



THE LIMPKIN CALL

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COMING EVENTS:

March 8 Wednesday

Field Trip to Gatorland-Kissimmee

Despite the name, this is a major bird rookery. Best route is Turnpike and exit at Routes 441, 41, 92, then 5 miles south on 441 to the park.

Discount entrance price – about \$ 15. Meet at Golden Triangle parking lot Mt Dora, 8:00am. Leader- Bruce Phillips 315 0593.

March 28, Tuesday- 6:00PM

OVAS Annual Meeting- Election of Officers and Directors. And Pot Luck Dinner. Sign up with Darleen Hill to advise her what you will bring. Please bring either a Main Course, Salad/Vegetable or Dessert. Please provide a quantity that will serve ten people. As usual, bring your own place settings and cutlery to avoid using paper/plastic. Cups for beverages and paper napkins will be provided. Contact Darleen Hill- 357 0498. or use the form below.

Program will be presented by Margie La Roe, artist and storyteller. She is the creator of the wildlife diorama at Trout Lake. Dan Gribbon, singer and instrumentalist will join her in a program of nature-themed entertainment.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

I will bring-

- Main Course**
 Salad/Vegetables
 Dessert

(check one or more)

Darleen Hill, 142 Pine Ridge Dr. Leesburg, 34788 Phone- 357 0498

April 5, Wednesday

Heritage Boat Trip- Tavares. **Note-** Heritage has changed their location. They now depart from a landing at Harborside Restaurant on the south side of Route 441.

Restaurant was formerly known as Dead River Vic's. Meet there at 10:30am, boat departs at 11:00am. Sign up NOW with Leader Darleen Hill, 357 0498 as boat seating is limited to 32. Tickets- \$ 13.50 payable at the boat.

This is another great bird rookery site on the Dora Canal and Dead River!

April 22, Saturday

Emeralda Marsh- Drive the wildlife trail with expert birder Bob Rogers, 357 3005. This may be the best wildlife viewing spot in inland Central Florida- Don't Miss It!

Meet at Wood Duck parking lot Emeralda Marsh 8:30am.

April 30, Sunday

Regular Meeting, 2:00pm. Video presentation of Arctic Dance, the story of Olaus and Mardy Murie. The Muries were the prime movers in the establishment of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which thus far, has been preserved from destruction by oil drilling. Introduced by Nadine Foley. This is our last meeting until October! Try to be there.

SUPPORT OVAS WITH AMAZON

Amazon is not just a river and rain forest but a major web-site, for purchasing a variety of items. www.amazon.com began in 1996 selling books and music. Today it sells just about everything you need, including items from Toys 'R' Us, Target and Office Depot. And now if you make a purchase from Amazon through our website, Amazon makes a payment to OVAS. Go to our web-site, www.oklawaha-audubon.org and you will find on the Home Page, the Amazon icon. Click it whenever you want to shop at Amazon. and OVAS will receive a percentage from your purchase. This is not restricted to members; tell your friends who shop Amazon to use our website to do so too.

And a big thank you to our Web Master- Stan Boothby, who not only arranged this set-up but who also manages our web-site, which offers not only current information on your Audubon chapter but some great wildlife photographs too!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to Audubon and hope you will join in as participants at our meetings, field trips or as volunteers at Oklawaha Valley Audubon:

Thomas Bennett Jr.	Leesburg
Carla E. Brooks	Eustis
Jane Bill Collins	The Villages
Sharon Critchley	Sorrento
Dr F E Dark Jr	Leesburg
William Florian	Leesburg
Audrey E Gardner	Mt Dora
Dr Richard B Greer	Umatilla

