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## Don't Forget!

...The meeting is at **6:00pm** this month.  
... Volunteers needed to help with the June meeting setup. See p3 for details.

*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  
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## This Month's Program: June 21, 2007 - 6:00pm 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 re-useable plates, glasses, flatware and serving utensils so that we can "live gently" that evening.

OAS' 19th Annual Kit and Sidney Chertok Nature Photography Contest program will begin around 7 PM. Delight to a double feature of Florida native nature photography as we present the two categories of competition for 2007 — "Florida's Birds!" and "No Birds Allowed!" Enjoy entries photographed throughout Florida, from the Florida Keys to St. Augustine to the Panhandle and dozens of places between.

Let the beauty of nature and the suspense of the competition propel you to the edge of your seats until the conclusion of the program, when winners of both categories are announced and ribbons, cash and other prizes valued over \$1,000 are awarded.

Enjoy more suspense throughout the evening as you bid on silent auction items contributed by local businesses and other friends (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 an amazing evening; perhaps you'll take home one of the centerpiece door prizes contributed by Driftwood Gardens, Inc. (Bill & Rachel Tippit, owners).

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

## May Field Trip Report RANDY SNYDER & MARY KEIM, FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE

Fifteen attended the May 19th field trip to Little Big Econ State Forest, including seven first-timers. Twenty-eight bird species were observed including Great Egret, Wood Duck, Pileated Woodpecker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Tufted Titmouse, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, White-eyed Vireo, and Northern Parula. Other vertebrates included Sailfin Catfish, Feral Pig, Green Anole, and a large American Alligator in the Econlockhatchee River.

Eleven butterfly species were seen including Cloudless Sulphur, Red-banded Hairstreak, Viceroy, Carolina Satyr, and Horace's Duskywing. Flowers in bloom in-

cluded Airplant, Southern Magnolia, Titi, Sparkleberry, Coral Bean, Partridge Pea, Milk Pea, Button Bush, Swamp Milkweed, Wild Petunia, Tickseed and Blackroot. Love bugs were especially abundant on Saw Palmetto flowers.

The lichen line on the riverside trees was about 12 feet above the current water level. The Econ's steep banks are pretty impressive for Central Florida.

This was the last OAS field trip for the season. Thanks to all who attended the trips throughout the year for the enjoyable walks in the woods. See you in September!

## Presidential Ramblings DICK SMITH, PRESIDENT

The best meeting of the year is coming up this month! This is when we get to see all of the magnificent photographs of birds and other wildlife, gorge ourselves on the best dishes by the best chefs, buy all the great bargains in the silent auction and visit with friends that we haven't seen for months.

HoneyBaked Ham of Altamonte Springs and East Colonial Drive have graciously donated both a spiral-sliced ham and sliced turkey breasts for the Potluck Dinner. My mouth is watering just thinking about it; all those great casseroles, wonderfully prepared vegetables, fantastic salads and scrumptious desserts.

In the silent auction section of the evening, we have some outstanding donations on which you are going to be interested in bidding, so bring lots of money and your checkbook.

In the photo contest, we have two (2) categories this year; Birds and No Birds Allowed. This opens up the contest to more photographers with more modest equipment.

It should be very interesting to see what this new format generates.

All in all, it is going to be a great evening, so, prepare your best dish and join us for a lot of fun! Dinner starts at six, so don't be late.

## We'll Get By with a Little Help from Our Friends!

The June meeting is, indeed, a delight for the senses. However, it doesn't just happen. Lots of preparation is needed and, unfortunately, much of that preparation must be done in the hour or two before the dinner begins or after all the fun has been had. We need assistance with several different tasks (some of which are listed below with some approximate times) to make the evening run smoothly. If you can help with one or more of these, please let me know [LNS-OAS@att.net or 407/886-2925 (evening or recorder)] how you can help. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Hospitality — help decorating the tables (5:00 PM); greeting people & directing them to the location for their dinner contributions (5:30–6:00 PM); cleaning and folding tablecloths after the program (~8:30 PM)

T-shirts, etc. — help putting sales merchandise on the display tables (5:00–5:30 PM); assisting with sales (5:30–8:15 PM); help packing merchandise (~8:30 PM)

Silent auction — assistance in matching prepared bid sheets to items as they are brought in (5:00–6:00 PM); checking throughout the evening to ensure that items and bid sheets are staying together; help moving merchandise to check-out when auction closes (~8:15 PM)

Loretta Satterthwaite, OAS Chertok Nature Photography Contest committee

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## Let's Welcome Our New Hospitality Chairperson

For the past 5 or 6 years, Tom Williams has admirably served as our Hospitality Chairperson (he isn't really sure how long himself) and as you have all witnessed, he has done an outstanding job. He has informed the Board that he wants to take a break, which is understandable; it is a very time-consuming job. Every meeting, he is there before any of us and is the last person to leave. He also sets up for the Potluck Dinner every year which is quite a task, as well as teaches Birding classes during the year. We are extremely fortunate to have this kind of person in our organization. When you see him at the Potluck Dinner, why not take the time to thank him? He certainly deserves it.

