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APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Monarch Butterflies — Conservation and Preservation

MaryRose Noto-Hardy is an avid gardener with a lifelong passion for butterflies and nature. In 1997, after studying with international butterfly habitat consultant Rick Micula, she began raising butterflies and advocating for their habitat conservations. This led to her participation in monarch tagging and research programs to aid Dr. Chip Taylor of the University of Kansas in his studies of monarch migration.

MaryRose has presented programs to schools, garden centers, and community service groups to heighten awareness of monarch conservation. She has been instrumental in the creation of several monarch habitats in our area. These habitats, as well as her own backyard, are certified as "Monarch Waystations."

Her program discusses how monarchs and their annual migration have become seriously threatened by human activities in both their summer habitat and overwintering sites in Mexico. She will explain monarch biology and habitat requirements to help us better understand the resources needed for these beautiful but fragile creatures to thrive and reproduce.

Please join us on October 16 at Christ Presbyterian Church in Camp Hill. We will begin at 7PM with a social gathering. Our brief chapter meeting starts at 7:30 followed by the program.



Join us on October 16 at 7:00
for this great program!

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Wild Borneo

On Thursday, November 20, we will travel to Borneo with Steve Rannels, who will discuss the natural world of this fascinating country and nearby Northern Sulawesi. The presentation will include a description of the forests of this region and discuss how the creatures of the area have adapted to changes that occurred before and after the last ice age, with an emphasis on the perspective of Alfred Russel Wallace, a 19th century naturalist. Rich in plant, insect, bird, and mammal life, Borneo is a must have visit for naturalists.

A zoology major at Penn State, Steve received a PhD in physiology from the PSU College of Medicine. He resides in Hershey with his wife Sharon. Now retired, Steve continues his travel to areas that feed his interest in nature.

As always, our evening begins at 7PM with a social gathering at Christ Presbyterian Church. We will follow that with our monthly chapter meeting and Dr. Rannels' program.



SAVE THE DATE!
Wild Borneo: November 20

2014 Birdseed Sale

The weather treated us well for the 2014 Birdseed and Feeder Sale, and our customers will be making a lot of birds happy this winter. Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers, listed below, who shared their time and energy on September 26 and 27 to make the sale a success.

Chris Atwood	Ann Glasscock	Susan Miller
Julia Atwood	Bob Glasscock	Dominic Mirarchi
Karen Atwood	Mary Ann Ingream	Hank Osborn
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Sue Hannon	Mark Markiewicz	Sue Strassner
	Annette Mathes	Paul Zeph
	Joan Miller	

We also want to express our appreciation to the following businesses and organizations for their assistance with the sale:

Tim Lehman and Davis Country Living Agway – seed and feeder supply, and set up assistance

Boscov's Camp Hill – space to hold the sale and loan of tables and chairs

Equipment Depot – use of a forklift

Isaac's Famous Grilled Sandwiches – meals for the volunteers

Wood and Myers Oral Surgery – sign placement

Lower Allen Township – use of traffic cones

PA Audubon – use of tables and canopy

Thanks, also, to everyone who purchased seed and feeders. Funds raised at this event support AAS educational and conservation activities. We hope to see you again next year!

From top: Eli carries 50 lb. of Black Oil Seed. *Photo by John Latsha.*

Peggy helps with feeders. *Photo by Karen E. H. Atwood.*

Deb, Annette, John and Susan at checkout. *Photo by Karen E. H. Atwood.*



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT YOU MIGHT KNOW — Appalachian Audubon traditionally offers several scholarships to day and week-long youth or educator camps for “natural history-related” education: ornithology/bird studies, conservation, field biology, environmental, or leadership. This year we will again seek applicants for the 5-night/6-day **Teen Camp Scholarship at Hog Island** for teens aged 14 to 17 interested in learning about Ornithology/Natural History (birds and more). Sessions are led by world-renowned naturalists and scientists. Lodging is provided in rustic cabins on beautiful Hog Island, in Muscongus Bay, off the mid-coast of Maine. Learn more about Hog Island at www.hogisland.audubon.org.

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW — We are also considering offering a scholarship to Audubon’s Family Camp, designed for at least one child plus one parent/adult relative.

