

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**BIG SIT:** Sunday, Oct. 8 Join SAS members to count birds from a 17- foot circle. Contact Stu Wilson [stu299@gmail.com](mailto:stu299@gmail.com)

**HOLIDAY LUNCH:** Wed. Dec. 13, 11:45. Palm Aire Country Club, 5601 Country Club Way \$38 **Reservations required.** Register at [www.sarasotaaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaaudubon.org).

**MYAKKA RIVER SP CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT:** Monday, Dec. 18 Belinda Perry [bperry51@verizon.net](mailto:bperry51@verizon.net)

**SAS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT:** Saturday, Dec. 30 Aaron Virgin [eastendbirder@gmail.com](mailto:eastendbirder@gmail.com)

**EAGLE NEST TOURS:** Feb. 10 and 17 8 am-noon. Join a Bald Eagle specialist to see several nests and eaglets. Bring your own binoculars. Meet at Nature Center. \$50 **Reservations required.** Register at [Sarasotaaudubon.org](http://Sarasotaaudubon.org) Questions? Jane Rufo ([eaglesnesttourschair@sarasotaadubon.org](mailto:eaglesnesttourschair@sarasotaadubon.org))

**CAREFREE LEARNER:** Boat tours to Roberts Bay Rookery Mon. Mar. 18 and Wed. Mar. 27, 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$30 **Reservations required.** For more information and registration: [www.sarasotaaudubon.org](http://www.sarasotaaudubon.org)

## AT THE NATURE CENTER

### **BASIC WILDLIFE RESCUE WORKSHOP**

Sat., Jan. 20th 9 am at the Nature Center. Donation requested to benefit Wildlife Rescue of SW Florida. Wildlife rescuers will demonstrate basic rescue protocols & what we can do to help injured wildlife.

### **MEMBER ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION - February**

Month-long display of members' art and photography. Opening reception: Sat. Feb. 3 4-6 pm at the Nature Center. Refreshments. Questions? [sas.art.committee@gmail.com](mailto:sas.art.committee@gmail.com)

### **BEACH NESTING MONITORING WORKSHOP**

Tues. March 26 1:30 pm at the Nature Center \$5 donation Join a beach nesting expert who explains why we monitor for vulnerable shorebirds and what you can do to help make their nesting season successful.

### **EARTH DAY**

Join us Sat. April 20, from 9 am-3 pm for Celery Fields nature walks, talks, displays, kids' activities and more! Check out our website for times/ events.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF ALL OUR ACTIVITIES!**

## **MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS**

*Meetings/Programs: All meetings available through ZOOM only. Sign up on the website. Time: 7:00pm*

Oct. 9 **Dave Tomasko, Ph.D** Executive Director of Sarasota Bay Estuary Program "Protecting the Bay and its Natural Resources."

Nov. 13 **Dr. Mark Brazil**, "Birds of Japan" ornithologist, natural historian, nature guide, and author noted for his work on East Asian birds.

Dec. 11 **Rosemary Mosco**, a prolific science writer and naturalist, will speak on "Finding Joy and Humor in Familiar Birds." Her cartoons grace our *Brown Pelican!*

Jan. 8 **John McCarthy**, VP for Regional History, Selby Gardens, will talk about Bertha Palmer and sons' legacy including Myakka State Park and Celery Fields.

Feb. 12 **Dr. Noah Charney**, Assistant Professor of Conservation Biology, University of Maine, will talk about his fascinating new book [These Trees Tell a Story: the Art of Reading Landscapes.](#)

March 11 **Tammy and David McQuade**, "Birding Central America." Florida-based national champion birders who run the SW Florida Bird Alert Facebook group and serve the American Birding Association.

April 8 **Melissa Abdo**, Sun Coast Regional Director for National Parks Conservation Association, will update us on overseeing national park & preserve protection efforts.

May 13 **Miri Hardy** Executive Director, Friends of Myakka River State Park, will discuss this popular park's fragile ecosystems using evocative photographs and storytelling.

## SARASOTA

## AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Dedicated to the protection, conservation and enjoyment of birds and wildlife.



## ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

2023 / 2024

**SAS NATURE CENTER:** Open every day, Oct. 1- May 31, 9 am to 12 pm. Open until 3 pm on weekends, Jan. 6- April 14. Displays, kids' corner, information, gift shop, native plant gardens, feeders, butterflies, gazebo, etc.

**BOARDWALKS:** Palmer Blvd and Raymond Rd boardwalks: a SAS Bird Naturalist is on duty every day, 8:30-10:30am, Oct. 1-May 31.

