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BRIDGERLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

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Film at Logan Library, 7 p.m. (connected to Mon. 10)
 Planning Meeting, 7 p.m., NRB, 112B (connected to Tues. 11)
 Potluck at Neely's, 6:30 p.m. (connected to Thurs. 13)
 Holiday Happening Party at Logan Rec Center (connected to Thurs. 13)

For more complete information, see "Meetings and Programs" inside newsletter.

EDITOR'S NOTES

I have discovered that my duties as editor include finding a place in my already overstuffed office for the mountains of material sent to me by the National Audubon Society, by the regional Audubon societies, and by the local Audubon societies with whom we swap newsletters. Even though I am able to put much of the information from the national and regional societies into our own newsletter, I find that a lot of "interesting-but-not-crucial" information gets left out because we haven't room for it within the pages of *The Stilt*. So, whether you're interested in looking through colorful brochures about exotic field trips, or you just want to know what bird sightings have been reported in other newsletters in our region—have I got news for you! Just give me a call or stop by my office, and I'll gladly share this delightful wealth of information. A sampling of this month's mail:

The Vermilion Flycatcher (Tucson Audubon Society newsletter)
The Snake River Audubon Society newsletter
The Curlew (Upper Green River Valley Naturalists' Club newsletter)

Audubon Ecology Camps and Workshops brochure
Australian Wildlife Experience brochure
Silver Bay (Adirondack Mountains) brochure
Institute of Desert Ecology brochure

My quote this month has either nothing or everything to do with my overstuffed office; I have yet to decide. It comes from a book of essays by Harlan Ellison called *Sleepless Nights in the Procrustean Bed*. "Anthropologists tell us that from what they have been able to ascertain, from skulls found in the caves at Baden, Germany, that the 'reasoning' section of man's brain, the cerebellum of modern man, is many times larger than that of the primates. But the area that contains the emotions, the medulla, is precisely the same size. We have become creatures capable of sending rockets to the moon, capable of probing the bottom of the oceans, capable of computing and assaying and estimating and dreaming, but we are still naked apes when our emotions are excited." To use a bit of early 70's terminology popular when the essay containing that quotation was written: pretty heavy, huh?

Charlotte Wright

MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

December 6, Holiday Happening — The Bridgerland Audubon Society will meet with the Logan Sierra Club Chapter at the Logan Recreation Center for a party. Call Chuck or Nancy Warner for details, which were not available at press time.

December 10, Film — Shown at the Logan Library at 7 p.m. free of charge, "The Valley and Stream" reveals how glacier and stream action can form a river valley, thus providing a home for a variety of life.

December 13, Potluck — In lieu of the monthly Education meeting, there will be a potluck at the home of Betsy Neely, 434 Park Avenue in Logan, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dish to share.

December 11, Planning Meeting — At 7 p.m. in 112B of the

Natural Resources Biology Building on the USU Campus. The meeting night has been moved from its regular position to accommodate the meeting with the Cache Chapter of the Sierra Club on December 6.

HOLLY FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Once again Audubon will have its booth at Holly Fair. Its purpose is to provide worthwhile entertainment for children by making bird boxes and bird feeders and painting medallions as tree ornaments. In addition, the booth provides a perfect setting for us to tell the community about our chapter and what its activities are. Besides, what better way to get into the Christmas spirit and see our friends? Marilyn Jones needs volunteers to put in two hours at the booth. Hours are: Wednesday, 6-9 p.m.; Thursday, 12-9 p.m.; Friday, 11-9 p.m. and Saturday, 10-6 p.m. The days are December 5-8. Call Marilyn Jones at 752-0676 or Jan Young at 258-5445.

SLIDES AVAILABLE

We are happy to announce the completion of the first six slide shows of the Audubon Natural History Education Series. The series should provide a useful and colorful addition to the regular science curriculum in the elementary schools. Many thanks to Dan Beck, Jack Kirkley, Nancy Warner and Bruce Pendry for preparing the programs. Special thanks to Nancy for donating her secretarial skills and typing the scripts. The programs which are presently available are:

The Life History of the Monarch Butterfly
The Nesting Behavior of the Red-tailed Hawk
Pollination Ecology
Mule Deer in Utah
A Shy Monster from Southwestern Utah
Wildflowers of the Bear River Range

We hope to expand this list as other programs become available (marshes, ethnobotany, bees, birding, etc.) Each program consists of 20 slides, a written script, a glossary and suggested references. We have presented Bruce's Mule Deer program to the Media Specialists from the Elementary Schools, who are considering purchasing them for their schools. The shows are available at cost (\$15). If you know anyone interested in using or purchasing any or all of these programs, please contact Betsy Neely (752-1311) or Nancy Warner (752-7345). And once again, if you would like to write a program, please let us know!