OAS member Ellen Rocco has graciously stepped up to assume the responsibilities of Hospitality Chairperson. Ellen will do an excellent job. She has been helping with the labeling of the OASis for several years now, and always volunteers in any way she can. Ellen has served on the Board of Directors for the last three years and had just been re-elected to serve another three year term. She will be leaving her Board position to assume this new role. We welcome Ellen to her new responsibility and thank her from the bottom of our hearts. Remember to sign up to bring "goodies" next year.

Thank you, Tom.

Thank you, Ellen.

Dick Smith

## Ecological Restoration Workdays Planned at Genius Reserve

Orange Audubon Society (OAS) will participate in two summer workdays at the Genius Reserve, Winter Park on June 24th and August 26th, from 8–10 am. The reserve is the subject of a 10+ year ecological restoration project that began in 2003 with the goals of preserving the cultural and historical aspects of the property while restoring the landscape with native plant species. The project led by Bruce Stephenson, professor of environmental studies at Rollins College, involves his students and others who use the reserve as an outdoor lab, applying principles learned in class to the practice of restoring land to a healthy state.

During summer months when most students are away, OAS volunteers are filling a vital gap in the restoration process by helping to maintain areas that have already been restored. During the upcoming workdays we will assist by weeding and mulching restored areas and repotting nursery plants that will later be planted on the reserve. Afterwards, Stephenson will take all interested volunteers for a tour of the recently replanted grounds around the Windsong residence, which was once home to members of the Elizabeth Morse Genius family.

If you wish to help on either or both dates, please contact me: mwilliams@cfl.rr.com or 407-644-0796. If you have not volunteered before, please provide full name, address and contact numbers. Teresa Williams

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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## New Board Member Elected

When Ellen Rocco resigned from the Board of Directors to assume the responsibilities of Hospitality Chairperson (see Hospitality Chairperson on this page), it left us with a vacancy on the Board. Well, we lucked-out again. Allow me to introduce Dominique Shimizu.

Dominique is originally from Minnesota and has her Biology degree from the University of Chicago and a graduate degree in Ecology and Evolution from Stony Brook University of the New York State University system. She is presently employed by Walt Disney World as an Animal Behavioral Trainer. Her husband is Paul Lammardo, a Biologist at Wekiva Springs State Park. Dominique is very enthusiastic about serving on the Board and wants to make a "contribution" right away.

We are very fortunate to have people like Dominique and Michele Greco, who was also elected this year. They both represent New Blood with New Ideas, which we sorely need. When you see them at the Potluck Dinner, introduce yourself and welcome them to Orange Audubon. Dick Smith

### Hog Island Audubon Impractical Final Exam IV

When you attend Hog Island Bird Camp in Maine, the final exam is a word puzzle originated by Birdlife Instructor Allan D. Cruickshank. Here are a few of the questions. Answers on page 4.

By the way, there may still be spaces left in Maine Audubon's fantastic Hog Island camps, which include Migration Camp in September. Visit [www.maineaudubon.org](http://www.maineaudubon.org) for information.

What bird is a letter? Answer: Jay! Get the picture? Okay what bird is:

- Shaves with its beak?
- Is a bright beginning?
- Doesn't need a shave?
- Is part of a stove
- Is a sweater?
- Is heavenly humor
- Has 144 bills?
- Was Josephine?
- Is another bird?
- Murders a game animal?
- Thinks it's funny?
- Is a church official?
- Occurs in a martini?
- Is a colorful toupee?
- Is an old-fashioned movie?

## Silent Auction Donor Acknowledgment

Orange Audubon Society gratefully acknowledges the following donors who, at press time, have made contributions for the silent auction on June 21st to benefit its Kit and Sidney Chertok Open Nature Photography Contest Endowment Fund:

- *Atlas Screen Printing* – T-shirts and totes featuring nature graphics
- *Bill Belleville, author* – signed copy of  *Losing It All to Sprawl*
- *Biosphere, Winter Garden* – \$50 Gift Certificate for plants or other merchandise
- *Brandywine's Deli, Winter Park (John and Kathy Frankenberger, owners)* – Gift Certificate for a Party Package for 20 people (value \$200)
- *Darden Restaurants* – \$50 in gift cards good at any Darden's restaurant in Central Florida
- *Driftwood Gardens, Inc. (owners Bill and Rachel Tippit)* – Bromeliad planter
- *The Enzian Theatre, Maitland* – Tickets, tickets and more tickets to regular shows
- *Nancy Ferguson, artist* – Original watercolor created especially for OAS' auction and YOU
- *Gatorland* – Photographer's Annual Pass (\$85 value) to Gatorland, the alligator capital of the world
- *Michael Grunwald, author* – signed copy of *The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise* (paperback)
- *Steven B. Isham, author* – Signed copy of *Anoles: Those Florida Yard Lizards*
- *The HoneyBaked Ham Store, Altamonte Springs* – \$100 in Gift Cards
- *Mary Keim and Randy Snyder* – *Winged Migration*, the hardcover book that has all the character of the Oscar-nominated documentary of the same name; filled with bird facts and migration maps (\$50 value)
- *John Koehler, artist* – 16" x 20" original acrylic painting
- *Lukas Butterfly Encounter @ Lukas Nursery, Oviedo* – Annual passes (\$50 value each) for

