



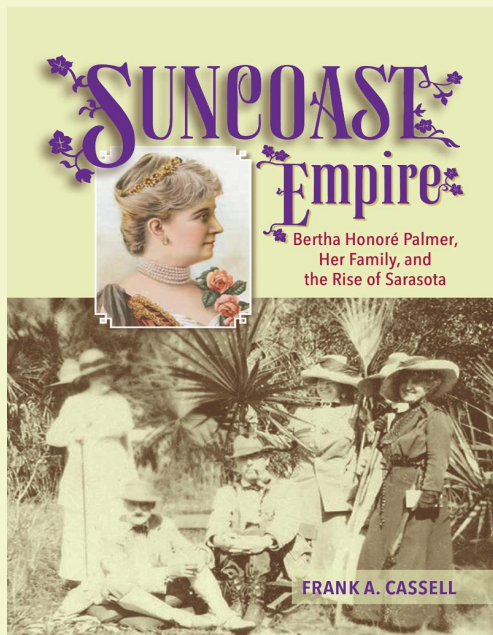
# THE BROWN PELICAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

## **MONTHLY MEETING Monday, October 8th**

***SUNCOAST EMPIRE: Bertha  
Honore Palmer, Her Family and  
the Rise of Sarasota, 1910-1982***



**Dr. Frank Cassell will speak on his book,  
*Suncoast Empire: Bertha Honore Palmer,  
Her Family, and the Rise of Sarasota,  
1920-1982.***

**Social Hour: 6:30pm  
Business Meeting: 7:00pm  
Presentation: 7:30pm**

First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall  
2031 S. Euclid, Sarasota

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**The Sarasota Audubon Society Nature Center**

**Open daily 9:00am-1:00pm**

**October 1st through May 31st**

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## MEETING PROGRAMS

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### Pre-monthly Meeting Dinner - All Members Welcome!

Gecko's Restaurant, 1900 Hillview Avenue at  
5:00pm.

Contact Karen Jensen  
([karensarasota@yahoo.com](mailto:karensarasota@yahoo.com)) for  
reservations

## 2018-2019 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



[CLICK FOR COMPLETE  
SCHEDULE](#)

## FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

*No reservations necessary for field trips unless  
noted. Suggested donation: \$2 members, \$4  
non-members.*

### **Saturday, September 15: SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY**

**7:30pm.** Deep Sky Observers set up telescopes at  
the SAS Nature Center for some star gazing.

### **Saturday, October 6: PINECRAFT PARK**

**9:00am.** Meet at Pinecraft Park, 1420 Gilbert Ave.

Leaders: Edith Miller & Lynn

Jakubowicz [lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net)

### **Saturday, October 13: VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

**9:00am-10:30am** -- Nature Center Docents

**10:30am - 12:00pm** -- Celery Fields Bird Naturalists

**1:00pm-3:00pm** -- Scheduling/Volgstics Training

Meet at the Nature Center

### **October 11 - 14: FLORIDA BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL**

**STARTING WITH THIS SEPTEMBER 2018  
ISSUE OUR BROWN PELICAN  
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### **Message from the SAS Board of Directors**

Can you believe it? In a few short weeks we will begin  
our 2018-19 season. Our beautiful gardens continue  
to flourish and the SAS Nature Center will be clean  
and bright ready to open on October 1st at 9:00am  
staffed by our dedicated team of NC Docents.

The SAS board of directors and volunteers have once  
again been working hard to put together a new,  
exciting and varied schedule of activities, trips,  
classes and workshops that we are sure you will  
enjoy. [Click here](#) to see our Activity Schedule for the  
new season

We continue to challenge ourselves and our members  
to be conservation custodians. What else does that  
mean? Well, starting this season, **REGISTRATION FOR  
ALL** trips, classes and other SAS Special Events (i.e.  
Holiday lunch etc.) must be completed **ON-LINE** at  
the SAS web site.

