



*"The voice of Conservation in Central Florida"*

# OASis



*Orange Audubon Society  
A Chapter of National Audubon Society and Audubon of Florida*

VOLUME 41

JUNE 2006

NUMBER 10

## In this Issue...

<i>This Month's Program</i> .....	p1
<i>Field Trips</i> .....	p1
<i>President's Message</i> .....	p2
<i>Fond Tributes</i> .....	p2
<i>Welcome New Members!</i> .....	p2
<i>New OAS Board Members</i> .....	p3
<i>Silent Auction Donor Acknowledgment</i> .....	p3
<i>Genius Reincarnate</i> .....	p3
<i>Butterfly Field Course</i> .....	p4
<i>Calendar of Events</i> .....	p4

## Reminders...

- ... **This month's meeting begins at 6PM!**
- ... Bring a place setting for the Potluck.
- ... Don't forget to get your Birdathon 2006 pledge dollars in ASAP.
- ... and, last but not least...

**Have a Great Summer!**



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

*Harry P. Leu Gardens  
1920 North Forest Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32803-1537*

*For directions, call 407-246-2620*

## This Month's Program: June 15, 2006 - 6pm OAS' Annual Potluck Dinner/Auction/Chertok 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 6:00 pm. Please also bring your own plates, glasses, flatware and serving utensils.

The 18th Annual OAS' Kit and Sidney Chertok Open Nature Photography Contest program — Florida, Wild and Wonderful — will begin around 7:00 pm. Warning! This program is not for the faint of heart. An all new energized, super-sized and digitized competition features images from Florida's best known wildlife hotspots (and some backyards, too) that promise to dazzle your visual senses. 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 valued over \$500 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 items (t-shirts, totes, and signs) so bring checkbook or cash (sorry, no plastic) and join us for an amazing evening.

Remember to bring place settings and your most delectable culinary dish. Let's make a fuss over us! See you there.  
Teresa Williams, OAS CNPC Chair

## May Field Trip Report BOB FERGUSON, FIELD TRIP CHAIR

A change of venue from Viera Wetlands to Orlando Wetlands Park turned out to be a terrific decision! A dedicated group of nine birders enjoyed a terrific trip sighting 64 species including two that were not even on the official OWP bird list. Black-bellied whistling ducks and Semi-palmated Sandpipers can now be added to their "list of feathered friends". The group also was privileged to see Black-necked Stilts on nest as well as enjoying six Limpkins cavorting near the main water inlet. With many shorebird

stars, the day was a delightful outing!

As field trip chair these past two years, I want to thank you all for your enthusiastic attendance! Many enjoyed great birding experiences and learned a lot from a very caring and giving group of birders and naturalists. Many others including myself have really profited from these trips with the birds. I look forward to the great times and places we will visit next year with our new field trip coordination team. Join us all starting again in September! Check the OASis for details.

## President's Message LORETTA SATTERTHWAITE, PRESIDENT

I wish to thank all of you for your support during these last four years. We have made some excellent strides in our financial position and have nearly achieved the goal of making the Society's Kit and Sidney Chertok Nature Photography Contest self-sustaining. That is a good financial situation to be in and we couldn't have done it without your support. Now we can direct our efforts at doing the same for our other educational programs.

I would especially like to thank the board members who faithfully fulfilled their duties during these four years. It is so helpful to have board members who are committed to this organization and who work toward the goals of the society while having fun. What a satisfying feeling.

Some non-board member volunteers have also been outstanding in their support in many different ways — providing hospi-

tality goodies for our attendees, fundraising activities at the general meetings and at other events, helping visitors in the area find the birds they want to see, helping to answer email bird identification questions, giving education presentations to other groups and in numerous other ways. Once again, my thanks to each of you. OAS could not fulfill its community outreach without your efforts.

