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In Remembrance.....



Margaret J. Eckford (July 8, 1917 - July 28, 2008) was an active longtime member of Tri-Moraine. She attended our July 8 picnic and we celebrated her 91st birthday with song and a homemade berry birthday pie (candle included). Family, quilting, gardening, reading, friends, and Tri-Moraine were at the top of her list of priorities. Margaret was an exemplary volunteer for the chapter. Throughout the years she pitched in wherever help was needed. She served on the board of directors as member at large, managed the bookstore, recorded birdseed sales, took reservations for Environmental Education Weekend, helped staff the chapter booth at public events, hosted board meetings, provided program meeting refreshments, helped monitor a bluebird trail, and sorted lots of recyclables. Margaret had a keen interest in the world around her. She liked people and she liked to travel and learn about new subjects and visit new places. She enjoyed the varied program meetings, field trips, and other activities offered by the chapter. We miss you, Margaret. You were a good friend to so many of us.

Tri-Moraine's 2008-2009 evening program meetings are scheduled the first Tuesday of the month September through November and January through May. Meetings are held 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 parking lot behind the church or, for those who wish to avoid steps, the elevator entrance on the west side of the church where handicapped-accessible parking is available. Follow the Audubon signs. A brief welcome and business update (10 minutes) precede the program. See calendar write-ups for details. All programs are free and open to the public.

Sept 2nd

THE SPIRIT OF HAWAII, Tuesday, September 2, 7:30 pm. Join Don and Mary Rosenbeck, TMAS members from Jackson Center, as they share some of the sights - floral, avian, natural, cultural, historic - on Hawaii's most populous island, Oahu. We'll walk through a lush arboretum, visit an ancient temple site and the Dole Plantation, see some exciting birds such as the Brazilian Red-capped Cardinal, pay our respects at the National Cemetery of the Pacific and the Pearl Harbor/Arizona Memorial, climb (pant, pant) Diamond Head, and watch the sun set on the north shore of the island. See an Extreme Make-Over Home Edition site "up close and personal" too!

Sept 11th

HANCOCK COUNTY NATURALISTS PROGRAM MEETING, Thursday, September 11, Litzenberg Farm Park, U.S. 224 W, Findlay. A butterfly walk will be led by Mike Gilligan at 6 pm followed by a 7 pm get-together. All are welcome. For information about the organization and details about upcoming events contact Betsy Worden, newsletter editor at 419-293-2705 or bworden001@woh.rr.com.

Sept 13th



RESPECT THE EARTH... RECYCLE!

On September 13th (Saturday) TMAS will man Wapakoneta's recycling center open to the public from 9 a.m. until noon. The chapter receives the proceeds from all recyclables handled. Aluminum cans pay best. For additional information or if you can help, call Bob or Carol Bertrand at 419/227-9231. Aluminum cans (dry & crushed if possible) can be donated at the Sept. 2nd monthly meeting.
NOTE: Wapakoneta is now taking #3, #5, and #7 plastics.

Sept 13th

AUGLAIZE COUNTY DRIVE-IT-YOURSELF TOUR, Saturday, September 13, 10 am - 5 pm. At the Pugh Farm (Joyce Pugh - joint NAS/TMAS member), 10358 Monroe Road, Cridersville, Audubon Ohio's John Ritzenthaler will be set up to answer habitat improvement and bird/wildlife questions, as well as to lead two bird walks at 11 am and 3 pm. Brukner Nature Center (Troy, Ohio) will be there from 11 am - 2 pm with several raptors (Red-tailed Hawk, Barred Owl, Screech Owl, Am. Kestrel) that are common to habitats in western Ohio. You can check the Auglaize SWCD website for full information/updates: <http://www.auglaizeswcd.org/News/news.htm>.

Sept 18th

UPPER MAUMEE VALLEY NATURALISTS CLUB PROGRAM MEETING, Thursday, September 18, time and place TBD. Avian Specialist Jim McCormac, ODN's Division of Wildlife, will present "Wild Ohio." This will be an outstanding program. All are welcome. For information about the club and details about upcoming events contact Lyn Warren, UMWNC president, at 419-749-2999 or wlvval@verizon.net.

Sept 27th

ALLEN, HARDIN, SHELBY COUNTIES ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY, Saturday, September 27, 9 am - 3 pm. Allen County Fairgrounds, RAIN OR SHINE. Area media will be carrying more details. Watch THE LIMA NEWS for a list of acceptable items and a form you can clip and fill out. You can also get the list and form from www.ncowaste.org. Expired or unused prescription/over-the-counter medications and the new compact fluorescent bulbs are hazardous waste. **ALLEN, HARDIN, SHELBY COUNTIES ONLY!**

Oct 4th

BIG DARBY HEADWATERS NATURE PRESERVE FIELD TRIP, Saturday, October 4. This preserve near Middleburg in Logan County was opened to the public on April 26, 2008. It features over 800 acres of floodplain, forest, wetlands, and prairies at the headwaters of Big Darby Creek. The habitat is vital to the preservation of water quality downstream. A 3/4 mile trail is wheelchair accessible. Interpretive signs showcase the scenic beauty and importance of the Big Darby to people and wildlife. A carpool will depart at 9 am from the Eastgate parking lot behind Wendy's on Harding Highway (SR 309), Lima. The preserve is approx. 1.5 hours from Lima. Lunch, binoculars, camera, appropriate clothing/footwear, and field guides are recommended. Contact Anne at 419-222-3271 or jsmedley@wcoil.com for further information.

Oct 7th

APPLESEED JOHN, Tuesday, October 7, 7:30 pm. Mark Mohr, Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District naturalist, will portray this historical figure right down to the bare feet. John Chapman was a pioneer and orchardist who planted apple trees throughout the Midwest and became known as Appleseed John. Mark's portrayal will share his experiences and adventures on the Ohio frontier in the year 1839. Join us for an enjoyable evening while learning some interesting local and regional history.



