Evening Programs
Manhasset Public Library
30 Onderdonk Ave. at Northern Blvd. 7pm
Open to the public and free of charge
Handicap accessible
http://manhassetlibrary.org
Membership meetings are the
4th Tuesday of the month, unless noted

North Nassau Christmas Bird Count
Sat December 15

If you consider yourself a good birder, able to identify 50+ common species of bird and you have nothing better to do on December 15, give Jennifer Wilson-Pines a buzz and she’ll incorporate you into a designated area so you can help count and join in the fun. Bring lunch and be willing to carpool and get cold. The count circle starts around Manhasset Bay to the west, up through Lloyd Neck to the east, and down south into Westbury. Garvies Point Museum in Glen Cove will host the compilation and covered dish dinner to follow. Count starts at midnight on 12/15 and ends at dusk when we meet at Garvies. Call if you are interested or if you would simply like to report your backyard feeder birds into the totals.
Jennifer Wilson-Pines 516-767-3454
jwpines@gmail.com

WE NEED FEEDER COUNTERS!
Bird from the comfort of your home. Backyard birds are woefully under counted. You can call or email your results to your Count area leader before the compilation.

NSAS offers members a quarterly print newsletter, or pdf email delivery, redesigned website and both a Facebook page and a group for more up to the minute information. www.northshoreaudbon.org

NOTE Field Note sightings should now be sent to Lindy Nielsen.

February 16, 17, 18 & 19
GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT
Start by creating a free GBBC account if you have never participated or have not participated in the GBBC since 2013. If you already created an account for the GBBC in the past, or if you’re already registered with eBird you can use your existing user name and password. During the 4 days, count birds for at least 15 minutes. You can count for longer and in as many places and on as many days as you like. Submit a separate checklist for each new day, for each new location, or for the same location if you counted at a different time of day. Estimate the number of individuals of each species you saw during your count period.

No December member meeting
join us on the
North Nassau Christmas Bird Count
Saturday, Dec 15 dawn to dusk.

January 22
FILM
Super Hummingbirds or Birds of Paradise
Part of the Nature PBS series
A CD presentation on hummingbirds mating, laying eggs, fighting, flight, and raising families. They are great athletes, tender mothers, brave in combat, and up for any challenge. Enjoy an upclose look at our tiniest and beautiful birds.

February 26th
To Be Announced
Check the website and Facebook page
Check our website and Facebook pages for updates and changes to programs and walks

Thank You Whole Foods
for generously supplying the refreshments at our general meetings.
Whole Foods is located at Northern Blvd. and Port Washington Blvd.

Established 1952

Happy Holidays!
President’s Message
by Peggy Maslow
Important Issues for Audubon Members

Two people just sent me this article: “Ecologists Have this Simple Request to Homeowners—Plant Native
A new study shows how quickly songbird populations fall off when gardens are planted with exotic trees and shrubs.

Recently, I attended the Audubon sponsored Climate Change conference in Brentwood on November 10. In one of the handouts, “Birds and Climate Change,” one of six things listed under “What You Can Do to Help Birds,” is “Create a Bird-Friendly Habitat,” which includes native plants. This is something I have been writing and talking about and doing myself when I go to certify bird-friendly habitats and plant public native plant gardens.

But there are several other things we all should be doing. The first speaker at this all-day conference basically said if Audubon members don’t do anything to slow climate change, which is hurting many birds in various ways, then who will? He said in so many words that while we love to go out on a beautiful day and look for birds, we all need to help birds and people by slowing climate change. We need to reduce our carbon footprint. We need to show support for laws and policies that reduce carbon use and that may involve contacting legislators and governors, mayors and other leaders. We also need to publicize what we are doing to help birds and reduce our carbon use which involves contacting publications and leaders or local decision-makers. The presenters also talked at length about our coastlines on Long Island and how to assure birds and people exist safely. Please contact me at nsaudu-bon@gmail.com to volunteer in any of these areas.

