



TERN OF EVENTS

PRESQUE ISLE AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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To conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the enjoyment and benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity in northwestern Pennsylvania.

FIELD TRIPS FOR APRIL AND MAY

Our bi-weekly field trips have resumed for 2019 and as always are open to the public for people of all ages and skill levels and are free of charge. We had a small but dedicated troupe last year and are hoping to expand on our numbers and locations. Unless otherwise specified, any field trips on Presque Isle will meet at the Stull Center parking lot at 7:45AM where we will then car pool to our designated trail.

All trips are subject to change depending on trail conditions. We will bird in almost any weather unless there is a torrential downpour or a forecast for dangerous conditions. Warm and waterproof clothing and shoes are recommended, especially for trips earlier in the schedule. Slip on waterproof boots can come in handy. Bring your binoculars of course, but we will have a few pairs of binoculars available for use if you or someone you bring doesn't have them. If you have a scope you are welcome to bring it. Hope to see you.

~Michele Rundquist Franz, Field Trip Chair

April 13th: Dead Pond Trail, Thompson Circle, Thompson Bay, marshy area across from Thompson Circle for local songbirds, woodpeckers, waterfowl, gulls,

April 27th: Long Pond Trail for songbirds, woodpeckers, possible owls, waterfowl, wading birds possible early spring migrants

May 11th: NO FIELD TRIP (Festival of the Birds)

May 18th: Fry's Landing and banding station for spring migrants including warblers, flycatchers as well as local breeding birds returning from wintering grounds

OTHER APRIL/MAY THINGS TO DO!



April 16, Tuesday – Festival of the Birds Committee Meeting, 6:00p in Conference Room at the TREC

April 19, Friday – PIA Program and Social: 7:00 Churchill Manitoba – Sam Stull and Nancy Hunt followed by the Social (P. 7)

May 10-12, Friday-Sunday – Festival of the Birds at Presque Isle – see more at presqueisleaudubon.org

May 17, Friday – PIA Program and Social: 7:00 Secret No More: Sharing the County Wide Impact of Environment Erie followed by the Social (P. 7)

May 21, Tuesday – PIA Board Meeting at 6:00p in the Conference Room at the TREC

2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President	Drew Mortensen
Vice-President	Paul Burroughs
Secretary	Sue Murawski
Treasurer	Julie Dell
Retiring President	Michele Rundquist-Franz

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NOMINEES FOR PRESQUE ISLE AUDUBON BOARD POSITIONS

Each year vacancies for officers and trustees occur according to our By-laws. All nominees must be announced in the Spring newsletter and voting will take place at the May membership meeting.

All officers have completed their allotted terms, two years for President and one year for all other offices.

Nominees for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer must be submitted.

They are as follows:

President – Drew Mortensen
Vice-President – Paul Burroughs
Secretary – Sue Murawski
Treasurer – Julie Dell

Two trustees have completed their three year term so we must elect two new trustees.

Our nominees for the trustee positions are as follows:

Trustee for 2019 – 2022 : William Ferguson
Trustee for 2019 – 2022: Sam Stull

NOTE: Other nominations for any of the above listed positions may be made from the floor at the May meeting provided the nominees have agreed to be announced. If no other nominations are made, voting will take place for those listed above.

BIRDS AND BEASTS EXHIBIT AT KELLY RUN GALLERY, CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS

Our first exhibit for the season at Kelly Run Gallery, Cambridge Springs, is called Birds and Beasts, and features painting, photography, sculpture, stained glass and jewelry by 12 artists, five of which are PIAS members: Ruth Swaney, Sam Stull, Toni Kelly, Michele Franz, and Jan Lutz.

The show is from Apr. 27 to June 22, with an opening reception on Sat, Apr 27 from 7-9PM. Hours: Wed-Fri 1-5, Sat 11-5. More info: 814 398-9331.

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ART BY JEAN STULL CUNNINGHAM FOR SALE

Long-time member Lee Ann Reiner, who died last June, earmarked five art pieces to be donated to Presque Isle Audubon. Her husband, Charlie Houpt relayed to us that her intentions for the works were for them to be sold with the proceeds going to our chapter. The board felt that it would be best that chapter members have the opportunity to purchase them first. To facilitate a fair sale, Jean's works were appraised at the Kada Gallery, which was her gallery for many years.

The works are available for viewing on the online version of the newsletter on the website.

The sale will begin on **April 11 at 8:00 a.m.** Interested parties are to call or email treasurer, Julie Dell, to state their intention of purchase. The first notice Julie receives for each work will be the person having the first dibs on the work.

Julie can be reached at:
dells1970@verizon.net or 814-450-9844

The gallery strongly recommended that the new owner replaces the matting in the Stull works as what is currently used is not acid-free archival matting.

