet Saturday 9 am at the Karns Grocery Store parking lot on Cherry Drive, just south of Route 322 (Governor Road). Leader Art Schiavo, 533-1978. **(Rain date June 2, 2013)**

July 14, 2013

Butterflies, Dragonflies and their Habitat

ID by binoculars of common butterflies and dragonflies near the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area visitor center. Meet Sunday 2 pm at the Middle Creek W. M. A. visitor center parking lot. Binoculars, hat and sunscreen suggested. Leader Fritz Heilman, 273-0487.

August 11, 2013

Butterflies, Dragonflies and their Habitat

Details same as the July 14 visit.

How Much Do You “like” QAS?

QAS is now on Facebook! Please stop by and “like” us. We are starting to add content about meetings and field trips as well as links which may interest QAS members. In addition, you can still sign up for the **QAS-Announce** mailing list to receive e-mail reminders for our public meetings, field trips, and other announcements of interest. Just go to our website at www.qasaudubon.org!

Hersheypark Fundraiser

QAS will once again participate in the Hershey Park Food Service fundraiser. Volunteers work at food booths in the Park, Stadium, or Giant Center. Hershey Park makes a donation to QAS for every hour worked and the volunteer receives a voucher good for a day pass at the park. Shifts are from 5 to 8 hours in length. If you are interested in helping with this fundraiser, please contact Rosemary Spreha at rspreha@excite.com or 717-657-0271.

2013 QAS Scholarship Recipient!

We had one camp scholarship applicant this year, and he will be a familiar face. Nick Silvis will be headed to Project Oceanology’s Ocean Camp in Connecticut. In Nick’s application essay he wrote, “The Ocean is something I truly love. My Dad and I love collecting shells. I love to learn about what animal lives in what shell, what it eats, and its defenses. Like at Hog Island last year, I want to be around kids who like science as much as I do.”

The QAS Board was proud to vote in favor of assisting Nick in his latest adventure, and we look forward to hearing all about it next fall!

Our scholarship applications go online each fall, and the deadline for submittal is in February. If you know a deserving candidate, it is never too early to let them know about this great QAS program for next year.

Welcome to our new QAS members . . . Hope to see you at many of our events!

Gary Barton, Pamela Bishop, Kelly Blouch, Richard & June Blouch, Tina Bord, James Campbell, Deborah Cardinal, Joyce Carpenter, Dorothy Ditzler, Karen Elliott, Margaret Fake, Bertha Field, Marlene Findley, Trudy Gates, John Hartz, Jack & Sheran Heagy, George Heisey, Larry Herr, Ronald Krall, Elmer & Esther King, Daria Kovarikova, Harold Kraybill, Clifford & Nancy Light, Joanna Lineweaver, Tracy Longenecker, Eva Miller, Betty Oberdick, Barbara Parker, Frank Rick, Carolyn Ruiz, Dorman Shaver, James & Shirley Sheriff, Margaret Sholly, Christopher Sides, Nancy Silfies, Raymond Stoneback, Thomas Stamm, Jeff Strause, Kimberly Swartz, Marion Wagner, Hayden Wampler, Deborah Weaver, Thomas & Cloma Yingst

A Word from QAS President Jim Fiorentino

With the approach of spring, I couldn't help but think about the past year and my birding activities. What a great birding year 2012 was – I added 31 species to my life list, travelled to Crane Creek during the spring migration for the first time (a highly recommended trip), visited Rocky Mountain National Park, planted more native species, and added a meadow improving the habitat in my yard.

Here are a few species I added to my life list in 2012: Razorbill, Purple sandpiper, Mississippi Kite, Harlequin Duck, Black Bellied Whistling duck, Townsend's Warbler, Upland Sandpiper, White-tailed Ptarmigan, Brown-capped Rosy Finch, Barrow's Goldeneye, and lastly a Kirkland's Warbler at Magee Marsh on May 12, 2012. It was quite a year and I hope that the trend continues into 2013. I hope all of you also had a wonderful birding year in 2012 and it continues throughout 2013.

