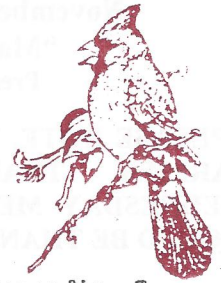


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The Canton Audubon Society is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to meet our members' varied interests in the field of nature. For some the focus is on birds and animals, for others it's on plants, and still others it's on waterways and diversities 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.

Visit our website: www.cantonaudubon.org or phone 330-209-1261 for further information about our activities.

Calendar

November

- Mon. 5 7:00 p.m. **In Search of Owls**, Huaton-Brumbaugh Nature, Alliance.
Learn about the four species of owls that reside at the Nature Center. We will focus much of our attention on the Saw-whet Owl, a unique species that migrates through Ohio's forests each fall and spring. With some luck, we may have a live Saw-whet Owl to band and release during the program as part of the Nature Center's participation in Project Owl net research. Registration is required.
- Sat. 10 9:30 a.m. **Identifying Plants in Winter Walk**, The Wilderness Center (TWC) Botanizers, TWC, Wilmot.
- Wed. 14 7:00 p.m. **CAS Regular Meeting "Magnificent Seven"** presented by Jeff Hall.
Note date change because November 21 would be Thanksgiving Eve.
See [November Meeting Preview](#), page 2.
- Sat. 17
9:30 a.m. **Year on the Wing**, Presented by Jim Roetzel. TWC Nature Photo Club, Wilmot.
Jim shares his techniques for bird photography.
- 10:00 a.m. **Family Back Yard Birding**, TWC, Wilmot.
Bring your kids, your grandchildren or even your neighbor kids for a fun and interesting look at backyard birding. Learn more about our feathered friends, their habits and how to attract them to YOUR yard! After the program we will make PINECONE BIRDFEEDERS for everyone to take home.

December

- Wed. 12 6:30 p.m. **HOLIDAY DINNER, "Famous People & Their Fowl Obsessions"**, presented by Dwight Chasar - CVNP bird Walk leader. At the First Christian Church, 6900 Market Ave., North Canton. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED for the dinner, but not for the program. Cost for program only, \$2 each. See [Holiday Dinner](#), page 2.e
- Sat. 15 Early **Quail Hollow Christmas Bird Count**, Hartville. Ronnie Macko, contact person 330-935-0952.
- Fri. 21 Early **The Wilderness Center Christmas Bird Count**, Wilmot. Ben Morrison, contact. 330-206-8679.
- Tue. 25 All Day **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** Hope to see you in 2019.

January 2019

- Tue. 1 Early **Tri-Reservoir Christmas Bird Count**. No information available. Try contacting Laura Dornan, at 330-875-3421, tidornan68@att.net to see if she can help you with further information.

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November 14 Meeting Preview

"Magnificent Seven"

Presented by Jeff Hall

PLEASE NOTE, THIS MEETING IS ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN OUR NORMAL 3RD WEDNESDAY MEETING NIGHT SINCE THAT WOULD BE THANSIVING EVE.

Jeffrey Hall taught biology and served as President of Washington Crossing Audubon in New Jersey for many years before retiring and moving to Franklin, PA. He is now President of Bartramian Audubon Society and active in Seneca Rocks Audubon Society as well as other nature and historic preservation groups in northwestern Pennsylvania. He has been an instructor at the Institute for Learning in Retirement at Slippery Rock University. Hall's photographs and articles have appeared in Living Bird, NJ Audubon, Underwater Naturalist, Cassinia, and many other publications. He has given presentations to over 50 nature, birding, and photography groups, including recently Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, and Three Rivers Birding Club of Pittsburgh.



Magnificent Seven, is a close look at Seven Iconic Birds. North America's tallest bird was once the rarest...a bird that feeds by 'lurching about as if intoxicated'...a shorebird named after the new moon...a bird that looks 'as though an orchid has spread its lovely wings and flown'... a warbler that is connected to one of the 20th century's most notorious murders...a bird that a national news network called 'the most adorable'...and a bird that is one of the most iconic of all—this program provides an in-depth portrayal of each.

