



# THE BROWN PELICAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

**DECEMBER 2018**

## **MONTHLY MEETING Monday, December 10th**

### ***RUBY-THROATED AND OTHER HUMMINGBIRDS***



***William Heyd, award-winning nature  
photographer from Kalamazoo, Michigan will  
present a program about Ruby-throated  
and several other western U.S. hummingbirds***

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

First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall  
2031 S. Euclid, Sarasota

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**[CLICK --> MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS](#)**

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

Gecko's Restaurant, 1900 Hillview Avenue at  
5:00pm. Reservations are not necessary.  
Contact Karen Jensen for more information:



**The Sarasota Audubon Society Nature Center**

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

**October 1st through May 31st**

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## FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

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

**Tuesday, DECEMBER 4th:**

### MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

8:15am. Meet in first parking lot on right after main entrance (park opens 8am, fee). Leaders: Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven. Bring lunch or try the park's cafe.

**Thursday, DECEMBER 6th:**

### 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) .

**Saturday, DECEMBER 8th:**

### 2ND SATURDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK

8:00AM. Meet at the Nature Center. Leader - Peter Brown (508-241-5541).

**Thursday, DECEMBER 13th:**

### 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).

**Saturday, DECEMBER 15th:**

### MANATEE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Contact: Kathy Doddridge:  
([kathydoddridge56@gmail.com](mailto:kathydoddridge56@gmail.com))

**Monday, DECEMBER 17th:**

### MYAKKA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Contact: Belinda Perry ([bperry51@verizon.net](mailto:bperry51@verizon.net))

**Thursday, DECEMBER 20th:**

### 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).

**Monday, DECEMBER 24th:**

### 4TH MONDAY CELERY FIELDS WALK

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

**Thursday, DECEMBER 27th:**



*Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous Holiday Season and a healthy and peaceful New Year.*

SAS Board of Directors

Marcy Packer - 1st Vice President  
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Rob Wright - Conservation  
Kathryn Young - Education

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE  
- REGISTER NOW -**



**SAS HOLIDAY  
LUNCHEON**

**Friday, December 14th  
11:30am - 1:45pm**

## 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).

Thursday, JANUARY 3rd:

### NORTH LIDO BEACH AND WOODS

8:00am. Meet in the small parking lot at the end of Ringling Blvd. on Lido. Leaders: Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven.

Saturday, JANUARY 5th:

### 68th ANNUAL SARASOTA AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Birders are encouraged to join us as we count all the birds within our circle. New volunteers will be assigned to an existing team. Previous volunteers should make contact with their Area Leaders. Expect to spend at least a half-day in the field. Alternately, spend a couple hours monitoring your backyard feeder and report your results. Contact: Stu Wilson [stuwilson@comcast.net](mailto:stuwilson@comcast.net) or 512-897-8341

Saturday, JANUARY 12th:

### SAS GARAGE SALE

9:00am. SAS Nature Center. Contact: Garage Sale Team: [1117chase@gmail.com](mailto:1117chase@gmail.com)



## 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.

## Mission Valley Country Club 1851 Mission Valley Blvd; Nokomis, FL

### Join SAS Members and Guests For a Fun-filled Holiday Celebration!

\*\* Enjoy beautiful photography of Oscar Scherer State Park by our own Daniel and Cindy Olson

\*\* Have fun bidding on a silent auction

\*\* Play a short game of bird trivia

\*\* Hear about American women who have shaped bird watching and the Audubon Society

**\$30 Per Person**

\*\*Registration Required\*\*  
*Registration deadline December 7th*

**[CLICK --> TO REGISTER](#)**

Need Directions? **[CLICK --> Directions](#)**

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Anne Brooks: [abrooks70@gmail.com](mailto:abrooks70@gmail.com)

## YOUR ANNUAL SAS MEMBERSHIP IS DUE IN DECEMBER



**Click--> JOIN / RENEW**

**\$30.00 per member / family**

**Or Mail a Check Payable to:**  
*Sarasota Audubon Society*

**\*Dec 15th - SNAKE TALES\***

Jan 18th - BIRDS OF PARADISE

Feb 9th - TALES FROM PELICAN COVE

Feb 15th - SAVING LOCAL LANDS

Mar 23rd - ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRDS

Apr 20th - PURPLE MARTINS

**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS & SCHEDULE**

**CLASSES**

From Yoga to Photography. Check out this season's interesting selection of classes.

