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The Canton Audubon Society is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to meet our members' varied interests in the field of nature. For some the focus is on birds and animals, for others it's on plant, and still others it's on waterways and diversities of the land. For all it is an interest to enjoy, to conserve, restore, share with others, and to educate both adults and students.

As a member of the NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, you are also a member of the CANTON AUDUBON SOCIETY, and are invited to attend our monthly meetings held at 7:00 p.m., the third Wednesday each month (September thru June) at the STARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT'S EXPLORATION GATEWAY, 5712 - 12th St., NW, Canton. You will receive *AUDUBON NEWS & VIEWS* September/October issue with our calendar of activities *for the entire year.*^[SEP] Visit our website www.cantonaudubon.org or phone 330-209-1261 for further information about our activities.

This is an abbreviated, electronic issue. to remind you about the meeting next week.

A full Summer issue should be ready to hand out at the regular meeting on the 16th of May.

CALENDAR

May

Wed. 16 5:30 a.m. Pre-meeting bird walk, and Regular Meeting.

5:30 p.m. Pre-meeting Bird Walk – Meet at the south-facing balcony of the Exploration Gateway building.

7:00 p.m. **“Estimating the Impact of House Sparrow on Eastern Bluebird Reproduction Success Across an Urban Gradient”**. Presented by Stacy Pavlik.

Stacy will discuss this study, which was the subject of her thesis, and how it determined good habitat for eastern bluebird reproductive success related to house sparrow population and different building structures.

Stacy Teach Biology and Zoology at Austintown Fitch High School. Education was her third degree, also having a Bachelor’s in Forensic Science and a Master’s in Biology. She did her thesis work at Youngstown State.

Refreshments tonight are courtesy of Vivian & Bill Wood.

Election of officers and directors will be held tonight also. Slate, submitted for your consideration by nominating committee chair Kristen Beck:

President – Linda Chen

Directors – Jackie Hupp

Watkins

V.P. – Scott
- James Massie

Connie Rubin

Secretary – Denise Lesko

Treasurer – Open - anyone interested??

June

Sat. 2 9:00 a.m. Metzger Park Walk, Louisville

This bird walk has become a Canton Audubon tradition since we sponsored the erection of the sign on June 14, 2008. A new sign was placed last year since the original was showing its age. The sign explains why the Red-winged blackbird, Savannah Sparrow, Bobolink, and Eastern Meadowlark appear on the sign. Metzger Park is located on South Nickel Plate Avenue, just south of Louisville High School.

Sat. 9 9:30 a.m. Stark Parks Wildlife Conservation Center Grand Opening

This newest facility of Stark Parks will hold its “hard grand opening” with information and tours of the new rehabilitation facility today. Since there will be animals undergoing rehabilitation, the entire facility WILL NOT be open to the public because the federal and state permits do not allow public in those areas while animals are undergoing treatment.

Named the Joseph J. and Helen M. Sommer Wildlife Conservation Center, the facility will be state of the art, and best of all, have indoor plumbing. The old Sanders’ Center did not have that convenience. Joe Sommer, a life member of the Canton Audubon Society, was one of the founders of Stark Parks, a former county commissioner, and former head of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Plan to attend, meet some of the staff and volunteers that tend to the injured/sick wildlife, and get a look at some of the park’s education ambassador animals. See June 21 Wild Night For Wildlife event description below.

Wed. 20 4:30 p.m. CAS “Picnic in the Park”. Pre-registration requested so we know how much food to prepare.

Join us for our traditional “end of the previous fiscal year/beginning of the new fiscal year picnic at the Stark County Park District’s Picnic Pavilion (on your right as you approach 1st parking area) at the Perry-Sippo/Exploration Gateway facility. We can celebrate the start of our 57th year as an organization.

You can join those interested in a 4:30 p.m. bird walk, followed by the covered dish/potluck dinner beginning at 6 p.m. It will be followed by fellowship and/or another bird walk – whatever you wish.

Canton Audubon will provide the meat (chicken) and beverage. Those attending are asked to bring your favorite or new, covered dish to share; your own plate, cut and utensils.

We ask that you sign up to attend at the May 16 meeting, or call Linda Chen (330-494-9026) so we know how many to prepare for.

Thurs 21 5:30 a.m. “Wild Night For Wildlife – Summer Solstice Soiree”, Friends of Stark Parks Fundraiser. On the outside patio downstairs at Exploration Gateway.

5:30 p.m. Hors de Vours, social hour, with park’s ambassador animals.

6:30 p.m. Dinner and awards.

8:00 p.m. Program, followed by silent auction basket winner announcements.

Kick off the season of sunshine, June 21 is the first day of summer, with dinner, drinks, music, live ambassador animals, and stunning views of Sippo Lake. This evening will benefit the continued care of wildlife at the Joseph J. and Helen M. Sommer Wildlife Conservation center. The Center currently serves nearly 2,000 injured, orphaned, and ill native animals each year.

Canton Audubon Society is the 2018 Honoree, and Honorary Chairs for the event are Lee & Alan Dolan. Tickets for this 4th annual fundraiser are \$75 per person. You can make reservations for the event by contacting StarkParks.com/Friends/Events or 330-477-3552. Make checks payable to Friends of Stark Parks @ 5300 Tyner St., NW, Canton, OH 44708.

June 1 is the Beginning of Canton Audubon's 57th Year

Canton Audubon Society operates on a fiscal year – June 1 thru May31. So June 1, 2018 is the beginning of our 57th year of existence. Since it is the beginning of the 2018-19 business year, your Chapter Supporter dues are due as a local member.

If you are a National Audubon Society member, they will mail you notice of when your dues are due. If you are a National member, and your zipcode is one what Canton Audubon serves, you are automatically a Canton Audubon member too. It is your option to pay chapter supporter dues also. 100% of Chapter Supporter dues goes to Canton Audubon. National dues only revert to the local chapter for the first year you are a member, if you use(d) an application with our chapter identifier on it. We receive nothing from National on subsequent renewals after the first year.