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- Oct 9th** **HANCOCK COUNTY NATURALISTS PROGRAM MEETING**, Thursday, October 9, 7 pm, Christ Church United Methodist, 225 W. Bigelow Ave., Findlay. The subject is birdhouses. Fred Nye will cover bluebird houses and gourd houses will also be presented. For more information see September 11 write-up.
- Oct 11th** **UPPER MAUMEE VALLEY NATURALISTS CLUB FIELD TRIP**, Saturday, October 11. The trip will be to The Wilds. See contact info in September 18 write-up to obtain details.
- Oct 15th** **STEVE AMSTRUP LECTURE**, Wednesday, October 15, Ohio Northern University, place and time TBD. Dr. Amstrup is a research wildlife biologist who has worked extensively with polar bears. You can find out more about him at <http://www.alaska.usgs.gov/staff/staffbio.php?employeeid=113> and <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/interview-200711.html>. If interested, phone Mark Dixon at 419-772-2194 after Sept. 2 or you can try www.onu.edu/org/wgren for an update. Info available at Oct. meeting.
- Oct 16th** **UPPER MAUMEE VALLEY NATURALISTS CLUB PROGRAM MEETING**, Thursday, October 16, time and place TBD. A seed exchange will be followed by a report on The Wilds field trip and a sharing of photos taken by field trip participants. See contact info in September 18 write-up to obtain details.
- Nov 1st** **BIRDSEED SALE**, Saturday, November 1, 9am - 4 pm, DeHaven Home & Garden Showplace in Lima. Those who have pre-ordered seed in the past know that purchases can be picked up at DeHaven's Findlay store or from volunteers in five other locations. Are there others out there who would be willing to volunteer for their areas? Sale flyers will be mailed at the end of September. If you do not receive one contact Anne Smedley at 419-222-3271 or jsmedley@wcoil.com. Take a bird to lunch!



OHIO CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER NATURALIST TRAINING

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN) training is coming to Allen County in winter 2009. Still in the planning process, this course will be offered cooperatively by OSU Extension, Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District, and Tri-Moraine. The course consists of 3 components: 40 hours of classroom training, 40 hours of volunteer service, and advanced continuing education. A variety of environmental issues and nature topics (e.g. - birds, botany, insects, etc.) will be included. Instructors will be from OSU Extension faculty, JAMPD staff, ODNR, and qualified volunteers. This scientific training emphasizes hands-on natural resource education combined with community-based volunteer service. Call the Park District office at 419-221-1232 (Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 5 pm) to register your interest. Additional information available soon.

MEET, LEARN, GET ACTIVE, HAVE FUN Audubon Ohio State Assembly - October 18-19, 2008

Audubon Ohio's third biennial State Assembly in Bellville, Ohio will feature nationally prominent speakers, engaging workshops, enjoyable outings, and best of all, the opportunity to mingle with your fellow birders and activists of all ages in the Mohican Hills during the peak of fall color.

The Assembly will run from 10 am to 9 pm on Saturday. Keynote addresses will be presented by Dr. Lonnie Thompson, a noted climate researcher and winner of the 2007 National Medal of Science, and Ted Eubanks, a nationally-recognized expert on how to turn enthusiasm for birds and wildlife into conservation action. There will be 3 tracks of concurrent 90-minute workshops, with 3 workshops in each track. One track will focus on protection of Important Bird Areas; one on hands-on restoration; and one on engaging young people to be conservation leaders today and in the future. One featured workshop presenter in the last track is Sharon Stiteler, the "Bird Chick" from Minnesota (www.birdchick.com). Optional outings to nearby birding hotspots, including the Ohio Bird Sanctuary just 20 minutes away near Mansfield, will be offered Sunday morning.

The Assembly will be held at the Quality Inn and Suites, offering special room rates and conveniently located at the Bellville Exit (Exit 165) on I-71. Lunch and dinner will be held across the street at the Dutch Heritage Restaurant. Rooms are also available at the Comfort Inn (indoor water park for families with younger children). Registration opened on August 18. More information (how to register) is available at www.audubonohio.org. To ensure receipt of registration materials, contact Audubon Ohio at 614-224-3303 or Ohio@Audubon.org.

PRESIDENT'S CHAPTER NOTES.....Your chapter continues to sign up Audubon Adventures classrooms for the new school year.....Thanks to volunteers Bob Bertrand, Mary Neeley, Kathy Reinhart, and Priscilla West for helping to man the chapter's booth at Square Fair.....TMAS board meeting September 30, 7 pm, Eric Juterbock's (Rushsylvania).....Audubon Ohio has awarded the chapter a \$1,100 collaborative grant to help fund our St. Marys River - Grand Lake St. Marys IBA signage project.....Johnny Appleseed Met Park District's 21st Apple Festival, Sat. & Sun., October 4 & 5, noon - 6 pm, Allen County Farm Park, 1 mile east of I-75 on SR 81 at Slabtown Road TMAS will have a booth. Stop by and say hello.....Your chapter was part of an Audubon Ohio Education Committee project to revise the Audubon Adventures Ohio Series long out-of-print. The project was funded by a grant from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund. The Final Activity Report was filed July 31. Now the hunt is on to find funding to print the new materials in quantities sufficient to supply Ohio classrooms. Two of the project's 3 pilot teachers were from Tri-Moraine's service area. More about this project in a future newsletter.....If you are a joint NAS/TMAS member note the expiration date in the upper right-hand corner of your mailing label. It may not be time to renew your membership in response to those Audubon renewal notices.