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Hello Seven Mountains Audubon Members,

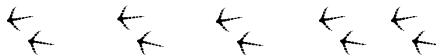
Welcome new and returning members to another year of "Auduboning" with your local chapter. As we start a new Audubon year, we are able to continue many of the traditional chapter activities and we are hoping to bring back a few from the past. One change has been made for this year. Due to the increasing cost of postage and supplies and our support of decreasing unnecessary waste, the board has decided to print only one newsletter this year. So...this is the only printed newsletter for the year. Make sure you hang onto this newsletter for your Seven Mountains Audubon information. We will be sending monthly emails which will include reminders and information. Please send your email address to Bonnie Ingram today to be included: bingram@pct.edu If you do not have an email address and have questions, please call one of the board members.

Your board has been working hard to continue community activities and services. Become involved with your chapter by joining us on monthly guided birding/nature walks and programs. The walks and programs are FREE and you do NOT need to be a member to participate. So join us and bring a friend! Your chapter has helped to "Keep PA Beautiful" by participating in the "Adopt-A-Road" program. This is a quarterly pickup along Furnace Road and anyone may participate. Seven Mountains Audubon also provides Audubon Adventure kits to several local elementary classes in Snyder, Union, and Northumberland counties to encourage conservation and appreciation of wildlife and wild places to our future generations. Sponsor a kit for a teacher today! Christmas Bird Count and Birdathon are two fun activities of local bird identification. It is surprising to see (literally) the variety of bird species right in our own back yards. These activities also act as a fundraiser for your chapter. Become involved by counting/identifying birds during these counts or sponsor someone who can! You may also see members at local events to educate the community about Audubon and our local chapter. Contact a board member if you would like to help at one of these events.

Your board is also looking into the possibility of sending a student or teacher to a camp this year. This experience will certainly make a lasting impression. More information to come. Finally, many of the board positions will become vacant in 2012 (including mine). Nominations will take place in Spring 2012. Contact a board member if you are interested in serving on this board. As you can see there are many ways to become actively involved with your local chapter.

I would like to personally thank this board for their hard work, dedication and patience. This is a VERY Audubon experienced and knowledgeable board working with an inexperienced Audubon President. It is a pleasure working with and knowing all of you. I am proud to serve with this board and for you, the members. Thank you for this opportunity.

I hope you are able to become involved this year.
Happy Birding!
Jennifer Mattive
2010-2012 President



Consider joining our **Reminder List** which is maintained by Bonnie Ingram. You will receive email reminders of programs, board meetings, and special events. If you would like to be added to this list please email Bonnie: bingram@pct.edu

Mark's List is maintained by Allen Schweinsberg as a means of informing people of regional bird sightings. You will also occasionally receive spectacular digital photos. To be added to the list please email Allen: aschwein@bucknell.edu

The **first Saturday of each month**, January through December, Seven Mountains Audubon provides a local field trip. All trips **depart 7:30 AM** in Lewisburg at the CVS side parking lot on SR 192, just west of US 15. Everyone is welcome. Trip leadership rotates informally and the site is usually announced a few days in advance via our **Reminder List**.

Please be sure to check our website for any updates or changes: <http://www.sevenmountainsaudubon.org>

SMA PROGRAMS 2011 - 2012 Most are held the third Wednesday of each month.
September 21, 2011

Extreme Islands of the Atlantic with Walt Pomeroy

From Iceland to South Georgia Islands, from Puffins to Penguins, this geographic whirlwind visits large and small islands from Iceland in the very North Atlantic to a surprise island that is in the US because of Ben Franklin to South Georgia off the coast of Antarctica with its incredible diversity of seabirds and penguins and rich maritime history.

Walt is a retired conservationist formerly on the staff of the National Audubon Society. He has also been associated with the Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers.

October 19, 2011

A Week in Costa Rica: Stalking the Wild Quetzal with Wayne Laubscher

There are over 800 species of birds living in the diverse habitats of Costa Rica. This Central American country offers birders great birdwatching opportunities from sea level to high mountain cloud forests. Here is found the Resplendent Quetzal, perhaps the most spectacular of all western hemisphere birds.

Wayne resides near Lock Haven, where he is the Clinton County compiler for Pennsylvania Birds and a veteran bander of Saw-whet Owls.

November 16, 2011

Why are amphibians so attractive? – with Mizuki Takahashi

Mizuki Takahashi will introduce basic taxonomy and ecology of amphibians with special focuses on Japanese and American species. He will also talk about conservation issues surrounding globally declining amphibian populations and present the summary of his dissertation work.

Born and raised in Japan, Mizuki came to the United States to study amphibians after he finished his master's degree in forestry at Tokyo University. In the U.S., he studied ecology, evolution, and reproductive biology of salamanders. After obtaining his Ph.D. from University of Memphis, he came to Bucknell to work with Warren Abrahamson on ecological divergence of herbivorous insects.

December 14, 2011 Please note this is the second Wed. of Dec.

Camaraderie & Dessert: Presented by Everyone

Continuing a long tradition, our December meeting will consist of member presentations. Anyone who wishes may bring along a nature-related item to share – slides, photos, carvings, poems, stories – let your imagination run wild! Feel free to just come and listen. After sharing, we will have dessert: cookies, and cider or lemonade.