There is still a ways to go before we accomplish the primary goal of OAS' strategic plan — the establishment of one or more nature education centers — but it is doable and we must continue to strive toward that effort. At the same time, we in Central Florida face some enormous conservation issues and we must not let down our guard for a minute. Please help us in our efforts to preserve the quality of life that we all cherish. Remember that every victory is for now, but every loss is forever. We must continue

to fight these battles over and over until we convince our elected officials to put the victory in stone, commit to do the right thing and preserve our marvelous wild places in perpetuity.

Oh, enough soap box rhetoric!! I'll see you at the June meeting for fun and fundraising. Some terrific auction items have been garnered, so don't forget your cash or checkbook. Activities this month conclude the Orange Audubon Society 2005–2006 program year. Each month, you have had the opportunity to attend an excellent program and an exciting field trip; we hope you have enjoyed them. Relish your summer by visiting some of Florida's beautiful natural areas. Once again, I thank each of you for your support — time and skills, financial and/or moral — and hope that you will continue to give the same to our new President, Dick Smith.

---

---

## Fond Tributes

Because of the successful advent of Orange Audubon Society's Kit and Sidney Chertok Nature Photography Contest into the digital realm, there will be very limited time to give just tribute to the many individuals who deserve recognition for going above and beyond their 'assigned duties' this past year in their service to Orange Audubon Society (OAS), so I'd like to put some of it in writing. Perhaps that is more appropriate anyway since many of you will be unable to attend the final meeting of this fiscal year and enjoy our potluck dinner, camaraderie and those digital photos, yet you should be aware of the number of individuals who have served OAS so effectively.

Thanks to the Directors — Mike Daley, Bob Ferguson, Chris Gandy, John Winfree and

Gordon Wolfram — who have relinquished their seats on the board. I appreciate and thank each of them for their service to Orange Audubon Society. I'm sure we'll continue to see Mike, our membership database chair, and Chris, extraordinary fundraising event volunteer, at our meetings and events. Bob (outgoing field trip chair), John and Gordon (both conservation committee members) lead such busy professional lives that we may only catch a glimpse of them once in a while (maybe on a field trip), but be sure to say 'Hi' and thank them when you do. Each of the other Directors who will be returning to serve on next year's board — Susan Clary, Mary Anne Freyer, Deborah Green, Milton Heiberg, Claire Hilliker, Danielle Ponsolle, Ellen Rocco, Ayme Smith, Dick Smith, Randy Snyder, Bob Stamps, Leesa Sward, Pete Vogt and Teresa Williams — has also provided valuable hours of service to OAS. They, individually and collectively, have my gratitude, as they should have yours.

OAS' wonderful members who volunteer in so many ways certainly deserve my humble thanks. Hospitality at the meetings, conservation issues needing attention, outreach and fundraising events, monthly tasks that enable OAS to communicate with its large membership and special needs that arise, such as when visitors are in the area and would like help seeing and/or identifying a particular bird, are all other examples of ways in which you, our members, have provided time and skills that are, to me, priceless. Thank you to \_\_\_\_\_ (insert your name here if you

have contributed in this way). I appreciate your efforts.

Last, but certainly not least, a big thank you to my husband, Bob Stamps, for his huge support 'behind-the-scenes' during these last four years. I wouldn't have wanted to serve without his assistance and encouragement. Although I have enjoyed serving as President these last four years, I am also very glad to pass the baton. Thanks again to all of you. Loretta Satterthwaite