Here are links to register:

[REGISTER FOR CLASSES -----> CLICK](#)

[REGISTER FOR TRIPS -----> CLICK](#)

[REGISTER FOR HOLIDAY LUNCH -->  
CLICK](#)

You can also register online by visiting the SAS web  
site at: [sarasotaaudubon.org](http://sarasotaaudubon.org) or signing up on-line  
in person at the Nature Center. If you have questions  
or need help with on-line registration feel free to stop  
by the Nature Center during our normal hours of  
operation (October 1- May 31, 9:00am-1:00pm) or  
call the SAS Nature Center (941-312-6533).

In addition, the SAS newsletter The Brown Pelican has  
**GONE GREEN!** Beginning with this September 2018



[Click here](#)

**Sunday, October 14: BIG SIT**

Join SAS members to count birds from a 17 foot circle. Contact: Stu Wilson [stuwilson@comcast.net](mailto:stuwilson@comcast.net) (512-897-8341)

**Tuesday, October 16: ROBINSON PRESERVE**

**8:00am.** Meet at the park, 1704 99th St NW, Bradenton. Leaders: Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

**Wednesday, October 17: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS**

8:00am. Meet at the Pavillion/north end of main SK parking lot. Leaders: Mary Heinlen (941-346-3335) & Lynn Jakubowicz

**Thursday, October 18: OSCAR SCHERER PARK**

**8:30am.** Meet inside the park at Lake Osprey/ Nature Center (park opens at 8:00am - park fee). Alternating Leaders Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) and Peter Brown (508-241-5541)

**October 19-20: FLORIDA AUDUBON ASSEMBLY**



[About Audubon Assembly](#)

**Monday, October 22: 4TH MONDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK**

**9:00am.** Meet at the SAS Nature Center. Leader: Joyce Leary (508-737-8954)

**Thursday, October 25: OSCAR SCHERER PARK**

**8:30am.** Meet inside the park at Lake Osprey/ Nature Center (park opens at 8:00am - park fee). Alternating leaders Joyce Leary (508-737-8954) and Peter Brown (508-241-5541).

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As you know, our organization is totally volunteer based with every task and activity done by one of our dedicated volunteers. We can always use more help. So, if you have the time and interest contact our Volunteer Coordinator.... [click --> Volunteer Coordinator](#) to find out what exciting opportunities are available. We would love to add you to our fantastic team of SAS volunteers.

Thanks to each of you for continuing to make SAS a great organization. We look forward to starting the season as well as seeing you at our first General Meeting on October 8th.

Best Regards,  
**Sarasota Audubon Society Board of Directors**  
*1st Vice President - Marcy Packer*  
*2nd Vice President - Lynn Jakubowicz*  
*Secretary - Mary Heinlen*  
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IN MEMORIAM



**Dr Mary Jelks**

Dr Mary Jelks died on Tuesday March 27, 2018 in Panama City Beach, FL. Mary was a towering figure in Sarasota, as both a pediatric allergist and an environmental activist. We at Sarasota Audubon are grateful for all that Dr. Mary did for the environment. She will always be remembered by us through the beautiful butterfly garden she and her family funded at the Nature Center and for her dedication to the Friends of Myakka. She will be deeply missed by us all.

**David Staats**

David Staats died on May 7, 2018 in Sarasota. David was a longtime member and benefactor of Sarasota Audubon. He was on the Board of Trustees of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and was active in the Sarasota Butterfly Club and Sarasota Audubon Society, including the annual Christmas Bird Count. He enjoyed the educational meetings and venturing out on field trips. But his favorite relaxation pastime was watching the birds from the Raymond Rd. boardwalk at the Celery Fields.





## SAS CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

We are pleased to offer another season of educational and inspiring classes and workshops.

### WORKSHOPS

These 2-hour workshops provide a wealth of information on a variety of topics. Meet at the Nature Center at 1:30pm. \$5.00 Donation. No reservations required; Pay at the door.

[WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS & SCHEDULE](#)

### CLASSES

From Yoga to Photography and lots in between. Check out this season's interesting selection of classes.

