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MEMBERS' NATURE SLIDE SHOW

Sept. 16, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.
Public invited--no charge

Homestead High School
Room 5, Building C

Bring your favorite color slides (maximum of 10) on any natural subject, preferably non-human, and share them with your fellow members. Don't be bashful; we know that there are many good photographers in the Society. Of course, maybe you are one of those who only occasionally gets a picture that really pleases you. Even if you have only one or two good slides, bring them along! These can be slides taken in your backyard or on your vacation travels. They do not all have to be on the same subject and do not have to be recent. The only requirement is that the subject must be either in focus enough to be easily recognized, or out of focus enough to be artistic. The slides can be either the standard 35 mm. size or the larger 2 1/4 x 2 1/4. You should have your name on each one for identification as all the slides will be combined in slide trays.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 8 -- Bird Discussion Group, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Eve Case, 20537 Verde Vista Lane, Saratoga, tel. 867-4748. Topic: "Your best summer bird".
- Sept. 14 -- Board of Directors' meeting, Monday, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Lyle Campbell, 263 Hillview Ave., Los Altos, tel. 948-4609. Meeting open to all members.
- Sept. 16 -- General meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Homestead High School, Rm. C-5 (see program above and meeting information on page 2). Public invited.
- Sept. 18 -- No. County Bird Study Group, Friday (note change from usual day), 9:30 a.m., at the home of Kay McCann, 783 Garland Drive, Palo Alto, tel. 327-4138. Topic: "What birds did you see this summer?"
- Sept. 23 -- Palo Alto Baylands Field Trip, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., meet at the Interpretive Center, end of Embarcadero Rd. Leader: Harriet Mundy, tel. 325-1192.
- Sept. 27 -- Dumbarton Bridge Field Trip, Sunday, 9:00 a.m., meet at turnout on east end of bridge (careful!). See shorebirds, ducks & gulls. Leader: Joe Greenberg.
- Oct. 1 -- Palo Alto Audubon Wildlife Film, Thursday, 4:00 p.m., at Palo Alto High School Auditorium, 50 Embarcadero Rd., "Coastline California", by Al Wool.

ABOUT THIS POSTCARD!!!

The Board of Directors urges you to return the attached postcard so that we may have a better understanding of what you want from the Society. And so that we may also see new faces and share the joys, the jobs, and the responsibilities involved in this organization, we need your comments, your suggestions, and your volunteering. The Board did not take the matter of spending the money for the postcards lightly--we are really counting on everyone responding!

Please comment on your willingness to help later if you cannot help now, your willingness to serve as an officer, or your suggestion for a candidate for the Board. Please volunteer to help with small and large jobs: flipping flapjacks at a future pancake breakfast, placing posters for the Screen Tours, addressing envelopes to help with our proposed Wildlife Refuge, writing publicity for the general meetings, or telephoning new members in your town. Many tasks are made small when they are shared by many!

We have over 800 members, but it seems too often that less than five per cent of these members are really actively engaged in furthering the aims of the Audubon Society in the Santa Clara Valley. We are looking forward to hearing from YOU; don't disappoint us!

--Nancy Holmes

TOGETHERNESS IS A MONTHLY THING

Our general meetings resume on September 16 (see front page for program) and will continue on the third Wednesday of each month, except December. Please note this on your calendar NOW so you won't forget! Meetings will be in the same place (Homestead High School, Room C-5) at the same time (8:00 p.m.) and are open to the public without cost.

If you haven't been to previous meetings, Homestead High is located at the intersection of Mary Avenue and Homestead Road between the Stevens Creek Freeway and Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road. At that point, Homestead Road parallels the north side of the Junipero Serra (Route 280) Freeway, with the nearest access being the Saratoga-Sunnyvale off-ramp to Sunnyvale. Consult a recent street map to find your best route.

Park in the large lot on the west side of the school buildings. A walk leads directly from the parking lot to the inner quadrangle and room C-5.

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AN IMPASSIONED PLEA

What happened was: We had a new Editor for the Avocet. And we all were feeling smug and snug until, due to circumstances beyond his control, he left the area.

Let me define the terms: "We" is the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, who are responsible for Editors and things like that. The Avocet is the newsletter of the Society, which everybody reads, of course.

Fortunately, Ken Kidd, who is a new member of the Board and is responsible for programs at meetings, agreed not only to get out the September issue of the Avocet but also to remodel it--in line with the fact that the S. C. V. A. S. has over 800 members now and has grown up to a professional printing job, and the fact that the Taylors, after many years, have retired and old-fashioned volunteer mimeographers, folders, staplers, and addressers are hard to come by. And so it seems are Editors of Avocets!

So the Board instructed the President, me, to write an impassioned plea for a new Editor. That's what this is, an impassioned plea. Except I have some experience with impassioned pleas--all of it negative. I don't believe anyone ever reads them.

But still, one would think that among 800 or more members there would be one person with the skill, time and dedication to volunteer to be Editor of the Avocet. He or she or they would be cherished!

--Joe Greenberg, President

PALO ALTO AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS

The Audubon Wildlife Films once again will be presented in Palo Alto after a two-year absence due to construction at the High School. There have been many requests by members to re-establish the series. The films will be shown at the Palo Alto High School Auditorium, 50 Embarcadero Road (across from Town and Country Village). There is plenty of off-street parking available. The shows will begin at 4:00 p.m. when school children and retired people can attend, as well as many others who don't like to drive to San Jose for the evening series. The Palo Alto films will be different from those shown in San Jose.

Once again the High School Biology Club is sponsoring the films, and the proceeds will go to the Club to buy a portable lab to take to the Sierra on summer field trips. Our Society is also co-sponsoring the films this year to help re-establish the series.

The film schedule is:

October 1, Thursday -- Al Wool -- COASTLINE CALIFORNIA
November 17, Tuesday -- Walter Berlet -- UNTAMED OLYMPICS
January 6, Wednesday -- Robert Fultz -- ARCADIAN REFLECTIONS
February 4, Thursday -- John Bulger -- SCANDINAVIAN SAGA
March 2, Tuesday - Charles Stine -- LAND OF THE DROWNED RIVER

Tickets will be available from the Auditor's Office, Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto 94301. Telephone 327-7100, Extension 4347. Season tickets are \$5. Single admission prices are: Adults - \$1.25; Students with student body card - 75 cents; Elementary school students - 50 cents. Please buy tickets in advance, even for single shows. However, tickets will be sold at the door. Make checks payable to: Palo Alto High School Biology Club.

Many of you living in the North County will receive the program folder in the mail. We hope that this educational opportunity with a strong ecological message will be used by our members who have school children and, of course, all other members, too. For further information, you may contact me by telephoning 327-4138.

--Kay McCann

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