## Welcome New Members!

Judith Ault, Julie Baird, Albert G Barbiero, Harry Berenger, Patricia Blackwood, Terry & Susan Brinkman, Paul Broman, John Canuteson, Virginia Casey, R Charles Curry, Nancy Deam, Mildred Deeter, Buelah M Dotson, Gerald Faircloth, Linda Gailliot, Reg Garner, William A Gentry, Sujeil Gerena, Hampton Gilbert, Jacquelyn Green, Debbie Griffin, Dave Hanon, Marzean Hatcher, Tom Hodge, Russell Holmes, Dorothy Jackson, Harley Jones, Alexander Karasik, Edward Kasalap, Roy B Kupsinel, Zeldaladan, Rudolf Lichtman, Mrs John H Long, Anthony Luksas, Edgar Martinez, Ethel M Merritt, Bruce W Mylrea, Jean Newbury, Danny G Peedin, Madeline Pots, Gladys Remenick, Karla Roarty, Clarence Robbins, Harold Robertson, Eugene Schwartz, James & Jennifer Seerford, Charlotte Smith, Jacqueline St Pierre, Maria Stanton, George H Stewart, Michele Sullivan, C Thompson, Doris Trammell, Daniel Tressler, Ulila Vaughan, Barbara Webb, May White, Hal Wills, Roger V Woodin, and William Zill.

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.

Orange Audubon Society  
P.O. Box 941142  
Maitland, FL 32794-1142

President.....Loretta Satterthwaite (lins-oas@att.net)  
407-886-2925  
Address Change.....Mike Daley (miked531@bellsouth.net)  
386-668-5021  
Editor.....Claire Hilliker (hilliker@iag.net)  
407-677-5374

The OAS is published monthly from September through June and is sent free to all members of Orange Audubon Society.

<http://www.orangeaudubonfl.org>

## New OAS Board Members

**TED & GAY SMITH** - A husband and wife team; both retired, Ted was with IBM for a number of years and Gay is an ordained Methodist minister. They are both new to the area, committed environmentalists, wanting to make a positive contribution.

**MARY KEIM** - A past President of OAS who was also, along with her husband Randy Snyder, a Field Trip Leader for eight years. She is a biology instructor at Seminole Community College and has agreed to return to the Board again and will be teaching Butterfly ID classes.

**TOM RODRIGUEZ** - Executive Director of the Oakland Nature Preserve, Tom is an avid and extremely knowledgeable birder with two degrees from UCF, a Bachelor's in Business and a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies.

**PEGGY COX** - Peggy is also a past President of OAS who is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Audubon of Florida. Peggy's passion is conservation and saving as much as possible of the nature of Florida, particularly the Green Swamp.

**SUSAN LEDBETTER** - Susan is a Licensed Practical Nurse at the VITAS Hospice. She has lived in the Orlando area for a number of years and is a true lover of nature, flora and fauna.

**RANDY SNYDER** - Randy has agreed to serve another term on the BOD. Our resident Butterfly expert and long time OAS member, Randy is an Auditor in the Purchasing Department of Lockheed-Martin. A former Field Trip Leader, he has served many years in many capacities.

## Silent Auction Donor Acknowledgment

Orange Audubon Society gratefully acknowledges the following donors who have, at press time, made silent auction contributions to benefit its Kit and Sidney Chertok Open Nature Photography Contest Endowment Fund:

- Biosphere, Winter Garden – \$50 Gift Certificate for plants or other merchandise.
- Dexter's, Thornton Park, Winter Park, Lake Mary – \$150 gift card will let you savor the art of casual dining at any Dexter's restaurant.
- Driftwood Gardens, Inc. (Bill and Rachel Tippit, owners) – Four individual bromeliad planters.
- The Enzian Theatre, Maitland – Tickets, tickets and more tickets to regular shows.
- Chris Gandy – Passes to Universal Studios Orlando and Island of Adventures.
- Dr. Deborah Green, author – Wekiva Springs Natural history interactive guide books.
- Milton Heiberg, photographer – Two signed, matted prints: Sunrise at Orlando Wetlands and Wood Ducks.
- Claire Hilliker – Autographed copy of Kingbird Highway by Kenn Kaufman.
- John Koehler, artist – 16" x 20" painting, Wisteria and Prothonotary Warbler.
- Marc C. Minno – Latest field guide: Florida's Butterfly Caterpillars and Their Host Plants co-authored and signed by Marc Minno.
- Panera Bread, locations throughout Central Florida – Bread for a Year gift certificate.
- Randy Snyder & Mary Keim – Bushnell Imageview 11-8321 binoculars with digital camera, flashcard, USB cable, case, strap and software.
- Starbucks Coffee Company, Winter Park (N. Orlando Ave.) – Finest coffees from around the world.
- Dr. Bruce Stephenson – Guided natural history educational tour of the Genius property in Winter Park for 10–12 people (subject to Genius Foundation approval).
- The Mountain – T-shirts and nightshirts that nature enthusiasts can't resist.
- Wild Birds Unlimited, Winter Springs and owners Janey & Allan Jahner – Store merchandise for the bird/birding devotee.