**Online (only) Registration required for all classes.**

[CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & SCHEDULE](#)

[CLASS REGISTRATION](#)

**Questions? Contact: Kathryn Young**  
[kathwren4@gmail.com](mailto:kathwren4@gmail.com)

## TRIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### HOLIDAY LUNCH

**Friday, December 14, 2018 11:45am**

Mission Valley Country Club; 1851 Mission Valley Blvd; Nokomis. **SAS MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY. RESERVATION REQUIRED.**

[RESERVATION - HOLIDAY LUNCH](#)

### ST MARK'S NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

**January 18 - 20, 2019**

Overnight birding trip to St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. **RESERVATION REQUIRED**

[REGISTER OVERNIGHT TRIP](#)

### **Beverly M. Zimmer**

Beverly M. Zimmer died on June 19, 2018. She was past President and longtime member of Sarasota Audubon and a volunteer at Crowley Nature Center. Beverly will always be remembered by her family and friends for her love of travel, books, birds, flowers and most of all, cats.



## SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY 2018 JEANNE DUBI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In May 2018, the Jeanne Dubi Scholarship committee awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to area students. The committee: Karen Willey, Marcy Klein, Mike Dubi and Jeanne Dubi received many worthy applications and whittled it down to three:

**Abigail VanSickle - Venice HS**  
**Thylan Le - Venice HS**  
**Kaitlin Harrington - Riverview HS**

Congratulations to these fine college-bound students. Their names appear on the scholarship plaque at the nature center.

The Jeanne Dubi Scholarship is available for Sarasota High School students who plan on pursuing a college education in the area of environmental sciences. Any eligible student can apply.

If you would like more information contact:  
Jeanne Dubi [dubi@comcast.net](mailto:dubi@comcast.net)



## NOTES FROM THE BIRD RECORDER

### Summer Rarities 2018

#### May

- **Western Kingbird:** Leffis Key
- **Bay-breasted Warbler:** Leffis Key
- **Connecticut Warbler:** Siesta Beach, Acc 5
- **Elegant Tern (2):** Siesta Public Beach

## EAGLE TROLLEY

**February 2, 2019 or February 9, 2019**

Visit active bald eagle nests with eagle expert Dale Nauman. Two trips available: February 2 or February 9, 2019. **RESERVATION REQUIRED.**

[REGISTER EAGLE TROLLEY - FEB. 2, 2019](#)

[REGISTER EAGLE TROLLEY - FEB. 9, 2019](#)

## CAREFREE LEARNER BOAT TOUR

**March 26, 2019 or April 8, 2019**

1:00-3:00pm. Boat tour to Roberts Bay Rookery.

Two trips available: March 26 or April 8, 2019

**RESERVATION REQUIRED**

[REGISTER BOAT TOUR - MARCH 26, 2019](#)

[REGISTER BOAT TOUR - APRIL 8, 2019](#)

## Birds of the Month

### Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*)



Also known as Southern Waxwing, Canada Robin, Cedar Bird, Cherry Bird or Recellet, the Cedar Waxwing's Latin name literally means 'Silk-tail of the Cedars'. Waxwings were once known as Silk-tails in honor of their soft, smooth, silky plumage, and they were paid the dubious complement of being skinned and inserted into women's hats on an industrial scale during the feather fashion of the nineteenth century. The modern name 'Waxwing' was not used until 1817, somewhat surprisingly late in the day, given that those strange red markings on the bird's wing really do resemble the droplets of hot wax used to seal envelopes.

Waxwings belong to the family Bombycillidae, a rather heterogeneous group of eight beautiful species, including the four silky flycatchers of Central America as well as the all-black Phainopepla which extends its range into the south-western USA as far as northern California. There are three species of waxwing worldwide, the other two being the Bohemian Waxwing of Europe and the Japanese waxwing, which is currently on the red list of endangered species.