- 2 adults and up to 4 children
- *Cynthia S. Marks and George E. Marks, authors* – signed copy of *Bats of Florida*
- *Brian and Cynthia Morrell* – Starbucks Coffee gift basket (\$75 value)
- *Mosquito Creek Outdoors, Apopka* – 3 Gift Certificates (value \$500)
- *Orlando Wetlands Park Festival* – Official 2007 festival T-shirt
- *Panera Bread, locations in Central Florida* – Lunch for a Year certificate (\$85 value)
- *Sandra Wallus Sammons, author* – Signed copy of *John and William Bartram, Travelers in Early America*
- *Randy Snyder and Mary Keim* – Swift Telemaster Zoom Spotting Scope, Model No. 841, 15–60 x 60mm (value unknown at press time)
- *Starbucks Coffee Company, Winter Park (Park Av.)* – Fine coffees from around the world
- *Leesa Sward, Ph.D.* – Coleman Bird Finder with 5 key cards; Backyard Safari Bird Feeder
- *Bruce Stephenson, Ph.D.* – 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 (owners Janey & Allan Jahner)* – Store merchandise for the bird/birding devotee
- *Wildscape Images, Orlando (owner/photographer Robert J. Amoroso)* – 17x33 panoramic print, *White Phase Reddish Egret*
- *Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour* – Gift Certificates for 6 adult admissions (value \$10 each) 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 21st event so once again you are reminded to bring cash or checkbook (we can not do plastic!) and be prepared to outbid even your best Audubon buddies! OAS is grateful for your participation as a contributor, bidder or both. You make this auction a big success. Teresa Williams, CNPC Chair

## Lions Wolves & Tigers & Bears — Oh, My!

And so much more — birds and butterflies and frogs, etc. Orange Audubon Society (OAS) will have our nature-oriented merchandise for sale at the June meeting. Whether you prefer a gift for yourself or someone else (youth or adult), you'll surely find something to please at our sales table. T-shirts, nestboxes, tote bags and metal signs will call out to you as you enter the room. These nature designs want to go home with you. Plan ahead; this is the last time these will be available until holiday sales time in the late fall. Be prepared; bring your cash or checkbook (no plastic accepted). Thanks for supporting OAS with your purchases. Loretta Satterthwaite

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## Calendar of Events

### June 2, 2007 - Saturday

LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870/pbowen@sjrwmd.com

### June 16, 2007 - Saturday

Mead Gardens Bird Survey; 8:00am-10:00am.  
Dexter Richardson 407-760-8193/dex@dexwine.com

### June 21, 2007 - Thursday

Annual Pot Luck and Chertok Nature Photography Contest, **6:00pm**, Leu Gardens.  
Dick Smith 407-257-7361/rls-oas@earthlink.net

### June 24, 2007 - Sunday

Genius Reserve Workday; 8:00am-10:00am.  
Teresa Williams 407-644-0796/mwilliams@cfl.rr.com

### June 30, 2007 - Saturday

Seminole Ranch Conservation Area Butterfly Survey.  
Randy Snyder 407-851-5416

### July 7, 2007 - Saturday

LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870/pbowen@sjrwmd.com

### July 14, 2007 - Saturday

Wekiva River Buffers Conservation Area Bird Survey  
Lorne Malo 407-349-2536/407-659-4853(w)

### July 21, 2007 - Saturday

Mead Gardens Bird Survey; 8:00am-10:00am.  
Dexter Richardson 407-760-8193/dex@dexwine.com

### August 4, 2007 - Saturday

LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
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### August 18, 2007 - Saturday

Mead Gardens Bird Survey; 8:00am-10:00am.  
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### August 26, 2007 - Sunday

Genius Reserve Workday; 8:00am-10:00am.  
Teresa Williams 407-644-0796/mwilliams@cfl.rr.com

### September 1, 2007 - Saturday (tentative)

LARA Bird Survey; 7:30am-Noon.  
Pam Bowen 386-329-4870/pbowen@sjrwmd.com

## Answers to Hog Island Impractical Final Exam IV

Shaves with its beak? Razorbill  
Is a bright beginning? Redstart  
Doesn't need a shave? Smooth-billed Ani,  
Beardless Tyrannulet  
Is part of a stove? Ovenbird  
Is a sweater? Plover  
Is heavenly humor? Godwit, Skylark

Has 144 bills? Grosbeak  
Was Josephine? Bonaparte's Gull  
Is another bird? Turkey Vulture, Lark  
Sparrow, Pigeon Guillemot  
Murders a game animal? Killdeer  
Thinks it's funny? Laughing Gull  
Is a church official? Cardinal, Orange Bishop

Occurs in a martini? Olive-sided Fly-catcher  
Is a colorful toupee? Yellow-crowned Night-heron  
Is an old-fashioned movie? Black-and-white Warbler, Flicker, Mute Swan

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