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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last opportunity to address you as President of the HSV Audubon Society. These last two years have flown by and there is still so much to do!

So many people have done so much for me and our Society over that period. My thanks go out to each and every person who donated their time and talents to making our organization so wonderful and such a success. The hard work of all the officers and volunteers has been greatly appreciated. Without these amazing folks, nothing would ever get done. Thank you all so much.

Richard Kroetz will be assuming the position of President for the next two years. He has done an excellent job as Vice President, and put together some marvelous programs for our meetings. I know you will continue to be as supportive of him as you were of me.

There will be other changes, and a new roster of elected officers will be presented to you later in the year. Two changes have already occurred of which you should be aware. Maury Baker has resigned as Chairman of Feeders and Birdhouses. Maury spent many, many years in that position, and did an amazing job. Adolph Juarez has taken over from Maury, and is ably stepping into some big shoes. The second change is the resignation of Carolyn Minson as Field Trip Chair. She put several years into that difficult (and sometimes unrewarding) job and led many exceptional field trips. We are fortunate that Vic Prislipsky volunteered to step in to that position. He will do a wonderful job.

One of the big benefits of this job is the ability to bestow the President's Award. It is with great satisfaction that I announce that the **2013 PRESIDENT'S AWARD is going to CAROLYN MINSON.** Carolyn has done so many things for HSV Audubon over the years that it's hard to even know where to start. Carolyn has held many positions within our Society such as Field Trip Chair, E-mail Communicator, VP and Program Director, and President several times. She was a Bluebird Monitor for 10 years. She has participated in/or led a team in the Christmas Bird Count every year since 2000. Carolyn helped build the Magellan Beaver Dam Trail and was instrumental in the building of the bird blind on that same trail. She was the person who actually started e-mail communication for HSV Audubon Society. She initiated the *Birds of Hot Springs Village* checklist and the plastic nametags for our Society. Carolyn served as Vice President of the Arkansas Audubon Society, and has just finished two years as President of that state organization. She served on the Village Trails Committee and been a past chair of that committee. The list of her accomplishments goes on and on! The HSV Audubon Society would not be where it is today if it weren't for the efforts and insight of Carolyn Minson. She truly deserves this award.

We will be honoring Carolyn at the President's Award Luncheon on October 11, 2013. The luncheon will follow our October meeting, and will be held at Good Samaritan's dining facility. Cost will be \$10.00. Menu (as selected by Carolyn) will be Vegetable Pie with side salad and cheese biscuit, and sherbet with cookie for dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting, and I will be accepting checks made out to *HSV Audubon Society*. You can also contact me at c52cash@sbcglobal.net to let me know you're attending. You can then send the check to me at 10 Caribe Way, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909.

Hopefully all HSV Audubon Society members will take this opportunity to honor and thank Carolyn for all she's done for the HSV Audubon Society. I know that I'm extremely grateful for the wonderful guidance and support she's given me.

Again I thank you for all the support you've given me and our Society. It's been a wonderful two years, and I look forward to serving HSV Audubon Society in different roles in the future.

Sincerely,

Chris Cash

President, HSV Audubon Society

OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

2013 Board Members:

Chris Cash	President
Richard Kroetz	Vice President & Program Chair
Judy Rosenthal	Secretary
Ted Hommema	Treasurer
Andrea Mueller	Past President

Committee Chairs:

AAS Ecology Camp Co-Chair	Teri LaBove Josie Farrell	Christmas Bird Count Co-Chair	Chris Cash Lynn Sackett
School Outreach	Beverly Newsom Salisbury	Reports	Paul Winberg
Bird Houses/Feeders	Adolph Juarez	E-Communications	Carolyn Minson
Bird ID Instruction	Keith Salisbury	Field Trips	Vic Prislipsky
Bird Seed Sales	Diane Condon	Historian	Wanda Schmitz
Bluebird Monitoring	Les Daniels	Membership	Angela Taylor
Chirp Publication	Angela Taylor	Memorials & Gifts	Maury Baker
Articles and review by Beverly Salisbury and other HSV Audubon members		Publicity	Vic Prislipsky
		Webmasters	Kay Creighton Peggy Myles

For Your Information



PROGRAMS

Meetings are usually held the second Friday of each month
at 10:00 am at the Coronado Center

October 11

Dr. Wilbur Owen, Adaptations of Birds for Flight

Dr. Owen graduated from the University of Arkansas with a doctorate in Biology, his specialty is Parasitology. He retired from the University of Central Arkansas after 37 years of teaching Biology, Comparative Anatomy, Parasitology, and Zoology. He now resides on Petit Jean Mountain with his wife Betty and is an avid crappie fisherman. Wilbur will discuss the characteristics of birds and the various modifications to the ten systems of the body that allow birds to fly. He will also cover the differences and functions of the various feathers on a bird.