Creating a Prairie in Wisconsin
From the President, Peggy Maslow

Fifteen years ago when my friends, Sarah and David Aslakson, bought 90 acres of land in southern Wisconsin near Argyle, population 800+, they planned on building their dream house in a rural area. The department of agriculture’s CRP (Crop Reserve Program) deemed their land level 4 out of 4, unfit for growing crops. It had rolling hills and the soil wasn’t deep enough. There was danger of erosion. Underneath was limestone. The land, originally partly a corn field, already looked like pasture land.

Just three years later they decided to use the services of a US Fish and Wildlife program that planted seeds to create a tall grass prairie which would support grassland birds.

There were several steps. The fifty-four acres out of their 90 acres that would be planted had to be rid of all other plants. This involved poisoning. Then a huge machine with 40 varieties planted the seeds, a process that took a couple days. Four years later a special group called Prairie Bluff, from a group called Prairie Enthusiasts, burned the field. Then every three years they return to burn it again.

Paid seven thousand dollars a year to keep this land not in crops, Sarah works on a section each summer to remove trees and non-native plants. When I walked the perimeter of the prairie with her, close to 2 miles, I saw the most recent section had no small trees. Another section had sumac and wild cherry which she will remove next summer and the following year will have the burn.

The bobolinks and bobwhites started arriving after a few years, along with many other birds such as hummingbirds. In the middle of October while I walked the perimeter that had bushes and trees, I saw ruby-crowned kinglets, palm warblers and ring-necked pheasants. A mix of native grasses and also flowering plants such as several kinds of asters, goldenrod, cone flowers and compass plant comprise the meadow.

David Aslakson said, “It is really a joy to walk around the prairie.” He explained that some of his neighbors and others who do this are, “major league environmentalists.” Also like him they are, “escapees from urban places.”

If you want to visit a prairie, the Konza Prairie Biological Station, Manhattan, Kansas, 13.5 square miles, is owned by the Nature Conservancy and Kansas State University. There are 300 bison as well as 208 bird species. The University of WI Madison Arboretum contains two prairie restoration areas. The remnant of the Hempstead Plains is the only prairie on the east coast.

For those of you who want to see the prairie and the birds that live there go to this website: otusasiotours.com. The owner of this tour company, Jan Hansen, an excellent leader, will lead a trip early April 2020 that starts in Denver and looks for breeding prairie chickens and well as 170 other birds. You can see the bird list from previous trips. He has not yet listed this trip, but will do the trip if he gets 7 people showing interest. Then he will do the research on current prices and get back to us with that information. There is very little overhead with Jan. He does not advertise, but works via word-of-mouth, so his prices are the lowest, plus he is one of the best tour leaders ever.

Please email me if you are interested.
WINTER 2018 LEADERLESS BIRD WALK SCHEDULE

Walks are for beginners and experienced birders alike. Weather permitting, walks start at 9:30AM unless indicated otherwise ***. If in doubt, please check the website and Facebook page.

Go to our website at www.northshoreaudubon.org for directions. We would like to encourage carpooling, where possible. Please note there is a per car fee at Sands Pt. Please check the Facebook group for weather updates or ask to be added to the email list.

Schedule note: *** indicates 8 am official start time

December
12/5 Massapequa Preserve
12/12 Gerry Park and Hempstead Harbor, Roslyn
Sat. 12/15 North Nassau Christmas Bird Count
12/19 Stehli Beach, Bayville
12/26 Planting Fields, Locust Valley

January
1/2 Jamaica Bay WR
1/9 Oyster Bay Triple Play, meet at Prybil Beach
1/16 Garvies Point, Glen Cove
1/23 Hempstead Lake SP
1/30 Twin Lakes in Wantagh

February
2/6 Point Lookout
2/13 Target Rock, Lloyd Harbor
2/20 Jones Beach Coast Guard Station
2/27 Belmont Lake SP

March
3/6 Mill Pond Preserve Wantagh/Cammans Pond
3/13 Massapequa Preserve

Garvies Events Continued
Wed., February 20 ● GAMES of the SOUTHWEST ● 10am – 4pm, ongoing
Tewa Chi-Ti, Zuni standing cob, Zuni ring toss & Zuni Basket dice.

