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A chapter of the National Audubon Society



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March - April 2006

Serving Huntington Township and the Neighboring Oyster Bay and Jericho Areas

Water, Water, Everywhere by Maria Kelly



Long Islanders are delighted that there is water, water, everywhere. We go fishing, kayaking, sailing, water skiing, swimming, surfing, wading, and walking along the water's edge. We take photos by

the water. We bird along the water's edge. We truly enjoy our streams, lakes, canals, beaches, inlets, harbors, shorelines, sound, and ocean. We enjoy the water all year round, though admittedly more so in summer.

If you count yourself among the many who take pleasure in any of the above, you share a passion with a Long Islander who has made ecology and the oceans his life work. And he has been so successful in this endeavor that he is now famous. Perhaps you saw him on the Bill Moyers PBS Special "Edge of the Earth". Perhaps you read his book *Song for the Blue Ocean*. He grew up on LI and lives now in Amagansett.

Huntington Audubon is fortunate to have **Carl Safina** as our featured speaker on **Wednesday, March 8**. Mark it on your calendar. He will talk about albatrosses, those wonderful ocean going birds who live their entire lives at sea except for the short time they are raising young. To talk about albatrosses you must talk about their habitat - the oceans. Remember, Carl Safina founded the Blue Ocean Institute based in Cold Spring Harbor.

So. Love the water? Love birds? Love nature? Interested in ecology? Want to get a book signed by the author? Then join us at the March 8 meeting at the Huntington Public Library, at 7:00 PM to enjoy a most worthwhile program. If you have either of his books, *Song for the Blue Ocean* or *Eye of the Albatross - Vision of Hope and Survival* you can get it signed. (Some copies will be available at the meeting.)

See you March 8.

Suffolk County Grant for Wicks Farm Received by Cathy Fitts

The Parks and Recreation Department of Suffolk County issued a check for \$2,000 to the Huntington Audubon Society (HAS) to help maintain the Wicks Farm Preserve. The application was facilitated by Jon Cooper, County Legislator. The money was used to purchase a heavy duty brush mower to help clear the trails and the bird box areas. The grant, plus money from HAS for capital expenditures, covered the entire cost of the mower. A trial run of the mower was done to clear the area for the Woodcock Watch scheduled for March 12 through the 18 at 6:00 PM. A formal ribbon cutting is being set-up with Suffolk County.

If you would like to try your hand at mowing or other maintenance, please join us for spring clean-up at Wicks Farm. The current schedule is for Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12 noon. Water is provided. Weather permitting, the rain dates are the following Sunday.

The scheduled Saturday dates are:

- March 18
- April 1
- April 22
- May 13
- May 27
- June 10
- June 24

Fond Memories?

Audubon attracts members of all ages, and many of our members have been involved in Huntington Audubon for many years. Do you have memories of Audubon (persons, meetings, trips, school activities, funny things that occurred during a bird walk) that you remember fondly and would like to share with others? If so, please write a brief reminiscence (no more than a page) and send it to: Killdeer Editors, Huntington Audubon Society, P.O. Box 735, Huntington, NY 11743.

Birders' Box

The January 8th trip to Massapequa Preserve and Wantagh Twin Lakes was extended to Eisenhower Park to locate two birds reported on the Rare Bird Alert - a Barnacle and a White-fronted Goose were spotted as well as Northern Shovelers and Wood Ducks. Before that highlights included Wilson's Snipe, Red-breasted and Hooded Mergansers, Ruddy and Ring-necked Ducks, American Widgeons, Gadwalls, Coots, Kingfisher, Sharp-shinned and Red-tailed Hawk, and Catbird.

The trip with ADK to Pelham Bay and the Hudson River added Barred, Saw-whet, Long-eared, and Eastern Screech Owls as well as Bald Eagle. See Field Trip Report in this issue.

Number of species seen this year on HAS trips is 50.

The mission of the Huntington Audubon Society is to increase community awareness about the environment and to encourage others to enjoy and protect birds and other wildlife in their natural habitats.



