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Have a Great Summer!



Orange Audubon Society meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month (Sept - June) at 7:00pm in the Camellia Room at

*Harry P. Leu Gardens
1920 North Forest Avenue
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This Month's Program: June 16, 2005 - 6:00pm OAS Annual Potluck Dinner/Auction & Chertok Open Nature Photography Contest

The final program of the season is a combination of delights that begins with a sumptuous potluck dinner. OAS provides ham and turkey, so please bring your favorite dish to share — salads, side dishes, desserts or beverages — and join us at 6:00pm. Please also bring your own plates, glasses, flatware and serving utensils.

The 17th Annual Chertok Open Nature Photography Contest program — Birds and Beyond — will begin around 7:00pm. When it does, hold on to your seats for a photographic journey across the state of Florida. You will delight in viewing this year's record number of entries displaying photographic skills par excellence. But who will take first place? The suspense ends at the conclusion of the program when winners are announced and ribbons, cash and other prizes totaling \$450 are awarded.

Enjoy more suspense throughout the evening as you bid on silent auction items contributed by local businesses and other treasures made by fellow members. See article inside for featured items. This will also be your last opportunity of the season to purchase OAS nature t-shirts, so bring checkbook or cash (sorry, credit cards not accepted) and join us for a fun evening.

Remember to bring your favorite culinary dish and place settings. See you there.
Teresa Williams, CNPC Chair

May Field Trip Report BOB FERGUSON, FIELD TRIP CHAIR

Our May field trip to the Viera water treatment facility once again proved to be a delightful end to our field trip year. Nine committed members and guests enjoyed the forty-three species of birds that they encountered. One guest came all the way from Ireland to join our excursion! Highlights were the Crested Caracara, Black-bellied whistling ducks, and Black-necked Stilts. Our most dedicated and talented leadership team of "Smith and Wheeler" once again cared for the "flock" with superb sightings and identities. Thank you to those of you that came and enjoyed the gift of their expertise so

kindly given to all of us this year. Thank you to Dick and Bob for their generous gift of their time in leading so many of the trips.

The field trip "team" is excited to let you know that several new sites are in the works for next year, along with the "best of sites" that we traditionally enjoy most years. It is really a joy to have so many "world class" birding sites to choose from, as well as the great organizations that work with us in allowing our visits. Florida is truly a "birder's paradise"!! See you in September for our new year!

President's Message LORETTA SATTERTHWAITE, PRESIDENT

I would like to recognize the efforts of our board members and some other faithful volunteers over this past year. Let me preface the remarks by saying that I know I will omit some names and this is not intentional; please forgive me any lapses of this sort.

Each member of the Orange Audubon Society (OAS) Board of Directors has vowed to help fulfill the mission of OAS and I applaud all their efforts and thank them for those efforts. Those of you who have made distinguished contributions (you know who you are), I commend you for your excellence. I especially want to thank current Conservation Chair Peggy Cox, who has served OAS in many capacities — including President and Secretary — over the years. Peggy will be sorely missed as Conservation Chair. She will continue her efforts on the environmental front and will continue to serve OAS, but is taking some much deserved time away from the conservation chair position. Another board member who is leaving is Kimberly Rougeux, who has shown great enthusiasm during her time on the board. Kimberly will be leaving the area to take a teaching position in some 'foreign' state in the Mid-Atlantic. We wish her well and are cer-

tain that her enthusiasm will serve her well wherever she goes. I hope all of you will please take a minute to thank these two and all the other board members at the June meeting.

Also, please thank other members and friends who have made a special effort to help Orange Audubon during the past year. These include, but are not limited to: Tom Williams (hospitality); Adam Wershil (greeting attendees and monthly drawing), Christine Brown, Vic & Joan Cooper, Mary Keim, Richard Poole, Nancy Prine, Dick Smith, and Jerry Snyder (newsletter mailing group); Eva Brinson and Richard Poole (regular contributions of fundraising items); Dick Smith, Bob Sanders and Bob Wheeler (extra help with special guided tours and field trips); and Randy Snyder and Mary Keim (butterfly field course instructors and expert help with all sorts of bird id questions). Mary has also provided last minute help as stand-in secretary. Last, but not least, are all the excellent volunteers from whom we have had help during our fundraising events; I will not attempt to mention them here since we tried to do so throughout the year. However, with-

out their help, OAS could not financially accomplish all of our goals — whether it be printing and mailing a monthly newsletter to our members, providing educational incentives such as Audubon Adventures classrooms or Science Fair awards, bringing in special speakers for our programs, or any of the other numerous financial obligations that the Society must meet. In that regard, once again, thanks again to you — all of our members — for your excellent response to our annual fundraising letter appeal. Thank you, thank you. It's been a great year.

