



THE BROWN PELICAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2020

Message From: The SAS Board of Directors

At our October general meeting, via Zoom, we presented the financial reports as of 5/31/2020—we are in good financial shape. We also issued an invitation to members to cast their vote for the slate of officers presented. Members could also nominate someone else of their choosing for a board position. 89 members submitted their votes, all of whom were unanimous for the slate: President: Jeanne Dubi; 1st VP: Kathryn Young; 2nd VP: Lynn Jakubowicz; Secretary: Mary Heinlen; Treasurer: Jeanne Dubi. There were no write-in nominations.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee: Don Schneider, Karen Schneider, and Glynnis Thomas for their work. Thanks to Marcy Packer for serving as President, Acting President, and as a board member over the years.

Marcy has also served as editor of ***The Brown Pelican*** for what seems like many years. Marcy asked us to find someone to take over, and we were successful. Sherry Rhodes will assume the duties of editor. Thanks to Sherry for stepping forward, and again, thanks to Marcy for all the years of work on the newsletter.

At our board meeting on October 22, the board of directors voted to continue to keep the Nature Center closed and to suspend all activities until at least Jan 1, 2021. Just as you are, we are monitoring COVID, and just as you are, we are taking it one week or one month at a time. If anything changes, you will be the first to know.

Please stay safe and watch for further issues of ***The Brown Pelican*** and ***Winging in the Gap***—both publications are designed to keep you engaged and informed.

Sarasota Audubon Board of Directors

Monthly General Zoom Meetings

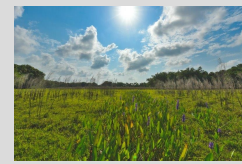
NOVEMBER MEETING

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 9th
7:00pm**

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice our monthly meetings will be conducted online via ZOOM. Specific access details and directions will be provided by email and the SAS web site prior to the first meeting. They will also be repeated for each monthly general meeting.

Each meeting will allow for a 10-15-minute Q&A at the end of the presentation. You will be able to type in your question during the presentation.

The Conservation Victory of Orange Hammock Ranch



Lee Ann Rodriguez, Director of Philanthropy, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast. This 5,777-acre ranch in Northport was identified by Sarasota County as a critical natural protection area in 1998 and saved in May 2020.

2020-21 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY ELECTION RESULTS

We have now completed the nominations and voting for this year's Executive Board officers. Following our first Zoom meeting held on Monday, October 12, 2020, a 'Survey Monkey' ballot containing the names of candidates compiled by the Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 Executive Board positions was emailed to all SAS members.

The Ballot also offered members an opportunity to make additional nominations; no new nominations were received. The nominated candidates received the unanimous approval of all members who completed the survey.

The new SAS Board members are:

- **President: Jeanne Dubi**
- **First Vice President: Kathryn Young**
- **Second Vice President: Lynn Jakubowicz**
- **Secretary: Mary Heinlein**
- **Treasure: Jeanne Dubi**

Congratulations to our new Board Members!

SAS Membership Renewal



It's Time to Renew!

Our Sarasota Audubon memberships normally run on the calendar year, so it's time to renew for 2021.

Only \$30/year for either individuals or families.

The easiest way to renew is online on our Website:

CLICK TO RENEW

If you have a question about your membership, please email

CLICK - MEMBERSHIP

Thanks for supporting your local Audubon Society!

NATURE CENTER HAPPENINGS



The Nature Center remains closed The Nature Center will remain closed at least until the end of 2020. In December a further assessment will be made based on local Covid-19 cases and willingness of volunteers to participate. In the meantime, we hope you will enjoy the gardens, safely and at a distance from other people.

NC Workday. We had a workday with 22 students from the *Out of Door*

Academy in which they mulched ¾ of the trails throughout the gardens. They were joined by Kyle McCrea, who comes weekly every Saturday with his Dad Don.

