



# Eco-Notes

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## Margaret Nebzydoski is NEPAS College Scholarship Winner

This year's scholarship winner is Margaret Nebzydoski, a 2022 graduate of Montrose Area High School. She is the daughter of Angela and Matthew Nebzydoski of Montrose, PA. Maggie will be attending the University of Vermont in Environmental Studies on a pre-law track. She wants to contribute to a healthier world and protect it for future generations.

**Congratulations to Margaret, we wish you the best in your career!**



## Exciting Things Are Happening at NEPAS!

### Wildlife Mural Open House on August 19 10 AM—2 PM

Audubon and the Wayne Conservation District are hosting two Open Houses celebrating the Wildlife Mural in the District Office, at the Park Street Complex, 648 Park Street in Honesdale: June 24 and August 19 from 10 to 2 each day. There will be fun activities for all ages, using the teaching opportunities the mural and accompanying taxidermy collection provide. Refreshments will be available, too. To make this even more fun for families, there are three opportunities to celebrate solar energy: while your kids use the playground adjacent to the building, you can plug your phone into a solar cell phone charger, while watching them play! And, if you are lucky enough to have an electric vehicle, you can plug it into the charger outside the Stourbridge Project Building. Visit the solar kiosk on the second floor of the Stourbridge Project to see, in real time, how much energy the solar panels on the roof are making! Before you get tired out, check out another mural kids recently painted along the trail that leads to downtown Honesdale.



### OCTOBER 8 EVENT

Enjoy Fall foliage while helping with our annual litter pick-up in Lake Ariel: October 8, 2022 starting at 9 AM. We need at least twelve volunteers to make it work. The more we have the less time it will take! So, mark your calendars and contact Audubon to sign up: call 570-253-9250 or email [audubonworks@gmail.com](mailto:audubonworks@gmail.com).

## Troop 102 Builds Duck Boxes for Price Simpson

Thank you to Marshall Davis from Troop 102, who brought together his troop in early spring of 2022, to build 8 duck boxes, which they then placed in Price Simpson Wetland, an NEPAS sanctuary. The boys got the lumber from Polly's Sawmill in Lake Ariel, using Pine wood to construct the boxes. They added metal roofs to provide better protection to the boxes from the elements. When mounting the boxes on the poles in Price Simpson, the boys added galvanized pipes to the bases of the posts, to ensure animals such as squirrels and chipmunks couldn't climb up into the boxes. According to Davis, "Everyone who participated in the project could attest that we had a great time doing it. For instance, my dog got in a standoff with a large crawfish and they both exchanged threatening symbols but never attacked each other. It was really funny and definitely an extremely memorable moment for everyone there."



## NEPA Gives a BIG Win for Northeast PA Audubon Society!

This was the first year that our NEPAS group participated in the one day online giving event called NEPA Gives, sponsored by five area Community Foundations. We were delighted to raise \$5,395 in 24 hours through this effort – money that will go towards our college and camp scholarships. This will definitely help to offset the lack of revenue from this year's canceled Art and Craft Festival!

We thank everyone for their generous donations and work on NEPA Gives day. We got a \$1,000 extra award for having the most unique donors (55) in Wayne County and that put us over our \$4,000 goal - an unexpected bonus!

We learned a lot from this first NEPA Gives campaign and plan to work harder and surpass our goal next year! The campaign is a wonderful community effort that raised over \$1,260,000 through 5,700 donors to benefit 218 non-profit organizations. NEPA Gives has given much-needed support to our local nonprofits, especially during these challenging times.

Thank you again to all who donated and helped – we are truly grateful.



## A Letter from Northeast PA Audubon Society President

Greetings.

Spring has finally sprung and summer is around the corner. Hope you are all enjoying the birds as they arrive back home or are on a stop-over as they migrate north. Our yard is full of multiple species of Warblers, Baltimore Orioles, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and Ruby Throated Hummingbirds to name just a few. Our feeders are being emptied on an almost daily basis. We jokingly say they are eating us out of house and home.

On an aside, if you have a love for birds and nature and want to make a difference we are currently seeking members who would be interested in serving on our Board of Directors. NEPAS is not only involved with bird watching we also strongly support environmental issues and environmental education. If you feel strongly about these issues and would like to get involved e-mail us at [Audubonworks@gmail.com](mailto:Audubonworks@gmail.com) or call us at (570) 253-9250. We look forward to hearing from you. Happy Birding.



Peace

Mimi Williams

### Thank you to Jim and Pat Sanders for 18 Years of Service

A big thank you to Pat and Jim Sanders for serving on our Board of Directors for 18 years, serving in various roles: Jim as president, chair of our sanctuary committee, our guide on strategic planning, and who instigated our new governance committee; Pat as our secretary and chair of our membership committee which required a learning curve navigating the mysteries of National Audubon's membership data bases. They are retiring from the board, making space for the next generation to carry on the important work of our organization. We wholeheartedly thank them for their commitment to Audubon and to the larger community. Pat and Jim, we will miss seeing your familiar faces and your valuable input and wisdom at our board meetings, but are so grateful that you have offered to continue as committee members helping with membership and our sanctuaries.



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## **Update from Browning Beaver Meadow**

If you have not been to visit NEPAS sanctuary, Browning Beaver Meadow, this summer is the perfect time to do so! A best-kept secret only 25 minutes north of Honesdale, PA, this beautiful 78-acre preserve is owned and maintained by the Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society. Wildflowers and birds abound along the 3/4-mile trail, which is open to the public. There are two new parking areas and a wheelchair-accessible observation deck that overlooks a large pond where waterfowl and beaver can be seen. *Directions:* From Honesdale, take Rt. 191 north 16 miles. Turn left at the Lookout General Store on Helmer's Hill Road. Go 0.8 mile, and turn left at the sanctuary sign on Hawley Road. Please call (570) 253-9250 for more information.



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