

# SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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## ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

**Meetings/Programs:** Open to the public  
**When:** Second Monday of month, Oct-May  
**Where:** 1st Congregational Church Fellowship Hall, 1031 Euclid, Sarasota  
**Time:** Social Period 6:30, Business meeting, 7pm Presentation, 7:30pm  
**Cost:** No charge, donation for refreshments appreciated

**October 8:** Dr. Frank Cassell will speak on his book, *Suncoast Empire: Bertha Honore Palmer, Her Family, and the Rise of Sarasota, 1910-1982*.

**November 12:** Dr. Melissa Abdo, Managing Director of the Old-Growth Forest Network, will provide insights into our nation's ancient forests.

**December 10:** William Heyd, award-winning nature photographer from Kalamazoo, MI, will present a program about Ruby-throated and several other western US hummingbirds.

**January 14:** Yve Morrell from Naples, FL, will describe her 2017 ABA Birding Big Year (including Hawaii) and the 817 species that ranked her 3rd all-time for Big Year efforts.

**February 11:** Heather Wolf, a web developer for Cornell Lab of Ornithology and ebird, will discuss her book, *Birding at the Bridge: In Search of Every Bird on the Brooklyn Waterfront*.

**March 11:** Sanibel author Charles Sobczak will speak on "The Great Florida Invasion - From Pythons to Pepper," and the many invasive species that have arrived in Florida throughout recorded history.

**April 8:** Charles C. Reith of Reith Energy and Environmental Development in Sarasota will talk about his four years in West Africa observing African bird species and comparing them to their new world counterparts.

**May 13:** Debbie Blanco, Sarasota County Environmental Specialist and Carlton Reserve Site Manager, will explain some of the challenges and wonders of managing Carlton's 24,565 acres.

## ACTIVITIES AT THE CELERY FIELDS

**SAS NATURE CENTER:** Open every day, Oct - May, 9am to 1pm. Displays, kids' corner, information, gift shop, gardens, gazebo and more!

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**BOARDWALKS:** At Palmer Blvd and Raymond Rd boardwalks, a SAS Bird Naturalist is on duty every day, 8:30-10:30am, Nov 1-Apr 30

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**CELERY FIELDS CLEANUPS:** Help keep our area garbage free! Wednesdays at **9am: Nov 14, Jan 9, March 13, and April 10**

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**SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY:** Deep Sky Observers ([www.lgdso.com](http://www.lgdso.com)) set up telescopes at the Nature Center - star gazing! **Saturdays: Sep 15 (7:30pm), Dec 15 (5:30pm) & Mar 16 (7:30pm)**

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**BIG SIT:** **Sunday, Oct 14.** Join SAS members to count birds from a 17 foot circle. Contact Stu Wilson ([stuwilson@comcast.net](mailto:stuwilson@comcast.net))

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**ORIENTATION FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS:** **Saturday, Oct 13.** Docents 9-10:30am, Bird Naturalists: 10:30-12

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**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULING TRAINING**  
**(Volgistics): Saturday, Oct 13, 1-3pm**

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**VOLUNTEER FAIR:** **Saturday, Jan 12,** 10am-1pm Nature Center. Come check out the volunteer opportunities within our organization.

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**TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS:** **Tuesdays, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 10-11am.** Learn beginner Yang Tai Chi in a relaxed outdoor setting at our Nature Center. **6 sessions \$20 or \$4 per class.** Pay at the 1st session. **No reservations needed.**

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**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION:** **Saturday, Apr 13, 6-8pm.** All SAS volunteers invited!

## **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Oct 11-14: FLORIDA BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL:** [floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org](http://floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org).

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**Oct 19-20: AUDUBON ASSEMBLY:**

[flaudubon.org](http://flaudubon.org)

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**Friday, Dec. 14: HOLIDAY LUNCH: SAS MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** Mission Valley Country Club; 1851 Mission Valley Blvd; Nokomis. **11:45am, \$30.** The Olsons' Oscar Scherer photos, Bird Trivia, and a speaker. Sign up at [www.sarasotaaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaaudubon.org)

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**Monday, Dec 17: MYAKKA RIVER SP CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT:** Belinda Perry ([bperry51@verizon.net](mailto:bperry51@verizon.net))

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**Saturday, Jan 5: SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT:** Contact Stu Wilson ([stuwilson@comcast.net](mailto:stuwilson@comcast.net))

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**Saturday, Feb 2: SAS MEMBER PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT:** A month long exhibit of our own members' incredible photography. Opening Reception Sat., Feb.2, 2019 from **4-6 pm** at the Nature Center.