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March Program

Wednesday, March 8
Huntington Public Library

7:00 PM Refreshments
7:30 PM Speaker

Albatrosses

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Featured Volunteer - Arlene Scholer

While she was still teaching in an elementary school in South Huntington, Arlene Scholer attended Huntington Audubon membership meetings regularly for many years. After retirement in 1995, Arlene continues as a regular at membership meetings to this day. She has also been a financial supporter of HAS for just as long, sponsoring Birdathon participants, buying raffle tickets, donating to the End of the Year Appeal, etc. Extremely active in a wide range of capacities for the Adirondack Mountain Club, her weekend field trip participation was usually hiking rather than birding. But luckily for HAS, after being retired for a while, Arlene gradually decreased hiking and increased birding.

Arlene has organized a wonderful long weekend of birding in Chincoteague, VA for over five years now. Always well attended, those of us who have participated in these trips realize the thorough planning and thoughtful attention to detail that make the weekends a great success. Often both HAS members and hiking club members attend at the same time. Together with Dick Furman, Arlene also is leading full day birding trips for the combined groups.

Featured Volunteer (Continued)

Arlene has contributed several interesting articles to the *Killdeer* over the years and last year she was able to join the Board of Directors where her input is highly valued. She is a member of the Membership committee and helps out regularly with Board related tasks.

Arlene's joyful spirit, friendliness, organizational skills, and writing ability are much appreciated by all of us in HAS. We are thankful for her continued presence and support, her warmth and positive attitudes which add much to our membership. We look forward to enjoying that relationship for many years.

Northern Nassau County Christmas Bird Count 2005

by Charlotte Miska

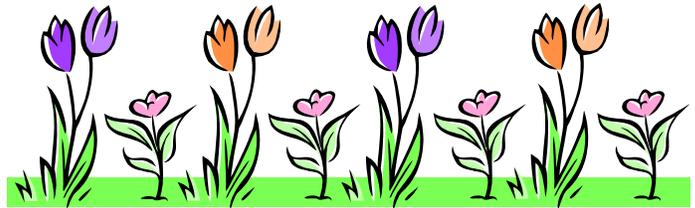
The day dawned cold and cloudy, but I couldn't wait to get up because today I was participating in the world's largest citizen science project - the 106th Christmas Bird Count (CBC). Huntington Audubon along with North Shore Audubon conducted the Northern Nassau County CBC on Sunday, December 18, 2005. Northern Nassau County covers the territory from Manhasset Bay to Lloyd Harbor, Long Island Sound to Hicksville. Northern Nassau is divided into 15 areas, although only 13 areas were counted. (Old Westbury to Woodbury was not counted. We need an area leader - any volunteers for the 2006 count?) Fifty-one birders logged 158 hours and counted 23,315 individual birds and 102 species. Canada Geese topped the list with 8,100. Coming in second was Greater Scaup. I was fortunate to be among those who saw the breath-taking sight of a raft of 1,900 Greater Scaup in Cold Spring Harbor. On the other extreme, single birds reported included one Lesser Black-backed Gull in Bayville along with one Harlequin Duck. A Virginia Rail was counted in Shu Swamp, a single Snipe was at the Roslyn Duck Pond, and a Yellow-breasted Chat was reported at the Chelsea Center.

After a day in the field, participants met at 5:00 PM at the Bill Paterson Nature Center in Muttontown Preserve to swap stories, enjoy a hearty supper, and compile the statistics. HAS and North Shore alternate providing the food and this year HAS did a great job of feeding the hungry counters. We were greeted with platters of antipasto, chips and dips, cheese, crackers, and fruit, along with hot cider, coffee, tea, and Blair Broughton's hand-crafted wine, which really was quite good. Home-made lasagna and salad followed. The dessert table groaned with a delectable assortment of tasty treats. Special thanks go to all those who helped to set up the room, provided the food and beverages, and stayed to clean up.

Mary Normandia and Herb Roth of North Shore Audubon compiled the statistics by going through the checklist of

birds and asking each area leader to report their counts. While this may seem like a tedious process it really is quite interesting to hear who saw what where. There are always a few surprises. Mary is responsible for submitting the results to National Audubon. You can view the results of the 106th CBC as they become available online at www.audubon.org. The final results will be published in the CBC issue of *American Birds* which will be sent later this year to all participants who requested it.