With this in mind, QAS has many interesting field trips upcoming in 2013 to aid you in your quest to increase your life list, or too just get yourself and your family outdoors after the long cold winter. Fritz Heilman – our Field trip Chair – has planned trips to Union Canal Park, Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area (my favorite local birding location), Swatara State Park, and Roundtop Mountain specifically for birding. Even if you're a beginning birder – come on out to a QAS field trip – we have many members that attend the field trips that are more than willing to help you improve your birding and plant id skills, and hopefully you will add a few species to your life lists.

Additionally, QAS will also travel to Tucquan Glen in April – specially looking for wildflowers – with Leaders Jim M & Jim C Logan. If birds and wildflowers are not your forte – we will also have trips to Middle Creek in July and August looking specifically for butterflies and dragonflies.

QAS plans field trips with you – the membership in mind – if you would like to suggest a trip or trips – please let us know or give me call at 717-269-0675. Our field trips are truly successful when our membership and the public participate in them.

Go to the QAS website now and look at the list of upcoming field trips and programs – and then plan to attend one or more of them.

Enjoy the coming spring migration and I hope to see many of you on one of our field trips or at one of QAS's monthly programs.

Good Birding & Happy Spring! – Jim



On the Web

While you are unwinding from a productive day of spring migration birding, check out these links:

During the Timberdoodle field trip (see page 6), the many great online videos featuring woodcocks were discussed by the group. If you missed the trip or you

just cannot get enough of Timberdoodles, check out the following links (you can also check the links out on our Facebook page): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta1fxy0MR2c>, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ie1SK7rdPUk>, or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdYjVSMoWhw> (warning: the last one is pretty silly, but worth it).

Since we are highlighting videos in this issue, it would be a shame to miss all of the streaming video webcams available online. We listed information about the bald eagle webcam in a past issue, but there are new webcams popping up all the time for many different species. A favorite of the editor is the turkey vulture cam at <http://www.ustream.tv/missouriturkeyvultures>. If

they are not to your liking (though it is impossible to imagine why), you can view a wide variety of different nests at <http://cams.allaboutbirds.org/> (under the "Bird Cams" tab).

Whether you are a birder, an amateur entomologist, or just a *naturally* curious person, there are new websites waiting out there to be explored. Share some of your favorites with us by emailing your links to qas@qasaudubon.org. We may share one of your links in a future newsletter.

Peregrine Prints

Two signed and numbered copies of Mark Anderson's "Return to Penn's Woods" print are available for sale. They feature a Peregrine Falcon next to a rock cliff overlooking a stream far below. We had offered these prints for sale a couple years ago, and they sold out quickly. You have another chance to purchase this print for \$50. If interested, contact Rosemary Spreha at 657-0271 or rspreha@gmail.com. (the photo shown is not of the actual print)



Check out the new QAS Grant Program!

At the July 10, 2012 QAS Board Meeting, your QAS Board voted in favor of adding \$1000 to the 2012-2013 QAS Budget to be earmarked for a new QAS Grant Program. We are proud to announce that the grant applications are now online, and we have already received several applications for great projects. Look for more details in future newsletters, and check out the QAS website if you or someone you know has a project that may qualify for a QAS Grant!

Sponsors Always Appreciated for Audubon Adventures for Classrooms

Each year, students in classrooms in Lebanon County and the Hershey/Hummelstown area benefit from reading *Audubon Adventures*. This activity helps them to improve their informational reading skills and broadens their awareness of the environment. The classroom kits are provided by our local Quittapahilla Audubon Society and are sponsored through donations.

If you would like to continue making this valuable resource available to local children, please complete the form below and mail it to QAS. A label indicating your

sponsorship will be placed on the *Audubon Adventures* kit.

Kits made it into the classrooms of the following teachers this school year: Linda Barnum, Melody Biscotti, Ellen Burgess, Nicole Custer, Dianne Dilger, Tyler Frantz, Paula Gyomber, Beth Hartman, Michele Light, Gregg Longenecker, Gina Mason, Greg May, Tracey Maulfair, Kelly Neuin, Steph Paine, and Francy Reigert

AUDUBON ADVENTURE SPONSORSHIP FORM

Yes, I wish to sponsor an *Audubon Adventures* classroom for a donation of \$45. I understand a label indicating my sponsorship will be placed on the kit.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Mail to: Quittapahilla Audubon Society
PO Box 123
Palmyra, PA 17078