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 (such as nest boxes and landscape plants) are expected before the June 15th 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. You make this auction a big success. Teresa Williams, CNPC Chair

---

## Genius Reincarnate

Members of Orange Audubon Society (OAS) may soon have unique opportunities to help with restoration, management and wildlife survey efforts on an historical Winter Park landscape — the Morse-Genius legacy better known as the Genius Reserve. Once open to the public, this property (then 200 acres) underwent minor changes after its purchase by Charles Hosmer Morse in 1921: a citrus grove was planted and a dirt road known as Genius Drive was created (and let's not forget the addition of peacocks), but the land was essentially left in its natural state and intended by Morse to remain so. Today the reserve, which is owned by the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation, encompasses 48 acres (152 acres were sold in 1999) that embrace Lakes Virginia, Mizell and Berry.

A project to restore the reserve was initiated in 2003 by Dr. Bruce Stephenson, professor of environmental studies at Rollins

College, at the request of the Foundation. The property was analyzed and a plan devised for its revival, which is fashioned somewhat after the Arboretum at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Here Rollins students are putting the principles learned in environmental studies classes to practice in a "living, working laboratory". They have restored four acres, created a cedar grove, planted more than 150 native trees, cleared and replaced exotics and invasive species from an area on Lake Virginia and more.

When spring and summer classes at Rollins end, students go home and the reserve goes untended until their return. This gap in maintenance of newly restored areas is just one of the needs OAS members can fill. Other activities contemplated by Stephenson are: birding and/or bird surveys, guided field trips and summer restoration/

work days. If you have an interest in helping with one or more of these activities, please contact Teresa (407-644-0796 or [mwilliams@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mwilliams@cfl.rr.com)): provide your name, street and e-mail addresses and phone number and you will be contacted as plans and activities are developed. You can help make the Genius Reserve once more a vision of romantic old Florida; a scene from Cross Creek; a land remembered.

If you attend the June 15th program, you'll have yet another unique opportunity — you may bid on a guided historical walking tour of the Genius Reserve led by Dr. Stephenson. Who better to lead your group of 10 to 12 guests through the property and allow you to become smitten with the reserve's existing charm and dream of what OAS can help it become?

Teresa Williams, Treasurer

**ORANGE AUDUBON SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2005-2006**

**PRESIDENT**  
Loretta Satterthwaite (06) ..... 407-886-2925

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Leesa Sward (06) ..... 407-677-5374

**VICE PRESIDENT (PROGRAMS)**  
Deborah Green (06) ..... 407-553-0028

**SECRETARY**  
Mary Anne Freyer (06) ..... 407-298-2642

**TREASURER**  
Teresa Williams (06) ..... 407-644-0796

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Susan Clary (08) ..... 407-575-8036  
Mike Daley (06) ..... 386-668-5021  
Bob Ferguson (07) ..... 407-644-7850  
Chris Gandy (06) ..... 407-380-8704  
Milton Heiberg (07) ..... 407-658-4869  
Claire Hilliker (07) ..... 407-677-5374  
Danielle Ponsolle (08) ..... 407-658-5742  
Ellen Rocco (07) ..... 407-282-8547  
Ayme Smith (07) ..... 407-425-7504  
Dick Smith (08) ..... 407-257-7361  
Randy Snyder (06) ..... 407-851-5416  
Bob Stamps (08) ..... 407-886-2925  
Pete Vogt (08) ..... 407-855-4122  
John Winfree (06) ..... 407-302-6536  
Gordon Wolfram (06) ..... 407-855-9633