The next Northern Nassau CBC is scheduled for Saturday, December 23, 2006. You do not have to be an experienced birder to participate. Everyone is welcome. Plan to take part in this international research project; escape the hustle and bustle of the holidays for a day; enjoy the company of like-minded people; and have fun taking part in the world's most popular bird census. Get involved. Act locally to make a global difference for science and bird conservation.



April Program

Wednesday, April 12
Huntington Public Library

7:00 PM Refreshments
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Cranes and People: A Struggle for Coexistence

Cranes are some of the most stately and graceful birds on earth. They are revered in many cultures for their beauty, fidelity to their mates, and long life. Many of them are dependent upon wetland habitats for breeding sites, wintering grounds, and resting and feeding stopovers during migration. However, management practices for rivers, marshes, and other wetlands have put increasing pressure on crane populations. Consequently, over half of the world's species of cranes are considered threatened or endangered. Ted Gilman, an education specialist at Greenwich Audubon, will present a slide program covering the beauty, natural history, and distinct characteristics of cranes and the challenges of managing water and wetlands to fulfill the needs of both cranes and people. The program will cover cranes from around the world, but will focus particularly on the U.S. and China.

Birding for a Purpose - The Annual NYS Waterfowl Census

by Bill Reeves

For about 40 years Huntington Audubon Society (HAS) has been a member of the New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA), formerly the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs. This organization is composed of about 50 bird clubs, Audubon chapters, and nature clubs throughout the state with a total of nearly 29,000 members. In addition, NYSOA has about 700 individual members. Besides publishing its journal, *Kingbird*, and its newsletter, *New York Birders*, state bird books, and breeding bird atlases and establishing and supporting the New York State Avian Records Committee (NYSARC), NYSOA has, since 1955, conducted censuses of wintering waterfowl in our state.

The combined counts of all waterfowl observed in each region of the state on days during the designated two-week census period in mid-January are published annually in *Kingbird* and used by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to supplement or take the place of data from their aerial count of waterfowl during the same period. (The state does not conduct an aerial survey every year.) For purposes of reporting ornithological observations in the state, New York State has been divided into 10 reporting regions. Long Island and New York City comprise Region 10. The leaders of the census in each area of our region submit their data to Ron and Jean Bourque, compilers for Region 10, who review the results, combine them into a regional report they send to Bryan Swift, the state compiler, who prepares them for use by DEC and publication in *Kingbird*.

During its 40-year involvement various HAS members have participated in the annual waterfowl census. This year Howard Boltson conducted the census in the area from Eatons Neck to the Nissequogue River. This was the sixteenth year that Howard has covered this area. We will need new observers for that area because Howard has officially retired following the 2006 census.

On Saturday, January 21, 2006, Dick Furman, Ginger Mahoney, Charlotte Miska, and I conducted the annual waterfowl census for the area from the Nissequogue River to Port Jefferson (NR-PJ). We began counting at 8:30 AM and finished at 3:30 PM. We observed a total of 2,021 waterfowl of 21 species. The following table shows the results by species of the counts in our area for the years 2006 and 2000.



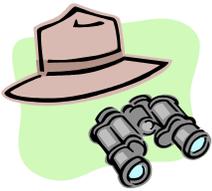
Species	NR-PJ 2006	NR-PJ 2000
Canada Goose	502	679
Brant	250	0
Mute Swan	174	38
Wood Duck	0	6
Gadwall	70	157
American Widgeon	131	168
American Black Duck	22	299
Mallard	478	466
Northern Pintail	0	1
Canvasback	9	20
Redhead	3	0
Ring-necked Duck	68	40
White-winged Scoter	15	29
Long-tailed Duck	30	66
Bufflehead	45	11
Common Goldeneye	150	35
Hooded Merganser	32	33
Red-breasted Merganser	27	69
Ruddy Duck	0	8
Red-throated Loon	3	9
Common Loon	1	1
Pied-billed Grebe	1	1
Horned Grebe	0	7
Double-crested Cormorant	1	0
American Coot	9	0
TOTAL (ALL SPECIES)	2,021	2,143

