



QUITTAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2009

Upcoming QAS Events – *Join Us!*

Program Meeting Location: *Visitors are Welcome!*

The Quittapahilla Audubon Society holds its meetings in the Chapel of the Lebanon Valley Home at 550 East Main Street (Route 422) in Annville, PA. Programs are held every fourth Wednesday of the month from September through April (with the exception of November and December) at 7:30pm. Our 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. There is limited parking in front of the Home with additional parking available on the adjacent streets. Please use the main entrance at the front of the Home, which is at the end of the covered walkway. The Chapel is handicap accessible.

Programs

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Patterns in Nature through the Eyes of the Artist and Mathematician

Even though the artist, poet, scientist, and mathematician look at the same landscape, each one sees it differently. To the trained eye, patterns emerge that are all but invisible to the casual observer. Using a Powerpoint program *Jim M. Logan*, retired environmental biology teacher, will reveal natural patterns all around us and present a uniquely different perspective on them.

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 – 6:30pm
Annual Banquet

Images from Penn's Woods

Joe Kosack, PA Game Commission's Wildlife Conservation Education Specialist, will be the featured speaker at this year's QAS banquet at the Friendship Fire Hall in Lebanon. Go to page 4 for all the details and reservation slip.

Field Trips at a Glance...

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Tucquan Glen

Observation of spring wildflowers of a lower Susquehanna River ravine featuring a scenic rhododendron linked waterfall section. For details contact trip co-leaders Jim M. Logan 273-8438 or Jim C. Logan 865-5522.

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Walnut Run and Seglock Run

Observation of flora and fauna. Meet 9am at Route 72 South, K-Mart parking lot in front of the garden supply section. Leader Fritz Heilman 273-0487.



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

Melodie Bechtel, Regina Bennett, Samuel Black, Cheryl Coyle, Elgarda Daubert, Cynthia Davis, Frank & Nancy Eckert, Sherri Feeman, Diane & Ed Hain, Les Hartman, Hilda Heinly, Ralph & Lola Kline, Walter & Carissa Knight, Evelyn Koppel, Nancylee Lenker, Mary Long, Noel Marks, Ruth Martin, Kurt Nielsen, Charles Parrott, Noel Perry, G. William Ruhl, Jo Ann Schultz, Robin Stutzman, Joan Terwilliger, Henry & Carol Volpe, Martha Wolf, John Yordy.

Field Trips (continued from page 1)

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Pennsylvania Migration Count

Call Randy Miller at 664-3778 to help with the migrating bird count in Lebanon County or join us at 7am (or later at 9am-same site) for observation starting at Coleman Memorial Park. Meet at the first parking lot at top of hill opposite garage and restrooms. Leader is Fritz Heilman 273-0487.

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Birdathon

National Audubon's 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.



Saturday, June 6, 2009 (rain date June 13)

SGL 246 (Round Top Mountain)

Observation of flora and fauna. Meet 9am at Karns Grocery Store parking lot on Cherry Drive, just south of Route 322 (Governor Road). Leader Art Schiavo 533-1978.



Sunday, July 19, 2009

Butterflies, Dragonflies, and Their Habitat

Contact Fritz Heilman for details, 273-0487.

News from the Nest. . .

QAS members making a difference



Volunteer Opportunity

-Evelyn Koppel

QAS and the Mount Gretna Bird Club have joined forces to monitor eight blue bird boxes and a martin house at the Lebanon County Agricultural Center under the auspices of the Conservation District. This is in addition to the blue bird boxes at Governor Dick which Sid Hostetter began monitoring last season. Volunteers are needed to help monitor some of these boxes. Sid Hostetter will provide training and support to any volunteers interested in working on this project. Data will be collected and shared with The PA Blue Bird Society on the nesting activities and fledging of the birds.

QAS Awards Camp Scholarships

-Linda Toth and Jo Ann Yeagley, Education

With the closing of summer camp on Hog Island in Maine this year, QAS checked into other possibilities. We had very little time before youth had to submit their applications for camping scholarships. We are happy to announce that we have been able to award two scholarships for the summer of 2009. Congratulations to *Sadie Wilke* who will attend a full day camp at ZooAmerica and *Grace Grieve-Carlson* who will attend Massachusetts Overnight Camps. Come to our QAS meeting on September 23, 2009 when they will share with us all about their camp experiences.



Program Has Been Re-scheduled

The QAS program for January 28, 2009 was "A Trip to Antarctica". Janet and Jim Maynard toured the Antarctica Peninsula, South Orkney Islands, South Georgia, and the Falkland Islands in 2004. The Maynards were planning to show a DVD highlighting the many natural wonders of these areas. But Old Man Winter did not cooperate with us. Due to snow and ice the program had to be cancelled.

