



# The Limpkin Call

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## **Message from the President-** Jerry Bohmann

For those of you who have left us to enjoy the Florida Summer. we welcome you back and hope that you have brought plenty of enthusiasm with you. There is also a welcome for those who stayed like the native birds who understand that migration uses up much energy which can be utilized in other ways such as producing The Limpkin Call! By now you should have received the Program of OVAS for 2003-4 and hope you find it of interest and stimulate you to participate actively. We continue to meet with Trout Lake Nature Center and call your attention to a change in time. To accommodate those coming from a distance, meetings will begin at **2:00PM** with refreshments served starting at 1:30PM..

**Theater Benefit- Please Note- Buy Your Tickets Now- The Show is in DECEMBER  
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF-** at the Melon Patch Players, Leesburg, Saturday, December 13, at 2:00PM.

Tickets are still only \$15. and the funds generated are *CRITICAL* for Audubon Adventures and Audubon Activities in general. Who sells tickets? Peg Murphy, 323 6089, Zell Kellogg, 735 3239, Darleen Hill, 357 0498 Plus any officer or director of OVAS.

**OSPREY TASK FORCE-** A group is being formed to locate and review possible sites for new Osprey Nesting Platforms. If you would be ready to join, call Fawn Vocci, 360 0507

## **COMING EVENTS**

**October 28- Tuesday- Regular Meeting. 2:00PM Refreshments at 1:30PM  
FLORIDA MOLLUSCA- Yvonne Rice- OVAS Member**

**November 12- Wednesday- Field Trip to P.E.A.R. (8 miles south of Leesburg) Meet at 8:AM at Publix parking lot Us 27 & CR 48. Leaders- Mary Remer & Peg Urban, 360 1291 or 326 3868.**

**November 16- Sunday- Regular Meeting. 2:00PM- *ST JOHNS RIVER-RIVER OF LAKES*- Bill Belleville, author and film producer.**

**November 29 Saturday- Field Trip to Blue Spring State Park (31 miles from Mt Dora) Meet at 8:00AM at Golden Triangle parking lot Mt Dora. Leader- Bruce Phillips, 315 0593**

**December 6 Saturday-Field Trip and OVAS Christmas Picnic Lunch. Birders meet at 9:00AM Winn-Dixie Eustis parking lot. Leader- Bob Rogers, 357 3005. Picnic Lunch 11:30AM TLNC.**

### **OVAS Chapter Membership Form**

**It is time to either renew or join Audubon! If you wish to do so as a local member, the cost is only \$10 per family per year. This entitles you to all membership benefits except subscription to the Audubon Magazine. Click the "Join Us" link.**

### **IBINI-TERA- LAKES CLEANUP- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

As last year, a number of organizations and cities are participating in a clean-up operation in the local lakes. The name Ibini Tera is from the Michoacan words, surprise- clean lake!

There will be a B-B-Q fest after at **Hickory Point** starting from 12 noon and OVAS will have a presence. Please try to spend some time there to demonstrate your support. For more information- Peg Urban, 326 3868.

### **FLORIDA BIRDING & NATURE FESTIVAL- OCTOBER 9-12 ST PETERSBURG**

This is the 6th year for this event, held at Eckerd College and sponsored by many group including Audubon of Florida and the local Audubons of Clearwater, Tampa & St. Petersburg. It includes keynote speakers, seminars and field trips which require fees ranging from \$10 to \$60. For complete information- visit- [www.pcef.org](http://www.pcef.org) or call toll free- 866 231 0586.

**AUDUDON ASSEMBLY 2003- OCTOBER 24-25- ORLANDO**

Audubon of Florida will hold its annual meeting on these dates at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, 9700 International Drive.

The theme is to set Conservation goals for next year and there will be seminars and workshops as well as two key speakers. Dr. William Weber will be keynote speaker and address "In the Kingdom of the Gorillas" and Julie Hauserman of The St. Petersburg Times on the topic- "How Ordinary People Can Change the World".

Registration costs are \$99. per person and include all activities on Friday and Saturday as well as all meals at the hotel. For more information & registration- [www.audubonofflorida.org](http://www.audubonofflorida.org). or call 407 539 5700, contact is Katie Gill Warner.

**AUDUBON CENTER FOR BIRDS OF PREY**

This center in Maitland which was part of our field trips this year is having a Special Program on the First Sunday of each Month.

On **October 5**- an Anniversary Celebration which honors 24 years of raptor rehabilitation with over 4,000 birds rescued AND released and over 5,000 environmental education programs at the center since 1979. Admission is free, but donations are much appreciated. Hours- 10-4PM

On **November 2** - Eagles in Florida. Learn about these magnificent birds and their important place in Florida. Information will also be available to anyone wishing to join Audubon EagleWatch, a nest-monitoring program. Admission- \$5. Hours- 2-4PM.

**5TH ANNUAL BLACK BEAR FESTIVAL- UMATILLA, OCTOBER 4**

This festival will take place at Cadwell Park in Umatilla on Saturday October 4 from 9:AM until 4:PM featuring conservation activities, material for teachers and information on preserving our black bear population. Food, drink and enough action for adults and children with story-tellers, musicians and bear-oriented items. Trout Lake Nature Center will be present with an exhibit and your participation benefits Florida Black Bears.

**WILDFLOWERS AND WONDERS OF NATURE WALKS**

Trout Lake Nature Center under the guidance of Naturalist Lavon Silvernell, is expanding its flower walks into other aspects of Nature, some in cooperation with the Lake County Water Authority. So far, the schedule looks like the following: Call Lavon at: 357 2536.

**October 3- Wildflowers and Wonders of Nature- TLNC 9:00AM**

**October 31- What Goes Tickle in the Night- A Spider Walk & Talk- Hickory Point  
6:30PM, Fred Bohler**