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NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE BY EMAIL

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, contact Bill Askins, chapter membership/database chair, at waskins@woh.rr.com. State name, mailing address, email address (old email addresses on file too dated), and your desire to receive Flight Patterns via email. You will receive an email notice of website availability containing a URL you can click on that will take you to the newsletter (in PDF format) on the chapter's website. Tri-Moraine's monthly program meetings continue with the January 8 potluck/photo safari in Fellowship Hall, lower level, Market Street Presbyterian Church, 1100 West Market Street, corner Cole and West Market Streets, Lima. You may use the courtyard entrance off the rear parking lot or the elevator entrance on the west side of the church where handicapped parking is available. Follow the Audubon signs. Meetings and events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Note dates and times in calendar write-ups. In case of bad weather, meeting cancelations will be posted on WLIO (NBC/channel 35) and WOHL (FOX/channel 25).

CALENDAR

- Jan** **OHIO WINTER BIRD ATLAS**, January 2008, Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Help with this documentation of the distribution of Ohio winter birds. For information and 2008 field form check www.bsbbird.org.
- Jan 8th** **ANNUAL PHOTO SAFARI & POTLUCK**, Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 pm. Fellowship Hall will open at 6 pm. TMAS will provide fried chicken and beverages. Members and guests should bring a hot or cold dish, salad, rolls, side dish, or dessert and their own table service. Should you wish, you have the opportunity to share your favorite nature photography with brief narration. Slide projector, carousel, digital projector, laptop, and screen will be furnished. Join us for a most enjoyable evening.
- Jan 10th** **HANCOCK COUNTY NATURALISTS PROGRAM MEETING**, Thursday, January 10, 7:30 pm, Christ Church United Methodist, 225 West Bigelow Avenue, Findlay. Program TBD. For information about the organization and details about upcoming events, contact Betsy Worden, newsletter editor, at 419-293-2705 or bworden001@woh.rr.com.
- Jan 17th** **UPPER MAUMEE VALLEY NATURALISTS CLUB**, Thursday, January 17, 7 pm, The Wassenberg Art Center, 643 South Washington Street, Van Wert. Bill Greene will be speaking about TAXIDERMY. For information about the group and details about upcoming events, contact Jean Perchalski at 419-232-4108, 419-231-0495 (cell), or jeperch@roadrunner.com.

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WGREN READING GROUP, 4 consecutive Wednesdays starting January 9, 6 pm, third floor, ONU's Heterick Library, Ada. Suzanne Morrison, professor of world religions who has been to India, will lead the group discussing The River of Love in an Age of Pollution: The Yamuna River of Northern India. Participants receive a free copy of the book. To register, contact s-morrison@onu.edu.

ONU's Working Group on Religion, Ethics, and Nature (WGREN) has a 3-year grant for this local initiative to facilitate dialog between the academic disciplines and non-academic communities on issues that relate to religion, ethics, and the natural environment. WGREN programs include reading groups, round-table discussions, and lecture series. All programs are free and open to the public. You may learn more about this group and obtain information on current and upcoming programs at www.onu.edu/org/wgren. You will also find links to a weekly related meditation and a resource listing of books, articles, movies, etc. To subscribe to the WGREN email list, contact WGREN at wgrenlsi@gmail.com.

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28th

COLLAPSE: HOW SOCIETIES CHOOSE TO FAIL OR SUCCEED - DR. JARED DIAMOND, Monday, January 28, 7 pm, Wright State University, Apollo Multipurpose Room, WSU Student Union, Dayton. Through his books and lectures, Diamond explains the environmental and geographic reasons why certain human populations have flourished while others have fallen apart. What can we learn from their examples and do differently to avoid their fates? See www.wright.edu/lecture for further details. Also, Honors Institute Symposium on "Creating Sustainable Environments" on Tuesday, January 29. For schedule and registration information: www.wright.edu/honorsinstitute.


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WINTER BIRDSEED SALE, Saturday, February 2, 9 am - 4 pm pickup at Dehaven Home & Garden Showplace, 775 Shawnee Road in Lima and 15276 U.S. 224 E in Findlay. This winter sale was started at the request of some purchasers who lack space to store large quantities of birdseed. The sale is by preorder only. Order forms will be mailed on January 2 to those who have made purchases at any time in 2006 and 2007. If you would also like to be a purchaser or have a question, contact Anne Smedley at 419-222-3271. Order forms must be mailed by Monday, January 21, to ensure sufficient stock on sale day. All proceeds fund local conservation and education programs and projects. We thank our birdseed purchasers for their support. Remember, prepaid orders only!