November 8

Tim Ernst, Arkansas Wilderness Photography

Tim Ernst will provide a slide presentation based on his newest photographic publication. He has offered many presentations in the past and is a very popular presenter since he has been traveling around the wonderful Ozark Mountains for most of his life capturing beautiful images for everyone to enjoy. His photographs have appeared in numerous national, regional and local publications.

Tim has been a long-time outdoorsman and hiker, and was president of the Ozark Highlands Trail Association for 28 years. Much of his time is spent in teaching digital photography workshops in the Buffalo River Wilderness. His newest book, trail guides, individual photographs and earlier books on Arkansas will be available following the presentation at discounted prices.

December 13

Dr. Dan Scheiman, Birds Of Equador

Dr. Scheiman's formative birding years and graduate research were supported by Audubon Chapters, "Now," says Dan, "it is my turn to give back to the organization that gave me so much." Dr. Scheiman manages multiple federal, state and private grants aimed at improving bird habitat, improving water quality, controlling invasive plants, and engaging the public in conservation. Education is also a part of his mission through presentations, bird walks, articles, workshops, as well as radio and TV interviews. He received his B.S. from Cornell University, M.S. from Eastern Illinois University, and Ph.D. from Purdue University, all with an emphasis on ornithology. He has worked for Audubon Arkansas since 2005 and has seen over 340 of Arkansas's 410 bird species.

In January of this year Dan went on a bird watching expedition on the equator in South America to see the birds in Ecuador. This country, located on the western coast of South America, has a wonderful diversity of climates ranging from tropical to high mountains that extend up to 20,702 feet.

January 10

Tentative, Water Birds

In process as of this printing, please check website for future update.

February 14

Jerry Butler, The Birds Of Hawaii

In process as of this printing, please check website for future update.

March 14

Mr. David Saugey, Bats.

This program covers the basic biology of bats, their beneficial qualities, and the effects of white-nose syndrome (a fungal disease that has been decimating bat populations in the North-East part of the US and has recently been discovered in a cave in Arkansas.)



Sep 20

FIELD TRIP

Details on additional field trips or local birding trips will be provided later.

Please check the website and watch for e-mail notices from Carolyn Minson.

Mt. Magazine to see migrating hawks. Please note, the rain date is September 23.

On Friday, September 20th, we will join park naturalist, Don Simons, to watch for and count migrating hawks.

We will leave the Desoto Club parking lot 7:30 in hopes of reaching the visitor center at 9:30. There won't be much walking but there may be a short hike to see if we can find a rufous-crowned sparrow. Bring water and if you like, a lawn chair. I'm sure many of us will want to have lunch at the lodge.

In case of poor weather, we have Monday the 23rd as a backup. If you drive up on your own, the people at the visitor center will know where Don/we are. Call Vic P. at 501-209-9314 if you need more info.

Hope to see you there. There will be signup sheet at the regular September meeting.



ADDITIONAL HSV AUDUBON INFORMATION

For additional information on upcoming events and activities, tips on birding or other news about the club, please take time to visit our web site

<http://www.hsvbirds.org/>



THEN AND NOW AUDUBON'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE CEDAR CREEK TRAIL

The Blue Bird Path section of the current Cedar Creek Trail was first proposed by Audubon's Lou Leonatti in 1992. Because the POA did not own the property, permission for the trail's establishment had to be attained from Cooper Communities, which Lou succeeded in doing. He was also heavily involved in plotting the trail. The Blue Bird Path led to the Kingfisher and Mourning Dove Paths being developed; all three were completed between 1995 and 1998, with the Cardinal Path added in 2003. Audubon paid for the wooden bridge on the Blue Bird Path.