2012 QAS CBC – Fritz Heilman

This season's Christmas Bird Count (12-15-12) marked the 113th for the National Audubon Society and the 33rd for the Quittapahilla Audubon Society. The count weather was favorable, and the waterways were free of ice. The low temperature for the day was 29 F and the high was 49 F. The maximum wind speed was 4 mph. We had 41 observers in the field in 12 parties and 5 feeder watchers. A total of 48.25 hours was spent on foot and 51 hours by car. The total mileage was 28.5 by foot and 430.5 by car. The total species count was 83 which tied our previous record set in 2007. The total individual count was 12,448 (the record is 30,684, recorded in 2008). We had twelve species that set new high-counts for the history of the QAS CBC (the entire 33 years). Among those were: 16 Ruddy Ducks, 2 Merlin, 19 Great Horned owls, 18 Pileated Woodpeckers, and 235 Eastern Bluebirds. Also of note were the seven rare observations (five or less CBC records), including a Redhead (duck), a Brown Thrasher and 21 White-winged Crossbills. Finally, Randy Miller added one new bird to our species list with an Eared Grebe.

Listed below are the section leaders, location in the count circle and species highlights:

1. Randy Miller (NW) 50 species: 1 Redhead; 2 Barred Owl; 2 Purple Finch

2. Gerry Boltz (NC) 37 species: 2 Ring-necked Pheasant; 1 Common Raven; 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
3. Dave McNaughton (NC restrict areas) 48 species: 2 adult Bald Eagles; 9 Pileated Woodpeckers; 107 Am. Tree Sparrows
4. Dennis Wingle (E) 26 species: 1 American Kestrel; 4 Killdeer; 5 Northern Flickers
5. Rosemary Spreha (WC) 40 species: 2 adult Bald Eagles; 1 Merlin; 1 Winter Wren
6. Greg Burgdorf (WC) 53 species: 1 Wilson's Snipe; 70 Horned Larks; 1 Red-winged Blackbird
7. Jane Light (S) 35 species: 7 Black Vultures; 36 Horned Larks; 2 White-crowned Sparrows
8. Fritz Heilman (SC) 34 species: 2 Cooper's Hawks; 1 Wilson's Snipe; 1 Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker
9. Steve Rannels (W) 47 species: 1 Brown Thrasher; 21 White-winged Crossbills; 25 Pine Siskin
10. Dave Schwenk (2nd Mt. Hawk Watch) 15 species: 1 Red-tailed Hawk; 2 Pileated Woodpeckers; 4 Common Raven

Thanks again to all participants for contributing to the 33rd Lebanon County CBC. Best regards for birding in 2013!

Other CBC Notes:

- All historical CBC data (including this season's count) is available on line at www.audubon.org (count circle code: PALC)
- Tim Becker is the Lebanon County compiler for the magazine, Pennsylvania Birds. Throughout the year, any county bird sighting of note can be sent to him at tjbecker81@aol.com

If interested, subscriptions to Pennsylvania Birds and membership in the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology can be made by writing to Pennsylvania Birds, 2469 Hammertown Road, Narvon, Pa. 17555-9730 or at www.pabirds.org

Union Canal Tunnel Park GBBC Field Trip – Fritz Heilman

We visited Union Canal Tunnel Park, which is just northwest of Lebanon, for a field trip on Sunday, February 17th. This trip was for the observation of flora and fauna and included data collecting for the Great Backyard Bird Count.

Right at the start of our two hour visit, the winds picked up (I recorded a gust of 19 mph) and a light snow started – conditions were more challenging than usual for this count. I had already decided to take the

woodland trail on the south portal side, and this was helpful given the weather conditions as it is more protected. Twelve hardy participants (including one on a four wheeled scooter) made the trek around a section of the park. Right after starting our walk, we observed two promethea (one of the giant silk moths) cocoons hanging from a spicebush shrub. Many specimens of our native black cherry (*Prunus serotina*) were observed along the path – some of good diameter at 4½ feet above ground. The hillside also had a decent food crop of poison ivy berries, bittersweet, and honeysuckle fruit.

Among the bird highlights sighted on the south portal side included a cooper's hawk (perched in a tree), a northern mockingbird, two white-breasted nuthatches, and a downy woodpecker. On the north portal side we had an unidentified accipiter, 16 muscovy ducks and, at the far western pond, a good find of four gadwall ducks. The resident peacocks at the adjacent farm on the north side of the canal were absent – probably hiding from the harsh weather.

Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area Field Trip – Fritz Heilman

Our field trip to Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area on March 9th drew thirteen participants for a two-and-a-half hour visit for the observation of waterfowl and other birds of interest. There were at least two adult bald eagles observed by the group during the trip. We



began the day with two perched in a snag near one another across the lake from stop one. There were thousands

of snow geese and at least several hundred tundra swans. A wide variety of ducks were observed including northern shoveler, American wigeon, ring-necked duck, northern pintail, and green-winged teal. At the great blue heron rookery, located west of Hopeland Road just past the crest of the road heading away from the visitor center, we observed at least nine great blue herons and several nests. Looking east at this same location, we observed a female northern harrier (marsh hawk) hunting the field adjacent to the parking lot. On the tour road, just after it crosses the stream, we observed a couple golden-crowned kinglets and a brown creeper in the

woodlot on the north side of the road. At stop three of the tour road, we had the highlight of the day with the observation of a male northern harrier (also known as a “gray ghost”) soaring low over the fields.

Our second visit on March 23rd drew three participants for another two-and-a-half hour visit. Bald



eagles were plentiful with two immature eagles flying over the lake, and one adult perched near the

nest. We learned that the nest is not active this year—the resident female bald eagle is nineteen years old.

The snow goose numbers have diminished as they continue to return to their breeding ground, but as some birds migrate from Middle Creek, new birds are coming in. Tree swallows were absent two weeks earlier, but we witnessed several newly arrived swallows checking out newly installed bluebird boxes on this second visit.

Other birds of note included: common merganser, northern shoveler ducks, American wigeons and tundra swans—and another sighting of the “gray ghost!”

The birding at Middle Creek never disappoints! (photos by Fritz Heilman)

Swatara State Park – Timberdoodle Trip

– Gary Kinkley

On the evening of March 24th, eleven participants gathered at Swatara State Park to witness the spring dance of the Timberdoodle – also known as the American woodcock. This was another joint field trip with the Friends of Swatara State Park group. Several QAS members know that the park is a great location to spot woodcocks as it was the site of PA Game Commission biologist Eric Miller’s research project a few years ago and several QAS members participated. Our group had to take the long way around to get to our viewing spot as the “Grand Reopening” of the park has been delayed a few times – but the changes appear to be worth the wait! We walked to the edge of the new “Trout Run” parking lot (which is still closed to cars) to view the woodcocks displaying against the backdrop of an early spring sunset. At least four individuals began displaying close to 7:30pm, and we were afforded many good views of Timberdoodles silhouetted in flight. One of the woodcocks was making its “peent” call very close

to the group, but it eluded our probing flashlights for a good twenty minutes before it decided to grace us in the spotlight much to the delight of those assembled. To me, there is no spring without a trip to see the Timberdoodles dance!

Bluebird Boxes – Richard Light

They may be called bluebird boxes, but it will not only be bluebirds occupying the boxes. You may have tree swallows, chickadees, house wrens, or house sparrows. The house sparrow needs special attention because they are very aggressive toward other species. If a house sparrow builds a nest in your box, locate a second box nearby. To control the situation, you must check the boxes weekly. When the sparrow lays eggs, take all except one egg marked with a felt pen and place in the nest. The next week, remove the marked egg and others but keep one and again mark the remaining egg with a felt pen. The

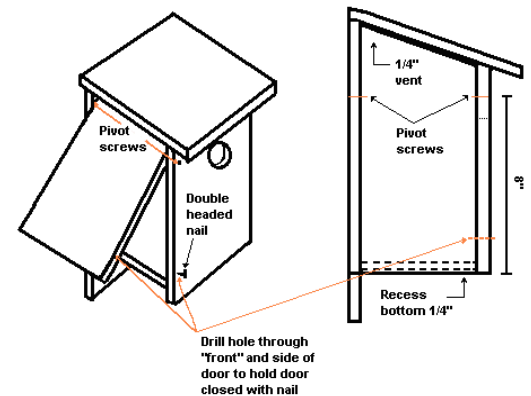
reason is that the eggs may hatch in ten days in good

conditions. In my experience, if one egg is left in the nest, the sparrow will keep laying eggs and will not disturb neighboring boxes. I have removed twenty-three eggs from one house sparrow nest. You can learn to ID nests and eggs on the Internet by googling “house sparrow nests.” When checking the boxes, I tap on the box two or three times to warn the occupant before opening the box. The birds may hunker down and may stay in box when opened.