## ACTIVITIES AT THE CELERY FIELDS

### Celery Fields Walks

*All walks meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise indicated.*

**First Mondays** Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr 1; 2 pm; Margi Haas ([mhaas@pipeline.com](mailto:mhaas@pipeline.com))

**Second Mondays** Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 11, Apr. 8; 8 am; Peter Brown (207-994-9885). Meet at Raymond Rd. boardwalk.

**Third Thursdays** Jan. 18, Feb.15, Mar. 21; 8 am; SAS Survey Team ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**Fourth Thursdays Educational Walks** Nov. 23, Dec. 28, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 28; 8 am; Kathryn Young ([education@sarasota.audubon.org](mailto:education@sarasota.audubon.org)) Learn how to find birds by song, calls, ID and habitats.

**Fourth Saturdays** Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 23, Apr. 27; 8 am; Peter Brown (207-994-9885)

**Additional Afternoon Walks** Jan. 24, Feb. 28; 3 pm; Survey Team ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**Members Meet and Greet:** A way for our members to see each other face to face! Meet your board members and enjoy a short presentation by a local environmentalist. Light refreshments.

Nov. 15; Jan. 17; Mar. 20. 2-3:30 pm at the Nature Center

**Purple Martins:** Thursdays and Sundays: March-June at 10 am. Join us when we take down the houses to count eggs, baby birds, and do nest maintenance. (Weather dependent) Questions? Call the Nature Center at 941-312-6533

**WINGSPAN:** Join us at the Nature Center. 12:30 pm Learn about birds and their habitats, food, nests, etc. while playing a competitive game. Oct. 4 & 18; Nov. 1 & 18; Dec. 6 & 20; Jan. 3 & 19; Feb. 7 & 21; Mar. 6 & 22; Apr. 3 & 17; May 1 & 15. RSVP to Lynn Jakubowicz ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**CELERY FIELDS CLEANUPS:** Help keep our area garbage free! 9 am Nov. 9, Dec. 7, Jan. 18, Feb. 22. Frank Yarosh ([fyarosh941@aol.com](mailto:fyarosh941@aol.com))

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## OTHER GUIDED WALKS

**Oscar Scherer State Park** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays Nov.-Mar. 8:30 am. Peter Brown (207-994-9885)

**Bay Street Park** Oct. 18; 8 am. John Groskopf (941-726-8816)

**Pinecraft Park** Oct. 26; 9 am. John Groskopf (941-726-8816)

**Nathan Benderson Park ADA walk** Nov. 1; 8 am. Helen King (850-556-2950)

**Longboat Key Shorebirds** Nov. 5; 8 am. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341)

**Nathan Benderson Park** Nov. 9; 8 am. Peter Brown (207-994-9885)

**Siesta Key Shorebirds** Nov. 14; 8 am. Mary Heinlen ([lagoonview@aol.com](mailto:lagoonview@aol.com))

**Myakka River State Park** Nov. 29; 8:15 am. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341)

**N. Lido Beach and Woods** Dec. 28; 8 am. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341)

**Lakeview Park** Jan. 10; 8 am. Lynn Jakubowicz ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**Ollie's Pond Park** Jan. 23; 8 am. Helen King (850-556-2950)

**Siesta Key Shorebirds** Feb. 6; 8 am. Mary Heinlen ([lagoonview@aol.com](mailto:lagoonview@aol.com))

**Red Bug Slough** Feb. 14; 8 am. SAS Survey Team ([lynn234@verizon.net](mailto:lynn234@verizon.net))

**Myakka Bridge/Crowley Nature Center** Mar. 1; 7:30 am. Sharon Wilcox ([swilcox@fastmail.fm](mailto:swilcox@fastmail.fm))

**Beginning Birder Siesta Key Shorebirds** Mar. 8; 8 am. Peter Brown (207-994-9885)

**Old Miakka Preserve** Mar. 12; 8 am. Helen King (850-556-2950)

**Babcock Webb WMA** Mar. 20; 8 am. Peter Brown (207-994-9885)

**Carlton Reserve Backcountry Car Trip** Mar. 30 and Apr. 27. Meet at 7:15 am in parking area. Advance registration required due to space/car limitations. Contact Karen at [sascarltontrip@gmail.com](mailto:sascarltontrip@gmail.com)

**N. Longboat/Leffis Key** Apr.17; 8 am. Stu Wilson (512-897-8341)

**Glebe Park** Apr. 24; 8 am. John Groskopf (941-726-8816)

**Pinecraft Park** May 3; 9 am. John Groskopf (941-726-8816)