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CALENDAR

July 6
Summer Picnic

TMAS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC, Tuesday, July 6, Ottawa Metro Park, SR 81 just east of Marimor School. You will find the Miami shelter on your left as you enter the park. It is reserved from 5:30pm until dark. We will eat at 6:30pm. The chapter will provide fried chicken. Members and guests should bring a dish to share, their own table service and beverage, and a tablecloth and folding chairs as desired. Don't forget your favorite bug spray and unwanted AUDUBON magazine issues for Square Fair giveaways. The picnic offers a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow chapter members. Feel free to arrive early and take advantage of the park's amenities. You can walk the perimeter trail or around the lake, try your luck on the disc golf course (bring your own Frisbee/disc), swim (adults \$5, children 3-12 \$3, and free for children under 3) until 7pm weather permitting, or bring your fishing pole (no license required for the retention pond by the Erie shelter, but required for fishing in the lake). Restroom facilities available.

August 6 & 7
Volunteers needed

TMAS BOOTH AT SQUARE FAIR 2010. Friday and Saturday, August 6 & 7, Town Square, Lima, noon to 5 or 6pm. Drop by and say hello. It's always great to meet new members and say hello to those we know. We'll be in the "Community Groups" tents in the northeast quadrant of the Square. The chapter will feature its mini-bookstore and a variety of free materials. Volunteers will answer questions and provide information. Call Carol at 419-227-9231 if you can help. Square Fair information, including a schedule of events, is available at squarefairlima.com.

August 14
Field Trip

MARIANIST ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (MEEC) AND COX ARBORETUM FIELD TRIP. On this rare summer field trip, we will be traveling to Dayton to visit two different gardens, yet each outstanding. Anyone interested in carpooling with us should meet in the parking lot behind the Eastgate Wendys in Lima at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 14th. If you live south of Lima and want us to meet you along the way, email me at broughtoneric@yahoo.com to make arrangements. You can also meet us at the MEEC around 9:30 a.m. Our schedule will be pretty flexible; take a morning stroll at the MEEC with us and then visit the Cox Arboretum garden, go shopping, etc. Pack a lunch, bring a friend/family member and enjoy the beauty of nature with us. Public welcome.

September 7
Save this date

INVASIVE INVERTEBRATES. Tuesday, September 7, Tri-Moraine will kick off the program year with Dr. Leslie Riley on invasive invertebrates in western parks. Dr. Riley, ONU Department of Biological and Allied Sciences and TMAS member, has been involved with Environmental Education Weekend (EEW) and is an organizer for the Ohio Academy of Science District Science Day.

September 11
Volunteers Needed



RECYCLING. On September 11th (Saturday) TMAS will man Wapakoneta's recycling center, open to the public from 9am until noon. The chapter receives the proceeds from all recyclables handled. For additional information, or if you can help, call Bob or Carol Bertrand at 419-227-9231. Aluminum cans pay best. Aluminum cans (dry and crushed if possible) can be donated at the July 6th picnic and/or the Sept. 7th monthly program meeting.

October 5
Save this date

OWLS OF OHIO by Jim McCormac, Tuesday, October 5. This program meeting talk will delve into the reasons why owls are so fascinating – how they hunt, what they sound like, their behavior, and how to find them. Jim works for the Ohio Division of Wildlife, specializing in birds, education, and wildlife diversity issues. Jim is author of three books and writes a column for the Columbus Dispatch.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE BY EMAIL. Contact Bill Askins, chapter membership database chair, at waskins@woh.rr.com. State name, mailing address, e-mail address, and your desire to receive Flight Patterns via e-mail. 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.

If you are reading this newsletter and would like to become an Audubon member, you can check out the TMAS website for info about the two types of membership offered by the chapter. You can obtain a membership brochure by contacting Bill Askins at the above email address, calling him at 419-339-9751, or mailing to Bill % the chapter's PO Box. This information is for new members only. No renewals.



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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP CONSERVATION IN OHIO? No tax money is used to conserve, restore or manage wildlife and wildlife habitat in Ohio. Hunting and fishing license fees, the tax check-off, and the purchase of wildlife license plates all help fund Ohio Division of Wildlife's programs. And now there's the new Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp. Purchasing this stamp will help fund habitat restoration, purchase land, preserve endangered and threatened species, fund wildlife and habitat research projects, provide educational products for students and wildlife enthusiasts, etc. The stamp sells for \$15. Tri-Moraine's mini-bookstore has the stamp in stock or you can mail a check (payable to Tri-Moraine Audubon Society) to the chapter, PO Box 5648. Lima, OH 45802-5648. Questions? Call Carol at 419-227-9231. For online info, visit wildohiostamp.com or dnr.state.oh.us.

