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MONTHLY MEETING

A Nature Photographer's View of Trees

Elizabeth Stanley

Come view images of trees from various places and examine our relationship with trees. Our speaker will read from poems and various writings to also explore the aesthetic quality of trees. Betty Stanley is the Director of Institutional Research at I.S.U. She is an award-winning nature photographer with work published in the Iowa Natural Heritage Calendar and Iowa Sierran. She has exhibited her work at the Story County Conservation Center, the Flat Earth Gallery and the Heritage Gallery in Des Moines.

Thursday, May 19th, 7:30 PM

Room 2532, Veterinary Medicine Building, I.S.U., Ames
(See directions to meeting room inside newsletter)

FIELD TRIP

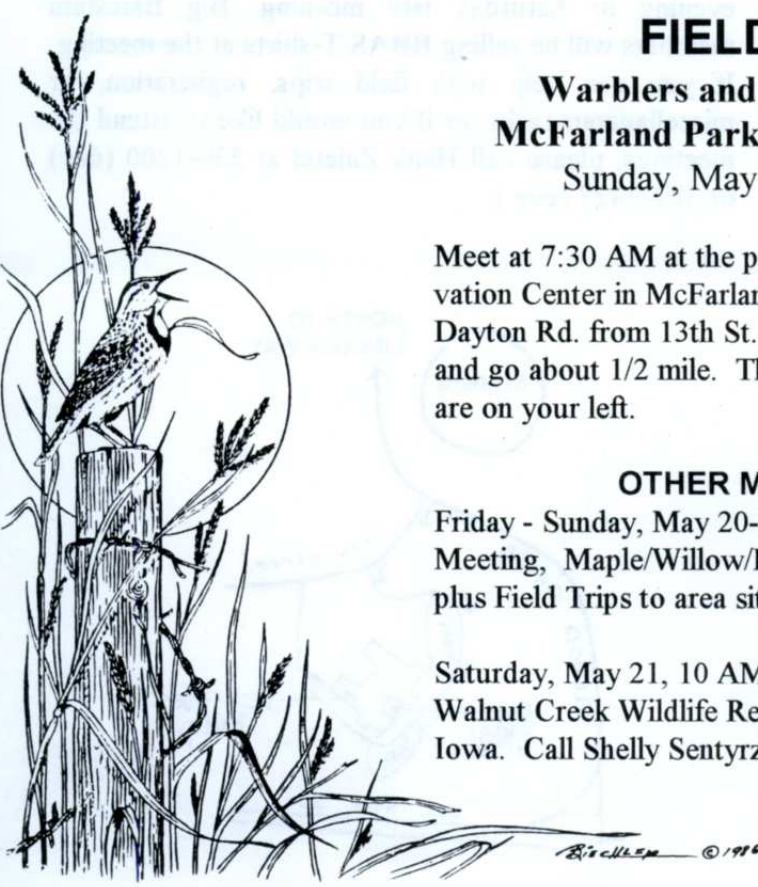
**Warblers and Wildflowers at
McFarland Park and Peterson Pits**
Sunday, May 8th, 7:30 AM

Meet at 7:30 AM at the parking lot by the Story County Conservation Center in McFarland Park. To get to the park, go north on Dayton Rd. from 13th St. until it ends at a "T". Turn right (east) and go about 1/2 mile. The Conservation Center and parking area are on your left.

OTHER MAY EVENTS

Friday - Sunday, May 20-22, Iowa Ornithologists' Union Meeting, Maple/Willow/Larch Dorm complex, I.S.U., Ames plus Field Trips to area sites. See article inside.

Saturday, May 21, 10 AM- 3 PM, "Sow your Wild Oats Day", Walnut Creek Wildlife Refuge. West 109th St. South, Prairie City, Iowa. Call Shelly Sentyrz, 994-2415



Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for election at the May meeting. For President: Mark Widrlechner, for Vice-President: Jon Bahrenfus, for Treasurer: Barb Bettis, for Secretary: Joyce Bahrenfus. For Board Member: Hank Zaletel, Don Sanderson, and Lloyd Crim. Members are encouraged to attend the May meeting and vote in the election.

Story County Toxic Clean Up Day

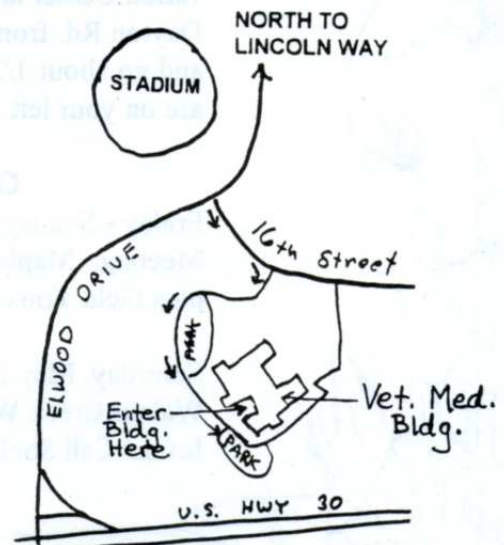
A Toxic Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 14th at the Ames City Hall west (back) parking lot. If you would like to participate, start today by taking an inventory of the hazardous materials in your house and garage. (These include: fertilizers, pesticides, paint removers, automotive fluid, antifreeze, drain cleaners, furniture polish, and other cleaning products.) Set aside any materials that can gradually be used up for their intended purpose. Make a list of any products and their amounts that you have questions about. Participation in the Cleanup Day will be by appointment only. Appointments will be taken until May 13. Before you call you'll need to know what types of hazardous materials you have on hand. Call 239-5160 (Public Works Dept.) or 239-5236 (Resource Recovery Plant).