This past June, Audubon members Angela and John Taylor, Rick Ericson, Peggy Payne, Sharon Fickes, Bill Reed, and Carolyn Minson trimmed and clipped the three lower loops of Cedar Creek Trail. The following week, Chris and Rick Cash, Vic Prislipsky, and Carolyn completed additional work on the Mourning Dove Path.

POA crews resurfaced all the paths and the condition of the trail surface is possibly as good as it has ever been.

Lou Leonatti and Dick Bunner first placed tree ID tags on Cedar Creek Trail; then Les Daniels, Will Lewis, Wally Johnson, and Carolyn Minson completed two additional rounds of replacing and adding new tree tags. Like the trail itself, the tree tags require upkeep, and late in June, Adolph Juarez and Keith Salisbury completed the maintenance currently required.

Adolph and Keith straightened and replaced tags as needed. They also substituted new screws for all of the old screws and nails and replaced the springs behind the tags where needed. Two of the tagged trees had died, so they moved their tags to different trees. There are now twenty-nine tree ID tags spread around the Blue Bird loop.

The next steps in Adolph and Keith's plan are to identify some trees on the Beaver Dam Trail, order tags and springs as necessary, and install tree ID tags there later this fall.

We can be pleased that Audubon members were involved with the creation of Village nature trails and that they continue to help with maintenance on the Cedar Creek trail. Members will continue in the club's effort to identify trees on the two trails considered the best Village nature trails, Cedar Creek and Beaver Dam. Thanks to those who accomplished a considerable amount of hard work in order to further HSV Audubon's goals.

-Beverly Salisbury

HSV Audubon Society Ecology Camp Potluck Dinner



On Friday, July 12, Audubon members honored the six local Halberg Ecology Camp scholarship recipients and their families with a Potluck Dinner held at the HSV Townhouse Community Center. After a successful bird identification led by Carolyn Minson and a tasty meal, first year campers, Amy DeHaas, Kimberlyn Tigert, Sidney McCann and senior camper, Morgan McDaniel shared their experiences from Camp. Grace Robertson, a senior camper who was unable to attend, emailed her response to the questions asked the campers; her remarks were read attendees. Camper Haylie Ringgold was also unable to attend. Camper's parents also thanked Audubon members for our efforts in helping send the students to the camp.

The dinner was organized by Andrea Mueller with the help of many members, who assisted with set up, clean up and of course lots of great food. Josie Ferrell and Teri LaBove co-chaired the scholarship program which included three local schools. Josie, Teri and Andrea send a big THANKS to all members who helped make this year's dinner eventful for the campers and their families.

Audubon members are encouraged to put July 11, 2014 on their calendars for next year's dinner.



Any 11 or 12 year old can apply to the annual ecology camp or request more information about next year's camp online at www.arbirds.org or by contacting Teri LaBove at (501) 915-9101.

BIRD ANAGRAM

Rearrange "DUNK OLD CAD" to find the name of a famous cartoon bird

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2013 AAS Fall Meeting

The meeting will be September 27-29 at the Quality Inn and Convention Center in Harrison, AR. Call the hotel at 870-741-7676 to book a room. Tell them you are with the Arkansas Audubon Society to get the \$76 per night rate. Rate includes the hot breakfast buffet. The rate is also available Thursday night, Sept. 26.

ACTIVITIES

All meetings, programs, and meals will be held at the Quality Inn Convention Center. Field trip locations are as noted.

Friday, September 27

Registration and Meetings

Afternoon Field Trips - Baker Prairie Natural Area and AGFC Fred Berry Conservation Education Center

Evening Program - "Buzzard Love: It Could Be Verse" (Jo Lightfoot, Freelance Artist, Poet, & Writer)

Saturday, September 28

Field Trips - Lead Hill/Peel and Bull Shoals Lake, Upper Buffalo River and Cave Mountain, Buffalo River at Erbie and Harness Prairie, Ozark Natural Science Center Grounds and Trails, Baker Prairie Natural Area

Evening Program – "Astounding Crossbill Irruption: Arkansas 2012-2013" (Jo Neal)

Sunday, September 29

Field Trip - Ninestone Land Trust

For additional details and a registration form visit <http://www.arbirds.org/>



Arkansas Native Plant Society Fall Meeting 2013 October 11-13, Ozark Folk Center, Mountain View

The Ozark Folk Center is dedicated to providing living history and exists to preserve, document, display, and interpret the cultural and social history of the Ozark region, an area that takes up part of five states: Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

ANPS has reserved a block of 50 rooms within the campus of the Ozark Folk Center. All rooms have 2 queen beds; ask for a deluxe room if you want an outside deck. Please call (800) 264-3655 for reservations. Be sure to mention "Arkansas Native Plants" when making reservations.

