

"The Voice of Conservation in Central Florida"



OASis



Orange Audubon Society
A Chapter of National and Florida Audubon Societies

Vol. 46

June 2011

Issue No. 10

**This Month's Program: June 16, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. at Harry P. Leu Gardens
OAS' Annual Potluck Dinner/Auction & Chertok Nature Photography Awards**

Reservations are required for Orange Audubon Society's (OAS) finale program of the 2010–2011 season featuring three temptations—a delicious potluck buffet, a triple feature of Chertok Nature Photography Contest (CNPC) entries, and a silent auction with bidding opportunities throughout the evening.

Dinner and the silent auction begin at 6:00 p.m. Brandywine's Deli (Winter Park) will provide Veggie Lasagna, coleslaw and rolls; OAS will provide turkey and ham; and *you* will complement these entrees with your favorite salad, side dish, dessert or beverage to share. It's easy being green when *you* also bring your own re-useable plates, glasses, flatware, napkins and serving utensils. Please mark your serving dishes and table service items in case they get moved.

An exclusive show featuring eligible entries in OAS' 23rd Annual Kit & Sidney Chertok Nature Photography Contest begins around 7 p.m. The natural world abounds with eye-catching shapes and patterns that participants observed and photographed for the 2011 CNPC themes: *Natural Florida* (YOUTH category) and *Nature's Patterns* [Amateur and Advanced (OPEN) categories]. Sit back in wonder as you observe and contemplate nature's amazing designs, shapes, textures and colors. Whether the subject is simple or complex, vibrantly colored or muted, symmetrical or abstract, the entries will please your visual senses and enhance your appreciation of nature and the photographers who entered this year's contest.

Winners of the 2011 contest will be announced and awards and ribbons presented following the show, but competition will continue for the 100+ (and still counting) silent auction donations from local restaurants, native nurseries, camera and outdoor retail outfitters, bowling allies, resorts, spas, our fantastic members and more. Throughout the evening you may place your bids on over \$5,000 worth of items (see article inside for featured items). And perhaps you will be one of the lucky attendees who will take home a centerpiece door prize contributed by *Driftwood Gardens, Inc.*

Mark the date, *make your reservation* (see separate article this page; there may still be room for you), and bring three things: your checkbook or cash for our 'world famous cash-n-carry' auction (credit/debit cards not accepted), your most delectable culinary dish to share and your re-useable place settings, etc. Let's make a fuss over us!

Teresa Williams, OAS CNPC Chair

Reservations for June 16th Meeting

There are only a few spots available as we go to press. Email LNS-oas@att.net or call 407-886-2925 before June 7th with the names of each person in your party and what you will be bringing for the potluck. Please leave a phone number with your message and check your email replies so that your registration can be confirmed.

If you have already registered and you find that you WILL NOT be able to attend, please use the contact information to relinquish your reserved spot for our 'waiting list'. Thanks.
Loretta Satterthwaite

**Orange Audubon Society meetings & programs are free & no reservations are necessary (except June meeting). Programs are held the 3rd Thursday of every month (September - June) at 7 p.m. in the Camellia Room at:
Harry P. Leu Garden,
1920 North Forest Avenue
Orlando, FL 32803-1537**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we head into our "summer break", I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for being a member of the Orange Audubon Society. As an all-volunteer organization, we rely upon the generosity of our membership for more than just monetary support. Your OAS Board of Directors work very hard to provide this organization with goals and leadership, volunteering countless hours of their time in an effort to make OAS a voice of conservation in Central Florida.

An organization is only as strong as its membership, and OAS needs your support in continuing its mission to provide the public an understanding of, and an interest in, our wildlife and the environment that supports it. We need your input as to programs that YOU wish to learn more about. Do you have a situation that may require the services of Audubon? Let us know! If you have the time, please consider volunteering, whether it is participating in one of our committees, leading a field trip, attending a function or event representing OAS, teaching a class or participating in workdays or surveys... WE NEED YOU!

As many of you are aware, this has been an especially worrisome time for Florida conservation, with our legislature showing an almost complete disregard for the critical environmental issues that affect our great state. This year, Florida lawmakers repealed almost 30 years worth of growth management legislation, including requirements that developers pay for roads, schools and other infrastructure needed to support their projects, as well as putting control into the hands of local officials thus ending state review of most large developments. Developers no longer have to prove their projects will not harm the environment; instead, this "burden of proof" has now shifted to require that a person or organization challenging a developer's permit prove it would cause sufficient damage to the environment to get the development stopped.

Now is the time that we must all band together to let our voices and concerns for our environment be heard. Don't let our wildlife and natural resources become an inconvenience in the pursuit of "monetary riches", join us in helping to foster the recognition of the intangible values in the remaining natural areas of Florida and the responsible conservation of our natural resources. With YOUR help, WE can make a difference!

