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CALENDER

TRI-MORAINE'S 2010-2011 EVENING PROGRAM MEETINGS are scheduled the first Tuesday of the month, September through November and January through May. Meetings are held in the Welcome Center (formerly OSU Extension Office) at 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima. (Enter campus off Mumaugh Rd. for easiest access; first building on the 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).

September 7
7:30 pm
Program Meeting
OSU Campus

NEW ZEALAND'S REVENGE: INVASIVE AQUATIC SNAILS in WESTERN U.S. PARKS. Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 pm. Tri-Moraine will kick off the program year with Dr. Leslie Riley speaking on the recent invasion of New Zealand's Mud Snails into western U.S. rivers. Dr. Riley, currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological and Allied Sciences at Ohio Northern University and TMAS member, has also been involved with TMAS Environmental Education Weekend (EEW) and is an organizer for the Ohio Academy of Science District Science Day. Her research interests include aquatic community ecology, invasive species, and anything to do with snails.

September 11
Volunteers needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RECYCLYING CENTER PROJECT.
On September 11 (Saturday), TMAS will man the City of Wapakoneta Dept. of Public Works recycling center. Open to the public on Saturdays from 9 am. to noon, the chapter will receive the proceeds from all recyclables handled that day. Aluminum cans pay best. For additional info. or if you can help, call Bob Bertrand at 419-227-9231 (Lima). **Volunteers begin at 8 am**. Aluminum cans (dry and crushed) can be donated at the September 7th program meeting. In addition to #1 and #2 plastic, Wapakoneta now accepts #3, #5, and #7. Also, now accepted are strings of outdoor lights and shoes. Each pair of shoes must be fastened together. No heels over 2 in. and no boots.

September 18
8:30 am field trip

MUSHROOM HUNTING FIELD TRIP, Saturday, September 18, TMAS is very fortunate to have Janet Sweigart living in our area. Janet, known for her expertise throughout the region, will share basic information about collecting wild mushrooms as she leads our group through her tree farm in Maysville, near Ada. Autumn is considered the best time for mushroom hunting because the sultry heat of the summer, followed by rain, provides the perfect humid conditions ideal for mushroom growth. J&J's Woodsland was recognized in 2005 as the Ohio Tree Farm of the Year and the Sweigarts as the 2006's North Central Regional Outstanding Tree Farmers. Interested participants should meet to carpool from behind Wendy's at the Eastside Shopping Center in Lima at 8:30 am.

October 5
7:30 pm
Program meeting
OSU Campus

OWLS OF OHIO by Jim McCormac, Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 pm. *Whoooo* thinks owls are fascinating?…How do they hunt, what do they sound like, how do you find them? Working for the Ohio Division of Wildlife, specializing in birds, education, and wildlife diversity issues, Jim McCormac will present a fact-filled program featuring some of the twelve species of owls found in Ohio. A comprehensive CD of North American owl sounds that focuses on the Ohio species, along with an accompanying booklet, will be available. Currently President of the Ohio Ornithological Society, Jim is the well-known author of several books, including *Birds of Ohio* (Lone Pine 2004), and *The Great Lakes Nature Guide* (Lone Pine 2009) and the recipient of the 2009 Ludlow Griscom award.

October 16
9:00 am field trip

LIPPINCOTT BIRD SANCTUARY FIELD TRIP, Saturday, October 16, 9:00 am. The 37 acre Lippincott Bird Sanctuary was donated in 1998 by Bill Lippincott, former City of Lima forester, to the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan District. Park District and local Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists have done a great deal of work on a variety of projects making this a great local natural treasure. Close to the city of Lima, the park is located just east of the Allen County Fairgrounds on St. Rt. 117 (Bellefontaine Rd). From the trail we will enjoy the diverse array of habitats (prairie, meadow, woodland, and wetland areas) which are home to many different species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Interested participants should meet at the Lippincott Bird Sanctuary in Lima at 9:00 am.

ANNUAL FALL BIRDSEED SALE. Saturday, November 6, 9 am-4 pm, DeHaven Home & Garden Showplace in Lima. Prepaid orders may be picked up at DeHaven's Findlay store or from volunteers at five locations. Sale flyers will be mailed at the end of September. If you do not receive one, contact Anne Smedley at 419-222-3271 (Lima). Take a bird to lunch!