Waxwings are truly stunning birds. Recently we came across a flock on the edges of a mixed woodland at

- **Franklin's Gull:** Siesta Beach, Acc 5
- **Marbled Godwit:** Siesta Beach, Acc 7
- **White-rumped Sandpiper:** Siesta Beach, Acc 5
- **Bronzed Cowbird:** Celery Fields
- **Painted Bunting:** Quick Point Nature Preserve
- **Broad-winged Hawk:** Crowley Nature Center
- **Brown Booby:** Carnival Cruise Ship, Gulf of Mexico Sarasota

## June

- **Brown-headed Nuthatch:** Carlton Reserve
- **Common Tern:** Siesta Public Beach + Acc 5 & 7
- **House Crow:** Nokomis Public Beach
- **Barn Owl:** Deer Lane, Lakewood Ranch
- **Hairy Woodpecker:** Carlton Reserve
- **Roseate Tern:** Siesta Public Beach
- **Great Black-backed Gull:** Whitney Beach

## July

- **Gull-billed Tern:** Siesta Beach, Acc 7
- **Black Tern:** Siesta Beach, Acc 7, South Lido Park
- **Marbled Godwit:** South Lido Park
- **Yellow-collared Lovebird:** Pinecraft Park

## August

- **American Avocet:** Siesta Beach, Acc 5
- **Scaly-breasted Munia:** Red Bug Slough Park
- **Snail Kite:** Myakka River State Park
- **Sabine's Gull:** Siesta Public Beach
- **Tropical Kingbird (2):** St. Armand's, fire station
- **Blue Grosbeak:** Siesta Beach, Acc 7
- **Rosy-breasted Lovebird:** Siesta Beach Acc 5
- **Yellow-collared Lovebird:** Siesta Beach Acc 5
- **Blackburnian Warbler:** Pinecraft Park

*Claire Herzog*



*Watch this space:*

Fort Hill, Truro, Cape Cod. The sun was shining full on them as they roamed from tree to tree. There were around a dozen birds of mixed ages, including this year's young, and looking up at them I was struck by just how handsome, smart and elegant they are. I came across the following description of them recently: 'The subtlety of waxwing beauty - something of the formal smartness and finishing touches of male military costume, such as pips, epaulets and prominent headgear'. But that doesn't quite capture it either. There's something about that black eye stripe edged with white, the beautiful silky crest, the square cut tail edged in bright yellow and the warm brown, taupe and gray upperparts, subtly contrasted with pale yellow underparts makes it, to me, the most handsome of all birds. The sunshine brings those colors out in a startling way.

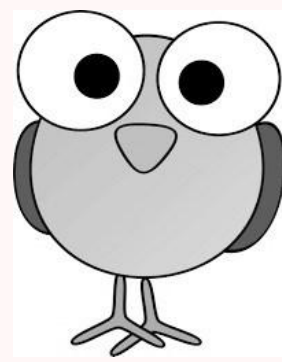
Add to this the absolute charm of their continuous soft, silvery, faintly rippling calls which almost have a conversational quality, but which you have to strain your ears and concentrate to truly appreciate, and you complete the picture of one of our most charismatic birds. Incidentally the French name for the Waxwing - jaseur - has acquired a secondary sense of someone who gossips or chats incessantly.

Waxwings are frugivores almost without equal. They will eat their own body weight in fruit each day. They will eat it until they can eat no more and are fit to burst, or are unable to fly. They will eat it even when it is fermented and they became stone drunk in the process. Mark Cocker in 'Birds and People' describes how he and a friend came across a flock of waxwings that were so drunk they were unable to fly.

They are also highly sociable birds and are almost always seen in flocks. It is reported that when the end of a twig holds a supply of berries that only one bird can reach at a time, members of the flock may line up along the twig and pass berries down the line so that each bird gets a chance to eat. What a charming picture that conjures up!



Periodically Waxwings break out from their boreal confines and undertake massive migrations far to the south of their usual range. Cedar Waxwings for instance have been recorded in Colombia and Venezuela. It is only during these enforced wanderings, which are known as irruptive migrations, that the birds are seen by large numbers of people.



