

Fall 2018

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Tradition***Become a Member-Supporter by giving a financial donation.******For more information see our website at [www.stantonbirdclub.org](http://www.stantonbirdclub.org)*****In this issue**President's Perch **P.1**Annual Meeting **P.2**Master Naturalist Walks **P.3**Wednesday Bird Walks **P.4**By-law Changes **P.5****The President's Perch***Jeri Maurer, President*

"We should try to leave the world a better place than when we entered it. As individuals, we can make a difference, whether it is to probe the secrets of Nature, to clean up the environment and work for peace and social justice, or to nurture the inquisitive, vibrant spirit of the young by being a mentor and a guide."

Dr. Michio Kaku American theoretical physicist /Co-founder of String Field Theory

An article in a recent issue of National Wildlife magazine cites a study at the University of Illinois in which third graders at a Midwestern elementary school are "significantly more attentive and engaged in their indoor studies following a 40-minute lesson conducted outdoors in a natural setting." Such refueling in nature according to the researchers allowed the students' teachers to teach their students uninterrupted for almost twice as long as would have been possible if the students never left the classroom.

The results from the study in the Midwest suggest that outdoor lessons may be an inexpensive way to improve student engagement in learning. Last year the local charter school, Acadia Academy asked if they could use Thorncrag as an outdoor classroom as they have no green space on their campus and we readily agreed. This relationship with Acadia has continued as we helped teach a three week pollinator class for students at the Academy this summer.

Education had been a cornerstone of the Bird Club's mission for 100 years and will hopefully remain important for the next 100 years.

**Please note our Annual Meeting will be on a Tuesday this year. See announcement on page 2 – hope to see you there!**

## CENTENNIAL

### Upcoming Speakers

**November 5th**

Stan DeOrsey,  
Migrating Ducks

**December 3rd**

John and Cynthia  
Orcutt, authors of  
'Enduring Heights,  
The High Peaks of  
Maine.'

2019

**January 7th-**

Michael Perry,  
"Fab Fourteen:  
Exploring Southern  
Maine's Scenic  
Waterways from  
Spring to Fall by  
Canoe and Kayak"

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Celebration of our  
100<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**March 4th** Don

Hudson,  
Renowned  
Naturalist-  
Conservationist

**April 1st**

Brent Huggett,  
Bates Professor of  
Biology

**May 6th-** Deborah

Perkins, First Light  
Habitat,  
"Landscaping for  
Wildlife"

6:30PM in room 285,  
at the University of  
Southern Maine's  
Lewiston-Auburn  
College

## ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2018

Green Ladle – Lewiston Regional Technical Center  
156 East Ave, Lewiston Maine

### Speaker – Jensen Bissell

Bissell retired on Dec. 29, 2017 after a dozen years as Director at Baxter State Park and another 18 years helping manage the forests on the park's northern end.

**Time: 5:30-6pm ....Displays/Silent Auction**

**6-7pm ...Dinner**

**7-8pm...Keynote Speaker**

**8-8:15...Annual Meeting and Auction**

**Results**

*6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Silent Auction  
to benefit our  
educational  
efforts  
Call 524-2060  
If you have  
something to  
donate*

Election of Board  
Members  
  
Sam Boss  
Betty Dube  
Carla Essenberg  
Jeri Maurer

**PUBLIC WELCOME for dinner and speaker**

**Reservations required for dinner**



### REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$17.00 = Total Amount

**Please mail checks with this registration to: Stanton Bird Club**

## Our Thanks

### **Lewiston Paint and Wallpaper on Sabattus St.**

For supplying paint and supplies free of charge for blazing the trails at Thorncrag

### **Volunteers**

For all the efforts you make on behalf of the Club. Each of you helps to make Stanton successful!

### **Thorncrag Nature Week**

**July 2018**

For two weeks groups of energized kids spent time at Thorncrag learning about nature. Each day we focused on some aspect of the environment .... trees, birds, rocks, insects and ponds.



Graduates of the first week of Thorncrag Nature Week

### **Junior Naturalists**

Junior Naturalists will again offer an educational nature program for children in grades 2 to 6.

**When:** First Tuesday of each month October through May from 6 pm to 7 pm. Field trips usually are held the following Saturday.