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**Saturdays, Feb 2 and 9: ALL ABOARD THE EAGLE TROLLEY:** Visit active nests with eagle expert Dale Nauman, **\$30.** Online **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** at [www.sarasotaaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaaudubon.org).  
Feb 2 = Harma Nyhof ([birdsrg@gmail.com](mailto:birdsrg@gmail.com));  
Feb 9 = Barry Gerber ([hlgerber@comcast.net](mailto:hlgerber@comcast.net))

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**Mar 26 & Apr 8: CAREFREE LEARNER** Boat tour to Roberts Bay Rookery **1-3pm. RESERVATION REQUIRED \$30.** Sign up at [www.sarasotaaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaaudubon.org) Questions? Harma Nyhof ([birdsrg@gmail.com](mailto:birdsrg@gmail.com))

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**Jan 18-20: ST.MARK'S NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** with a local guide. Cost TBD. See SAS website for details.

## GUIDED WALKS:

**NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.** Suggested donation: \$2 members, \$4 non-members

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### CELERY FIELDS WALKS: Meet at Nature Center

**First Tuesdays-Jan 1, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2 : 8-10am:** Peter Brown (508-241-5541)

**Second Wednesdays-Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13: 3-5pm:** "PM Birding," Margi Haas ([mhaas@pipeline.com](mailto:mhaas@pipeline.com))

**Second Saturdays-Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13: 8-10am:** Peter Brown (508-241-5541)

**Third Thursdays, Jan 17, Feb 21, March 21: 8-10am:** SAS Survey Team ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**Fourth Mondays, Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 24, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25: 9-11am:** Joyce Leary(508-737-8954)

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### OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK WALKS:

**Every Thursday, Oct 18-Apr 11:** Meet 8:30am inside park at Lake Osprey/Nature Center (opens 8am, fee) 1st, 2nd Thu=Peter Brown (508-241-5541). 3rd, 4th, 5th Thu=Joyce Leary (508-737-8954)

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### OTHER GUIDED WALKS:

**Saturday, Oct 6, 9am: PINECRAFT PARK** 1420 Gilbert Av, Edith Miller & Lynn Jakubowicz  
[lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net)

**Tuesday, Oct 16, 8am: ROBINSON PRESERVE** 1704 99th St NW, Bradenton . Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

**Wednesday, Oct 17: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS 8am** at Pavilion/north end of main SK parking lot. Mary Heinlen (346-3335) & Lynn Jakubowicz

**Wednesday, Nov 7: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS 8am** at Pavilion at north end of the main SK parking lot. Mary Heinlen (346-3335) & Claire Herzog

**Sunday, Nov 11: LONGBOAT KEY SHORE-BIRDS - 8am** Broadway beach access on north end of LBK. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & John Ginaven

**Tuesday, Dec 4: MYAKKA RIVER SP 8:15** in 1st parking lot on right after main (SR72) entrance (park opens 8am, fee). Stu Wilson (512-897-8341), John Ginaven. Bring lunch or try the park's cafe.

**Thursday, Jan 3: N LIDO BEACH & WOODS 8am** in small parking lot at end of Ringling Blvd on Lido. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

**Monday, Jan 14: MYAKKA RIVER SP 8:15** in 1st parking lot on right after entrance (park opens 8am, fee). Joyce Leary (508-737-8954)

**Tuesday, Jan 22, 8am: URFER PARK** 4000 Honore Ave. Lynn Jakubowicz ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net)) and Martha Straub

**Tuesday, Jan 29: FT DESOTO SHOREBIRDS & DUCKS 7:30am** behind Starbucks (University & I-75). Lynn Jakubowicz ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net)) & Mary Heinlen **BRING LUNCH**

**Thursday, Jan 31: PERICO PRESERVE 8am** 11700 Manatee Av W, Bradenton. SAS Survey Team ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**Thursday, Feb 14: MYAKKA RIVER SP 8:15am** in 1st parking lot on right after entrance (opens 8am, fee). Bring snacks. Rick Greenspun ([birddoggie1@gmail.com](mailto:birddoggie1@gmail.com))