**We have new tee shirts coming....**

**Susan Wolfe has generously offered to make lovely beaded bracelets for our shop, each with a silver bird charm. Ladies' and girls' sizes in a variety of beads and designs....**

**New car magnets with our SAS Nature Center Purple Gallinule logo.....**

**And more....**

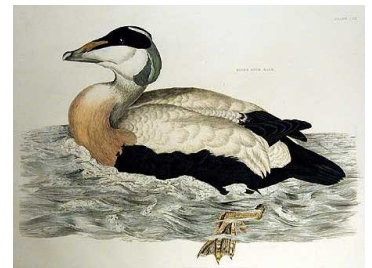
**Please visit us for all things birding and nature at our beloved Celery Fields. All profits benefit our SAS Nature Center**

## **NEW ORNITHOLOGY ENGRAVINGS FOR SALE AT THE NATURE CENTER**

We have received a very generous donation from John Wurdman (owner of Lazare Gallery in Charles City, VA) of a collection of ornithology engravings done by British artist Prideaux

John Selby (no relation to the Sarasota Selbys).

Selby was a contemporary of John J. Audubon. These engravings were not made during the artist's lifetime (1788-1867), but Selby's original engraving plates



were used in the early to mid-1980s to make new ones. These engravings were all colored by hand. They come in small, medium and large sizes and are suitable for framing. Prices on the engravings run from \$140 up to \$190. Please note that Selby first edition engravings sell for hundreds to thousands of dollars in today's market so these are quite a bargain. Even if you don't plan to purchase any, they are a delight to see.

**Sue Herring**



So look out for Cedar Waxwings again this winter in and around Sarasota, where a few are seen every year. You may be lucky.

**Glynnis Thomas**

Sept. 2018

Sarasota County

# PARKS, RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NATURAL AREAS



## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

Join us for the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance America's public lands at Celery Fields Regional Stormwater Facility.

Saturday, Sept. 22  
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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



At the Sarasota Audubon Society every position and task is done by one of our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. Do you have a special talent and some extra time?

We are always looking to increase our volunteer team

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## CAN VOLUNTEERING FIGHT DEMENTIA?

A new study adds to growing evidence that time spent helping others also helps your brain

Check out this AARP article --> [CLICK](#)

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## INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM?

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator:  
Marcy Packer [packmw@aol.com](mailto:packmw@aol.com)

**Audubon EagleWatch Training Session**

Audubon EagleWatch is seeking volunteers to monitor Bald Eagle nests for the 2018-2019 breeding season. EagleWatch provides valuable information on nesting activity and the current trends of the Bald Eagle population in Florida. As a volunteer, you'll be assigned to monitor one or more eagle nests in your vicinity during the breeding season (Oct-May). The data you will collect helps eagle biologists determine the right conservation measures to ensure the success of the species.

**Audubon EagleWatch Program New Volunteer Training**  
Sunday November 4th, 2:00pm-4:00pm  
Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center  
570 Bay Park Blvd, Englewood, FL 34223

Register for the training at:  
[http://eaglewatch@audubon.org/trainee\\_registration.html](http://eaglewatch@audubon.org/trainee_registration.html)

For more info: 407-644-0190 Ext 118 or [eaglewatch@audubon.org](mailto:eaglewatch@audubon.org)

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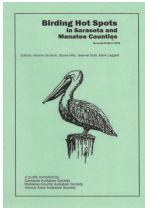
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### Sarasota County Butterfly Club



Sarasota County Butterfly Club Programs are open to the public and are held most 4th Thursdays of each month Sept-May.  
Visit [www.sarasotabutterfly.com](http://www.sarasotabutterfly.com) to learn more!



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**Sarasota Audubon Society**  
**999 Center Road, Sarasota, FL 34240**

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### **Don't Know if You Renewed?**

Check with Lynn Jakubowicz, our Membership Chairperson, email:  
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