**ON-LINE (only) REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

January - EBIRD

February - PHOTOGRAPHY

Feb-> March - BRING ART OUTSIDE

Feb-> March - EVERYTHING BIRDS

March - YOGA IN NATURE

**CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & SCHEDULE**

**CLICK --> 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**

**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

999 Center Road, Sarasota, FL 34240

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

Check with Lynn Jakubowicz, our Membership Chairperson, email:

[membership@sarasotaaudubon.org](mailto:membership@sarasotaaudubon.org)

2018-2019

**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**



**CLICK --> COMPLETE SCHEDULE**

***Reminder.....***

**REGISTRATION FOR ALL trips, classes and other SAS Special Events must be completed ON-LINE at the SAS web site.**

Here are links to register:

**CLASSES -----> CLICK**

**TRIPS -----> CLICK**

**HOLIDAY LUNCH -> CLICK**

You can also register by signing up on-line in person at the Nature Center.

For questions or help with on-line registration feel free to stop by / call (941-312-6533) the Nature Center during normal hours of operation (Daily 9:00am-1:00pm)



**SARASOTA AUDUBON GARAGE SALE**

**JANUARY 12th**  
**9:00am**



**RESERVATION REQUIRED**  
**REGISTER BOAT TOUR - MARCH 26, 2019**  
**REGISTER BOAT TOUR - APRIL 8, 2019**

## CLASS SPOTLIGHT



### BRING YOUR ART OUTSIDE

**February 13, 20, 27, March 6**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**  
**Sarasota Audubon Nature Center**

Gather up your supplies.... whatever you use... and spend some time painting, drawing, or nature journaling at the Celery Fields with tips, help and instruction from Diane Wallace.

Named one of the top five artists to Watch in SJ Magazine in 2011, several of her plein air paintings have garnered prizes and purchase awards and hang in public collections. Her paintings and commissions are also collected in the US and abroad.

Beginners to experienced are welcome to join us as we explore our favorite bird watching spot and be prepared to expand our creativity. Each class will begin with a half hour lesson or demo, time to paint and draw and end with a kind and informative critique. Don't worry, we're all very friendly. All classes rely on a relaxed and friendly atmosphere to make art and creating fun.

All you need to start is a pencil, eraser, paper and somewhere to sit! (But a supply list for all classes will be sent when you sign up.)

**Class One** - We'll cover the basics supplies needed, professional courtesy, how to deal with gawkers, field "survival kit"! Then we'll hit the ground running with our sketchbooks in hand. Review and critique afterwards.

**Class Two** - Suggestions for selecting your spot, finding your painting, composition, center of interest and the intrinsic benefit of value studies. Followed by our move into the field and some slinging of paint or the medium of your choice. Review and critique afterwards.

**Class Three** - Hints on atmospheric perspective, color choices and everyone's nemesis - drawing and painting trees! We'll find some trees to paint with gusto. Review and critique afterwards.

**Class Four** - Bringing it all together. Tips on editing

## Nature Center

Sarasota Audubon will be hosting a garage sale at the Nature Center on Saturday January 12th beginning at 9 am. There will be an assortment of sale items from the Nature Center gift shop.

### DO YOU HAVE UNWANTED NATURE RELATED ITEMS?

If you have unwanted nature related items (birding equipment, field guides, outdoor items) that you think other members would be interested in, please donate them at the Nature Center on:

**Tuesday, January 9th and Wednesday, January 10th, 9:00am until 1:00pm only.**

These are the only two days/times that we will accept donations due to lack of storage space.

We look forward to seeing you at the sale on Saturday January 12th.

Questions? email: [1117chase@gmail.com](mailto:1117chase@gmail.com)



### Time for Holiday Shopping at our Nature Center Gift Shop!



We have lots of great gifts for family and friends including newly stocked merchandise, jewelry, T-shirts, kid stuff, puzzles, books, and much more. You can find something for everyone on your list and each purchase helps support our Nature Center at the Celery Fields.

your "view", adding interest, and "making up" what you see. We'll expand our horizons for more exciting views and add some pops of color to bring some zing to our paintings. Review and critique afterwards.

We have framed watercolor artwork and prints, as well as matted prints by artist Brennan Gorrie and beautiful framed photographs and matted prints by Jill Mudge on display and for sale through December.

## TRIP REPORTS

### BIG SIT FOLLOW-UP

Our local Big Sit team notched 66 species during the October 14th event at Celery Fields a record for our six year tenure. Not only did that make us the top Big Sit team in Florida (5 of 9 registered circles reporting), but we were tied for 15th nationally with 105 teams reporting.



Thanks again to all the contributors. Celery Fields Forever!