**Where:** Monthly programs are held at Mr. Drew's Exotic Rescue and Education Center Lewiston, ME.

**Email Nancy Long at [Nlong57 @myfairpoint. net](mailto:Nlong57@myfairpoint.net) for more information**

## **CENTENNIAL EVENTS**

Master Naturalist  
Walks

**Sept. 9th:** Fern Identification with Beth Brooke and Sharon Thibeault

**Oct. 14th:** Nature Journaling with Andrea Lani

**Nov. 11th:** Tree Identification with Pam Davis-Green

**Dec. 9th :** Mammals of the Sanctuary with Penny Jessop

**Jan. 13th:** Tracking the Trails of Thorncrag with Paula Curtis Everett

**Feb. 10th:** Winter Twigs tell a Story with Leigh MacMillan Hayes

**Jun 9th:** Geology Walk with Denise Bluhm

**Each walk will take place at Thorncrag starting at 1pm**

## Guided Bird Walks



*Photo Courtesy of Dan Marquis*

### Fall 2018 Wednesday Walks

**All walks start at 8am at the walk location and end by 11am**

**Sept. 19 YMCA property, 167 Stetson Rd., Auburn**

Property is on the right before Schooner Estates. Park on gravel / grass at entrance.

**Oct. 3 Androscoggin River Trail, Lisbon**

Meet in parking area for Papermill Trail at the boat launch, Rt. 196 at Frost Hill Ave.

**Oct. 17 Packard-Littlefield Farm, Lisbon**

Meet at the farm on Littlefield Rd. off of Rt. 196

**Oct. 31 Sabattus Pond, Sabattus**

Meet in the parking lot of the Sabattus Antique Mall on Rt. 126

- Walks will be held even if it is drizzling, but if there is a steady rain at 7AM and projected to continue to 10AM, the walk is canceled.
- Walks are approximately 2 miles on a generally even and basically dry surface.
- Bring binoculars and dress for the weather, layers work very well.

## Wednesday Walks

Contact Stan DeOrsey at 406-4741 or email [jsmd@att.net](mailto:jsmd@att.net) to receive a detailed email reminder prior to the walk along with directions to the location.

**CENTENNIAL  
EVENT**

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**FEBRUARY  
16<sup>th</sup>  
SNOWSHOE  
EVENT  
AT  
THORNCRAG**

From novice to  
expert

Come join the  
fun



## Meet our Summer Intern



Kirsten in front of the Hayward Gazebo at  
Thorncrag

This summer, the Stanton Bird Club has been lucky to have a summer intern to assist with education. Kirsten Pelletier has helped with a range of activities including creating several family-friendly brochures for use at Thorncrag and Woodbury, creating a pollinator nature guide for use by Thorncrag guides and area school teachers, assisting at Thorncrag Nature Week and working with Jeri Maurer at the Acadia Academy with one of the teachers who focused on pollinators with her class. Willing to do whatever it takes to help out, she will be missed when she returns to Bates College to start her junior year.

## BYLAW CHANGES

The Stanton Bird Club, as with many non-profits across the county has struggled to maintain a full Board complement as required by the bylaws of the Club. The last time the Board had full membership was over 10 years ago. The Board membership is very active but is recommending that we change the by-laws to more accurately reflect the number of members we have been able to maintain from 14 members to 11 members. See the change recommended below. We will be asking the membership to vote on this change at the Annual Meeting:

### **Article IV. Government**

Section 1: The governing body of this corporation shall consist of a Board of **eleven** members of the corporation. The tenure of office of the Directors shall be two years, **at most only six** Directors' terms can expire in any one year. Therefore at each annual meeting of the corporation, **six members shall be elected to a new term by ballot of a majority of the members present in one year and five members shall be elected in the alternate year**; due notice having been given in advance to all members.

### **Article VI. Meetings**

Section 5: Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times as may be designated by the President. **Six** members shall constitute a quorum.



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## Birding Activities at Auburn Library

The Stanton Bird Club continues to work in partnership with the Auburn Public Library to celebrate the International Year of the Bird marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

**September 17th 6:30 pm Bob Duchesne** “Habits and Habitats - Getting to know Birds”

**September 26th 12 noon Wendell Gilley Museum presentation**

A sculptor from the Gilley Museum in Southwest Harbor visits the library to discuss the art of bird carving with examples of his craft

**October 1st 6pm Melissa Kim** Snowy Owl presentation for families

**October 3rd 12 noon Eric Topper** Maine Audubon Director of Education “Bringing Nature Home” Join us as Eric discusses why native plants are so important for the birds we love

**October 17th 12 noon The Albatross** A movie which focuses our attention on the perils of plastic for sea birds

All events held at the Auburn Public Library – go to [www.auburnpubliclibrary.org](http://www.auburnpubliclibrary.org) for more information