HELP US GROW!

Just as a plant needs sunlight, water, and soil to thrive, Saw Mill River Audubon needs your support to maintain and expand our programs. When you give to our annual appeal, you can be confident that 100% of your donation supports our local education and conservation efforts.

I WISH TO DONATE.

Enclosed is:

☐ $500  ☐ $250  ☐ $100
☐ $50  ☐ $20  ☐ $ ______

☐ My employer will match my gift.

Please make checks payable to:
Saw Mill River Audubon
275 Millwood Road
Chappaqua, NY 10514

I'D LIKE TO JOIN

Basic Chapter Membership:
Enclosed is $20
Please send me planned giving info.

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S P E C I A L   E V E N T

Saturday, June 24 • 10:00 am to noon • Mickel Farm, Briarcliff Manor
All About Ferns
In the wild, ferns have become an increasingly important component of the understory of forests frequented by deer. At home, ferns are taking their rightful place as an important and beautiful component of the shade garden. John Mickel, Curator of Ferns at The New York Botanical Garden, will increase your ability to identify and understand ferns wherever you see them. He will talk about ferns you might encounter in the wild and those which you might not have thought of including in your horticultural repertoire, with illustrations and discussion of ferns of all sizes, ranging from the small Himalayan maidenhair to evergreen wood ferns and giant ostrich ferns. A tour of the ferns at Mickel Farm is included! This event is free and open to the public but pre-registration is required by phone or email to Saw Mill River Audubon. Directions and more details will be provided to registered participants.

Saturday, July 8 • 9:00 to 10:30 am • Pruyn Sanctuary, Chappaqua
Pruyn Sanctuary Walk
See description under Saturday, June 10. Regular second Saturday walk at Pruyn.

Saturday, July 9 • 10:00 am to noon • Brinton Brook Sanctuary, Croton
Brinton Brook Butterflies & Dragonflies
Meet at 10 am in main parking area for an exploration of resident butterflies and dragonflies. Bring binoculars but please do not bring nets. We have learned that it is better not to handle these fragile creatures. Come learn more about the other winged wildlife that grace our local habitats! Leader: Trudy Battaly.

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Weckers Celebrated at Annual Dinner

Saw Mill River Audubon celebrated a combined 75 years of service by Stan and Rita Wecker at our annual dinner on Sunday, April 9 at the Travelers Rest in Millwood. Members and friends, including several past board members, gathered for a special evening that included our annual meeting and election, digital images of the Arctic by Greadsley High School teacher Bob Odoo, guitar music by Mike Bynes, and several special recognitions of the Weckers upon their retirement from the SMRA board. Retiring board member Jim Anderson was also presented with a framed photograph taken by Burton Leiser in recognition of Jim’s outstanding service. Among the presentations to the Weckers were signed proclamations from Audubon New York, Westchester County, the New York State Assembly and the US House of Representatives. In reply, Stan offered one of his famous limelicks to the great entertainment of all. It was an evening to remember! The 2007 Annual Audubon Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, April 1, 2007. We look forward to seeing you there!

Welcome Members

Briarcliff Manor Sandra M. Hailer, John Novomsky, Jr. Chappaqua Barbara A. Castrataro and Tom Howard, Ms. Sheila Crespi, Ms. Catherine A. Gesman, Shirley A. Griggs, Sara Kelly, Mrs. Florence A. Smith Cortlandt Manor Steve Badge, Hugh K. Gaines, Carol Hall Croton-on-Hudson Robert Armanini, Rosemary Dowling, Robert and Marie Donnelly Millwood Robert and Rita Wecker

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Brinton Brook Re-Posted

Thanks for the Boulders!


Passages

Barbara Appel

We note with sadness the passing of Barbara Appel in February at the home of her daughter in Vermont. Barbara was a long time resident of Pleasantville and an active member of SMRA. She will be remembered for her numerous original drawings created for our newsletter for more than ten years. (Two of her drawings are featured here.) Barbara had a great interest in nature and the environment and expressed this in her art. Barbara was also very active with the Monday Walkers of Saw Mill River Audubon. Her husband Tom was one of the founding Directors of SMRA. Our organization owes much to their skills and loyalty.

Irene Panko

We extend our sympathies to Drew Panko and his family on the passing of Drew’s wife, Irene, in early May. We acknowledge, with appreciation, the family’s desire to direct gifts in lieu of flowers to Saw Mill River Audubon to be used for the purchase of binoculars for our field trips. Drew Panko, a former SMRA board member, has coordinated the Fire Island Hawk Watch for more than 20 years.

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by Elizabeth Kolbert

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Book Notes


A fascinating book. A page or two about anything you want to know about the ocean: ships, fishing, otters, squids, dugongs, mollusks, whales, crustaceans, and more.

Lavishly illustrated with both photographs and drawings, this is a book that’s hard to put down once it is opened.

Thin Ice by Mark Bowen

Tales of adventure and climate science above 20,000 feet. Author/physicist/mountaineer Mark Bowen joined groups measuring and taking ice cores from glaciers and ice caps near the tops of the low-latitude world.

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