2010 DISTRICT SCIENCE DAY AWARD WINNERS. The following four students won \$25 TMAS Natural Resources, Conservation, Nature Studies Awards at the 2010 Ohio Academy of Science District Science Day held March 13 at Ohio Northern University in Ada: Caleb Baker and Ross Etter, grade 7, Continental Middle School, for "Auglaize River Water Quality"; Jenny Meyer, grade 8, Glandorf Elementary School, for "Effects of Varied Materials on Zebra Mussel Growth Rate"; Kyle Muha, grade 8, St. Charles Catholic School, Lima for "Is Ethanol a Fuel for the Future?" In addition to winning the Tri-Moraine awards, the students received "Superior" ratings by two randomly selected Science Day judges making them eligible to compete at the state level. Audubon member Dr. Jay Mager, ONU Department of Biological and Allied Health Sciences, judged the completion for Tri-Moraine. Dr. Nancy Woodley, Dr. Cara Davies, and Dr. Leslie Riley from the Department were the organizers for the District Science Day and also assisted Dr. Mager in his determination of the Audubon awardees. TMAS thanks these individuals for their help in making this annual chapter awards program a success.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEKEND (EEW). Tri-Moraine Audubon Society's 31st annual EEW was held April 30 through May 2, 2010. The weekend was attended by 59 participants who had the opportunity to attend programs on birds and birding, creek critters, photography, habitat restoration, rain gardens, amphibians, bluegill fishing, wildflowers and nature art. Collectively we saw fifty-six species of birds including woodcock and barred owls. During the weekend a special Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Jackie Light whose vision and efforts made EEW a reality 31 years ago! If you like to plan ahead, the date for next year's EEW will be April 29-May 1, 2011. This is a great family activity and is open to members of all ages.

BIG BIRDING DAY REPORT. On May 10, fourteen members and guests of TMAS visited McGee Marsh, Ottawa Wildlife Refuge, and Maumee Bay State Park with the goal of observing 100 species of birds. At the end of the day ninety-three species were identified and the trip deemed a success none-the-less. Set aside Monday, May 9, 2011 so you can join in the fun and birding with us next year.

CHAPTER NOTES. Your chapter has made an initial donation of \$1000 to the restoration project to clean up Grand Lake St. Marys. You probably read or heard about this project via the local media. Following an Important Bird Area (IBA) stewardship workshop held on Wright State University's Lake Campus in November 2006, the chapter officially adopted the St. Marys River-Grand Lake St. Marys IBA as a special chapter project. We have invested time and money in the St. Marys River-Grand Lake St. Marys IBA and water quality is one of the original project goals....TMAS thanks Mary and Darrel Yoder for their thoughtful donation to the Society's 2009-2010 Annual Appeal bringing the final total to \$2945. The Chapter year runs from June 1 through May 31....TMAS board meeting at Dianne Knipp's home, Tuesday July 27, 7pm.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE..... I am very pleased and proud to be your new President. This chapter has so many wonderful members, conducts so many great programs and activities, and has a tremendous impact on environmental education and saving the planet here in our little corner of Ohio..... I am humbled when I consider the fantastic job Carol Bertrand did in the past four years as chapter President.... In case you missed the news, two dedicated Audubon members, Carl Bertrand and Jackie Light, were recognized last month by the National Audubon Society last month. The "Great Egret Award" which Jackie and Carol received, is given by National Audubon to individuals who have been in the "trenches" for 20 years or more and have made significant contributions to Audubon and conservation in pursuit of the Audubon mission. Jackie, her husband Bill Light, Carol, and her husband Bob Bertrand were also awarded the President's Call to Service Award by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. This national award is reserved for those individuals who volunteer 4,000 hours or more over a lifetime and recognizes the recipient's commitment to strengthening our Nation and for making a difference through volunteer service.... In addition to a wonderful newsletter and website, our local chapter now also has a Face Book page. Just search for Tri-Moraine in Face Book and you'll see the familiar cardinal almost immediately....I hope you will join us at the summer picnic, August gardens field trip, and the first program meeting of the new program year on September 7th. We'll be having native plant seed exchange later this year so save your seeds. I look forward to seeing you sometime soon. Enjoy your summer! Eric B.