Recycling News



Our recycling project is really cleaning up. HAS is currently participating in an ink jet, laser cartridge, and now a cell phone recycling program. Not only do we raise money, but we keep all that trash out of the garbage. To help in this environmentally responsible fundraising effort, bring your empty ink jet, laser cartridges, or cell phones to our meetings or field trips. Ink jet cartridges only can be dropped off at Huntington Business Products in the village of Huntington. (Epson cartridges are not recyclable.) Ask your neighbors, family, friends, and co-workers to give you theirs. With our community's help and support, we can make this a very productive fundraiser (with little effort and a great return).

Field Trip Report by Arlene Scholer



The sunshine and warmth of January 28 were the cream on our day of great sightings as we traveled from Pelham Bay to a variety of Hudson River sites below Peekskill. Members of this joint

outing for the Huntington Audubon Chapter and the Adirondack Mountain Club's LI Chapter were also joined by members of the South Shore Audubon - everyone was so compatible! A neck as flexible as that of a Great Blue Heron would've been helpful as we focused on four owl species sitting so high in some evergreen trees.

At Pelham Bay Park, a Barred Owl was spotted by Jane Schmidt. A Saw-whet Owl, waterfowl (Hooded Mergansers, Common Merganser, Mallard, Buffleheads, Canada Geese, Mute Swans) and woodland birds (Red-bellied Woodpecker, Chipping Sparrow, White-breasted Nuthatches, Black-capped Chickadees, Tufted Titmouse, Cardinals, and Blue Jays) were also seen.

We moved on to the China Pier below Peekskill where we saw a mature Bald Eagle, Great Cormorant, Common Merganser, and Mallards - all viewed through Dick Furman's scope. We moved south to Georges Island to see an immature Bald Eagle, a sub-adult Bald Eagle, and mature Bald Eagles - in flight and in trees.

Our last stop at Croton Point Park gave us a Long-eared Owl, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Horned Larks, and an Eastern Screech Owl (gray phase) - but unfortunately no Short-eared Owls as seen on other trips. With thanks to Ann Marie Pozzini (South Shore Audubon) who tallied our day's count. Co-leaders: Dick Furman and Arlene Scholer.

Out on a Limb by Alex McKay

The Nature Conservancy of Long Island has launched a long-range land preservation program called "Long Island's Last Stand." The plan envisions a 10-year program of land and water acquisition that would protect over 25,000 additional acres of open space, 10,000 acres of agricultural lands, and include dedicated management and restoration of thousands of acres of parks, open space, harbors, bays, and farms. Over 100 environmental, civic, and other organizations have signed on to support the plan which is expected to cost over 5 billion dollars in the next decade.

According to the Conservancy, "Without significant increases in the rates of land and water preservation, in 10 years, currently unprotected open spaces and watersheds will be completely developed or too fragmented to

significantly contribute to environmental goals." To finance and realize this bold initiative, the Conservancy advocates a coordinated effort by the state, counties, and towns to develop complementary funding and policy strategies including increasing Long Island's share of state funding by \$85 million a year, extending the Suffolk County ¼% Drinking Water Protection Program with a reallocation that increases land preservation funding to \$40 million annually, increasing by \$10 million county funding to restore and manage the County's land and waters, and creating a new and permanent Nassau County Land and Waters Trust fund to provide parks and land and marine preserves at a level similar to Suffolk.

Priority conservation areas identified in the plan include Yampol, the 150 acre Laurel Cove Farm in Cove Neck which reaches from Oyster Bay to Cold Spring Harbor, the 107 acre Pulling estate in Oyster Bay Cove, a 225 acre wetland complex at Pipe's Creek in Southold, the 171 acre Camp Blue Bay fronting Gardner's Bay in East Hampton, and 1,600 acres of prime agricultural soils on Oregon Road farmlands in Southold. Ten year targets for habitat enhancement include reducing hazardous fuel accumulation in the pine barrens, scrub oak maintenance for globally rare species of moths and butterflies, safeguarding wetlands, rivers, and streams from invasive species, sea grass protection, and clam propagation in bays and estuaries, restoring biodiversity in at least 5,000 acres of tidal wetlands, and major investment in storm water and sewage treatment to protect water quality and habitat in harbors and bays.