Several great bluebird box plans are available on the web. Check out the North American Bluebird Society’s site for plans (one is available at <http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/eastwestbox.htm>). You can also paint the outside of the box with a light colored latex paint if desired (image from North American Bluebird Society’s website).

Birdathon to be Conducted in May 2012

The Quittapahilla Audubon Society’s annual fundraiser, the Birdathon, is an effort to count as many species of birds as possible in a 24 hour period. Anyone



can form their own team of at least two members. Birds can be tallied by sight or call (if the call is unmistakable). The Birdathon date chosen is up to the individual team, but must be conducted prior to the QAS banquet on Wednesday, May 23. Teams should get their tallies to Fritz Heilman, 273-0487, in enough time for him to be able to share the results with the banquet attendees.

Persons may pledge funds towards this effort on a per species or lump sum basis. Funds may be pledged to any person you know who is participating in the Birdathon or by contacting Fritz. All funds raised will go towards our educational efforts. Checks should be made payable to QAS (photo by Gary Kinkley).

Conservation Action Needed – Gary Kinkley

Your QAS Board and Audubon Pennsylvania have supported an initiative to stop gas development in the Loyalsock State Forest. The following information is from PennFuture and the Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society (<http://www.nepaaudubon.org/2013/03/07/help-protect-the-loyalsock-state-forest/> and <https://secure2.convio.net/penn/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=922>).

Help Protect the Loyalsock State Forest – Why is the public in the dark on gas development plans for the Loyalsock State Forest?

The Loyalsock is too important to allow gas development there — without first consulting the Commonwealth's citizens. DCNR has been negotiating extensive new gas development with Anadarko Petroleum on an extraordinary 18,870-acre tract of the Loyalsock in Lycoming County — and rejecting calls for public involvement and input — in spite of the fact that an unusual land deed gives DCNR the ability to restrict or forbid any access by Anadarko to the surface of the tract.

Why action is needed right now:

- The public — who hike, fish, hunt, swim, bird watch, and picnic in the forest — has a right to input on this resource belonging to all Pennsylvanians.
- Features include the renowned Rock Run and other streams designated “Exceptional Value,” the highest designation for Commonwealth waterways.
- Home to an Audubon Society-designated important bird habitat area, protecting forest species at risk.

- Includes the popular Old Loggers' Path hiking trail and Devil's Elbow Natural Area.
- Due to a special provision in its land deed, the Commonwealth has the legal power to prevent gas development in the areas in which Anadarko Petroleum wants to drill.

Tell the governor, the secretary, and your legislators now — The protection of one of the last gems of our forest depends on them.

Drillers already have access to one-third of our state forest lands equaling 700,000 acres. We need enhanced protections limiting habitat fragmentation and stream impacts on our cherished public lands, not more gas development.

The Loyalsock is one of the last remaining sanctuaries in our renowned state forest system for wildlife, recreation, tourism, and pristine natural beauty. This special place is too important to risk — for us and for the future of all Pennsylvanians.

From the Pages of



QAS History

All you have to do is ask. In our last newsletter, the mystery surrounding our first QAS program meeting was left unsolved — until Fritz Heilman provided the first QAS newsletter from February of 1979. Our first program was “Wildlife Management on Public Forest Lands” presented by Jerry Hassinger on February 28th, 1979. Potential attendees were encouraged to “Come learn about our forest lands. We own them — you know!”

The first field trip was scheduled as well. “Tracks in the Snow” was set to be held in early March (date TBD), and led by Fred Roe. The description claimed that “all visible tracks will be identified (hopefully).”

...and with that, we were well underway!

QAS Fall Newsletter Deadline

If you have an item or article you would like to submit for inclusion in the next issue of the QAS Newsletter, please send them to Gary Kinkley by July 17, 2013. Articles may be emailed to cathartesaura@live.com or mailed to him at 3 Clark Road, Annville, PA 17003. Comments are also welcome. This is your chapter and your newsletter, and we want to hear from you!