Education Committee

POSITIONS FILLED

The planning board wants to extend a hearty "thanks," as well as a "welcome aboard" to both Alice Stewart and Elizabeth Keller. Alice has agreed to take over the responsibilities of Hospitality Chairperson, and Liz Keller has accepted the position of Circulation Chairperson. Without the efforts of volunteers like these, who are willing to take time from their busy schedules to help us, the Bridgerland Audubon Society could never be the effective organization it is.

IMPACT STATEMENT RELEASED

A draft of the Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Forest Land Management Plan for the Wasatch-Cache Forest has just been released. "Summaries" are available from the Forest Service at 910 South Highway 89-91. (For those really serious about this, there is a 4-inch thick document package.)

This plan serves as a guide for all forest activities, from timber harvest to wilderness management, for the next 50 years. The plan will be reviewed at 10-15 year intervals, but now is the time to think about input. Comments are being accepted until 8 February 1985. Get your copy of the summary now. Some features of the plan are only there because of conservationists' input in the past. We need volunteers to help sort through the thousand plus pages of documents—call me at 752-9102 (evenings) if you can help.

Steve Flint

PLANT PHOTO LIBRARY

The flora of Utah is literally at your fingertips when you browse through Utah State University's Plant Photo Library in the Plant Industry Building. Dr. Mary Barkworth and Dr. Richard Shaw, USU Botany faculty members, first combined their taxonomic and photographic talents two years ago, which resulted in a slide library containing over 800 species of plants. Each species in the collection is generally represented by several slides portraying its habitat, growth form, flower and fruit characteristics. Although the emphasis is on the native flora of our region, many photographs of cultivated plants are also available.

Essentially anyone interested in teaching about plants is welcome to borrow slides from this library. So, the next time you're developing a slide presentation, such as the conifers of Logan Canyon, or you simply want one slide of a pumpkin or a sunflower check out the USU Plant Photo Library. There's a good chance you'll find what you're looking for!

If you would like to see what species are included in the library, contact either Shaw or Barkworth through the USU Botany Office. You can either come in and browse through the collection or scan the index to locate particular species.

OUTLINE OF DUTIES

Chairpersons for the various BAS committees are appointed by the president. They are generally asked to serve for a term of at least one year, during which time they are responsible for carrying out the following duties:

Publicity Chair

- Coordination of publicity for all Audubon activities; meetings, films, field trips, pot luck dinners, etc.
- Publicity campaign to get the general public interested in National Audubon and BAS (coordinate with Membership Chair).

Membership Chair

- Scheduling the Audubon display table and people to sit at it in the University Student Center each Wednesday and Thursday of the week we have our regular monthly meetings.
- Coordinate yearly membership drive to contact new members and encourage existing members to renew their memberships in Audubon.

Conservation Chair

- Monitor both local and national concerns.
- Keep membership informed as to events and upcoming legislation.
- Organize groups to attend hearings, write letters, etc.

Education Chair

- Coordinate presentations for local schools.
- Take major part in organizing Audubon youth activities.
- Coordinate writing and distribution of public education pamphlets such as nature trail guides, etc.

Circulation Chair

- Keep file of chapter membership organized.
- Responsible for newsletter distribution.

Hospitality Chair

- Arrange for refreshments and greet those who attend monthly meetings.
- Make those who attend meetings feel welcome.

Field Trip Chair

- Provide for a variety of enjoyable and informative outdoor experiences.
- Help people gain better insight into the world around them and develop a concern for their environment.
- Be an informal spokesperson and witness for BAS.

(This list of committee chairpersons is by no means complete, but is presented to identify some of the major responsibilities of the respective committees. A variety of ad hoc committees exists, such as Holly Fair, Annual Banquet, Conservation Award, etc., but space limitations prevent a description of all of them.)

Board of Directors

Members of the board of directors are elected to 3-year terms on a rotational basis. They provide a source of continuity to the officers and committee chairpersons. Their positions require attendance at most planning and program meetings, interaction with the local community on behalf of the chapter, and communication with officers and regional representatives. They maintain and promote an awareness of activities and long range goals of the chapter.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP HEALTHY

On July 1, 1984, the Bridgerland Audubon Society had 289 members. Fifty-seven of those are students, about 20% of the total membership. This is much less than when our chapter started, back in 1972, a fact we regret. However, our membership as a whole has grown, and we are glad to be attracting so many members from the community in addition to student members. We now have approximately 35 senior citizen members also in our midst! Our average BAS member has been with Audubon for almost four years, which seems to indicate that once a person is exposed to the Audubon Society, he/she remains interested and active.