Current funding levels are projected at \$1.5 billion over the next 10 years, leaving a \$3.5 billion gap to be filled to realize the vision of Long Island's Last Stand. Clearing restrictions, clustering, and transfer of development rights are among Smart Growth tools that could add over one-half billion to present spending levels. The additional \$3 billion could come from new sources of funding and reallocation of existing programs over the next 10 years. The question seems to be not so much if we can afford such an effort but what will happen if choose not to.

The Conservancy summarizes the issue by stating, "With strategic land purchases and targeted management and restoration activities we can assure that our lands, our waters, and our way of life will remain for the benefit of our children and all future generations." Stay tuned for developments stemming from this vision. For more information and to support the campaign visit www.LInature.org.





MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Meetings and activities of the Huntington Audubon Society are free to members and nonmembers. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at the Huntington Public Library except for the months of July and August. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM with refreshments and socialization followed by announcements and the featured speaker programs from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Board of Directors meetings are open to all HAS members. Board delegates are expected to attend.

March 2006

Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 PM - Membership meeting at Huntington Public Library **Albatrosses**. Carl Safina followed albatrosses to the far corners of the world in the course of researching his book, *Eye of the Albatross*. He spent months in distant oceans, chronicling the travels of one particular albatross named Amelia, whose stupendous travels were tracked via satellite as she ranged thousands of miles to find food for her famished chick. Albatrosses cover distances equivalent to flying around the Earth at the equator three times every year. A 50-year-old albatross has flown, at minimum, 3.7 million miles. Because they range so far and live so long, albatrosses intersect and contend with almost every effect that people exert upon the sea. Safina shares what their survival teaches us about persistence, hope, and how the oceans are changing.

Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 PM - Meeting of the Board of Directors at Uplands Farm.

Saturday, March 18, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon - Wicks Farm spring clean-up. Contact Cathy Fitts (631) 427-8623.

Friday, March 31 - Deadline for May-June-July *Killdeer*.

April 2006

Saturday, April 1, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon - Wicks Farm spring clean-up. Contact Cathy Fitts (631) 427-8623.

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 PM - Membership meeting at Huntington Public Library **Cranes and People: A Struggle for Coexistence**. Ted Gilman, an education specialist at Greenwich Audubon, will present a slide program covering the beauty, natural history and distinct characteristics of cranes and the challenges of managing water and wetlands to fulfill the needs of both cranes and people. The program will cover cranes from around the world, but will focus particularly on the U.S. and China. (Originally scheduled for the October 2005 meeting.)

Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 PM - Meeting of the Board of Directors at Uplands Farm.

Saturday, April 1, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon - Wicks Farm spring clean-up. Contact Cathy Fitts (631) 427-8623.

May 2006

Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 PM - Membership meeting at Huntington Public Library. Dr. Shaibal Mitra, Assistant professor of Biology at the College of Staten Island will present **Long Island Rarities, Avian Vagrancy to Fire Island**. Dr. Mitra operated a major bird-banding station at the Fire Island Lighthouse from 1996 to 2000 and will share insights into rare birds seen on LI.

Saturday, May 13, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon - Wicks Farm spring clean-up. Contact Cathy Fitts (631) 427-8623.

Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 PM - Meeting of the Board of Directors at Uplands Farm.

Saturday, May 27, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon - Wicks Farm spring clean-up. Contact Cathy Fitts (631) 427-8623.



Membership Application

Chapter No. RO2

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FIELD TRIPS

Field trips organized by Huntington Audubon are free and open to the public. Birding with a group is a wonderful way to share your interests with like-minded people to learn more about birds and nature, and to enjoy many preserves and natural areas. Newcomers are most welcome. Binoculars and field guides are strongly advised, but leaders usually have some field guides to share. Field trips begin at 9:00 AM at the birding site and end around noon unless otherwise specified. Directions to the site are published below and on our website. Carpooling is possible, gas and tolls are shared. Contact the trip leader for details. The trip leader is not responsible for arranging carpools, but will provide names of others who are interested in carpooling. Registration is necessary. Call the trip leader by 9:00 PM Thursday for a Saturday trip and by 9:00 PM Friday for a Sunday trip. Be sure to leave your phone number. You may participate if you didn't register, but we will not be able to notify you of any changes or cancellations without your phone number. Dress for the weather realizing you'll be outdoors for long periods of time. Bring water and if the trip is for a full day, bring a bag lunch. Rain or temperature below 20° F cancels. For the comfort and safety of all participants there is no smoking on field trips.