The works are as follows (all sizes are approximate):

Frog \$450
Frame 20 1/4" x 13 1/4"; Opening 11 3/4" x 5 5/8"



Audubon Print (Pileated Woodpeckers) \$125
Frame, 32" x 26 1/4"; Opening 23 1/2" x 17"



Sundew Plants \$500
Frame 17" x 15 3/4"; Opening 8" x 8"



Violets \$200
Frame 14 1/2 " x 14"; Opening 5 1/2 x 5 1/4"



Egg (no matting) \$150
Frame 5" x 4 3/4"; Opening 3 1/2" x 3/14"



BIRD REPORT

The following birds of note were reported from Presque Isle S.P. unless noted otherwise.

Greater White-fronted Goose —59+; March 9-13; west of Albion; M.P. (fide M.B.)

Snow Goose —2; Feb. 27; SGL #109; R.S.
1 white; March 1; near Edinboro; D.S.

Cackling Goose —total of 8; to Jan. 7, March 1 & 15; Fairview Industrial Park and Presque Isle; m.ob.

Wood Duck —1; Jan. 17; Presque Isle; M.W.

Eurasian Wigeon —1; March 12; off Perry Monument; J.M.

White-winged Scoter —up to 31; March 1 to 7; marina; J.M. (See below)



Red-necked Grebe —1; Jan. 2; Beach 11; J.M.

Black Vulture —2; March 24; Presque Isle Hawk Watch; J.M.; R.St.

Sandhill Crane —total of 5; March 19 to 25; Presque Isle Hawk Watch & Presque Isle; R.St., J.M., R.D.

Iceland Gull —total of 7; Jan. 13 to Feb. 8; Presque Isle and Lake View Landfill; K.A., J.M.

Iceland Gull (Thayer's) —1; March 2; Beach 11; T.L.

Lesser Black-backed Gull —1; Jan. 1; channel; J.M. 1; Feb. 25; Vista 2; J.M.

Glaucous Gull - total of 5; Jan. 3 to Feb. 26; Presque Isle and Lake View Landfill; J.M.

Snowy Owl —total of 3; Jan. 4 to 15; Presque Isle & Wattsburg; M.H., K.S., R.D.

Long-eared Owl —1; March 24; pines; R.D.



LONG-EARED OWL

Short-eared Owl - 1; Feb. 24; Gull Point; R.D.

Northern Saw-whet Owl —total of 3; Jan.6 to 29, March 15, & March 24 & 25, near B-trail; R.D.

Eastern Phoebe —1; Jan. 10 (late); Edinboro; S.W. (See below)



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BIRD REPORT Cont.

Northern Shrike—total of 4; to Feb. 17;
various sites throughout the county; m.ob.

Common Raven—2; March 7; Waterford; J.F.

Gray Catbird—1; Jan. 2; Edinboro; J.H.

Brown Thrasher—1; Jan. 17; Presque Isle;
M.W.

Chipping Sparrow—1; through the winter; Erie,
N.A.

Savannah Sparrow—1; Jan. 21; North East;
M.P. (See below)



Common Redpoll—24; Jan. 2 to Jan. 14;
Coast Guard Rd.; J.M.

Pine Siskin—125+; to at least Feb. 23;
Edinboro; A.S. (fide J.H.)

Contributors: K.A.-Katie Andersen, N.A.-Nancy Andersen, M.B.-Mary Birdsong, R.D.-Roger Donn, J.F.-Jennifer Ferrick, J.H.-Jamie Hill, M.H.-Mimi Hoffmaster, T.L.-Tim Lenz, J.M.-Jerry McWilliams, M.P.-Mike Plyler, R.S.-Robert Scribner, A.S.-Annette Smith, D.S.-Don Snyder, K.S.-Kyler Sonney, R.St.-Russ States, M.W.-Michael Williams, S.W.-Suzanne Winterberger, m.ob.-many observers

~Jerry McWilliams, Bird Record Chair
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PRESQUE ISLE MIGRATORY BIRD BANDING STATION OPENING SOON

By Laura Marie Koitsch



Once again, **Erie Bird Observatory** will be operating a banding station this spring at Fry's Landing within Presque Isle State Park.

Bird banding has been conducted by multiple individuals at the park since 1960. This type of long-term banding project enables researchers to quantify the number of birds moving through the area, the speed at which they move, as well as their energetic condition. This will, in turn, help us better understand this critical phase in their annual cycle and illustrate the importance of places like Presque Isle State Park to their survival.

We encourage all of those interested in learning more about our projects and/or about bird banding in general to visit us at the station. It's also a great opportunity to see these amazing birds up close as they often look different in the hand than when viewed through binoculars.