New members are attracted to Audubon in various ways, including attending a monthly program or a film at the Logan Library, coming to a bird study class or a field trip, stopping by the Audubon Table on campus, buying sunflower seeds from our chapter, and especially, by hearing members of BAS talking about the Audubon Society. I hope every one of you will talk up Audubon—to fellow students, members of some club to which you belong, your doctor, dentist, lawyer, or any other person with whom you associate. I find that many people need just a little bit of added encouragement for them to join. Try it! It works!

Allen Stokes

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Trevor and Daisy Hughes — 2308 N. 800 E., Logan
 Michael Jablonski — 55 E. 300 N., Logan
 Edna Helen Berry — 470 W. Center, Logan

NEW CLASS OFFERED

The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife is offering a new course (World Wildlife, FW 250) during Winter Quarter. The course provides a nontechnical survey of the wildlife resources of the world and a discussion of their beneficial and negative relationships to man in various cultures, both historical and contemporary. There are no prerequisites and the course is designed to be of interest to students (and other persons) outside the biological sciences as well as majors in Biology and Natural Resources. It will be offered evenings to minimize scheduling conflicts. Details are given below. For additional information, please contact Wolfe (NR 320, ext. 2553).

World Wildlife (3 credits)
 Instructor: M.L. Wolfe
 Index #2936
 T/Th 7:00-8:30 p.m., NR 105

TREASURER'S REPORT 1983-84

Income

Dues	1884.00
Sunflower seed	2487.10
Holly Fair	603.54
Inventory items sold	151.65
Unidentified sales	44.01
Interest	43.03
Miscellaneous	49.11

5262.44

Expenses

Stilt	764.89
Banquet	120.05
Field guide paper	119.76
Library film series	213.73
M. Frome visit	200.00
Naomi lobbying	561.63
Club expenses	259.79
Scholarship & awards	367.48
Taxes	205.35
Vans and canoes	4.39
Resale items	96.31

2913.38

Net Income 2349.06

Income credited in 1983-84 but earned in
 1982-83 (Dues, \$250; sunflower seed, \$600) 850.00

NET INCOME 1983-84 1499.06

BUDGET FOR 1984-85

Income

Dues	1500
Sunflower seed	1200
Other sales	500
Interest	50
	<u>3250</u>

Expenses

Stilt	900
Scholarships	800
Film series	250
Banquet	150
General expenses	250
Unanticipated debits	300
Utah Wilderness Association	300
	<u>2950</u>

We have developed the following questionnaire to assess the personal interests of Audubon members who live in Cache Valley, and to better organize our local efforts. We have tried to contact at least 100 BAS members by telephone. If you were not contacted by telephone we would greatly appreciate your filling out this questionnaire and returning your written answers as soon as possible to either Peter Landres or Nancy Warner, P. O. Box 3501, Logan, Utah 84321. We are not recording your name, just your responses, so please answer candidly. Thanks very much for your help.

(1) What was the main reason you joined the Audubon Society?

- a. To further your knowledge and enjoyment of the natural world.
- b. Receive Audubon magazine.
- c. To support and be a member of a group that is active in protecting the environment.
- d. Other reasons.

(2) Do you receive the *Stilt*, the local Audubon newsletter?

Do you read the *Stilt*?

What types of articles in the *Stilt* interest you most? Are there particular articles you would like to see more of, for example, more detail on local environmental issues?

(3) Have you participated in any Audubon activities in the last 12 months?

a. Field trips

Was your experience fun, interesting, worthwhile? Which trips were especially interesting? What other types of trips would you like to see?

b. Monthly meetings

How many meetings have you been to in the last 12 months? Is the time, location convenient? How would you rate these meetings?

c. Film series at the Logan Library

Which films did you especially like? What types of films would you like to see in the future?

(4) Would you like to see our local organization become more involved and active in local environmental issues?

Which issues are you especially interested in?

(5) Are you interested in increasing the amount of your participation in our local Audubon organization?

- a. Attending monthly meetings.
- b. Attending field trips.
- c. Attending Logan Library film series.
- d. Volunteering in our organization.

(6) Any other comments or suggestions are welcome.

Thanks again for your help.

The Bridgerland Audubon Society meets the second Thursday of each month, October through May, in Room 215 of the Business Building on the Utah State University campus.

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CHAPTER

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

How Do I Join?

(We thought you would never ask.) Just complete the following application and enclose a check for the amount for the appropriate type of membership. Send it to:

BRIDGERLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY
P.O. Box 3501
Logan, Utah 84321

Check membership category desired.

- Individual / \$30 (H)
 Family / \$38 (J)
 Student / \$18 (K)
 Senior Citizen Individual / \$21 (N)
 Senior Citizen Family / \$23 (P)
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