Richard F Huber	Eustis
Betty Kahler	Howey
Frank LaRocca	Tavares
Earl Miller	Leesburg
Peter Moeller	Leesburg
Virginia Morgan	Eustis
Karen Parks	Leesburg
R Ridgard	The Villages
Clyde Rountree	Ferndale
Ted & Mitzi Ryerson	Tavares
Jean Wojciechowicz	Tavares
Doe Bertotti	Leesburg
Mark Frank	Eustis
Carol Knight	The Villages
Glenn Usilton	Tavares
Donald Adams	Leesburg
Ruth Baker	Lady Lake
William Beebe	Lady Lake
Bruno Briganti	Leesburg
E Carpenter	Leesburg
Richard Colville	Lady Lake
Helen Davis	Leesburg
Sidney Davis	Mt Dora
Jack Eichenburg	Tavares
Marshall Gaard	Mt Dora
J A Wettstein Griffin	Fruitland Park
Paul Guelich	Leesburg
George Halstead	Lady Lake
Alice Jones	Leesburg
Helen Jones	Fruitland Park
Anna Keckler	Howey
George Kohn	Leesburg
K G Kramer	Mt Dora
Jenifer Louer	Umatilla
Louise McFarland	Leesburg
Lowell Murray	Tavares
Betsy Noiles	Tavares
Jack Owens	Grand Island
Emilie Parker	Yalaha
Homer Poe	Leesburg
Isaac Poore	Leesburg
Dr Joe Rhile	Leesburg
Kristen Rogers	Eustis
Carol Russell	Umatilla
Dorothy Russell	Yalaha
John Schaefer	Fruitland Park

Evelyn Smith	The Villages
Lawrence Stark	Zellwood
Luke Steele	Zellwood
Judy Stopyra	The Villages
Rudolph Vucic	Tavares
William Waldron	Lady Lake
David White	Tavares
William Wilcox	Lady Lake
Herbert Wilker	Leesburg
Dudley Zeller	Umatilla
Kiley Caggiano	Eustis
Jennifer Macri	Tavares

Thank You to Audubon Adventures Donors

Now that we reach the end of our active season, we would like to thank again those who contributed to this program which allows us to bring the message of Conservation to the Lake County Schools.

Shirley Parsons
Nancy McAleer
Gail Burry
Edythe Fox
Sue Angermeier
Vicki Zaneis
Lucille Espey-Francis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Whether you live all year in Florida or not, you surely are aware of the damage done by hurricanes in the past two seasons in the Gulf area. While you cannot prevent storms, much can be done to mitigate their effects. Instead, the opposite has been happening. Developers are routinely given permits to fill in wetlands and build in places guaranteed to flood.

Audubon of Florida has a priority to protect coastal habitat. These include growth management, rules against developing marshes and other wetlands and an end to government subsidies for unsustainable coastal development.

What can YOU DO? Quite a bit. You can let public officials know your wishes by using your membership in one of the 42 Florida Chapters. Go to www.audubonofflorida.org and join the Florida Conservation Network, which then allows you to communicate easily

with your representatives on important policy matters. Your Vote Does count. (Today, even in Florida!)

Jerry Bohmann

GREAT FLORIDA BIRDING TRAIL

After five years of effort, this 2000 mile, 446 stop trail has been completed in South Florida. The 12 southern counties have added 116 more sites so that the total trail contains 446 locations..

The state has recognized that Florida is a goal for the eco-tourist and it is estimated that bird- watchers bring some \$ 477 million in spending. It is important for communities to realize how important wildlife is to tourism and thus a benefit to the beauty of their surroundings as well as to their economy.

The state is now covered by four guides, East, West, Panhandle and South. All are free and can be obtained by downloading or by mail. Contact- www.floridabirdingtrail.com.

LAKE COUNTY BIRDING

Don't forget that the Lake County Tourist Office has produced a great Bird Watching brochure which you can obtain on-line by visiting their web-site, www.lakecountyfl.com and going to Bird Watching.

PHOTOS BY PEG & PEG

If you come to meetings of either OVAS or the Florida Native Plant Society, you will have noticed some great nature photo greeting cards offered by Peg Lindsay and Peg Urban.

They both started about four years ago when Peg Urban was shooting 35mm photos and Peg Lindsay was painting and decided to combine talents and make cards with photos of Florida native plants and wildlife, with the slogan- "Exposing Florida's Good Nature". They mostly work together, each photographing with a different eye and so ending with photos of broader appeal. Volunteering at OVAS, FNPS and PEAR, they have opportunities to encounter many aspects of nature. And best of all is when someone walks over to their display and says how much they enjoy the photos.

They create the cards with home computers and you can enjoy them too at the next Audubon meeting with a purchase which contributes 15% of sales to OVAS.