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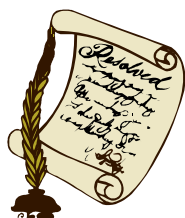
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 Winter Birdseed Sale Feb 2nd**

- Feb 5th** **LIONS, ELEPHANTS, TIGERS, AND BIRDS, TOO, OH MY!**, Tuesday, February 5, 7:30 pm. Bill and Jackie Light, travelers extraordinaire, have shared a number of their travels with their fellow Audubon chapter members. Here's your opportunity to share vicariously their trip of a lifetime to Kenya. There'll be great photography and all those wonderful personal experiences that make a trip such a special adventure.
- Feb 14th** **HANCOCK COUNTY NATURALISTS PROGRAM MEETING**, Thursday, February 14, 7:30 pm, Christ Church United Methodist, 225 West Bigelow Avenue, Findlay. Program TBD. For more information see Jan.10 write-up.
- Feb 15-18** **11TH ANNUAL GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT (GBBC)**, hosted throughout North America by the National Audubon Society and Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, February 15-18, Friday through Monday. This online citizens science census counts birds anywhere at any time during the scheduled weekend and data is sent in via the Internet. All ages and skill levels are welcome and participation is free. As the name indicates, the original idea was to count birds you see in your backyard. Now the GBBC encourages also counting in parks and refuges, fields, and along streets and roads. You simply tally the largest number of birds of each species that you see at one time while watching for a minimum of 15 minutes. You want to be as certain as possible not to count the same birds twice. Help scientists define the status of winter birds. Obtain more details and participate by visiting www.birdcount.org. Last year's GBBC had more than 81,000 checklists turned in. Volunteers saw 613 different bird species and over 11 million individual birds. This year you can send digital images and they'll be posted on the website. This is a great activity for individuals, classrooms/groups, and families. Join in the fun!
- Feb 21st** **UPPER MAUMEE VALLEY NATURALISTS CLUB MEETING**, Thursday, February 21, 7 pm, Wassenberg Art Center, 643 South Washington Street, Van Wert. Program TBA. See January 17 write-up for contact person.



FALL BIRDSEED SALE RESULTS

Co-chairs Anne Smedley, Carol Wright, and Carol Bertrand report that just over 5 tons of food for our feathered friends were sold and that the sale raised \$1,724.88 (including \$407.80 in donations) to support local education and conservation programs and projects. The Society thanks those who purchased seed, DeHaven Home & Garden Showplace for providing both Findlay and Lima store locations for the sale and for all the other great backup support, and Northland Quick Print for printing the sale flyers. Thanks, too, to the volunteers who picked up and distributed seed in their communities, made the posters, prepared the mailing labels and mailed the flyers, waited on customers, answered questions, and toted those heavy bags: Dick Carpenter (Ada); Joanne & Bob Antibus (Bluffton); Eugene Brandon (Cairo); George Bilbrey (Delphos); Don and Mary Rosenbeck (Jackson Center); Bill Askins, Bob and Carol Bertrand, John Daley, Bill Light, Anne Smedley, Carol Wright (Lima); Bill Angel (St. Marys).



PRESIDENT'S CHAPTER NOTES.....If you missed Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" at the November meeting, try your local public library or video store. Your chapter has purchased 3 copies for loan to members who want to view the film, but don't have it available locally. This should be a must on your to do list. You could have heard a pin drop at the showing. Invite interested friends or relatives to view it with you. Running time is 96 minutes.....Christmas Bird Count results will be posted on our website as soon as volunteer results are tabulated and analyzed. Note that the counts were held later than scheduled due to adverse weather conditions.....In the last newsletter Wapakoneta recycle volunteers were recognized for their labors on both an emergency workday in late August and on our regular annual workday the 2nd Saturday of September. As promised, here are the results: August - \$532.45; September

- \$830.30, a record high for the chapter.....A final report on Audubon Adventures 2007-2008 will appear in the next newsletter. Classroom subscription requests are still being received.....If you are reading this newsletter and you are interested in membership, contact Bill Askins at waskins@woh.rr.com or Carol Bertrand at 419-227-9231 and you will be mailed a copy of our new membership brochure.....Your chapter has purchased its own laptop to go with its digital projector. This makes life much easier. Thanks to Mary Rosenbeck for donating a carrying case for the laptop.