Mike Godwin – OAS President

Florida's Special Places

Check out <http://fl.audubon.org/specialplaces.html> to find some 'special places' to visit over the summer. Help Orange Audubon Society nominate other 'special places' in our local community by contacting Bob Stamps (rhs-oas@att.net or 407-886-2925). Thanks and have a great summer!

Thank You!

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all the fabulous Orange Audubon Society (OAS) members and their friends and family who volunteered their precious time and talent to help showcase OAS at Epcot's Flower and Garden Show.

With your help we were able to raise money for Pennies for the Planet, solicit new OAS members, and raise awareness of birds, butterflies, and conservation in general. Many people stopped by our table to chat and ask questions about a variety of subjects. I learned a lot myself from the guests, University of Florida personnel, HGTV presentations, and a host of other spokespersons at the festival center. Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm. *Cynthia Gosiewski*

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: Mike Godwin

mgodwin@cfl.rr.com 407-535-2640

Address Change: Mike Daley

miked531@bellsouth.net 386-668-5021

Editor: Robert J. Amoruso

ramoruso-oas@att.net 407-808-7417

<http://www.orangeaudubonfl.org>

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

Reminder!

Just a quick reminder for our continuing members and a notice for those of you who have joined Orange Audubon Society (OAS) in the past year—the meeting in June is the final activity for OAS for the 2010–2011 season.

The next OASis will be sent to members in September; please continue to visit our website (www.orangeaudubonfl.org) or our Facebook page for important announcements or updates on activities during the summer. Over the summer, we will be planning the activities for the upcoming year, so if you wish to make suggestions, please contact us by visiting the website and using the telephone or email addresses listed on it. Thanks and have a great summer!

Silent Auction

The June 16th Orange Audubon Society (OAS) meeting will once again include a Silent Auction with items from local businesses and items that you have personally made, baked or grown (Make It, Bake It, Grow It—i.e. MIBIGI). If you have something to contribute from a business or to the MIBIGI, please contact me (407-886-2925; LNS-OAS@att.net). For all donations, please describe the item(s), also suggest a minimum bid price and an approximate retail price (to ensure proper sales tax treatment and maximum fundraising potential). **Deadline for notification is Sunday, June 12th** to allow time for bid sheet preparation and space allocation before the meeting. Unfortunately we cannot accept 'gently used' items for this auction due to space and time constraints. We will accept your 'gently used', nature-oriented items at the November meeting when we have our OAS merchandise available for your holiday shopping.

Since the June dinner/auction/program is a busy, jam-packed evening, we need several volunteers to help us throughout the silent auction (it's not hard work, just a lot of it in a few hours—checking items in, keeping bid sheets current and items organized during the auction, and upon close of the auction, 'running' items to the cashiers for payment and check out). Please contact me (see above) if you can help us that evening. If you would like to help your chapter end this fiscal year on a successful note, solicit a donation(s), make, bake or grow a donation, come prepared to bid (cash or checks; no debit or credit cards), or work, or all of the above. See you at the potluck/auction!

Loretta Satterthwaite, June meeting volunteer

May Field Trip Report

Ten birders attended the OAS May 21st field trip to Seminole Ranch Conservation Area in Christmas. At least 34 bird species were observed including Swallow-tailed Kite, Red-shouldered Hawk, Barred Owl, Red-eyed Vireo, White-eyed Vireo, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren and Eastern Meadowlark. We made our return trip through Orlando Wetlands Park, seeing a variety of long-legged waders at Lake Searcy and then an adorable fledgling Northern Parula on the ground along the hiking trail. Other vertebrates included Sailfin Molly, Green Anole, Raccoon and White-tailed Deer.

Dragonflies (11 species) included Prince Baskettail, Slaty Skimmer, Black Saddlebags, Needham's Skimmer and Halloween Pennant. Butterflies (5 species) included Black Swallowtail, Great Southern White, and Twin-spot Skipper. Other invertebrates included Orchard Orbweaver, Golden Silk Orbweaver, and a praying mantid. Flowers in bloom included Starrush Whitetop (aka White Bracted Sedge), Yellow Canna, Pickerelweed, Water Hemlock, Ticktrefoil (aka Beggars' Lice), Wild Petunia, Buttonbush, Rosegentian (aka Marsh Pink), Turkey Tangle Fogfruit, Brown's Savory, and Fewflower Milkweed.

One unusual find was a small pair of binoculars high in a Live Oak. Thanks to all who attended for a fun day out in nature.

Mary Keim, Field Trip Committee

Area Wildlife Surveys

The Orange Audubon Society invites you to participate in the upcoming wildlife surveys.