The good news is that this program has been re-scheduled for September 23, 2009. Mark this on your calendar now. In the meantime, here are some facts Janet Maynard found in the *Polar Planet Palooza* about Antarctica which she thought you might find interesting.

1. Polar Bears and Penguins do not naturally share the same hemisphere. Go to the Arctic to see Polar Bears and go below the Equator for Penguins. The most northerly are found in the Galapagos Islands which are on the Equator.
2. *Arctic terns migrate all the way from the Arctic to Antarctica and back, flying more than 30,000 kms.*
3. There are 17 penguin species altogether, all found in the Southern hemisphere.
4. *The largest creature living inland in Antarctica is a wingless midge (small fly, 12 mm!) found in the Dry Valleys.*
5. Some species of Antarctic fish have evolved natural anti-freeze proteins which allow their blood to remain liquid in sub-freezing temperatures.
6. *Penguins are birds that "fly" below water. Up north, puffins can fly both in the air and swim underwater.*
7. Only one penguin species, the Emperor, is hardy enough to winter over on the Antarctic continent itself. The other five species of Antarctic penguins move farther north.



HersheyPark Fundraiser

QAS will once again participate in the HersheyPark Food Service fundraiser. Volunteers work at food booths in either the Park, Stadium, or Giant Center. HersheyPark 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 717-657-0271 or rspreha@excite.com.



Reporting on a Recent Field Trip

Have you ever wondered what our "Field Trips" are all about? Here are details of the recent March 21st field trip to Middlecreek Wildlife Management Area (MWMA) under the leadership of Fritz Heilman. A total of 5 participants started the day together at the main lake and pond just below the Middlecreek Visitor's Center. We saw numerous ring-necked ducks, a great blue heron, a pair of scaup, black ducks, hooded mergansers, and at the usual location in the main lake a pair of double-crested cormorants.

At the ponds near the northern boundary of the refuge we saw several green-winged teal, some wood ducks, a pair of shoveler ducks, and a pair of pintail ducks.

At stop number three we saw many tree swallows back already for the nesting season. We also saw several bluebirds checking out the new boxes. We were told that the short-eared owls have been seen again at this stop. We located both bald eagles perched in trees near the nest site, then later saw one of the eagles in flight. Two meadow larks were sighted as well.

Finally at stop four where one can look towards the west and along the edge of the woods next to the lake, we saw the bald eagle in its nest.

See what you've been missing! Break the stay-at-home habit and join us for our next trip to Tucquan Glen on April 18th.

Quittapahilla Audubon Society

26th Annual Banquet

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Menu

*Baked Fish and Turkey
Potato Filling, Two Hot Vegetables, and Coleslaw
Fruit Cup, Dessert, and Beverage*



Images from Penn's Woods

Joe Kosack, PA Game Commission's Wildlife Conservation Education Specialist, will take us on a virtual tour by way of a Powerpoint presentation. His presentation will allow us to travel through Penn's Woods viewing sunrises, scenes at Middlecreek, the Rachael Carson Building's peregrine falcons, bats deep inside a cave, a fawn hiding in the grass, and lovely sunsets.

Come enjoy fellowship with QAS members and friends, excellent food, and views of Pennsylvania nature you may never have another opportunity to see. We are confident this program will be the highlight of your day.

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: **\$18.00 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** to:

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

MUST HAVE RESERVATIONS MADE BY MAY 15, 2009

– refunds cannot be made after the deadline –

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've 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

-Jim M. Logan

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 mail a check for \$20 to: QAS, PO Box 123, Palmyra, PA 17078. Do not mail to the National membership address in Palm Coast, FL.

Some members tell us that they don't get time to read the *Audubon* magazine but want to support the local chapter. Audubon has drastically cut back the dues share per member to us, so this allows more of your money to be spent on local conservation education and efforts.

Thanks for considering this option. If you have questions, please contact Jim M. Logan, Membership Chairperson, at 717-273-8438.

Jack's Backyard Radio Program

-Fritz Heilman

Here is good news for all you radio listeners out there. The nature program "*Jack's Backyard*" broadcast by Reading radio station WEEU (AM 830) from 8-10am every Saturday morning, is now being rebroadcast Sunday evenings from 10pm to midnight.

QAS Chairpersons & Board Members

The QAS Board meets at 7:00pm 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, contact Jim C. Logan, President.

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Local Chapter Quittapahilla Audubon

Yes, I would like to join. Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and my local chapter at the **INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP** cost of \$20. Please send AUDUBON magazine, my membership card, and the chapter newsletter to the address below.

Name: _____

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