Our season starts April 19th and runs through the end of May. Banding is always weather dependent though, so please keep an eye on our Facebook page ("Presque Isle Bird Banding") for daily updates. If you have any questions concerning our banding program, how to visit us, or how to get involved, you may contact EBO's Assistant Director, Laura-Marie Koitsch, at lmkoitsch@eriebirds.org.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Erie: Dianne Connors, Amelia Vidmar, Elizabeth Guldan, Ingrid Renberg, MerryAnne Meyer, D. DiPlacido, Nancy Brown, Lottie Carter, Patricia Turk, Brenda McBride, Judith Rood, Cynthia Kastner, Katherine Beaver, Gretchen Wolford, Ellen Gigogne, Nancy Rooseirich, Marjorie Carey, Thorp Andrews, Victor Kraus, Larry Burger, Tony Murzynski, Sarah Larson, Joseph Leone, Cindy Hawthorne, Jill Gee.

Albion: Paul Madden

Conneautville: R. Deemer, Joseph Rial, Ginny Criss, Clemence Ravacon-Mershon, Barbara Novak

Edinboro: Carole Bolard

Fairview: Mary Frances Baugh, Frank Lasky, Jane Woods, Patricia Raydo

Girard: Jill Dent, MaryAnn Daniels

Linesville: Henry Vinay, Myrna Young, Mary Lynn Stein

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Mill Village: Nannette Crawford

North East: Jean Gillum

Saegertown: Mary Haines

Spartansburg: Thomas Byler

West Chester: Rebecca Myers

Cherry Creek, NY: Bonnie Bowen

Elkridge, MD: Griffith Family

See you at the next membership meeting
~Ron Intrieri, Membership Chairman
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AUDUBON PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS EXHIBIT

April 3 – April 24, 2019



Award winning photos from the 2018 Audubon Photography Contest will be on display at Jennings Environmental Education Center from April 3 to 24, hosted by Bartramian Audubon Society.

This is one of the most prestigious awards in nature photography. The winning photographers and their stunning photographs were selected from more than 8,000 entries submitted by photographers from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and 10 Canadian provinces. The display includes the Grand Prize winner, winners in the Professional, Amateur, and Youth divisions, and other images from the top 100 entries.

Jennings is the only location in western Pennsylvania where this travelling exhibit can be seen. The photos will be displayed in the newly renovated exhibition area of the Environmental Education Center, which is located at 2951 Prospect Road in Slippery Rock. Information about each photograph and photographer will be available. There is no admission charge to visit Jennings Environmental Education Center or this special exhibition.

PIA APRIL AND MAY MONTHLY PROGRAMS

April 19, 2019 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Room 112 - Tom Ridge Environmental
Center

Churchill Manitoba- Sam Stull and Nancy Hunt

Churchill is a small community lying along the western coast of the Hudson Bay well known in for the polar bears and northern lights that draw visitors in the winter. Sam and Nancy visited as polar bears gathered in anticipation of Hudson Bay freezing so the bears could begin their months-long journey out onto the ice in the search of their main food, seals. Share their remarkable experience of witnessing these amazing creatures in all their glory.



Sam has been involved with Audubon since an early age. An avid birder & photographer, Sam enjoys following his interests here locally and at Presque Isle, as well as various places like Churchill, Africa, Central & South America, Alaska and others.

Nancy lives in Northwestern Pa near the little town of Pleasantville. As a restaurant owner, she takes as many photography trips as possible including birding in Florida, moose in the Tetons and bears in Alaska. Facebook users can follow her work at Swamprat Photography.

May 17, 2019 - 7:00 - 9:00pm
Room 112 - Tom Ridge Environmental Center

Secret No More: Sharing the Countywide Impact of Environment Erie

Once people hear about the impact that Environment Erie has had over the years, staff often hear the refrain, "You're Erie County's best kept secret." Join Executive Director, Honey Stempka, to get the inside scoop on the impact that Environment Erie has had over the years and where it is headed in the future, whether it's helping students plant trees, building rain gardens and offering homeowner the opportunity to produce compost and harvest rainwater on their properties.



Honey Stempka currently serves as the Executive Director of Environment Erie. She has spent 21 years working for and with nonprofits in the environmental and social justice space. During her time in Erie, she has served as the Northwest Regional Director of the Green Building Alliance and played a significant role in the development of Erie County's national marine sanctuary nomination to NOAA. Her love for, and involvement with the environment began in the dirt of her grandfather's expansive vegetable garden and her time as counselor/teacher for youth-at risk at wilderness camps in North Carolina.

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**National Audubon Society
Membership Application**

Renewal members can join as they have in the past, either by sending their membership check directly to National Audubon, or they can join online. New members are to send their first membership check to the local chapter. The address is at the bottom of this application.

Membership includes membership in BOTH the National Audubon Society and the local Presque Isle Audubon Society. National members receive *Audubon Magazine* (4 issue per year) and the chapter newsletter, *Tern of Events*. Please include your e-mail address to receive the online version of the newsletter.

Introductory membership \$20.00
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Mail this form with your check payable to the National Audubon Society directly to **YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER.**

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