Refreshments for tonight's meeting are courtesy of Chris Lamb.

Annual Holiday Dinner – December 12

"Famous People and their Fowl Obsessions"

Presented by Dwight Chasar

Purportedly there are nearly 70-80 million people in North America who watch birds. One would guess that at least a few of these people are (or have been) more famous for accomplishments in their chosen vocations rather than for their bird watching obsessions. So who are they? From political and sports figures to actors, music composers, and Nobel prize winners, this presentation looks at some of these famous people, with some surprising and interesting facts thrown in, and the impact that their bird watching has or had on their careers, their private lives and maybe ours as well. The speaker will try to identify birds that these people favored in their hobby.

Dwight is a retired industrial research organic chemist. He has enjoyed many aspects of field

ornithology including finding nests of out of place birds, leading bird walks for the public, surveying bird populations, travelling to other countries to see birds, participating in bird oriented organizations, and chemistry related to birds. Somehow he enjoys turning those subjects into publications or presentations. He is a past member of the Ohio Birds Record Committee. was a regional coordinator for the second Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas and is currently an eBird reviewer for Summit, Portage and Medina counties.

The Holiday Dinner will be held at **First Christian Church**, 6900 Market Ave., N, North Canton. The doors will be open about 5:30 p.m. with Silent Auction activities starting. Reservations for the dinner are required, and the deadline is December 2. See page 5 for the reservation form, or you can turn in reservation at Nov. 14 meeting.

Three meal choices for the dinner are ham, seafood, or vegetarian lasagna; with peas & carrots, roasted potatoes, salad, rolls, assorted pie desert, and beverage. The cost is \$16 per person.

As in the past, we will have silent auction items, and anything else members might wish to donate to this fundraiser to help us continue our chapter work.

Questions? Contact either Linda Chen or Alan Dolan (330-832-2491), Cantonaudubonsociety@gmail.com.

Meeting Night Survey Results

This past spring, Your Board of Directors decided to take a survey of CAS members, both active and inactive, to determine if meeting on a different night of the week would be preferred by members and if this would make a significant difference in how many people would be able to attend meetings. We know that no night will ever be preferred by everyone, and that any change would result in some gains and some losses. But we felt that the idea needed to be explored.

A survey form was sent to everyone on the mailing list, included in the chapter newsletter and passed around at meetings and events. We received 54 responses. There were 27 people whom a survey was sent that did not respond – only 4 of those are active or semi-active members.

Your Board thanks everyone who took the time to fill out this sample survey

THE RESULTS:

Would not come on any other night – 4

Like Wednesday but would come another night – 21

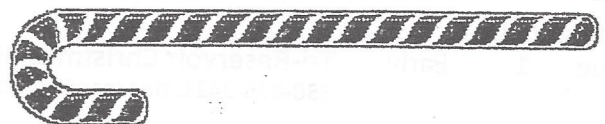
OK with Wednesday, but would prefer another night – 6

Don't currently come, but not because of meeting night – 16

Do not come but not because Wed. is not convenient – 7

SUMMARY:

If we changed meeting night, we would possibly pick up 7 people but would definitely lose 4. Of the 6 that said they would prefer another night, 3 do come regularly now and the other 3 come to about one half of the meetings.



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DECISION:

The possible increase in attendance is not significant enough to compensate for the definite loss of some members, who currently are a tremendous asset to our organization. So for the foreseeable future, Canton Audubon will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

CAS Business Supporter Updates

Wildlife Garden

For Friends Old & New – Season's Change. . . .

This season is bringing a change to the Wildlife Garden store. The Wildlife Garden will be closing its doors on Portage Street in North Canton.