**Stu Wilson**

### SIESTA KEY BIRD WALK - November 7, 2018

Led by Mary Heinlen and Claire Herzog.



### LONGBOAT KEY SHOREBIRD WALK - November 11, 2018

Nine participants joined John Ginaven and me for the Longboat Key Shorebirds walk on November 11, 2018, gathering at the Broadway Beach access (Manatee County) on a sunny and pleasant morning.

Here is the full list of all the shorebirds we saw today:

- **Willet**

Indeed, Red Tide played havoc with the walk's central theme. To compensate, John took half the group over to Leffis Key right away while I set out toward Beer Can Island (northern tip of Longboat Key) with the remaining members. We were halfway there when a call from John announced that the birding was surprisingly good at Leffis Key, so we abandoned further beach plans and joined the rest of the group there.

A final push of migrant warblers at Leffis Key made the morning worthwhile. The Bay-breasted Warbler was extremely cooperative and Blackpoll Warbler was a lifer for Kylie



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## Call for SAS Members to Display and Sell Their Artwork / Photography at the Nature Center



If you are a member of Sarasota Audubon who is an artist or photographer and might be interested in displaying and selling your artwork at the Nature Center, we invite you to print out, complete, and send the "Artist Request to Display and Sell" form.

**[CLICK --> Artist Request to Display and Sell](#)**

We are looking to showcase one or two members' artworks or photographs for up to 8 weeks in the months of November, December, January, April, and May.

For questions or additional information, please contact us at: [SAS.Art.Committee@gmail.com](mailto:SAS.Art.Committee@gmail.com)

**Sue Herring, Chair - SAS Art Committee**

## BECOME A SPOONBILL CLUB MEMBER



*If you have named Sarasota Audubon in your will or beneficiary in any way, you are eligible to become a member of our legacy group, **The Spoonbill Club***  
[CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE](#)



## NOTES FROM THE BIRD RECORDER

### November Rarities 2018

- **Broad-winged Hawk:** Pinecraft Park, Crowley Nature Center
- **White-crowned Sparrow:** Myakka State Park
- **Franklin's Gull:** Siesta Beach, North Lido Park
- **Bay-breasted Warbler:** S. Lido, Pinecraft, Leffis Key
- **Blackpoll Warbler:** S. Lido Park, Leffis Key
- **Cape May Warbler:** S. Lido Park, Pinecraft Park, Celery Fields
- **Tennessee Warbler:** S. Lido Park, Pinecraft
- **Black-throated Blue Warbler:** Pinecraft Park, Red Bug Slough
- **Wilson's Warbler:** Pinecraft Park
- **Blackburnian Warbler:** S. Lido Park, Pinecraft
- **Magnolia Warbler:** Pinecraft Park
- **Hooded Warbler:** Pinecraft Park
- **Chestnut-sided Warbler:** Pinecraft Park
- **American Redstart:** Pinecraft Park, Crowley Nature Center
- **Eastern Wood-Pewee:** Pinecraft Park
- **Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** Pinecraft Park
- **Yellow-throated Vireo:** Pinecraft Park
- **Swainson's Thrush:** Pinecraft Park
- **Black Scoter:** Siesta Beach, Acc 5, Fruitville Rd
- **Common Tern:** Siesta Beach & Acc 5, Indian Mound Park, N. Lido Park
- **Pine Siskin:** Siesta Beach, Acc 5
- **Franklin's Gull:** Siesta Beach, N. Lido Beach, Lido Key Park
- **Sabine's Gull:** Siesta Beach, Lido Key Park
- **White-winged Scoter:** Turtle Beach
- **Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
- **Bronzed Cowbird:** Celery Fields, Ackerman Park
- **Least Flycatcher:** Celery Fields

Claire Herzog



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)

### SARASOTA AUDUBON NATURE CENTER COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

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Purchase a commemorative brick!



Engrave a loved one's name, or a short quote on a brick to commemorate a lasting tribute, or mark a special occasion. Ask us about other naming opportunities. Truly a gift that gives back.

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## NAME BADGES

Pin Badge - \$5.25, Magnet Badge - \$7.25  
Add \$4.50 for shipping. Send name and address to:  
**Michael Fox, 2749 Ringling Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237**

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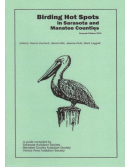
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Marcy Packer, editor  
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## Birding Hot Spots in Sarasota and Manatee Counties

Can be purchased for just \$6.00 at the Nature Center or by mail for \$8.50. Send a check to: SAS, 999 Center Rd, Sarasota, FL 34240.



## 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!



**Submissions, comments and questions always welcome**

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