Quittapahilla Audubon Society

Annual Banquet

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 -- Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Friendship Fire Hall, 610 South Second Street, Lebanon, PA 17042

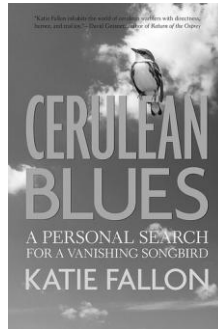
Reservations Required

Menu

Baked Fish and Turkey

Potato Filling, Two Hot Vegetables, and Coleslaw

Fruit Cup, Dessert, and Beverage



Coal, Coffee, and Cooperation: Saving a Vanishing Songbird

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Travel Directions

From 422 East, travel west on Cumberland Street and turn left onto Lincoln Avenue. Continue on Lincoln Avenue to the third traffic light and turn right onto Poplar Street. Go one block and turn left onto Second Street. The Friendship Fire Company is on the left – parking lot is on the right.

From 422 West, travel east on Walnut Street to Lincoln Avenue. Turn right onto Lincoln Avenue. Continue to the second traffic light and turn right onto Poplar Street. Go one block and turn left onto Second Street. The Friendship Fire Company is on the left – parking lot is on the right.

THE COST OF THE EVENING IS: **\$19.00 for Adults / \$8.00 for Children 4 through 9** (under 4 are Free)

YOUR NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please send this slip and your check, payable to **The Quittapahilla Audubon Society** or **(QAS)** to:

Karen R. Light
186 Old State Road
Jonestown, PA 17038-8500
Telephone: 717-865-2818

MUST HAVE RESERVATIONS MADE BY MAY 9, 2012

– refunds cannot be made after the deadline –

If you need information after May 9th, please call our president, Jim Fiorentino at 717-274-2305.

LEAVE A LEGACY FOR QAS

You, as a member or friend of QAS, can leave a legacy that will help save the special areas you have explored and loved long after you are gone. Remember Quittapahilla Audubon Society, your LOCAL Audubon connection, through a bequest in your Will or through a gift annuity that will specifically support QAS programs while paying you a monthly income for life.

To learn more about how you can make a bequest and create a permanent legacy in your name or in someone's memory, as well as tax benefits for planned giving options, please contact your attorney or financial advisor.

In supporting a cause that you hold dear, you can have peace of mind that your time on this planet has mattered.

Chapter-Only Membership Application Information

Quittapahilla Audubon Society offers a local Chapter-Only membership that differs from the current National Audubon membership in these ways:

- 1. The annual fee of \$20.00 will go directly for QAS activities only.
- 2. The membership period runs from July 1st to July 1st, regardless of when you join.
- 3. You will receive the chapter newsletter informing you of upcoming events, but you will not receive the *Audubon* magazine.

If you are interested, please issue a check to QAS for \$20 and mail to: Chapter-Only Membership, c/o Jim M. Logan, Chairman, 810 Hill St., Lebanon, PA 17046. Do not mail to the National membership address in Palm Coast, FL.

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The QAS Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at the Lebanon Valley UCC Home, Annville, PA. Meetings are open to interested persons. If you would like to attend a meeting or are interested in finding out about any of the open positions listed here, please contact Gary Kinkley, President.

Please send **ADDRESS changes and corrections** to Jim M. Logan, 810 Hill St., Lebanon, PA 17046.

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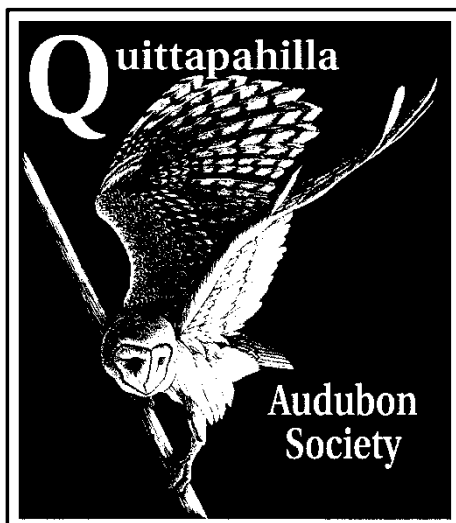
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