The shopping center has been without an anchor tenant. To make room for a potential new anchor, the Wildlife Garden will be vacating this location prior to December 1, 2018. After considering alternatives, current management has decided not to pursue relocation of this store. They are seeking new ownership that would transfer the store to a new location, but none has yet been found.

The Wildlife Garden has initiated a storewide sale program that will result in a complete liquidation of all merchandise by the end of November. We hope you will take advantage of these discounts and substantial savings while supplies last.

Please refer to the website www.wildlifegarden.com for current information and sale details.

THANKS ROB!

Hartville Elevator Co., Inc.

Hartville Elevator is owned by Craig Wellspring and Ed Ringer. It is located at 111 N. Prospect St, NE – "on the Square in Hartville". It has been in continuous business for 109 years, since 1909. Craig and Ed bought the business in 1980 from the family ownership.

The business provides a wide range of "bird feed and supplies, wildlife feed, a full line of animal feed, lawn and garden supplies, lawn and garden seed, pond management, petroleum products, water softener salt, pet food K-9 support program, corn for corn-hole games, horse feed and several grains for your bird feeders". Customers are rural farmers, home owners and city dwellers coming from within a 100 mile radius.

A bird feed sale is held for a two-week period every October – November, in addition, Hartville Elevator supplies the feed offered at the Quail Hollow Park Bird Seed Sale every year in the fall. Craig and Ed try to offer low prices for high quality products all year to all customers.

When asked why Hartville Elevator has chosen to be a Business Supporter for Canton Audubon, Craig responded: "We support the CAS because you promote and educate birding and wildlife in our area. It also allows us the opportunity to showcase to your members our products."

While you are there, tell them you are a Canton Audubon member and thank them for their support.

Canton Audubon apologizes to Craig and Ed. This article was supposed to be included in the Sept./Oct. 2018 issue of AN&V. Due to our error, it was omitted. We appreciate their understanding – Laura & Alan.

CHAPTER CHATTER Congratulations Joe & Gordon

To say 2018 has been a momentous year for CAS member, Joe Sommer, would be an understatement.

Stark Parks opened the new Joseph J. and Helen M. Sommer Wildlife Conservation Center at Sippo Lake Park June 9. The facility is dedicated to conservation and rehabilitation of native wildlife and their habitat through research, education, and quality animal care. Joe, and his late wife Helen worked to establish the Stark County Park District in 1967. Joe served as a park commissioner and Stark County Commissioner. Joe has served in many capacities in state government, most notably as past Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

In recognition of his many achievements, Joe has been inducted into the ODNR Conservation Hall of Fame and the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Hall of Fame for his distinguished service on both the local and state level.



Joe is also a founding board member of the Ohio Natural Areas & Preserves Association (ONAPA). He has been a strong advocate for ONAPA and for the preservation of our best remaining natural areas for the enjoyment of current and future generations of Ohioans. During his tenure as ODNR Director, he helped add more than 1,600 acres to the state nature preserve system.

CONGRATULATIONS JOE!

Gordon Maupin, retired Executive Director of The Wilderness Center in Wilmot, has been named as a new board member of the Ohio Natural Areas & Preserves Association (ONAPA).

Gordon served as ED of TWC from 1981 – 2014. Prior to joining TWC, he worked for the Missouri Dept. of Conservation and the Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation. From 1992-2002 he served on the Association of Nature Center Administrators (ANCA) Board of Trustees, including two years as Board President.

CONGRATULATIONS GORDON!

BEST WISHES to CAS member Ken Schilstra. As of November 2, Ken will be retired from the Timken Company and entering into his "free time" to pursue whatever he wants to.

WELCOME, to Canton Audubon's new treasurer, Laura Brown. Laura is the Director of Finance for the city of North Canton. We welcome her and thank Myra McCoy for her service as chapter treasurer these past two years, and for recruiting Laura as her successor.