- **East Orange County Properties butterfly survey – (tentative) –June 25th** ; Randy Snyder or Mary Keim at 407-851-5416 (home) or rsnyder11@cfl.rr.com.
- **Palm Bluff Conservation Area** – contact Lorne Malo at 407-659-4853 (work), 407-349-2536 (home), lmalo@sjrwm.com, or lornemalo@bellsouth.net.
- **Ferndale Preserve quarterly bird surveys** – Gallus Quigley, Jr. at 352-516-8512 or gquigley@lakecountyfl.gov or gallusq@cfl.rr.com.
- **Ponce Inlet bird surveys** – Stacey Bell at 386-238-4716 or sbell@co.volusia.fl.us – weekdays only; boat seating is limited.
- **Lake Apopka, North Shore Restoration Area bird surveys** – contact Pam Bowen at 386-329-4870 or Pbowen@sjrwm.com or Jim Peterson at 352-735-1267 or JPeterson@sjrwm.com.
- **Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area bird surveys** – John Stenberg at 386-329-4822 or jstenberg@sjrwm.com.

Silent Auction Donor Acknowledgement

Orange Audubon Society (OAS) gratefully acknowledges donors who, at press time, have pledged to make contributions for the silent auction and door prizes on June 16th. As other donations are received we hope to be able to update a list on the website: www.orangeaudubonfl.org. Donations to-date include:

- *Albin Polasek Museum*, Winter Park – Admission tickets (4)
- *AMF Casselberry Lanes* – 40 people for 2 hours of bowling
- *AMF Longwood Lanes* – 40 people for 2 hours of bowling
- *Atlas/Wild Cotton* – nature signs, cap & t-shirts of various designs & sizes
- *Audubon Center for Birds of Prey*, Maitland – Behind-the-Scenes tour for 5 people
- *Bamboo Trading Company* – Matching sets of handmade freshwater pearl jewelry
- *Biosphere*, Winter Garden – Gift Certificate for plants or other merchandise
- *Bok Tower Gardens*, Lake Wales – Admission tickets (4)
- *Café Tu Tu Tango*, Orlando – Captain Tango Promo Cards to use like cash
- *Caribe Royale*, Orlando – A 3-day/2-night stay
- *Linda Carpenter* – Book: *Fifty Places to go Birding Before You Die*, C. Santella
- *Colonial Photo & Hobby, Inc.*, Orlando – 16 x 20 stretched canvas print of your own digital JPEG or TIFF image
- *John Cento* – 10 native plants
- *Maggie DeVane* – Treasure trove of artwork, decorative accessories, a book & more
- *Dexter's Restaurants*, Lake Mary, Orlando & Winter Park – Two gift cards
- *Driftwood Gardens, Inc.* – Bromeliad planter centerpieces
- *Enzian Theater*, Maitland – Theater admission tickets (6)
- *Eo Inn Spa*, Orlando – A 2-night stay in a queen deluxe room
- *Essence Salon & Day Spa*, Winter Park – Gift certificate for hair salon services
- *Fresh Market*, Longwood – Basket of fresh goodies
- *Deborah Green*, author/OAS vice president – Books: *Paradise Preserved- Natural History Explorations & Watching Wildlife in the Wekiva River Basin*; & *potted firebush*
- *Green Images Nursery*, Christmas – Gift Certificate
- *Green Isle Gardens* native plant nursery, Groveland – Gift Certificate
- *Hart, Barbara* – Artwork: A colored pencil drawing & an acrylic painting
- *Milton Heiberg*, world renowned nature photographer – two prints
- *Milton Heiberg* – Field instruction, Merritt Island NWR or Orlando Wetlands Park
- *Hounds & Kitties*, Maitland – Gift Certificate for healthy pet foods & treats, toys, etc.
- *Mary Keim & Randy Snyder* – 13" fused glass blue irises platter
- *Morse Museum* – Admission tickets (4)
- *Mosquito Creek Outdoors*, Apopka – backpacks, other outdoor gear & gift cards
- *Kathy Munroe* – An eagle stained glass wall hanging & a Robin print by Arthur Singer
- *Orlando Science Center* – General admission tickets (4)

Continued on Page 5

Silent Auction Donor Acknowledgement (continued)

- *Orlando Wetlands Park* – 2011 official festival t-shirts of various sizes
- *Dorothy Quigley* (Gallus' mother) – Handmade travel pillow & quilt set with bird design
- *Richard Poole* – Nest boxes made by the Eagle Scout maestro himself (various sizes)
- *Richard Poole & Christine Brown* – 21 plants for wildlife
- *Starbucks (Park Avenue), Winter Park* – A pound of coffee beans
- *Walter Taylor* – Book: *Borne on the Wind* by Stephen Dalton
- *Total Wine & More, Orlando* – Wine Tasting for up to 20 people
- *Wekiva Island* – 4 All-day canoe rentals
- *Wild Birds Unlimited, Winter Springs* – Merchandise for Nature-lovers
- *Wildscape Images, Orlando* – *Red-winged Blackbirds*, 17 x 25 signed unframed print of 2011 Audubon Magazine Photography Award winning image by internationally honored photographer/instructor Robert J. Amoruso. Also includes signed copy of Audubon Magazine image appeared in.
- *Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour* – 4 adult tickets to tour 3 canal-linked Winter Park lakes.