**Calendar of Events**

**June 3, 2006 - Saturday**  
LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870; pbowen@sjrwmd.com

**June 7, 2006 - Wednesday**  
Batram Trail Marker Dedication Ceremony;  
5:30pm. Winter Park Garden Club, Mead Garden,  
Winter Park. RSVP 407-644-5770

**June 10, 2006 - Saturday**  
Lake Jessup Conservation Area Bird Survey.  
Lorne Malo 407-349-2536/407-659-4853(w)

**June 15, 2006 - Thursday**  
Annual Pot Luck and Chertok Nature Photogra-  
phy Contest, **6:00pm**. Leu Gardens.  
Loretta Satterthwaite 407-886-2925

**July 1, 2006 - Saturday**  
LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870; pbowen@sjrwmd.com

**June 17, 2006 - Saturday**  
Rock Springs Run State Reserve Butterfly Survey.  
Randy Snyder 407-851-5416

**June 17, 2006 - Saturday**  
Mead Gardens Bird Survey; 8:00am-10:00am.  
Dexter Richardson 407-760-8193  
dex@dexwine.com

**July 2006 - call for specific date**  
Lake Jessup Conservation Area Bird Survey.  
Lorne Malo 407-349-2536/407-659-4853(w)

**August 5, 2006 - Saturday**  
LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870; pbowen@sjrwmd.com

**September 2, 2006 - Saturday**  
LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870; pbowen@sjrwmd.com

**September 21, 2006 - Thursday**  
General Meeting, 7:00pm, Leu Gardens.  
OAS Board Meeting takes place prior to the  
General Meeting at 5:30pm. All welcome.  
Dick Smith 407-257-7361

**October 7, 2006 - Saturday**  
LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870; pbowen@sjrwmd.com

**October 19-21, 2006 - Thur-Sat**  
Audubon Assembly 2006  
Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Resort  
www.audubonofflorida.org

**October 27-29, 2006 - Fri-Sun**  
Florida Ornithological Society Fall Meeting  
Titusville, FL. www.fosbirds.org

**Butterfly Field Course**

Orange Audubon Society is sponsoring a field course on Central Florida Butterflies. The 7.5-hour course (3 sessions of 2 ½ hours each) is being offered on Fridays, October 13, 20, 27 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This course will involve observation and identification of butterflies at Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park in east Orange County. Instructors will be Orange Audubon members Randy Snyder and Mary Keim.

Early registration fee is \$25 (postmarked on or before October 6, 2006). Make check payable to ORANGE AUDUBON SOCIETY. Note on check "Butterfly Field Course" and mail to: Randy Snyder, 1584 Outlook Street, Orlando, FL 32806-7806.

**The regular registration fee of \$35 is due at the beginning of class on October 13th.**

Recommended field guide is Butterflies through Binoculars: Florida by Glassberg, Minno, and Calhoun, 2000, Oxford Univ. Also recommended are close-focusing (6 ft. or less) binoculars. Eagle Optics Ranger 8x32 (www.eagleoptics.com), for example, has a minimum focus of 3 feet. See [http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Publications/LivingBird/winter2005/Age\\_Binos.html](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Publications/LivingBird/winter2005/Age_Binos.html) for other binocular suggestions.

Meet at the Hal Scott parking lot on Dallas Blvd in Wedgefield at 12:30 p.m. For more information call 407-851-5416 or for driving instructions see [http://sjr.state.fl.us/programs/outreach/pubs/recguide/sc03\\_hal\\_scott\\_regional\\_PP.html](http://sjr.state.fl.us/programs/outreach/pubs/recguide/sc03_hal_scott_regional_PP.html).

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Orlando, FL  
PERMIT NO. 790

Orange Audubon Society  
P.O. Box 941142  
Maitland, FL 32794-1142