Volunteers in the gardens. We have 15 new weeding volunteers and they have been doing an awesome job reigning in the weeds after the summer growing season. Welcome to member-weeders Linda Kitch, Marie Brooks-DeMaude, Marti Ramos, Lee Bosserman, Heather Kerl, Mary Helmstetter, Janet Schmitt, Stephen Hoffman, Pam Callendar and Rick Greenspun. Welcome also to student weeders and their parents: Grace & Courtney Milton, Michael & Lain Wagner, and Kyle & Don McCrea.

Big thanks to all!!!

Please contact me at gardens@sarasotaudubon.org if you have an interest in volunteering in our gardens.

Karen Willey
SAS Nature Center Manager

Upcoming Events

SAS Activities



Please visit our website www.sarasotaudubon.org for the most up-to-date information. Also check the Brown Pelican monthly newsletter and eBlasts to alert you to any scheduled upcoming activities.

CONSERVATION





If you go to the Celery Fields, check out the base of the hill—west side. An urban forest has been planted. This project is the work of a group of organizations: Florida Veterans for Common Sense, Rotary Club of Sarasota, Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START), and supported by the Native Plant Society. In their words, “This is a demonstration forest to improve our community’s water quality, wildlife friendliness, and climate adaptation.” What could be better!



WORKSHOP MANAGER(S) NEEDED

We need Workshop Manager(s). This flexible volunteer position allows you to create a schedule of 3 -5 workshops per year. Workshops are designed to give a hands on experience about nature or our environment and are presented at the Sarasota Audubon Nature Center. Ideas for workshops come from our members, the county and other sources.

NOTE: There will be no workshops at the Nature Center until SAS officially opens.

Email Kathryn Young for more details — kathwren4@gmail.com

SPARROW CHEAT SHEET



Help build a path to the future
Purchase a commemorative brick!

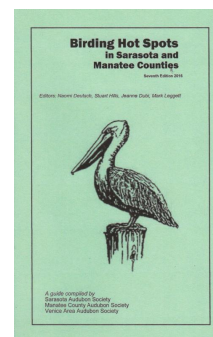


Engrave a loved one's name, or a short quote on a brick to commemorate a lasting tribute, or mark a special occasion. Ask us about other naming opportunities. Truly a gift that gives back.

DOWNLOAD MAIL-IN FORM

BIRDING HOT SPOTS OF SARASOTA AND MANATEE COUNTIES

Can be purchased for \$8.50 by mail.
Send a check to:
SAS, 999 Center Road
Sarasota, FL 34240





It's Here!

Sarasota Audubon Society's *Online Guide: Our Favorite Local Birding Hotspots*, has been updated for 2020-2021, and is now live on the SAS website!

This revised edition, in addition to enhancing last year's sites with new information and web links for use on your computer, tablet or cell phone, adds seven new Favorites, for a total of 25 nearby, exceptional birding locations! Use it at home or in the field!

To view the updated Online Guide, go to the SAS website, click on the *Birding* drop-down menu and select the *Online Guide*, or click the link below and add it to your Favorites:

CLICK TO VIEW

Animal Collectives

a flock of birds	a colony of ants
a pack of wolves	a lounge of lizards
an ambush of tigers	a charm of hummingbirds
a crash of rhinos	a mischief of mice
a pod of whales	a leap of leopards
a shiver of sharks	an array of hedgehogs
a wisdom of wombats	a troop of gorillas
a gang of weasels	a smack of jellyfish
a scurry of squirrels	an army of frogs
an escargatoire of snails	a tower of giraffes
a herd of zebras	a bloat of hippos
a romp of otters	a school of fish
a prickle of porcupines	a herd of deer
an unkindness of ravens	a coalition of cheetahs
a muster of peacocks	a convocation of eagles
a gaze of raccoons	a herd of elephants
a pandemonium of parrots	a caravan of camels
a colony of penguins	a bask of crocodiles
a pride of lions	a fever of stingrays
a cackle of hyenas	a pod of dolphins
a parliament of owls	a family of beavers
a troop of monkeys	a colony of bats
a troop of kangaroos	a swarm of bees
a cast of crabs	a set of badgers



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