If you are a "Chapter Supporter" member and have not renewed your membership for 2018-2019, Laura would be happy to meet you at our November meeting, or you can mail your renewal in by using the application on page six of this issue.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

by Laura Dornan

This past spring I made some attempts to contact some of the former scholarship recipients to find out what they have been doing since graduating from college. I recently received a letter from Anna Mudd, the 2012 recipient. She graduated from the College of Wooster in 2013, majoring in Geology. What a life she has led since then! I will try to summarize the letter here (it was a full six pages long...who even writes actual letters any more?)

A few months after graduating, Anna moved from her home in Colorado to the Sierra Nevada foothills in California. Her college degree helped her find employment as a Transmission Electron Microscope Analyst at an Asbestos Testing lab in Berkley. She worked there full time for 10 months, then helped start up a cafe in San Francisco, followed by a trip to the Dominican Republic and then some travel across the eastern and mid west US. Interspersed were periods of part-time work at the lab, taking a Permaculture Design course at a community college, and working with a landscaper.

In May, 2016 Anna went to Salmon, Idaho to work for 4 nnnweeks with her uncle who is a commercial beekeeper. After returning to Berkley to work with the landscaper, she found an opportunity to crew for a captain of a 53' boat on a trip to Alaska for the summer salmon fishing season. (By this time she was sub-letting her apartment on AirBnB and living on a small sailboat she had bought.) By July she was in Sitka, Alaska where she worked on fishing boats through September. Upon returning to CA, she moved back to Grass Valley, where she had started out. She worked odd jobs & took classes in bodywork/massage & life coaching through the winter/spring 2016-2017. In May it was back to Idaho for beekeeping and then travel through Montana & Washington, connecting with "family, friends & fisher-folk". Summer found her back in Sitka for another season of fishing, returning to Grass Valley in October "thoroughly exhausted".

She continues to reside in Grass Valley, connecting with the agricultural scenes. For the past 2 springs she has worked as a 'queen grafter' for a internationally known bee researcher who is running a bee breeding program to breed varroa mite resistance into colonies with minimal chemicals. This summer she is worked as a diver in the San Francisco Bay area. She travels there 1 week a month to maintain & service the underside of boats.

Anna is now trying to establish a local compost facility and

renovating her home (no longer living on the boat) with second-hand supplies. She describes herself as "a seasonal agricultural nomad & forager/gleaner of wild foods & material goods....I plan to continue diving & finalize my personal coaching certification so I can help others feel good and empowered to design the lives they want."

So—was our money well spent on Anna? I think so. She may not have made direct use of her degree in Geology but the things she learned and the experiences she had in college most certainly gave her the tools she needed to lead an environmentally sustainable and productive life; one that she will pass on to others. Anna began her scholarship essay with the sentence "Environmentalism is in my blood." She ended it with this statement: I am a person who forges my way through obstacles like a stream channel in flood stage, and just as vehemently. I am young and passionate, with so many opportunities in front of me; I just need to choose a path."

Anna & Laura at CAS meeting in 2012



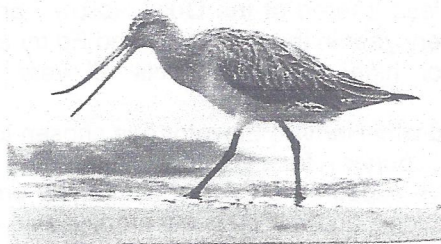
BIRDWORD

From Cornell Lab's 'LIVING BIRD Magazine

Rhynchokinesis

n. {Rhyncho (Gr., beak) – Kenesis (Gr., movement)}

A bird's ability to independently flex its upper bill, a trait most pronounced in long-billed shore birds and a few others such as cranes and hummingbirds. In shorebirds, the action assists with the capture of slippery items when the bill is thrust deep into the sand and mud.



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Take A Hike !

National Take a Hike Day was established by the American Hiking society to encourage groups of families and friends to get out into the wild and really get a taste of what it means to be away from it all again. Hiking is something that really helps to rebuild our connection with nature, and helps to maintain healthy hearts and bodies as well.