It's time to bid you farewell for the summer. Most of you are aware that this will be our final newsletter until September. OAS board members will be taking time over the summer months to plan for the upcoming program year. We certainly hope that you will remain active and watchful and keep us informed of any happenings that require OAS' attention (you may still reach us by phone or through the OAS website [www.orangeaudubonfl.org]). We'll see you at the June potluck and Chertok Nature Photography program, and then again in September. Have a cool summer!!

Club to Review Bird Films

Did you know that Enzian Theatre sponsors a movie club that meets the 2nd Monday each month to discuss films? The topic of the August 8th meeting is bird films and Enzian invites you to attend. Meet at 7:00pm, Taste (restaurant), 717 W. Smith St., College Park. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jackie Waldman: 407-629-1088, ext 227.

Upcoming Enzian Films Sure to Strike Birder's Fancy!

An uncommon bond between man and nature is the focus of Judy Irving's wonderful and informative documentary, *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*, opening June 17th. Life for an unemployed, aging hippie takes on new meaning when he befriends a flock of wild Conures, observes and gains insight into the behavior of individual birds and, in so doing, gains celebrity status among locals to boot.

The story of a year in the life of Emperor penguins, one couple in particular, as they trek across the Antarctic is told in *March of the Penguins*, opening July 22. For more information on both films, visit Enzian Theatre's website: www.enzian.org.

Don't have theatre passes? We have just the ticket for you. Enzian Theatre has donated several theatre passes to OAS for the silent auction on June 16th. Top bidders may use their tickets to see these or other upcoming films.

The Orange Audubon Society (OAS) promotes the understanding of and an interest in wildlife and the environment, recognition of the intangible values in the remaining natural beauty of Florida and the World, and the responsibility for the conservation of these remaining resources.

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Scholarships Named for Bill Partington

Environmental Studies Professor Bruce Stephenson presented awards to two Rollins College graduating seniors, Eric Schneider and Joseph Fullmer, on Thursday, May 12, at the Ward House located on the Genius Property, which Environmental Studies students have been renovating for the past two years.

The scholarships were named for Bill Partington, who founded the College's Environmental Studies Program and is well known throughout the state of Florida for his efforts in environmental conservation and education.

OAS congratulates its longtime friend for receiving this honor. These excerpts were taken from the May 16, 2005 issue of Rollins College's weekly electronic newsletter, R-Town.

Summer Planning Meeting

Orange Audubon Society's (OAS) summer planning meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd in the Orchid Room at Leu Gardens. The meeting will begin at 10:00am and typically lasts until about 3:00pm. Any OAS member is welcome to attend, but non-board members should please contact Loretta (407-886-2925; LNS-oas@att.net) ahead of time to be alerted to any last minute changes in time, venue, etc. If you cannot attend, but have suggestions for the upcoming year, please feel free to contact one of the board members before the meeting.



Volunteer Opportunities

Perhaps you would like to help Orange Audubon Society (OAS) by focusing on a particular activity in which we are involved. At the June potluck meeting, there will be a one-page handout listing OAS' various committees (with a very brief indication of some of the activities with which they deal). If you have been entertaining thoughts of helping with some of the board activities, but are unable to attend the scheduled meetings, this would be a great opportunity to indicate your areas of interest and mail the form to OAS. If you could return it before the summer board meeting on July 23rd, it would be quite helpful. Please don't think that 'someone else will do it'; we need everyone to help lighten the load.

Orange Audubon Needs You

Do you have note taking/word processing skills that could be volunteered to help Orange Audubon Society (OAS)? Our secretary, Elsa Millard, has moved to Ft. Pierce and has had to resign from the OAS board. Her term, like the other officers, expires at the end of June 2006. This would be a great opportunity to get to know what it's like to serve on the OAS board. This position would require attendance at the board meetings [July 23rd, see article this issue, and approximately 5:30-7:00 on the third Thursday of each month from September through May prior to the Orange Audubon program meeting]. If you can assist OAS, please contact Loretta [407/886-2925; LNS-oas@att.net] as soon as possible for details. Thanks.