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HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR "OWLS"? The Ohio Division of Wildlife receives no tax money to conserve, restore and manage wildlife and wildlife habitat. The Division is funded by hunting/fishing license fees, the tax check-off, and the purchase of wildlife license plates to help fund programs. Now your purchase of an Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp or OWLS 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. Chapter member Russell Reynolds' photograph of the Baltimore oriole is featured on this inaugural stamp. Priced at $15 (the ODNR price), the OWLS is available at TMAS program meetings and the chapter booth at public events like the Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District's Apple Fest, (October 2&3), or by mailing a check (payable to Tri-Moraine Audubon Society) to PO Box 5648, Lima, OH 45802-5648.

TMAS SEED SWAP. Swapping seeds with other gardeners is a fabulous way to expand your seed collection, almost without spending a dime. For gardeners who are hoping to grow some new and interesting varieties in their garden next year, trading seeds is the way to go. At our March 1St TMAS Program Meeting we will conduct a seed swap. So collect mature, dry seeds this summer and fall. Remember the best seeds come from the best plants. Place 20 average sized seeds in an envelope or bag (more seeds if very small and fewer seeds if seeds are large). Label envelope/bag or insert paper with the plant's common name, color, plant size, and soil, sun, water needs. Store seeds in a cool, dry place until the March meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER. You will find my little editorials throughout the newsletter. Communications in any organization can be a problem, but when you have almost 500 members spread out over 8 counties, it can be especially challenging. This is why this newsletter is so important. You'll see that we have included a calendar of upcoming programs and activities. Please make note in the calendar you use most often of the dates and times of those things that you would or might like to attend. If you're like so many of us and not that organized, keep the TMAS calendar somewhere where you can easily find it to see what is coming up next. Read this newsletter for more details. Can't find the newsletter after a week or two?.....then visit the tri-moraineaudubon.org website for an online version of the newsletter. If you use Facebook, go to the Tri-Moraine Audubon page (you'll quickly see the TMAS cardinal when you do a search in Facebook). While the newsletter is sent out every two months, I update the Facebook page every week.....Many thanks to our Lima Square Fair volunteers Bob and Carol Bertrand and Russell and Janice Reynolds; our hospitality chair Mary Neeley for a wonderful Summer Picnic; and to Dianne Knipp for hosting the July Board Meeting. We welcome and thank Dr. Leslie Riley from ONU as our new chapter representative to the Ottawa River Coalition…..The next Board Meeting will be held at the Albertson home in Ada on Tuesday, Sept. 28th, at 7:30 pm.

GROWING VOLUNTEERS. Many people interested and able to participate in TMAS activities do not mind helping out if needed. People hesitate when there is a title like "chairperson", too many meetings, or an unknown time commitment. As President, I know very well that in many cases, life is too unpredictable to be able to commit to being in charge or a "chairperson" of anything. I also know that our Audubon chapter is very fortunate to have many people with an interest in nature and the environment who have some special knowledge and/or abilities that in the "right" circumstances they would gladly share with the other members of the chapter. What are those "right" circumstances? Whatever it is you are asking help with must have a defined time frame whether it is one hour, one day or six two-hour meetings a year. Something else that defines "right" is that you possess or want to develop the knowledge, skill, or ability necessary to do the job right (no one wants to volunteer if they fear they might fail). In addition to time and ability is the belief that your efforts are welcome, appreciated, valued by others in the organization. While you can decide if you have the time and ability, it is up to me and every other member of the chapter to make sure that you feel supported and appreciated. I am not looking for "chairpersons". I am looking for people willing and able to help out in a limited and defined way to make this Audubon chapter, its programs, activities, and efforts, a positive experience for all of you and a benefit to our small corner of the planet. There are many ways you can help and make a difference. I look forward to talking you at a meeting or event, or send an email to broughtoneric@yahoo.com, or try to call me and together we'll find a way you can best help the chapter.

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 C/O the chapter's PO Box. This information is for new members only. No renewals.