January 18, 2012

Atacama with Craig Kochel

February 15, 2012

South America's Pantanal with Owen Floody and Andrea Halpern

March 21, 2012

Barn Owls with Mario Giazzon

April 18, 2012

Brook Trout in the Classroom with Joe Southerton and Mifflinburg 6th graders

May 16, 2012

Pennsylvania Birds: a Century of Change with Allen Schweinsberg

SMA Board Meetings...All members are welcome. If you have something you would like to bring to the group's attention please contact Jen Mattive, President, at jenswildlife@verizon.net or 837.3377 at least one week ahead of time. In case there are any last minute changes in location please contact any Board member the day of the meeting. Please join us even if you would just like to come listen. Board meetings are usually held the second Wednesday of every other month July to May. Next Board meeting is 14 September.

WHERE: All programs and meetings are held at the Kelly Township Supervisors' Building 551 Ziegler Road, Lewsiburg at 7:30 PM. We hope you will join us.

Please save this page for future reference. We look forward to a great year with everyone.



Artist Steven D'Amato

SPECIAL THANKS....

Roger Allison generously serving on our Board, donating tabling equipment and supplies, and tabling until his spring resignation.

Warren Frantz, Jill Largent and Jack, Alice Marquart, Judy Peeler, and Allen Schweinsberg, tabling at RB Winter State Park Summer Fest.

Jill Largent, Judy Peeler, Bob Reyda, and Allen Schweinsberg leading our First Saturday field trips.

Jill Largent and Jack donating a green laser for field trips.

Dick and Nancy Dagle, Jill Largent, Alice Marquart, Bob Reyda, and Joanne and Allen Schweinsberg helping with Furnace Road Cleanup.



Artist **Steven D'Amato**

WELCOME 44 NEW MEMBERS

Sherry Armstrong

Paulette Ax

Ginger Baker

Nathan Baker-Trinity

Jane Baumgardner

William F. Bingaman

Robert M. Boardman

Carl Bonnell

Nathan J. Boob

Frank S. Chase

Bonnie R. Clawser

Jenna Cole

Dean Davis

Christine Dotterer

Dennis E. Frymoyer

Marie Ginsburg

Cathy Haffner

James Hause

Mary Henrie

Raymon Hoekman

Barbara Hummel

Hester & Robert Kalin

Camille Kriner

Keith R. Library

Brandon Martin

Angela Miller

Wayne & Patti Murray

Phoebe Oshirak

Charlotte K. Pennypacker

Mary Poremsky

Bea Prosseda

Harvey Reiff

Grace Roupp

Nancy Sausser

Patricia R. Stauffer

Joe Stenglein

Steven Styers

Barbara Turrell

Duane Weaver

Deborah Werntz

Seth Wheeland

Kathryn Wicklund

Explore our SMA blog to see our monthly e-newsletters, Photos taken by members; About Us; Favorite birding spots, books, eateries; green Resources, Gardening for Wildlife, and much more:

<http://sevenmountainsaudubon.blogspot.com/>

If you are a SMA member and would like to help edit the blog please contact Debby Meade:

dmeade2@gmail.com Creative ideas are welcome as well as computer skills.

SPECIAL EVENTS BY OTHER AREA ORGANIZATIONS.....

American Rivers Presentation

Tuesday, October 11, 6:45 PM

SPONSOR: Otzinachson Regional Group of the Sierra Club

A speaker from the Camp Hill office of the American Rivers conservation organization will present a program on the threatened Susquehanna River. Sponsor link: <http://pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/otzinachson/>

American Rivers link: <http://www.americanrivers.org/about-us/>

WHERE: Public Library for Union County 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg.

Fall Family Festivities

Saturday, October 22, 3 PM through evening...rain date October 23, with all activities starting one hour earlier.

SPONSORS: Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy and Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance

Features traditional autumn activities including Ard's popular corn maze, a hayride, a bonfire and Ard's deluxe hotdog picnic. Event Sponsors' projects. Fee charged. **Reservation deadline is Friday October 14th.** Members may reserve online at the Linn website: <http://www.linnconservancy.org>. Everyone may register by calling the Linn office at 570.524.8666. See websites for details: <http://www.linnconservancy.org> or <http://www.buffalocreek.org>

WHERE: Ard's Farm 4803 Old Turnpike Rd, Route 45, west of Lewisburg.

15th Annual Home Gardeners' School

Saturday, March 3, 9 AM - 4 PM (Pre-registration required)

SPONSOR: Penn State Cooperative Extension

Presented in cooperation with Penn State Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and area garden clubs. Keynote address plus other classes. Registration will be available online, via phone, or mail. Full details including photos of previous schools and the new venue will be on the HGS blog as planning proceeds: <http://gardeningpa.blogspot.com/> Information is also available through Penn State Cooperative Extension Program in Union County: 570-966-8194.

WHERE: Milton Area High School 700 Mahoning St. Milton



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Phone: 837.3377 Please leave a message on T&D Cats answering machine.
Email:
info@sevenmountainsaudubon.org

National Audubon's Mission: To conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I want to join Seven Mountains Audubon and National Audubon Society for \$20 for a year.</p> | |
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| <p>Mail to: Seven Mountains Audubon, P.O. Box 389, Lewisburg, PA 17837</p> | |