

NATURE CENTER WORKSHOPS

One and a half (1 1/2) hour workshops on a variety of topics. 1:30-3:00pm. \$5 donation.

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PAY AT THE DOOR

Saturday, Nov 16: WILDLIFE RESCUE

Pam DeFouw will present the important work the Wildlife Center of Venice does in rescuing and rehabilitating injured wildlife. The center includes a wildlife hospital, hutches, barns, habitats, an aviary and a pond. There will be sample rescue stations and demonstrations.

Saturday, Dec 14: 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!

Saturday, Jan 18: BIRDS OF PARADISE Join Debbie Huckaby, executive director of Birds of Paradise Sanctuary, and learn how parrots are rescued, evaluated and adopted. Meet some rescued parrots and learn to identify parrots that may be in distress.

Saturday, Feb 8: 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, Mar 7: FLORIDA FOSSIL HUNTING Madelaine Verbeek will share the fun of fossil hunting in Florida. Where to look, common fossils, regulations and materials needed to become an amateur paleontologist. Feel free to bring your own finds to ID and discuss.

Saturday, Apr4: PURPLE MARTINS Join Sue Guarasci for a fascinating look at this largest American swallow. Learn how these birds depend on us for their survival. We'll observe active nests, eggs and hatchlings in our Nature Center Purple Martin houses.

CLASSES AT THE NATURE CENTER

NOTE: Some classes require registration. Questions? Contact Kathryn Young. kathwren4@gmail.com

EBIRD: Mondays, Feb 17 & 24 at the Nature Center: Kathryn Young and Tom Jimachello will show how to use eBird in the field and how to explore the vast database of eBird in the classroom session on Feb 24. Field trip meets at 8 am and the classroom session meets at 1:30 **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** Register at sarasotaaudubon.org **Cost \$40**

EVERYTHING BIRDS: Tuesdays, Mar 3, 10 & 17 at 8-11am are field trips and the class is on Mar 24 at 1:30pm. Kathryn Young and other experienced co-leaders will explore birding in different habitats. This class & field trips will help you advance your birding skills. The last class will be at the nature center from 1:30 - 3:30pm. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** Register at sarasotaaudubon.org **Cost \$40**

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS: Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan 7 & 9, 14 & 16, 21 & 23. Twice a week for 3 weeks. **10-11am SAS Nature Center.** Total of 6 sessions. \$5 per session or all 6 sessions for **\$25.** Learn beginner Yang Tai Chi in a relaxed outdoor setting. **NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED**

MONTHLY MEETINGS / PROGRAMS

Meetings/Programs: Open to the public
When: Second Monday of month, Oct-May
Where: First 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 14: "Pelagic Birding Off the SW Florida Coast, The Final Frontier" with Tammy and David McQuade, Florida-based national champion birders who, among many other things, run the SW Florida Bird Alert Facebook group.

November 11: "The Secret Life of Bats" - Joshua Schulte, Associate Professor, Natural Sciences, State College of Florida.

December 9: "The Mystery and Magic of Sarasota's Swallow-tailed Kites Part Two" - Margi Haas, Citizen Scientist and Kite Fanatic.

January 13: "Climate Change: An Update on the Science and Our Birds," Terry Root, PhD, Director, National Audubon Society.

February 10: "Current Issues of Import," Jon Thaxton, former 12-year Sarasota County Commissioner and SAS Conservation Chair, ardent environmentalist.

March 9: "Brown-headed Nuthatch Research at Tall Timbers" (or "Sex in the Sitta" aka nuthatch species), Jim Cox, Tall Timber Research Station.

April 13: "Tales of Birds and Plants from An Environmentalist and Explorer", Melissa Abdo, PhD, Sun Coast Regional Director, National Parks Conservation Association.

May 11: "Tampa Bay's National Wildlife Refuges: Protected Places for Our Feathered Friends," Patrick Mundus, Friends of Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges.

SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Dedicated to the protection, conservation and enjoyment of birds



ACTIVITY SCHEDULE 2019 / 2020

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Acting President.....Jeanne Dubi

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Secretary.....Mary Heinlen

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Sara King

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!

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

CELERY FIELDS CLEANUPS: Help keep our area garbage free! Wednesdays at **9am: Nov 13, Jan 15, Mar 11, and Apr 15**

SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY: Deep Sky Observers (www.lqds.com) set up telescopes at the Nature Center - star gazing! **Saturdays: Sep 7 (7:30pm), Dec 7 (5:30pm) & Feb 29 (6:30pm)**

BIG SIT: Sunday, Oct 13. Join SAS members to count birds from a 17 foot circle. Contact Stu Wilson (stuwilson@comcast.net)

VOLUNTEER FOR SAS: Saturdays, Dec 14 & Feb 8, 10am-noon Nature Center. Learn about volunteering for SAS and how to apply.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION: Saturday, Apr 4, 5-7pm, Nature Center. All SAS volunteers invited!

GARDEN WORKDAYS:

Saturday, Sep 14, 8:30-11am. Please help us spruce up for our Oct 1 opening.

Sunday, Feb 9: 8:30-11am. Help the Temple Emanuel garden volunteers at our mid-winter spruce-up.

Contact volunteer@sarasotaaudubon.org to help with either of these.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Oct 17-20: FLORIDA BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL: fbnfestival.org.