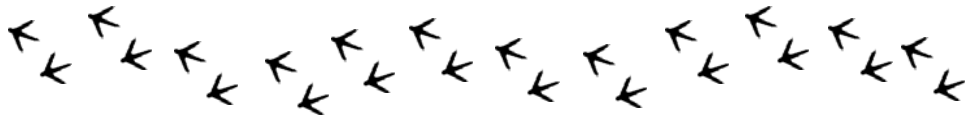
Silent Auction Donor Acknowledgment

Orange Audubon Society is grateful to the following donors for making silent auction contributions to benefit the Chertok Open Nature Photography Contest Endowment Fund:

- *Biosphere Nursery, Winter Garden* – Gift Certificate for plants and/or merchandise.
- *Enzian Theatre, Maitland* – Tickets to any regular show.
- *John Koehler, artist* – 16" x 20" Ivory Bill painting on canvas.
- *Dr. Deborah Green, author* – Natural history interactive guide books on Wekiwa Springs State Park.
- *Panera Bread, locations throughout Central Florida* – Bread for a Year gift certificate.
- *Dr. Bruce Stephenson* – Guided natural history educational tour of the Genius property in Winter Park for 10 – 12 people (subject to approval from the Genius Foundation).
- *Starbucks Coffee Company, Winter Park (N. Orlando Ave.)* – Finest coffees from around the world.
- *The Mountain* – T-shirts nature enthusiasts simply love.
- *Wild Birds Unlimited, Winter Springs* – Store merchandise for the bird/birding devotee.
- *Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour* – Narrated tour of lakes and canals of historic Winter Park.

Some restrictions apply to time and use of gift certificates and/or tours. Florida sales tax of 6½%, when applicable, will be added to the final bid price of all taxable items.

Additional donations are expected before the June 16th event so once again you are reminded to bring cash or checkbook and be prepared to place your bids! OAS is grateful for your participation — as a contributor, bidder or both — to make this auction a big success. Teresa Williams, CNPC Chair



Birdathon 2005 Numbers are In!

Well our final count is in! Our intrepid birdathoners sighted a total of 132 species of birds this year.

We'd like to thank all the teams that participated this year and who helped make this fundraiser another success.

Claire Hilliker, Birdathon Chair



Butterfly Field Course Report

Six students enrolled in OAS's Central Florida Butterfly field course. The class identified 33 butterfly species at Seminole Ranch and adjacent Orlando Wetlands Park. Among the most commonly seen species were Black Swallowtail, Dainty Sulphur, Phaon Crescent, Common Buckeye, Viceroy, Carolina Satyr, Queen, Horace's Duskywing and Fiery Skipper. Black Swallowtail caterpillars were feeding on Mock Bishop's Weed. Nectar sources included Pickerelweed, Brown's Savory, and Frog-fruit. Also seen were Bella Moth, Florida Water Snake, and Swallow-tailed Kite. Instructors were Orange Audubon members Randy Snyder and Mary Keim.

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Calendar of Events

June 4, 2005 - Saturday
LANSRA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870
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June 11, 2005 - Saturday
Lake Jessup Conservation Area Bird Survey.
Lorne Malo 407-349-2536/407-659-4853(w)

June 16, 2005 - Thursday
Annual Pot Luck and Chertok Nature Photogra-
phy Contest, **6:00pm**, Leu Gardens.
Loretta Satterthwaite 407-886-2925

June 17, 2005 - Friday
Movie Opening- The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill.
Enzian Theater www.enzian.org

June 18, 2005 - Saturday
Seminole Ranch Conservation Area Butterfly Survey.
Randy Snyder 407-851-5416

June 18, 2005 - Saturday
Mead Gardens Bird Survey; 8:00am-10:00am.
Dexter Richardson 407-760-8193
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July 22, 2005 - Friday
Movie Opening- March of the Penguins.
Enzian Theater www.enzian.org

July 23, 2005 - Saturday
Summer OAS Board of Directors Meeting
9:00am-3:00pm, Location TBD
Loretta Satterthwaite 407-886-2925

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Details including Assembly registration information, programs, exhibits and field trips will appear in the summer Naturalist, and available online at www.audubonofflorida.org in July.

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