Friday, October 11

Registration and pot luck (ANPSers are encouraged to bring snacks and munchies to share), field trip announcements and fall plant auction

Saturday, October 12

Day Hikes

Evening Program –The featured speaker is Tina Marie Wilcox who is the head gardener and herbalist at the Ozark Folk Center’s Heritage Herb Garden. She has presented countless educational and entertaining herb and gardening programs throughout the United States. Tina serves on the International Herb Association’s Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Herb Society of America, the Arkansas Native Plant Society, and the American Botanical Council.

Brent Baker and Jennifer Ogle will provide an update on the Arkansas Vascular Flora Project after the featured speaker.

General meeting

Sunday, October 13

Morning Hike - Trip information will be provided Saturday evening.

For additional information visit <http://anps.org/upcoming-events/>



Arkansas State Parks

Most programs repeat, check for dates on the main website <http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/> by doing a search using the program title or call the phone number listed with each program.

MIGRATION WATCH *Program repeats; check website or call for dates*

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Meeting Place: Cameron Bluff Overlook Drive

Admission: Free

Many animals migrate southward over Mount Magazine in September. Birds, butterflies, even spiders have been seen passing overhead. Especially watch for birds of prey flying by, sometimes at eye level, from high cliffs of Cameron Bluff. Help identify and tally hawks, falcons, and eagles and watch for surprises

Mount Magazine State Park

Ph: (479) 963-8502

mountmagazine@arkansas.com

SENIOR AMERICAN PROGRAM - *Contact the park for a schedule or to inquire about lodging and camping options.*

Experience the scenic beauty of Petit Jean State Park while enjoying the hospitality of the friendly park staff! Join us for free guided walks, talks, demonstrations and entertainment. Although designed for senior citizens, all ages are welcome to join in on the fun.

Petit Jean State Park

Ph: (501) 727-5441

petitjean@arkansas.com

LITTLE WILD ONES *Program repeats; check website or call for dates*

10 - 11 a.m.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center

Admission: Free

Young children and parents: Join us every Thursday for a program suited for children ages 3-7, better known as "Our Little Wild Ones!" These programs include story time, a craft activity, and some hands-on fun with a nature theme. Topics change weekly and with the seasons. Pre-registration for all Little Wild Ones and Home School programs is mandatory. This allows us to be better prepared and for each student to have the optimal experience. The maximum for each class is 20 students unless otherwise specified. Register by calling Maryanne Stansbury, PMSP Interpreter, at 501-367-0408 to register for a class. Leave a message and your phone number and you will be contacted.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park LAKE CRUISE

Ph: (501) 868-5806

pinnaclemountain@arkansas.com

CREATURE FEATURE *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center

Admission: Free

Join us every Thursday for a creature feature and feeding time of the animals on display in the visitor center. This fun-for-all-ages experience allows you to learn about these beautiful creatures and where they can be discovered in Arkansas. This program can be a complementary program to the Little Wild Ones early learning program that starts an hour earlier.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park LAKE CRUISE

Ph: (501) 868-5806

pinnaclemountain@arkansas.com

OWL PROWL *November 2, 2013, program repeats*

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Meeting Place: Arboretum Trailhead

Admission: \$5

Peek into the darkness and discover a world filled with owls. Join a park interpreter on a guided hike through the arboretum trail in search of these elusive nocturnal hunters. Advance payment and registration is required.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park

Ph: (501) 868-5806

pinnaclemountain@arkansas.com

FALL FOLIAGE LAKE CRUISE *November 2 & 3, 2013, check website*

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. or 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: Jolly Rogers Marina

