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CALENDAR

TRI-MORAINNE'S 2011 EVENING PROGRAM MEETINGS are scheduled the first Tuesday of the month, September through November and January through May. Meetings are held in the Visitor/Student Services Center, 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima. (Enter campus off Mumaugh Rd.; first building on left). Meetings and events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Dates and times appear in the calendar write-ups below. In case of bad weather, meeting cancelations will be posted on WLIO(NBC/channel35) and WOHL(FOX/channel 25).

July 5
Summer Picnic
Come early to enjoy the park, dinner 6:30pm.

TMAS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC, Tuesday, July 5, 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. After the meal, David Betts, OCVN & TMAS member, will provide a short program on the **History of Lima Lake** and those who would like can take a half-mile hike to the lake. Don't forget your favorite bug spray and unwanted AUDUBON magazine issues for public event 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.

July 26
Board Meeting
7pm

TMAS BOARD MEETING, 7pm, Tues., July 26, 2011. All are welcome to attend our next TMAS board meeting that will be held at the Visitor/Student Services Center, 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima Campus.

September 6
Save this date

TMAS PROGRAM MEETING. The first program meeting of the year will be held Tuesday, September 6, at the Visitor/Student Services Center, 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima Campus. Exciting programs are now being planned for the program year.

September 10
Save this date
Volunteers needed

ANNUAL RECYCLE FUNDRAISER. September 10 (Saturday) will mark the chapter's 18th year manning Wapakoneta's Drop-off Center. Volunteers work 8am until noon. The center is open to the public 9am until noon. TMAS receives the proceeds from all recyclables handled. 20-25 volunteers are needed to sort items and to unload vehicles. Aluminum cans (dry, crushed if possible) pay best and can be donated at the July 5 summer picnic and at the September 6 monthly program meeting. Approximately one third of the money raised in 2010 was from aluminum cans. Luckily we had a large donor. Proceeds are dependent on the volume of materials handled (paid by the pound) and market conditions. Many of us pick up cans when we go walking during the summer months. How about joining the can collecting walkers? This fundraiser is a good opportunity to get to know your fellow Auduboners; it is work, but it is also fun. For additional information and to volunteer, call Bob or Carol Bertrand at 419-227-9231. Sheets are available with instructions for volunteers and recyclable items accepted at the center.



NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL. 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 e-mail 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.

MEMBERSHIP. 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 download a membership form or obtain a brochure by contacting Bill Askins at the above e-mail 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.

2011 OHIO CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER NATURALIST TRAINING. The Ohio State Extension Office in Hancock Co. is offering the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program (OCVN) in cooperation with the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District and the Hancock Park District. OCVN is a research-based natural resource education and volunteer program that includes hands-on training and community service under the statewide network of The Ohio State Extension. The program embraces conservation, but is not an advocacy group. As Ohio's population grows more urban, it is harder for people to make the connection to nature that intimately allows them to value their local resources and thus have a reason to manage and conserve them for future generations.

Volunteers receive certification after 40 hours of classroom and field instruction and 40 hours of volunteer service on approved community or Park District service projects. Volunteers maintain certification by completing an additional eight hours of advanced training approved service annually plus 20 hours of annual volunteer service. Volunteer service can be self-directed or coordinated through a Park District. Examples are: providing educational programs, leading hikes, monitoring trails, land stewardship, and assisting with special events. Becoming a Volunteer Naturalist provides individuals the opportunity to give back to their communities using their skills and talents.

Classes are scheduled for ten Tuesdays beginning Sept. 6 and ending Nov. 1, 6-9 pm, and three Saturdays. The classes will be held half in Hancock County and half in Allen County. The cost is \$130.00 not including a background check. Each OCVN applicant must complete an application and pass a background check. Course topics include: Ecological Regions of Ohio, Exploring Ohio's Watersheds, Wetland Ecology and Management, Geology and Soils of Ohio, Ohio Plants, Forest Ecology and Management, Entomology, Ornithology, Stewardship, Herpetology, Mammalogy, Art of Nature Interpretation, and more.

To receive an application packet, contact Nancy Kronberg, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator at the OSU Extension Office in Findlay, 419-422-3851, kronberg.3@cfaes.osu.edu or either park liaison: Chris, Volunteer Coordinator, Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District, 419-221-1232, volunteers@jampd.com or Sarah, Natural Resources Coordinator, Hancock Park District, 419-424-1555, sbetts@hancockparks.com. Deadline for registration is August 26, 2011.