**Thursday, Feb 28, 8am: RED BUG PK** 5200 Be-neva Rd/SAS Survey Team ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**Thursday, Mar 14: OLD MYAKKA PRESERVE** Meet at Nature Center **7:30am. NO FACILITIES.** Rick Greenspun ([birddoggie1@gmail.com](mailto:birddoggie1@gmail.com))

**Tuesday, Mar 26: N.LONGBOAT/LEFFIS KEY - 8am** at Broadway Beach access north end of LBK. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

**Thursday, Mar 28: LETTUCE LAKE PARK 7am** behind Starbucks (I-75 & University Pkwy) Lynn Jakubowicz ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net)) & Mary Heinlen. **BRING LUNCH**

**Thursday, Apr 11: PINECRAFT PARK** 1420 Gilbert Av. Lynn Jakubowicz ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net)) & other leaders. **Two scheduled walks: #1 at 8am & #2 at 9:30am. Please choose one.**

**Tuesday, Apr 16: FORT DE SOTO** Meet at the first rest stop just after the tollbooths on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge (I-275) at **8am**. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & John Ginaven. **BRING LUNCH**

## NATURE CENTER WORKSHOPS

Two hour workshops on a variety of topics. 1:30-3:30pm. \$5 donation. [kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)

### NO RESERVATION NEEDED

### PAY AT THE DOOR

**Saturday, Dec 15: SNAKE TALES** Snakes perform valuable environmental services that benefit other species, even humans. Join Park Naturalist Lynda Becherelli and learn how to identify and co-exist with Florida's snakes. Children welcome. Live snakes!

**Friday, Jan 18: BIRDS OF PARADISE** Join Debbie Huckaby, executive director of Birds of Paradise Sanctuary, and learn how parrots are rescued, evaluated and re-socialized for adoption. Meet some rescued parrots and learn to identify parrots that may be in distress.

**Saturday, Feb 9: TALES FROM PELICAN COVE** Author Janet Hasselbring will share the amazing facts she gains from her research, and the connections she has made through writing her series of books about the shorebirds and other birds of Florida and beyond.

**Friday, Feb 15: SAVING LOCAL LANDS FOR CONSERVATION** Due to overdevelopment, Sarasota is fast losing its remaining natural lands. We are not powerless to prevent this! Learn how to begin at the grass roots level from our conservation community's leaders.

**Saturday, Mar 23: HOW TO ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRDS TO YOUR YARD** John Groskopf will share information on resident and migrant hummingbirds and identify which plants will attract them to our yards.

**Saturday, Apr 20: PURPLE MARTINS** Sue Guarasci will give us a fascinating look at our largest American swallow. Observe active nests, eggs and hatchlings from our Nature Center Purple Martin houses.

## CLASSES AT THE NATURE CENTER

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED for all classes. Reserve online at [www.sarasotaaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaaudubon.org).** Questions? Contact Kathryn Young [kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)

**YOGA IN NATURE: Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26, at 4:30 pm:** Join Dr. Sue Nielsen, under the protection of a Celery Fields Gazebo, as she combines Hatha Yoga with her knowledge of Eastern philosophy. This will be a truly unique experience. **Cost \$35**

**EBIRD: Wednesdays, Jan 16, 23, 30** at the Nature Center: Kathryn Young and Tom Jimachello will show you how to use ebird in the field and how to explore the vast database of ebird in the classroom session on Jan 30. Field trips meet at 8 am and the classroom session meets at 1:30 **Cost \$30**

**BRING YOUR ART OUTSIDE: Wednesdays, Feb. 13, 20, 27, & Mar. 6, 10am - 1pm:** Join Diane Wallace and spend some time painting, drawing or nature journaling at the Celery Fields. Beginner to experienced welcome. Each class will begin with a 1/2 hour lesson or demo, time to paint/draw and end with an informative critique. **Cost \$50**

**EVERYTHING BIRDS: Wednesdays, Feb. 27, Mar 6, 13, and 20, 8am - 11am:** Kathryn Young and other experienced co-leaders will explore birding in different habitats. If you are a beginner to advanced beginning birder, this class/field trips will help you advance your birding skills. The last class will be at the nature center from 1:30 - 3:00pm. **\$40**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: Friday, Feb. 8 class at the Nature Center at 1:30 pm and field work Saturday, Feb. 9 at 8:00 am:** Join Jeffrey Marmaro and learn photography skills that can be used with any camera. **Cost \$35.**