Meeting Place for Monthly Meetings

Our Big Bluestem Audubon Society meetings are held in Room 2532 (Lecture Hall) of the Veterinary Medicine Building. To get to the meetings, take the first drive east of Elwood off of 16th St. Go south on this loop drive, going past the large parking area on your left. Park in the next parking lot to your right. Go in the doors nearest the flagpole. From there, follow the signs to the meeting room.

Iowa Ornithologists' Union Meeting in Ames

May 20-22 marks the dates of the I.O.U. spring meeting. Four area field trips and presentations by noted ornithologists highlight the weekend. Field trips will leave at 7 AM Saturday and Sunday for : Brookside Park, Ledges State Park, Colo Ponds/Hendrickson Marsh, Little Wall Lake/Bob Pyle Marsh. Leaders and helpers are needed for the field trips. This is a fun way to meet birders from all over the state. On Saturday evening, California Gnatcatcher specialist Jon Atwood will be speaking. On Saturday afternoon, Jim Dinsmore will speak on the topic of his new book, the abundance of wildlife in Iowa at the time of settlement. (If you missed Jim Dinsmore's presentation at our Audubon meeting in April, you will want to come to this.) Copies of Jim's book will be available and Jim will sign them. Also on Saturday afternoon, Pat Schlarbaum of the DNR will present a program on the Trumpeter Swan reintroduction program. The indoor presentations will be held at the Maple/Willow/Larch dorms on campus. Assistance is needed at the registration table on Friday evening or Saturday late morning. Big Bluestem members will be selling BBAS T-shirts at the meeting. If you can help with field trips, registration, or miscellaneous tasks, or if you would like to attend the meetings, please call Hank Zaletel at 239-1200 (day) or 382-5427 (eve.).



BBAS Finances for 1993-94 & Budget for 1994-95

Please review this budget. We will be voting on it at the May meeting.)

	93-94	94-95
INCOME		
National Rebate	1979	1900
Donations, Newsletter	82	100
Cards, Shirts, Class fees	295	300
Audubon Adventures Donations	219	200
Trees and Shrubs Donations	214	200
T-Shirts	0	405
Armchair Activist	49	50
TOTAL	2838	3155

EXPENSES

Newsletter	1234	1350
Audubon Adventures	360	420
Programs & Classes	137	150
Armchair Activist	65	65
Miscellaneous	27	30
Insurance	247	260
T-Shirts	0	294
Ia. Audubon Council	50	100
Midwest Raptor Foundation	25	25
Story County Conserv. Bd.	50	100
Ia. Nature Conservancy	35	35
Teacher's Activity Booklet	0	40
TOTAL	2230	2869

BBAS T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

We will have Big Bluestem T-Shirts for sale at our May 19 meeting and thereafter. They feature our logo and the words "Big Bluestem Audubon Society" on the front. T-Shirts are 100% cotton and are available in many colors and most sizes. They cost \$11. All proceeds go to our Chapter. Come to the May meeting and purchase one or call Sherry Dragula 233-1532 or Barb Bettis 232-4863 if you want any T-shirts.

Election Underway in West Central Region

Nominations have been received for the West Central Region chapter-selected candidate to the National Audubon Society Board of Directors. The nominee is Joyce Wolf from Lawrence, Kansas. Members are encouraged to review the candidate's biography, which has been sent to the chapter President, Vice-President and Newsletter Editor. The chapter must cast its ballot before June 30, 1994. If you want to get a copy of the candidate's biography, please contact one of the officers listed above. (Phone numbers are listed on the back of this newsletter.)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I'd like to join as a new member of the National Audubon Society and of the Big Bluestem Audubon Society, Chapter H-57. Please send me *Audubon magazine*, *The Big Bluestem Flyer* and my membership card. Introductory membership is \$20.

Name _____
Address _____
Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please make your check payable to: National Audubon Society and include chapter code H-57 on the check. Send To: Mark Widrlechner, Membership Chair, 2121 Burnett Ave., Ames, Iowa 50010

SUMMER EVENTS

*June 3-5, Fri.-Sun. : Loess Hills Prairie Seminar near Onawa, IA. Call Western Hills AEA, 712-274-6083

June 11, Saturday, 8 AM : Birders' Breakfast and Hike, Ledges State Park, Upper Picnic Area

July 9, Saturday, 5 PM : Purple Martin Viewing & Errington Marsh. Meet at Design Center Parking lot, I.S.U. Campus.

*July 12-16 : North American Prairie Conference, "Prairie Biodiversity", Kansas State Univ., Manhattan, KS. Contact: Dr. John Zimmerman, Div. of Biology, Ackert Hall, K.S.U., Manhattan, KS 66506.

* These are events of interest to Audubon members but are not sponsored by the Big Bluestem Audubon Society.

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