POSSUM-MAKING ● 10am – 4pm, every ½ hour
Create & take home your own clay pot inspired by primitive Native American technology. $5.00/participant, in addition to admission.

FACE-PAINTING ● 10am-12pm & 1-4pm
Get your face painted using natural pigment from red shale rock.
Film: The Legend of the Boy and the Eagle 11am, 1pm, 3pm

Thur., February 21 ● GAMES of the NORTHEAST ● 10am – 4pm, ongoing
Dish game, Moccasin Bullet, Beaver Lodge & Hand game.

POUCH GAME CRAFT ● 10am - 4pm, ongoing
Make an awesome beaded bracelet. Ages 5+.

FACE-PAINTING ● 10am-12pm & 1-4pm
Get your face painted using natural pigment from red shale rock.
Film: How to Build an Igloo (11 mins.)

Fri., February 22 ● GAMES of the PLAINS ● 10am – 4pm, ongoing
Gusigonogo Dice game, Cheyenne game, Odd & Even, and Dark walk.

SAND-ART BRACELET CRAFT ● 10am – 4pm, ongoing
Make an awesome beaded bracelet. Ages 5+.

FACE-PAINTING ● 10am-12pm & 1-4pm
Get your face painted using natural pigment from red shale rock.
Film: Princess Scargo and the Birthday Pumpkin (30 mins.)

Sat., February 23 ● GEOLOGY DAY. ● 10am – 4pm, ongoing
Join us for a day full of all things that rock. Learn to identify rocks during our hands-on workshops to perform scientific tests to ID minerals, learn & observe special properties including fluorescence & double refraction, Observation Station: Rock types; rock painting craft; bring in & show off your own rock collection; learn special geology of our preserve; see & learn about local fossils; feel free to bring in your own items for ID. $5.00 per person, under 5 free.
Film: All About Rocks & Minerals (30 mins.)

SPECIAL DISCOUNT
Bayles Garden Center
88 S. Bayles Ave., Port Washington is offering a special discount to NSAS members.
20% off on seed and feeders, excluding sale items. Bring in your National Audubon membership card, or this NSAS newsletter.

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Brant Research
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is requesting your help resighting Atlantic Brant with color markers and transmitters.

Last year, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) kicked-off a 5-year collaborative Atlantic Brant migration and breeding ecology study with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Canadian Wildlife Service. Crews began marking Brant with GPS transmitters and plastic colored tarsal bands with tiny geolocators attached to them. Colored bands with geolocators have a 3 digit code on them. The geolocators themselves are clear, plastic electronics about the size of a “fat nickel” and are fastened with a plastic cable lock tie. Also, crews this winter will begin marking brant with two colored leg bands instead of one. These colored bands will have only one number/letter instead of 3; that way they can be read from a farther distance.

How can you help?
Resightings and/or photographs of color banded and transmittered birds are very helpful to the study.

1. If you see a Brant with a colored leg band(s), please report the observation to the Bird Banding Laboratory at www.reportband.gov Under the “what” tab of the reporting form, select “Color marker only (neck collar, wing tag, colored leg band, etc.).” After you enter the report information, the website will also give you the option of uploading photographs of the bird. If you observe one of the birds with two colored leg bands later this winter or in subsequent years of this project, please note the color of each band, color of the lettering, the number/letter on each band, and which leg each band was on (right or left leg of the bird). When you complete the report, the bird banding lab will e-mail you a certificate of appreciation for your time and assistance.

2. If you see a bird with a transmitter, but NO color leg band, please send an e-mail to Joshua.Stiller@dec.ny.gov to report your observation. Pictures of the bird would be greatly appreciated.

For more information on the study, please visit the DEC website: http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/115179.html

If you have any additional questions, please let me know. We greatly appreciate your assistance.

Field Notes Cont.