The Audubon **Family Camp** partial scholarship **under consideration** would be for a 5-day/6-night mid-August camp on Hog Island. This is designed for campers 8–12 years old. A “Parent/Guardian or Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle” must accompany each child. We may prioritize adult educators with children, but may also welcome other applicants. Family Camp is a unique opportunity to enjoy nature together in a pristine environment that offers a wide variety of habitats for nature study.

Application instructions/forms for the Hog Island scholarship(s) will be posted to our website as soon as we have details available — please keep checking.

Scholarship opportunities for other camps will be posted in early 2015 as we get more information.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A HOG ISLAND CAMP FOR 2015 | Chapter members (priority), and non-members from our chapter territory (*Cumberland, Dauphin, Northern York, and Perry counties*), please let us know as soon as possible if you have an interest in these opportunities. This is NOT a commitment on your part but a show of potential interest in applying. **Please email Karen Atwood, atwoodphoto1@verizon.net, by November 10, 2014. Please also note which camp is of interest, and the likelihood that attendance in the summer of 2015 would be possible, if you were to apply and be selected to attend.** Reserving a camp space at Hog Island requires a monetary deposit from our chapter. These camps are immensely popular so holding a space is vital, but we want to know that there is interest in these opportunities. Thank you!

Hog Island – A Youth Camper’s Experience

Nathan Vorodi was the 2014 recipient of the AAS scholarship to the youth camp held at Hog Island this past summer. He will give a short presentation on his experience at the camp, prior to our program, on Thursday, October 16. Nathan will tell us what the week at Hog Island meant to him and how it broadened his perspective on nature.



Looking Forward to the Annual Christmas Bird Counts

December will be here before you know it. Because this is such a busy time of the year we thought we’d post an early reminder about the Christmas Bird Counts conducted in our area. Never done one? It’s great fun and it gives you the opportunity to become a citizen scientist for the day.

Consider joining one of the following counts:

Harrisburg CBC – Saturday, December 20, 2014. Contact Deuane Hoffman at 524-7475 or corvuscorax@comcast.net.

New Bloomfield CBC – Saturday, December 27, 2014. Contact Ramsay Koury at rkoury123@aol.com.

York Springs CBC (Cumberland, Adams, York Counties) – Monday, December 29, 2014. Contact Vern Gauthier at 385-9526 or pabirder@gmail.com.

Curtain Count CBC – Monday, December 29, 2014. Contact Scott Bills at sbills@pa.gov.

Newville CBC – Sunday, January 4, 2015. Contact Bill or Linda Franz at wlf Franz1@yahoo.com.



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AAS monthly programs typically take place on the third Thursday of each month at the **Christ Presbyterian Church** located at 421 Deerfield Road, in the Allendale neighborhood of Camp Hill. Join us at 7:00pm for socializing and refreshments. The program begins at 7:30pm.

DIRECTIONS

I-83 southbound — take exit 40B towards New Cumberland. Stay straight, cross Carlisle Road to Cedar Cliff Drive. Turn left onto Allendale Way and turn left onto Deerfield Road. The Church is on the left. Park in the second lot.

I-83 northbound — take exit 40B, turn left onto Carlisle Road/Simpson Ferry Road and go under I-83. Turn left again at the light onto Cedar Cliff Drive. Turn left onto Allendale Way and turn left onto Deerfield Road. The Church is on the left. Park in the second lot.

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Field Trips

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

Sunday Evening, October 19, 2014 — **Owl Banding with Sandy Lockerman at Small Valley**

Mid-October has historically been the peak of Saw-whet Owl migration. Bird bander Sandy Lockerman will demonstrate owl banding (if an owl is caught!) to a group of no more than 10 participants. Dress warmly as there is no heat in the cabin. The banding should be completed by 12 midnight. The group will meet near Harrisburg at 6:30PM. Contact Rick Price at 657-1950 or rprice210@comcast.net to see if space is still available.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

Friday, November 14, 2014 — **Tour of Huntsdale State Fish Hatchery**

If you have wondered where some of the trout in Pennsylvania's cold water streams and lakes come from, then this trip is perfect for you. A Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission staff member will take us on a tour of the Huntsdale Fish Hatchery, located about 12 miles southwest of Carlisle. Huntsdale is one of the areas where the trout are bred and raised. This trip is being held on a weekday so that a staff member is available to conduct the tour. The group will meet in the hatchery parking lot at 9:45AM. Contact Rick Price at 657-1950 or rprice210@comcast.net.