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Art and Craft Fair a Success



Photo by Bob Campbell

“Wonderful wildlife art!” “Amazing bird nests!” “Awesome snake show!” These were some of the remarks heard at the 24th Annual Northeast PA Audubon Society Art and Craft Fair held on July 18th and 19th this year. It was another great year for the show, which raises money for college and camp scholarships for youth in our Audubon district.

Save the Date



Photo by Georgette Pascotto

The **Annual Christmas Bird Count** will take place Sunday, December 20. This survey provides critical data to scientists who study the long-term trends in bird populations which helps gauge the health of our planet. To participate or for more information, call Barbara at (570)253-2364.

Attendance was up a bit over last year, the art was outstanding, and the artisans reported good sales.

Many thanks are owed to Dave Fooks, our hired organizer, Jim Sanders, the Audubon organizer, and to all those who volunteered their time and talents. Committee members included Kathy Dodge, Barb Leo, Georgette Pascotto, Nancy Savage, Janice Pearson, and Pat Sanders.

Many thanks to the volunteers who sold tickets, worked at the education table, and helped with setup and takedown, including Emi and Kevin Funk, Pete Snyder, Lisa Edwards, Chris Weigand, Lindsay George, Nadine Greco, Phyllis Terwilliger, Matt and Kelly Cordts, Keith and Mimi Williams, Sarah Bradley, Marileta Robinson, Jill and Sienna George, Debra and Walker Temperton, Vina, John and Prana Miller, Pete Schliessman, Jeff and Devon George, Bob Campbell, and Joan Thirion.

We are already looking forward to next year – the 25th anniversary of this fabulous local event!

—Pat Sanders

Mission Statement:

Our goal is to conserve and restore our environment to benefit humanity, birds, and other wildlife through education, action, and advocacy.



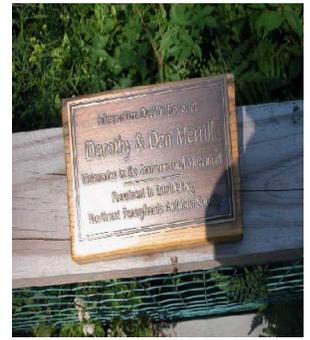
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Remembering Dorothy Merrill

Dorothy Merrill, one of the founders of our Audubon chapter, died this past June at the age of 97. She was a tireless crusader for the environment along with her late husband, Dan. They were back-

to-the-land people many decades before it became fashionable in the

1970s. They were instrumental in broadening the scope of our chapter beyond just birds because they understood that issues such as air, water, energy policy, and land use affect the future for all. We dedicated our viewing platform at Browning Beaver Meadow Sanctuary in their honor. Dorothy was able to see that platform before she died.



—Katharine Dodge

Matthew Cordts Attends Environmental Camp

Each year the Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society presents a scholarship to several area youth to attend an environmental camp. The



Photo by Pete Snyder

Chris Weigand, Matthew Cordts, Kathy Dodge

funding for the scholarship is generated from the annual Art and Craft Festival which was held July 18 and 19.

Matthew Cordts of northern Wayne County received a scholarship to Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Representing NEPA Audubon are Scholarship Chair Christine Weigand and President Kathy Dodge.

Legislative Breakfast

On July 31 our chapter participated in the 3rd Annual Legislative Breakfast of the Conservation Partnership, a group of conservation organizations within Pike and Wayne Counties dedicated to addressing issues of open space and protection of natural resources, including water. Through civic engagement the partnership provides education and open dialogue within the communities it serves.

The forum gives the conservation community the opportunity to engage in a conversation with all of our legislators, including county commissioners, state representatives, and congressional representatives, about current issues affecting the environment in which we live. This year we were joined by DCNR Acting Secretary John Quigley. The DCNR is promoting the Conservation Partnership in Wayne and Pike counties as it is currently organized as a model for other groups throughout the state. Topics discussed included support of a severance tax that provides dedicated funding to land, water and wildlife conservation and to local governments impacted by gas exploitation; the damages caused by drilling operations and pipeline offset; and support of further funding for Growing Greener under DCNR.

—Barbara Leo

Welcome New Members

Dorrance Belin	B. Negvesky
Sarah Bertsch	Susan Porter
Mary Felley	Bob Renna
Gale Lewis	Al Vantaza
Ruth Makelonis	Barbara Warren-Pace
Donna Mussman	Winston Wood



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Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, September 19: Bus trip to the famous Renewable Energy & Sustainable Living Festival. Leaving from Honesdale 7 AM, returning 9 PM. \$32 per person includes discounted entry to festival. To reserve seats, call Lacawac Sanctuary at: (570) 689-9494. Visit the festival website for a list of events & workshops:

<http://www.paenergyfest.com>. Sponsored by Northeast Pa. Audubon, Lacawac Sanctuary, and SEEDS.

Sunday, September 27: Bird Walk at Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary. 1 PM. Observe birds in pre-migration activities on this 600-acre sanctuary. Call Barbara at (570) 253-2364.

Saturday, October 17: Family Fun Day. 2 PM. PPL Learning Center, Rte 6 near Wallenpaupack High School. All ages welcome. Shell and grind corn, eat cornbread, paint with mud, build bird houses, and much more. Also, hear about this year's scholarship winners' adventures at camp! Call Kathy at (570)253-9250 for more information.

Saturday, October 24: "350" Day. See President's Message in this issue for details.

Friday, November 6: Saw-Whet Owl Banding. 8 PM. Witness humane capture, banding, data collection, and then the release of these small owls. This date may vary according to the owls' schedule, so call Bob at (570) 676-9969 for up-to-date information and details.

Tuesday, November 10: "Living and Eating Green." 7-9 PM. Chamber of Commerce Bldg. in Honesdale. An evening full of ideas for greener living. Also, see the movie *11th Hour*. Bring seeds to share, DVDs or books to trade or share. There will be door prizes and refreshments. Call Kathy at (570) 253-9250 for more information.

Monday, December 7: Audu-Bonding. 5:30 PM. Pat's & Jim's house in Dyberry. Join in the festivities at our annual holiday potluck board meeting. All members are welcome. Bring a covered dish to share. Call Pat & Jim at (570)253-4032 for details or directions.