Hiking should not be an affair that one rushes through, nor should one idle their way through the journey, instead one should listen to their heart and body, and when restlessness strikes head out for the distant hills, and when weariness sets in let the body rest and take in the environment.

Take A Hike Day reminds us that we are creatures of the wild as well as creatures of civilization, and sometimes it does our wild heart good to be taken home again and get out in the wild.

Halloween How-to Make a Pumpkin Feeder



With one little trick, you can serve up the treats backyard birds crave: make a simple hanging feeder out of a pumpkin.

This easy craft gives your Halloween decorations a useful second life, and lets you share the harvest with the birds you love.

Materials:

- * Small to medium-sized pumpkin, up to 10 pounds.
- * Small sticks.
- * Twine or rope.
- * Birdseed

Steps:

1. Cut the pumpkin in half.
2. Scoop out the seeds, leaving a hollow inside with 1/2 inch thick shell wall.
3. Insert two sticks across the open pumpkin to create perches for the birds.
4. Knot two lengths of rope together at the center and tack the knot to the bottom of the pumpkin feeder. Hang the other ends of the rope in your chosen feeder location.
5. Fill with birdseed.

CAS BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

THE LADY BUG GARDEN CENTER & GIFT SHOP

Donna Matak Landscape Services

8361 Portage St., NW Massillon
330-832-7080

Lawncare, Hardscapes, Snow Removal
Spring/Fall Cleanup, Tree & Shrub Services
M - F 8-6 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-3

HARTVILLE ELEVATOR

111 Prospect Ave., N Hartville
330-877-9320

M - F 8-5 Sat. 8- Noon Sun. Closed

THE WILDLIFE GARDEN

4930 Portage St., NW North Canton
330-966-7666

M - F 9-8 Sat. 9-6 Sun. 10-4

HUSTON-BRUMBAUGH NATURE CENTER

University of Mount Union
16146 Daniel St., NE Minerva
330-823-7487

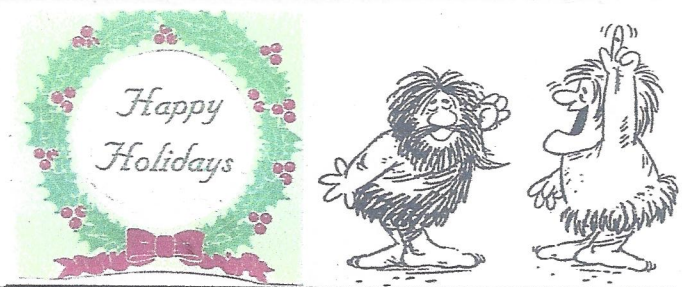
M - F 9-4 Sat. 1-5 Sun. 1-5
Mon. - Closed

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330-477-3552

The Exploration Gateway (EG):
5712 - 12th St., NW Canton 44708
330-409-8096
StarkParks.com



Canton Audubon Society
Holiday Dinner Reservation
December 12, 2018 - Doors Open 5:30 p.m.
First Christian Church
6900 Market Ave., N, North Canton

Names: _____

Phone/Email _____

Meal Choices: _____ Ham _____ Seafood _____ Vege Lasagna

Meal cost is \$ 16 per person

_____ Reservations @ \$16 each = \$ _____ enclosed

Please make checks payable to Canton Audubon Society or CAS

QUESTIONS? Call Jim Massie 330-477-4268, before 9 p.m.

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 2, 2018

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_____	Song Sparrow (Student)	\$ 10
_____	Cardinal (Basic individual / family)	\$ 20
_____	Bluebird (Business supporter, 2 years)	\$ 50
_____	Screech Owl (Sustaining)	\$ 75
_____	Bald Eagle (Life)	\$ 300
_____	Other (Name your amount)	\$ _____

Introductory National Audubon Society /
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