Oct 25-26: AUDUBON ASSEMBLY:

fl.audubon.org/about-us/audubon-assembly

Thursday, Dec 5: What happens to all that toilet water? RESERVATION REQUIRED. Join us as we visit a Sarasota County Wastewater Treatment facility including a tour of the operational lab. **SPACE IS LIMITED.** Contact Kathryn Young (kathwren4@gmail.com). Meet at McDonald's/ Bee Ridge & Cattlemen 9am.

Saturday, Dec 7: MEMBER CRAFT EVENT: 9am-1pm Nature Center picnic area. SAS members will display and sell nature-related crafts.

Monday, Dec 16: MYAKKA RIVER SP CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Belinda Perry (bperry51@verizon.net)

Saturday, Jan 4: SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Stu Wilson (stuwilson@comcast.net)

Saturdays, Jan 11 & 18: 3:30-5:30 "WINGSPAN" Learn to play this wildly popular birdy board game! Register online, \$5 per person, per session. Nature Center. Harma Nyhof (birdsrq@gmail.com) Space limited.

Saturday, Feb 1: MEMBER ART AND PHOTO SHOW: A month long exhibit of our members' art and photography. Opening Reception 4-6pm at the Nature Center. Light refreshments.

Saturdays, Feb 1 & 8: EAGLE NEST TOURS: Visit active nests with Dale Nauman, \$30. **RESERVE** online. Feb 1 = Harma Nyhof (birdsrq@gmail.com); Feb 8 = Barry Gerber (blgerber@comcast.net). 8-12, Nature Center.

Monday, Mar 23 & Tuesday, Apr 7: ROBERTS BAY ROOKERY BOAT TOURS: 1-3pm. RESERVE online. \$30. www.sarasotaaudubon.org Harma Nyhof (birdsrq@gmail.com)

GUIDED WALKS:

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

CELERY FIELDS WALKS:

First Mondays, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2: 3-5pm: "PM Birding," Meet at Nature Center. Margi Haas (mhaas@pipeline.com)

Third Mondays, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 16: 8-10am: Meet at Raymond Rd Boardwalk. Peter Brown (508-241-5541)

Fourth Mondays, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 23: 9-11am: Joyce Leary (508-737-8954)

Third Thursdays, Jan 16, Feb 20, March 19: 8-10am: SAS Survey Team (lynn234@verizon.net)

Second Saturdays, Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 14, Apr 11: 8-10am: Peter Brown (508-241-5541). Meet at Nature Center

Fourth Saturdays, GARDEN TOURS: Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 28, Apr 25, 9:30-11:30am Nature Center: With Master Gardener Jan McLaughlin, enjoy our evolving subtropical garden, designed to attract migratory & resident birds, butterflies and moths.

OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK WALKS:

Every Thursday, Nov 7-Mar 26: 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)

OTHER GUIDED WALKS:

Saturday, Oct 12, 9am: PINECRAFT PARK 1420 Gilbert Av, Edith Miller & Helen King (thekingsom@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Oct 29, 8am: ROBINSON PRESERVE 1704 99th St NW, Bradenton. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

Wednesday, Nov 6: SIESTA KEY SHOREBIRDS 8am at Pavilion at north end of the main SK parking lot. Mary Heinlen (346-3335) & Claire Herzog

Sunday, Nov 10: LONGBOAT KEY SHORE-BIRDS - 8am Broadway beach access north end LBK. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & John Ginaven

Tuesday, Dec 3: 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 café.

Thursday, Jan 2: N LIDO BEACH & WOODS 8am small parking lot at the end of Ringling Blvd on Lido. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) and John Ginaven

Monday, Jan 13: MYAKKA RIVER SP 8:15 in 1st parking lot on right after entrance (park opens 8am, fee). Joyce Leary (508-737-8954)

Tuesday, Jan 28, 8am: URFER FAMILY PARK 4000 Honore. Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net) & Martha Straub

Tuesday, Feb 4: FT DESOTO SHOREBIRDS & DUCKS 7:30am behind Starbucks (University & I-75). Lynn Jakubowicz (lynn234@verizon.net) & Mary Heinlen. **BRING LUNCH**

Wednesday, Feb 19, 8am: RED BUG SLOUGH 5200 Beneva Rd. Survey Team - (lynn234@verizon.net)

Friday, Mar 6: CROWLEY NATURE CENTER 16405 Myakka Rd. 7-10am (\$3 park fee). Several different habitats. Indigo Buntings, Eagles, Redheaded woodpeckers, etc. Bring water & snack! Sharon Wilcox (swilcox@fastmail.fm)

Thursday, Mar 12: OLD MIAKKA PRESERVE Meet at Nature Center 7:30am. **NO FACILITIES.** Rick Greenspun (birddoggie1@gmail.com)

Wednesday, Mar 18: VENICE ROOKERY 8am McDonald's at Bee Ridge & Cattlemen to car-pool. Close looks at chicks, eggs and adult wading birds (kathwren4@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Mar 24: N. LONGBOAT/LEFFIS KEY 8am at Broadway Beach access north end of LBK. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341) & John Ginaven

Tuesday, Apr 14: 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**

Thursday, Apr 16: BOBOLINKS! 8am Nature Center. We'll search for these long-distance migrants west of the hill and along the central berm. Sarasota County halts mowing in April/May to allow them seeds for forage. Survey group (lynn234@verizon.net)