Admission: \$12 adults, \$6 children ages 6-12

Experience the beauty of a tree rainbow along the shores of nearby Lake Maumelle, with Pinnacle Mountain on the horizon. Join a park interpreter for a guided tour of these amazing colors. Don't forget your camera; you won't want to miss the amazing foliage of the Ouachita Mountains. Advance payment required.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park

Ph: (501) 868-5806

pinnaclemountain@arkansas.com

WINTER DISCOVERY LAKE CRUISES *December 7, 2013, check website*

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: Jolly Rogers Marina

Admission: \$12 adults, \$6 children ages 6-12

Come prepared to discover Lake Maumelle as it springs to life...in the middle of winter! Pinnacle Mountain State Park and its surrounding water bodies host thousands of animals that have migrated south for the winter. A park interpreter will guide the way as we search for critters of all kinds that spend

the winter around the lake, hopefully even a few bald eagles. Dress for extremely cold and windy lake weather. Advance payment is required.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park

Ph: (501) 868-5806

pinnaclemountain@arkansas.com

CRITTER CRUNCH

Program repeats; check main website or call for dates

1:45 - 2 p.m.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center

Admission: Free

Lake Dardanelle's diverse habitats provide homes for many creatures large and small. Join a park interpreter in the kid's corner of the visitor center as she tells you about some of the smaller creatures. She is also feeding these creatures; so discover the small native wonders we have around us.

Lake Dardanelle State Park

Ph: (479) 967-5516

lakedardanelle@arkansas.com

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Program repeats; check main website or call for dates

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center

Admission: Free

We have 8,000 gallons of aquariums, filled with many of the fish species found in Lake Dardanelle. Join park staff in the visitor center as they feed the fish live food. See for yourself, what's for lunch?

Lake Dardanelle State Park

Ph: (479) 967-5516

lakedardanelle@arkansas.com



Fireflies: Nature's Twinkle Lights

Fireflies aren't flies at all! They are actually beetles, part of the Lampyridae family. True flies, such as house flies, have one set of wings, whereas fireflies have two pairs.

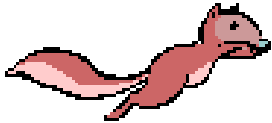
Who doesn't love summer's sparkling garden visitors? Fireflies, also known as lightning bugs and glowworms, are a delightful part of summer evenings; it's no wonder we all clamor to attract more. Not only are fireflies beautiful and luminescent, but their larvae have voracious appetites for insects and other pests, especially snails and slugs. Since fireflies flash in order to attract mates, they prefer habitats where their flirtatious gestures will display most effectively. So you can attract these twinkling friends by reducing extra lighting on your property. Cutting down on, or even better, eliminating the use of chemicals on your lawn will help too.

There are also certain plants that can be incorporated into your garden to attract fireflies. Any kind of low overhanging trees, tall grass, or similar vegetation will provide adult fireflies a place to rest and stay cool during the day. Create a firefly habitat by adding ornamental grasses to your garden, such as pink muhly grass or zebra grass. You can also provide fireflies with a tasty treat by planting members of the carrot family, including caraway, coriander, dill, fennel, bishop's flower, Queen Anne's lace, and wild parsnip, which produce nectar and pollen that fireflies can't resist!



President's Award Luncheon To Honor Carolyn Minson

Join the HSV Audubon Society in honoring **Carolyn Minson** as she is presented with the **2013 President's Award**. The luncheon will be held on October 11, 2013 at Good Samaritan's dining room on Cortez Road off DeSoto - after the regularly scheduled Audubon meeting. The exact time is yet to be determined but should be around noon. Carolyn has chosen the menu for her luncheon: Vegetable Pie with side salad and cheese biscuit with a dessert of sherbet and a cookie. Cost is \$10.00. A sign-up sheet will be available at the September Audubon meeting. Make checks payable to *HSV Audubon Society*. You also can email Chris Cash at c52cash@sbcglobal.net to sign up, and then send your check to Chris at 10 Caribe Way, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909. See you there!



Dilemma

You can hang 'em from the branches, you can hang em from the roof.
But it still takes a real genius to make a bird feeder squirrel-proof!

Answer to Bird Anagram = DONALD DUCK