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

As always, some contributions will be received too late to be listed, including those of the Make It, Bake It, Grow It type (but please let us know ahead of time if you plan to bring them; see related article in this *OASis*). So plan to be surprised at the event, remember to bring cash or checkbook (we do not accept credit or credit cards) and make no bones about outbidding even your best Audubon buddies! Your participation as a contributor, bidder or both is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Teresa Williams and Loretta Satterthwaite

Butterfly Workshop

Orange Audubon Society will be offering an 8-hour Butterfly Workshop on Saturday, October 15th at Orlando Wetlands Park. More details will appear in the September *OASis*. If you have questions, call or e-mail instructors Randy Snyder and Mary Keim (407-851-5416, rsnyder11@cfl.rr.com).

Registration will be \$25 for Audubon members; \$40 for non-members; and \$10 for children 12 or younger (accompanied by a registered adult), payable to Orange Audubon Society. Non-members can join and register for \$45. Visit www.orangeaudubonfl.org for a membership application. To reserve a space, contact Teresa (mwilliams@cfl.rr.com or 407-644-0796).

Governor and Legislators Curtail and Redirect “Growth Management”

With the changes made by our Legislators and Governor this past legislative session, Florida's Growth Management has been curtailed dramatically. To cite a few changes—need, financial feasibility and energy efficiency have been eliminated and school concurrency is now *optional*. In addition, more management/mismanagement decisions will now be taking place at the local level with little chance for stopping these decisions at the state level. Therefore, we all need to become acquainted with our local city and county officials and their staff members so that we can get involved in any proposed developments or changes to local Comprehensive Plans early on in the process. Please stay alert and bring any such proposals to the attention of your local conservation organizations—including Orange Audubon Society. You may contact the Conservation Chair by going to www.orangeaudubonfl.org and clicking on ‘Who We Are’ under the banner.

Bob Stamps

**Orange Audubon Society
Board of Directors 2011-2012**

PRESIDENT

Mike Godwin (12) 407-535-2640

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Cynthia Gray (12) 407-298-5806

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Deborah Green (12) 407-637-2525

SECRETARY

Mary Keim (12) 407-851-5416

TREASURER

Teresa Williams (12) 407-644-0796

BOARD MEMBERS

Robert Amoruso (13) 407-808-7417

Rick Baird (14) 407-277-3357

John Cento (14) 407-913-2417

Samantha Eckhaus (12) 407-435-7747

Jason Gingras (12) 407-927-0034

Cynthia Gosiewski (13) 407-426-8982

Steve Graves (12) 407-671-6572

Milton Heiberg (13) 407-658-4869

Lori Mathis (13) 407-376-4930

Danielle Ponsolle (14) dponsolle@cfl.rr.com

Sharon Robbins (14) 407-376-4930

Loretta Satterthwaite (12) 407-886-2925

Dominique Shimizu (13) 407-287-4078

Randy Snyder (14) 407-851-5416

Bob Stamps (12) 407-886-2925

Calendar of Events

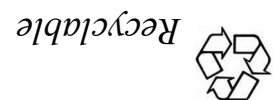
**September 15, 2011 Orange Audubon Society Meeting
at 7 p.m. in the Camellia Room at Harry P. Leu Garden,
1920 North Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803**

Have a great summer. Get out and enjoy the outdoors, go birding, kayaking, take a nature walk, or any number of summer outdoor activities. Remember to take the kids and get them involved in outdoor activities too. Two places to go in Orange & Brevard Counties great for kids and adults alike. Have fun!

- Orlando Wetlands Park, Christmas, FL.
(http://www.cityoforlando.net/public_works/wetlands/index.htm)
- Barrier Island Sanctuary, 8385 South Hwy A1A
Melbourne Beach, FL 32951.
(<http://www.barrierislandcenter.com/http://www.barrierislandcenter.com/>)

Call for Program Ideas

OAS works on the program for the coming year starting in the spring and finalizing it by July. If you have any ideas for programs please call Deborah Green at 407-637-2525 with your suggestions or send them to her at sabalpress@mac.com.



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

Address Service Requested ²

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