March 2006

Sunday, March 12 - Saturday, March 18, 6:00 PM - Woodcock watch at Wicks Farm. Each evening at 6 PM Dick Furman or Maria Kelly will be near the building opposite White Post Farm's parking area on Pulaski Rd. to guide birder's into the area of Wicks Farm where Woodcocks were seen displaying last year around mid-March. The displays occur at dusk. Bring a flashlight to see your way back to the road. Contact Dick Furman (631-692-7356) or Maria Kelly (631-673-0937).

Directions: From the east take Pulaski Rd. west passed Oakwood Rd. in Huntington. From the west take Woodbury Rd. toward Huntington. When Woodbury Rd. veers to the left after the Cold Spring Harbor RR Station stay straight. That becomes Pulaski Rd. White Post Farms is about one quarter of a mile from there.

Saturday, March 25 - Rare Bird Alert. We will attempt to locate birds reported on the Rare Bird Alert that week. Contact the leader for directions. Leader: Maria Kelly (631-673-0937).

April 2006

Saturday, April 8, 9:00 AM - Jones Beach West End by the Coast Guard Station. Look for early migrants including Oystercatcher, Osprey, Black-crowned Night Heron, Piping Plover, Egret, Merlin, Kinglet, Pine and Palm Warblers, Eastern Phoebe, Field Sparrow. Leader: Blair Broughton (516-692-2980).

Directions: Take either the Meadowbrook Parkway or Wantagh Parkway to Ocean Parkway. Follow signs for the Coast Guard Station at the West End of Jones Beach. Meet at the parking lot by the restrooms.

Saturday, April 29, 8:00 AM (Note earlier time.) - Jamaica Bay. Look for Green Heron, Little Blue Heron, Swallows, Louisiana Waterthrush. various sandpipers, Semi-palmated and Black-bellied Plovers, Black and White, Parula, Prairie, Yellow, and Worm-eating

Warblers, Chimney Swift, Solitary Vireo, and Towhee. Leader: Blair Broughton (516-692-2980).

Directions: Take Southern State Parkway to Cross Bay Boulevard south, exit 17S, then head south. After crossing the bridge, look for parking lot entrance on the right side 1 1/4 miles from the bridge. Turn right at the traffic light, meet in the parking lot.

May 2006

Saturday, May 6, 8:00 AM (Note earlier start time.) - Alley Pond Park and Forest Park. Early May is an ideal time for warblers and passerines in both these parks. Expect White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Blue-winged, Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Blue Warblers, Ovenbird, Baltimore Oriole, Orchard Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, several thrushes, and more. Leader: Maria Kelly (631-673-0937).

Directions: Take Northern State Parkway to exit 23. Go past the Cross Island Parkway exits to Union Turnpike. Turn right (west) onto Union Turnpike to Springfield Blvd. Go right on Springfield Blvd to 76th Avenue. Turn right. The entrance to the parking lot for Alley Pond is immediately on your left. Meet at the lot.

May 8 through 12, 4:30 PM - Bobolink watch at Stillwell Woods. Dick Furman will be conducting a Bobolink watch each afternoon if it's not raining. Meet at the far end of the parking lot near the gate into the trails. Leader: Dick Furman (631-692-7356).

Directions: Take Jericho Tpke. to South Woods Rd. in Syosset. Go north. As soon as you pass Syosset HS, look right for the entrance to Still Woods Park and ball fields. Drive around, past the ball fields to the end of the parking area near the gate to the trails.

Dates to Remember: (Details in next issue.)

Sunday, May 14, 8:00 AM - Central Park

Sunday, May 21, 6:45 AM - Birdathon



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