2010-2011 ANNUAL APPEAL RESULTS. Each chapter year (June 1 - May 31), Tri-Moraine Audubon Society (TMAS), an all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, asks for your financial support to help the chapter fulfill conservation and educational goals at the local level. Our anonymous donor once more offered to match the total of member contributions up to \$1,000 and we again met the challenge. Donations total \$2,170 including the matching gift. In these trying economic times the Society gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following donors for their Annual Appeal contributions: Anonymous (11) - no name is listed unless consent was given on the donor form, Bob & Carol Bertrand, Maria Borba, John & Jill Bowers, Neal & Allison Brady, Eric & Doris Broughton, Dan & Robbin Clark, Jim Dennis, Ivan & Rachel Friesen, Jerry Geuy, Jim & Jan Heinrich, Belinda Hemp, Eric Juterbock, Dianne Knipp, Frank Kuhlman, Paul Parrick, Don & Mary Rosenbeck, Jim & Karen Spurgat, Rita & Wayne Thelen, Jack Woodward, Mary L. Yoder. We also want to thank the members and friends who make in kind and financial donations at other times throughout the year.

2011 DISTRICT SCIENCE DAY AWARD WINNERS. Your chapter awarded \$25 Tri-Moraine Audubon Society Natural Resources, Conservation, Nature Studies Awards at the 2011 Ohio Academy of Science District Science Day held March 19 at Ohio Northern University in Ada to the following three students: Andrew Favorito, 12th grade, Paulding High School, "Viability of bioremediation of Lake St. Marys Ohio via reintroduction of native mussels"; Daniel Ketner, 8th grade, Glandorf Elementary School, "Does gray water affect the growth of lettuce?"; Megan Kosch, 8th grade, Glandorf Elementary School, "To what extent does color attract Ruby-throated Hummingbirds." In addition to winning the TMAS prize, each student's outstanding entry was rated Superior (receiving a score of at least 36 out of 40) by two randomly selected OAS judges making the entry eligible to compete at the state assembly. Each TMAS winner was presented a letter of recognition and cash Award by Dr. Jay Mager, ONU Department of Biological & Allied Health Sciences, who judged entries for the Society. Dr. Nancy Woodley and Dr. Leslie Riley from the Department were the organizers for the District Science Day and also assisted Dr. Mager in his determination of potential award winners. TMAS thanks Drs. Mager, Riley, and Woodley for their help in making this annual chapter awards program a success.

GRAND LAKE ST. MARYS FIELD TRIP REPORT. Tri-Moraine Audubon Society members gathered for a day of birding in the Grand Lake St. Marys area on May 7th. What a great day for the group. We saw sixty-five species, fourteen of which were warblers!! Most notable was the sighting of a Blackburnian Warbler at the Miami-Erie Canal 40-Acre Pond, part of the Buckeye Hiking Trail north of St. Marys in Auglaize County and bobolinks at Mercer Wildlife Area on the southwest of Grand Lake St. Marys in Mercer County. The St. Marys River corridor and other sites around Grand Lake St. Marys are identified as part of an Important Bird Area (IBA) by the Ohio Audubon Society. Reserve the date for next year, this trip will be May 12, 2012.

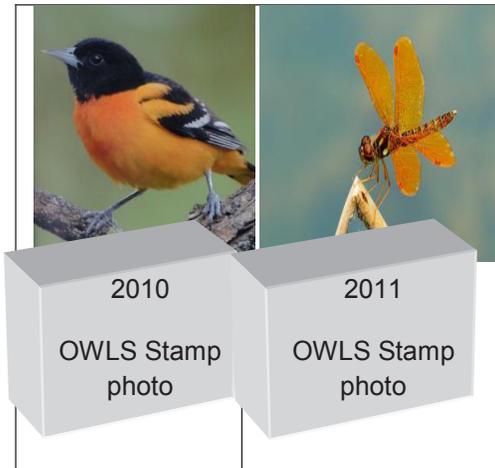
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS: ALLEN, HARDIN, SHELBY COUNTIES

In the Spring Flight Patterns we noted that all details were not finalized for this year's collection program. The North Central Ohio Solid Waste District (NCOSWD) has several new regulations. There are still two collection facilities for Allen, Hardin, and Shelby Counties (Lima and Sidney). There are multiple collection dates from now through October, but household hazardous waste (HHW) may be dropped off by APPOINTMENT ONLY. A \$1.00 per pound fee will be charged for all HHW items. For full information and to make your appointment contact NCOSWD, 815 Shawnee Road (next to Dehaven Home & Garden Showplace), Lima : 419-228-8278 (Lima area), toll free at 1-800-553-6763, www.ncowaste.org (go to HHW page). Call or visit the website for further regulations such as acceptable HHW items, container requirements, etc.; note free disposal of mercury thermometers. Remember that the new CFLs (compact fluorescent bulbs) also contain mercury and should not be put out with your regular trash. PLEASE NOTE -- Habitat for Humanity's Lima ReStore will take electronic items: computers, fax machines, phones, stereos, copiers, typewriters, etc., regardless of condition. They can recycle nonworking items. They accept only working TVs. It's probably a good idea to call before you drop off items. Phone: 419-222-4257 (10 to 5 Wed., Thurs., Fri. and 10 - 3 Sat. Address for the Habitat for Humanity ReStore: 123 East Wayne St, (1-way heading west). Goodwill Industries of Lima at Eastgate (419-224-0091) will take anything electronic plus monitors working or not. Drop-offs may be made from 8 am to 8 pm Monday through Saturday and 11am to 5pm on Sunday. Label nonworking items.

JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT is offering a variety of summer programs, including several of which may be of special interest to TMAS members. Programs are located at the Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater, 2632 Ada Road, Lima, OH. (In case of rain the program will be held in the Miami shelter house.) Sat., July 23, 7pm, BIRDS OF PREY by Audubon member, Sue Fowler. She will discuss hawks, owls, and falcons. Live birds will be present. Sat., August 13, 7pm, NATURE ROCKS. Join Chris Rowlands, award winning singer and songwriter, for an energetic, fast paced family friendly evening concert. Get ready to laugh, sing, and dance to a blend of music, art, and comedy. Chris Rowlands is an environmental education specialist for Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm, Dayton. For more information and the complete list of summer programs contact the JAMPD Office 419-221-1232 or e-mail jampd@jampd.com.



You can now find Tri-Moraine Audubon Society information on Facebook. Look for information about field trips, important sightings, and upcoming events. Check out the information and become a Facebook friend. Look for the TMAS cardinal logo. Recently members have posted field trip photos taken on Big Birding Day, May 9th and other field trip field notes.



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 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp. Purchasing this stamp will help fund habitat restoration, purchase land, preserve endangered and threatened species, fund wildlife and habitat research, provide educational products for students and wildlife enthusiasts, etc. Tri-Moraine Audubon member Russell Reynolds's photograph of a Baltimore oriole was featured on the inaugural stamp in 2010. The stamps sell for \$15. Tri-Moraine's mini-bookstore has the stamps 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 wildohiostampdnr.state.oh.us.

OWLS ORDER FORM

Please mail _____ 2010 OWLS stamp(s) @ \$15.00
 _____ 2011 OWLS stamp(s) @ \$15.00

Name (please print below) Telephone # (in case of question about your order)

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Check for \$ _____ enclosed made payable to *Tri-Moraine Audubon Society*, a totally volunteer 501(c) (3) organization. Your information will not be shared with others. Send form and check to: Tri-Moraine Audubon Society, PO Box 5648, Lima, OH 45802-5648.



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BIG BIRDING DAY REPORT. Seventeen intrepid birders ventured forth at 6:30 a.m. Monday, May 9th to see how many different species of birds we might see at the Magee Wildlife Area/Marsh boardwalk, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area, Maumee Bay State Park, and points between. The group members identified 101 species in about twelve hours. Bird species identified included 21 warblers, 9 shorebirds, 6 sparrows, 4 herons, 3 terns, 2 swans, 2 egrets, 2 ducks, and 53 other species. The first bird was a ring-billed gull in the parking lot in Lima and the last bird was a black-crowned night heron at Maumee Bay State Park. While the wild turkey was unusual, it was a glimpse of the tricolored heron at Metzger Marsh that was most unexpected. I should say, most unexpected bird, because while enjoying our lunch on the beach next to the Magee Marsh boardwalk, members of the group found morel mushrooms! (Birds we expected to see, but did not were ruby throated hummingbird, kestrel, Cape May warbler, and bluebird.)



BIG BIRDING DAY HIGHLIGHTS

One hundred one species of birds were seen by TMAS members on Big Birding Day, May 9th.

Top left to right: palm warbler, prothonotary warbler, and veery seen at McGee Wildlife Area (Lucas and Ottawa Counties). At left: Tri-Moraine Audubon members enjoyed lunch near the Lake Erie shore (in the background).



PRESIDENT'S NOTES. Well, summer is upon us at last. I enjoyed the April showers, but I have had enough of the recent storms. I want to thank Carol, John, Evelyn, Mary, Anne, Bill, Eric, Fern, Mike, Leslie, and Dianne for all the time and effort spent as officers and/or committee chairs. As a result of your dedication, Tri-Moraine Audubon is able to accomplish so much. A special thanks to Don and Mary Rosenbeck for making the recent Environmental Education Weekend so very successful! One of the joys of participating in Audubon is getting to meet some incredible people. We are saying farewell and thank you to two couples who have done so much to make the chapter a success. Bill and Jackie Light have been leading and guiding the chapter since it's beginning in so many different ways and have been instrumental in our successes over the years. Fern and Wayne Albertson have also been incredibly active and are responsible for many group educational opportunities and hours of volunteer time. (Fern was our Program Chair and arranged many excellent monthly programs.) Both couples are retiring and moving out of the area to enjoy their grandchildren and we wish them much happiness and our most sincere thanks. Well it's not raining right now, so get out and enjoy the wonder and beauty of nature. Have a fantastic summer! Eric Broughton