9/27
10/31
20 Black-crowned Night Herons

Roslyn
11/3

SIGHTINGS OUTSIDE OF NSAS TERRITORY

Hempstead
10/3

South Shore
9/12

9/29

9/29

10/24

11/7
Garvies Point Museum & Preserve
50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove  571-8010
Closed Sunday & Mondays
Movies, walks and gallery talks included with admission to the Museum. $4 adults, $2 children 5-12
Unless noted films and crafts included with admission www.garviespointmuseum.com
Nature Films Tues thru Sat. check website for schedule
Sat., December 15 ● 11am – 3pm, ongoing
NATURAL ORNAMENT WORKSHOP
Create beautiful ornaments with materials from woods and water. $5.00 per participant
Wed., Dec. 26 – Sat, Dec. 29 11am, 1pm, 3pm each day
NORTH AMERICA FILM SERIES,
narrated by Tom Selleck, 1 hr. each
Included with museum admission
12/26: “No Place to Hide”
12/27: “Learn Young or Die”
12/28: “The Savage Edge”
12/29: “Outlaws & Skeletons”
Sat., December 29 11am – 3pm, ongoing
WINTER BIRD-FEEDER CRAFT
Make a bird-feeder out of recycled materials so you can observe & enjoy birds all winter long. Includes starter pack of bird seed. $5.00 per participant
Sat, January 12, ● 2 – 3pm
WINTER BIRD-WALK
Many species of birds live on our preserve year-round, for some birds, this is their wintering grounds. Join a Garvies naturalist on a casual walk to observe our winter residents.
Film: Owl Power (60 mins)
Tues., January 15 – Sat., January 26
NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIST FILM SERIES ● 2 & 3pm, each day
Experience a different Native American artist each day.
Included with museum admission.
1/15: Charles Loloma, Hopi Jeweler
1/16: R.C. Gorman: Navajo Painter
1/17: Grace Medicine Flower & Joseph Lone Wolf, Santa Clara Potters
1/18: Fritz Scholder, California Mission Painter
1/19: Allan House, Apache sculptor
1/22: Kiowa Cradleboard Makers Vanessa Jennings
1/23: Pottery of San Ildefonso
1/24: Eskimo Artist: Kenojuak
1/25: Helen Hardin, Santa Clara Painter
1/26: Photogravures of Edward S. Curtis
Sat., February 9
VALENTINE PAPER-MAKING ● 10am - 4pm, ongoing
Make a unique & beautiful valentine out of recycled paper. Included with admission.
FILM: CHARLES DARWIN GENIUS ● 11am, 1pm, 3pm
In honor of Darwin’s 210th birthday on February 12th, enjoy this film that explores Darwin’s personal life, the impact of his work in his own time and modern world, and shows how his life and work were profoundly influenced by his surroundings. (50 mins.)

FRIENDS OF GARVIES POINT MUSEUM & PRESERVE Membership Application
Some benefits of membership:
Free admission to Garvies Point Museum & Preserve
Discount in the gift shop, Notices of special events and programs, Invitations to MEMBERS ONLY events and programs.
Make your tax-deductible donation payable to: Friends of Garvies Point Museum and Preserve
mail to: Friends of Garvies Point Museum and Preserve
50 Barry Drive Glen Cove, NY 11542
I would like to join the Friends at the level indicated:
☐ $25 individual ☐ $35 family
☐ $20 senior/student ☐ $100 corporation

Name ____________________________________________
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### Field Notes

**Abbreviations for common locations:**
- CC = Captin’s Cove
- CIB = Centre Island Beach
- CITP = Centre Island Town Park
- DP = Dosoris Pond
- FFS = Flora & Fauna Survey
- FPM = Fox Point Marsh
- GPP = Garvies Point Preserve
- HC = Hoffman Center
- HH = Hempstead Harbor
- LB = Lattingtown Beach
- MNC = Mill Neck Creek
- MPB = Morgan’s Park Beach
- MP = Muttontown Preserve
- MPP = Massapequa Park Preserve
- PRCC = Piping Rock Country Club
- RB = Ransom Beach
- SB = Stehli Beach
- SJM = St Josphapts Monestary
- SPP = Sands Point Preserve
- SSP = Shu Swamp Preserve
- WP = Welwyn Preserve
- FOS = first of season
- + = many
- F = female
- M = male
- A = adult
- imm. = immature
- J = juvenile

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